

2023

Crescent
School

2022-23
Enabling pupils
to realise their
potential...

Circular



Welcome...

to our 2023 edition of
the Crescent Circular.

The first thing that strikes me as I leaf through the Circular this year is the sheer breadth and variety of activities that happen here at Crescent on a day-to-day basis.

This is a happy school. The children feel at home and safe in their environment where they are able to express themselves freely in their work and in their play. So many visitors to the school comment on this when they come to look around for the first time, and I very much hope that this shines through the pages of this magazine, as you read them at home and share them with your families.

We take great pride in the holistic approach to education that we take here, a place where sport, music, drama, and outdoor learning have equal value to the academic pursuits of the curriculum. I honestly believe this is the best preparation we can give our young people for life and, as always, it is wonderful to see this reflected so clearly in our annual celebration magazine.

**Happy reading
everyone.**

Joe Thackway



This school year, Head of Pastoral and Pre Prep, Mr Webb, worked with the School Council, pupils and staff to refresh the Crescent School Promise.

In the Michaelmas Term pupils took part in activities to engage with the 12 commitments and on the basis of those activities the School Promise was reviewed. The updated promise was presented to the school community in assembly with supporting materials shared in the classrooms across school. The School Promise card was also been updated and to help bring the commitments to life we unveiled exciting new School Promise graphics on walls around the school. They are a great visual reminder and are sure to enhance the engagement with and ownership of the promise.

**ISI Inspection
Excellent in every area!**

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Attainment Report Pre-Prep 2022-2023

This year proved to be another very happy and successful year for children in Pre-Prep.

Each day, we welcomed children who love school and who strive to be good friends, good learners and good citizens. This year, once again, they have demonstrated a resilience and application we are so proud of and made hugely encouraging pastoral and academic progress. We believe that these starting points enable children to be the best they can be across and beyond the curriculum well into their futures.

In Reception the average number of Early Learning Goals at the expected level of development per child was 15.5 compared to the 2022 national score of 14.1. The percentage of children at a 'good level of development' at Crescent was 75% compared to 65% nationally and the percentage of children at 'expected' levels across all 17 Early Learning Goals was also 75% compared to 63% nationally.

- In Year 1 93% of children met or exceeded expectations in Reading, Writing and in Maths.
- In Year 2 84% of children met or exceeded expectations in Reading, Writing and in Maths.

In terms of exceeding age expectations:

- In Year 1 39% of children exceeded national expectations in Reading, 32% in Writing and 36% in Maths.
- In Year 2 58% of children exceeded age expectations in Reading, 33% in Writing and 43% in Maths in comparison with the national average of 11%.
- Children continue to thrive and we are very proud of the huge amount of work that children, parents and staff put into achieving these results.

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Upper School Academic Achievement

We have said farewell to our wonderful Year 6s. They have been amazing pupils and we are incredibly proud of them all. This year they moved on to a wide range of outstanding local independent and state schools including the Foundation senior school, Princethorpe College.

18 of the 24-strong class went to Princethorpe College, while two children chose the local grammar school as their future destination. We are especially delighted that seven of our Year 6 pupils were awarded scholarships, including all-rounder, art and academic awards.

Sarah Webb, Assistant Head and Year 6 Teacher, said, "Our aim is always to do our best to help our pupils reach the destination secondary school of their choice. Despite the challenges of recent years, the children have enjoyed great success. We are particularly pleased with the range of scholarship offers they have received. It's an excellent outcome and everyone here is really delighted for them."

We wish them all the very best of luck in their senior schools and future endeavours.



Prizes for 2022-2023

Academic

Barrett English Prizes

Year 6	Zahra Nadeem
Year 5	Alice Diamond
Year 4	Edward Melges
Year 3	Evelyn Hosegood

Maths Prizes

Year 6 Ovens Cup for Maths	Mya Toor
Year 5	Alex Thomas
Year 4	Nora
Year 3	Alfie Millward
Taylor Trophy for Science	Annalise Capper
Abu El Gasim Prize for Languages	Yash Patil
Forth Prize for Humanities	Saira Pandhal
Ovens/Davis Trophy for Computing	Tegan McLeod

Page Music Prize

Henderson Eckersley Cup for Drama
Heyes Art Prize
PSHE Cup
Mortimer Prize for Princethorpe Exam

Behaviour

Morley-Boys Pre-Prep Cup for Resilience
Clayton Star for Outstanding Behaviour in Reception

Sport

The Hunt Trophy for Outstanding Sports Boy
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Zahra Nadeem

Charlie Millward
Lara Lorimer Allen
Poppy Morris

Tegan McLeod

Beau Williams

Emma Collie

Sam McCormick

The Barnes Cup for Outstanding Sports Girl

Noyce Trophy for most promising Girl Sports Player (Year 5)
Phillips Trophy for most promising Boy Sports Player (Year 5)

Other

Junior Da Vinci Shield for Boys	Harry McBean
Junior Da Vinci Shield for Girls	Bella Davies
Head Boy Award	Charlie Millward
Head Girl Award	Esme Barlow
Slapton Project Award	Esme Barlow and Bella Davies
House Point Trophy	St Andrew's House
Promise Cup	Mya Toor

Ellie Gane

Sofie Major

Timi Ladele

Reception RP

Reception Teacher: Mrs Pullen

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Noyce

Mikael Ali

Emma Collie

Harry Gane

Arielle Persia Gill

Austin Kemp

Aydin Khunti

Kiaan Khunti

Ruby Lorimer Smith

Sofia Lorimer Smith

Erica Milestone

Emily Millward

James Morris

Sahiba Pandhal

Evie Preson

Carwyn Rougeolle

Florence Shepherd

Alexander Sim

Harriet Tennant-Bale

Gene

Sofia Wood



Creative Construction

Throughout the year Reception children were busy showcasing their design and manipulative skills by constructing some amazing creations. These ranged from the very delicate to the most robust of structures. They planned and considered each part of their build, choosing appropriate materials and resources. There was teamwork and collaboration aplenty and the results were astonishing, including a tower to the sky, a rocket to the moon and a slippery snake! All truly remarkable constructions backed up by truly inspiring imaginations.



