

# THE WREN



Thirteenth Edition

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Welcome back to our next edition of *The Wren*, all the latest news brought to you by the Reporter Team of Wren Park Primary!

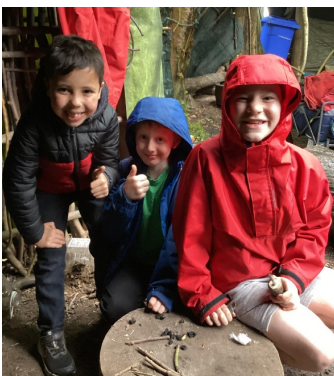
## LEA GREEN

On Monday 13th May, Year 4 went on an overnight residential to Lea Green in Derbyshire.

On arrival, the children met the instructors, Ben, Ben and Jack. Everyone set off on a scavenger hunt around the grounds and the main house. After that, they enjoyed a delicious lunch. Then Year 4 took part in a variety of exciting activities, including: low ropes, bushcraft, buggies and stream walk. Bushcraft involved making fire with flint and steel and everyone enjoyed making a den for a wild creature and toasting marshmallows! For the stream walk, the children had to walk through deep water (wearing their wellies) and climb over rocks. They also put their heads under running water—it was freezing!

At night, Year 4 liked going to the tuck shop and played games such as 'Smuggler's Rum'. Some children sang songs in their rooms before they went to sleep.

It sounds like everyone had a great time!



"Watching the children have fun and developing their independence skills was fantastic! Well done to all of Year 4" Mrs Graham, 4G

## TT ROCKSTARS!



On Tuesday 21st May, Miss Ralph and Mrs Graham re-launched *Times Tables Rockstars* and promoted our new *Numbots*. All children had a fun day dressing up as a rockstar. We kick started the day with an assembly to share our current 'rock heroes' in their times tables: Krethish, Hassan, James L, Pranitha. Miss Ralph and Mrs Graham also set 'Battle of the Bands' where each class will fight it out to be the ultimate times table winners!

There was also a competition to design a new avatar for TT Rockstars. For our younger children, there is now *Numbots* to develop skills in number bonds, addition and subtraction. Great maths Wren Park!



## CHOCOLATE BINGO

On Wednesday 8th May, we held our annual Chocolate Bingo night! It was great to see so many families enjoying the event with the chance to win the chocolate prizes! We had Bingo for the infant children and parents, and a later session for the junior families. It was a lovely EGGsperience seeing all the children and parents enjoying some fun together.



## THE GREAT OUTDOORS!

The Reception children have been very busy this half term learning all about the great outdoors. They have found lots of lovely plants all over our school environment and learnt about what we need to help them grow.

They also looked out for all the minibeasts at Wren Park!

The children have particularly enjoyed reading the story of the Hungry Caterpillar and learning about the life cycle of a butterfly.



## FANTASTIC ME

This half term, Year 1 have been learning all about how their bodies work and their five senses. They have enjoyed food tasting (hot sauce was surprisingly popular!) and smoothie making in Design Technology, along with some sound experiments in Science.

Katie Woodright joined them on Wednesday mornings for singing lessons. After an exciting five weeks, the children were ready to perform in front of their grown ups in a very special concert on Wednesday 22nd May.

Well done  
Year 1!



## SHIVER ME TIMBERS!

It's been a swashbuckling term as Year 2 have sailed the seven seas to learn about the world's continents and oceans in Geography. They've explored world habitats in Science and the impact of climate change on the animals that live there.

The children have written pirate adventure stories and discovered real life pirates like Captain Blackbeard (who set his beard on fire to frighten other pirates!)

Year 2 finished their half term with a fantastic Pirate Day, dressing up, walking the plank and feasting on ship's biscuits and 'grog'!



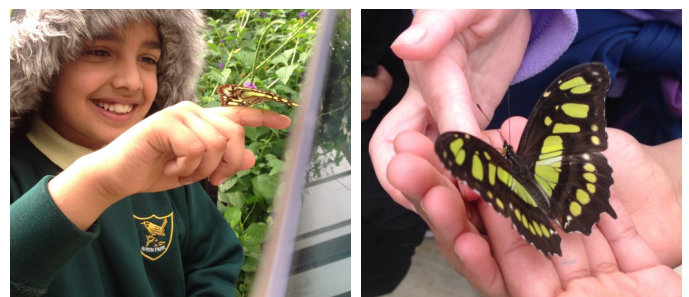
"I loved the crafting and different activities!" Ruby, 2T

"I enjoyed dressing up!" Clara, 2T

## RAINFOREST

Year 3 have had an incredible half term! The children loved the trip to the Tropical Butterfly House and learning about the rainforest. They have produced some amazing artwork based on the patterns found in the fabric of nature. Year 3 have written some exciting narrative stories based on a boy called Toki and his adventures in the rainforest.

