



# SPARK

Newsletter March 2023



## Hopping to Easter!



Welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> Spark newsletter. The second half of the spring term has sped past, filled with all sorts of exciting events.

We have had World Book Day where pupils designed their favourite book in a box, our school Discos and our something special for someone special event where pupils could purchase a gift bag full of treats for the special people in their lives.

Years 2 and 6 have been busy preparing for their SATS which are due to take place in May.

The children have been learning about the journey Jesus took to Jerusalem in the run up to Resurrection Sunday, which we now know as Easter.

Read on and enjoy.....

### Reception *Too-wit too-woo*



We celebrated world book day sharing our favourite books with our year 6 buddies. We also have an amazing display of story boxes outside our classroom.

We are currently studying the story Owl Babies by Martin Waddell and learning lots of fascinating facts about owls. Look at the amazing owl artwork.

**Miss Anscombe**



## Year 2 A CROW'S TALE



In Year 2, during this term we have been working on composing our own narrative stories based on the book 'A Crow's Tale' by Naomi Howarth. The children have loved re-creating this adventurous story and have particularly enjoyed exploring some different writing 'lenses' such as; alliteration, onomatopoeia and similes. We are really looking forward to reading their independent pieces.

**Miss Hamilton**



## Years 3 & 4 LET'S DANCE



It certainly sounded like our parents enjoyed it too, hearing them cheering very loudly from backstage! Well done to all children who took part and were brave enough to perform on stage in front of an audience – the first time for some. A huge thank you to Miss Turner for her help and support and to Mrs Philbrook and Miss Anscombe for supporting us on the night.

**Mrs Golawska**

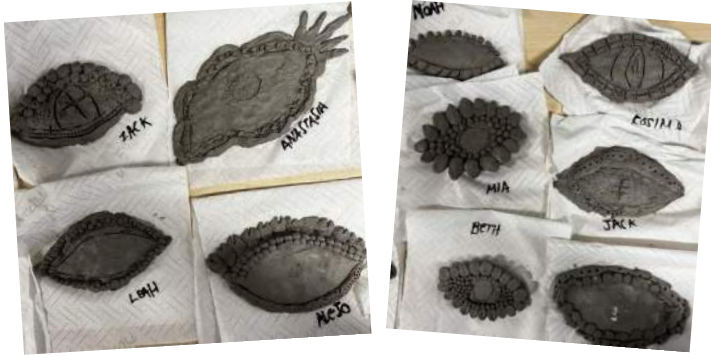


On Tuesday 14th March, children from across year 3 and 4 took part in the annual Let's Dance event at The Dome. We decided this year to perform to 'The Family Madrigal' from the Disney film Encanto. Miss Turner and the children worked extremely hard to choreograph their dance, practising in the weeks leading up to performance. On the day, the children had some expected jitters but performed their dance absolutely perfectly!



## Year 4 EYE OF THE DRAGON

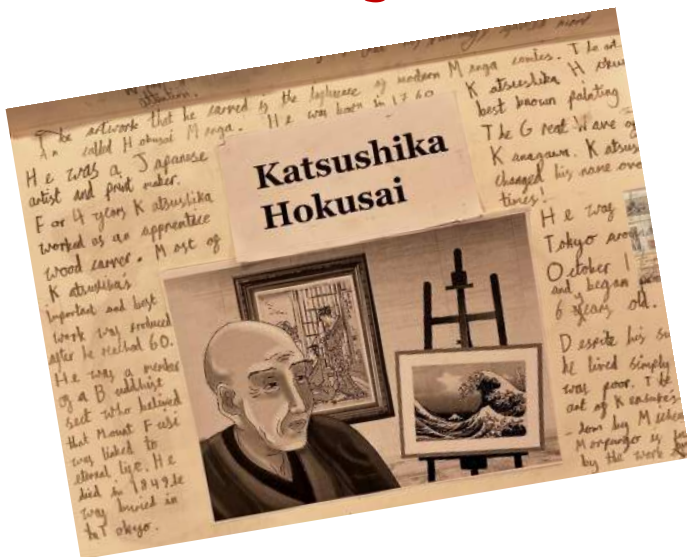
This half term, Year 4 have read the book "How To Train Your Dragon" by Cressida Cowell. It is a book that has brought about lots of laughter and inspired lots of creativity. The children put an immense amount of thought, care and effort into writing their very own dragon fact-files. In D.T, the children have designed and begun the process of making 3D dragon eye models.