Forest School

Forest School was added to the Reception curriculum this year and what fun they had!

After learning three important rules: 'no pick, no lick', 'respect each other and respect nature' and 'keep ourselves and nature safe', off they went to explore.

They discovered all the amazing things that the outside has to offer. They made 'listening' men and buzzy bees using materials from the natural world. They honed their skills of balance, climbing and swinging. They learned to respect each other and work co-operatively, they made connections, investigated, and explored. They built their resilience and their ability to try new things and most of all, they discovered that mud is fun!



CELEBRATIONS

2023 was quite the year with the Coronation of a King and Crescent School reaching its milestone 75th year. In Reception the children worked hard to celebrate each in full.

January saw pupils enjoying the school's birthday festivities marking Crescent's landmark anniversary. They baked and iced biscuits, learned a little history of the school and sorted and arranged educational artifacts into a timeline.

Then came the Coronation of King Charles III and what a day that was! Children made crowns, learned about the Royal Family, played some very British games including guess the name of the teddy, decorating a cookie and welly wanging! They had a whole school picnic on the field and more than a little rain fell but then the sun came out for ice cream. This was a real community day and helped cement Reception's place in the school.



Christmas Festivities

As the first term rolled to a close, Reception took to the stage to tell the story of *Baa Baa Bethlehem*. They learned their lines and remembered their moves and were so proud to stand in front of the audience and give a knockout performance.

The Christmas festivities continued with a trip to the theatre to see *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. This was our first trip out as a class and the manners and behaviour on display were impeccable. As the auditorium lights dimmed, the excitement mounted, and all were swept away on a journey of discovery and dreams.

Obviously, no Christmas is complete without a visit from the big man himself, and the children were not disappointed. They listened attentively as he read a Christmas story and took a moment to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

Percussion Fun

In the Lent Term Reception learned the names of various percussion instruments and then enjoyed experimenting with them to find out all the different sorts of sounds they make.



Marvellous Maths

In February, Reception learned about ordinal numbers and explored bonds to 10 and beyond. They investigated building pairs that total 10 and developed their skills exploring number composition to solve simple oral problems. They were introduced to height and length and measured objects using non-standard units and discovered just how marvellous Maths can be.



Fabulous Flamenco

Throughout the year the children in the Reception class learnt about various cultural traditions in French and Spanish speaking countries. In their Spanish lessons they watched some examples of flamenco dancing and they each coloured their own picture of a flamenco dancer. Evie kindly brought in her beautiful flamenco dress with red and black ruffles. Reception also watched the biggest tomato fight in the world: the Tomatina.



World Book Day

World Book Day in March was an opportunity to ignite a love of reading and books in the classroom. The children dressed up as a myriad of characters and took pleasure in standing up to show off their costumes and explain the book they had chosen to portray.

This led nicely into our topic of Traditional Tales. We studied many stories: *The Three Little Pigs*, *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, *Jasper's Beanstalk* and so many more. The children used alternatives of each story and discussed how they were different and then did cross-curricular follow up work, including writing, collage, and bean planting to enhance their learning and understanding.



Lifecycles

As the school year came to a close, pupils focused on lifecycles. There was great excitement when the caterpillars arrived by post! Reception spent a lot of time observing them as they grew and grew.

They were amazed when they began spinning their silk and turned into chrysalises. They made us laugh when they started 'wriggling' and then we were awe struck when they hatched into magnificent butterflies. Reception waited for a sunny day and finally released them into the wild.

The children also studied the life cycles of frogs and humans, but the butterflies were by far their favourites. To celebrate their release, the class visited the Butterfly Farm in Stratford and were captivated by the beauty and diversity of the natural world.



Year 1Q

Year 1Q Teacher: Miss Quirke

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Ashton

Jonelle Akinremi

Summer Bedford Welton

Matilda Davies

Charlotte Dymek

Lara Elshazly

Hannah Flynn

Oore Ibiyode

Lota Idu

Jed Ma

Ava McDaniel

Niamh Morgan

Tara Oshungbohun

Nishaan Phull

Juliette Poulton

Locan Sangera

Isabel Thomas

Daniel Wang

Alexandria Woolley

Setting Up Shop

In Maths, Year 1Q revised teen numbers. They set up a shop in their classroom to buy and sell items which were priced at teen numbers so they could put their skills into practice, there were plenty of customers for the new shop and it was all a lot of fun.

Anti-Bullying Week

In Anti-Bullying Week, Year 1 discussed bullying and how it is okay to be different. They created individual pictures and matched the pieces of the jigsaw together to show that everyone fits in!

Nature Poems

The class studied poems and incorporated nature in doing so. They spent time taking a deep dive into poems such as *Nut Tree* by Julia Donaldson and *The Secret Song* by Margaret Wise Brown. They created their own actions and tone of expression to perform the poems to the class in small groups then engaged in peer assessment to highlight what went well and suggested what could have been even better. They went on a nature walk to find inspiration to write their own poems and used exciting adjectives to complete their master pieces.

Christmas Craft

The class had lots of fun on Christmas Art Day creating beautiful pictures using finger prints, hand prints, cutting, sticking and decorating.

Nocturnal Notes

1Q learned about nocturnal animals in English. They used the iPads and their teamwork skills to find information about different nocturnal animals including bats, badgers, otters and hedgehogs. They wrote their fascinating facts down and then presented their findings to the rest of the class. They explored the topic further in Art, using their cutting and sticking skills to make brilliant bats.



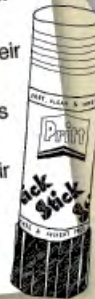
Sequencing Skills

In English, pupils explored different traditional tales and took a deep dive into *Dragon Dinosaur*, using their acting skills to re-enact the story. The children then verbally sequenced it before drawing it out on a story map. All great preparation for writing their own traditional tale.



Marvellous Monet

Pupils explored the beautiful landscapes of the impressionist painter Claude Monet. One of their Art projects developed their collaging skills to create his famous lily pads. They did this by layering coloured tissue paper on to card, to form their water and create their pond display! It made a striking display!



