



**Newsletter October 2023**

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# We're back with a bang!



**Welcome to Spark, the first newsletter of the academic year.**

A big welcome to our new reception children who are settling in so well. They have been getting used to their new classroom and making new friends.

We have our Fireworks Extravaganza on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November which is always such an amazing event with a BBQ, bar, stalls and, of course, the most incredible fireworks display in Rottingdean.

Grab yourself a cuppa, and read on to find out what your little ones have been up to.

## Reception **NATURE**



The children are settling in well and making new friends. We have noticed how quickly the children have settled into school life and are becoming so proactive with their learning. What is heartening to see and hear is how kind and caring they are to each other too.

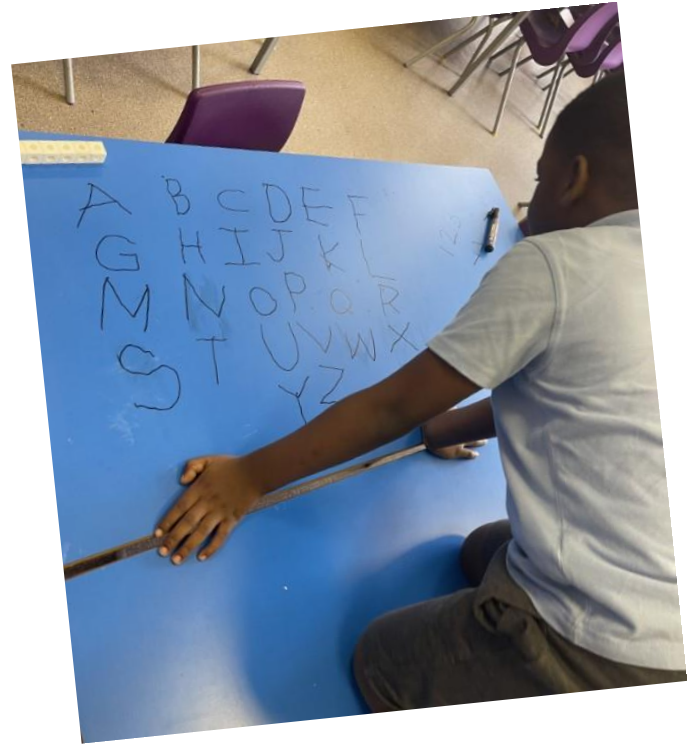
There was great excitement today when the children spotted some woodlice under a plant pot. We talked about the fact that woodlice like damp, dark places and can be found hiding in walls, under stones and in compost heaps too. The children noticed that some woodlice curled up into a ball, so we discussed when it is disturbed it will roll into a ball to protect itself.

**Miss Anscombe**



## Year 1 Say a little prayer

In Year 1 we have been following a new Religious Education Curriculum and learning about God's world and his love for us in our topic 'Covenant and Creation'. We've enjoyed helping Miss Cordell make the prayer table for our class liturgy so much that we've been making our own Creation Prayer Tables in busy time!



Miss Cordell sometimes lets us write on the tables with whiteboard pen to make our learning more fun. Katchi was able to write the whole alphabet in the correct order! How clever!

**Miss Cordell**



## Year 2 *Rhyme Time* .....

This term, in Year 2, we have started something called 'Rhyme Time' which is a small chunk of our day that we carve out to read and perform poetry. The children absolutely love it!

They have been amazing at reading the poetry in their pairs, practising the words, and then performing it to each other (and sometimes some very important passing adults).

**Miss Hamilton**

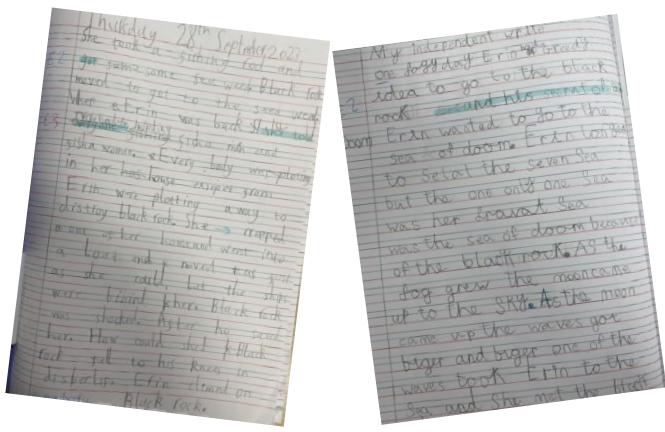
## Year 3 *Look in the mirror*



Year 3 have made an absolutely fantastic start to this academic year, and I have been so impressed with their enthusiasm for learning and attitude to work. In art this half term we have been drawing pencil portraits, focussing on sketching and different techniques. We have studied artists such as Van Gogh, Picasso, Holbein and more! The children have worked so hard, taking inspiration from their favourite artists to create their own sketches. Here is some of the work in progress so far...







