



**Newsletter March 2024**

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# Eggcellent fun for Easter!



Welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> Spark newsletter. We have had such a busy 2<sup>nd</sup> half to the Spring term, it's flown by! Although when does it not?

World Book Day was a roaring success. Pupils decorated paper plates as their favourite book and came dressed in all sorts of fantastic costumes. We even had a double page spread in the Argus to showcase our school!

The PTFA held our new Spring Fair last week. We had stalls run by the classes themselves, and of course the coveted Golden Egg which was won by Year 2! Congratulations to them.

I wish everyone a fantastic Easter break and we'll see you again on the 15<sup>th</sup> April ready for the Summer term.

## Reception *Down on the farm*

On 13<sup>th</sup> March, Reception went on a trip to Roedean School Farm. We were able to feed the goats and sheep and learn some fascinating facts about them. Did you know goats have rectangular pupils? This is because it helps them to spot their predators more clearly and easily. Did you know that it cost a farmer £4 to shear a sheep? They only get £1 back for their fleece! We also saw ducks and chickens. The children had a lovely time and we would like to thank all the amazing parents that helped on our trip.







In science, we conducted an experiment to see the best conditions for melting ice. After examining the ice in their little pots, we placed the pots in different places around the Reception classroom and garden. We predicted what might happen to each ice pot and then we waited. Some melted faster than others.

Thanks to all the parents/carers that supported on World Book day and International numbers day. the children looked amazing. What a creative bunch you all are!

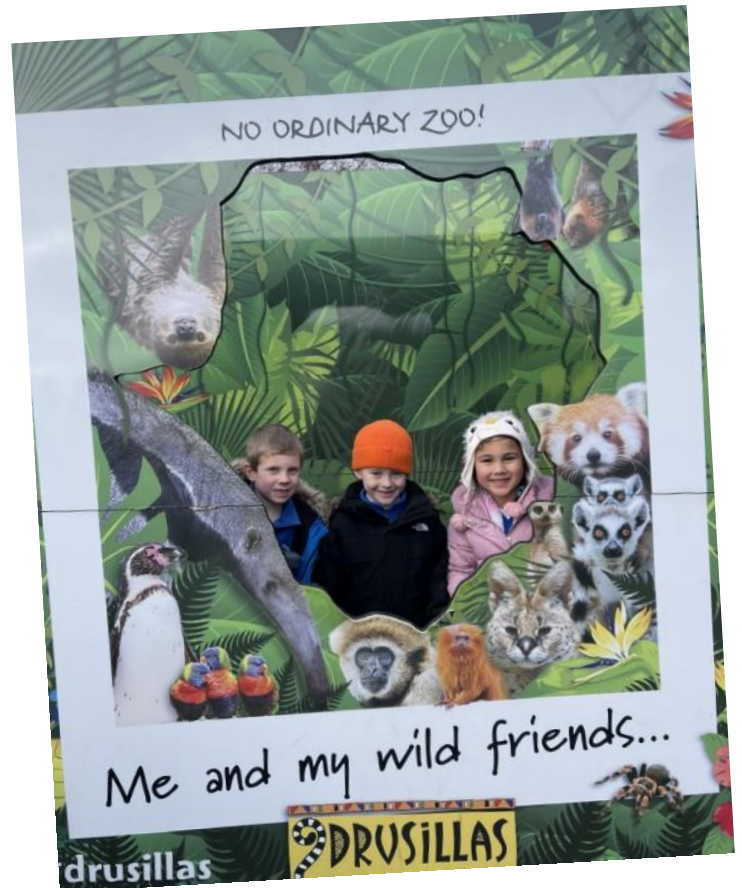
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**Miss Ancombe**

## Year 1 "It's no ordinary zoo"

In February, as part of our science work on 'animals' and our book 'Lost and Found', Year 1 went to visit Drusilla's. We had lots of fun learning about penguins, seeing all the animals and riding the train! We even got to stroke a snake and a chinchilla which was so, so soft! The anteaters were Miss Cordell's favourite!

**Miss Cordell**



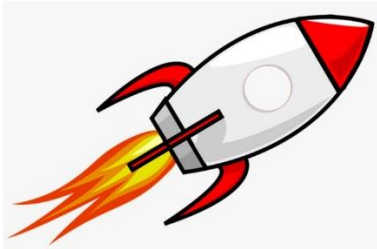




## Year 1 **OUT OF THIS WORLD**

Year 1 have been enjoying learning about Neil Armstrong and the Apollo 11 moon landing in our History work. Kaylum made this fantastic rocket for him and his friends to travel in and showed excellent problem solving skills when the bits didn't quite fit together as he had hoped.

