



**Newsletter July 2023**

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# School's out for summer



I can't quite believe it, but this is the last Spark newsletter of the 2022-2023 academic year!

As we wave goodbye to our Year 6's, we welcome a new group of children who will be starting their school journey with us in September and, of course, their parents too.

We've had a busy term here with pirates, Roman soldiers and everything in between. Our students have excelled once again taking runner up in the Young Enterprise Fiver Challenge, as well as winning numerous sporting events including being crowned Games ACE Sports Partnership Champions!!

## Reception *Spread your wings and fly....*

Update on the caterpillars - at the very end of last term we went up to the trim trail area to release our fully-grown butterflies! We were all very excited but the butterflies didn't want to leave us and stayed long enough for us to take some photos!



## Reception *WISHY WASHY*

In Literacy, we have been learning to read, act, retell and write about Mrs Wishy Washy.



## Reception *Never grow up...*



We were lucky enough to have Perform, a theatre company, do a Peter Pan workshop with us. It was great fun and we had to look for Peter Pan's treasure on Captain Hook's pirate ship!

Soon we are off to the Sea Life Centre for a trip and we will also be welcoming the new September Reception children into our class for their play date. It really does not seem that long ago when this class came in for their playdates! How time flies when you're having fun.

## Reception **AHOY!**

After school, on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Reception class gathered together for a pirate picnic on Rottingdean beach. The only treasure we found were cuttlefish and shells!

**Miss Anscombe**



## Year 1 LONDON'S BURNING! 🔥

Year 1 enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London last half term. We finished our topic by printing these fantastic 'houses on fire' pictures by dribbling ink into shaving foam. It was very messy but lots of fun!

**Miss Cordell**



## Year 2 Vrum vrum... 🚗

This term Year 2 had a go at designing and making their very own vehicles. They carefully thought about the materials they needed to use and even sourced these themselves, taking into consideration what materials were recyclable. Year 6 joined us when it came to the 'big make' and they were a fantastic help! They teamed up with a Year 2 child and supported every step of the way.

This was Year 2's first go at something like this and they did a brilliant job.

**Miss Hamilton**





## Year 3 LA GUERRA!

This term year 3 have been busy learning about Ancient Rome! In English, we have explored the story of Iliona, a Roman Slave, finding out what it would have been like to watch gladiator fights and what the atmosphere could have been like in a Roman Colosseum! Year 3 have impressed me so much with their knowledge and enthusiasm about this topic, from learning Roman numerals to sketching famous Roman emperors.



On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of June we invited the year 3 grown-ups in to make shields with us, and then on Monday we re-enacted a battle, even creating the famous 'tortoise formation' that made Roman Armies so undefeatable! It has been an absolute pleasure teaching year 3 this year and we have made some amazing memories. I cannot wait to see what they get up to in year 4!

## Year 3 Holy communion

During this term, many members of year 3 achieved an amazing milestone by taking their first holy communion. Myself and other members of OLOL were able to go and see the service on a very sunny Saturday and it was so lovely to see the children dressed so smart and taking part in something so special. We then had our communion celebration in school with lots of food and dancing which was fantastic!

**Miss Turner**



# Year 4 Multiplication



Year 4 have had an amazing last half term. They all worked incredibly hard on their Multiplication Tables Check, securing an average score of 23.5 (much higher than last year's national average of 19.5).

Their positivity, encouragement and teamwork has been the root of the abundance of success! In P.E, the children have been doing orienteering which they have thoroughly enjoyed. Year 4, you are fab!

**Miss Spence**

# Year 5 ENTERPRISE



Year 5 have taken part in the Fiver Challenge enterprise project. In this project, the aim was to start with an investment of £5 and make the most possible profit.

First of all, they formed a company complete with designing their own logo.

Finally, enterprise week arrived and the children sold their products.

We were very impressed with both the quality of the goods and the professionalism of the teams.



They worked together to design and create a product and complete market research. They then worked on publicising their company, writing a sales pitch and producing posters to advertise their business.



Our Year 5s took part in the Young Enterprise 'Fiver Challenge' logo competition 2023 and one of our entries, Wheel Clean, came as runner up. Well done to all of the students who entered.

**Mrs Philbrook**



## Year 6 FAIRWELL



Goodbye Year 6!

It's that time of year again when we have to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6s and send them on their way to secondary school. They have been such a brilliant year group to teach and we'll really miss them all! They have been such a credit to our school, being real role models for our younger children; they have proven that they're all ready to take the next step on their learning journey.

We had a great time helping out Year 2 with their DT moving vehicle project. It was great to see Y6 being such great supporters in helping Y2 to achieve their imaginative ideas.

