



# SPARK

Newsletter December 2022

## Hello Winter!



Welcome to Spark, the second newsletter of the academic year and jam-packed with everything that's been going on here.

As we approach the Christmas holidays, we have been extremely busy here at OLOL. We have had the Christmas Fair and raffle, with some fantastic prizes donated from local businesses, as well as our Elf of the 12<sup>th</sup> dress up day and our Christmas lunch. We have looked at advent and the story of Christmas. Although the nativity performances of 'Lights, Camel, Action' have had to be postponed, it's safe to say that we're truly in the Christmas spirit and are ready for the holidays.

Read on to see your children in action.....

## Reception *Jingle Bells*

On 7<sup>th</sup> December, Reception class welcomed family in to help make Christmas crafts. It was a hive of industry making crowns, clay stars, photo frames, calendars, and cards. We had Christmas music playing to put us in the festive mood and of course oodles of glitter!



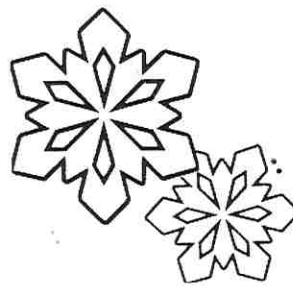
A HUGE thank you to all the family helpers, it was so lovely to have mums, dads, grannies and aunties involved. The greatest thanks has to go to the AMAZING Miss Penfold who got all the preparation work done for each of the craft work stations.

**Miss Anscombe**

## Year 1 FROZEN

Year 1 enjoyed taking part in an online maths 'snowflake lesson'. We talked about the uniqueness and symmetry in snowflakes then had great fun designing and making our own.

**Miss Cordell**



## Year 2 London's Burning!

Throughout the Autumn term, Year 2's topic has been the Great Fire of London which they have all really enjoyed. We have learnt about the sequence of key events before, during and after the Great Fire; the children even learnt how to correctly sequence these themselves on their own timelines. They have been able to identify some important historical figures from the time of the fire, including Samuel Pepys, Thomas Farrer and Sir Christopher Wren. The children enjoyed an afternoon of pretending they were Architects and redesigning London after the fire as if they were Sir Christopher Wren.



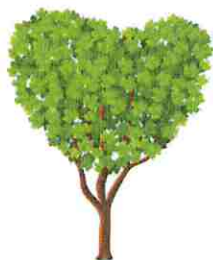
This topic has provided us with some brilliant cross-curricular links including English, History, music and Art. Year 2 will now and forever more be famous for their amazing 'Great fire of London' song that they were brave enough to sing in front of the whole school. Finally, our topic concluded in a fantastic experience morning where the adults of the Year 2 children were able to come in and join their child in viewing all their great accomplishments throughout these past few weeks. **Miss Hamilton**



## Year 3 Each Leaf

In year 3, we have been looking into Advent and the different ways we can prepare, so we made our own Jesse tree thinking about the life of Jesus and his family in preparation for Advent.

**Miss Turner**



## Year 4 Into the Wild

Year 4 have been taking part in Forest School this term! They have enjoyed learning about habitats and building homes for hedgehogs, how to make a fire using flint and everyday materials and they explored the life of an oak tree and planted some acorns. They also got a little treat of hot chocolate to keep them warm from their forest school teachers Ms. Chipping and Ms. Hayley!



They also made Christingles as they were learning about the Christingle Service; a children's celebration with each child receiving a lighted Christingle. The light tells us that in the darkness of the world, a great light shines on us.

**Miss Tubridy**



## Year 5 FROZEN 2

As part of England Maths week, year 5 made origami paper snowflakes. It was quite tricky but we are proud of how they turned out.

**Mrs Philbrooks**



## Year 6 LITTLE INVENTORS

Year 6 took part in the ROAR 2022 competition-a national competition organised by Lions International and 8billion ideas. Working in groups, they had to come up with a world-changing idea, build a prototype and present it to the class and a representative from the Rottingdean and Saltdean Lions Club. We had cars running on magnetic forces, products that encouraged kids to get off their phones and get fitter, an underground tunnel for locals on Brighton seafront and finally, a sensory room to help improve children's mental health.



The winning design however was Project Projector, a holographic projector for lonely elderly people to enable them to see their families. Emily, Lyla and Connie's design has been entered into the national final in December, which Year 6 will be watching excitedly and hopefully in class! Watch this space!

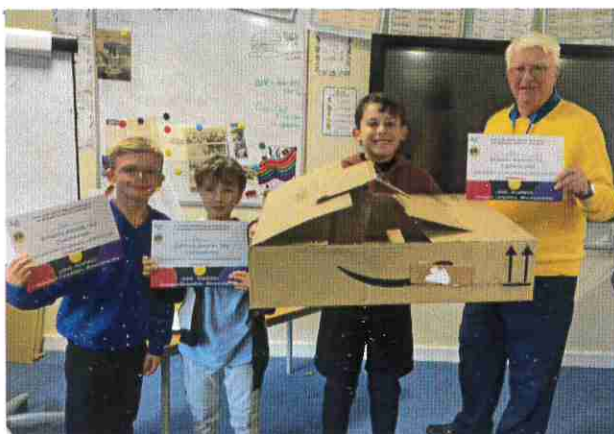
Runners up:

Hester, Magda, Caitlin and Charlie (Fitness Box)

Josh, Joseph, Thomas and Sophia (Magnetic Car)

Best Model winners- Alicia, Nathaniel, Jacob and Abigail (Sensory Room)

**Mrs Nicholson**





## Year 5 World Cup Winners....but not football

The year 5's took part in the Times Tables World Cup and came **6<sup>th</sup>!!**

It really is impressive when you think of the **1,000** schools that took part, and 9 million answers given. We won the Brighton League and have the certificate to prove it!



