




THE WREN



Your school's favourite newspaper An Easter **EGG**Stravaganza! March 2023 

Spring has finally sprung and the warmer weather has arrived! We hope you enjoy reading about all the fabulous activities we have enjoyed here at Wren Park.

WORLD BOOK DAY

This year's theme for World Book Day was 'World of Stories'. Each class chose a different country and listened to a story or folktale from that place. Children dressed in the colours of their country's flag and enjoyed many activities, including: tasting fruit from Kenya for *Handa's Surprise* in the Wren's Nest; Year 1 explored 'Malala's Magic Pencil' from Pakistan and a moral tale called 'I Want My Hat Back' from Canada; Year 2 went to America; Year 3 visited France; Year 4 enjoyed stories from Kenya; Year 5 dressed in colours from Pakistan; Year 6 explored the Mexican story 'Dia de los Muertos'.



Kenyan inspired Art

ROCK STEADY ROCKS!

On Tuesday 28th March, the Rock Steady bands played in a concert for parents and staff. They heard songs such as 'We Will Rock You' by Queen, 'All Star' by Smash Mouth and 'Thunder' by Imagine Dragons. Children have been practising in their weekly sessions and perfecting playing their instruments such as: piano, guitar, drums and vocals.

"I've enjoyed playing instruments with other people in a band. Playing the piano was something I couldn't do before, but now I can!" Eliza, 6H

HAPPY EASTER & BLESSED RAMADAN

This month two very important religious moments will be celebrated around the world: the end of Lent with Holy Easter and the beginning of the Holy month of Ramadan. During this time there will be fasting, silence and prayers to bring people closer to their God and remind us of the ongoing suffering of those less fortunate. This will end with big celebrations and happiness together. We wish your families all a joyful Easter and a blessed holy beginning of Ramadan.

COMIC RELIEF 2023

On Friday 17th March, everyone at Wren Park changed colour from green to red! Why? To celebrate Comic Relief 2023! We shared some activities in our classes and enjoyed some tasty Red Nose Day cakes at break time, decorated by Mr Bull's specialist team.



Red Nose Day cakes - yummy!



Thank you very much for all the generous donations - we raised a fantastic £401.17. Well done everyone an amazing effort!



TERRIFIC TALES



Up in the Wren's Nest this term, Reception children have enjoyed sharing lots of traditional tales such as: The Gingerbread Man, The Three Little Pigs and The Runaway Pancake. They've retold the stories and written speech bubbles for characters.



They have celebrated key moments this term, such as Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and even had a letter from the Easter bunny! Children have also enjoyed seeing changes in the weather as we move from Winter to Spring.

"I loved reading 'Brown Bear' because of all the colourful animals," Isla, Reception



FANTASTIC ME!



Year 1 have been learning about the five senses and finding out about Louis Braille and how he invented braille. They read a book called 'Six Dots', a story of young Louis Braille. The children have enjoyed a smelling experiment:

they made predictions about what they could smell and recorded their results in charts.

On Thursday 2nd March, Year 1 visited the Methodist Church. The vicar showed them what is important to Christians and explained that the church is a great place for the whole community to come together.

"Our senses help us to taste nice things, hear the birds sing and see all the beautiful flowers," Millie, 1R

"I liked drawing and writing about all the smelly things in Science. My favourite was a lemon," Clara, 1R

Louis Braille created a new alphabet especially for people who couldn't see," Ayla, 1B

SUPERHEROES

This term year 2 have been learning about real life heroes and heroines. They learnt about amazing women and their achievements, such as Florence Nightingale, Edith Cavell and Mary Seacole. Children enjoyed colouring, making leaflets, cape designing, making cookies, writing about heroes and imagining they could fly!

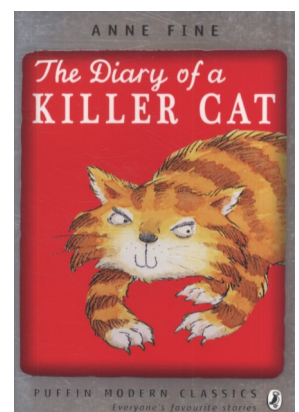


"We enjoyed Superhero day and we had so much fun! We liked it so much and enjoyed all the activities," Anaya, 2C

DERBYSHIRE

Year 3 have been learning about Derbyshire and maps. They have been drawing sketch maps of the school. They have also been deciding whether some places are rural or urban. The most urban places are London, Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Birmingham and last of all Newcastle. Year 3 have learnt about a local reservoir called Carsington Water, operated by Severn Trent Water.

