

THE WREN



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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!

GOODBYE YEAR 6

We have now reached the end of term and we say farewell to another group of fantastic Year 6 children. They have come to the end of their wonderful time at Wren Park, where they faced some challenges as well as many brilliant experiences.

To say goodbye, our Year 6 have done many things in and out of school, 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. They also got to sign each others' shirts and, for the first time ever, pupils were given their own graffiti wall to sign their name and make their mark on Wren Park for 2023!



Well done Year 6! We wish you all the best of luck in your future!

WHAT A PERFORMANCE!

On Wednesday 19th, Year 6 performed an amazing and delightful play called 'I'm An 11-Year Old, Get Me Out Of Here!'. As a funny spin-off of the show 'I'm a Celebrity', we saw contestants (pupils) get put through their paces in order to survive Primary School. Some of our favourite challenges included, 'The Dunny', 'School Dinner Surprise', 'The Infants' and 'Gruelling Grammar'. What a performance, and what a brilliant way to end our final week at Wren Park!



"I liked singing 'Sweet Caroline' and serving the drinks to the parents," Eva, 6H.

"I enjoyed being Dec with Lara who was Ant!" Tilly, 6H

"My favourite scene was scene 9 because of how I got embarrassed by my 'mother' (aka Darcelle)" Aizah, 6SB

Fantastic effort from all of the children! Everyone enjoyed the singing, acting and the laughs. We are very proud of you all! Mrs Harvey, 6H

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? One of the most effective ways was to form a triangle so they had several more layers of defense and more people on each row.

HOW'S IT GROWING?

This term, the year 5 have been learning about life cycles. They have done lots of fun activities such as dissecting flowers. As part of their Science topic, 'How's it growing?', they've been observing some chick eggs as they hatch and even made a time lapse of the first chick hatching! The Year 5 have also made booklets on how animals grow and have looked at different animals gestational periods.

During World Environment Week, Year 5 linked their learning about palm oil to do their bit for the environment. For the whole of the week, children only brought snacks without palm oil or snacks that had the RSPO logo. The RSPO means that less rainforest is destroyed, and the orangutan population is protected.

Well done Year 5!



WREN PARK'S GOT TALENT!

This year we have seen many spectacular talents on Wren Parks' Got Talent. From, dancing to singing and comedy to magic and musical talents, they all wowed the judges and the audience with their incredible acts. Even though there could only be one winner, they all deserved to win in our hearts! The winners in the infants were: First place, singing from 'Matilda the Musical' and for the juniors was Eva and Max in Year 6 with their guitar playing and singing.



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

READING CHALLENGE

The **National Summer Reading Challenge** is back for 2023! This year's theme is **Ready, Set, Read!** The Reading Agency is partnering with the Youth Sport Trust to encourage the sports and games-themed Challenge that aims to keep children's minds and bodies active over the summer break.

- The Challenge is to read 6 books
- It starts on Sat 8 Jul and finishes on Sat 2 Sep
- Events will be taking place in August

See details about more fun and exciting activities at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

We are looking forward to....

Derby Reading Events:

Get Moving' with multi-talented children's author, illustrator, poet, and ukulele player, Kev Payne!

Mon 7 - Tue 8 Aug at Derby Libraries Tickets: Free

Move Like a Lion! with Derby County mascots Rammie or Ewie

Thu 10 - Tue 22 Aug at Derby Libraries Tickets: Free

<https://www.inderby.org.uk/libraries/events>



SUPER SPORTS!

On Friday 7th July, we enjoyed another Wren Park Sports Day! There were many classic events, such as the obstacle course, egg and spoon race, sprint, and relay. Everyone had a brilliant day and showed good skills and a great sporting attitude.



Congratulations to Toyota Team who won with the most points overall!

Year 4 children also enjoyed taking part in a Triathlon event on June 21st, held at Moorways. They all enjoyed swimming, cycling and running events. We were extremely impressed with them all!



“The children showed such team spirit as they cheered on each other, ran to congratulate one another and celebrated everyone's achievements,” Miss Ralph.

WREN PARK LIONESSES

Mr Finan has been busy this term once again, but this time with a new Girls' Football Team! Year 6 decided there was much need for this, and the interest was overwhelming! Year 6 girls meet every Thursday morning for training before school and have thoroughly enjoyed it. On Tuesday 18th July, the girls played their first friendly match against Silverhill Primary and thoroughly enjoyed themselves! Lionesses in the making, and a great legacy to leave Wren Park.



SUMMER HOLIDAY BINGO

Visit your Local Library Join the library—dive into a book and set your imagination free!	Play Balloon Tennis Use paper plates as rackets and a balloon as the ball. Hold a balloon tennis tournament with your family—will you win?	Make a Kite Use something from your recycling to make a kite and some straws (eg cereal box or plastic bag). Fly it on a windy day.	Make a Fruit Smoothie Miserable weather—cheer yourself up by making a smoothie from fresh fruit and fruit juice.	Play a Board Game If it's wet outside choose your favourite board game and challenge your family to a board game battle.
Bake a Cake Hold a family Bake Off. You could make muffins or chocolate crispy cakes. Mmm mmm!	Have a Pyjama Day Cuddle up on the sofa in your pyjamas with a hot chocolate and a biscuit, and watch a film.	Have a Water Fight Use water pistols, water balloons or cups of water and have fun on a hot day!	Paint with Ice Make ice paint in an ice cube tray by adding a few drops of different food colours and using lolly sticks as handles. Use the ice cubes to paint a picture.	Hold a Snail Race Find some snails in your garden or the park. Line the up and watch them go!
Plan a Dress Up Day You could have a Pirate Day or any theme you like. Dress up and have fun as your character.	Go For a Walk in your Wellies When it's pouring with rain, what could be better than chucking on your wellies and waterproofs and zooming around in the puddles?	Watch the Sunset It might be the end of the day but there's still plenty to see in nature. Before you go to bed, find a comfortable spot to watch the sky turn orange and red as the sun disappears beyond the horizon.	World Photo Day (19th August) Take a really unusual photo of a place you know and send it in to school for the gallery.	Design and Make your own Sandwich Can you invent the best sandwich ever? Will it be savoury or sweet? Write down the recipe so you can make it again.
Have a Picnic Is it a sunny day? Find a shady spot. Is it wet? Bring the picnic blanket indoors!	Paint a Kindness Pebble Paint a pebble or rock with a kind message or picture and leave them for people to find and collect.	Be a Home Helper Have a day (or week) where you help your family with the chores. You could help by washing up, hoovering, tidying or even making a cup of tea.	Tell the Time with a Dandelion Clock Find a dandelion seed head and blow. How many puffs does it take to blow away the seeds? That's the time!	Get to Know a Tree! Some trees have spaces big enough to get inside, others are easy to climb. Get to know a tree and see what creatures they are home to.

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

