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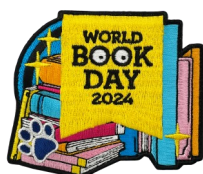


Your school's favourite newspaper An Easter **EGG**Stravaganza! March 2024

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

On Thursday 7th March it was World Book Day. Everyone took part in short activities and the BBC live lesson in their classrooms to develop children's love of reading. All children also received a £1 book token to spend up until March 31st.



Did you know? The first World Book Day in the UK and Ireland took place in 1997, making this year the 25th anniversary!

POET FROM THE PEAKS



To celebrate World Poetry Day Thursday 21st March, we had a visit from Andy Tooze, the 'Poet from the Peaks'. We began the day with an assembly to get everyone excited! Each class had their turn to take part in speaking, listening, reading, writing and drama activities with Andy and he gave us handy tips on how to write our own poems, which we did back in class.

There was a competition to see who could write a poem about the world around us. It could be a rhyming poem, a nonsense poem, acrostic or even a Haiku. Congratulations to our winners and runners up!

"I absolutely loved the poems for World Poetry Day, especially Theo's!" Desandu, 4G

"The poet was very inspiring!" Fia, 6LH

SPRING CELEBRATIONS

This month some very important religious moments will be celebrated around the world.

In Christianity, the end of **Lent** is celebrated with **Holy Easter** to remind all Christians of God's sacrifice of His son, Jesus. This month also marks Holy month of **Ramadan** in Islam. During Ramadan, there will be fasting, silence and prayers to bring people closer to their God, followed by the festival of **Eid** to mark the end of this time. **Vaisakhi**, a major Sikh festival, marks the birth of the Khalsa when Sikh's got their identity: their turban, the 5K's and their Gudwara. **Holi**, a Hindu festival, is usually celebrated in February or March (according to the lunar calendar). It is celebrated as the Festival of Colours, Love, and Spring.

All of our religions have love and happiness at the heart of their celebrations. Whatever your faith or belief, we wish all our families of Wren Park a joyful holiday!

COMIC RELIEF 2024

On Friday 15th March, everyone was invited to wear their own clothes and take part in crazy hair day! We shared some activities in our classes took part in the Maths Metre Challenge to see in metres how long a line we can make using spare silver coins. Each class was invited to the hall throughout the day to add to the line using their coins. Thank you for your support and generous donations, and to our brilliant PTA who hosted a cake sale. We hope you had a fun-filled day raising a fantastic profit of £856.53 for Comic Relief.

Well done everyone, what an amazing effort!

"I like it when we have a fun time and all the activities," Allen, 1R

"I like wearing our red noses, the crazy hair and raising money," Rai, 1B

DINOSAURS

Up in the Wren's Nest this term, Reception children have been learning about Dinosaurs. They read a book called 'Fossil Girl' about Mary Anning who collected fossils and found the first Ichthyosaur skeleton in Lyme Regis when she was 12 years old.



Mrs Melia brought in a fossil that Mr Meila found in the garden and they discovered it was an ammonite like Mary Anning used to collect!

MUDDY BOOTS

Year 1 have had a lovely half term looking for signs of Spring! They have planted sunflower seeds and found out about the parts of plants.

In Geography Year 1 have been learning about Wales and Northern Ireland.

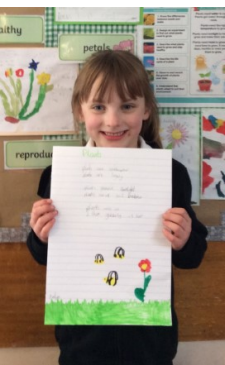
In History, the children have been very interested in learning about the past, especially Queen Victoria, and what poor children had to do.

"I liked growing the plants!" Jayden 1B

"I loved learning about Northern Ireland," Jude 1B

PLANT LIFE

This term year 2 have learnt LOTS about plants. Charlotte in 2C told us all about the life cycle of a plant: first you get the seed and put it into soil. Then you put water on it. Make sure to put it in some sunlight. Then you will see a shoot growing above the soil and finally into a full plant and flower.



Year 2 did an investigation testing different conditions, which unfortunately didn't go according to plan! They concluded that it was because the compost was old! They learnt about seed dispersal. Did you know, birds eat fruit and then 'poop' out the seeds. They were inspired to write Spring poems and Evelyn (2T) was the winner in KS1 with her poem about plants!

Everyone had a great day, learned lots about our local History and made some wonderful memories.

STONE AGE TO IRON AGE

Year 3 have been learning about Stone Age to Iron Age. On Wednesday 6th March, they visited Creswell Crags—home to many interesting cave dwellers from the Stone Age. The children found out what it was like to be a paleontologist, learned important survival skills and explored inside a real Stone Age cave!



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MOTHER'S (& OTHER'S) DAY

This year, Mother's Day was celebrated on 10th March. Lots of classes enjoyed making cards and thinking about all the ways we could spoil our mums (and other important ladies) in our lives. Our PTA also held a bake sale which raised £431.47.

"I made a Mothers' Day card. I made a gift and surprised my mum with breakfast in bed!" Liam, 2T

"I liked everything! Especially learning about flint and the woolly mammoth." Ren, 3R



EXTREME EARTH!