We've had such a fantastic half-term so far. Finally free from the SATs, we worked really hard on learning all the lines and songs from our leaver's play and had the best time performing for their families, showcasing all their hard work.



## Year 6 BLACKLAND FARM



The Year 6s went to Blackland farm for their residential. They enjoyed rock scrambling, orienteering, problem solving and lots more. It was such a great trip which bonded the group even more, before they all head off to secondary school.

**Mrs Nicholson**





Affina gave year 5 a talk about Ukrainian refugees.



# Ukrainian Voices

The Ukrainian Voices group sang the most beautiful songs in assembly. They are very talented and it was a real pleasure to listen to them.



## The Good Shepherd



On Thursday June 22<sup>nd</sup> our school was invited to send representatives to Arundel Cathedral in order to take part in the Good Shepherd Service as part of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Every Catholic school in the diocese of Arundel and Brighton was in attendance, so it was pretty busy.



The role assigned to Our Lady of Lourdes' pupils was to introduce the service, with their readings about shepherds and their importance, to all those gathered beneath the cloisters of the cathedral - around 700 people. Each school was invited to make a sheep to be placed at the foot of the Good Shepherd statue and the children enjoyed working with Mr Hill on our creation.



Rocky, Hester, Sofia and George were extremely well behaved and read beautifully in front of a very packed cathedral. We were very proud.

**Mr Barber**

# Summer Fair



It was our busiest Summer Fair and, with the silent auction, you helped us raise over £2,000 which is wonderful.

Every penny will go straight towards buying things for the school and our wonderful children.

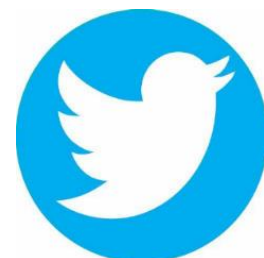
A big thanks to our wonderful PTFA, parent volunteers and teachers for everything they did to make the event so successful. We couldn't do it without you!

And the stall which raised the most money goes to.....



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 @LOLRottingdean









## PE & Sports

Our last sporting update of this academic year and this summer term has been by far our busiest!

I firstly want to start by thanking every single child who has contributed to our sporting success this year. Our events in KS2 have been incredibly successful and most importantly, thoroughly enjoyed by all those involved.

## GAMES ACE SPORTS PARTNERSHIP CHAMPIONS!

I am delighted to share some very exciting news with you all... Our Lady of Lourdes are the ACE Sports Partnership Champions for a second year in a row! This means that our school are overall winners of the entire partnership; our year 5 and 6 team were announced as overall winners for their league and our year 3/4 team came third overall. A HUGE well done to every child that represented us this year – this is a result of your effort, determination and team work.

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## TAG RUGBY

We kicked off back in May with our tag rugby competitions. Our year 5 and 6 events saw a girls' only team participate and how brilliant they were! Our KS2 festival allowed some children to experience tag rugby for the first time and some developed so much confidence with this that they also represented our year 3/4 team. Our year 3/4 team came 3<sup>rd</sup>, our year 5 team 1<sup>st</sup> and our year 6 team 1<sup>st</sup>.



## CRICKET & NETBALL

Next, we caught up with some postponed events. First the year 3/4 cricket competition. It was a while since the children practised cricket in their PE lessons, but this didn't stop the team from trying their very best. Miss Turner commented on how resilient and respectful the children were. Our cricket team came 3<sup>rd</sup> in this event.

In addition to this event, a small team of year 5 and 6 girls were given the opportunity to play in a girls' only outdoor cricket competition against other Brighton schools. We had many balls hit for 6, our bowling was brilliant and the girls' support and encouragement of each other was outstanding. We played 5 games in total, won 3 and lost 2 and came 3<sup>rd</sup> in our group.



The final postponed event was our year 5 netball. Again, as it was a while since the children were able to practise this sport, some took it upon themselves to practise at lunch time...and it paid off! Showing incredible team work skills and playing with huge smiles on their faces, our year 5 team came 1<sup>st</sup> in this event.

## WITHDEAN ATHLETICS

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, I took a team of year 4, 5 and 6 children to the small schools Withdean athletics event. 21 schools competed in this event altogether and we were placed in the red division, with 7 other schools. OLOL were announced as WINNERS of the red division! Another fantastic achievement under our belt.



The children took part in many different events; long jump, vortex throw, sprints, 600m long distance and relays. As always, our children were a shining example of our school. We had many children finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in their event or in the top 3. An extra special mention to our year 4 boys' relay team who won their race; all four boys gave their all, had the perfect handovers and were just amazing!