As well as all the fantastic art work year 3 have been doing, they have been creating their own adventure stories in English, based on our class book 'The Secret of Black Rock!'. The quality of the writing has been brilliant, beautiful handwriting, similes, metaphors, amazing!

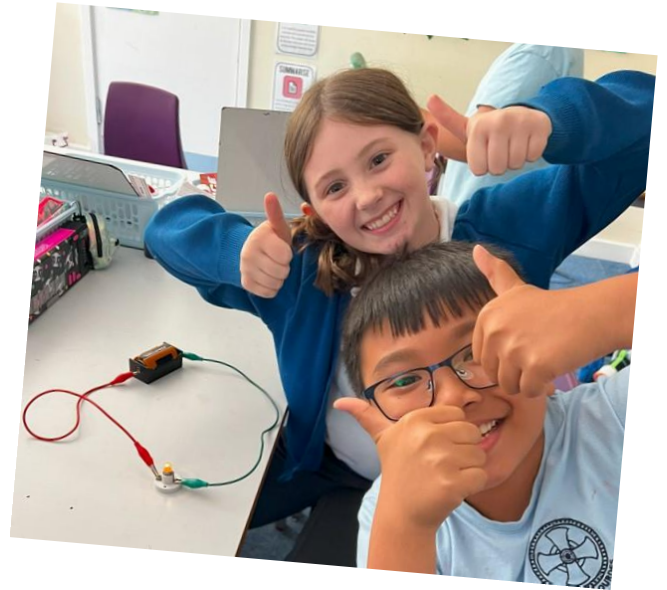
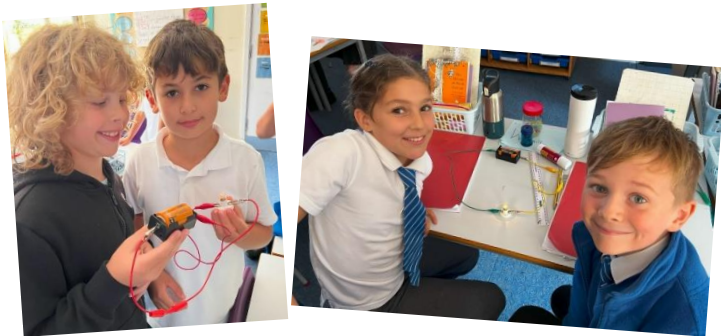
**Miss Turner**

## Year 4 BRIGHT SPARKS



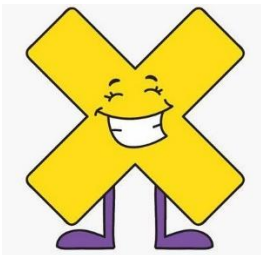
Year 4 have been learning all about electricity! In this lesson the aim was to understand that electricity flows round a circuit. The children were given a battery, wires and a bulb and asked to use their knowledge of circuits to light the bulb.

They worked brilliantly in their pairs and were incredibly chuffed when they succeeded! Well done Year 4!



The Year 4 children also took part in the Emile Multiplication Cup against 18 randomly selected schools in the UK. They ranked 3rd out of the 18 schools which was determined by the number of correct answers relative to how many children took part. At this stage of the year, it is a real triumph! The average amount of correct answers for our class was 68% which is amazing!

**Miss Spence**



## Year 5 CROSS WITH CAUTION...

In DT this half term, year 5 looked at the design, build and purposes of bridges. We looked at the use of pillars and beams to span gaps, we explored different truss designs and how these can be used to strengthen bridges and finally, we looked at suspension bridges and how these can be used to span long distances.







Year 5 were then given the challenge of designing and building their own bridges for a purpose and had to test their bridge to see if they'd been successful against the criteria set. Have a look to see just a few of our designs!