**Miss Cordell**



## Year 2 **Numbers**

Year 2 had a wonderful day during 'International Maths Day' and their costumes were fantastic! We had fun making times tables fortune tellers which they then used to test each other to discover just how many times tables facts they knew! They also made their own Numberblocks family portrait. What a fantastic day!

**Miss Hamilton**





## Year 3 Prayer Stones



During our RE lessons this half term we have been focussing on the importance of listening and sharing, and what we gain when we listen and share. During whole class collective worship we shared what is important to us and created our own prayer stones. It was a really lovely way to spend the afternoon, and all of the prayer stones look absolutely beautiful and unique!

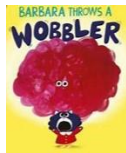
In science we have been looking at light, experimenting with shadows and reflections. I have been so impressed with the hypothesis created by year 3 and their use of equipment to perform fair experiments.

**Miss Turner**

## Year 4 It's a Wobbler

Year 4 have been working very hard this term. They particularly enjoyed reading 'Barbara throws a wobbler' which is a picture book all about feelings. For World Book Day the children made feelings hats based off the illustrations from the text.

**Miss Spence**

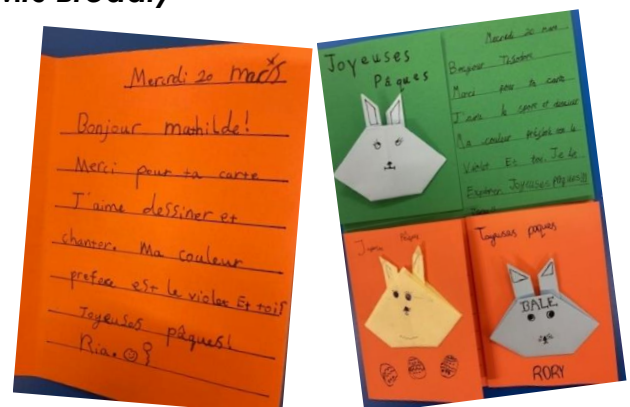


## Year 3 & 4 French



Year 3 and Year 4 were very excited to receive Easter cards from their penpals in France, and this week we made cards to send back. As well as making their cards look beautiful with origami rabbit faces and other Easter designs, both classes did some fantastic writing in their cards, using some of the French we have been learning this term. Well done to both classes!

**Mrs Broadly**





## Year 5 DT CAM TOYS!

Year 5 were given the task of designing and making a CAM toy, inspired by our book, 'The Wolf Wilder'. We were very fortunate to have Mr Hill work with us and he did a wonderful job in helping and supporting the children in planning and building their toy. The children knew the importance of ensuring their measurements were as accurate as possible and so spent a while on the planning stage.



Once they were sure this was good to go, the children were then able to experience using a range of tools to make their toy. We are all so pleased with the outcomes - the designs look fantastic. I know the children thoroughly enjoyed this experience too! A huge thank you to Mr Hill for all the help and support...we couldn't have done it without you!

**Mrs Golawska**

## Year 6 THE ARRIVAL

This half term, year 6 have been studying the book 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. This brilliant, wordless novel explores the experience of moving to another country through the eyes of a recent immigrant. Inspired by his amazing artwork we have created our own strange pencil sketch landscapes exploring 1 point perspective.

**Mrs Nicholson**







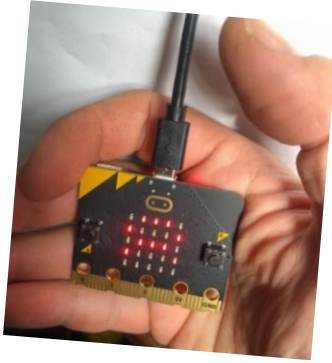
## Mud Kitchen

Thanks to the help of some parents, the first stage of our mud kitchen up on the adventure trail is now open and has been enjoyed by years 2 & 4.

*Mr Hill*



## CODING CLUB



We've been having fun in coding club making the micro bit display messages and images as well as making sounds. Next week we're going to have a go at gesture control.

*Mr Hill*

## The Golden Egg!!

Congratulations to Year 2 who with their delicious cakes and lucky dip, raised the most money at the Easter fair and won the Golden Egg!!!

Thanks to all the classes for their amazing efforts at the fair. It was such a fun afternoon for all and we raised over £1,200 not including the Easter raffle!!





