

THE WREN



Sixth Edition

Your school's favourite newspaper

December 2022

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...



3B – Rhys
3S – Umayyan
4G – Max
4S – Leya
5P – Noah
5H – Elodie
6H – Avneet
6SB – Rory

MARVELLOUS MUSIC



On Tuesday 13th December, children who have been attending Rock Steady sessions performed live at Wren Park! The four bands played a song each to parents and pupils, including *A Sky Full of Stars* by Coldplay, *Roar* by Katy Perry, *Radioactive* by Imagine Dragons and *Song 2* by Blur.

On Tuesday 20th December, Mr Hudson came to school to teach us about the true meaning of Christmas. We all enjoyed watching a role play of the Nativity, with guest appearances from Mrs Petit as the innkeeper and Mr Bull and Mr Buckley as wise men! We enjoyed singing some old favourites, such as 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer' and 'Feliz Navidad'.

On Wednesday 21st December, Sing Squad also performed their Christmas carols to the school. Some of the songs included 'Silent Night', 'Walking in the Air' and 'Jingle Bells'.

What a lot of musical talent we have here at Wren Park!



FESTIVE FUN!



On Thursday 8th and Friday 9th December, all children enjoyed taking part in another fantastically festive fair! Everyone enjoyed activities such as Pin the Nose on the Reindeer, Rabbit Race, Feed Santa, Splat-a-Rat, the Prize Wheel, Beat the Wire and Play Your Cards Right. There were many prizes to be won as well as lots of fun to be had! It certainly got us in the Christmas spirit!



NATIVITY

We have all been learning about the wonderful story that is precious to Christians all over the world at this time: it is the Nativity which celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ.

On Tuesday 13th December, Reception children performed their retelling of the Christmas Story 'Wriggly Nativity'. It was a brilliant play with everyone singing songs such as 'Bumping Up and Down on a Camel', 'When Santa Got Stuck up a Chimney' and 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas.'



SPARKLE & SHINE

The children in the Wren's Nest have been very busy this term learning all about festivals such as Bonfire Night and Diwali and why we celebrate them. They learnt about Christmas traditions around the world and prepared songs to perform for the Nativity!

On Tuesday 6th December, Reception went on a trip to the Winter Wonderland at the Adventure Farm! They enjoyed many activities such as soft play, a tractor ride, outdoor play, a barn visit and of course....seeing Santa!



"I loved seeing Santa! He gave me an LOL doll present!"
Lily, Reception

"I enjoyed learning the songs and dressing up," Mya,
Reception



SINGING IN THE RAIN

Year 1 have been learning all about our country's four seasons and the changes that happen to our environment. They enjoyed exploring the frosty weather we had this month and even saw ice on the playground! The children talked about changes that happen to water as it cools and how ice melts as the temperature gets warmer.

They are looking forward to seeing changes in Spring!

"My favourite thing to learn about is Maths—I like numbers and counting. I can use the part-whole model. I love drawing. I drew my family for my Christmas card,"
Zaynab, 1B

"I saw the ice melt when it got warmer in the class-room," Nadeen, 1B

THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

Year 2 have been learning about the devastating disaster known as the Great Fire of London. They have learnt about the British Baker, Thomas Farriner, whose bakery first set on fire on Pudding Lane in 1666. It is thought that half of London was burnt and the fire continued for 4 days!

To celebrate the end of their topic, Year 2 enjoyed constructing houses then reenacting the Great Fire of London!



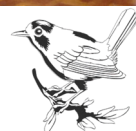
WORLD WAR II

Year 3 have been learning about what it was like for children during World War II. Did you know, Sir Barnes Wallis from Ripley in Derbyshire invented the 'Bouncing Bomb' which was designed to break dams and flood Germany. It was even tested in the Peak District!



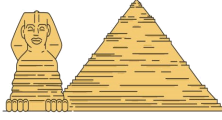
Year 3 visited Pickford House in Derby to find out more about life during the war. The most memorable part of the day was when a Blackout Warden, called Victor, blew his whistle and noisy rattle to signal that the bombs were coming!

They celebrated the end of their topic with a WWII day. Year 3 dressed up as evacuees, Land Girls, pilots, soldiers, spies and there was even a Winston Churchill!



