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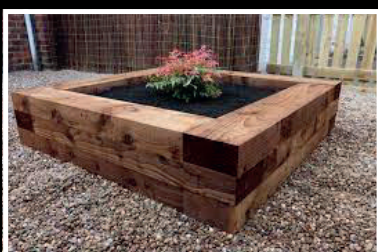
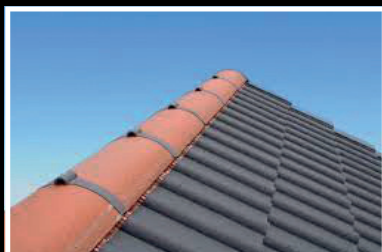
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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the April/May, issue of the Darlaston & Wednesbury Life magazine.

The theme for this issue is giving (no, I don't want any money from you!). Actually, it was my birthday on 24th March, but no, seriously, a belated card will do.

When I say giving, I mean doing things for nothing. People much older than me – sorry Mom and Dad! – talk about when we had a proper community, when people helped each other without wanting something in return.

To be fair, I know that still happens, but almost certainly not to the degree that it used to.

I very much appreciate that it's tough out there for many people, with the cost of living etc. but there are a lot of people who have time on their hands and could contribute more to society.

When people think of volunteering, they probably think of working in a charity shop. That's a start and I know a few of them need people to help out, but there's so many more things you can do. Ring your local school and ask if they need any governors or visit the local community centre to see what help they need. Or Google 'Volunteering in Walsall/Sandwell'. It might just give you a new lease of life.

In the last magazine, I mentioned my new healthy regime and promised an update. Well, I managed to go 42 days without an alcoholic drink after New Year's Eve and since then, I've kept to having a few drinks on a weekend and have been a regular visitor to the gym and even managed to reduce my cheese addiction, so, all in all, I think I'm on track for a David Hasselhoff body for the summer – we'll see...

To finish this column and to stick with the theme of giving, I want to pay a small tribute to the Black Country Poet Laureate, Trevor Johnson, who sadly passed away just before we went to print (Trevor never missed a deadline!), not only gave immense pleasure to people through his poems, but also gave money to worthy causes from sales of his book of poems, which I had the pleasure of helping him get into print. It was a pleasure and an honour to have known Trevor and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. RIP pal x

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The next issue will cover June and July (hopefully, we'll have a good summer!) and will be out on 4th June so if you want to be in it, please contact me by 17th May.

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Darlaston Town FC are looking for their Oldest Former Player to be their VIP Guest at Historic Event

This year sees Midland Football League Premier Division Darlaston Town celebrate their 150th Anniversary.

Originally formed in 1874 the club has played in the Walsall Junior league, Birmingham Junior League, Birmingham Combination, Birmingham League, West Midlands (Regional) League and most recently the Midland Football League. The club celebrates 150 years this year and are looking to find their oldest former player to attend their celebratory Dinner Dance as their VIP Guest.

As part of the club's celebrations, they will be holding a celebratory Dinner and Dance at The Pavilion (formerly Goodyears), Stafford Road Wolverhampton on Friday 7 June 2024 starting at 7.00pm.

Tickets for the Dinner Dance which includes a 3 course meal, a top tribute act and disco are now on sale at £35pp. The club is hopeful that many former players, officials, volunteers and supporters will be part of this historic event. Anyone wishing to purchase tickets or know more about the event should contact organiser Peter Davies on 07847 829921.

It is expected to be the largest and most important off field event the club has organised in more than 70 years. The club is looking to get in touch with anyone who has any historical connection with the club either as a volunteer, club official, player or manager. Ahead of the event the club is looking to find the oldest former player to play for the club to be a VIP at the event. Club Chairman Neil Chambers said, "Over our 150 year history, thousands of players have represented the club and we are looking for a needle in a haystack by appealing to find the oldest former player to be our VIP Guest together with a family member/companion."

