

THE WREN



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Your school's favourite newspaper



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...

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH

On Friday 10th October, Wren Park celebrated World Mental Health Day. Everyone wore something yellow to show their support. We had a special assembly where we learned about a 'catastrophe scale'. This helped us understand that not all problems are as big as they might seem, and that we can often be resilient and overcome our worries with some help.



Later that week, we enjoyed an Outdoor Day! Being outside in the fresh air with nature helps keep our minds and bodies healthy — and we had lots of fun too!



Y4—Sophie & Emily
Y5— Daryan & Joseph
Y6—Fleur, Daniel, Olivia & Martha

CARE IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Wren Park Rangers have been busy this term, joining Greener Littleover to put up poppies along Jackson Avenue as part of the community's poppy display. The council hopes these displays will encourage conversations about Remembrance and Veterans.

We've also strengthened our link with the local care home, visiting twice with Year 4. The children and residents enjoyed rocket building during Space Week and a lively game of Harvest Bingo. The residents later visited school for board games and a singing assembly, where Kathleen gave a beautiful performance of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" — a special moment for everyone!



HAPPY HARVEST!

This month, we've been collecting donations for the Padley@YMCA Derbyshire, a local charity that helps people in our community who need extra support.



A big thank you to all our families for being so kind and generous! Harvest is a special time to celebrate all the food that's grown on the land, and it's also a chance to share with others who don't have as much. Thank you to Year 2 and their brilliant Harvest performance, teaching us all about being thankful for our wonderful food.



NEW BEGINNINGS

It's been a fantastic first half term in The Wren's Nest, with all the children settling in brilliantly. They've quickly adapted to new routines and made lots of new friends. They have been practicing important skills like sharing and listening with growing confidence. They have particularly enjoyed learning about Number blocks 1 and 2!

Everyone in The Wren's Nest team is so proud of how well the children have started their journey—their big smiles say it all!



LEARNING IN YEAR 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic time learning in so many different ways this term! In Maths, the children have been practicing addition and enjoyed a fun treasure hunt on Outdoor Day. They have also been learning all about their class animals — the Ducks and the Whales!

In History, the children have enjoyed drawing items from the 1900s, exploring how things have changed over time. In Design and Technology, they have been busy making phonics sliders to help them with their reading. In PSHE, the children have been learning about feelings and discussing how we can express ourselves.

Husnah in 1D said, "It's fun learning with Jigsaw Jack!"
Rosa in 1W said, "I was in Golden Book for Science."

ANIMAL ANTICS!

Year 2 have been having lots of fun with their learning! They have been reading *The Pirates Next Door* and enjoying exciting pirate adventures while writing their own stories. In science, they have been discovering amazing facts about animals and how they live.

They also went on an amazing trip to Peak Wildlife Park. There were so many highlights from having a picnic lunch with friends, playing on the adventure playground and pretending to be a meercat! Feeding tasty treats to the furry wallabies was definitely the most fun. What a busy and brilliant time for Year 2!



Sami from 2T stated, "I have enjoyed being with my friends and the awesome pirate day we took part in."
Sara from 2T exclaimed, "I enjoyed practicing the Harvest play."

ROCKING THE STONE AGE

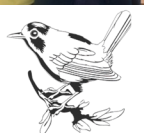


Year 3 have had a busy and exciting term full of learning!

In Science, the children have been exploring different types of rocks and soil, discovering what they are made of and how they help plants grow. Year 3 have also enjoyed

learning about Muslims in their RE lessons. Aydin from Year 3 said he especially enjoyed learning about this!

As part of their History topic, Year 3 enjoyed a Stone Age Day on 22nd October, where an archaeologist came in with a variety of artefacts from the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. The children excavated them and created a mini museum and made some of their own clay pottery. They also used querns to grind up Barley like they used to in the Stone age and Bronze Age!



AMAZING EGYPTIANS

Year 4 has learnt so much about Ancient Egypt and had so much fun! The children learnt how to make papyrus paper, mummify tomatoes, draw different gods and goddesses, and write their own names in hieroglyphics.

Year 4 are now true experts on their topic — did you know, Egyptians mummified the dead and kept their organs in Canopic jars? Tutankhamun was the youngest Egyptian Pharaoh and he was only nine years old when he became the King of Egypt. Well done, Year 4!



Clara in 4F said, "We made papyrus to write down names with hieroglyphics!"

"We liked how we made our own books," Usair, 4S.

SPACE MISSION

On the 1st October, Year 5 went on a school trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester. What a way to start the month! There was lots of singing on the top deck of the bus. They saw a rocket in the amazing rocket tower. They even saw Laika's spacesuit. They also learnt all about the space race in 1950 before heading to the gift shop. What fun!