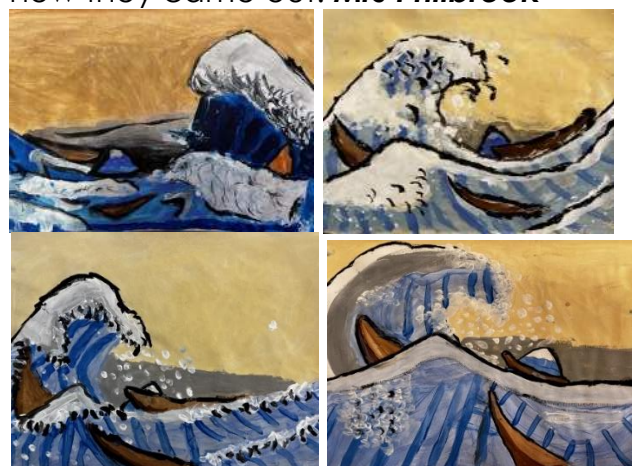
Also, in Geography they have been learning all about the physical and human geography of The Amazon River and The River Nile. Many children have shared that they would like to visit the Amazon River due to the vast amount of animal species that reside there. It has been a wonderful transition and every day has been filled with joy, laughter and time for prayer and reflection. I absolutely love being Year 4's teacher and look forward to seeing out the rest of the year with them.

**Miss Spence**

## Year 5 Hokusai - The Great Wave off Kanagawa



As part of our work linked to Michael Morpurgo's adventure story *Kensuke's Kingdom*, year 5 studied the Japanese artist Katsushika Hokusai. We researched facts about his life and discovered that 'The Great Wave' is actually a woodblock print. After looking really closely at the image, we identified the main features and spent some time colour mixing before creating our own interpretations. We are really pleased with how they came out. **Mrs Philbrook**



## Year 6 *Lighthouse Letters*



In spring term, Year 6 have been thinking very creatively, completing a DT and Science project based on our book, *Letters from the Lighthouse*. In DT lessons, we looked at different ways to join and reinforce materials to create 3D structures, using terms such as beams and trusses. We were then challenged to create in our groups a modern lighthouse design that was tall, strong and stable, with a real working circuit inside.

More recently, we have been studying the wordless graphic novel 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. As the novel is wordless, we chose our own part of the book to put our own words to. Inspired by Shaun Tan's amazing pencil illustrations, we have also been creating our own one-point perspective drawings of new and unfamiliar landscapes to represent the experience of recently arrived migrants to a new land.

**Mrs Nicholson**



## Institute of Acoustics



On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, Alicia from Year 6 received a framed certificate and glass engraved trophy as winner of the Primary Schools IOA Competition 2022, given by the President of the UK Institute of Acoustics himself in Winchester Science Centre. She also received a huge £500 for our school! As well as this, Alicia's writing entry for the Young writers 2022 competition has been selected to be published in an anthology that will be released on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023. She has received a certificate of merit from the publishers which is an incredible achievement on her part. Well done Alicia!!



## Library *Into the Jungle*



Mr. Hill has been busy creating a fantastic snug/tent area and bench for the library. The children have been taking books in here to read and relax.



# RISE

The wonderful Brighton Based charity Rise, have donated two wooden play kitchens to Reception and Year 1. We are so grateful to them for these.

See below a link to their website to see all of the work that they do.

<https://www.riseuk.org.uk/>



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)

Remember to follow our new Twitter account @OLOLRottingdean





## PE & Sports

### SPRING 2 SPORTS UPDATE

What another busy half term we've had, full with lots of lovely sporting opportunities for the children! Despite the miserable weather, the children have thoroughly enjoyed their PE lessons outside this half term, taking part in tag rugby sessions with Mr Hoad and dance and gymnastics inside with their class teachers. Hopefully we see an improvement in the weather so that all scheduled events can take place coming into the summer term.