It is hard to say in which era the oldest living player will have played for us, but it is likely that they played for the club in the late 1950s, 1960s or 1970s and will currently be in their late 80s or 90s. With that in mind they were likely managed by one of the following managers, Freddy Humpage, Guy Wharton (former Wolves and Portsmouth player), Jimmy Southam, Billy Harrison, Charlie Onions, Ken Betteridge, Billy Gutteridge (former Walsall player) Pat Foley, Alan Hawkes, Geoff Barnsley, Granville Palin (former Walsall player), Bill Pope, Terry Wharton (former Wolves player) or Mick Babb.

We are particularly appealing to the children, grandchildren and family members who knew that their dad, grandad or uncle played for the club and in recounting stories of their playing days may have mentioned who they played with and which manager they played for.

We are extremely hopeful that we will get a great response to our appeal to find the oldest player as well as for former players, officials, volunteers and supporters who may wish to attend this historic event. It would be wonderful to see as many former players, supporters and officials as possible to re-tell old stories and talk about the good old days". Anyone with any information or interested in purchasing tickets should speak to organiser Peter Davies on 07847 829921 or Chairman Neil Chambers on 07976 752698.



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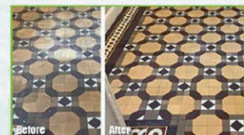
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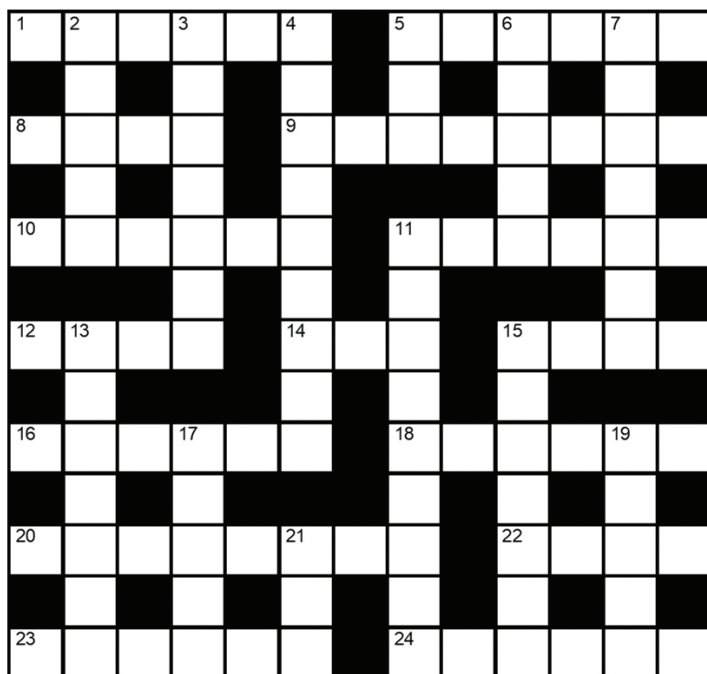
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Across

- 1 Material used to make tents (6)
- 5 Skimpy knickers! (6)
- 8 Earth, compost (4)
- 9 Green vegetable (8)
- 10 Bendy fruit (6)
- 11 Hard yellowish tooth deposit (6)
- 12 Area, region (4)
- 14 Frozen water (3)
- 15 Nip, chomp (4)
- 16 Expression, brief utterance (6)
- 18 Lightweight waterproof jacket (6)
- 20 Sticky insect trap (8)
- 22 Barrage, bombardment (4)
- 23 Undercover, secret (6)
- 24 Brine (6)

Down

- 2 Odour, scent (5)
- 3 Group of houses, rural community (7)
- 4 The Beatles sang about a yellow one! (9)
- 5 As well, also (3)
- 6 Coveted film award (5)
- 7 Dashing, debonair (7)
- 11 Dictionary of synonyms and antonyms (9)
- 13 Shakespearean play (7)
- 15 House of ill repute! (7)
- 17 Bramley, Granny Smith, Cox (5)
- 19 Extra-terrestrial (5)
- 21 Container, vessel (3)




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Following last year's release of their chart-topping album *This Life*, Take That are ready to return to the stage with a show that promises to enthral. Naturally, their chief songwriter, Gary Barlow, couldn't be more excited.

In June 2023 the iconic pop group Take That announced a grand return to the stage with *This Life On Tour* – a spectacular 29-date journey across 15 cities, marking their first major outing since their hiatus between 2019 and 2023.