## Remembrance Sunday

On Remembrance Sunday, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November, a poppy wreath was laid on behalf of our school at the Rottingdean British Legion service. Thank you to Adam and Bethany for representing Our Lady of Lourdes School at the service and wearing school uniform. I also spotted many of our children in the parade attending with their Beavers and Cubs groups and amongst the crowds were many past and present Our Lady's pupils too.

**Miss Anscombe**



Years 5 and 6 went across to the Rottingdean War Memorial to join in with the two-minute silence on the village green.





## PE & Sports

### CRICKET

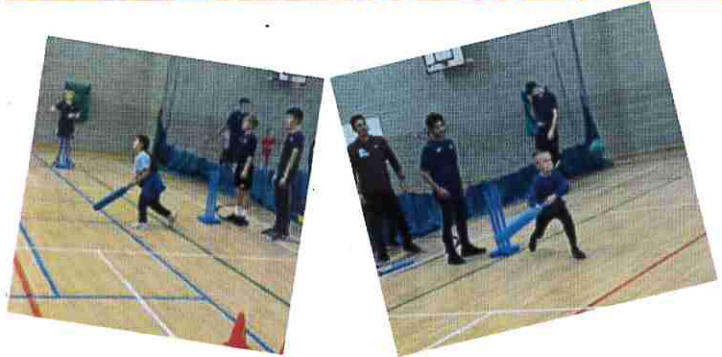
Many of our wonderful children have been participating in different sporting events again this half term.

We've had our next set of ACE Sports Partnership events, which saw the children taking part in cricket competitions and festivals.

We started with our year 6 team, who demonstrated excellent team work skills throughout the event and were crowned winners of their competition.



This was followed by our year 5 team who, after facing some tough competition, were also announced as winners of the year 5 event.



Next, we had our KS2 cricket festival, which gave many children the opportunity to experience the game of cricket for the first time. The children participated in lots of mini games and drills, learning new cricket skills and mingling with our other partnership schools.

## CROSS COUNTRY



In addition to the above, we also had our annual cross country event. The weather certainly wasn't on our side this year but the organisers decided that it should still go ahead. Over 30 children from year 5 and 6 took part and we are incredibly proud of all of them. This event is one of our toughest, requiring the children to run 3km over a hilly and very muddy course. Well done to all those involved!



### YEAR 6 AND KS1 GROUP

Every Wednesday afternoon, a small group of children from different year groups (Rec to year 4) come together to enjoy each other's company and partake in a variety of physical games and challenges. The emphasis is on teamwork and social communication skills, but, most importantly is to have fun! Every other week, a chosen group of year 6 children take over the show, leading the warmup and main sessions. They are full of ideas and show a real maturity and understand their responsibility to be role models for the younger children.

### YEAR 6 YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAMME

This half term, the Year 6 class have had the opportunity to take part in a new programme called the Young Leaders Award. We have been learning about leadership and learning from some of the most inspirational leaders from the past and present. We have had some strong debates on important topics which has brought out the passion amongst the class. Team challenges have been a highlight for me this term, taking the children out of their comfort zone, making them work together to complete tasks and understanding that it's sometimes easier to work together than on your own.

**Dan Wescott**



### CLUBS JANUARY 2023

I'm pleased to say that our clubs will continue to run in the New Year. If your child attended the KS2 girls' or boys' football club this term, their place will remain next year and we will assume you want your child to continue. If this is not the case, please let me know as soon as possible. We still have spaces for both clubs, so if you'd like your child to attend next term, please let me know via the PE email. These clubs will resume the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> January (so clubs will run Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January).

### IMPORTANT INFO!

After Christmas, we will be trialling a new way of signing children up to sporting competitions, festivals and some clubs.

I always use PING to send out letters and communications to parents and this will continue. Alongside the messages and letters sent, I will also be sending a form on PING for you to complete and submit. This form will include information you will need for the event and will also require you to submit information to me that is relevant to the event. Once this form is completed and submitted, your child's place at the event will be confirmed. Unfortunately, we cannot allow children to attend events that we have not received permission for. We only have a certain number of spaces allocated for each event and if children turn up unexpectedly to events, then they will be unable to play due to our numbers being full.

[sports@lourdes.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:sports@lourdes.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

Thank you to you all for your continued help and support with all sporting events this Autumn Term.

I hope you have a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

**Mrs Golawska**

## NEW KS1 CLUB

A new KS1 club will be starting in January. This will take place on Fridays, 3:15 – 4:15pm, at OLOL. This multi-skills club will be run by SportsCool, who will be offering a range of different sports throughout the weeks, including: dodgeball, curling, tri-golf and ultimate frisbee.

Please see the leaflet attached for details of how to secure your child's place.

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## Consultation notice and admissions arrangements for Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary 2024 - 2025

The governing body is required to consult concerning proposed changes to their Admission arrangements and Supplementary Information Form and is now required to invite comments. The governing body has published its proposals for 2024-25 and is seeking views on changes to the admissions criteria and Supplementary Information Form. We are required to consult with parents of children aged 2 - 18 within the relevant area; please see the attached document 'OLOL Consultation Document' for further information.

Kind regards

Ian Watson - Chair of Admissions

Please send comments to [admin@lourdes.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lourdes.brighton-hove.sch.uk) with the subject "Consultation notice & admissions arrangements".



If you have any comments about the newsletter or any ideas for the next one, please email us at [michellericetti@lourdes.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:michellericetti@lourdes.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

