



Newsletter November 2022

Hello Autumn!



Welcome to Spark, the first newsletter of the academic year and the first for quite some time! We will be reintroducing the newsletter on a half termly basis to keep you up to date with new & events

We would like to give an especially warm welcome to the Our Lady of Lourdes parents who are new to our school community, be it with children starting in Reception or coming into other year groups within the school.

As always, we are delighted with how quickly the children have settled into the OLOL family and their new classes.

So put the kettle on, sit back and see what your children have been up to.....

Reception



SMURF ALERT!!

"The children have settled well and are racing ahead with their learning. In maths, we have been comparing amounts, height, length and size. We have been expanding our maths vocabulary using comparative language. For example, rather than just big or small, for height we used short/ shorter than/ shortest/ tall/ taller than/ tallest.

We have had two school governors observe our phonics lessons and they were wowed by how much they have learned already.

I also turned most of the children blue by putting too much food colouring in the water tray. It looked like I had a class of smurfs! Oops!"

Miss Anscombe



Year 4 EXPLORERS OUT AND ABOUT!

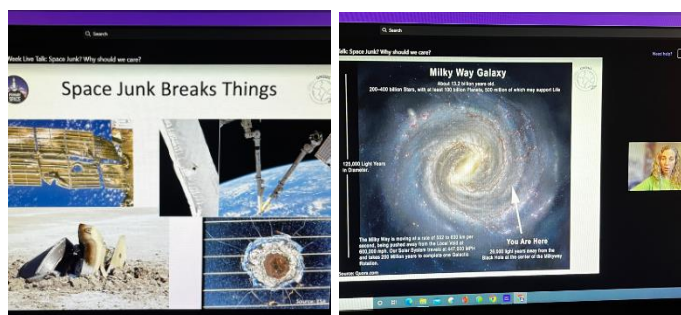
"As part of our History unit, Year 4 are learning all about 'Our Local Area'. The children went on a scavenger hunt around the historic village of Rottingdean to discover how smugglers moved through the village and smuggled in goods such as chocolate, tea, coffee, spices and silk. Here are some photos of Year 4 on their scavenger hunt, finding the important places linked to Rottingdean history."

Miss Tubridy



Year 5 A QUESTION OF SPACE

"Year 5 took part in Forest School last week. They went hunting for tinder and kindling, then used a flint and steel to light the fire pit! Sebby had a great time cooking soup and making spring rolls in the sunshine. Not sure I'd want to taste them though!"



"On Friday 7th October, Year 5 celebrated World Space Week 2022 by taking part in a STEM Science Primary School Talk: **SPACE JUNK? WHY SHOULD WE CARE?** We learnt about how many satellites are sent up into space, about the possibility of life on other planets and the importance of leaving as little space junk floating in space as possible. It was brilliant!"

Anita Philbrook





PE & Sports

Welcome back everyone!

We've already had a busy start to the new academic year, with many more events planned in the second half of autumn term and for the rest of the year.

We continue to be a part of the ACE Sports Partnership this year, along with two other local schools. To start, the partnership held a series of festivals for KS2 this term, focused around their game called 'Strike'.

These festival events allowed the children from our school to work alongside children from the other partnership schools, learning new skills and participating at a non-competitive level. Next term sees the re-introduction of competitive games, where the children will compete to win points at all events to add to our final total for overall winners for individual years, as well as overall winners of the entire partnership. For those of you who may not know, Our Lady of Lourdes are reigning Champions from 2021- 2022!

We will also continue to take part in city-wide events, which will be a combination of both festivals and competitions/pathways.

Festival events allow children to participate in games at a non-competitive level and the focus is on participation only. It gives opportunities to children who are new to the sport or who would like to just give it a go.

Competitive events, or pathway events, are designed for children to be chosen to represent the school and understand that it's a competition event. Children are chosen because they've demonstrated particular skills during PE lessons or after school clubs or they may represent a club in this sport outside of school.

If your child is chosen for either a festival or competition, I will inform your child and you'll be notified of this via Ping. The letter will always include details as to how you can sign your child up to this event.

We no longer accept paper reply slips as consent, instead, we ask that you email the school PE email with all relevant details. This allows me to accurately keep track of responses and also allows for a system of fairness where events are offered on a first come, first serve basis.



I hope that you all managed to have a read of my letter last week regarding the re-introduction of after school clubs. We still have space in our KS2 boys' and girls' football clubs. If you'd like your child to take part in this, please email me as soon as possible- sports@lourdes.brighton-hove.sch.uk

As always, thank you for your continued help and support.

Art Exhibition – Into The Sea

Our Lady of Lourdes took part in a school art exhibition at The Grange Gallery www.rottingdeanheritage.org.uk. Every class in our school exhibited work based on the title 'Into The Sea'. It was held from the 19th - 30th October.

It was lovely that the children had the opportunity to see their artwork on display and for family and friends to admire the children's amazing creativity as they have shown real enthusiasm and artistry. Here are a few of their pictures.



FIREWORKS, ROCKETS & LOTS OF FUN!



Autumn Community Extravaganza

Our fun filled extravaganza took place on Thursday 3rd November. The BBQ and games proved a big success.

Followed by a fantastic firework display.