All is set to begin in April with three opening nights in Sheffield and symbolises something of a renaissance for the band. Gary Barlow, the band's esteemed songwriter of 13 UK number one singles, shared his enthusiasm.

"There's an electric feeling about going back on tour, especially after such a relatively long break. *This Life On Tour* isn't just about performing our new songs; it's a celebration of our journey, our fans and the music that has been part of so many lives," he said.

The tour is named after their current and ninth studio album *This Life* and to celebrate a fourth decade of music since they first appeared on the scene with 1991 debut single *Do What U Like*.

Featuring the lead single *Windows*, the album showcases a matured sound

reflecting the band's evolution over the years. Barlow describes it as being "filled with our experiences, hopes and memories. It's deeply personal yet universal. We've poured every bit of ourselves into this album."

The tour will not only cover major cities like Leeds, Dublin, London, Glasgow, Manchester and Birmingham but also includes several other UK landmarks, such as Plymouth, Swansea and Nottingham.

After the final UK date in Bristol on Saturday June 8th, the boys will move on to a series of shows in key European cities, including Berlin, Rome and Madrid.



Reflecting on the band's journey and the excitement of touring again, the 53-year-old enthuses: "Every time we step on stage, it's a new adventure. The thrill of performing live, the energy from the crowd – it's irreplaceable. This tour, with our new music, feels like we're starting a fresh chapter and we can't wait to share it with everyone."

Known for their dynamic live performances and a string of hits dating back to the 1990s, they are expected to deliver a mix of new tracks from *This Life* along with their classic hits, offering a full spectrum of their musical journey.

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At a recent meeting, President Tony Wigman, was delighted to induct and welcome as new Rotarians, his son Anthony, and husband and wife Steve and Kate Evans – Kate being the daughter of our long-serving, and much esteemed Past President, John Stockall.

Importantly, for Rotary in Wednesbury to be able to continue to carry on doing what is so much appreciated by all in the Town, it is hoped more younger people, the likes of our three new recruits with all the enthusiasm and desire to serve that they will bring, will wish to emulate them and add to our numbers.

Looking ahead, preparations for the annual Wednesbury Carnival are now fully in progress and it promises once again to be a happy and successful day out for all.

The Carnival will be held on Saturday 13th July 2024, in Brunswick Park, Admission Free, and already bookings are being taken to participate on the day.

The Arena programme will see the return of the much acclaimed and highly talented Bhangra performers and will, of course, also include contributions from various local groups.

Held in conjunction with Carnival is the Grand Raffle, the proceeds of which are a major contributor to the significant costs of putting on the event.

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Mike Warner

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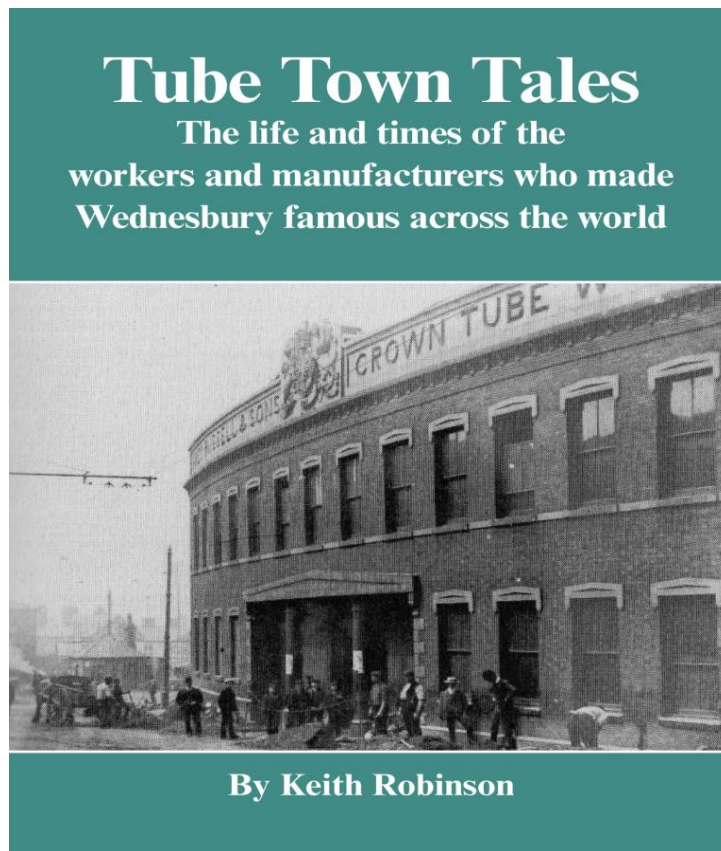


