

THE WREN



First Edition

Your school's favourite newspaper

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THE WREN HAS RISEN

Welcome to the first edition of our new school newspaper, *The Wren*. Our team of reporters are very excited to share all that's going on in our school. It has been a great half term full of terrific topics, super school trips and fabulous fun! *The Wren* promises to keep you up to



date with all the latest events and inform you of all the new things to learn and look forward to. We hope you enjoy it!

3G – Naomi and Lexi

3S – Freddie and Anaya

4P – Sophia and Kreshish

4BP – Freddie and Florence

5S – Darcey and Dan

5G – Ava T and Lorenna

6H – Ella and Elliot

6G – Lois, Jessica and Olivia

ACCELERATED READER

This term we have started our new reading program in Key Stage 2 called Accelerated Reader. Children take a Star Reader quiz which matches their reading ability with suitable books. Pupils have enjoyed going to the library to select a book and then take a quiz when they have finished. There are many incentives to read, such as winning the class trophy each week and getting golden tickets with the chance to win the grand prize draw!

The class with the most quizzes passed is 3G who have completed 304 quizzes this term! Congratulations to Jay in 6H who has read a 925,315 words—the most words read this term!

"The most important part about reading a book is enjoying the story, not doing the quizzes. But they are there to test how much you understand what you've read."

Mr Bull



FESTIVE FUN!



The Christmas Fair



On Thursday 9th and Friday 10th December, we hosted our Christmas Fair and the Reindeer Rammie Race! All children enjoyed taking part in activities such as Pin the Nose on the Reindeer, Rabbit Race, Feed Santa, 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 mood!

NATIVITY



Our outdoor shelter was transformed this half term into a beautiful nativity scene. Children visited with their class to celebrate the wonderful story of the birth of Jesus.



On Monday 20th December, Reception children also performed their retelling of the Nativity. It was a brilliant play with everyone singing the songs such as Little Donkey, Bumping Up and Down on a Camel and We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

Take the Great Christmas Quiz

SPARKLE & SHINE

This term, Reception children have been learning all about festivals such as Bonfire Night and Diwali and why we celebrate them. They learnt about Christmas traditions around the world and enjoyed lots of crafts, music, dances and songs in preparation for their Nativity performance on Monday 20th December.

On December 8th, Reception children enjoyed a festive day visiting the 'North Pole' at the Adventure Farm. They went on a tractor, met some elves, met a snowman and polar bear and received a gift from Santa himself!



"My favourite thing at the farm was the snowman!"
Kushi, Reception

"I liked seeing Santa because he gave us presents and he gave me an LOL toy." Millie, Reception



SINGING IN THE RAIN

Year 1 have been learning all about weather. They learnt about our country's four seasons and the changes that happen to our environment. Children made a weather chart to record the weather every day and in Science they made a rain gauge to measure the amount of rainfall we get in Derby! They especially enjoyed finding out facts about the French Artist, Pierre-Auguste Renoir and creating their own pieces of Artwork in the style of his painting 'The Umbrellas'. The children told us that they used shades of blue because this is the colour of rain.

"My favourite seasons are Winter, because I like snow, and Summer because I love icecream!" Sufiyan, Y1

"I liked the science work the most and making the weather charts" Gurveena, Y1

THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

Year 2 have been learning about the devastating disaster known as the Great Fire of London. They have been doing lots of exciting tasks for this topic that include writing a diary from Samuel Peeps, doing a dance in P.E and making straw roof houses in art. They most enjoyed baking bread from an old recipe of British Baker, Thomas Farriner. It was his bakery which first set on fire on Pudding Lane!

"I liked the dance—some of us were the water pump and some of us were the fire" Max, Y2

"I enjoyed making the bread and kneading it—it felt gooey!" Eliza, Y2

WORLD WAR II

Year 3 have been learning all about World War II this term. They know that children had to be evacuated from the cities and this meant that they went to live in the countryside with other families where it was safer for them. Men had to fight in the war and women worked in factories or as Land Women.

Year 3 celebrated the end of their topic with a World War II day. Everyone enjoyed making flags, spitfires and even practiced an air raid! They found out that VE Day means Victory in Europe. Their favourite part was using our ration books to go and buy items from shops. Finally, they performed a play called 'War at Christmas' and sang lots of songs.