Around The World

Year 1 had a very exciting and engaging visitor, Debra Meftah from Freshwater Theatre, who helped them explore the weather and seasons. It was a fantastic way to consolidate their learning and they all enjoyed taking a quick trip around the world seeing lots of wonderful animals and weather conditions.

WARWICK CASTLE

Castles

Pupils enjoyed studying castles and spent time making their own castles from recyclable materials including all the essential features such as a moat, battlements, towers and arrow slits. They completed their studies with a fantastic end of year trip to Warwick Castle where they all had great fun.



Drawing Me

The children created self portraits to communicate ideas about themselves. The class discussed pictures of children to develop their ideas about how to portray themselves, then learned how to position features on a face shape to create their own self portrait.

Later in the year they incorporated nature into the self-portrait theme using different natural materials including grass, stones, twigs etc. They had lots of fun completing these out in the Jubilee Wood.



Valentines Day

The children enjoyed making Valentine's Day cards. They learned about Saint Valentine's Day and discussed why we celebrate Valentine's Day on the 14 February and why we might sign our cards 'From Your Valentine'.

The children thought carefully about the people they love and who they would give their Valentine's cards to.



Year 1S



Year 1S Teacher:

Mrs Stapleton

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Chang and Mrs Gupta

Sarima Amadi	Isla Morris
Oscar Brosnan	Reegan Pandhal
Sophie Dunn	Siara Panigrahi
Olivia-Rose Griffiths	Keevie Rai
Iris Hosegood	Charlotte Southern
Ire Ibiyode	Freddie Stockdale-Smith
Alex Keramidas	Marcie
Sophie Lawrence	Emily Wilson
Vihaan Morjaria	
Hazel Morley	

Phonics Fun

Year 1S learned about the grapheme 'ch' that makes the sound /c/ and /sh/ to reinforce their lessons they took a parachute into the school hall and had great fun listening out for the different sounds. In fact there was so much chanting there was even an e'ch'o!



Odd Socks Day

During Anti-Bullying Week, and in preparation for Odd Socks Day, 1S shared a story called, *We Are All Different* and then thought about how they could celebrate being different. They discussed how they felt about bullying behaviour and what they should do if they needed an adult to listen and help them. They then spent time designing odd socks and discussing their fabulous sock choices!



Stop.



Drop.



Roll.



Stop Drop and Roll

In January Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service visited Year 1 to deliver a Fire Safety session. After learning about fires and the Stop, Drop and Roll technique the children were excited to see the Firefighter's fire engine.

Countdown to Christmas

The countdown to Christmas starts with Christmas Art Day at the Crescent and the children were so excited to make the classroom festive. Everyone came to school wearing a Christmas item and donned their art aprons and got stuck in. The children excelled in following directions and what an array of decorations they made!



Brilliant Badger Art

As part of their English topic of 'Nocturnal Animals', 1S spent time watching videos, reading information and writing about the amazing creature that is the badger. In Art they used a Pointillism style skill to create texture and patterns to create stripy nosed badger faces before displaying them peeking out amongst the undergrowth like they saw on the films.



World Book Day

The children loved dressing up and sharing their favourite characters when the school celebrated World Book Day. We were amazed by them all, from traditional tales to influential historical events and even inspirational African queens! The children had time to share with each other their reasons for choosing their characters alongside completing some writing about them too!



Two Digit Numbers

The children developed their Maths' objectives by looking for patterns in 2-digit numbers using place value cards, number fans and 100 squares. They played guessing games, bingo and completed worksheets to demonstrate their learning. They also explored ways of adding three numbers together using number bonds and doubling facts.



Superlative Superheroes

Year 1S created their own superheroes in English to help them learn about the suffixes -er and -est. After deciding on their own sensational superhero, they planned their superhero descriptions and to make them more exciting used superlatives. To bring their learning to life they then made and donned their character's masks - they make a fine team of superheroes, don't they?!



Visit to St Mark's

To bring their RE lessons to life Year 1 visited St Mark's Church in Bilton. There Mrs Bevan and Mrs Clarke helped the children identify the internal and external features of an Anglican church and talked about the rich history of the church as the heart of the Bilton community. The children asked many questions, sketched their observations and thoroughly enjoyed listening to the stories they were told.



FINGER PUPPET FUN

In their Spanish lessons, 1S studied the topic of pets and the children enjoyed playing with hand puppets and finger puppets to practise the language that they had learnt. It was fantastic to hear them building on their knowledge of vocabulary to talk about their pets.



Look How We Have Grown

In Science with Mrs Emery, 1S learned about plants and their processes by planting sunflower seeds and they were so excited to watch them grow. We used the idea of 'growing' as a link in PSHE to reflect and celebrate all the things the children have learned to do in Year 1. From counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to reading longer books with chapters.



MAKING MUSIC

The children in Year 1 enjoyed learning lots of songs across the year developing their knowledge of beat, rhythm and pitch and the skills of concentration and co-ordination especially when performing all the actions to the songs.



Year 2E



Marvellous Maths

Year 2 began their year by working hard on deepening their Maths skills through lots of practical, hands-on experiences. In order for Maths to be relevant and understood, it has to be real so the children went on a right-angle hunt, created a class size carroll and venn diagram, used a range of manipulatives to calculate doubles and halves as well as sensory experiences to secure number direction and formation.



Year 2E Teacher: Mrs Emery
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Olner

Dare Adequite
 Anaya Ali
 Dudley Ball
 Isabella Broekhuizen
 David Caprici
 Sophia Elshazly
 Elliott Farr
 Lucas Grove
 Joshua Jardine
 Uma Patel
 Gwen Perks
 Feranmi Remi-Omosowon
 Rachael Rossouw
 Nellie Thomas
 Hermione Wigley



BLOWING THE SHOFAR

The children went on to learn about the role of the Shofar in Judaism. The shofar is a horn that is blown to signify the start of Jewish New Year (Rosh Hashanah) and the end of Yom Kippur (the Sacred Day of Forgiveness). The children thought about forgiveness and learned how to say sorry in Hebrew, 'slicha'. They then enjoyed making and blowing their own shofar.



