

THE WREN



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Your school's favourite newspaper



RETURN OF THE WREN

Welcome back to our school newspaper! Our brand new team of reporters are very excited to share all that's been going on in our school this half term...



Y4—Onari & Olivia
Y5— Max, Ayla, Eliza
Y6—Leo, Amiyah, Lottie, Zoha

HAPPY HARVEST!

This month, we have been collecting donations for the Padley Group, which is a local charity in Derby who provide support to the most vulnerable people in our community.



A big thank you for all your generosity during our time of Harvest. This is a celebration of the food grown on the land, but also a time where we can share with others who are not so fortunate.

Year 2 also performed their Harvest play called 'Tattybogle' about a cheerful scarecrow who lives in a farmer's field and enjoys singing with the wind and rain. One of our favourite songs was 'Harvest Moon' and 'Shotgun' (Harvest version!) Well done Year 2!



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH



On Thursday 10th October, Wren Park celebrated World Mental Health Day. All pupils and staff wore something yellow to support the Young Minds campaign, 'Hello Yellow.' Children discussed ways in which we can look after our mental health and did activities in their classes.

Later the following week, everyone enjoyed an Outdoor Day! It is well known that fresh air and nature promotes a healthy mind and body, and all children certainly had plenty of fun too! Activities included Maths code breaker, Geography map skills and treasure trail, bark rubbings in Art, nature pictures and leaf comparisons.

We can't wait for the next one!

DERBY HEIGHTS

During this half term, some Year 5 pupils visited our special friends at Derby Heights Care Home in Littleover. Year 4 enjoyed interviewing the residents. They listened to stories about their children, families and what life used to be like growing up in Derby. We are already looking forward to the next visit!



"It was a joy to see the children sharing stories with our elderly community. Their behaviour was fantastic and they showed great respect and good listening skills." Mr Bull.

OUR BIG NEW ADVENTURE

The first half term in the Wren's Nest has seen all the children settle in amazingly. The children have settled into new routines, made friends, and have enjoyed exploring their new learning environment. They have worked on skills such as sharing, listening, and expressing themselves confidently. The children have enjoyed all the activities and have particularly found taking their learning outside exciting! We are super proud of each one of them and love seeing the big smiles on their faces every day!



Getting to know each other in the Wren's Nest!

WELCOME TO YEAR 1

Year 1 have a lot to say for themselves this half term. Here are some of their comments:

"I have learnt new phonic sounds, like a, p, s and t," Saifullah, 1D.

"I really like my teacher, Mrs Rhoades. She helps me count to 20. My favourite book is Spiderman," Rome, 1R.

"Mrs Rhoades is really kind. My favourite book is Barbie," Sofia, 1R.

"The new Year 1 children have settled in very well and surprised us with their great learning!" Mrs Buckley.

"They have been working really hard in Maths and phonics," Mrs Derbyshire.



"In Maths, we have been looking at place value and have been drawing greater than, less than symbols and number lines on the playground," Mrs Derbyshire.

KINGS, QUEENS & CASTLES

Year 2 have been exploring castles of the UK. In English, they have read traditional tales and have been writing about characteristics of a prince and princess. They also investigated where it might be best to build a castle, finding features on a map and what jobs there might be to do in a castle.



Year 2 visited Tamworth Castle and had a great time! They learnt about knights and dressed up in costumes. They saw other features of castles, including arrow slits in the building, a dungeon and royal crowns!

Did you know? They used to use earth and timber to build castles, but now stone is used!



STONE AGE TO IRON AGE



Year 3 have been learning about the Stone Age. They have learnt about Stone Age communities, how they lived, what their homes were like and the tools they created for hunting and gathering food.

Year 3 have created some brilliant cave paintings of their own in art, using different materials to create a textured surface. Good job Year 3!

"We read Stone Age Boy and did vipers," Alba, 3RP.

"In Art we made woolly mammoths out of paper and we did Stone Age art by colouring our hand," Micah, 3D.



AMAZING EGYPTIANS

On Thursday 24th October, Year 4 visited Derby Museum to find out about the Ancient Egyptians. Children saw a mummy, wrote their names in Hieroglyphs (Ancient Egyptian writing) and made shabti or a scarab beetle from clay. A shabti is a small statue shaped like a coffin which would be placed in the tomb of the Pharaoh. It was to bring the servants to life so the Pharaoh would have servants in the afterlife.