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So the story begins..... back in February 2022 she contacted Ian 'Mac' McDermott, Chair of the Friends of Brunswick Park, to enquire if it would be possible to start a Parkrun?

So after a struggle to match diaries a meeting was held at the Sons of Rest, one snowy afternoon in March 2022, the plan was put together by Deb, Suzy Street-Hall, Mac and Jill.



After a long drawn-out process which included setting out the course, obtaining funding (with help from SCVO), discussions with Sandwell MBC and finding somewhere to store the equipment (thank you Colin James from the Sons of Rest).

We were finally in a position to have a meeting with other like-minded Park Runners and things

started get real. There was a test run on Sunday 7th January 2024 and the inaugural run was Saturday 13th January and an amazing 200+ runners in attendance. Please be aware that its not just for runners a Parkwalk also takes place same time and same day which is every Saturday at 9.00 am.



We the had the problem during February with the never-ending rainfall and the start point becoming a bog, therefore, plan B was put in place, so we now have an alternative route when the weather dominates.

We also have to remember the whole thing wouldn't take place without the volunteers who turn up in all weathers.

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Dudmaston Estate, near Bridgnorth



Dudmaston comes to life in spring as blossom adorns the fruit trees in the orchard while spring flowers create a changing rainbow of colour in the Dingle. Spring is a time to enjoy the garden and to explore nature at Comer Woods.

Join a wellbeing walk through the trees or take part in the Trust 10, a 10k run through the woods. Dudmaston Hall and Galleries have recently reopened, offering a journey through some of the most iconic works of the British Modern Art Movement.

Kinver Edge and the Rock Houses, near Stourbridge

Kinver Edge and the Rock Houses are beautiful to visit in the spring. The cottage garden comes to life and an array of daffodils and snowdrops takes over. The informal garden boasts beautiful apple blossom on the dwarf apple trees in the orchard and the vegetable garden starts flowering.

The unique Holy Austin Rock Houses, carved into the sandstone ridge, are restored and offer a glimpse into the lives of the former cave dwellers.



Hanbury Hall, near Droitwich Spa

From beds of colourful tulips to buds of delicate blossom, Hanbury's gardens are finally waking up. This year, the Ribbon Border is back in the Parterre.

The explosions of stunning, bright colour are carefully planned with thousands of bulbs planted in autumn ready for the following spring. With a colourful array of tulips, daffodils and hyacinths the Parterre is sure to be filled with impressive colour and scent.

Moseley Old Hall, near Wolverhampton

Whether you wander amongst the bluebells or

race through the trees to the top of the treehouse, spring at Moseley Old Hall is a truly wonderful time. Nestled outside of Wolverhampton, Moseley is a natural sanctuary for both people and nature, offering space for all to relax, unwind and connect to the outdoors.



Shugborough Estate, near Stafford

Shugborough Estate comes alive in spring, with beautiful bulbs and blossom, a kaleidoscope of colour, there's plenty to see as the gardens wake up for the new year.

Wander through the arboretum and along the river to see a dazzling display of daffodils, or head to the walled garden where you will see preparations for a productive year.

The Mansion has reopened offering visitors the chance to discover the story of the Anson families travels around the globe. Down on the farm you can meet new arrivals including Tamworth Pigs, and newborn South Down Lambs.



News in Brief

Darlaston Local History Society

We meet at Slater Street Methodist Church Hall, Darlaston, WS10 8EE on Thursdays at 7.00pm

Forthcoming events;

21st March Ron Poppo - history of the Magic kind

23rd May - Ian Bott-treasures beneath our feet

On Thursday 25th April we have a slide and film show at Darlaston Town Hall.

Doors open at 6.00pm and the show is at 7.00pm.