SHALOME SHABBAT

In RE in the Michaelmas Term, Year 2E were introduced to some of the key symbols of the Jewish faith. They investigated Shabbat, the day of rest, and discussed some of the key aspects of a Shabbat meal. They learned about challah bread and then had a go at making their own. Lots of fun was had mixing and kneading the dough to create little rolls.



Beebot Maths

In preparation for their topic on clocks and telling the time, pupils secured and advanced their understanding of positional language, looking at left, right, clockwise, anti-clockwise, quarter, half and full turn. They worked in small groups to programme a Beebot to carry out instructions. Lots of fun and some great learning took place.



Cardboard Chairs

Year 2 designed chairs for their own toys. The children used different techniques with cardboard to create strong and stable structures.



Money Combinations



In their learning on money, pupils used an Olympic medal analogy to understand the value of gold, silver and bronze coins relative to each other. They secured their coin and note recognition and learnt two strategies for adding coins (counting on and applying 2-digit addition methods). Then they enjoyed seeing how many different coin combinations could be found for a set amount of money. It was fascinating to realise, there are lots!



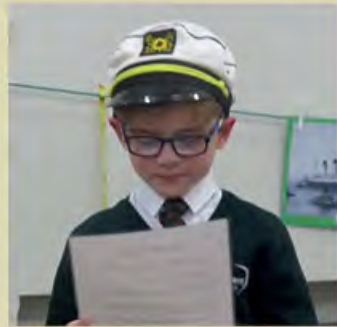
Pizza Perfection

Pupils created healthy pizza bases and toppings as they learnt about nutrition and different cooking techniques. Everyone enjoyed choosing and using toppings from the different food types.



BOSSY BAKING

Year 2E enjoyed an English learning task that involved both baking and being bossy, which is quite a fun combination when you are six or seven. They looked at recipes and learnt how to put ingredients into a list using commas. They then had to write a method using imperative (bossy) verbs – put, mix, bake, stir etc. Then practised writing out a recipe focusing on being clear, concise and easy to follow. No waffle was allowed! The eating of the resulting cookies was lots of fun too!



MOVING VEHICLES

In Design & Technology, Year 2E designed and created moving vehicles. Over the course of a few weeks' pupils constructed the chassis, axles and wheels to their own unique designs. They took their vehicles out on the playground to test out their designs. They lined up and each gave them one strong push and off they flew. Feranmi's fantastic design flew the furthest, but they were all fabulous – a great effort from Year 2.

Titanic Theatre

Year 2 had an exciting visit from Freshwater Theatre to enhance their history learning about the Titanic. They entered the hall in the dark after the iceberg had already been hit, rushing to get a space on one of only six lifeboats. They recreated the noise, the panic, the emotions of the disaster and further built their knowledge of the key facts. A life size timeline of events was created and the children role played the different experiences that people in 1st, 2nd and 3rd class would have had.



SEASIDE COLLAGES

Year 2E learnt about different landscape artists and how they used shape, colour, and texture in their artwork. The children then drew and painted pictures inspired by the seaside, and worked together to create colourful seascape collages.



PICTURE THIS

2E studied the work of different illustrators and then painted their own illustration of one of the characters from the *Three Little Pigs*.



French Attire

In their French lessons, Year 2E studied the topic of clothes. They had lots of fun using toddler clothes in order to practise a variety of vocabulary. They developed their knowledge by looking at photos of famous people and describing their outfits. They also learnt how to talk about their school uniform and the clothes they wear at the weekend.



Year 2W



Year 2W Teacher:
Mr Webb
Teaching Assistant:
Ms Hanson

Oliver Burgstaller
Finn Capper
Ben Christie
Elin Dollery
Klara Dollery
Felicity Faith
Henry Fouracre
Max Gowney-Hedges
Lily Henderson
Jack Joyce
Flora Le Poidevin
Evie Mitchell
Penelope Poskett
Alice Rindler
Eve Shepherd
Catherine Sim
Jonny Thompson
Beau Williams

Spanish Rooms

In their Spanish lessons, 2W studied the topic of rooms in the house. They had lots of fun practising the language in a range of activities including playing with dolls house furniture. After this, they were able to ask each other to describe their own homes. Congratulations to Felicity, Katie and Lily who were awarded a Junior da Vinci for a piece of writing with detailed sentences and beautiful illustrations.

MUSIC MAKING

Pupils in 2W enjoyed getting to grips with a variety of instruments in their Music lesson and had particular fun making up rhythms on the percussion instruments.



Lovely Letter Writing

2W wrote incredible letters explaining to their parents all about their quest to find a magical ring! With high levels of concentration, they were descriptive in their word choices while also remembering the detail of plausible spelling attempts, accurate punctuation and cursive letter formation.



PIZZA TOPPINGS

In Design & Technology, Year 2 studied where food comes from. The children learnt how a healthy diet consists of a balance of varied food types. They designed and created their own healthy pizza. Alice made super choices for her toppings.



BOSSY VERBS

The children in 2W had lots of fun using imperatives in their sentences to write instructions in the style of author Neil Gaiman. They focused on using 'bossy verbs' to begin their sentences and adding detail to make their writing interesting.

Eg, "Go through the calm and quiet house - don't be scared of the dog (he's just excited.)"

"Never go inside the soaking black well - the water will poison you."



Va Va Voom Vehicles

In Design & Technology, Year 2 designed and created moving vehicles. The pupils made a chassis, axles and wheels to their own design. After all their constructing it was time for a test drive out on the playground. All went to plan and only a few adjustments were needed!



Sculpture

In the Lent Term, Year 2 explored different sculptural techniques. They had fun modelling clay animals, creating sculptural paper forms and exploring natural materials to create land sculptures.



CHRISTMAS ART DAY

Year 2W had a wonderful Christmas Art Day being creative and just having a lovely time. After lots of hard work and fun, they had a fabulously festive classroom.