# EASTER FAIR



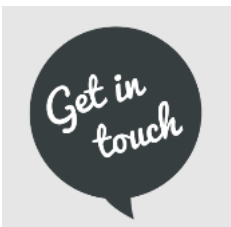
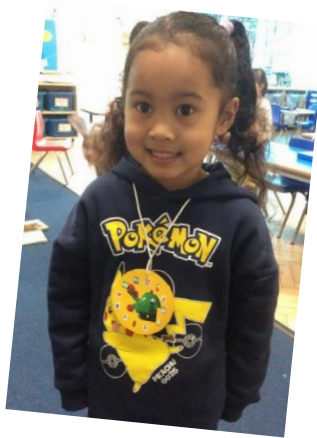
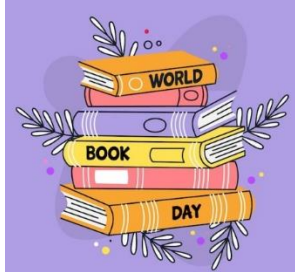
# MATHS DAY

Thank you to everyone for their efforts for International Maths Day. The costumes were amazing and the engagement from the children was brilliant. We're looking forward to next year already!





# World Book Day



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)







## PE & Sports

### SPRING 2 SPORTS UPDATE

We've had a very busy and enjoyable spring term, with lots of festivals and competitions taking place throughout.

We started the term with our set of netball festivals and competitions. First up was our Year 3/4/KS2 netball festival, where we had 16 children taking part in this event. It was

lovely to see some faces of those children who were attending the festival for the first time and was a great opportunity for the children to get to know the game, familiarise themselves with the rules and tactics, meet children from other schools and, most importantly, have lots of fun!



### NETBALL

We then kicked off our rounds of competitions, starting with year 6. The team were absolutely brilliant – resilient throughout and despite a rocky start, came back stronger than ever to take home the trophy. I think their smiling faces says it all!



After, was the turn of our year 3/4 class...we only had a team of 7 for this event, which meant that our three girls had to play every single minute of every single match! This didn't stop them from working their little socks off and were too crowned winners of their event! This was the first trophy that our year 3/4 team walked away with and both myself and Miss Spence were incredibly proud of them all.

Next up, the year 5s and, at the risk of repeating myself, how amazing they were too. We got off to a rocky start to begin but once the team found their feet and relaxed into playing, they showed real strength and determination to bounce back and were delighted to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> at this event. A special mention to Ted from year 4 who was brave enough to step up and represent our year 5 team at this event – thank you Ted!





We entered the city wide netball tournament again this year and, after the weather postponed the first event, we were delighted to play the rescheduled event last week. We played 5 other Brighton schools on the day and played some exceptional netball. Like always, the team worked well together, supported and encouraged each other throughout and, most importantly, had a very fun afternoon. We won every single game, which meant we came 1<sup>st</sup> overall and progressed through to the Brighton school finals a week later.

At the finals, our wonderful netball team played a total of 4 games and won 3 of those. This meant that we finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. The children were amazing...determined, resilient and kind to all.



They were a little sad to not go on and win but should be so proud of their achievements.

## CRICKET

We've had a few cricket events taking place this term and we started back in January with a festival event for a small group of year 3 and 4 children, organised by Sussex Cricket. It was a lovely afternoon, where the children were giving the opportunity to take part in a round robin of activities, all with the aim of learning new cricket skills or developing existing ones.

Later on in the term, we took a group of year 5 and 6 girls' to BACA to participate in a girl's only cricket competition, again, run and organised by Sussex Cricket. We were divided into two separate groups and, putting into place everything the girls have learnt in their PE lessons with Mr Hoad, they played some excellent cricket and were announced as winners of our group.



This meant that the girls were invited to the Sussex Cricket County Finals.

We played this last Monday and, once again, the girls did us very proud! We faced some very tough opposition, from some of the best cricket I've seen at primary school level. We finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in our group and the girls were delighted to win their last game. The resilience and determination shown from this group of girls was phenomenal. Well done to all involved.





## HOCKEY

Our second set of events for the ACE partnership focused on hockey, which we hosted here at OLOL. It was so lovely to be able to see so many children participating in a game that they may not have played before and even better to have our parents here supporting.

We started with our year 6 team, who were brilliant (as always!) and they walked away as winners of their event. Next up, our year 5s, who once again, demonstrated excellent resilience and team work and came 4<sup>th</sup> in their event.



Finally for the competitions, were our year 3/4 team, who came 1st! Miss Turner was so impressed with their efforts and determinations and the children were so proud of themselves, as were we. Well done to all involved!



