



Crackley Hall
School

2022-2023

Review

A look back at an exciting and busy school year.





Welcome

to the 2022-2023 Crackley Review. Charting the life of the school in words and pictures, the Review celebrates our pupils and the school's ethos that together make Crackley Hall 'the next best place to home'.

It captures the special moments and memories of the past year, celebrating the successes and highlights across the year groups. It's a fabulous memento and one I hope you will all treasure for years to come.

My sincere thanks are extended to all our staff who work tirelessly to support our children and especially to those who have contributed to the Review, both teachers and office staff, and especially Mrs Helen Stephenson who has devoted many hours of her time to bring this to fruition.

So much happens here, day in day out, making it hard to capture it all. There were so many wonderful and memorable moments and plenty of achievements and rewards. I hope you enjoy reliving it all in.

Robert Duigan
Headmaster

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Prize Giving 2023

Prize Giving is the culmination of another exceptional year

Prize Giving at Crackley Hall is the culmination of the academic year, it is a chance to reflect, a chance to celebrate and a chance to give thanks. This year's Prize Giving took place on Tuesday 4 July with the Lower School receiving their awards in the afternoon and Junior 5 and 6 in the evening.

Headmaster, Mr Duigan gave a thought-provoking speech, he gave thanks to the many who give so much to the school in so many ways. He challenged every boy and every girl to remain positive and resilient and reminded that those who succeed have to be brave enough to fail. He encouraged all the children to strive to do their best, to never limit themselves and to smile because it is free.

Crackley Hall's pupil leaders gave their reports speaking movingly about their time in office and their Crackley journeys, and the memories and friends they will take with them as they move on to secondary school.

And then there were the awards, book awards for progress, effort and diligence, school spirit and kindness, contribution to school life and achievement. Followed by cups and shields and trophies galore, all recognising the diligence, effort and excellence that abounds at Crackley Hall.

It was difficult to pick winners for this year's Special Awards as there were many worthy potential recipients, so it was with great pride that Mr Duigan awarded the following:

St Joseph's School Spirit Award	Esme Card
Zanyi Chalmers Award	Julia Kozhan
Scholarship Award	Theo Cowlishaw
Sister Mary Patrick Trophy for Caring	Chloe Tomkinson and Olivia Lamb
PTA Crackley Hall Shield	Georgie Skrypchuk

As the ceremonies concluded, all Crackley pupils were encouraged to reflect on their achievements this year, as prize winner or not, all should be rightfully proud.

Award	Winner/s
Our Head Pupil Awards of Service	
To our outgoing Head Boy	Leo Warne
To our outgoing Head Girl	Matilda Clarke
The Arts Awards	
Lord Cup for Artistic Endeavour	Frankie Courtenay-Evans
Abbotsford Cup for Art and Design	Rosie Russell
Moore Shield for Ballet Dancer of the Year	Ashleigh Aston
St Joseph's Salver for Progress and Endeavour in the Performing Arts	Mairen Steel
Crackley Award for Commitment to the Performing Arts	Jia Mehta
David Lloyd Performing Arts Trophy	Julia Kozhan
Penny Matthews Shield for Singing	Leani Du Toit
Kyriakou Trophy for Music	Isabella Olden
The Co-curricular and Sport Awards	
Vaughan Trophy for Rounders	Olivia Lamb
Duigan Cup for Cricket	Vaughan Woollacott
Vital Shield for Netball	Georgie Rea
Crackley Hall Rugby Trophy	Leo Warne
Boraston Shield for Tag Rugby	Lennon Fletcher



Prize Giving 2023



Award	Winner/s
Fermahan Shield for Athletics	James Coleman and Emily Divers
Wood Shield for Hockey	Esme Card
Vital Shield for Football	James Coleman
Brockwell Trophy for Girls' Football	Georgina Skrypchuk
Crackley Hall Salver for Boys' Swimming	Leo Warne
Crackley Hall Cup for Girls' Swimming	Matilda Clarke
Crackley Hall Award for the Most Improved Sports Person	Lucas Hobson and Nell Kiteley
Marshall Shield for Endeavour in Sport	Jack Lawton and Penny Thomas
Crackley Hall Shield for Sporting Excellence	Georgina Skrypchuk
Dick Trophy for Sport	James Coleman
The Academic Awards	
Mansfield Shield for Sustained Effort and Progress in Learning Support	Joseph Mason and Beatrice Wood
Doust Shield for Attitude and Approach to Learning Support	Jakob Baddon and Eve Wood
Williams Cup for Sustained Effort and Progress	Penny Thomas and Grace Wright
Rhys Taylor Cup for Endeavour	Alexa Ward and Amelia Turvey
Roderick Jones Trophy for French	Kate Knudsen
Timms Cup for ICT	Jack Lawton
Lammas Trophy for Geography	Andrew Parizzi
Keeley Cup for History	Georgie Rea
Simmonds Trophy for RE	Leani Du Toit
Castens Award for Science	Theo Cowlisaw and Georgie Rea
Head's Award for Lower KS2 Science	Rohan Vatish
Le Poidevin Shield for English	Theo Cowlisaw
Clark Cup for Mathematics	Lucas Hobson
Special Awards	
Da Vinci Shield (Boys)	Theo Cowlisaw
Da Vinci Shield (Girls)	Georgie Rea

Book Prizes

Form	Prize 2023	Name
Reception A	Achievement	Wilson Spencer
	Effort and Diligence	Anna Erinle
	Progress	Margot Maffey
	School Spirit and Kindness	Teddy Barber
Reception M	Achievement	Ethan Pope
	Effort and Diligence	Isla Gibson
	Progress	Eli Muzungu
	School Spirit and Kindness	Jamie Hunka
Junior 1G	Achievement	Jovan Phagura and Wilfred Smith
	Effort and Diligence	Ella Cowlshaw
	Progress	George Westerman
	School Spirit and Kindness	May Finch-Knightley
Junior 1H	Achievement	Edward Woodall-Pagan
	Effort and Diligence	Cole Dumighan
	Progress	Alexander Lavelle
	School Spirit and Kindness	Sherry Guan
Junior 2B	Achievement	Chace Ward
	Effort and Diligence	Fiorella Parry
	Progress	Poppy Sephton-Brown
	School Spirit and Kindness	Sloane Camilleri-Willis
Junior 3H	Achievement	Henry Feng
	Effort and Diligence	Archie James
	Progress	Alfie Finch-Knightly
	School Spirit and Kindness	Gabriella Forino
Junior 3V	Achievement	Hector Gautier-Collins
	Effort and Diligence	Eloise Bickerton
	Progress	Himmy Ling
	School Spirit and Kindness	Casper Bollon

Form	Prize 2023	Name
Junior 4R	Achievement	Charlotte Chan
	Effort and Diligence	Shuvan Banerjee
	Progress	Alexander Tsang
	School Spirit and Kindness	Charlotte Panton
Junior 4S	Achievement	Diya Kharbanda
	Effort and Diligence	Jude Wood
	Progress	Ain Lee
	School Spirit and Kindness	Harriet Shipley
Junior 5L	Achievement	Sara Alvis
	Effort and Diligence	Alexa Bickerton
	Progress	Ben Bruce
	School Spirit and Kindness	Sebastian Bollon
Junior 5W	Achievement	Ding Fan
	Effort and Diligence	Joshua Burley
	Progress	Fergus Crinion
	School Spirit and Kindness	Phoebe Madoell
Junior 6H	Achievement	Lucas Hobson
	Effort and Diligence	Chloe Tomkinson
	Resilience and Progress	Nell Kiteley
	School Spirit and Kindness	Matilda Clarke
Junior 6V	Contribution to School Life	Jia Mehta
	Achievement	Theo Cowlshaw
	Effort and Diligence	Amalia Lee
	Resilience and Progress	Sofi Green
	School Spirit and Kindness	Carter Headland
	Contribution to School Life	Evie Gibson



Achievements



Prize Winning Artists

Last year's Junior 1 class and former Junior 6 pupil, Olivia Burley, were both recognised in the Independent Schools' Association's (ISA) Regional Art Competition.

Junior 1's 'A Fishy Tale' took first place in the Key Stage 1 3D Group class while Olivia's 'WW1 Gas Mask', took second place in the Key Stage 2 Drawing class. Congratulations to the young artists on their super success.

Every year the ISA hold an Art competition and Crackley Hall always takes part. It is a great way to celebrate the outstanding artwork produced by pupils in the school.



Seven Golds in the Primary Maths Challenge

The Primary Mathematics Challenge (PMC) is a fun and exciting mathematical challenge aimed at pupils in Years 5 and 6, and this year Crackley Hall had 20 Junior 6 and 17 Junior 5 pupils take part.

The PMC boosts confidence in mathematics and encourages problem solving, helping pupils develop their reasoning skills.

Congratulations go to Georgie Rea, Ding Fan, Theo Cowlshaw, Matilda Clarke, Arthur Cowell, Lucas Hobson and Georgina Skrypchuk who all received a Gold certificate in the PMC, a really excellent result.

Plenty of pupils also received Silver and Bronze awards. A huge well done to all who took part!



Crackley Hall Christmas Card Competition

This year's winning Crackley Hall Christmas Card design was by Rosie Russell from J6H. Her simple design captured the spirit of the season featuring a star shining down on the nativity. The design featured on the front of every card sent out by the Headmaster.

Mr Duigan commented, "Rosie's design was a clear winner, with strength in its simplicity, but the standard overall was high. I was delighted to see so many entries, well done to everybody who took part."

There was an exceptionally strong field of entries this year, so our congratulations also go to the runners up whose designs featured as cameos on the reverse of the card. Well done Mairen (J6V), Beatrice (J5W), Anthony (J4R), Archie (J3H) and Jessica (J3V).

CISC Christmas Card Competition

Junior 2, Olivia Edkins, and Junior 3, Jess Greevy, were awarded first and second place respectively in the 2022 Catholic Independent Schools Conference (CISC) Christmas card competition.

The theme for the competition was 'Walking in the Light' and the girls produced beautiful drawings of the nativity scene and of Mary holding baby Jesus.

A huge well done to them both.





Crackley Pupils Celebrate Outstanding LAMDA Results

At Crackley Hall pupils from Junior 1 to Junior 6 study for the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) examinations in their Drama lessons.