The Great Fire of London

Year 2 enjoyed an amazing, interactive, drama workshop, thanks to the Freshwater Theatre Company. The classes had been studying the 'Great Fire of London' learning about the key events and people involved and the workshop used drama, role play and storytelling to help bring their history studies to life.



Washerwomen Mary took the children on a memorable and engaging trip back to the bakery on Pudding Lane, the source of the Great Fire. They discovered what life was like in Pudding Lane, how the fire started and events subsequently unfolded, how Samuel Pepys recorded the fire in his diary and how the people of London eventually put the fire out.



Super Seascapes

2W found out about different landscape artists and the techniques they used such as shape, colour, and texture in their artwork. The children then drew, and painted pictures inspired by the seaside and worked together to create colourful seascape collages.



COOL COMPUTING

Year 2 had a fantastic time in their Computing lessons, not only practising their coding skills with Scratch Jnr, but also playing with our brand new Botleys (coding floor robots) and using the VR headsets kindly lent to us by our sister school Crackley Hall!



Perfect Potatoes

Year 2 participated in the 'Grow Your Own Potatoes' national competition. They were sent potatoes to plant and care for and produced a harvest of over 100 Shannon and Casablanca potatoes. They enjoyed eating them for their lunch on the last day of the Trinity Term!

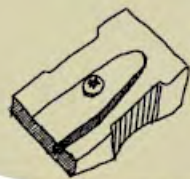


Music Demonstrations

At the end of the school year, the children in Year 2 enjoyed a series of demonstrations of different musical instruments by our peripatetic teachers. Ahead of Year 3, where the children have the option to start individual music lessons, they experienced playing the violin, flute and guitar and were astounded by the skill demonstrated. There was lots of chat and excitement about possible choices for next year.



Year 3



Year 3 Teacher: Mrs Symons

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Nelson

Ella Baxter

Thomas

Birkinshaw

Esme Farr

Kian Gill

Mithun Hariharan

Evelyn Hosegood

Isabella Jackson

Everly Kemp

Aria Khunti

Tomisin Ladele

Ava Lawrence

Theo Ma

Nimeeta Matharu

Theo McBean

Alfie Millward

Amber Morley

Seren Rougeolle

Harry Rule

Taran Shah

Albert Toller

Kiran Toor

Lilah Wigley

Charlotte Wood

Gloria Zhao



Outdoor Sculpture

Year 3 explored ways to improve the environment in which they live. They worked in groups to first design and then create clay sculptures for a chosen location within the school grounds.



Creative Authors

Mrs Symons set Year 3 the challenge of becoming an author. Pupils began by thinking about the title and cover of their books, what type of information they might find and what draws someone to read a book. They then designed and created page 1 and we couldn't wait to read their finished works.



Stop Motion Animation

The highlight of Computing for Year 3s was the chance to create their own truly incredibly stop motion animation videos, emulating the skills of the amazing Aardman animators to build their own clever, unique short works!



Investigating Patterns

Year 3 investigated different pattern making techniques and then had lots of fun repeating and reflecting their own designs.



Places in a Town

In their Spanish lessons in the Trinity Term, Year 3 studied the topic of 'Places in a Town'. The children were able to talk about where they live using a variety of vocabulary, linking words and the negative. At the end of the topic, they used the mini-iPads to do a multiple choice quiz to determine their level of understanding. Congratulations to Ella who won first place in the quiz.



Rock Detectives

As part of their topic on rocks and soils, Year 3 visited the Oxford University Museum of Natural History, and the pupils became 'Rock Detectives' handling and learning about our world's remarkable rocks. After their session, pupils then enjoyed exploring the museum and loved seeing all the huge and fascinating fossils.



Personal Portraiture

Year 3 explored portraiture in Art and used a mirror to observe their own faces closely. They developed their knowledge of colour mixing, inspired by Vincent Van Gogh, and used different tonal effects to add contrast and depth to their self-portrait sketches and paintings.



Great DT Glasses

Pupils created their own unique pair of children's sunglasses. They learnt cutting and joining techniques in developing and constructing their own creative designs.



History Detectives

To kick start their Ancient Egyptians History topic the class took part in an online history session with Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. The children virtually visited the Egyptian gallery, learning about Egyptian life and the afterlife, through looking at artefacts and completing history detective activities. Everyone found the mummies particularly interesting, especially the x-rays and scans which showed how the person might have died. It was an amazing session and really inspired their study of Ancient Egypt. The children even learned how to write their own names in hieroglyphics.



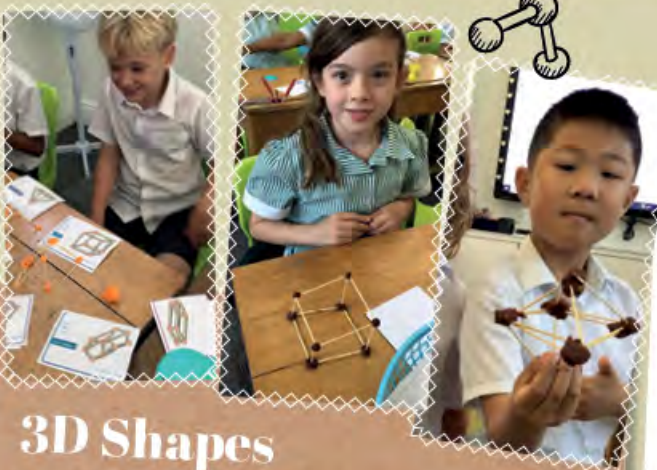
Calligrams

In English Year 3 studied different types of shape poems. A particular favourite was calligrams, where the word is written to reflect its meaning. Here are some of the children's great designs that supported their planning and then their finished poetry.



3D Shapes

In their Maths lessons, the children investigated and explored the properties of 3D shapes. Year 3 learned the terms faces, vertex/vertices and edges. When counting them, pupils quickly realised that they had to employ a methodical and careful approach. Everyone loved making a range of different shapes using sticks and dough. Apparently, it was 'the best lesson ever!'