**Miss Golawska**



## Year 5 *Out of this world...*

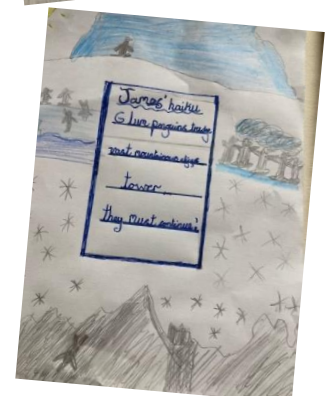
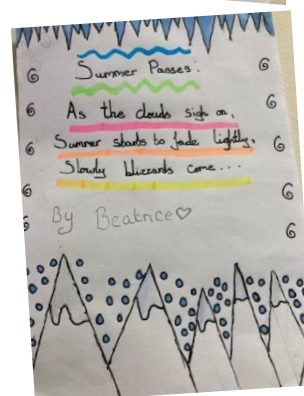
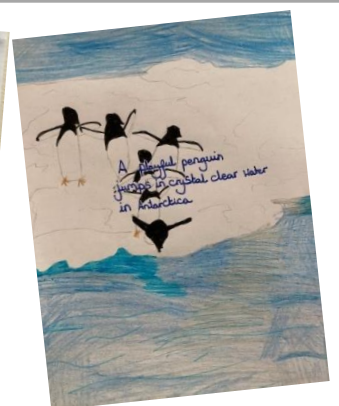
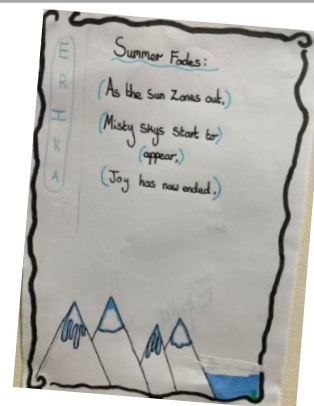
As part of their science work on Earth and Space, year 5 have been learning about the solar system. Look at the wonderful models Sylvia and Elise have made at home with their parents! Aren't they fantastic

**Mrs Philbrook**

## Year 6 **EVERYTHING IN PRINT**

Year 6 have sailed away to Antarctica this half-term, following in the footsteps of famous British explorers Scott of Antarctica and Ernest Shackleton. We started by writing haikus inspired by Antarctica, then wrote persuasive letters to Shackleton asking to join the Endurance expedition. We have ended this half-term by writing diaries in role as a member of Shackleton's crew, after reading the final diaries of Scott of Antarctica and his ill-fated Terra Nova expedition. In art, we've been exploring watercolours, inspired by the Endurance's artist George Marston and contemporary artist Frances Hatch.

**Mrs Nicholson**



Please could we remind everyone that all adults are welcome at church each day. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays masses at Our Lady of Lourdes Rottingdean are at 9:30am and are also live streamed.

Weekend masses are as follows:

Saturday 6.30pm Our Lady of Lourdes Church

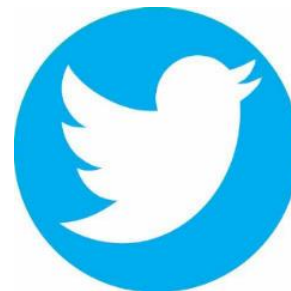
Sunday 9.00am St Patrick's, Woodingdean

Sunday 10.30am Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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 Twitter account @OLOLRottingdean



**Please see below for the PTFA update and sports flyers.....**



## PTFA Update - Autumn Term 2023

### Welcome back!

WELCOME

Welcome to the start of a new year at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic primary school. We would like to give a warm welcome to any new families joining the school this year, whether in Reception class or joining in other year groups.



### 1st Planning Meeting of the Year

In September a group of volunteers met to discuss the upcoming events for the Autumn term.

### Autumn Term Events – Planned



#### Autumn Community Extravaganza with Fireworks event Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Volunteers are required to set up from 1pm, help run the bar and BBQ, and pack up at 8pm. Please get in touch if you can help!



**PTFA Pyjama Day - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** come to school in your pyjamas, nightwear or lounging clothes and make a £1 donation towards PTFA funds.



#### Bag2School Collection - Monday 20 November

Donations can be brought in the week before in sealed plastic bags or bin liners and left in the bike shed area.



#### PTFA AMG - Thursday 23 November 7.30pm via Zoom

Everyone is welcome please email: [ptfaolol@gmail.com](mailto:ptfaolol@gmail.com) for the Zoom link to the meeting. More information to follow on roles that will be available if you're looking to get involved.



#### Christmas Fair - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 3pm

Volunteers are required to set up from 1pm, get the hall ready, run stalls, then pack away at 6pm.



## Autumn Term Events - Held



### Ice Lolly Friday Fundraiser

The Ice Lolly Friday fundraiser event held on Friday 08 Sep, raised £62.00. Thank you!



### Adventure Trail Gardening

During September an amazing group of volunteers helped clear the adventure play area of weeds and thorns. The area has been cleared so the children can start using the area again in the near future. Another session of gardening is planned for the spring term.



### Second hand uniform and book sale – held on Tuesday 10 Oct

This event was well attended thank you to everyone that donated uniforms and book and who bought items at the event.



### PTFA Now using Instagram

The PTFA is now using Instagram to share upcoming events, tell you what we have been doing and show how the money you give is spent, follow us here: [ololptfa](https://www.instagram.com/ololptfa)



Get involved with the PTFA. It's great fun and we raise much needed funds for our school. You have skills we need so if you can spare a few hours or more for one or many events, every bit of help makes a difference. Ideas, help or find out more email:

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for kids aged 7 - 9yrs

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