All 79 Crackley Hall School Junior 5 and Junior 6 pupils who took the LAMDA examinations in February passed with the overwhelming majority, over 75%, achieving a distinction. Studying for the Grade 1 or Grade 2 Speaking Verse and Prose the children had prepared two poems to perform.

Then in June, pupils in Junior 1 and Junior 2 received their LAMDA examination results. They also achieved a 100% pass rate, with all the children being awarded the top grades of Merit and Distinction.

Junior 1 and Junior 2 studied the Introductory Syllabus where pupils are expected to recite a poem and then discuss a favourite toy.

They all worked so hard, huge congratulations to them all.



Nuneaton Festival of Arts

17 pupils from Crackley Hall School celebrated after winning the Meredith Cup for Choral Speaking at the 2023 Nuneaton Festival of Arts.

Crackley Hall's Key Stage 2 Performance Poetry Club competed in the Juniors competition, in the Speech and Drama section of the festival at the Abbey Theatre in Nuneaton.

The Group were awarded first place and 'Distinction' with a superb score of 88%, with the judge commenting on their perfect synchronisation.

Drama teacher, Nicki Wildey, was delighted, commenting, "We are so proud of the children's commitment to Performance Poetry. They have worked really hard and to come first is such an achievement. They have made us, their parents and the whole school very proud."



Full Marks For Crackley Hall School

Following an inspection by the Independent Schools Inspectorate's (ISI) Regulatory Compliance team Crackley Hall School was delighted to report that it had passed the inspection with full marks, with the school meeting all the requirements in every section.

Amongst comments, in their report, the inspectors highlighted, "The teaching enables pupils to make good progress", "Principles and values are actively promoted which facilitate the personal development of pupils", and "Leaders and managers demonstrate good skills and knowledge".

Headmaster, Rob Duigan, commented, "I was particularly pleased with the informal feedback I received from the inspectors who were clearly impressed with our school. It is no small achievement to have passed this inspection so comprehensively, and I am delighted with the result."

School Leaders

2022-2023 Captains And Stewards

In their final year, pupils in Junior 6 take on leadership responsibilities at the school. In the first Celebration Assembly of the year, Mr Duigan had the great pleasure of introducing the new Captains for the 2022-2023 academic year and presenting the pupils with their badges of office.

Mr Duigan spoke about the importance of the responsibilities and encouraged pupils to rise to the challenge of their new roles as excellent leaders and role models for the younger pupils at the school.



Head Girl
Matilda Clarke



Head Boy
Leo Warne



Deputy Head Girl
Georgie Rea



Deputy Head Boy
Theo Cowlshaw



RE Captain
Julia Kozhan



**House Captain
Jupiter**
Lexi Ward



**House Captain
Mars**
Kate Knudsen



**House Captain
Saturn**
Esme Card



**House Captain
Venus**
Jia Mehta



**Student Council
Captain**
Carter Headland



**Student Council
Captain**
Olivia Lamb



**Student Council
Captain**
Arisha Shujaat



**Student Council
Captain**
Evie Gibson



**Student Council
Captain**
Mairén Steel



**Girls' Games
Captain**
Georgie Skrypchuk



**Boys' Games
Captain**
Jack Lawton



**Music
Captain**
Isabella Olden



**Performing Arts
Captain**
Emily Divers



**Library
Captain**
Amalia Lee



**Vice-House
Captain Jupiter**
Penny Thomas



**Vice-House
Captain Mars**
Frankie Courtenay-
Evans



**Vice-House
Captain Saturn**
Lennon Fletcher



**Vice-House
Captain Venus**
Chloe Tomkinson



**Vice-Girls' Games
Captain**
Suzie Houston-
Mullaney



**Vice-Boys' Games
Captain**
Alex Vann

Junior 6



Junior 6H



Junior 6V



Rainforest Biomes

Junior 6 started the year finding out about one of the world's biomes – the rainforest. They studied whereabouts in the world they would find these ecosystems and what the climate is like there to support and sustain such a vast array of life. They looked at the structure and layers of the forest and the many different species of birds and animals that inhabit it, before watching some amazing footage from the *Planet Earth* series and compiling their own fact files.



Tree of Life

After researching the life and work of vibrant symbolist Gustav Klimt, pupils focused on one of his most famous works: *The Tree of Life*. Both Junior 6 classes explored the patterns and colours in his work and then went onto craft their own trees in response, using a variety of media.



Consequences

Junior 6 considered the consequences that come with every choice they make. They read the *Story of the Fall* from the book of *Genesis* and discussed the actions of Adam and Eve and the consequences that came from their choice to take the apple. They looked at a range of fictional scenarios and considered the right choices and how even when we make the right choice, sometimes the consequences may not always be positive. The unit finished with them exploring Michael Rosen's poetry from his *Big Book of Bad Things*.



Circulation

Junior 6 investigated circulation and found out how and why the blood is pumped around the body. They became blood cells for a lesson, travelling in a figure of eight between the heart, lungs, and body, becoming oxygenated and deoxygenated as they travelled. Their heart then began to pump faster, emulating exercise, so the blood cells had to circulate more quickly in order to keep up with the body's demands.



Descriptive Language

In English, pupils stepped into the shoes of 'Jim' from *The Christmas Truce*. They constructed letters home explaining what happened on that eventful day, exploring how to show their emotions and feelings in their writing. Their descriptive phrases and emotive language created some very poignant and heart-felt letters home, and showed the fabulous maturity of their written work.



First World War

The class were visited by a soldier from the First World War in November and took part in an engaging and informative workshop. Listening to excerpts from a soldier's diary, pupils were able to understand the complex emotions of an enlisted soldier; the camaraderie, duty, fear, guilt, and fatigue to name but a few. They also learnt about the realities of life in the trenches and had the opportunity to try on uniforms and gas masks and even handle weapons. It was a fantastic interactive experience for all involved!



Baking Bread

During enrichment week, the children had great fun baking bread, carefully measuring out the ingredients, mixing them together, then kneading, pushing and pulling their dough. Everyone enjoyed getting hands on to create trays of bread rolls and the more creative even made their own hedgehog rolls. There were many comments from hungry staff about the wonderful smell wafting through the hall! What a fantastic skill for them all to learn.



Bake Off

The post exams traditional Bake Off took place in early December, and everyone enjoyed putting their creative skills on show. There were reindeers, snowmen, space odysseys, a bouquet of flowers and even a Titanic. The attention to detail and ingenuity was a sight to behold.

This year's winners were 1st Matilda, Jessie and Nell, 2nd Penny and 3rd Kate, Lexi and Mairén. Well done to everyone who took part!



French Pen Pals

Junior 6 practised key French vocabulary to prepare for a meeting with their French pen-pals via Teams. They played a game where they were tasked with finding the person who had the correct answer to a question using only what they had learned in lesson! They were all excited about the chance to talk face-to-face to their new friends and learn more about what life might be like for children on the other side of the Channel.



Silhouette Art

In Art, the children created silhouettes of images linked to the First World War. They looked at the colours in a sunset and likened them to images from the Great War photographers, who captured soldiers standing close to bomb blasts at the Somme and Flanders Field. They began by cutting out their soldiers, landscapes, or other silhouettes, from black card. Then they layered crêpe paper with PVA glue to build up the coloured background. They used a wide range of techniques including lamination, to create these thought-provoking images.



Timeline of Planet Earth

In Science, Junior 6 learned about the history of life on *Planet Earth*. They investigated when and where life first started, all the way up to the present day. They covered crucial landmarks, such as the first single celled organism, the Ice Age, the first fish, the first amphibian and the first 'modern' human. In groups, the children were tasked with labelling the key points of the evolution of life on a 20-metre-long tape measure that represented 3,600 million years of life on earth.

They went on to study the life and work of famous naturalist Charles Darwin and as a final activity the children were tasked with being naturalists themselves and predicting what humans might look like in the not-so-distant future. There were all sorts of fantastic ideas such as long fingers for using our phones, gills for breathing underwater and even tails!



Chain Connection

As part of Mental Health Week, Junior 6 explored the topic of connectivity and created paper chains to show how we are all inter-linked. The children wrote words on each chain, firstly showing in what ways we can work to be connected (kindness, empathy, strength, compassion), then they wrote words that they felt make a good friend (loyalty, forgiveness, fun, listening), and finally they wrote words that could help to rebuild any break down in connectivity (smiling, saying sorry, forgiving). They linked all their chains together to form a Junior 6 Chain of Connectivity!



Debate Skills

Pupils developed their debating skills in readiness for an inter-school debating tournament. The children were grouped and given a statement to discuss and prepare arguments for and against. They were then asked as a group to take part in a proper debate, remembering to always be confident and respectful. Everyone took to the task brilliantly and we were all impressed with their opinions.

Junior 6



Laws of Reflection

Junior 6 studied the laws of reflection in their Science lessons. They learned how light reflects from different surfaces to create mirror images and diffuse scattering. They experimented by creating their own light boxes to send a narrow beam of light to a mirror proving that the angle of incidence does indeed equal the angle of reflection. Then, they created optical illusions, making pencils bend through light's refractive properties in water.



French Theatre

Pupils enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of interactive French theatre when Onatti Productions performed the play, *'Parlez-vous Français?'* Everyone enjoyed and engaged with the challenge of following the story of Archie who finds himself in a French hospital trying to get by with his basic French. The play included many words and phrases which the children recognised and introduced new vocabulary in a fun way. Some pupils even had the chance to join in the performance on stage. It was a fantastic learning experience for them all.



The Spiderwick Chronicles

Junior 6 worked in their sketch books with Ms Holmes in a themed link with their English book, *The Spiderwick Chronicles* by Holly Black. They created images of different 'faerie' creatures from ponds, rivers, woods and forests using their knowledge of *The Spiderwick Field Guide*. They looked at the creative work of Tony Di Terlizzi, Walter Crane and Arthur Rackham. The use of pen and ink gave their work a suitable, magical wash. Alongside, each creature was given a name and details of its habitat and preferred diet.



Colour Wheels

The children made their own colour wheels and discovered that white light is made up of the colours of the rainbow and how, when travelling fast enough, those colours merge to create white. They also experimented with a selection of prisms to investigate how rainbows are created. In the last session, they delved into shadows in more detail and created shadow puppets. They focused on how they could change the silhouette and light source to change the clarity and shape of the shadow created.