## FOOTBALL

We entered the Brighton and Hove Schools FA Brighton Cup for both our boys' and girls' teams this year. First up were our girls' team, where we travelled away to play Westdene. Supported by a very eager Mrs Philbrook, the girls worked their socks off against a very strong opposition but held their heads high despite a defeat. As Mrs P said: *'It was freezing cold, the pitch was huge and the other team were on home turf- but our girls showed real grit and resilience. They lost 9-0 but never gave up and always had a smile in their face. So proud of them all!'* It was lovely to give the girls the opportunity to play football as a team and I know they all had a lovely afternoon. Thank you to parents for helping Mrs P at this event too!







Boys from year 5 and 6 played a football match against Stanford Primary School this week. It was the first round of the 'Fitzgerald Cup'. Travelling to Longhill to play, on a very cold and wet Tuesday afternoon, the boys didn't disappoint! Each and every single one of them played fantastically well; working together as a team and supporting and encouraging each other throughout. I'm delighted to tell you that we won the match 9-1! This means the boys progress through to the next round of the cup, which will be played after Easter. A big well done to all involved.

**Mrs Golawska**

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## **CLUBS FOR SUMMER TERM:**

### **CLUBS**

Please follow the links below for after school clubs:

<https://ourladyoflourdesprimaryschool.co.uk/curriculum/pe/>

### **KS1:**

Tuesday – Sportscool – Multiskills

Wednesday – Sportscool – Football

### **KS2:**

Tuesday – Mr Hoad - Boys football

Wednesday – Mr Hoad - Girls football

Friday – Sportscool - Multiskills

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# EASTER HOLIDAY HAF FUNDED MULTI SPORTS CAMP

**LONGHILL SPORTS  
CENTRE, BN2 7FR**

**ELIGIBLE FAMILIES CAN BOOK UP  
TO 4 MORNINGS PER CHILD!  
PAID AFTERNOON SESSIONS  
(UNTIL 3:30PM) ARE AVAILABLE!**

- ✓ Lunch is provided
- ✓ Alternative sports e.g. archery
- ✓ Making new friends
- ✓ Mindfulness & well-being



Laser  
Tag



UV Dodgeball

**INFLATABLE, UV DODGEBALL + LASER TAG ON 4TH + 9TH APRIL!**

**TUES 2ND - FRI 5TH AND MON 8TH - FRI 12TH APRIL**

**08:30 - 12:30** For children aged 4-11



<https://eequ.org/experience/5106>

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# Art Experience Days

AGES  
5-10

- 9am - 3:30pm Everyday 2nd - 12th April
- 📍 Artpod 20 - 22 Highstreet Rottingdean

From 3D art to Science art or Canvas art to Clay art there is something for everyone.

Each day there are new materials & activities that promote self expression & imaginative exploration.

Examples include painting & drawing, sculpture & sewing, slime & potions, grow your own art, building & decorating.

**Food, Drinks & Snacks Provided**

Register online  
<https://eequ.org/experience/6588>





Level 1 & Level 2

# CYCLE



# TRAINING

at Preston Park  
and Hove Park



**Level 1** is where you will learn to control your bike.

**Level 2** is where you start with real traffic, but sticking to quiet roads.

**Tuesday 2 – Friday 5 April**

**10am – 12.30pm each day**

**Monday 8 – Thursday 11 April**

**Course 1 - 10am – 12.30pm each day**

**Course 2 – 13.15 – 15.45 each day**

**Ages 9 –15**

**Levels 1 & 2 together is £40 per person.**

**Level 1** – Riders must be able to ride independently with confidence and without stabilisers.

**Progression to Level 2 training** is depended on meeting all level 1 modules to National Standards Level.

Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis. To book your place visit:

<https://cycling.envelope.host/courses/>

or contact Emily Tester on 01273 293847  
or email: [east.central@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:east.central@brighton-hove.gov.uk)



**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**



Level 3

# CYCLE



# TRAINING

at Preston Park  
and Hove Park



**Tuesday 2 – Thursday 4 April**

**1.15pm – 3.15pm each day**

**Ages 11 – 15**

All children must have attended a Level 2 course and allow 3 months practice between levels.

All trainees will be assessed on Level 2 outcomes before progressing further.

**Level 3** is where you learn to cycle safely on busy roads within the city.

Training includes roundabouts, traffic lights and filtering. You must have completed Levels 1 and 2.

Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.

Level 3 training costs £45 per person.

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