

# THE WREN

*Ninth Edition*

*Your school's favourite newspaper*

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## 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 term...



4G – Olivia & Theo  
4S – Mia & Mihira  
5P – Alana & Georgia  
5B – Shivani & Jack  
6LH – Joban & Husna  
6KH – Hope & Azaliya

## SCHOOL VALUES



RESPECTFUL



AMBITIOUS



RESILIENT

This term we have launched our new School Values. We talk about our values, what they mean and how we can live them out at Wren Park. Children who demonstrate respect, ambition and resilience around school and on the playground, are rewarded with stickers, team points and certificates in Golden Book assembly! We have also been learning about Democracy in British Values lessons, understanding the importance of having a voice and being fair.

"I like our school values because it encourages everyone to be more friendly and kind to each other around school." Alana, 5P

"Democracy means it makes things equal and fair. You have the right to vote when you turn 18." Georgia, 5P

## HAPPY HARVEST!

This month, we have been collecting donations for Harvest. A big thank you for all the donations during our Harvest Festival.

The Padley Group were very grateful and appreciated all our generous support. All of the donations will



make a small difference in the lives of people across Derby who experience homelessness and poverty.

Year 2 also performed their Harvest play called 'Easy Peasy Harvest'. It told us all about the hard work of farmers at Harvest time and that we should value all the nutritious food they grow. One of our favourite songs was 'Pea Pop' and 'Shotgun' (Harvest version!) Well done Year 2!



## ROLE MODEL WEEK

This week, all children thought about someone who inspires them and has positive characteristics we can look up to. It could be someone famous, someone from their own family or community. We had a wide variety of role models, including: scientists, artists, musicians, sports people, religious figures and some who had spoken out for a worthy cause.

We then created a short speech about why we had chosen our role model and read it out to our class. We learnt a lot about what it means to be **ambitious**, work hard and to be **resilient** if we want to achieve great things.



## OUR BIG NEW ADVENTURE

The children in Reception have been on a big, new adventure this half term: settling in at the Wren's Nest and getting to know Wren Park! They have been learning their initial sounds in phonics and counting rhymes in Maths.

The children have been talking about themselves and their families and reading the story 'Owl Babies'. They have also enjoyed the season of Autumn, the weather, making scarecrows and carving pumpkins!



## MARVELLOUS MATERIALS

Year 1 have been very busy this half term, learning their phonics with Bug Club and numbers to 10 in Maths. They have also explored different materials in Science and set up an experiment to see which materials degrade when left outside. Class 1R visited Derby Arena earlier this term and enjoyed 'Fundamentals' activities! 1B are looking forward to their visit after the holidays.



On Thursday 26th October, Year 1 went on a trip to Trusley pumpkin patch. They explored the 'Maize Maze', went on a village walk and enjoyed a picnic lunch. All the children and adults had a wonderful time in the countryside!



## CASTLES

Year 2 have been asking the question, *would you rather live in a castle or a palace?* They have been exploring traditional tales and 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!



Everyone had an absolutely brilliant day and learnt lots!

"I would prefer to live in a palace rather than a castle because it's much bigger." Gracie, 2C

"I know 2 castles: Tamworth and Corfe Castle." Mica, 2C

## WW2

Year 3 have been learning about what it was like for children during World War II. They know that children of the cities were evacuated to the countryside during the Blitz. At this time, many people had to keep safe in underground shelters.

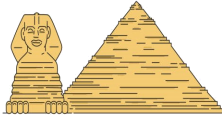


Year 3 talked about what rationing was and why it happened. They also explored different types of shelters, including Anderson and Morrison shelters, and what they were made from. Their class text is 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo and in vipers lessons they have been reading 'The Lion and the Unicorn.'



## AMAZING EGYPTIANS

Year 4 have been learning about the amazing Egyptians. They have learnt many facts about this ancient civilisation: 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.



On October 12th, Year 4 visited the Derby Museum and saw a real mummy! The two guides, called Ian and Ron, told us all about the River Nile and Ramses II (an Egyptian Pharaoh) They enjoyed many activities including mummifying a pretend body, making jewellery from clay and writing their names in hieroglyphs!