AMAZING EGYPTIANS

Year 4 have been learning about the amazing Egyptians. They have learnt many facts about this ancient civilisation: Egyptians mummified the dead which was a very long process and preserved the bodies for the afterlife. Did you know, organs would be taken out and kept in Canopic jars. One of the most famous bodies to be mummified was Tutankhamun. He was only a child when he became the King of Egypt and reigned for 10 years. Howard Carter, an explorer, discovered the body of Tutankhamun surrounded by precious jewelry and clothing.



Year 4 saw a real mummy when they visited Derby Museum early this term! They enjoyed many activities including mummifying a pretend body and they made a shabti from clay and wrote their names in hieroglyphs on real papyrus paper!



GROOVY GREEKS

Year 5 have really enjoyed their topic 'Groovy Greeks'. They have learnt some fantastic facts, including: 12 of the most significant God's lived on Mount Olympus; God of the Underworld (Hades) had a 3-headed dog called Cyberus; Zeus was the King of the Gods and God of Lightning; Zeus was married to Hera, Queen of the Gods. Our favourite myth was Theseus and the Minotaur—all about facing challenges and being brave! Did you know...it was the Ancient Greeks who started the Olympics and originally, girls were not allowed to partici-

Henry in 5P said "I've really enjoyed learning about the Groovy Greeks!"

HEROES & VILLAINS

This term, Year 6 have been learning about Heroes and Villains. We have researched famous heroes of the past, local heroes of Derby, crime and punishment through the ages and role models who influence our society today. We explored mythical heroes, performed the Jabberwocky poem by Lewis Carroll, wrote a balanced argument about punishments of the past and wrote a story called 'A Nightmare Just Before Christmas'.

On Friday 16th December we celebrated the end of our topic with a Heroes and Villains Day! We wrote comic book adventure stories and created art work in the style of Roy Lichtenstein.



COOKERY CLUB

Every Thursday, some children from Year 1 to Year 6 have enjoyed baking with Mr Bull! They have learnt skills such as following instructions for a method, combining different ingredients, using equipment safely and hygienically. They have prepared cakes, scones, pizza and festive mince pie cookies, ready to take home and bake in the oven!



"My dad really enjoyed my mince pie cookies!" Alfie, 6H
"We make really nice and tasty food to bake at home," Siraj, 4G





SUPER SPORTS

Our football team, consisting of Year 5 and 6 pupils, have been very successful this term. All boys have been working extremely hard in training and matches. They remain unbeaten, winning a game against Brackensdale 2-1 and a draw with St Werberg's 0-0. Mr Finan is super proud of the boys and is looking forward to resuming after Christmas.



In other sport news, 4S have been swimming this term. They have been practicing their skills in front crawl and back stroke, whilst others have been increasing their confidence in the water. 4G are looking forward to their turn in the New Year!

"I was really proud of my friend Baileigh because she swam 17 metres all by herself, with no floats and without stopping!" Leya, 4S



SPORTS FESTIVAL

On Tuesday 6th December, some children attended a Sports Festival at Willows Sports Centre in Derby. There were 4 events to take part in, including the 'Avalanche', the 'Bauble', 'Elves Express' and an obstacle course. It was a great morning and all children had lots of fun taking part in the activities!

"My favourite thing was the Avalanche because it was difficult but fun. I just kept on trying!" Momina, 6SB

"It was really fun because we got to do something different in sport" Rory, 6SB



SCHOOL COUCIL

Introducing our new School Council for 2022-23! We are very excited to hear about all the wonderful plans they have for our school over the coming months. So far they have been discussing our values at Wren Park.

Thank you to Mrs Buckley for leading our School Council and the Fraser family for organising badges for us!



- Y2—Gurveena
Jacob
- Y3—Haniya
Max
- Y4—Heidi
Siraj
- Y5—Joban
Lydia
- Y6—Zara
Euan

WHAT A PUZZLE!

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SANTA
CHRISTMAS
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ELF
GIFTS
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HOLLY

Topics we are looking forward to....

- R—Bears, Bears Everywhere! / I'll Huff & I'll Puff
- Y1—Delightful Derby, Lovely Littleover / Fantastic Me
- Y2—Super Heroes & Wonder Women / Spring has Sprung
- Y3—The Stone Age / Where Are We?
- Y4—Raging Rivers / Mountains and Volcanoes
- Y5—Epic Earthquakes / Smashing Saxons & Vicious Vikings
- Y6—Mexicocoa (and Cadbury's World!)

