

The Minnacle

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Showcasing
Exceptional work by
pupils at Crackley
Hall School and Little
Crackers Nursery



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Welcome

...to issue 33 of the Minnacle. Read on for inspiring examples of work from Crackley Hall School.

Year 6 pupil Georgie Skrypchuk made the incredible cross stitch which you can see on the front cover to commemorate King Charles' Coronation. Great effort, Georgie!

Special thanks to Cat Hardwick for collecting and sending through all the great work for this lovely mini mag.

Be inspired!

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Henry is working really hard on developing the foundation skills for reading.

He understands the importance of rhythm in words and can clap the beats like a drummer, he is amazing at alliteration; able to sort words like: snake, snail, squirrel, seal, and slug into the same set! He can segment the sounds in 'cvc' words and blend them together to say them. In this picture he is thoroughly enjoying a 'Bingo! Game' where he quickly identified the words by blending the individual sounds. He is well on his way to becoming a successful and confident reader.

Henry, LC

Anna in Reception received a Mastery Junior da Vinci in Mathematics for her fantastic work exploring numbers to 100.

She was able to recognise, compare, order and write the missing numbers to 100.



Anna, Rec



Write the Missing Numbers

Name _____ Date _____

Write in the missing numbers up to 100.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	✓
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	✓
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	✓
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	✓
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	✓
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	✓
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	✓
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	✓
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	✓
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	✓

Well done Anna!

George has shown excellent pencil control while drawing a detailed picture of a ladybird on a leaf.

He used different patterns to highlight the sections of the leaf which sits behind a beautifully coloured in ladybird. George took time and care to make sure his ladybird had spots that matched on both sides and added details to his drawing to help bring it to life.

George was awarded a Creativity Junior da Vinci for his super drawing.



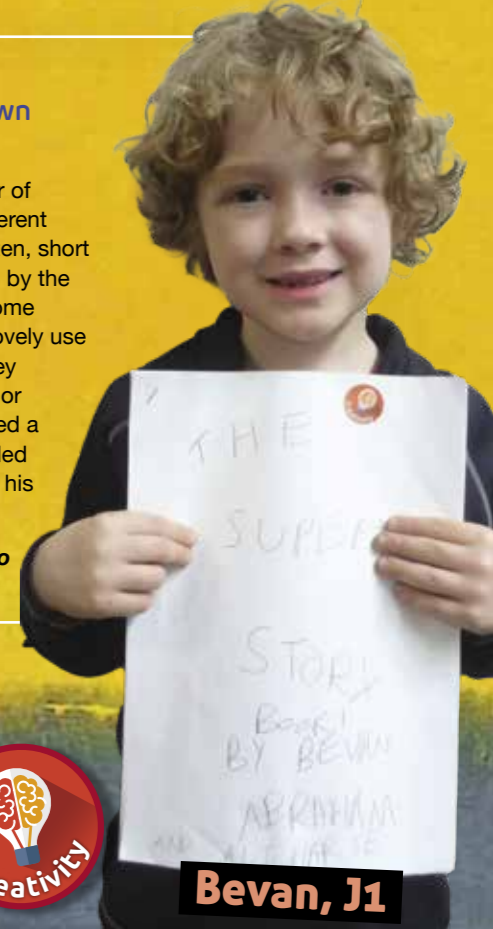
George, J1



Bevan in J1 has been very busy writing his own 'Superhero' story.

Each character was a member of his family and they all had different super-powers. The story had ten, short chapters and was set in Paris, by the Eiffel Tower. Bevan showed some super imaginative ideas and lovely use of language, such as when they defeated a 'venomous snake' or at the end when they performed a 'victory dance'. He was awarded a Creativity Junior da Vinci for his super work.

Well done Bevan for being so creative.



Bevan, J1



Charlie in J2 has amazed the rest of his class with his ability to use his times tables knowledge to help work out fractions of numbers.

His knowledge of the x2, x3 and x4 tables has helped him to be a speedy worker in finding 1/2, 1/3 or 1/4 of a given number. He was awarded a Mastery Junior da Vinci for his efforts.



Charlie, J2

J2

27:00-23 Find the

02:03, 23
10: Find the whole

$\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 = 3 ✓	$\frac{1}{2}$ of 8 = 4 ✓
$\frac{1}{3}$ of 9 = 3 ✓	$\frac{1}{3}$ of 12 = 4 ✓
$\frac{1}{4}$ of 12 = 3 ✓	$\frac{1}{4}$ of 16 = 4 ✓
$\frac{1}{2}$ of 34 = 17 ✓	$\frac{1}{2}$ of 26 = 13 ✓
$\frac{1}{3}$ of 21 = 7 ✓	$\frac{1}{3}$ of 3 = 1 ✓
$\frac{1}{4}$ of 16 = 4 ✓	Yes five cracker! great fractions
$\frac{1}{4}$ of 10 = 2.5	thp
$\frac{1}{3}$ of 33 = 11	

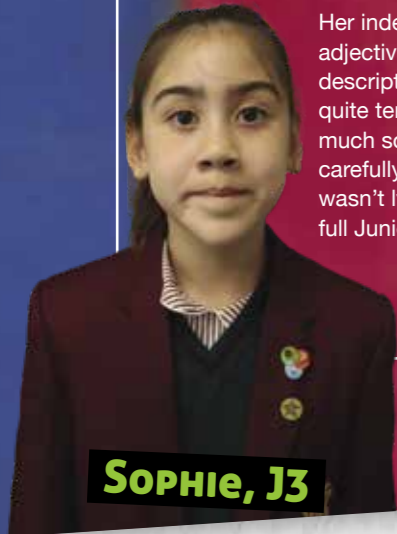
Amazing use of your times tables thp.