The admission is £1 per person. Lots of photos on display.

The bar will be open and refreshments available.

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Wednesbury Inner Wheel

Wednesbury Inner Wheel club meet once a month.

The ladies only group have fun, develop friendships and do some fundraising in the process. We help charities both locally and internationally.

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like-minded why don't you come along, have some fun and see everyone in action.

For more information and details contact :- wednesburyinnerwheel@gmail.com

KXNKSHXME Release Their Debut Single



Local band KXNKSHXME (pronounced Kink Shame) have just released their debut single Baby Blue.

Band founder, Jack Simpson says, "I got into music by listening to songs I heard as a child, and quickly built a massive urge to play guitar shortly after in 2021.

We played our first gig in December 2022 at the Newhampton Arts centre in Wolverhampton, where we have now played multiple times and even headlined.

Since then, through various promoters and our own bookings, we have played at the Sunflower lounge, Muthers studio, The Victoria, Tilt (all in Birmingham) and also in West park last summer for a community event. This year we hope to play more shows in Wolverhampton and Bilston, and also play at some festivals in the summer.

We're mainly influenced by 70s blues rock, but our originals also have a modern rock influence, as shown by our debut single 'Baby Blue' which released on 1st March. We're finally playing in Bilston at the Ale House, and hope to play around here a lot more!



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Wednesday 9am

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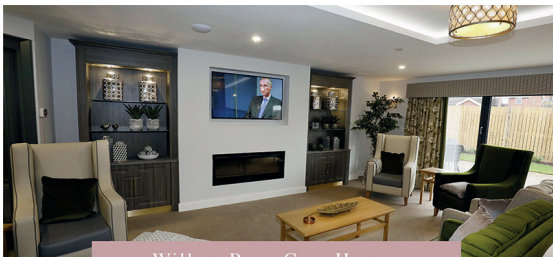
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Shelly Trotman is the Manager of Willow Rose and is a dedicated nurse with over thirty years' experience in the care sector. She has previously worked with many large healthcare companies in the UK and so she brings a wealth of knowledge to her new role.

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Shepwell's

The New Entertainment Venue for Willenhall

A new state-of-the-art entertainment venue has recently opened in Willenhall.

Shepwell Green Social Club in Willenhall has been totally refurbished and renamed Shepwell's after an investment of more than £500,000 by co-owners, Ade Harrold and Adam Hall.

The club is the realisation of a long-held dream for both men, who have other local business interests.

Ade said: "It's taken a lot of hard work and money but we are proud to have a venue which Willenhall deserves."

The Bilston Road club has a new stage, a 12ft x 8ft LED screen, VIP booths, which has an exclusive bar and is designed to create the best atmosphere for big events, whether music or sport.

They also have a pool and darts area, which is separated from the main club and they already have a pool team and would like to add another as well as darts teams and even cribbage and dominoes – pop in for a chat if you want to set one up.



Ade added: "We have changed the name to Shepwell's and our Facebook, Instagram and TikTok accounts have thousands of followers, people have really excited about the reopening. "We have got a new stage and the big screen for football and boxing events, as well as TVs all over the venue, to give it a Sports Bar feel."

Ade said: "We have permission for an extension which will include brand new kitchens, offices and changing rooms for the artists."





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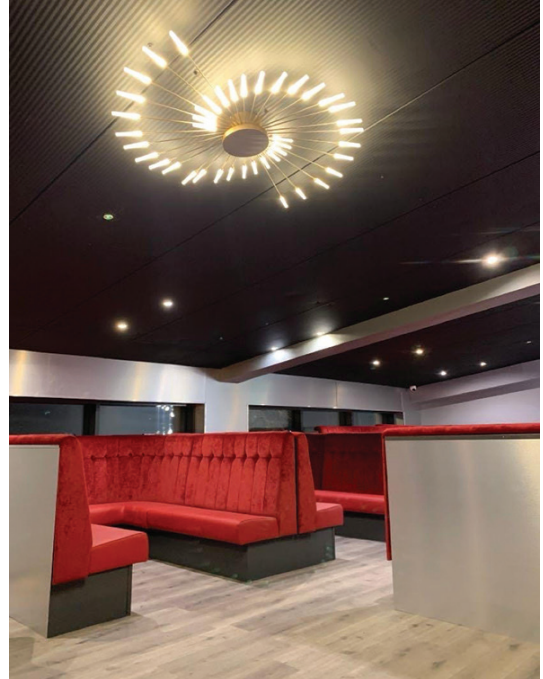
Open Sun to Thurs 12pm to 12am,
Fri & Sat 12pm to 1am.