Mummifying Sardines

Continuing their History topic on the Ancient Egyptians, Year 3 became embalming apprentices as they took on the challenge of mummifying sardines. Wisely they went outside before starting all the gory business. Everyone carefully placed a sardine in their container and then covered the sardine in salt. The children then observed the sardines daily to watch the preservation process taking place!



Year 4



Year 4 Teacher: Ms Clark Teaching Assistant: Mrs Calder

Alex Barnett
Patrick Beecham
Roisin Capper
Maximillion Edge
Sophie Gower
Lewis Husbands
Zac Jardine
Sophia Khan
Matthew Lee
Edward Melges
Henry Mitchell
Aryaan Morjaria

Toni Oshungbohun
Shaylan Patel
Akaal Rai
Maya Tarnauceanu
Herbie Thomas
Max Thomas
Nora
MingYi Wang
Barnaby Williams
Alexander Woolf
Edward Woolley
Samuel Yates

Map Reading

Year 4 Geographers combined their map reading skills with historical evidence analysis. They searched OS maps for place names of settlements of all sizes to work out which people named them in which era. They realised that many Celtic names have died out, Anglo-Saxon names are mainly in the south while Viking in the north of England. Rugby is in the middle and is a Viking name with the 'by' meaning farmstead.



Code Masters

Year 4 studied a range of exciting topics in their Computing lessons, producing super work at every stage! As well as working hard to become responsible digital citizens, they learned how to edit photos using a range of software, became programmers, using both block based and language-based coding programs and started to create their own vector drawings.



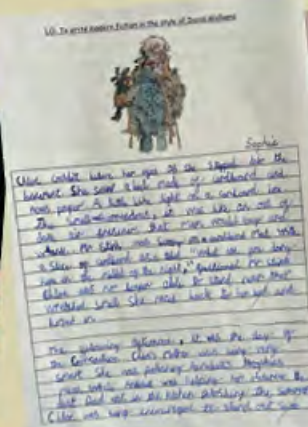
Art Journeys

Year 4 looked at the way symbols in art communicate ideas and meaning about a journey. They took their knowledge and created their own mixed-media piece, combining drawing, painting, and collage.



Mr Stink

The children thoroughly enjoyed delving into the world of David Walliams. They analysed Walliams' writing style and considered how to portray exaggerated and humorous characters through dialogue and actions. They enjoyed bringing to life a scene from *Mr Stink* in their own words, in which the characters were left surprised, flabbergasted and bewildered to see *Mr Stink* knocking on their window!



YEAR 4S BIG BOOK OF FEARS

The children explored recounts by hypothesising and writing about the sequence of events that may have caused some of Little Mouse's fears, as featured in Emily Gravett's *Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears*. The children discussed some of their own fears and brought their work together into a creative class scrapbook.





EVAPORATION

Year 4 learnt about the process of evaporation by doing their washing and investigating how to speed up the drying. Important Science knowledge and an essential life skill.



Spanish Games

In their Spanish lessons, Year 4 studied the topic of music. They played a card game, using their spoken Spanish, where they had to guess the musical instrument on the card in order to 'steal' cards from other people. Some pupils lost all their cards whereas others made some lucky guesses. Congratulations to Shaylan who had the most cards at the end.



Steady Hand Buzzer

Using their knowledge of electrics, Year 4 pupils designed and created their own steady hand buzzer games. It was a 'buzzing' great project.



BWENGU MALAWI

Year 4 welcomed Eve Hamuza into school to hear about life in Malawi and in the village of Bwengu in particular. Every year the Year 4s study Bwengu as a less economically developed area, comparing and contrasting it to their local town of Rugby. Eve's visit helps to bring the topic to life. She talked animatedly about life in Malawi and brought with her a large bag full of models and artefacts for the children to examine and they were greeted with much excitement.

Expressive Portraits

Year 4 produced excellent expressive portraits in their Art lessons this year. They thought carefully about the colours and mark making they should use to emphasise the emotion.



Hinduism

Year 4 explored what is important to Hindus, with a particular focus on symbolism and gods and goddesses. The children then completed homework projects and their work was so amazing that we put it on display in the classroom so that everyone could read and review each other's work.



Baking Bread

The children learned how different breads can provide carbohydrates, proteins, fibre, minerals and vitamins. They then created their own speciality breads, kneading the flour and water together before adding in their choice of flavourings. Their finished loaves all looked and smelt incredible.



MELTING POINT

Year 4 enjoyed making models of solids, liquids and gases and exploring the different properties of each. They learned about melting and freezing points and then thoroughly enjoyed observing and measuring the melting points of ice, butter, chocolate and wax.



Viking Saga Songs

Chime bars and percussion were used with much enthusiasm in their Music lessons to accompany Viking Saga Songs.



Year 5

COP27

In their Geography lessons, the children in Year 5 took part in their own Crescent version of the COP27 Conference. Working in teams, they thought about different environmental problems such as overfishing, deforestation and renewable energy. They presented their ideas to the rest of the class and discussed each other's suggestions and questions. It was fantastic to see them all so engaged.



BREAK OUT GROUPS

The Library is the perfect place to hone your English skills and we often use it as an area to work in break out groups. Whether honing their comprehension skills or practising their parentheses, working together is a great was of improving pupils' skills. We do love a bit of grammar here at Crescent School.

Compass Mastery

Year 5 developed the skill of using a compass correctly. Geometry should be a thing of beauty, so that takes plenty of practice with the equipment. There was such concentration on their faces as the pupils tried and eventually succeeded in drawing a perfect circle.



FIRE SAFETY VISIT

Year 5 were pleased to welcome members of Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service to school for a Junior Fire Safety talk. The firefighters led an informative and fun fire safety session that explored the different fire hazards within the home, looking at the ways the children could ensure both they, and their families, remained safe in the event of a fire. The firefighters were extremely impressed by 5F's knowledge, relevant questions and engagement in this very serious subject.



PERCUSSION PASSION

Year 5 were challenged to compose music using percussion instruments. Groups had to choose their own title, work out what sounds they needed, and incorporate changes of dynamics and tempo.



