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# Wilfrid's Word

## Science Day

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On Monday 11th March, the classes in school took part in Science Day. The children were all separated into their house groups and spent the day moving around each of the classrooms to carry out a variety of different science experiments. In the Year 6 classroom, the children explored the strength of different materials to make a bridge. In Year 5, the children created colour wheels and investigated the different colours made. In the Year 4 classroom, the children learnt how electricity is conducted by different materials. They found out that metal was the main conductor. The children also had lots of fun in Year 2 where they mixed vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to make a volcano! All children had a fantastic day. They loved spending time with the children from other classes as well as taking part in the fun science experiments.

By Delilah

## Year 5 Trip



On Friday 1st March, the Year 5 children went on a school trip to the Air Raid Shelters in Stockport. The class had been learning about the Second World War and so they went on the trip to learn more information on the topic. For the trip, the children wore clothes traditionally worn by evacuees. When they got there, they learnt about how the life of evacuees was very hard. As part of this, the class listened to the siren noise in the dark. They realised how frightening it must have been to be sat waiting for their time in the shelter to come to an end. The class learnt lots of interesting facts about the war that day and learnt how hard life must have been for everybody, especially young children and their families when they were separated. All Year 5 children had a great day on their trip and came back to school with lots more information about World War II.

By Koli

## Eco Club



This half term, the Eco Team and the rest of the children in school have taken part in The Great British Spring Clean. This is a campaign that encourages people to pick up litter to help keep the country clean. The Eco Team have asked the children in school to help pick up litter in our local outdoor areas such as the parks, pathways and other green spaces. This will make these places nicer for everybody when playing, exercising and spending time outdoors. The classes in school have gone out together to pick up the litter in our local area. Well done everybody. St Wilfrid's has also had some new solar panels installed which will use the powerful energy from the sun to turn into electricity for our school. We are very proud of our Eco Team who work very hard to make so many improvements to St Wilfrid's.

By Ty E - Van

## Lent

Over the last few weeks, the children have been learning about Lent. This is a period of 40 days leading up to Easter, the most important festival in the Christian calendar. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday. The last week of Lent is called Holy Week. This year, Lent began on Wednesday 14th February and ends on Thursday 28th March. Lent is a time when Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray. Lent allows Christians to remember Jesus' fasting in the desert. Some Christians give up things they really enjoy such as cake or chocolates. This year, some children in school have attended a Lenten crafts club at lunchtime. During the club, children have made things to do with Lent such as a cross out of tissue paper. They have enjoyed spending this time together and talking about the importance of Lent.

By Delilah



## Social Club



Every Friday lunchtime, Miss Wilding hosts social club. This is a club that is new to St Wilfrid's this year. At social club, children can go along and play all different types of games together such as board games, card games and team games. When children come along to the club, they are encouraged to talk and play together to help build social skills. Some of the different games also help the children learn how to help each other and how to work well as a team. During the club, the children also have the time to talk with an adult if they have any worries that they would like to share. All children have loved attending social club and get very excited when it is their turn to go.

By Adam

## World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, the children at St Wilfrid's celebrated World Book Day in school. Everybody was able to come into school dressed up as their favourite character from a book and we had some fantastic costumes in all classes. To start the day, the children in Year 6 performed a play in the hall. It was a story about Goldilocks and it had a twist in it that everybody enjoyed. The children from the other classes loved the play and found it very funny. Once back in class, everybody read the story and then completed some work about the story. Some of the best were chosen for display in school. There was also a Golden Ticket in each class that was placed underneath a chair. The child who found the ticket in each class won a special prize. The day after, we had a special Reading Café in each class. As part of this, the older children came to read with the younger children in school. Everybody loved taking part in this and especially liked the biscuit treat which they enjoyed when they were reading their books.



By Ty E - Van



## Debate Mate

St Wilfrid's Debate Mate team is made up of children from Year 5 and Year 6. In Debate Mate, the children are given a topic to discuss and they have been taught how to structure an argument related to the topic. The debating team have learnt how to argue points for and against the topic and they have even practised these skills by carrying out debates against each other. Debate Mate has greatly helped build each child's confidence when speaking and allows them to speak clearly in front of others. On Monday 25th March, all of the debating team went to Manchester University to take part in a competition. All children worked hard to use all of their debating skills and they won the competition and won the cup! Well done to the children who took part and keep up the hard work. Everybody at St Wilfrid's is very proud of you!



By Wehad

## Meerkats visit school

On Tuesday 19th March, the Nursery and Year 1 children took part in a fantastic Meerkat workshop. The classes met a beautiful meerkat along with a selection of other animals including a snake, a skunk, a chameleon and a hedgehog. The children were lucky enough to spend time with the animals and were even able to hold some of them as they were very friendly. The classes also learnt lots of interesting facts about meerkats. For example, they learnt that meerkats live in the deserts of South Africa and that they only eat insects. The children also learnt that meerkats burrow down in the ground to make tunnels for their homes. The classes loved meeting the animals and continued with their learning about these animals in class. Year 1 have also read the book Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett which they really enjoyed.



## Easter Celebrations

By Koli

This week, all children took part in some very exciting Easter celebrations in the hall. The children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 decorated an Easter bonnet to wear. The children then stood up in assembly to show their Easter bonnets to the rest of the school. The bonnets were so bright and colourful. The children in Key Stage 2 decorated an egg. They brought these into the hall and also stood up to show the rest of the school their amazing creations. Many of the eggs were made with lots of detail and must have taken a long time to make. A winner was then chosen in each class for the best Easter bonnet and Easter egg and they received a special prize. After the Easter parade, we also had an Easter egg raffle in the hall. Many children bought tickets in the hope of winning a chocolate egg. We hope this Easter tradition continues for many years at St Wilfrids as the children all loved taking part and had lots of fun.



By Wehad



# Fun Page



## Easter Word Search



basket bonnet bunny chicks

easter egg flower spring



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## Easter Egg Hunt

How many Easter eggs can you find?



## Joke Corner

**Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke?**

It might crack up!

**What did the rabbit say to the carrot?**

It's been nice gnawing you!!

**How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?**

Eggs-ercise and hare-robics!

If you have any interesting news you would like to see in the next issue come and see Mrs Savage



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