

THE WREN



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Your school's favourite newspaper

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Our final newspaper of the year—what a busy half term it has been! All the latest events reported to you by our young journalists of Wren Park Primary!

FINAL FAREWELL

This week we said goodbye to our Year 6 children. We are truly sad to part with them as they have been a fantastic year group! To celebrate the end of their time at primary school, they enjoyed various activities during the final week, including: a school play, a party, Domino's pizza, a leavers' assembly with certificates, a parade followed by a coffee morning with staff and parents to commemorate them on their final day at Primary School.

WHAT A PERFORMANCE!

On Wednesday 17th July, Year 6 performed an amazing play called 'The Next Big Step'; a true-to-life (almost) drama of Year 6 pupils and their time at Wren Park! The play was based on four friends who met in the park before induction day at Littleover School. They discussed fondly different aspects of life at Wren Park, and introduced us to some of the entertaining characters and events that have made it such a special part of their lives!

What a performance, and what a brilliant way to end our final week at Wren Park!



We also said a final farewell to Richard, our school Caretaker, Mrs Dove, Miss Chohan and Mrs Newton. We also wish Mrs Bunney lots of luck as she begins her maternity leave for baby number two! It is always sad to say goodbye, but we know they will have many special memories of their time at Wren Park.

Thank you to all our lovely staff and Year 6! We wish you all the best of luck in your future.

"All Year 6 performed incredibly well and know that all the other children and parents thoroughly enjoyed watching the play! Well done everyone." Mr Buckley.

Mrs Holloway and I were so impressed with how well children learned their lines and practiced the songs. We are both so proud of you all!" Mrs Harvey, 6LH

SUN, SEA & SOUND

This term in the Wren's Nest, children have been learning about 'Sun, Sea and Sound'. The children have read lots of stories about sea creatures such as 'Billy's Bucket' and 'Sharing a Shell'. They also enjoyed designing their own ice creams after reading 'Gorilla Loves Vanilla.'

What a lot of fun in Reception!



CREATURES GREAT & SMALL

Year 1 have been learning about life cycles. They enjoyed a fabulous trip to see the animals at Matlock Farm Park on 8th July. The ride on the double decker bus was great fun! Sophia said it was amazing! Kate, their guide at the farm, told them lots of interesting facts about the animals she cares for.

Year 1 also enjoyed seeing the amazing transformation of 5 tiny caterpillars into beautiful butterflies. They set them free into our school nature garden!



BESIDE THE SEASIDE

During this term, Year 2 have been learning about the seaside and comparing them now and then. Did you know that the name for an ice cream in the Victorian times was called a 'hokey poke'? Year 2 also read some brilliant stories such, 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and the picture book 'Flotsam'.

The children have had fun making their own Punch and Judy puppets and designing and making healthy sandwiches as part of their Design Technology topic. They enjoyed testing different breads and spreads and even made a disgusting sandwich for the pesky seagulls in the 'Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'!



AMAZING AMAZON

Year 3 have been learning about rainforests this term and have had lots of fun learning many facts. Did you know, the largest rainforest in the world is the Amazon located in South America. It is the size of 9 countries! The Amazon Rainforest is home to many different species of plants and some of the most dangerous animals too, such as the jaguar, the sharp-toothed piranhas, venomous snakes and poisonous frogs. They have learnt about the explorer Percy Fawcett.



During Outdoor Week, Year 3 also enjoyed potion making, creating maps of our school grounds and planting seeds as part of their Science. What a lot of fun!



ROTTEN ROMANS

This term, Year 4 have been learning about the Romans. They now know that Rome was created after a fight between twin brothers, Romulus and Remus. Year 4 have learnt about why the Romans have straight roads: because it was easier to get to places! Did you know that Romans had a variety of ways to ambush their enemies? The children recreated a Roman battle scene with their very own shields!



HOW'S IT GROWING?