Road Safety

Warwickshire's Road Safety Team ran a special session to refresh pupils' knowledge and understanding of road safety. As well as developing their road awareness they looked at why young people can fail to act safely when they are out and about on the roads.

During their session, pupils learned to identify impulsive behaviour and how to develop coping strategies to enable them to stay safe. All good preparation for their move to secondary school.



Leavers' Hoodies

In May, Junior 6 received their Leavers' Hoodies, and they were all quick to put them on. They looked so amazing, that we took a photo to share. Now a tradition for most schools, we know that the hoodies will always be a tangible memory of their time at Crackley Hall and their fellow pupils. They provide a sense of belonging and of community and in the long distant future we hope they will prompt wonderful memories of their school days.



Psalms

In RE, pupils considered the psalms and prayers used during Mass to help us connect with God and others. The children created their own Psalms centred around themselves, thinking about what they are grateful for and being honest about the mistakes everyone makes. It was wonderful to see the children take such pride in their work.



Independent Projects

Seven Junior 6 pupils took part in a new project at Crackley Hall School. Under the guidance of Mrs Cowlshaw, they undertook a cross-curricular independent research project on a topic of their choice. The initiative was an exciting intellectual opportunity designed to develop a wide range of skills. In the last week of term, the pupils presented their self-directed projects to Headmaster, Mr Duigan. The projects fostered free learning, critical thinking, creativity and independence and proved to be a fantastic and exciting opportunity for the pupils involved.

Junior 5



Junior 5L



Junior 5W



Getting To Know One Another

To start the new school year, Junior 5 completed a 'Getting to Know One Another' piece of artwork that showed their profile in silhouette and was filled in with illustrations all about themselves. It was a great way to share and talk about their interests and helped everyone know each other better.



Amazing Aztecs

To kickstart their study of the Aztecs, Junior 5 extrapolated information from texts, maps, pictures and videos to discover the geography of the Aztec Empire. They showed great curiosity and asked many questions as they located Lake Texcoco, Mexico City and Tenochtitlan and produced clearly labelled maps in their workbooks.



Creation Stories

Junior 5 studied creation stories in their RE lessons. They explored the Chinese, Inuit, Hindu and Christian creation stories, creating comic strips to retell the Chinese and Christian stories from beginning to end. The children watched a video clip about each story and through discussion they determined seven steps to the stories that became the model for the comic strips. They discovered some similarities and differences between the stories.



Language Learning

As part of the school's activities to mark European Day of Languages Junior 5 explored idioms in other languages and attempted to decipher what they meant.



Nelson Mandela

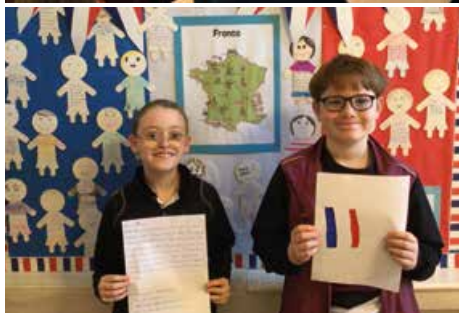
Junior 5 engaged with Black History Month across the curriculum. In PSHE, Mrs Duigan gave an interesting talk about Nelson Mandela and her own experiences of growing up in South Africa. While in their English lessons, Junior 5 completed a comprehension, that expanded their knowledge of Nelson Mandela further.



Maths Challenge

Crackley took two teams of Junior 5 mathematicians to compete in Princethorpe's Maths Challenge. The pupils completed a series of exciting and challenging puzzles against the clock. The event was huge fun for all and Crackley's teams finished in 6th and 10th place out of the 36 teams taking part.

Junior 5



Pen Pals

There was plenty of excitement when Junior 5 received their first letters from their French pen pals. They loved finding out about their pen pal's favourite foods, subjects, siblings, and friends. The children worked hard to produce some fantastic letters to send back to their French friends and their standard of written French was impressive. In December the children were delighted to have the chance to see and speak to their new friends when Madame Westerman organised a Teams video call. They enjoyed introducing themselves and listening to and speaking French to native speakers.



Odd Socks Day

To mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week, the children came to school wearing brightly coloured odd socks. The children took part in many activities throughout the week, including an anti-bullying assembly, a PSHE lesson, various lively discussions, role play activities, as well as designing their very own pair of odd socks.



Advent Wreaths

In RE, the children explored the history and symbolism of the Advent wreath. They learnt that: the first two candles are purple and mean Hope and Love, the third candle is pink and represents Joy and the fourth candle is purple and represents Peace. The children thought carefully about when they had experienced hope, love, joy and peace in their lives before creating their own advent wreaths using coloured pencils, paper and scissors.



States of America

In their Geography lessons, Junior 5 had great fun finding ways to remember the 50 states of the USA. They decided that singing them was by far the best way, particularly when repeated and sung faster and faster every time! The catchy song also served as a challenging tongue twister which certainly put their vocal and diction skills to the test.



Accelerated Reader

Junior 5 were raring to go when the school introduced a new reading scheme. There was much excitement as they used their personalised scores to choose from a range of new books in the library. The children were diligent in reading at home every day recording each session into their reading records ready for their English teacher to check. Once they finished their books, they then took a quiz before they progressed to their next reading book. It proved a great way to help everyone improve their reading skills.



Tudor Day

Junior 5 travelled back in time to the 1500s when they took part in a Tudor Day. They enjoyed a variety of practical activities immersing themselves in the daily life of the Tudors; from leather stamping, soap making and embroidery to candle making and even as miniature artists. It was an exciting and stimulating day that finished with a live Tudor banquet with food from the period and the children providing the entertainment. There was dancing, storytelling, juggling, and plenty of Tudor foolery.



Winter Prints

Junior 5 used lino cuts to make Winter themed prints, producing simple yet effective pieces. Pupils spent time with their Art teacher, Ms Holmes, thinking about seasonal ideas that would work well, using paper to print on first as practice. The finished result was impressive. Great work from Junior 5.



Flower Dissection

To start of a new topic in Science, the children undertook a flower dissection. They learnt about the inside of a flower and had a productive time taking a flower apart to discover its different parts.



Island Design

As part of their study of *Kensuke's Kingdom*, pupils had the chance to design their own islands that they might like to be stranded on. Their designs had a variety of unique features such as: a ski hill, mountains, waterfalls, palm trees and many more. The children annotated their designs with key phrases and features and then completed a descriptive piece of writing about their island.



Fingerprints

Everyone enjoyed investigating fingerprints in their Science lessons as part of British Science Week. The practical experiment was designed to get them thinking about fingerprints, comparing different fingerprints, and seeing if they could identify any patterns. Pupils took turns inking their fingers and pressing them onto a chart. It was fascinating to see how everyone's fingerprints were different.



Tudor Portraits

As part of their study of the Tudor period, pupils spent several weeks learning how to set a portrait, Tudor style, with big shoulders, a commanding look and lots of great Tudor bling. They had fun creating their portraits using pearls, beads and plenty of glittering jewels. Their pictures were magnificent and made a great display in the Art Room.



Paschal Candles

In their RE lessons, pupils revisited the Easter story and learned about the different elements of the Easter Vigil. They thought about the Paschal (Easter) Candle, which is a large, white candle lit during the Easter service. The Paschal Candle is a symbol of hope and new life and the children enjoyed creating their own Paschal Candles using paper, scissors, tape and colouring pencils.



Tudor Timeline

Junior 5 loved learning about the Tudors, and their final lesson on the topic saw them making their own timeline of Elizabeth I's reign. The children had an array of information, including pictures and captions of information at their disposal, and they had to work together to organise them into a historical timeline. It challenged their collaborative skills as well as the need to apply their previous learning to a different way of presenting information.



Globe Knowledge

In Geography, Junior 5 were fascinated with the globes and used them to find out the location of countries by imagining they were moles burying down through the earth and estimating where they would end up on the other side! They recorded their discoveries on a flat map of the world. They noticed the difference between looking at our world as a 3D sphere, and as a 2D map.



Bird Tables

Junior 5 created beautiful bird tables in DT. They used popsicle sticks, hammers, nails and hacksaws to create colourful hanging feast tables. Pupils began with a base and created a strong, initial design which they adapted as they went along. Pupils used their initiative to make their ideas come to life, learning lots of handy skills along the way.

Junior 4



Junior 4R



Junior 4S



Swim School

In September, Junior 4 returned to school full of enthusiasm and ready to learn. Swim School was their first exciting challenge for the year, and everyone enjoyed getting on the bus to take the short drive down to the pool. There they all enthusiastically ventured into the water ready to improve their strokes.



Sound Science

Junior 4 really enjoyed exploring 'Sound' in Science and made and played an array of fabulous musical instruments. They had fun exploring pitch and made and decorated panpipes, which were merrily played by all.



String Telephones

Junior 4 tested out string telephones to discover how sound works. They went outside and worked in pairs, sending a range of secret messages through plastic cups and along the string to their partners. They learnt that when you talk into the cup your voice vibrates the bottom of the cup. The sound vibrations are transferred to the string, across the string and into the bottom of the other cup, where they are then heard.



Faith Walk

Pupils from Winterfold House School joined Crackley Hall's Junior 4 in October for a Walk of Faith on Kenilworth Common. The children took part in different activities reflecting on Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Their afternoon session finished with some enthusiastic communal singing before the pupils walked back to school.



Tea Tasting

Junior 4 had a wonderful time finding ways to persuade people to buy their own bespoke tea. They started by having a tea tasting lesson, where they were asked to become tea connoisseurs and generate feel good phrases to help them with their persuasive writing. Some ideas included 'feel the sunset kiss your taste buds' and 'it was like a warm embrace on a cold winter's day'. They then used their vocabulary to create their own persuasive writing and we were all very impressed with their work.



Tea Boxes

Junior 4 worked creatively when designing their tea boxes, after making their own bespoke tea, as part of their work linked to their class novel - *Cloud Tea Monkeys*. They used an array of ambitious vocabulary to advertise their tea, hooking their buyers in with a range of rhetorical questions and offers which they couldn't possibly refuse! The tea boxes were adorned with vibrant and artistic labels. Instructions and ingredients were also added to further tempt potential purchasers. It was excellent work from them all.