## PARTNERSHIP ATHLETICS

We ended our partnership events with athletics competitions for all years. First up were year 3 and 4; this was a competition open to all and I was extremely happy to see some children sign up who hadn't done so before. Supported by Miss Spence, the year 3 and 4 team each performed exceptionally well; all results combining together for our school to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in this event.



Next, years 5 and 6 took to the stage and they too gave their very best effort at the end of what's been an incredibly successful year for them all. With just one point away from finishing top, our amazing year 6 children also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and our year 5 team came 3<sup>rd</sup>. A huge thank you and a big well done to all the children who took part in these events.



## SPORTS DAY

What an absolute delight sports day was this year and thank goodness we gave the weather a chance to change for the day to go ahead! We altered the format slightly this year, which we hope allowed the children to be more active and engaged and, more importantly, having a fun-filled experience. We started with KS1 in the morning, supported by our very talented year 6 class.



It was so lovely to see the children putting into practise all they'd been taught in their PE lessons. The running races were very close and exciting and I have to say the hoop jump looked like a firm favourite! Mowgli were the winners of the KS1 events. With the rain still holding off, it was the turn of KS2 in the afternoon. Slightly more competitive but still just as enjoyable, the children took part in a range of running, jumping and throwing events. Mowgli were announced as winners of the KS2 events too.

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## CLUBS NEXT YEAR

More information regarding our extra-curricular clubs will be sent to you in September, but for now, an outline is provided below. Please note, booking for these clubs does not open until September and may be subject to change.

### RECEPTION AND KS1

- Multi-skills club delivered by Sportscool – Wednesday – 3:15-4:15

### KS2

- Boys' football club delivered by Mr Hoad – Tuesday – 3:15 – 4:15
- Girls' football club delivered by Mr Hoad – Wednesday – 3:15 – 4:15
- Multi-skills club delivered by Sportscool – Friday – 3:15-4:15

## PING

In the new academic year, we will continue to use PING in the same way we have this year; all communication regarding PE and sporting events will be sent to you via this system, including forms to sign your children up to festivals and competitions. Please do ensure your app is fully working to avoid any opportunities being missed.

## SCHOOL GAMES MARK

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the GOLD award for the School Games Mark for this academic year. This is our third Gold award, which means we are on track to hopefully achieve the Platinum award in a couple of years time.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active. We are delighted to have been recognised for our success. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport. We are committed to using the School Games to try and engage those young people who haven't previously been active or represented our school. We'd like all our students to have a positive experience of sport and to want to try new activities beyond school.

We believe in the power of physical activity and sport to give opportunities to those young people that need it most, either as a participant, leader, official or volunteer.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas linked to the five School Games outcomes and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded again this year.



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## FINALLY...THANK YOU

I want to thank all parents, carers, friends and family for all your continued support this year. We rely heavily on the support of you all, especially in regards to transport and without this, our wonderful children would not be able to take part in the events they do.

Thank you to all members of staff who travel to and support our children at events. Again, this wouldn't be able to happen without this support and I'm very grateful to staff for committing their time to this.

Last, but certainly not least, an extra thank you to Mr Hoad. The children have once again thrived this year under the teaching and direction of Mr Hoad. We've seen some outstanding personal achievements across the school and our children continue to shine in their PE lessons and at sporting events. Mr Hoad provides invaluable support to me as the PE lead and I'm forever thankful for this...thank you!

Have a wonderful summer all,

**Mrs Golawska**



## YR 6 SPORTS MENTORS PE GROUP

And that's a wrap, on Wednesday 28th June, all the children from the Sports Mentors PE group spent the afternoon on Hilders field taking part in 6 fantastic games and challenges, culminating in a whole group sprint finish. We even had their parents involved too.



The afternoon was down to all the hard work of our sports mentors, Jacob, Rocky, Naomi, Alicia, Bruno and Akim. They have been true role models for the younger children and a pleasure to work with this past year, I have no doubt they will go on to great things in secondary school.



## YR 6 YOUNG LEADERS AWARD

This term the young leaders turned into Indian market stall holders in the paper bag challenge. They had 20 minutes in small groups to create paper bags and were paid 1 Rupee per 2 papers bags. After the challenge we compared how much each group earned in a day, month and year and then converted this into pounds, with mouths hitting the floor once the children found out what they had earned (it wasn't a lot). This was a lesson on how people live and work differently across the world and what life is like and how it differs from ours, particularly when it comes to the cost of living.



This term also saw the young leaders' community action day, their crazy hair/hat day, raising money for Cancer Research. Thank you to all the children for taking part and as a school we raised close to £120 which could buy 240 petri dishes for a scientist to grow and study cancer cells which could allow scientists to find out more than ever before about cancer. Well done everyone!

**Dan Wescott**



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