

THE SECRET GARDEN

Writing week



On Monday, we had all expected nothing but an average day, not a day full of secrecy and magic. The hours passed by and the hands on the clock ticked as we patiently waited our turn. We sat in the hall with our minds full of wonder and curiosity. The show started and we were all excited to watch the story come to life. 'I loved the flowers, the swing and all the amazing scenery' Elinor Y4.

We have had the most exciting opportunity, we were able to watch a play based on 'The Secret Garden'. There were 14 different characters and only 4 actors! They all had lots of distinct roles and had to change character throughout the show. The actress who played Mrs Medlock and Martha had to change her costume and the way she spoke throughout for both characters. It was a wonderful show full of action and fun.



The production was amazing and all the characters were played so differently. There were numerous twists and turns in the story as well as plenty of little details that made it more exciting for the audience. The sets were designed so cleverly and the door even glowed when Mary put the key in the lock.



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Behind the scenes

Year 5 and Year 6 then had the opportunity to take part in a workshop. We were able to see behind the scenes, where the actors showed us how they changed the sets mid-show. They also explained how they managed to quickly switch costumes and answered all of our questions. 'I really liked learning about how they created the show.' - Georgia, Y6.



During the workshop, they explained to us how they set up everything and that all the scenes are handpainted! We also learned how they change characters throughout and we even had a go at changing from Mrs Medlock to the butler—two very different characters!



They had a race to show us how quickly they roll up the sets and how the little robin flies around. They also let us into a secret: they didn't eat actual worms during the show, but strawberry laces instead! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and back in class, each year group has been writing in a variety of different genres about the play.



STAR REPORTERS

Meet our Thackley Star Reporters

Welcome to the very first edition of our brand-new school newspaper! Written entirely by us, the Star Reporters, this paper is your ultimate guide to all the exciting events, sports and achievements happening across the school. Keep a lookout for our team of reporters around school with their notebooks! If you have a brilliant story to tell or exciting news to share, come and find one of us.

Delta



My name is Delta and I am in 6J. My hobbies include: reading, karate and drawing. My favourite books are called 'Murder most unladylike' and my favourite films are The Hunger Games. At school I really enjoy Maths, History and Geography lessons.

Layla



My name is Layla and I am in 6J. My hobbies include: riding my bike, playing with my brother and spending time with my family. When I am older, I would like to be a nursery teacher. I have family that live in Canada so I like to travel and spend time there.

Lucy



My name is Lucy and I am in 6J. I enjoy reading and writing which is why I wanted to be part of the newspaper! My favourite book is...that's hard a question! It has to be Diary of a Wimpy Kid. My hobbies include sailing and messing about in the boats!

Nancy



My name is Nancy and I am in 6J. I enjoy taking part in lots of different sports, especially running and horse riding. I'm looking forward to be a Star Reporter as I want to help build my confidence when speaking to lots of different people.

Amelie



My name is Amelie and I am in 6J. My favourite hobby is baking. I enjoy reading The Lottie Brooks' books and when I grow up I want to work with animals. I am looking forward to being a Star Reporter to help boost my confidence when speaking to new people.

Matilda



My name is Matilda and I am in 6J. I am the clumsiest person you will ever meet! My favourite books are The Lottie Brooks' franchise. When I grow up, I want to be a teacher in reception or year 3. I enjoy acting and I have even starred in 'The Odd Squad' on BBC.

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Danya



My name is Danya and I am in 6M. I've have a passion for reading, my favourite food is carbonara and I was born in Moscow, Russia. I am overjoyed to be part of this team and I can't wait to start writing.

Annie



My name is Annie and I am in 6J. I enjoy spending time with my family, reading adventure books and my favourite subject is maths. My favourite hobby is horse riding which I have done since I was able to sit up! When I grow up I'd love to be a vet.

Maddie



My name is Maddie and I am in 5S. I like to spend my time painting, playing football and drawing. I enjoy writing and sometimes like to dance. When I grow up I want to be a footballer or a hair stylist.

Annabelle



My name is Annabelle and I am in 5S. I enjoy spending time with my friends, grandparents and my favourite healthy food is cheesy pie. My hobbies include: swimming, football and gymnastics. When I grow up I want to be a nursery teacher.

Lottie



My name is Lottie and I am in 5H. I love spending time with my family and friends. I love playing with Lego, playing outside and I enjoy learning poems. I take part in lots of drama and dance activities and enjoy being on stage. I am looking forward to sharing my writing in The Thackley Star.

Evan



My name is Evan and I am in 5H. My favourite subjects are English and Art. I also enjoy dancing, swimming and gymnastics and I have achieved my goal swim England award. I like spending time with my family and friends.