Incredible India

Junior 4 ventured off to incredible India in their Geography lessons. They excitedly popped on their VR headsets and were transported to an array of Indian cities, bazaars and festivals and felt like they were actually there. One moment they were exploring the banks of the river Ganges and then, all of a sudden, they were wandering the marble paths of the Taj Mahal – all without needing their passport!



Measuring Mania

Pupils made measuring and recording fun when they went outside using a trundle wheel to estimate and measure the area of places around the school. They visited the hall, the astro playground and the lower playground recording their measurements. Then they returned to the classroom to compare their answers. They had lots of larger numbers to multiply but all enjoyed being outdoors for their Maths lesson.



Save the Trees

At the end of the Michaelmas Term, the children learned about the importance of trees. To help communicate these important messages Junior 4 designed their own posters. It was wonderful to see how much the children cared about protecting these incredible organisms and their enthusiasm for finding solutions to climate change was inspiring.



Ice Cube Challenge

Junior 4 took on an ice cube challenge, where they tried to keep an ice cube solid for as long as possible. Pupils had to learn a variety of key facts, such as the temperatures of the classroom, and what an insulator is, to help keep the cubes as cool as possible. They had a lot of fun investigating and most of the cubes impressively lasted for hours!



Touch Typing Challenge

Junior 4 practised their touch-typing skills, to prepare for their much-awaited competition against Crescent School. They perfected their Qwertyuiop skills and strengthened their finger speed, in preparation for typing as many words as possible in a small amount of time!



3D Elephants

Junior 4 made their own 3D elephants in English, as part of their work on their class novel, *The Girl Who Stole An Elephant*. They then used a range of ambitious vocabulary, alliteration and similes to describe their amazing elephants, which formed the basis for a descriptive, opening paragraph to a short adventure story.



Teeth Test

In Science, Junior 4 investigated the effects of various solutions on teeth. They used eggs to resemble the enamel on teeth and sat the shell in various solutions - vinegar, coca-cola, lemon juice, water or mouthwash. They predicted what would happen and then observed the effects on the eggshells over the next few weeks.



Digestive System

Junior 4 created life-size models of the human body and labelled the key organs when they began their study of the digestive system.

Junior 4



Fantastic Fractions

Pupils investigated Fractions in their Maths lessons. Using a variety of games and equipment, they explored equivalent and whole fractions. They enjoyed playing fraction snap, fraction dominoes and identifying missing fractions in pairs.



Electricity

Electricity was Junior 4's Trinity Term Science topic. The children began by identifying the symbols used when drawing circuits and then made a simple circuit, before they skilfully added more components, such as a range of switches before they progressed to adding a buzzer and then a motor.



Music Technology Workshop

Junior 4 enjoyed a half-day music technology workshop hosted by Princethorpe's Director of Music, Gil Cowlshaw. The children were introduced to computer music production concepts such as sequencing and arrangement and then encouraged to experiment. Using the technology software Soundtrap, the children enjoyed creating music in a completely new way.



Sunflowers

In May, Junior 4 took the opportunity to plant sunflowers. After nurturing their sunflowers from seeds into young plants in the classroom, the children prepared a hole, added some compost and gently eased their sunflower out of its pot and into the ground. The sunflowers grew quickly stretching high up the wall, cheerfully greeting anyone who ascended the front steps on their way into school.



French Sport

Junior 4 enjoyed exploring sport in their French lessons. They were fascinated by the Tour de France and they had many interesting questions about the logistics of the race. The children showcased their creativity and dictionary skills when designing their own Tour de France top with motivational language on the front. They learnt that French nouns have a gender, how to give their opinions on different sports and to use adjectives with 'c'est'.



Estimating Time

Junior 4 used their estimating skills and knowledge of Time when they took their Maths lessons outside in the summer sun. The pupils collaborated together to estimate minutes and seconds for different tasks. They used stop watches with expert precision to record the actual times and then filled in their own charts to see if their estimation was near the actual time.

Junior 3



Junior 3H



Junior 3V



Place Value

Junior 3 flexed their place value muscles in Maths, adeptly recognising the value of each digit and becoming flexible in partitioning numbers in different ways. The children loved using base 10 to show their understanding.



Perfect Prepositions

Pupils had a wonderful time learning about prepositions of place, as they took turns to position little Lego men in a Stone Age camp setting. They also got to grips with the trickiest of homophones: their, there and they're, and now know some clever tricks to help remember which spelling to use.



Stone Age Diet

Their Stone Age topic linked beautifully with Science lessons when pupils learned about the types of food that a Stone Age person would have eaten. The children discovered that they eat quite differently from their ancient ancestors, although fruit and vegetables did form an integral part of their diet too. Ms Holmes brought in a Mesolithic bark-platter for the children to look at. It included mushrooms, berries, seeds, leaves and fruits as well as chicken, bran and grains.



Bridging Through 10

In Maths, Junior 3 practised the strategy of bridging through 10 to help them quickly and efficiently add numbers mentally. They used a super resource called the 'Rekenrek' to help visualise the numbers and spot the bond to 10.



Caveman Craft

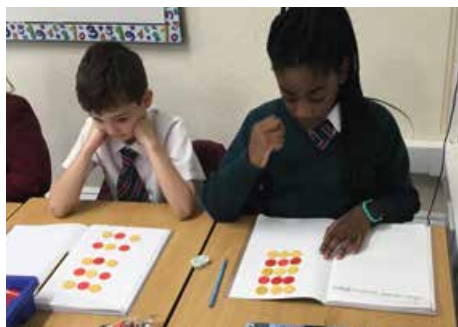
Pupils worked hard in English lessons, planning their own Stone Age characters complete with captivating details such as scars, missing teeth, and windswept hair. They drew inspiration from their Art and DT lessons where they had made Stone Age tooth and shell necklaces out of clay and twine. Their caveman craft looked both fetching and fearsome.



Rainy Day

Junior 3 generated some fantastic descriptive language to describe a rainy day. It was helpful that the weather played along, providing them 'dull and dreary' inspiration. The classroom was 'awash' with adjectives, adverbs, similes and onomatopoeias as they discussed the fizzy crackle of lightening, the pitter-patter of drumming raindrops and the sky as grey as a wet blanket. All that vocabulary development was put to good use when they embarked on writing their own stories inspired by core text *Lila and the Secret of Rain*.

Junior 3



Times Tables

Maths lessons were alive with excitement when Junior 3 got to grips with the 3x table. They explored equal groups, built arrays and even made bead strings to represent and help them count in groups of three. They worked hard to master the tricky threes.



Super Storyboards

Junior 3 absolutely loved storyboard writing. They worked on a story of their own, a tale of someone trying to prevent flooding in Kenilworth by telling the best jokes they can to the rainy sky. Some jokes 'hit the spot', others fell like a damp squib but the pesky rain kept falling. They used a storyboard to sequence their stories, helping maintain the flow and pace. They were all so creative much to the delight of their teachers.



Science of Nappies

In Science, pupils investigated which nappy was the most absorbent. After closely examining the structure and properties of disposable nappies, they planned a fair test. They were careful with their measuring and repeated the tests to ensure that every element was rigorous and fair. The results were gathered and recorded and presented to the class.



Friction

Junior 3 found out about 'friction' in their Science lessons. To complete a fair test, the children explored and investigated how far a small toy car would travel from a ramp across different surfaces. They discovered that the smoother the surface, the less friction was present. They tested on Astroturf, wooden floors, carpets, a big furry rug and paving slabs. They discovered that the rug was the surface that created the most friction – 2cm to be exact.



RE Psalms

Pupils explored the psalms in their RE lessons with Mrs Jackson-Mayne. The children worked collaboratively in their small groups to put actions to a psalm. They worked so well in their teams, suggesting actions that helped them to memorise the words and after some practise, performed their psalms to the other groups. Mrs Jackson-Mayne was so impressed with the children's performances, that they showcased them to the rest of the school in Assembly.



Division Skills

Junior 3 used 'bar modelling' to assist them with developing their division skills – their bar models were beautifully drawn, with each 'box', 'group' or 'shared between' being represented with increasing precision. The class was never so quiet as when the children were focused and concentrating on accurate maths skills.



Egyptian Technology

Junior 3 loved their History lessons, and learning about the Ancient Egyptians. They explored how farmers grew their crops and which farming tools they may have used, the plough, the sickle and the mattock. However, it was the great irrigation system, the shaduf, which really sparked their attention. They made a mini one each, using a range of resources, focused on balance and stability. The children were amazed to find out that this implement is still used today and marvelled at the footage of one in action from 1940 where dozens of shadufs in a long and rickety line, moved water up a hill to a field.



Mummification

Junior 3 were introduced to the gruesome process of mummification, as they furthered their knowledge of the 'Awful Ancient Egyptians'. After a fascinating explanation, they got to test out their skills in mummification on a ...tomato! This messy and hilarious process really gave them all a hands-on understanding, although many were mighty relieved that they were working with tomatoes and not dead bodies!



Death Masks

Junior 3 had a wonderful time in their Art lessons in their Egyptian topic. They explored the glorious golden masks of the Pharaohs and created their own wonderful art pieces which the children loved making. They learnt how to lay out a face shape correctly using perspective and white crayon. They really looked amazing!



Fair Trade

Pupils investigated Fair Trade products and where our food comes from. They learned how farmers across the world are treated and how Fair Trade guarantees farmers a fair price. They made lovely Fair Trade world designs to show how much they appreciate farmers' efforts.



Rock Fest

Junior 3 had a right 'rock fest' when they explored the geology of the world through 'Rocks, Soil and Fossils' in Science and Geography. Children investigated the features of different rocks and where they may have come from all those billions of years ago! Fascinating stuff and thanks to Ms Holmes' stonemason neighbour, they had some amazing examples to look at.



Soil Scientists

There was lots of excitement when Junior 3's intrepid scientists explored and investigated different types of soils. They turned the classroom into a full-on laboratory as they used magnifying glasses to identify different types of soils from all over the UK. They looked at rock-types, insect life, decaying matter and the plant and animal life to be found within the samples and discovered the soil was teeming with tiny life.



First News

Pupils in Junior 3 discovered how to write a newspaper report by scanning the pages of First News, a monthly, children's newspaper-style publication. The pupils loved working out how all the features of a report come together through the skills of the journalists and editors to provide a newsy and entertaining resource. It was a fantastic, hands-on way to strengthen and stretch their language and literacy skills.



