



Newsletter May 2023

# Summer Time!



Welcome to the 5<sup>th</sup> Spark newsletter. The first half of the summer term has been full to say the least.

We have had confirmation of which children have been offered places to start with us in Reception this September, which is very exciting. We went coronation mad for King Charles III and have been getting out and about as much as possible (when the weather has allowed us to). The year 2s and 6s have been completing their SATs exams so a huge well done to them all for working so hard, they should all be very proud. We now look forward to the final half term of the academic year. How time flies!

## Reception *Flutter by, butterfly...*

What a busy start to the Summer Term, I do not know where to begin! Perhaps with some special thanks to Mia and her family for helping us learn about the Muslim festival Eid al - Fitr and for the generous gift to each child.

Our thanks must also go to Abigail in Year 6 and her family for kindly buying us the grow your own butterfly kit . We have been enjoying watching the tiny caterpillars get bigger and bigger and bigger! They have just started to spin their cocoons much to the children's delight.



## Reception **THE KING'S PANTS**



On the 5<sup>th</sup> May we had a Coronation workshop day, we made crowns, bunting, union flags, Buckingham palace and playdough cakes for King Charles III, we even designed some pants for King Charles!

Thank you to Chloe and her family for making salt dough crown shapes for us to decorate with colourful jewels. The children loved designing their crowns and they are such a lovely reminder of a happy and busy red, white and blue day.



## Reception **Rottingdean's burning!**

A huge thank you to Ivy's dad for coming in and telling us all about his job as a firefighter. We can now use this information to help us when we are in the fire station role play. The children were in their element talking about what they knew about firefighters, and were particularly interested in talking about a car fire they had seen in Tesco car park!



Reception Class were really lucky and were allowed to try on a real firefighter uniform. We even spoke on the walkie talkie to the watch / station manager Graham and we heard him say hello back to us! At the end of the visit, we waved to the firefighters as they drove past the school with their lights on just for us too. As you can see from the photos, lots of fun was had by all!

We have also welcomed Mrs Santos back for her final teaching placement in Reception. She is excited to be back with us until the end of term. She has also noticed how much the children have grown in size and knowledge since she was here before.

**Miss Anscombe**



## Year 1 Out of this world

Year 1 had fun with their Design and Technology project. We were making moving pictures using mechanisms such as sliders, levers and wheels. After lots of practising, the children designed and made their own moving pictures with a space theme, with hardly any help from the adults. Year 1 worked so hard and we were all very proud of them. Well done Year 1!

**Miss Cordell**



## Year 2 *Twirling around.....*



Year 2 were very kindly gifted 30, very colourful, gymnastics ribbons from a wonderful child (who is in our class) and her family. The children took these to the playground and had the most wonderful time creating different shapes and patterns with them. We had a go at facing them in different directions to see which way the wind would take them and then we finished off with a ribbon race, which as you can see the children thoroughly enjoyed! **Miss Hamilton**



## Year 3 *Let it grow*



In year 3 this term we have been looking at plants in science! As part of our investigation, we have been growing plants under different conditions, with some receiving all they need to survive, and some plants receiving less water, nutrients or sunlight than others. We have loved watching the plants grow and making our observations! I have been so impressed with the hypothesis and conclusions made by year 3, we have future scientists on our hands!

**Miss Turner**



## Year 4 *Trees of life*



Year 4 has had a fabulous half term. Our class book has been 'The Great Kapok Tree' and the children have become very passionate about the negative impacts of deforestation while writing their persuasive letters to our local MP, encouraging a change. In R.E, we have been learning all about how The Good News of Jesus' resurrection was spread far and wide. The children acted out a scene from a bible story, where two apostles, Peter and John, were arrested for being followers of Jesus. Peter and John had the courage to share their faith with the officials, and were pardoned because they had encouraged them to follow in Jesus' footsteps. The pictures show how the children portrayed this story.

**Miss Spence**

## Year 5 *PRAYERS WITH MARY*

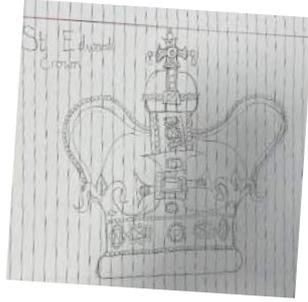
Year 5 went to Prayers with Mary at St Martha's Convents. Sister Cecile told us all about their new statue of Our Lady of Sorrows. We spent some time thinking about why she looks so sad and prayed for peace.

**Mrs Philbrook**



## Year 5 A RIGHT ROYAL AFFAIR

## CHAMPIONS!



As part of our work to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III, year 5 took part in a Draw with Rob activity and sketched the St. Edward's Crown.

**Mrs Philbrook**



## Year 5 Life's a beach



Year 5 were lucky enough to be invited to spend the day with the Wild Beach team. We had lunch on the beach - watching out for the seagulls, who were keen to share our food. Then we took part in lots of different activities: rock pooling, paddling, shelter building, boat building, seaweed printing, chalk painting and we even made our own paint.



When we were rock pooling, we caught lots of crabs and even spotted an eel! (Although we didn't manage to catch it!). Paddling when the sun came out, was great fun - the water

was freezing and turned our feet bright pink - but that didn't stop us. We also enjoyed playing with the sea foam and using it to warm our feet! A brilliant afternoon.

**Mrs Philbrook**

## Year 5 *A windy day*



As part of their English work on writing warning stories, Year 5 walked up to Rottingdean Windmill to learn more about its history and to do some sketching. We were very lucky with the weather and think we did quite well with our close observational drawings.

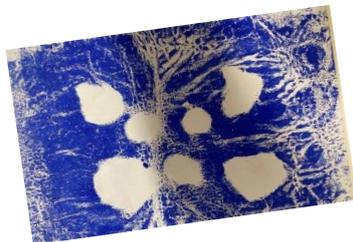


## Year 6 **EVERYTHING IN PRINT**

A huge congratulations and well done to Year 6 who have worked phenomenally hard on their SATs tests. They should all feel so very proud of themselves for the incredible effort they have put in not just during the week of SATs itself, but in the months leading up to them. They approached them all with a smile and great attitude, even in the face of some tricky questions! We are so very proud of them and they are a real credit to us all here at Our Lady Of Lourdes. Well done Year 6- YOU ROCK!!!

In between our SATs tests, we have been learning about different printing techniques. We have looked at monoprinting, combining collage with print, negative space and relief printing. We will use these different printing techniques to create a new front cover of our own design for our class book, Thornhill.

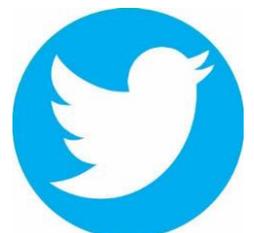
**Mrs Nicholson**



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# 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:

**9<sup>th</sup> June – 14<sup>th</sup> July**

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

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# KS2 Multi-Sports CLUB

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

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

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