## SPACE MISSION

Year 5 have been learning all about Space this half term. Amazing facts include: Saturn's rings are made of ice and crushed moon rock, there's over 400 billion stars in the universe and there are more stars in the world than there are grains of sand! Year 5 have also learnt about why we have day and night as well as seasons on Earth.

On 29th September, Year 5 visited the Space Centre in Leicester. The children were very excited to see a small piece of the moon! They went to see a show which told them all about the planets and the stars. In Ancient Greek times, the stars represented Gods and Goddesses. Everyone had a great day and learnt lots!



## INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

This term, Year 6 have been learning about the Industrial Revolution and why the county of Derbyshire was important at this time. We visited Cromford Mill to find out about Richard Arkwright's invention (the Water Frame) and looked at the features of Cromford village, which he built for his mill workers. The children enjoyed map reading and using a compass to locate different landmarks. A great day and lots to learn!



"We learnt a lot more than we knew before! We know lots about Richard Arkwright and the River Derwent."  
Hope, 6KH

"It was really interesting, especially the Arkwright Experience!" Azaliya, 6KH

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October is the month we celebrate Black History. The theme this year is 'Saluting our Sisters' to highlight the important role that Black women have played in inspiring change. Each year group chose a black female figure to learn about in their lessons. These included: Maya Angelou (R), Maggie Aderin-Pocock (Y1), Olive Morris (2), Lilian Bader (Y3), Rosa Parks (Y4), Mae Jemison (Y5) Mary Prince and Harriet Tubman (Y6). It's important that we study women because they tried hard to change the way some people were treated in the past.

"We have learnt that women should get noticed more in History. Recognising their strengths and getting the same equality as men is sometimes tricky. All women should be **respected** for their achievements; they are **ambitious** and **resilient**." Mrs Towns, Y2 & History Lead



# SUPER SPORTS & CLUBS

Our football team have been very successful this term. All boys have been working extremely hard in training and matches. They won 4-0 in the first round of the cup against Breadsall Hilltop, setting up a second round tie against Cavendish Close. They also won 3-1 against last year's league winners, St Werbergh's.



"All the boys have been a credit to the school and have shown enormous respect for each school we have played." Mr Finan, Manager



James L  
Luke  
William  
Ted  
Nyeem  
George  
Henry W  
Freddie  
Luca  
James W

Other clubs on offer this half term have included: Cookery, Soccer Stars, Clay Club, Multi-sports, I-Vengers, Archery, Rock Steady and (of course) Reporter Club. Wow! We have been busy!

# SCHOOL COUCIL

Introducing our new School Council for 2023-24! Children who wanted to be considered were asked to write their speech and we all had a vote—showing great DEMOCRACY here at Wren Park! .



Y2—Evie & Zehan  
Y3 – Sean & Maisarah  
Y4 – Nora, Umayyah, Rayyan, Oren  
Y5 – Azan & Mahi  
Y6 – George & Elodie

(A few missing on day of photo)

# AUTUMN JOKES!

1. How do you fix a broken pumpkin?
2. What did one leaf say to the other?
3. How do you know when Winter arrives?
4. Why do pumpkins sit on people's doorsteps?

Answers:  
1. With a pumpkin patch 2. I'm falling for you 3. Autumn leaves 4. Because they have no hands to knock on the door!

# Autumn Animals

s s u h t b f y o  
q v j k b x w v h  
u p a b a t s g w  
i k y y d e e r j  
r t q z g v s j o  
r f o x e o u r w  
e u p t r l e c l  
l h e d g e h o g  
c d o r m o u s e

badger  
bats  
deer  
dormouse  
fox

hedgehog  
jay  
owl  
squirrel  
vole

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

- ◆ **Halloween Half Term Family Funfair**  
Thu 26 Oct - Sun 5 Nov, Derby Market Place, FREE entry
- ◆ **Arena Fun Fest—games and fitness activities**  
Mon 30 Oct, 9-4pm, Derby Arena, FREE entry
- ◆ **The Great British Car Journey, Ambergate**  
Saturday 21 October through until Sunday 5 November—  
Kids go FREE! Book your tickets now using code: **KGF23**

For more ideas, see below:

<https://lovelylocalindie.com/2023/09/18/halloween-events-in-derbyshire-october-half-term/>