This term, the year 5 have been enjoying their topic, 'How's it Growing?' They have learnt about resource distribution and conservation, renewable and non-renewable resources as well as the origins and sustainability of our food. Year 5 wrote persuasive letters to Mr Buckley to ban palm oil in our snacks.

Across other areas of the curriculum, the children have enjoyed making spaghetti bolognese in food Technology and a zoo project in Maths.

OUTDOOR WEEK

Monday 17th – Friday 21st June was Outdoor Week at Wren Park. We planned a broad range of exciting lessons across the curriculum designed to engage children in hands-on activities that nurtured their curiosity and enhanced their skills. Some of the magical moments experienced by our children included map reading, art with natural materials, litter-picking game orienteering, measuring in the environment and bare foot nature walks!

Fresh air and nature promotes a healthy mind, body, and spirit and we certainly reaped the benefits of an improved sense of well-being and greater motivation to learn!



WREN PARK'S GOT TALENT!

On Thursday 18th July we held 'Wren Park's Got Talent'. We saw an array of super skills, including gymnastics, dancing, singing, piano and even a rock band! It was so difficult for the judges to choose their favourite acts as everyone worked so hard. The overall winner in KS1 was Raya with her singing, and in KS2 was Aadhya and Shivani with their incredible cultural dancing!

A very entertaining afternoon - we're already looking forward to next year!



SUMMER FAIR

Our annual Summer Fair took place on Friday 5th July, and it was a fun-filled evening for everyone who attended! The event aimed to raise money for school funds, and it did not disappoint!

The field and playground was buzzing with excitement as children and parents participated in various activities. One of the main attractions was the tombola, where lucky winners took home wonderful prizes. Enthusiastic participants also tried their luck at Welly-Wanging, Splat-o-Rat, Hook-a-Duck and the Rabbit Race, which drew a crowd as fluffy contestants hopped enthusiastically toward the finish line.

The rainbow raffle hampers looked fantastic with all your generous contributions, filled with colourful goodies. Everyone enjoyed sweet treats at the cake stall and of course, it wouldn't be a Summer Fair without an ice cream van!

Thank you to our wonderful PTA and all the families who made our Summer Fair a tremendous success. We raised a brilliant profit of £2359.24 to support our school.

Everyone left with smiles on their faces, already looking forward to next year's fun-filled event!



SUPER SPORTS!

On 24th June, Year 4 children enjoyed taking part in a Triathlon event held at Moorways. They had to swim three sides of the pool, cycle 800m on grass and run 300m. What an effort Year 4! All the staff said they were extremely impressed with them all!



On Friday 28th June, Year 6 held a Euros Tournament. It was organised by some of our very own Wren Park footballers who did a fantastic job planning the teams and making sure everyone played fairly. Everyone showed great team work, skill and sportsmanship, making it a very enjoyable event for all!



On Friday 19th July, Year 6 enjoyed their final Wren Park Sports Day! There were many classic events, such as the obstacle course, egg and spoon race, sprint, and relay. They also took part in some races 'just for fun' such as the wheelbarrow and the three-legged race!



Everyone had a brilliant afternoon and showed good skills and a great sporting attitude.

WHAT A PUZZLE!



What's FREE this Summer holiday...

◆ Arena Fun Fest

Saturday 27th July, Derby Arena

◆ The Summer Reading Challenge

@ Derby Libraries, August 2024

Alvaston, Mickleover, Normanton and Riverside libraries will be hosting some fantastic free sessions during August.

◆ Family Hubs

Summer Sessions will have everything from music, sports, animal handling, crafts, graffiti, gaming, climbing and more – and free snacks.

◆ Derby Museums

Derby Museum & Art Gallery's exhibition—Explore Ancient Egypt. Pickford's House will have a Summer Trail, plus there will be a range of workshops, play and craft activities.

For more details on all these events, visit:

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/news/2024/july/lots-going-on-for-families-in-derby-this-summer/>

We hope you have a fabulous Summer holiday and enjoy the time with your families!