Fruit Crumbles

Year 5 made fruit crumbles and enjoyed designing and creating their own recipes while honing their cooking skills of peeling, chopping and rubbing. The pupils learnt about the seasonality of fruit and where all the ingredients for their crumble had originated from in the world. The smell of apples, cherries, rhubarb and pears filled the room!



Year 5 Teacher: Ms Forth

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Dowling

Roisin Banks
Emily Barnwell
Sam Bierton
Alice Diamond
Edward Fouracre
Edward Gowney-Hedges
Alex Grove
Albert Iles
Darius Ionescu
Maggie Johnson
Timi Ladele
Hattie Little

Sofie Major
Leela Matharu
James Mercer
Grace O'Connell
Sam Oldham
Shayla Panchal
Shiv Patel
Remi Ponchoux
Harry Slaytor
Alex Thomas
Maisie Tucker
Oliver Wright



Spanish Projects

In the Trinity Term, Year 5 returned to their study of Spanish and for a homework task enjoyed researching a region of Spain or a Spanish speaking country. They went on to study the topic of places in a town and were able to expertly create sentences using linking words, adverbs and the negative.

Fabulous Flower Containers

Year 5 designed flower-inspired containers. They had fun exploring clay and the different ways they could shape and model the material to create their imaginative containers.



SUPER STILL LIFE

Year 5 studied the work of artists who used still-life in their painting. They worked so hard to develop their skills of observation and understanding of colour, tone, and composition to create their own still-life paintings.



English Skills

In English pupils studied a wide range of books including *Goth Girl* and *Kensuke's Kingdom*, they also explored the structures of non-fiction writing and developed their poetic style. They learned that English skills are transferable, and as such grammar and punctuation are modelled, repeated and practised regularly.



Talking Textiles

Year 5 enjoyed using ideas personal to them when exploring the different ways of applying colour and texture to fabric. They produced wonderful illustrative pieces of talking textiles.



CREATIVE COMPUTING

Year 5 had a super year showing off their talent in computing. They used a wide variety of skills in writing, staging, directing, filming, and mostly importantly editing their very own entertaining short films. They have also demonstrated their formatting abilities in producing vector drawings and programmed some incredible computer games with their coding.



Tomato Transporters

Year 5 took part in a Practical Action Challenge where they devised a method of transporting tomatoes down a mountain side and across a river to solve a problem experienced by Nepalese farmers. They used their knowledge of how a pulley works to design, build and test a way of moving the tomatoes without squashing them!



Year 6



Year 6 Teacher: Mrs Webb
Teaching Assistant: Miss Wrzesniacka

Esme Barlow
 Chloe Brosnan
 Annalise Capper
 Olivia Cooke
 Grace Crowfoot
 Bella Davies
 Zara Eccleson
 Erin Ferguson
 Ellie Gane
 Finlay Hammonds
 Lara Lorimer-Allen
 Harry McBean

Sam McCormick
 Tegan McLeod
 Grace Mercer
 Charlie Millward
 Poppy Morris
 Alex Mulhall
 Zahra Nadeem
 Saira Pandhal
 Yash Patil
 Ava Sheppard
 Bryson Taylor-Jackson
 Mya Toor

Latin Lessons

Year 6 made a game matching noun and adjective endings in their Latin lesson. They had great fun playing their game and translating the resulting pairs – we had clever frogs, naughty rabbits and lazy wasps amongst their combinations! In their next lesson they wrote a letter describing what it would be like to be a Roman soldier or a slave putting all their practice to good use!



3D DRAWING

Moving on with a measuring topic, Year 6 tested their geometry skills and battled with what their brain and eyes told them when drawing on isometric paper. We had a few budding designers, engineers or architects in the class.



Shadow Puppets

Year 6 designed and created their own shadow puppets using their knowledge of light. The children performed their own written plays using their shadow puppets to pupils in Year 1. Annalise, Zara and Chloe were awarded a full JdV for their inspirational work.



Landscapes

6W explored the work of different landscape painters in particular David Hockney. They then went on to create their own landscape paintings using shape, form colour and pattern to communicate their ideas.



Brilliant Boats

The final Design & Technology project for Year 6 was to make a boat that was made from recycled materials, would move across water and was able to carry 200g of weight. After some serious design and construction work the pupils took their boats across to the lake at Switzerland at Princethorpe College to test them. Not one of the boats sank!



In the Lent Term in their French lessons, Year 6 studied the topic healthy lifestyles. They learnt French vocabulary for healthy and unhealthy foods, and they also studied the language to talk about their leisure activities. They were able to interview each other about their food routine and their exercise habits and many of them put together an impressive piece of writing. Congratulations to Zahra who was awarded a Junior da Vinci for her written work but also to Yash, Maya, Charlie and Sam whose speaking work was excellent.



Celebration Breakfast

Year 6 enjoyed a Celebration Breakfast in May and Chef, Mrs Miliopoulos, and her team laid on a super spread. The children had worked so hard, handled their examinations well, and at all times been excellent role models for the pupils in the lower school.

The children enjoyed their breakfast and were delighted to be presented with their Leavers' Hoodies. Now a tradition for most schools, the hoodies will always be a tangible memory of their time at Crescent and their fellow pupils. A huge thank you to the FoC for providing them!



Roles and Responsibilities

Year 6 embraced their roles and responsibilities this year. They made excellent buddies to the Reception children helping the youngsters learn the routines and expectations of Crescent School. 6W also learnt how to be playleaders and created some great games for the younger children to enjoy at break as well as helping them on their swimming taster session.

Year 6 have a range of duties in school, from door duty, setting up for assembly and emptying the recycling to ringing the lesson bell and many more. Each House takes different responsibilities each term and the House Captains create rotas to allocate the jobs fairly.



COP27 Conference

In their Geography classes in November, Year 6 learnt about the COP27 Conference taking place in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

Year 6 thought about their impact on the environment by making their own carbon footprints and considering ways they could reduce the carbon dioxide or methane produced by everyday activities.



Light

In their Science lessons, Year 6 studied the topic of light and investigated how light travels in straight lines.