Year 4 have enjoyed lots of Geography this term learning about mountains and volcanoes! Different mountains are formed in different ways such as: a Fold mountain, Plateau mountain, Volcanic, Dome and Fault-Block mountain. Year 4 learnt that the 'Ring of Fire' is a chain of volcanoes that surrounds the Pacific ocean and 75% of this is volcanic. Some volcanoes children know are Mount Etna (in Sicily) and Mount Vesuvius in Pompeii. Vesuvius famously erupted on 26th August 79AD and deadly ash covered the entire city. Today, it is a historic site and tourist attraction.

Volcano artwork,
by Henri, 4G



MEXICOCOCOA

This term Year 6 have been learning about Mexico. Mexico is very different now to how it was when the Ancient Mayans existed. Year 6 have researched physical and human features, population, weather and climate, places of beauty and living things. Finally, they finished the topic with a 'Dias de los Muertos' celebration, learning all about Mexican festivals and customs. Everyone enjoyed dressing up, food tastings, art and crafts and playing the chocolate Fair Trade game. In English they have written their own portal story about the 'Day of the Dead' and poetry about Fair Trade.

What a busy Year 6 team!



SMASHING SAXONS

This term, Year 5 have been learning about Anglo Saxons. On Thursday March 14th, 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, fact finding, drawing maps of Anglo Saxon settlements and solving Saxon riddles.

For Poetry Day, Year 5 read 'People Equal' by James Berry and 'The British Poem' by Benjamin Zephaniah. Both poems taught them that we are all equal even though we have different religions, cultures and beliefs. Our differences should be celebrated—something that Year 5 believe we do very well here at Wren Park!

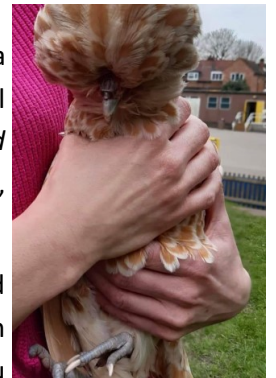


CHICKEN RUN!

On Tuesday 26th March, we had a surprising visitor to Wren Park...from a chicken! Affectionately named 'Gloria' by Wren Park staff, our feathered friend was found roaming happily on our school field. The children thought it was all very EGG-citing! Of course, we took her 'under our wing'.

There was no 'fowl' play, Gloria had simply escaped from her local home on Jackson Avenue. *Why did the chicken cross the road?* Well, we're not quite sure!

Mrs Mozley (Business Manager and resident mother hen) took it upon herself to rescue Gloria. Thank you for all your messages of support to eventually get Gloria reunited with her owners. Great team work Wren Park!



"As I approached the field, I saw the most beautiful looking bird I've ever seen. She was very interested to see what the children were doing in their PE lessons." Mr Finan





FANTASTIC FOOTBALL

Both boys and girls have been working extremely hard in football training—Mr Finan says that he is very impressed with their on-going enthusiasm and commitment shown by all. They are looking forward to the many, many games after Easter for boys and girls.

TERRIFIC TENNIS

On Monday 18th March, we were lucky enough to have a visit from a tennis coach, Indu, to Wren Park. We heard from Year 4 and 5 who enjoyed some sessions. For some children, it was the first time they had tried tennis. They did drills for practice, passing and tried different techniques. Mrs Graham said it was the best way to start a Monday morning!

Q: What time does a tennis player get up?

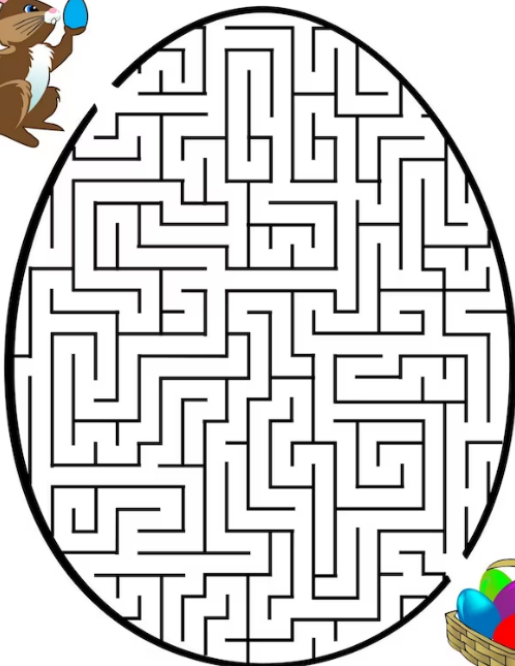
A: *Ten-ish*

Q: Do vampires play tennis in their free time?

A: *No they prefer bat-minton.*



AMAZING MAZE



EASTER JOKES



How does the Easter Bunny travel?

On a hare-plane!

Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg joke?

It might crack up!



What's FREE this Spring....

◆ Stick Man Easter Activities

National Memorial Arboretum, March 25th-29th

◆ Meet Peter Rabbit

Vicaar Lane, Chesterfield. March 30th, 11am-3.30pm

◆ What If? Machine

Museum of Making, Derby. 12th April. Just drop in!

◆ LEGO® Lake District

Museum of Making, Derby. Until 14th April

◆ Easter Trail

St Peter's Wood, Hartshorne. March 30th—April 14th

◆ Electric Daisy, Derby

Derby's Community Garden, March 29th, 11am-10pm

◆ Easter Extravaganza

Buxton Pavillion Gardens, March 29th—April 1st

◆ Easter Egg Hunt

Croots Farm Shop, March 29th and 30th

◆ Easter Fun Day

Peak Village, Rowsley. March 31st, 11am-4pm

◆ Wild Flower & Seed Bomb Workshop

Peak Village, Rowsley. April 14th, 10am-3pm