The Rainforest

Pupils explored the rainforest by taking a journey to the Equator via the story of 'The Kapok Tree'. An amazing tale telling the story of a lone tree in the jungle, facing felling by a timber company worker. The children are already environmentally aware so were able to confidently research and share facts and then engage in class discussions on the importance of the rainforests.



Ancient Greece

Junior 3 explored Ancient Greece in the Trinity Term and enjoying immersing themselves in Greek myths. Their topic theme wove its way across their subject lessons, from English through History and on to Art. Ms Holmes' class learned about Troy and the Trojan Horse, gathering ideas, adjectives and adverbs to write an acrostic poem to encapsulate the terror of being packed inside the wooden horse. After all their ingenuity, Mrs Paphitis brought in traditional Greek food as a treat to share and the children enjoyed tasting stuffed vine leaves, pitta and traditional Greek dips!



Transpiration

Junior 3 studied plants, investigating their different parts and functions. The children conducted experiments on transpiration, the process by which plants take up the water and move it up the stem until it eventually reaches the leaves and petals. Using coloured water, in this case red, pupils set up their experiments using celery and white flowers. By the next day they were amazed to see that their plant samples were a very different colour.

Junior 2



Junior 2



Conqueror Castles

Junior 2 began their year exploring the topic of castles and started by finding out about William the Conqueror and why he introduced castles into Britain. The children then learnt about the different parts of castles and what they were for and, as part of their cross curricular learning, in their Art lesson they created their own chalk drawing of a castle using pieces of mosaic paper to add interesting detail.



Material Monsters

In their Science lessons, Junior 2 discussed the materials all around us before going on a material investigation tour around the school. They investigated the properties of materials, discovering what things are made from and learning how they are used. Their topic concluded with the children all designing and making their own material monsters using recycled materials.



Warwick Castle Trip

To conclude their Castles topic, Junior 2 visited the medieval fortress Warwick Castle. They walked under the portcullis before visiting the Great Hall where they saw a knight in armour with his horse, along with a jaw dropping display of swords and spears. They enjoyed a guided tour and found out all about the castle's fascinating history. They visited the Time Tower, and virtually walked through the ages learning lots from spellbinding story clips that brought life in the castle vividly to life.



Police Visit

As part of Vocations Week, Junior 2 were visited by three police officers. Pupils enjoyed finding out about what the police do. They all sat in the police car, discovered what equipment the cars have and were even allowed to put the lights and siren on! Inside, the children tried on uniforms and then worked in teams to use ultraviolet torches to look for clues. A Q&A followed where pupils learned a lot about the police force today.



Praisecopters

Pupils in Junior 2 had great fun making Praisecopters in their RE lesson. Assistant Head, Ms McAloon, encouraged the children to write their heartfelt prayers for things they were thankful for - from family pets to the whole world! They then added some colour before letting them flutter safely down the stairwell. It was a lovely way to say thank you to God.



Stretchy Socks

In readiness for Odd Socks Day, Junior 2 experimented with stretching socks in Science. They discovered that some socks could even double in length when stretched. They put their maths skills to good use to work out which sock had the biggest difference between its actual length and its stretched length and then discussed how to make their experiments more scientific to ensure a fair test.



Puppet Skills

Junior 2 had lots of fun creating puppets in class. The children produced great pieces showcasing several skills, including sewing, cutting, and sticking. There were characters ranging from gingerbread men to Hermione Granger. We were particularly impressed that one pupil turned his friend into a superhero!



Balloon Dogs

The children finished off their Science module on squash, twist, bend and stretch by showcasing their newly learned understanding and skills on model balloons. Junior 2 worked hard to follow a set of instructions to create a balloon dog. Their results were very impressive.



Marshmallow Maths

In Maths the children had lots of fun producing 3D shapes using spaghetti and marshmallow. This was a very tricky challenge for some, but the children showed great resilience and achieved some fabulous shapes.



Noun Phrases

Junior 2 worked hard in their English lessons strengthening their writing using nouns. Using the class text, *The Magic Paintbrush* by Julia Donaldson, the children created imaginative expanded phrases, with some children even adding similes to their sentences.



Cherry Blossom Trees

In the Lent Term, the children studied China and enjoyed lots of cross curricular learning. They had fun creating The Great Wall of China using Lego, produced beautiful paintings of Cherry Blossom trees in Art, and celebrated Chinese New Year by making vegetable spring rolls.



Fruit Salad Science

In Science, Junior 2 discussed their favourite snacks and what alternative healthy snacks they could have. As a Friday afternoon treat, they all made a fruit kebab and thoroughly enjoyed eating their healthy snack.



Forest Fun

Year 2 went into Windmill Wood and learned about habitats and how animals have specific needs, such as the need for shelter, the correct temperature, or a place to keep them safe from predators. They discovered different animals are suited to different habitats and that where they live may depend on what they need to eat and what type of animal they are. All the children had fun creating habitats for the animals we might find in the Forest School area.



Great Fire of London

To support their study of The Great Fire of London, the children visited Aston Hall where they had a guided tour and explored the history of the Great Fire in a historic setting. In an interactive session they found out about Thomas Farriner, King Charles II and Samuel Pepys. Pupils also learnt 17th century fire-fighting methods, trying their hands at lifting the heavy fire hook and passing a leather fire bucket along a line.



The Last Supper

During the Lent Term, Junior 2 were kept busy creating delightful 'Lord's Supper' mosaics, as part of their investigations into the chronology of Holy Week. The children cut and shaped card to demonstrate their understanding of The Last Supper. Their superb work went on display in the Art Room.



The Tin Forest

In English, in the Trinity Term, the children studied *The Tin Forest* by Helen Ward. Junior 2 were captivated by the poetic fable written about an old man who lives in a Tin Forest, otherwise known as a rubbish dump of unloved things. Their engagement helped them produce superb descriptions of the man in *The Tin Forest* story and allowed them to cement their use of prepositions and expanded noun phrases as they applied it to their writing.



Curious Creatures

As part of their topic on Rainforests, the children were thrilled to have the opportunity to handle curious creatures, under close supervision. They met an Amazonian Milk Frog and a White Tree Frog, both of which were extremely jumpy. The Crested Gecko was a little calmer, content to sit in the palm of a hand and the Argentine Tegu Lizard was a marvel to see as he explored the astro-area specially laid out for him.

Junior 1



Junior 1H



Junior 1G



Skeleton Science

Junior 1's first Science topic of the year was 'Who am I?', and they learnt about the different body parts people have and that inside their body is a skeleton. Using cotton buds and art straws, they cleverly made a picture of their skeleton and found out that where our arms and legs bend there are joints.



Our Local Area

In Geography, Junior 1 enjoyed a walk around the local area noticing plenty of features near the school. They recorded the different types of houses and the bricks and materials used to construct them. Back in class they created a map of the local area showing all the information they had recorded. There is no chance of anyone getting lost now!



Victorian Visit

In October, the children visited St John's Museum in Warwick as part of their History topic on the Victorians. Everyone loved the immersive experience which really brought the Victorians to life. The highlight of the day was the 1888 school room led by a School Ma'am where everyone got the chance to do their reading and arithmetic by rote, use a class abacus for their sums and practise their handwriting using chalk and slates.



Mighty Writer

Using the *Little Red Hen* as their focus in English, they first listened to the story, before using their Mighty Writer mat to help create the story in picture form. This helped them to re-tell the story in the correct order without forgetting any of the main parts.



Recorder Skills

In Junior 1 pupils learn recorder with our Director of Music, Mrs Olden. The children made great progress and it wasn't long before they were playing in front of the whole school in assembly.



Shape Sorting

In their Maths lessons the children explored 2 and 3D shapes. They learnt the names of the most common shapes, counted how many sides they had, and vertices and faces. Using this information, they then sorted them according to their different properties and discovered that sometimes there is more than one way to sort a group of shapes!

Junior 1



Jack And The Beanstalk

Junior 1 were delighted to receive a letter from Jack's mother. His poor mother was so worried that he had disappeared, and she was confused about the beanstalk which had grown outside her window. The children all eagerly sat down to write their replies, reassuring her that Jack was indeed safe and well, and he would be returning with some golden coins. Imagine their delight when Jack's mother replied to say thank you, and left her own gift of chocolate coins for everyone to enjoy.



Christingles

The children marked the start of Advent by lighting the first Advent candle in the school's assembly. This led to them learning about the Christingle and how the light of the candle represents Jesus at Christmas time. They made a Christingle each, using an orange, a candle, sweets, dried fruit and a red ribbon. It was a fascinating way to learn about Jesus' love for them all.



Afternoon Tea

After exploring 'Our Local Area' in Geography pupils moved on to look at the wider UK. By using Google maps they were able to zoom in on the United Kingdom and see how tiny we are compared to the rest of the world. They took a whistle stop tasting tour around the four countries of the UK nations and stopped in England for Afternoon Tea.



Viking Longboats

In History, Junior 1 learnt all about the Vikings and in a cross curricular link made models of a Viking longboat, an early mode of transport that helped the Vikings to invade other countries and trade goods. They researched Viking longboats before carefully creating their replica complete with large sails. They all looked magnificent.



Science Insulators

Pupils were excited when they undertook an experiment to test out different insulators. Everyone made a prediction whether tin foil, bubble wrap, felt, cotton or cotton wool would be the best. To ensure it was a fair test they poured equal amounts of water, at the same temperature, into a test tube that was wrapped in the different materials and then compared the temperature of each one at five-minute intervals.



Wind Power

In DT, the children made a wind-powered vehicle, using straws, wheels and wooden doweling. It had a large sail to catch the wind and propel it along, like a land yacht. There was sheer delight on the children's faces when they tested them with a hair dryer and they flew across the floor.



Hot Air Balloons

As part of their topic on Transport, Junior 1 made their own hot air balloons. Everyone worked carefully to build up the papier mache balloon, layering their balloon with glue and tissue paper. It was very sticky work, but the finished balloons all looked amazing.



Transport Museum Trip

As part of their History studies pupils visited the Transport Museum. They took part in a workshop on bicycles before exploring the rest of the displays. They were fascinated to see how big older vehicles were, including a Penny Farthing, which they all had a chance to try out.