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During our topic on Ancient Greece, **Sophie** wrote a wonderful description of the Minotaur as we learned the myth of Daedalus and Icarus.

Her independent writing was packed with adjectives, adverbs and other wonderful descriptions of the Minotaur's character. We were quite terrified as she read her description aloud, so much so that we spent the rest of the day peeping carefully round corners to check the Minotaur wasn't lying in wait for us! Sophie was awarded a full Junior da Vinci for her wonderful writing.



SOPHIE, J3



Isabel in Junior 3H has loved exploring the geology of the world and finding her favourite rocks and gemstones.

She found the Black Opal, which captured her imagination, was 5 to 6.5 on the Mohs Scale of Hardness. According to some, it can be used to treat fevers and help the immune system. Black Opal is a sedimentary rock with all the colours of the rainbow threading through it. Isabel really enjoys Science and as you can see, she created a beautiful fact poster about her chosen gemstone. Isabel was awarded a Creative Junior da Vinci.



Isabel, J3



Joshua has worked so hard on creating a beautiful dog keyring, made from felt and sewn together with minute stitches.

Mrs Duigan and Mrs Verma were blown away by his sewing skills and have awarded him a Creative Junior da Vinci.

JOSHUA, J3



Grace, J4

Jessie, J4

Grace and Jessie worked hard on our recent French speaking countries project.

They both chose to research Madagascar and found out about the location, climate, food and places to visit. The girls learnt that Madagascar is the fourth largest island in the world and much of the wildlife there is found nowhere else on Earth. They worked very well independently and presented their findings beautifully.



Full da Vincis were awarded to budding presenters, **Jacob, Jude and Diya!**

Junior 4 were set the task of planning and delivering a presentation in an English lesson. Little did we know how amazing this would be! We have all had a wonderful week listening to various topics. Pupils have learnt to give and receive positive feedback and handy hints to help them improve.



Jude gave a heart-warming and interesting presentation which explained the difficulties of coping with only one eye. By giving out an eyepatch to all at the beginning, he immediately engaged his audience. His feedback was amazing – in less than ten minutes, he had given the audience an empathy and understanding of the problems people, who do not have 100% vision, may have.



Jacob, J4

Jacob, wowed his audience with his knowledge of Basketball and even demonstrated some of the skills. The rest of the class were very impressed and wanted to know more tips on how to play well. Jacob even offered his skills and expertise at lunchtime to those interested in knowing more.



JUDE, J4



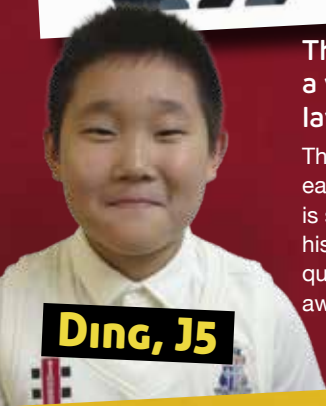
Diya, J4

Diya inspired her audience to talk about fashion. With interesting questions, a well-structured and informative PowerPoint and a demonstration on her sewing machine, Diya gave a wonderful presentation on Fashion. Pupils learnt about Coco Chanel and were captivated with Diya's own designs in her sketch book.

Well done to all Junior 4 for a superb and varied week but a special thank you to Jacob, Jude and Diya!!

J5 & J6

Spot the Difference



Ding, J5

The children had to produce a vector image (using just shapes, layered for effect) of one of the dogs.

They had to think carefully about which shapes each part of the dog was made up of. Ding's dog is spot on apart from one leg, as the computer lost his pic and he couldn't complete it. Ding worked quickly and confidently and precisely. Ding was awarded a full Junior da Vinci for his hard work.



Lucas, J6

In November pupils in J5 and J6 took the Primary Maths Challenge, pupils scoring 20 and above were then selected by the Mathematical Association to take part in the Bonus Round in February 2023.

Lucas was the only pupil at Crackley Hall and one of 382 pupils nationally who achieved a Gold certificate in the Bonus Round, he worked extremely hard and should be especially proud of his achievements. Lucas received a special pin badge from the Mathematical Association to recognise his achievements. Lucas also received a full Junior da Vinci for his efforts. Lucas says he loves Maths and practised with some of the past papers for the Bonus Round to make sure he was ready. He was surprised to get such a high result! Well done Lucas!



Emily, J6

Sienna, J5

Georgie, J6

These three superstars are our highest LAMDA scorers, Sienna, Georgie and Emily from Junior 5 and Junior 6, all scoring 95 or more out of 100.

The children's sheer hard work and commitment to learning and discussing their pieces of poetry and prose was outstanding and their fantastic scores were very well deserved.



Harry and Sara in Junior 5 have created these incredible portraits in the style of Tudor artist, Holbein.

They had enormous fun and showed flair and talent using drawing skills, a variety of mixed media and jewels and

faux gemstones. Harry even managed to find some faux fur to create a very decadent cloak edging to his outfit. Ms Holmes was delighted with the enthusiasm and willingness to learn and improve their work along the journey.

They were both awarded a Junior da Vinci Creative.



HARRY, J5

SARA, J5