## SUSSEX SCHOOLS NETBALL CHAMPIONS!

We are delighted to announce that our year 6 team have been crowned as Sussex Schools Netball Champions!



After winning the Brighton and Hove Schools finals, our team were put through to represent all B & H Schools at the Sussex School Games Finals. We competed against 8 other schools who had all won their regional tournaments. We convincingly won all 8 of our games, including a score of 8-0 and 9-1 and were announced as overall winners of all Sussex schools. Nearly 300 schools competed to get to this point, with around 1,000 children taking part altogether, so this is an absolutely phenomenal achievement and one we are all extremely proud of! Well done to all involved!

## BRIGHTON AND HOVE SCHOOLS CHAMPIONS

In the lead up to the Sussex Schools Netball Championship, the first set of qualifying rounds saw our team compete against 9 schools: they played 8 games, winning 7 and drawing 1. This meant that they convincingly won their group, enabling them to progress to the B & H Schools finals. We were one of six teams in the final and I am delighted to say that, with an even better performance than the first, the children won 4 games, drew 1 and scored a massive 22 goals, meaning that we ended the tournament as B & H School Champions! This incredible feat has been achieved for the second year in a row now!

## ACE PARTNERSHIP

We kicked off this term with our year 6 children taking part in a netball tournament as part of our ACE partnership and to say we are proud of them would be an understatement! The year 6 team won their tournament having not lost a single game against the other schools.



## INDOOR ATHLETICS

There were also some excellent performances in the recent Indoor Athletics City competition at B.A.C.A. where the children gave their absolute best. We were up against some very tough competition but that didn't stop our children working as a team and combining their efforts to place 6<sup>th</sup> overall. Well done to all those who took part, especially the year 5s who faced many year 6s from other schools.



## #LETGIRLSPLAY

On the 8<sup>th</sup> March, we played our part in the Let Girls' Play initiative, giving as many girls as possible across the school the opportunity to take part in playing football. The idea behind this initiative is that hopefully, by 2024, girls will have the same football opportunities as boys in schools and clubs. #LetGirlsPlay is a campaign to influence and drive change, showing that football can and should be played by girls and we are, of course, in full support. Despite the rain and the majority of our P.E. lessons having to take place indoors that day, our KS2 girls and Reception class all participated in a football-based session. Individually, they each began the session with

a football, practicing and improving previously learnt skills. The session then finished with a fun team game, which, given the amount of cheering, the children clearly enjoyed. We also finished the day with our after school girls' football club, which was the perfect opportunity to allow our girls to show just how brilliant they are.



## CLUBS FOR SUMMER TERM:

KS1 Athletics Club with Dan W – Wednesdays  
3:15 – 4:15pm (see attached flyer to book)

KS1 Multi-skills club with Sportscool – Fridays  
3:15 – 4:15pm (see attached flyer to book)

KS2 Multi-skills club with Sportscool – Thursdays  
3:15 – 4:15pm (see attached flyer to book)

KS2 boys' football club with Mr Hoad –  
Tuesdays 3:15 – 4:15pm

KS2 girls' football club with Mr Hoad –  
Wednesdays 3:15 – 4:15pm

Football club will be running from w/c 17<sup>th</sup> April  
– 10<sup>th</sup> July, excluding half term.

*Please email the school PE email if you'd like to  
book either football club*

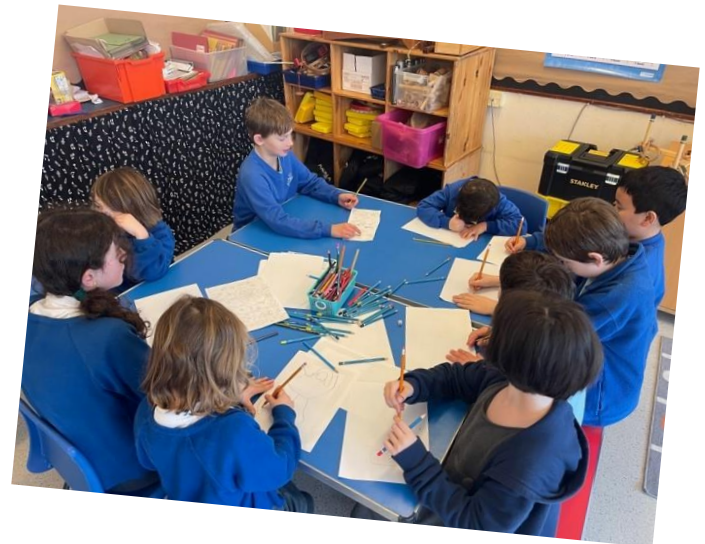
sports@lourdes.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Thank you all!  
**Mrs Golawska**