They have tribute acts on a Friday and Saturday (see their social media to see what's coming up) and Karaoke on a Sunday.

They have done a couple of quizzes and will show live football including Champions League and Europa League. They are also planning comedy nights, open mic nights and have a ladies night coming soon.

Entry is free, but on several occasions, so far, they've had to close the doors by 9am as they have reached capacity.

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blue green yellow brown
 grey pink black white
 red purple beige orange

Now can you find all the colours in the list above inside the word grid?

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National Recognition for Wednesbury Primary School

A primary school in Friar Park has been celebrating after gaining four accreditations in recognition of teaching standards and values.

During the last year, The Priory Primary on Dorsett Road, has been awarded The Artsmark Gold Award from Arts Council England, a Primary Geography Silver Quality Mark to teacher Jennifer Credland-Ballantyne, Enhanced Quality Mark as a Values-based School and the RE Quality Mark Gold for religious education. The Priory Primary is currently rated as 'Good' by Ofsted.

Councillor Simon Hackett, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education visited the school in recognition of the awards and to thank staff for their efforts and hard work. He said: "The Priory Primary is working hard to give children the best start in life and these national awards are recognition the staff really care about providing quality education. Well done to all involved."

Headteacher at Priory Primary School, Phillip Butcher is very proud of the efforts made. He said: "Rather than resting on our laurels, it is practice here at The Priory that we proactively assess and validate the quality and impact of our curriculum through a variety of external quality assurance processes. These rigorous external evaluations serve as a testament to our dedication and validate our belief in the strength of our educational provision.

"Recent accolades and awards received underscore our relentless pursuit of excellence. The awards not only recognise the hard work and collaboration of our team but also confirm our own evaluation of our curriculum's efficacy.

"External assessors have praised our school for its "innovative and forward-thinking approach" and applauded our efforts to engage students in meaningful learning

experiences. Their feedback highlights our commitment to providing enrichment opportunities that extend beyond the traditional classroom.

"These awards serve as significant milestones, reflecting the dedication and passion of our entire educational community; including teachers, students, parents, and governors. However, we recognise that maintaining high standards requires ongoing dedication and effort.

"As we move forward, our commitment to excellence remains steadfast. We are determined to not only meet but exceed these high standards, ensuring that we continue to provide the very best education for our students. At The Priory School, we understand that standing still is not an option - only by pushing the boundaries of innovation and excellence can we truly progress."



Picture caption:

Children Front Row: Carson, Ioan-Carol, Ava, Treasure, Eli.

Back Row: Teaching staff at Priory Primary - Vijay Patel, Rosie Collins, Jennifer Credland-Ballantyne, Jessica Burgess, Phillip Butcher and Cllr Simon Hackett.

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2. Meanwhile, peel and finely chop the onions and add to the pan. Cook for 2 minutes, or until golden, then stir in the curry paste and cook for 10 minutes.
3. Tip in the tomatoes, breaking them up with a spoon, then cook for 5 minutes, until thickened.
4. Stir in the rice to toast for 1 minute or until translucent, then pour in 2 mugs of water (600ml). Give it a stir, turn over the chicken and cover with a lid. Leave to simmer for 12 minutes, or until the rice is cooked, stirring in the peas and most of the coconut milk for the final 2 minutes. When it's blipping away in the middle starting to catch at the edges, remove from the heat. Ripple through the remaining coconut milk, then divide between plates. Sprinkle over the crispy chicken skin and serve.

- 1kg chicken thighs, skin on, bone in
- 2 onions
- 2 tablespoons tikka masala curry paste
- 1 x 400g tin of plum tomatoes
- 1 mug of basmati rice (300g)
- 500g frozen peas
- 1 x 400g tin of light coconut milk



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