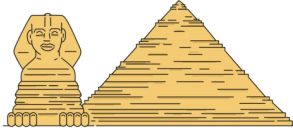
"The World War II day was so much fun!" Naomi, Y3

"I was quite nervous at the start, but when I started singing Vera Lynn's song on the stage I quite enjoyed it!" Lexi, Y3



AMAZING EGYPTIANS

Year 4 have been learning about the amazing Egyptians and as a class the year 4's love the wonderful topic about the Egyptians. We discovered that the pyramids were built from large blocks of sandstone and they were tombs for the very higher class citizens such as the young pharaoh, Tutankhamun .



All the children in year 4 learnt songs and even a rap about the Ancient Egyptians, which we performed for the school.

Turn to the back page to solve the riddle and crack the ancient code!

GROOVY GREEKS

Year 5 have really enjoyed their topic 'Groovy Greeks'. Our favourite magical myth was Theseus and the Minotaur but our least fav was Icarus' Wings. 5G have also loved making Greek vases using paper mache and 5S made Trojan horses. In computing, we had a lot of fun building a Lego WeDo moon rover robots then programming it to move. It was amazing!

Ava in 5G said "My favourite topic is Groovy Greeks because you get to do fun art for it."

Lorenna in 5G said, "My favorite topic is Groovy Greeks because I love learning about it."

WILDLIFE WATCH

This term we have seen a lot of changes happening to our environment. The leaves have changed colour and have fallen to the ground and the squirrels have been busy collecting their nuts ready to hibernate over winter. We have found lots of nests in the trees around our school grounds. Here is a photograph of some resident birds. We can hear them singing from our classrooms!



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 enjoyed hosting the Trial of Guy Fawkes and debating in the courtroom with a judge, jury, defense and prosecution.

On Friday 17th 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.



Our favourite costumes of the day

THE DUNK-OFF!

On Friday 3rd December, all the children of Wren Park helped to solve the Great Biscuit Dunking Debate. We learnt about fair testing to help us investigate which biscuit is the best for dunking in your tea. And the winner is...THE RICH TEA BISCUIT! Well done to everyone who took part.



"We predicted the ginger nut would be the best because it is a thick biscuit and quite dense. We were surprised by the results!" Holly, 6H





SUPER SPORTS

In our outdoor PE sessions we have enjoyed Soccerstars with Reece and Premier Sports with Silas. We have been learning about different ball skills in games, such as football, handball and dodgeball. We begin each session with warm-up games which is really important to stretch muscles and increase our heart rate ready for exercise. We also learn the discipline of following rules, good sportsmanship, fair play and communication.

Year 6 have also been swimming this term. They have been refining their skills in front crawl, back crawl and breast stroke, whilst others have been increasing their confidence in the water. We hope Year 5 are looking forward to their turn in the New Year!



COOL CLUBS

Our school has been introduced to a lot of new clubs this term. These include Multisports (run by Mr. Finnan), Football (run by Reece) and of course, Reporter club (run by Mrs Harvey)

We also have some old favourites back too, like Sing Squad (run by Mrs Glynn), Eco Council (run by Mrs Whitt) and School Council (run also by Mrs Whitt)

On Monday 20th December, Sing Squad went to Littleover Methodist Church to perform the songs they have been learning, such as Rocking Around the Christmas the Christmas Tree, Jingle Bells and White Christmas.

“Football club is very tiring but lots of fun.” Tabitha, 6H

“I would give Multisports a 10 out of 10” Blake, 6H

CHRISTMAS QUIZ



1. Which day is Christmas celebrated?
2. What did Mary travel on to get to Bethlehem?
3. What did the Three Wise Men follow?
4. What is Advent?
5. What was the name of the angel who visited Mary in the Christmas story?
6. Where was Jesus born?
7. How many gifts did the Wise Men give to Jesus?
8. What is the true meaning of Christmas for Christians?



See bottom of the page for answers!

CRACK THE CODE

Can you answer these Egyptian jokes? Use this link!

<https://www.historyforkids.net/ancient-egyptian-alphabet.html>

What did the Pharaoh say when he had a nightmare?



What kind of music do mummies like?



Topics we are looking forward to....

- R—Bears, Bears Everywhere!
- Y1—Delightful Derby, Lovely Littleover
- Y2—Super Heroes & Wonder Women
- Y3—Feel the Force
- Y4—Raging Rivers
- Y5—London Calling
- Y6—Mexicocoa



1. 25th December
 2. A donkey
 3. A star
 4. When Christians get ready for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.
 5. Angel Gabriel
 6. Bethlehem
 7. Three
 8. celebrates the birth of the son of God, Jesus Christ

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