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Second Edition

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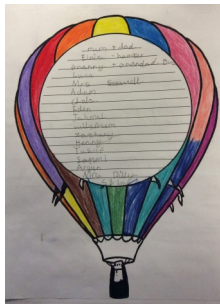
February 2022

Welcome back to our second edition of *The Wren*, all the latest news brought to you by the Reporter Team of Wren Park Primary!

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

The week beginning 7th February was Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme was **Growing Together**.

We began the week with a great assembly by Mrs Petit, encouraging us to think about how we have grown and how we can help others to grow. Here are some 'Support Balloons' created by Year 3 to show who helps them to grow.



Mrs Dilley said, "It's important that children know they have someone to talk to, whether it be to share the good times they've had or if you're struggling with something. The teachers and TA's at our school are always happy to talk to our children."

BE MY VALENTINE

Valentine's Day is celebrated every year on 14th February.

The day gets its name from a famous saint. Many people believe that he was a priest from Rome in the third century AD. Emperor Claudius II had banned marriage because he thought married men were bad soldiers. Valentine felt this was unfair, so he broke the rules and arranged marriages in secret.

Try the Valentine Puzzle on page 4!

MASTER CHEF



Mr Buckley and Mr Bull have been enjoying cooking club every Thursday afternoon with some pupils from all year groups. Children made lovely food such as pizza and muffins and learnt important skills such as weighing ingredients, mixing and teamwork! To celebrate the end of the half term, the group visited the museum, Derby Cathedral and then for lunch at Le Bistro Pierre!



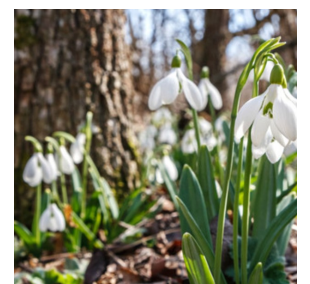
Mr Buckley said, "The club has been a huge success! It's one of my favourite times of the week."

"I enjoyed seeing the fox at the museum the most—it was so realistic," Jessica D, 6G

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

We have been watching carefully to see the first signs of Spring around school. It's lovely to see the Snowdrops, Daffodils and Crocuses sprouting because it finally means that the warmer weather is on its way!

Look at our school in bloom! Perhaps over half term, you could send your photographs of Spring in to class dojo?



Bears, Bears Everywhere!



The Reception children have been enjoying their topic 'Bears, Bears Everywhere.' They have read lots of books about bears, including 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', the traditional tale 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', and 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear what do you see?' The children have really enjoyed the repeated phrases from the story and did some super writing using their sound knowledge. On Wednesday 9th February they made teddy biscuits and decorated them with icing. They also painted teddy bears. What a lot of exciting activities!

"I enjoy school because, I love seeing my friends!"

Willow, RY

"I love school because, I love phonics." Ruby, RM

SUPERHEROES & WONDER WOMEN

Year 2 have explored superheroes this half term. To be a hero, you need to be brave, strong and helpful to others. Florence Nightingale was a nurse and she helped to make hospitals better. Neil Armstrong was very brave and the first person to walk on the moon. Marcus Rashford, a footballer, helped raise awareness for children and families who don't have much money. Year 2 have been reading a book called 'Traction Man' which is about a hero who saves people from evil. His famous phrase is, "All in a day's work!"

To celebrate the end of their topic, Year 2 are having a non-uniform day on Friday 18th February and dressing up as their favourite real life hero!

"I'm dressing up as Marcus Rashford and wearing a Manchester United football kit!" Isabelle, 2DM

DELIGHTFUL DERBY, LOVELY LITTLEOVER

Year 1 have been learning all about where we live in Derby. On Monday 14th February, they visited the Methodist Church in Littleover to find out about some of the things in the church that are important to Christian people. They also saw some of the buildings which are used by the local community and did a traffic survey! Year 1 drew pictures of what they saw in the Church and maps of our local area.