## YR 6 MENTORING - PE GROUP

This term the Yr 6 mentors have continued to show their willingness to learn and be the best mentors they can be to our younger children. This really showed when we had to change our plans last minute when the weather turned worse and hall space was unavailable, a group discussion about what we could do in a classroom space to enthuse all the children made me learn more about the mentors too, we have budding artists who decided to run a drawing masterclass, a board game warrior and origami wizard who came up with their own activities for the children too. It was safe to say they kept the children so engaged it was hard to tell them it was time to go home.

## YR 6 YOUNG LEADERS



This term we have finished our local community topic and will be moving onto the learning about charities and how important they are to so many people. All the Yr 6 pupils have come up with so many ideas to improve the local community for everyone, they have all written a letter to our local councillor asking if their ideas could become reality and to provide an outlook of the village from their eyes, I wonder if we can all help? I wonder what the reply will bring?

**Dan Wescott**





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Reception



Little Athletes  
3½-5 Years

Mini Athletes  
5 - 7 Years



Yr 1 & 2

## Our lady of Lourdes Primary School

After School Club - Wednesday's

To Book - Visit the website and search "Brighton" in the Find a Class tab

For More Info - [dwescott@miniathletics.com](mailto:dwescott@miniathletics.com)

[www.miniathletics.com](http://www.miniathletics.com)

Summer Term!



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PERSONNEL CHECKS

# R+KS1 MULTI SPORTS CLUB

SPORTS INCLUDE FOOTBALL, NETBALL, CRICKET AND MANY MORE!

AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Club runs on FRIDAY from 3.15pm – 4.15pm on:

**21<sup>st</sup> April – 26<sup>th</sup> May**

This club is open to children of Years R, 1 - 2. The club will take place outdoors, so please wear appropriate footwear and clothing.

**6 weeks of fun for just £30!**

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## SPORTSCOOL BIRTHDAY PARTIES

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- A trophy for the birthday boy/girl
- And the most important thing, fun for everyone!

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For further information contact STEVE SIMMONDS on 07710 506598



To book on to one of our courses, follow the simple steps below!

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2. Click on AFTER SCHOOL CLUB, this will take you to our booking system.
3. Log in to your account (first time users will need to register and provide the required details).
4. Select the School, followed by the club you wish to book for.
5. Select which child/ren you wish to attend.
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We look forward to seeing you!



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# KS2 Multi-Sports CLUB

Alternative sports include fencing, archery, tri golf, ultimate frisbee and more!

## AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Club runs on THURSDAY from 3.15pm – 4.15pm on:

**20<sup>th</sup> April – 25<sup>th</sup> March**

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SPORTS CENTRE

# CLUBS 2023/24

APRIL 2023 - MARCH 2024

## GYMNASTICS

Our gymnastic sessions run throughout the week and are for school years **Reception to Year 6**. We offer a **£8.00 taster session** for first timers, the usual cost is **£82.00** for a 12 week course, split into two payments dates of **£41.00**

**Mondays: 16.00-17.00 & 17.00-18.00**

**Thursdays: 16.00-17.00 & 17.00-18.00**

**Fridays: 16.00-17.00 & 17.00-18.00**

**Saturdays: 09.00-10.00, 10.00-11.00 & 11.00-12.00**

## BADMINTON

Our badminton sessions are for school years **3, 4, 5 & 6**. We offer a **£7.00 taster session** for first timers, the usual cost is **£70.00** for a 12 week course, split into two payments dates of **£35.00**

**Tuesdays: 16.00-17.00 & 17.00-18.00**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN ON TO OUR CLUBS PLEASE CONTACT US ON...**

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