It was a fantastic day and Year 4 learnt so much!

SPACE MISSION

This half term, Year 5 have been learning all about Space. On Thursday 10th October, they went to the Space Centre in Leicester. When they first arrived, an instructor came and took their bags, coats and their lunch boxes. After that, the classes went inside the planetarium and watched a video all about the planets and stars, with buttons to vote in a game. Many children said this was their favourite part! Then they went to the shop before returning back to school.

"It was very educational and the children learnt a lot about space," Mrs Graham.

"If I had bought something at the shop, it would be a cool, space book mark," Miss Pitt.



The Planetarium



Year 5 enjoying Lego Wedo all about space exploration!

INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

This term, Year 6 have been learning about the Industrial Revolution and why the Derwent Valley (now a World Heritage site) was so important.



Year 6 visited Cromford Mill to find out about Richard Arkwright's invention, the Water Frame, and looked at the features of Cromford village. The children took part in lots of activities which used their Geography skills: reading symbols on OS maps, comparing physical and human features and how they have changed, and using a compass to locate different landmarks. Year 6 said they learnt so much about the past and why the River Derwent was so important for the cotton industry.



THE BOOK BUS

On Wednesday 25th September, we were lucky enough to have a visit from the Book Bus! All our classes had the chance to visit and see all the amazing books on board. Thank you to everyone who bought a book: sales were over £1400 and school earned over £300 to spend for our school library. The children thoroughly enjoyed visiting the bus throughout the day, and it really created a buzz about reading!



DELIGHTFUL DIWALI

Shubh Diwali to all our Hindu, Jain and Sikh families. Diwali is best known as the 'festival of lights' and symbolises the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil. Wishing you a bright and happy festival, may your year be filled with light, love, and laughter. We would love to see what you get up to and how you enjoyed celebrating with your friends and families!

"In Diwali we have spring rolls and samosas. We go to the Gurdwara and light candles," Mya, 2T.

"We celebrate by lighting fireworks and candles. It's a happy time with my family!" Sehej, 2T.



Want to find out more? Check out these fabulous facts about Diwali:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/general-geography/facts-about-diwali/>

HALLOWEEN JOKES

1. How can you tell if a vampire has a cold?
2. What do you call a witch who lives at the beach?
3. What do birds say on Halloween?
4. Why did the skeleton stay home for the disco?


Answers:
 1. He starts coffin
 2. A sand-witch
 3. Trick or Tweet
 4. She had no-body to dance with.

SPOOKY PUZZLE!



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FANTASTIC FOOTBALL

This term, Wren Park have enjoyed success from both the boys' and girls' football teams. Freddie, the boys' captain, says they're doing pretty well. Having won their first match 1-0 and lost their second 3-1, they've earned a point in the league and are moving on to the next cup round. 

As for the girls, they're all finding Wednesday afternoon training really fun! They have also enjoyed some success in matches, winning two of them 2-0. They even had a surprise game on a training night (or so they thought!) and still managed a win. Go girls!

"I hope we stay in the cup," Jax, 6KH

"I think both the girls and boys are doing really well. I am so impressed with their resilience," Mr Finan, coach.

EXCITING NEWS...both teams are awaiting their new kit which we can't wait to see! Check out the December edition of The WREN for the big reveal!

What's FREE in half-term....

- ◆ **Derby Museum Drop-in Workshops**
Tuesday 29 October, Thursday 31 October and Saturday 2 November
- ◆ **Autumn & Halloween Crafts, Pickford House**
Tuesday 29 October, Thursday 31 October: 10.30-12.30pm, 1.30-3.30pm
- ◆ **Bugs, Beetles & Creepy Crawlies**
Derby Museum, Saturday 2 November 2-3.30pm, U5's FREE entry
- ◆ **Makes Inspired by Think Human, Derby Silk Mill**
Wednesday 30 October, 10.30-12.30pm, 1.30-3.30pm

For more ideas, see below:

<https://www.visitderby.co.uk/ideas-and-inspiration/school-holidays>