"We learnt that a font is where you put a cross on a baby's head to bless them," Laith and Sam, 1R

"I like the part at the roundabout when we could see Derby High School," Olivia, 1W

"I liked hearing the music in the church," Arlo, 1W



FEEL THE FORCE



Year 3 have been learning about magnets, forces and friction. They have been investigating the strength of magnets to see how many paper clips a magnet can hold. Year 3 learnt that friction is a force when two surfaces rub together. This is important so things can slow down, we don't

slip over and it helps us stand up! Year 3 have also learnt a lot about Carsington Water which is a reservoir in Derbyshire. They have been finding out about all the activities you can do there, such as sailing, walking and biking. Year 3 have been designing a new swing for the playground!



"We love doing science experiments in our class. When I grow up, I want to be a scientist!" Anaya, 3S



RAGING RIVERS

Year 4 have been learning about main rivers of the world and wrote the story of the raindrop to show the journey of the water cycle.

They learnt that there are three main parts; the upper course which begins at the source in the mountains or hills, the middle course, and the lower course which ends at the mouth of a river. Our local rivers of Derbyshire are called the River Derwent and the Trent.



"I learnt a lot from writing the journey of the raindrop. I got two raffle tickets and a Golden Book certificate for using the correct words!" Sophia, 4P

ROCK STEADY!



Rock Steady Music School came to Wren Park and hosted a brilliant assembly! They returned on Monday 14th February to do some workshops with us. Everyone had an amazing time having a go at playing in a band. They played the drums, electric guitar, keyboard or even sang vocals. Everyone loved the assembly and the workshops were amazing!

Mrs Glynn, our Music Lead said, "Rock Steady were awesome, very professional and inclusive of all our children."

"We can learn about more music from Rock Steady." Freddie, 3S



MEXICOCOA

This term, Year 6 have been learning about the Ancient Aztecs in the topic 'Mexicocoa'. So far they have enjoyed lots of activities including locating Mexico on a map, Aztec housing and living, Gods and food tasting!

In English Year 6 learnt about the Journey of cocoa from a bean to a bar. Using the class text 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', they wrote descriptions of the chocolate room and newspaper reports about the 5 golden ticket winners.



"We enjoyed our Mexican Food tasting day over all the other activities as we tried some very delectable snacks including corn tortilla wraps (the main produce of Mexico), jalapenos, nachos, Mexican rice, and a variety of dips," Elliot and Ella, 6H

LONDON CALLING



LONDON

Year 5 have really enjoyed their topic 'London Calling' so far this term. Year 5 have explored the story of Paddington and have really enjoyed writing a scene description

about Paddington Station. They made a fact file to learn about the history of the Tower of London, including the theft of the Crown Jewels! Year 5 are really looking forward to their trip to London in April when they will get to see all the famous landmarks they've been learning about!

Darcey, Year 5 commented, "It was fun learning about London because we learnt about the Tower of London."





SUPER SPORTS

This half term we have continued to enjoy our Soccer Stars sessions, Premier Sports and clubs after school including Football led by Mr Finnan. After half term we will have a new Netball club starting, led by Miss Pitt and Mrs Graham.

"I'm not sure how to play netball but I can't wait to learn,"
Ganeve, 6G

"We're looking forward to competing in the league!"



Callum, 6G



5H have enjoyed swimming this half term as part of their PE lessons. They have improved their confidence in the water, practiced their swimming strokes including front crawl, back crawl and breast stroke. Next half term, it will be 5S's turn. We hope they're looking forward to it!

"I liked swimming down to collect the toys from the bottom of the pool," Tatiana, 5H

SPORTS WORDSEARCH

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Did you find all the sports? Check by ticking the pictures above!

VALENTINE'S PUZZLE

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We are looking forward to....

- R—I'll Huff and I'll Puff!
- Y1—Fantastic Me
- Y2—Spring Has Sprung
- Y3—Ooh La La!
- Y4—Mighty Mountains, Violent Volcanoes
- Y5—You're In Europe (trip to London 26-28th April)
- Y6—Mexicocoa (trip to Cadbury's World 18th March)
- Pancake Day—1st March
- Break up for Easter—8th April