Windmill Wood

In March, winter came to Windmill Wood and what a day for Junior 1 to have Forest School! The children had great fun making 'snow cakes' in the kitchen, whizzing down the slopes on make-shift sledges and thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to play in the snow!



Measuring

Pupils learned about measurement in Maths. They began by comparing the length of different objects before measuring them with cubes. They then moved on to develop their ruler skills, first using a ruler to measure a line in centimetres before then drawing their own straight lines of a given length.



Weight And Mass

Pupils explored weight and mass in Maths with lots of practical investigations. The children were most interested to find out that a small thing could actually be heavier than a bigger thing!



Lovely Ladybirds

Junior 1 enjoyed combining their Science, English and Art lessons in their study of wildlife in the UK. They researched different types of insects, labelled them, and wrote about their habitats. As part of their learning, they all created the most amazing ladybirds which we put on display in the classroom.



Butterflies

Junior 1 were excited to release their butterflies in June, after watching them grow through their four stages of life. Each one had begun life as an egg, hatched into a caterpillar, pupated into a chrysalis before metamorphosing into an adult butterfly. It was lovely to see the joy and wonder on the children's faces as the butterflies flew to freedom!



Paul Klee

Junior 1 studied the artist Paul Klee and worked very carefully to develop their drawing and colouring skills to create their very own artwork inspired by him.

Reception



Reception A



Reception M



First Lessons

Reception had a jam-packed first few weeks with lots of exciting new lessons. As well as daily phonics, literacy and maths, they also enjoyed Music with Mrs Olden, Forest School with Mrs Clark and PE with Mrs Thomas.



Road Safety

Warwickshire Safe and Active Schools visited Reception to teach them how to stay safe on the roads. The children played a game, learning the six small steps to staying safe: Think, Stop, Listen, Look, Hold Hands and Walk.



Croissant Cafe

For European Day of Languages, the Reception children ordered croissants from their classroom French café and particularly enjoyed tasting the croissants that Madame Westerman had brought in.



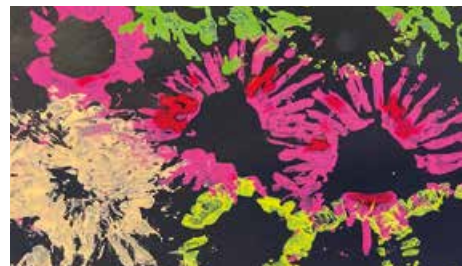
Inspirational Mae Jemison

As part of Black History Month, Reception found out about the extraordinary life of Mae Jemison. They recreated a timeline of her achievements, from becoming a doctor, to working in the Peace Corp, to developing a vaccine, to joining NASA and going into space and eventually becoming an author.



RIP Queen Elizabeth II

To mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth II the children worked collaboratively to decorate a silhouette of the Queen that then went on display in the school hall. It was part of the school's wider activities that allowed the community to reflect on her life.



Fabulous Fireworks

Reception enjoyed preparing for Bonfire Night. They made edible sparklers and created firework artwork, squeezing and flicking paint to make rockets. They also talked about how important it is to stay safe on Bonfire Night.



Remembrance Poppies

In November, Reception thought about why we wear poppies. The children made their own poppies with different materials and then went on to create Remembrance medals. Their designs were so thoughtful and very well-made.



Leaf Man

Pupils learned about autumn through the story *Leaf Man*. They sorted leaves and compared colours and shapes and then used the leaves to create their own leaf characters and animals.



Advent Wreaths

Reception prepared for Advent by making Advent Wreaths. They learnt about the candles and the meaning of the different colours that represent the light that Jesus brought to the world, before surrounding their wreath with greenery to symbolise that Jesus is always alive.



Winter Warmers

Reception enjoyed learning about the winter season. They explored the weather in winter and the type of clothes we wear to keep warm. The children had great fun 'dressing' figures for winter, carefully cutting out suitable clothes. It gave them the chance to practise writing too as they carefully labelled all the garments.



Special Delivery

Mr Duigan delivered an important parcel that the children just couldn't wait to unwrap and what a super surprise it was to discover a magical elf inside! In fact, there were two elves who stayed in school to keep an eye on the children. Reception got busy making Christmas crafts and learning about Christmas traditions, and they all had a very special countdown to Christmas.



Preferred Pets

Pupils loved learning about pet animals. They decided which animals would make good pets and most agreed they would prefer a tabby cat to a lion, and a dog to a hyena. They all enjoyed playing in the 'Vets' role play area.



Chinese New Year

The children found out about Chinese New Year. They listened to the traditional story of how the animal zodiac years were created and loved finding out what year they were born in. Everyone enjoyed using the Virtual Reality headsets to explore China during the lantern festivals.



Phonics 'oo'

Reception made paper-mâché owls in Art and DT having great fun transforming a balloon into an owl. They explored the 'oo' sound in phonics too comparing a long 'oo' sound to a short 'oo'.



Arctic Animals

Reception discovered where the Arctic is in the world, and what it is like there, before finding out about the animals that survive in the cold. The children loved working together to explore the ice in our classrooms, breaking free the hidden arctic animals from inside!

Reception



Number Work

In February, pupils explored the numbers 6, 7 and 8. They enjoyed counting, matching, sorting and finding different ways to represent each number. They revised one more and one less to secure that knowledge, it was fantastic number work.



Trip To The Farm

The children all enjoyed their visit to Attwell Farm. They met a newborn lamb, fed donkeys, goats and alpacas, and then took part in a mini-beast workshop. Reception were brilliant at asking lots of questions and listening carefully to the facts about all of the creatures.



One World Week

For One World Week Reception visited St Augustine's Church. They listened to Father Kevin talk about the Church and how it is used in the community by Christians. Pupils had the chance to ask lots of questions and have a look around the church and they were particularly fascinated with the bells and the statues of Jesus.



Butterfly Basics

As part of their topic on Growing, the children then learnt about the life cycle of a butterfly. They watched a video of a butterfly emerging from a chrysalis with awe and agreed it is quite miraculous. This then inspired some fantastic butterfly artwork.



French Vocab

Reception pupils enjoyed learning new vocabulary in their French lessons. Through an engaging circle game, children learnt 'le poisson' and the terms, 'gros' and 'petit', to describe if the fish was big or small. They then listened to a delightful song with some fun actions to join in with.



Woodland Walk

The children went on a walk through the woods on Kenilworth Common. They planned what they would need to take to stay safe and enjoy their adventure. They stopped to play 'Pooh Sticks' in the stream and enjoyed a snack before exploring in the woods. It was a wonderful adventure.



King's Coronation

In preparation for the Coronation pupils learned about King Charles III and Queen Camilla. Everyone wrote their own fact files and then had plenty of fun making crowns to wear at the Coronation Picnic. The children also produced some incredible portraits of our new King. They were amazing – don't you think?



Forest School

Reception enjoys weekly Forest School sessions out in our very own Windmill Wood. Sitting directly behind the school, it provides the perfect environment for the children to experience the awe and wonder of nature. Both girls and boys love getting outside each week to develop skills in a setting where they are free to problem-solve and think of new ideas.



Sea Life Centre

Reception visited the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham. They learnt many interesting facts about the creatures that live in the sea. They were amazed by all the different colours, patterns, shapes and sizes of the animals and it all inspired lots of lovely under the sea artwork and writing on their return to school.

Little Crackers

At Little Crackers Nursery we believe it is never too early to start on an exciting journey into learning. In our natural look nursery rooms and outdoor areas, children enjoy their first steps into education. Life is always busy and always fun.



Little Crackers



Block Play

The children love block play and this was a particularly complex construction! Block play develops manipulative skills as well as imagination and problem solving. This big build involved many collapses, rebuilds and re-designs.



Forest School

The children accessed the tree swing independently, sharing, taking turns and helping each other all whilst developing their proprioceptive senses and their gross motor skills.



Role Play

Children are encouraged to role play throughout the nursery, inside and out, using their imaginations to use available resources in different ways. Here the home corner has become an office. Domestic role play sparks children's natural interest in their own lives and their own circle of experience.



Christmas Craft

Our Little Crackers made their own Christmas tree. The children worked collaboratively, selecting resources, then using scissors and tape to add to the tree structure. The result was really impressive!



Cosy Book Corner

The Nursery joined in all the fun of World Book Day but we also encourage our Little Crackers to enjoy books on their own, and they love accessing our cosy book corner to find their favourite story.



Nursery Sports Day

Little Crackers had a fabulous time at their Nursery Sports Day. The children competed in teams out on the Astro, the determination and concentration on their little faces amazing to see. Everyone enjoyed taking turns to run up and down the course and even taking on the challenge of balancing the bean bags on those tricky tennis rackets.



Nursery Graduation

The Little Crackers team organised a very special 'Graduation Ceremony' to celebrate the pre-school group 'moving on' to big school. The children performed three special songs much to the delight of parents before Nursery Manager, Emma Birch, presented them each with a little scroll. It was a great way to mark this important milestone.

Whole School Initiatives



Number Day

Crackley Hall marked the NSPCC's Number Day by celebrating all thing Fibonacci with pupils finding out all about this famous mathematician and the amazing patterns within nature's numbers that he discovered. Pupils completed Fibonacci challenges building Fibonacci sequences and used them to draw spirals, patterns and pictures.

The children also had great fun creating, measuring and even timing how long it took to make towers of coins from the loose change bought in to support the fundraising for Number Day. It was a whole lot of Fibonacci fun and all for a good cause!



Wellbeing Wednesday

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, the school launched Wellbeing Wednesday. Pupils were invited to take part in a logo competition to design a logo for Wellbeing Wednesday with Junior 6 Lexi, chosen as the winner. Her snazzy design was made into a keyring which was given to everyone to remind all pupils about the five steps we can all take to improve our mental health – 'Connect with friends', 'Be active', 'Be kind', 'Be grateful' and 'Eat healthily'.



One World Week

For One World Week, Crackley Hall welcomed two graffiti artists into school. Together the artists and children made brilliant banners using graffiti-inspired art providing pupils with the opportunity to express and explore identity. It was the perfect medium to facilitate appreciating and understanding each other – core themes for our school's annual One World Week.

As part of the week, each class visited a different place of Worship, with pupils learning more about Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Islam and Sikhism. The children enjoyed learning about different faiths and cultures and it was wonderful to see pupils engaged and listening respectfully. They were amazing ambassadors for our school!