Also this half term, Year 3 have enjoyed a Design and Technology day, where they tested the best materials for a parachute. During a Science morning they used equipment to test forces....what a lot of learning Year 3!



"I loved seeing all the beautiful colours of the butterflies." Anaya S, 3R



## A LOT TO DIGEST!



This half term, Year 4 have been learning about teeth and the digestive system. Mr Hume-Spry (a parent and local dentist) gave an interesting talk about the teeth.

Everyone really enjoyed it! The children asked some intriguing and challenging questions and took part in an activity making their own teeth with clay!

As well as this, Year 4 enjoyed making their own digestive system which they were able to use to follow the food through and explore what happened in each part of the system. Obviously, most enjoyed the final action when the poo came out!



“Making poo was really fun and weird at the same time! But it was really fun!” Olivia, 4G

## CYCLE DERBY

At the start of May, the Year 5 children enjoyed taking part in their Level 1 training with Cycle Derby on our school playground. The children learned how to maintain their bicycle and to become more aware of their surroundings. They also improved their bike riding skills - setting off, cruising, slowing down, braking and stopping. They even learned to pedal one handed! Everyone finished the course feeling much more confident! Cycling keeps our bodies healthy and it is better for the environment too.



## KS2 SATs

This half term, Year 6 took their end of KS2 SATs. All children worked extremely hard working up to the tests, revising key knowledge in maths, reading, spelling and grammar. During the week of the SATs, everyone was invited into school to have breakfast with their friends. Year 6 enjoyed pancakes, croissants, bananas and chocolate waffles!

At the end of SATs week, the children enjoyed a FUN FRIDAY, dressing in their own clothes, watching a film with ‘cinema snacks’, playing football and trim trail time.

Year 6 also started auditioning for their end of year play, ‘The Next Big Step’. We can’t wait to see it!

“Year 6 have worked so hard and have managed to stay motivated, even when it felt really tough. They deserve every success for all their efforts. We are super proud of all of them!” Mrs Harvey, 6LH

## LONDON CALLING!

Year 5 have had a busy half term learning all about London after 1066 in our ‘London calling!’ topic. They have learnt about parliament, the monarchy and the coronation, famous landmarks including the Tower of London and lots more! The children also enjoyed a fun LegoWedo day where they spent a whole day learning about the metamorphosis of a frog and created the different stages out of moving Lego!



To celebrate Design and Technology day, every year group chose a unit from our new KAPOW scheme to try. The children enjoyed the three main stages of designing, making and evaluating to complete a final product.



# LEAGUE WINNERS!

On Friday 17th May, Wren Park Football team played their last match and won the school football league!

It is an incredible achievement by all, made even more amazing that they have not lost a single game! Mr Finan (team manager) said that the ambition the children have shown to really push themselves to achieve this great honour has been superb. The respect for the other teams and their schools was faultless. He has been especially impressed by the resilience the children have shown to keep turning up every week and to keep working hard to bring them success.

Mr Finan said, "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children for their commitment. It has been a season I will never forget. Also to the parents who travelled all over to get their children to the games, thank you."

The children have a very special presentation evening to celebrate their achievement at Pride Park in June.



The trophy can be seen in the school entrance.

"I'm very proud to be the first Wren Park winners!" James L, 6LH

"I feel overjoyed that I have lifted the trophy with Wren Park." James W, 6LH

"I can't believe that we are the first team to win the league. I was so happy to lift the trophy with all my friends." Henry W, 6LH

# I SPY FOOTBALL



FIND AND COUNT THE FOLLOWING:



## What's FREE this May half term....

### ◆ LIVE book reading sessions

Derbion Centre, May 30th, 11-4pm

*(The Tiger Who Came To Tea, Little Bear's Picnic, Teddy Bear's Picnic, Elmer, Cat In The Hat, The Gruffalo)*

### ◆ The Big 1

Chaddesden Park, June 2nd, from 11-4pm

*A great selection of stalls, food, dance displays, live entertainment, and the return of the fantastic dog show plus a Fun Fair!*

### ◆ Family Fun Sessions (incl FREE light lunch!) @ Family Hubs, 10-1pm

*Arts and crafts, face painting, youth activities for 0-11years*

Mackworth Morley—28th May

Beckett / Osmaston Allenton—29th May

Derwent—30th May      Rosehill—31st May

### ◆ Rail & Road Steam and Vintage Gala

Rowsley South, Harrison Way, Darley Dale, June 1st-2nd, from 11am—Kids go free!