In other lessons, Year 3 have been reading 'Diary of a Killer Cat' and wrote their own diary. They have enjoyed capacity and volume in Maths and forces and pulls in Science.



MIGHTY MOUNTAINS

Year 4 have enjoyed lots of Geography this term learning about mountains! Different mountains are formed in different ways such as: a Fold mountain, Plateau mountain, Volcanic, Dome and Fault-Block mountain. They learnt that Mount Everest in Nepal is the highest mountain above sea level - **8,850 meters!**

The oldest man to climb to the summit was 82 years old and the youngest person was just 13!



SMASHING SAXONS

This term, Year 5 have been learning about Anglo Saxons. On Thursday March 16th, they all dressed up as Anglo Saxons because a real life Saxon, named Bjorn, came to visit! Year 5 enjoyed things like the Battle of Hastings, javelin contest, drawing maps of Anglo Saxon settlements and designing stained glass windows.

“I enjoyed it because the Saxon man showed us weapons, armor and much more!” Husna, 5P.

“The children looked fabulous in their costumes!” Mrs Holloway, 5H.

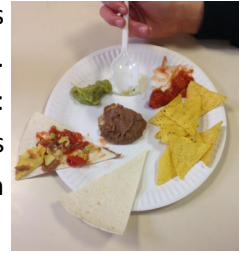
“We were impressed with how well the children listened and engaged with Bjorn,” Miss Pitt, 5P.



MEXICOCOA



This term Year 6 have been learning about Mexicocoa. They have learnt about the origins of chocolate from Central America and what life was like for the Ancient Aztec civilisation. Year 6 made all sorts of things like: posters, menus, newspaper reports and had a great time tasting Mexican foods!



On March 10th, Year 6 went to Cadbury’s World in Bournville, Birmingham. To begin with, they went on the ‘Cadabra’ ride where the Beanmobiles took them on a journey through a chocolate wonderland to discover the magic of Cadbury. Year 6 also experienced a 4D cinema movie and listened to a talk about the Ancient Aztecs. Everyone had a great time and bought chocolate from the biggest Cadbury’s chocolate shop in the world!



“When we tasted Mexican food, the Jalapeños were so spicy!” Emily, 6H

“Writing the portal stories were really fun; it felt like we were in a different world!” Mikail, 6H

Acts of Kindness for Lent

Say thank you to someone who helps you.

Give a family member or friend a hug.

Smile at everybody you meet today.



BIKEABILITY

This term, Year 5 children took part in Bikeability. They learnt lots about how to cycle safely, set off, pedal, slow down and stop (including looking behind, turning and controlling speed). Everyone finished the course feeling much more confident! Cycling keeps our bodies healthy and it is better for the environment too.



“Well done to the children who took part in Bikeability, the instructors were really impressed with your efforts!” Mrs Holloway and Miss Pitt.

SPRING SUDOKU

Spring Sudoku

Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the letters F L O W E R.
Don't guess - use logic.



L	R	E			
W	F				E
			F	E	L
F			O	W	
		W		O	F
E	O		R		



FANTASTIC FOOTBALL

This term, the school football team have played amazingly in their matches and had great success. A win against St Mary's and Griffie Field Primary makes Wren Park currently top of the league and we look forward to playing in the quarter finals after Easter!

“We are unbeaten in all of our games and we are doing so well,” Mr Finan, head coach.



COME ON YOU WRENS!

WREN READING CHALLENGE



The Wren Reading Challenge is back for Easter 2023!

Complete the challenges and earn your WRC wristband and certificate. When you have completed a reading challenge, simply record the date you achieved it in your reading diary and if you have any photos upload them to Dojo. Good luck!

WRC

We are looking forward to....

- R— The Great Outdoors / Sun, Sea, Sand
- Y1— Muddy Boots / All Creatures Great & Small
- Y2— Pirates / Seaside
- Y3— Ooh La La! / Rainforests
- Y4— Rotten Romans
- Y5— London Calling
- Y6— Survival