British Science Week

Crackley Hall School marked British Science Week by exploring the theme of 'Connections'. In their Science lessons pupils took part in experiments and investigations designed to engage and inspire the next generation of young scientists.

Whether investigating the importance of light and water for healthy plant growth or learning about habitats and how they meet animals' specific needs, tracing food chains and exploring ecosystems, becoming forensic detectives and taking forensic fingerprints, Crackley's pupils enjoyed a wide range of fascinating and fun experiments alongside their normal day-to-day lessons.

Coronation Celebrations

Crackley Hall School enjoyed a special day of celebrations to mark the coronation of King Charles III. Staff and children came to school in red, white and blue and pupils enjoyed a celebratory picnic followed by an afternoon of performance, where each class took to the stage to share a poem or song. It was all lots of fun with the older pupils mixing with the younger, encouraging and helping everyone to join in.

To top the celebrations off, the Choral Group joined local schools to perform at Kenilworth Castle on the Sunday morning to sing *Coronation Day*, a song specially written for the occasion. It was lovely to see Crackley Hall pupils participating in this momentous moment in British history.



STEAM Week

On the final Friday of the school year, the classes spent a day off timetable focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths, and what a lot of exciting learning we had steaming around school with plenty of critical thinking and problem-solving across all the classrooms. Whether constructing towers, drawing geometric art, creating kaleidoscopes or learning about aerodynamics, pupils worked collaboratively to solve a multitude of learning challenges.



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Residentials

Junior 4

Kingswood Activity Centre

The rain did not dampen the enthusiasm and exuberance of this year's Junior 4 adventurers on their residential trip to Kingswood Activity Centre in Staffordshire in March. Pupils took part in a wide range of activities, including the zip wire, obstacle course, caving, crate stack challenge, archery, team games, and even a mini-beast experience. Everyone showed a wonderful willingness to try new experiences and they all had a fantastic time and took home memories that will last a lifetime.



Junior 5

PGL Boreatton Park

At the end of the Lent Term, Junior 5 set off for their residential at the PGL centre in Shropshire. They had a fantastic time at Boreatton Park where they took part in a whole host of activities including archery, the giant swing, zip wire and trapeze as well as enjoying evenings by the campfire. They developed their teamworking skills by helping and encouraging each other, had an amazing time and enjoyed an exciting break from the classroom.





Junior 6

Loch Eil, Scotland

Junior 6 had a super time up in Scotland against the amazing backdrop of Ben Nevis. The groups took part in climbing, gorge walking and canoeing, and finished the week with an amazing loch side cookout. Some of them even got to see the steam train that stars in the *Harry Potter* films as the Hogwarts Express! Over the week they took on all the challenges with determination and enthusiasm and had a memorable five days. A huge well done to them all.



Productions



Christmas Nativities

Always a highlight of December, this year we enjoyed three nativity performances. Each one of them spreading the message of Christmas as only little children can.

Nursery performed *The Big Little Nursery Nativity* and with smiles on their faces, they delivered their lines confidently and clearly. The super catchy songs were sung beautifully, if a bit enthusiastically at times. Performing on stage to a large audience of excited parents takes more than a little courage, but our Nursery animals, innkeepers, stars, shepherds, wise men and Mary and Joseph were all magnificent.

For their nativity, Reception performed *Baarmy Bethlehem*, a story about the 'party sheep' who love to 'Baa Baa Boogie'! After all their hard work rehearsing, learning the songs, and memorising lines, and despite a few costume mishaps, what a spectacle it proved to be. The children all sang and danced baa-utifully, and we know everyone enjoyed the performance.

Juniors 1 and 2 performed *A Cosy Fireside Nativity* to a packed school hall of parents. The biting chill of the freezing weather seen off by the cosy warmth of the festive celebration of community and song. The action unfolded around the comfort of a campfire and combined the present day with the nativity story. The happy campers reflecting under the stars and retelling the simplicity and wonder of the traditional nativity. It was a wonderful and uplifting nativity that was just magical for us all at Christmas time!



Key Stage 2 Evening of Performing Arts

Crackley Hall's KS2 Evening of Performing Arts took place on Tuesday 7 February showcasing the breadth and depth of pupils' musical and dramatic talents.

The Musical Theatre Group opened proceedings with a spectacular number that was followed by 18 performances all sparkling with crisp clear deliveries, fine-tuned fingers and well-rehearsed polish. The evening finished with the stage packed with performers as the Chamber Choir and Choral Group delivered glorious performances of favourites such as *Heal the World*, *Sing a Song of Sixpence* and *The Rhythm of Life*.

Headmaster Mr Duigan expressed his delight announcing, 'There is no better way to spend an evening than to come and watch Crackley's children perform. They never cease to amaze me.'



Key Stage 1 Afternoon of Performing Arts

The KS1 Afternoon of Performing Arts took place on Wednesday 8 February. The concert featured music, poetry and song, and parents, family and friends gathered excitedly to enjoy a celebration of the talents of our younger pupils.

Our enormous thanks and congratulations go to all the accomplished performers who took to the stage in front of their proud parents, and of course to their teachers who worked so hard to help them achieve so much.



Easter Story

Crackley's Junior 3 and Junior 4 pupils took to the stage on Tuesday 14 March to perform a simple but dramatic mini-musical that portrayed the intrigue and mixed emotions of the Easter story.

It was lovely to see the children bringing the story to life, with Junior 4 performing on stage and Junior 3 the supporting chorus. Together they delivered a moving production, full of expectation, disappointment and ultimately joy - messages well worth reflecting on as we approached the Easter break.



Summer Production

This year's super summer production was the timeless classic, *Peter Pan*.

The show took place at Leamington's Royal Spa Centre on Friday 23 June and saw children from Reception through to Junior 6 tread the boards in a fabulous adaptation of the tale. Pupils confidently took to the stage bringing the audience to their feet as they performed their numbers with passion and pizzazz.

Of course, no show like this could happen without the help of many, many people. Our thanks go to all of the staff involved in whatever way, all the parents for providing costumes and props and most of all to the children for working so hard at their numbers and lines.



Sport

Skiing



ISA Indoor Ski Championships

Crackley Hall sent a team of Junior 5s to the ISA Indoor Ski Championships at Hemel Hempstead Snow Centre in September. Sebastian, Darcey and Harry all performed well, Grace and Isabelle came 5th and 6th respectively, scoring a total of 11 points, which gave the team a second-place finish overall. Well done to them all.

Football



U11 ISA Girls Football Tournament

Our U11 Girls Football team took part in the ISA U11 Midlands Tournament at the end of September, hosted by Dixie Grammar. In the group stages, they lost one, drew one and won two. That qualified them for the playoffs where they faced Highclare A. They delivered another convincing 7-0 win to finish the tournament in fifth place overall. Lots of determination and great team spirit from them all.



U10 Repton Football Festival

In October, eight Junior 4 and 5 boys played in the Repton U10 Football Festival. The team played five excellent matches, all back-to-back without a rest. They showed some exciting skills, and the highlight of the afternoon was Leo's double Maradona spin, evading four players! Well done to all the players who were involved.



U11 ISA Midland Football Tournament

The U11 Boys Football team travelled to Kidderminster to play in the U11 ISA Midland Football Tournament in November with the added incentive that if they could qualify in the top four, they would make the Nationals. Despite a challenging fixture list, they had a successful outing. Well done to them all.



U11 Repton Football Festival

In November, Crackley Hall's U11 Football team travelled to Repton Prep for their annual football festival. From the first whistle to the last, the children played with admirable determination and excellent teamwork. It was great to watch them grow together as a team.



Girls Football Festival

Junior 6 and Junior 5 girls from Crackley Hall took part in a Girls Football Festival in March hosted and organised by the school. Crackley welcomed 13 teams from 11 schools and hundreds of girls who were all delighted to put on their boots and head out to the fields to show off their footballing prowess. As well as playing 12 mini-matches, the teams also had the chance to take part in two training sessions courtesy of local football team Kenilworth Wardens and Elite Skills Arena who were delighted to come along and coach the girls.



U9 ISA Football Tournament

Crackley's U9 Football team was one of 14 teams from across the Midlands that took part in the ISA Midlands Tournament in March. The morning saw the boys play six mini-matches with the team growing in confidence as they played their way round the pool. They finished the group stage unbeaten having won five and drawn one. That put them through to the play offs where they remained unbeaten playing some super football to finish in the top spot and take the Gold medal. An amazing effort from them all.

Swimming



Midlands ISA Gala

Crackley Hall took a team of 20 children to compete in the ISA Midlands Junior Swimming Gala at Walsall Baths in November. Organised by Crackley and welcoming 27 schools from across the region, children from Junior 4, Junior 5 and Junior 6 swam 25m individual and medley races in the pool.

There was a fabulous atmosphere poolside with the whole team willing each other on and there were lots of tight finishes. Junior 4's Theo swam sensationally in the 25m Backstroke just snatching victory and a Gold medal, while Junior 5's Alexa stayed strong in the 25m Freestyle to finish third and take the Bronze medal.

In the Relays, the Year 4 Boys claimed a Silver medal in the Freestyle Relay, while the Year 6 Boys and the Year 5 Girls earned themselves Bronze medals with third place finishes in the Freestyle Relay.

Well done to all of Crackley Hall's swimmers for their excellent effort.



National ISA Gala

Junior 4 pupil Theo Hamblett headed off to the London Aquatics Centre in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in December to swim for the Midlands team at the ISA National Swimming Championships.

Cross Country



Schools Cross Country Challenge

In May, Crackley pupils took to the hills for the Kenilworth Runners' May Day Mile, Schools Challenge Race, in Abbey Fields. Crackley put in some great individual performances and finished 4th overall out of the 12 schools competing.



Inter Schools Cross Country Championships

In May, Crackley Hall hosted the Inter Schools Cross Country Championships. Local schools came together to enjoy an afternoon of healthy competition and sporting success, with some exceptional performances on display.

Netball



U11 ISA Midlands Netball Tournament

In March, the U11 Netball squad travelled to Malvern St James to play in the ISA Midlands Netball Tournament. The girls enjoyed a jam-packed day full of exciting netball with matches 10 minutes each way. Crackley finished top of their Group and qualified for the playoffs. In the knockout rounds, Crackley first saw off RGS Dodderhill and then secured another win against St Edward's Cheltenham. The final proved to be a very close match as both teams dug deep and played their hardest. Tettenhall College just pipped us and the girls came away with the Silver medal.