"The school trip was so amazing that it even had a rocket that was used!"
Haneen 5B.



ANTI-RACISM

Last week, Year 6 had a special visitor called Emeka, who came to lead an anti-racism workshop. During the session, children discussed their cultural heritage and explored what it means to be British today. Emeka talked to them about empathy — understanding how others feel — and the importance of not being a bystander when witnessing unkind words or actions. The workshops encouraged everyone to think about how they can make a positive difference at Wren Park and in our community.

Year 6 loved the workshop, people thought Emeka was funny, kind and inspiring.



"He was really inspiring and taught us how to show respect and equality." Olivia T, 6KH

"I loved the Anti-Racism workshop because I felt like I could talk about it and feel safe." Ilyana, 6LH

AUTUMN FESTIVALS

Happy Diwali! Diwali is known as the Festival of Lights and celebrates the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. We wish everyone a bright and joyful festival filled with light, love, and laughter. We'd love to see how our families celebrated — whether it's lighting diyas, sharing sweets, or spending time with friends and loved ones!



Similar to Diwali is Bandi Chhor Divas, which means "Day of Liberation and Light". It is a Sikh celebration for when Guru Hargobind Ji was freed from prison with 52 other kings. It's celebrated with lights, sweets, and fireworks because the day he was released also coincided with Diwali. Want to find out more? Check out these fabulous facts about:

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



JOB SQUAD

This term, pupils had the opportunity to apply for positions of responsibility within school. The competition was tough, but our new role models have now been chosen! Congratulations to our new Librarians, Wren Park Rangers, Prefects, and Reporters.



Wren Park Rangers.



Year 6 Prefects.

FANTASTIC FOOTBALL

What a great start to the season for both our school football teams so far, winning their cup matches! They have worked extremely hard in training and both the boys and girls say that playing football allows them to express themselves. They also felt honoured to wear the kits and represent Wren Park.

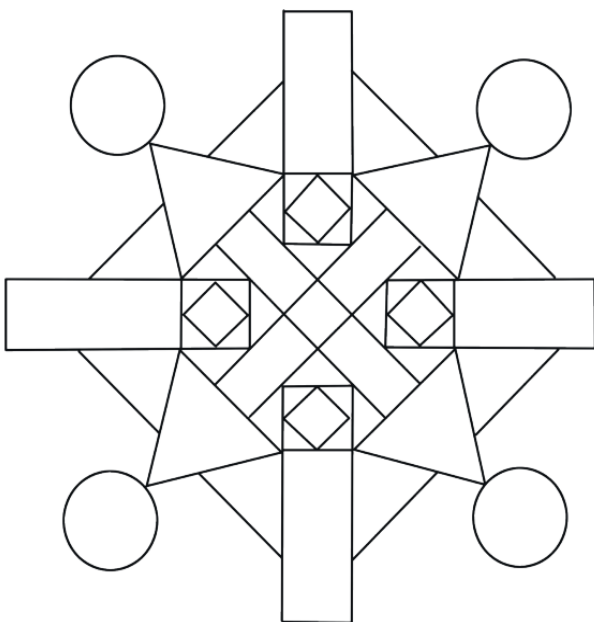






Mr. Finan quoted, "I'm impressed with the boys and girls teams and their attitudes. They've had a flying start by making it to the second round of the cup!"

The football team is open to anyone who wants to play, and those who take part always have a great time...especially with Mr. Finan as their coach! Many players also say they enjoy football because it's a great way to spend time outdoors and it helps with their mental health.

DIWALI COUNT & COLOUR

Choose a colour for each shape. Find and colour the shapes in the Rangoli pattern. How many of each shape did you find?



Circles 		Squares 	
Triangles 		Rectangles 	

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

- ♦ **Half Term Funfair, Derby Market Place**
11:00-22:00 daily
- ♦ **Free 'Family Hub' sessions (0-11 yrs, with carer)**
 - **27th Oct** Rosehill Family Hub, Derby – Bollywood dance, face painting, messy play.
 - **28th Oct** Mackworth Youth & Community Centre, Sport/games and arts.
 - **29th Oct** Osmaston Allenton FH. Nature activities.
 - **30th Oct** Sinfin FH, Moor Park & Nature Reserve. Bring wellies!
- ♦ **Derby Museum Drop-in Workshops**
Daily throughout October half term
- ♦ **Autumn & Halloween Crafts, Pickford House**
Drop-in Autumn Crafts at Pickford's House, Derby 10:30-12:30 & 13:30-15:30

For more ideas, see below:

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