U10 ISA Midlands Netball Tournament

The U10 ISA Netball team travelled to Stafford Grammar School in March for the ISA tournament. Crackley Hall started strong, winning their first and second games 10-1. They went on to win their third game with a 7-0 victory, followed by closer games winning 5-4 and 6-2. They finished the tournament with a clean sheet, winning their final games 11-0 and 14-2. Excellent teamwork from them all, with the shooters and defenders all on top form.



U11 ISA Netball Nationals

The U11 Netball team competed in the ISA Netball Nationals in April locally at Rugby School. It was such a huge achievement for the girls to have even qualified for this prestigious national event where they faced the very best teams in the country. The girls had trained hard for the challenge and approached the day positively with a mixture of nerves and excitement. After the group stage the girls qualified for the Bowl competition where they just missed out on 3rd place after a hard-fought match where they just lost on golden goal!

Rugby



ISA U11 Midlands Tag Rugby Sevens

Crackley took a team of eight Junior 5s and three Junior 6s to the ISA U11 Midlands Tag Rugby Sevens at Princethorpe College in March. With the majority of the team playing up a year against Year 6 pupils, Crackley's squad put on a determined show and only just missed out on a medal.

The team showed great effort, determination and teamwork in the group stages winning four of their five matches. That just clinched the second spot in the group and a well-earned place in the 3rd v 4th play off. Despite being in the lead until the last minute one late try by a strong Twycross side denied Crackley the Bronze. It was an excellent day of rugby.

Sport

Athletics



ISA Midlands Athletics Competition

Crackley Hall took a team of 29 Junior 4, 5 and 6 pupils to Saffron Lane Stadium in Leicester in May to compete against schools in the Midlands ISA Athletics. Many of the children put in amazing performances and the school was delighted with so many athletes being placed in both track and field events.

In terms of team placings Crackley's Girls placed first overall with both the Year 6 and Year 4 Girls teams taking top spot. The Year 5 and Year 4 Girls teams both placed second while the Year 6 and Year 4 Boys teams came fourth overall.

Crackley's highlights include Emily D (J6) who qualified for the 150m sprint, James C (J6) who qualified for the 150m sprint, Patrick F (J5) who qualified for the Long Jump, Leo C (J4) who qualified for the 600m and Jessie J (J4) who qualified for the Long Jump.

Special mention for Sienna L (J6) who was equal first in the Long Jump but just missed out on qualification when placings were decided on the athletes' second longest jump and to (J3) Isobel A-J who placed 2nd in sprint final and 3rd in the 300m competing in the Year 4 competition.

A huge well done to all and especially to the five event winners who qualified for the ISA National Track and Field Championships at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham.

Tennis



ISA Midlands U11 Tournament

Crackley sent a team of budding tennis players to compete in the ISA Midlands Mini Tennis Tournament in Sutton Coldfield. Pupils faced teams from 27 schools. Crackley Hall's U11 Girls were unbeaten all day and finished in joint first place claiming a well-deserved Gold medal. The U11 boys did nearly as well, just narrowly losing in the final to bring home a Silver Medal. All the pupils faced tough opposition but played with excellent sportsmanship and teamwork.

Cricket



ISA U11 Midlands Hardball Cricket Festival

Crackley Hall hosted its annual ISA Midlands U11 Hardball Cricket Festival in May welcoming teams from across the Midlands. In addition to the main competition, all the teams participated in a range of fielding, catching, batting and bowling clinics. The quality of play on display was excellent, with clear evidence of each school improving not only their cricketing skills, but also their tactical awareness. It made for plenty of fast-paced action on the field of play.

In the presentations there were also awards for the best fielder, batter and bowler, as well as the player of the tournament.



Cycle-Cross Challenge

11 children from Junior 5 and Junior 6 travelled to Spratton Hall for their annual Cycle-Cross Challenge. Crackley's competitors were amazing, showing grit, determination and excellent bike handling skills. After navigating their way around the course, the U11 boys ended up with two podium positions. Patrick Fuchss finished first, narrowly ahead of Jenson Stokes, who did incredibly well to fight his way back to the front of the race, after his chain dislodged halfway round. Special mention to Junior 5 pupil Elora Hughes, who was magnificent as the only Crackley Hall girl. Competing against Junior 6 pupils, she fought her way to 6th place.



Sports Day

Key Stage 1 Sports Day

We held our Key Stage 1 Sports Day in May and the children all enjoyed a super morning out on the 'big field'.

Crackley's sports stars of the future sprinted and threw their way through a jam-packed morning of sporting fun, enthusiastically taking on the carousel of different activities. Proudly wearing their House colours and with big, enormous smiles, the children clearly all had a super time. Well done to Junior 6 for organising all the activities.



Key Stage 2 Sports Day

As always, our Key Stage 2 Sports Day was a great day of sport out on the school fields. So much determination on show in both the track and field events. Well done to everyone in Juniors 3 to 6 for taking part so enthusiastically and showing such fabulous house spirit. Race after race, event after event our outstanding young athletes leapt, threw and sprinted their hearts out. The school made a full day of it; every child ran in a sprint and every child took part in an individual event and, most importantly, every child had fun.

A very special thanks to Mrs Vaughan and to all the staff for making Sports Day such a super event.

Congratulations to Jupiter House who were the overall winners of the event.



Spiritual

House Saints Visited Pupils

Pupils welcomed their House Saints into school for a 'Saints Alive' session. Members of our school and parish communities volunteered to help bring the House saints alive taking on the roles of St Joseph, St Francis of Assisi, St John Henry Newman and St Therese of Lisieux. Our 'Saints Alive' speakers gave pupils the opportunity to learn more about their own school House saint, their life and vocation and their skills and service.

'Saints Alive' marked the start of Vocations Week, a week where we encouraged pupils to think about the gifts and talents we are all given that help us serve others in our communities.



Minnie Vinnies Send Christmas Wishes

Crackley Hall's Minnie Vinnies took time to think of and support the retired and housebound parishioners of the Parish of St Francis. The children made their own Christmas cards and brought in gifts to be distributed by the Saint Vincent de Paul Society to parishioners in need in the community.



Class Food Bank Challenge

As part of the school's ongoing commitment to supporting and helping the community, a class food bank challenge was organised. Each month, a different class was invited to bring in donations to help people in need. The donations were collected by Warwick District Food Bank. When it was Junior 2s turn, Poppy and Chace were kind enough to help load the donations into the van.



Charity Skipathon Raised Money For Mary's Meals

Crackley Hall's pupils took on a charity skipathon, pledging to raise as much money as possible for Mary's Meals. In the skipathon pupils took it in turns, to skip, hop or jump for one minute each. Supervised by Mrs Simmonds, the eager skippers bounced and jumped across the hall or outside on the grass or playground. Thank you to all who participated and to all who donated to our annual fundraising event.



Catholic Schools' Debate

Teams from local catholic primary schools visited Crackley Hall School in April to take part in a School Debate competition. All the teams rose fantastically to the challenge, presenting strong arguments for and against subjects that were clearly close to their hearts. The teams showed some impressive debating skills, made some very strong points of information, handled questions, put forward counter arguments and kept their cool throughout.

Congratulations to team Crackley who our independent judges chose as the winners.



First Holy Communion

Friday 12 May was an important day for ten Crackley Hall pupils as they celebrated their first Holy Communion Mass. Junior 3s Niamh, Una, Edward, Tristan, Thomas, Gabriella, Jessica, William, Leyton and Thomas, gathered together excitedly with friends, family and the Crackley Hall School community at St Francis of Assisi Church in Kenilworth.

In the joyful and celebratory Eucharist, Father Kevin Hooper spoke about the nourishing love of God that would sustain the young communicants throughout their lives. After the Eucharist the children were presented with gifts and individual First Holy Communion cakes to mark the occasion. It was a very special day for all concerned.

PTA News

The PTA works across the year organising a range of events, activities and services to raise funds for the school.

All the funds raised are ploughed back into the school, investing in facilities, organising treats and providing extra-curricular support. The school community says a huge thank you for all they do.

Christmas Cheer At The PTA Fair

The school was transformed into a 'Winter Wonderland' for the PTA Christmas Fair. Families and friends descended on the school for plenty of festive games and as well as the traditional tombola and stalls galore. There was also the chance to meet Father Christmas in his grotto and to catch up with friends over mince pies and mulled wine.



Panto Treat For Pupils And Staff

The PTA organised a fantastic festive treat for all the children on the penultimate day of the Michaelmas Term. Outside The Box Productions brought the magic of theatre into school as they performed the classic tale of *Robin Hood*. The traditional story, told with much slapstick comedy, silly songs, quick changes and a liberal sprinkling of traditional panto magic, was a hilarious show much enjoyed by all the children and was a super treat at the end of a busy term.



PTA Super Second Hand Book Sale

Pupils were excited to attend the PTA second hand book sale to help raise money for new sports equipment. Thanks to parents there were lots of lovely donations and it was lovely to see so many happy faces choosing their new books.



Colour Run A Huge Success

The annual PTA Colour Run was another huge success. Slip 'n' slide, tyre jumps, tunnels, and hanging noodles were just some of the creative obstacles available along the course. Much fun was had by all despite a brief downpour during the first wave of runners.



Perfect PTA Summer Fair

The sun shone brightly at the Summer Fair and the school grounds were filled full of happy families enjoying lots of games and activities. The tombola was popular, as was the coconut shy, there was fabulous face painting, beat the goalie and even a lucky dip stall, as well as lots of craft activities to keep everyone busy. There were lots of refreshments, a barbeque and even delicious cream tea to choose from and we can most definitely say it was a fantastic day for all!



Thanks To The PTA

During the Junior 6 Leavers' Assembly at the end of the school year, Mr Duigan thanked PTA members who had served Crackley so well. Much gratitude went to Jo Wright, Lucy Lamb and Tara Card.



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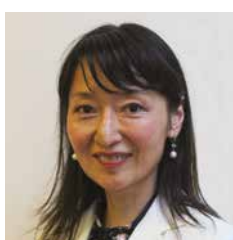
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