Figures in Action

Year 6 observed how the human figure moves in activities such as sport and dance. They looked carefully at the proportions of the figure and explored ways of showing the illusion of movement in their own work.



BAKE OFF FIT FOR A KING

Year 6 were challenged in their Bake Off Competition with the theme a 'Cake Fit for a King'. Here are some of the winning entries which were designed, baked and created in pupils' Design & Technology lessons.



Music



Foundation Choral Day

Children from Crackley Hall School and Crescent School had a fantastic, full day of uplifting and inspiring singing when they took part in a joint Foundation Prep School Choral Workshop. The pupils from both school choirs worked together under the guidance of Directors of Music, Julie Barnes and Susan Olden, to prepare and rehearse a mix of joint and individual choral and solo pieces ready for an afternoon concert for parents.



Music Exam Success

Across the year, over 60 music exams were taken on 12 instruments, including the first ever on bass guitar, ranging from Prep Test up to Grade 5, with pupils achieving amazing results including 14 Merits and 11 Distinctions.

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A huge well done to all!

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Senior Summer Concert

The Summer Concert was well attended with the school hall packed with parents and family members eager to enjoy the musical finale to the end of the school year.

It included a range of individual solos all confidently and skilfully performed interspersed with the school's music groups, the Orchestra, Brass Group, Flute Group, Rock Ensemble and Wacky Music.

The concert concluded with a rousing performance by the Choir. Pupils sang five pieces finishing with *One Little Voice*. It was another fabulous afternoon of music and song. Our congratulations go to all Crescent School's accomplished performers and of course their teachers and Director of Music, Julie Barnes, who helped them achieve so much.



Super Spring Concert

Parents and families enjoyed a marvellous musical treat at the end of the Lent Term when the Choir, Orchestra, Flute Group, Brass Group, Wacky Music Club and the pupils in Years 3 and 4 performed in the school's annual Spring Concert.



Brilliant Rock Ensemble

A new music group for the 2022-2023 school year was Crescent's Rock Ensemble led by peripatetic teacher Mr Russell.

The group performed a medley of famous rock riffs and an instrumental version of *Wonderwall* for the school on a number of occasions across the school year including in assemblies, the Summer Concert and in the Leavers' Service. They were just one of many opportunities to make music here at the Crescent School.



Pre-Prep's Junior Concert

It was wonderful to be able to celebrate the musical talents of our younger children as well in our Pre-Prep Concert.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 took turns to perform for their parents and families, enthusiastically singing their songs superbly. There was even an amazing set by Mini Brass our very youngest brass players, who blew their very hardest to entertain everyone.

It was so rewarding to see them all enjoying themselves so much. Well done everyone, you were incredible!



Drama

Baarmy Bethlehem and the Baa Baa Boogie

For their traditional nativity, Reception and Year 1 performed *Baarmy Bethlehem*, a story about the 'party sheep' who love to 'Baa Baa Boogie'!

The children all sang and danced baa-utifully, and everyone enjoyed the performance.



A Christmas Cracker

Year 2 performed festive songs, music and poetry in their end of Michaelmas Term celebration.

A *Christmas Cracker* showcased the skills and talents of some of our youngest pupils providing a really valuable experience for them all.



Animal Rumble Grumble

At the end of the Lent Term, Year 2 delivered a colourful and atmospheric performance of *Animal Rumble Grumble*, a production inspired by a traditional Kenyan folktale.

The energy and enthusiasm of our Year 2 performers was infectious, and their watching parents were mesmerised. Words were bravely spoken and songs belted out with gusto by the cast. The costumes, dancing and singing all wowed. The confidence and memories gained will last long into the future.





Terrific Topics

Years 3 and 4 enjoyed sharing their learning with their parents when they performed their *Terrific Topics* production in June.

Their performance revisited the fantastic work the children have done in class this year, taking the audience back in time to Ancient Egypt, the Indus Valley and World War II. It also included an informative geographical piece about rainforests. Pupils devised parts of the production themselves, adding soundscapes, presenting, freezeframes and even writing their own poems. They gave their all at the evening performance and were amazing, and their teachers were very proud of them. They really were terrific!

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The Tempest was Tremendous

Crescent's Year 6 were simply magnificent when they performed Shakespeare's classic, *The Tempest*. In their final end-of-school production, they superbly portrayed the comedic story of revenge, magic, love and forgiveness. Their rendition just wowed their parents and teachers.

Everyone loved working together to produce such a fabulous piece of theatre and the result was a colourful, exciting and fun performance. The costumes were sparkly, the setting was unusual (using the monkey bars to bring height to the staging) and the children shone like the stars they were. The last song, *Sea Change*, was particularly apt as our wonderful Year 6 pupils reached the end of their time at Crescent School.

The children had worked incredibly hard with Drama teacher, Lizzie Bowdige, and Director of Music, Julie Barnes, to prepare the special performance and the talented cast rose admirably to the challenge.

It was clear the audience really enjoyed the show, their thunderous applause a testament to yet another super example of the school's broad provision for the arts.

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Sport

This year has certainly seen the pupils put through their paces in PE and Games with lots of ISA tournaments, Rugby and District events, Intra-school sports fixtures and inter-house competitions, everyone has been involved from Reception through to Year 6. As always Crescent pupils have turned up full of competitive spirit, drive and determination to be the best that they can be.



Football



ISA Midlands Boys 6-A-Side Tournament

Crescent U10s travelled to Dixie Grammar in September for the ISA Midlands tournament. They were slow out the blocks, then finally started playing fantastic fast-paced football to beat Crackley 1-0 and Arnold Lodge 2-0 in the final group game. Third place in the group, led to a very dominant display against Highclare in the play-off round, to secure a 5th place finish overall.



ISA Midlands Girls U11 Tournament

The U11 Girls team played in the ISA Midlands Tournament at Dixie Grammar in September. The girls won their opening game against Crackley Hall 2-1, then held the hosts to a 2-2 draw. Next up were Ruckleigh, and Crescent really found their confidence with a resounding 10-0 win. They finished the group stage with a win against Highclare 13-0.

In the play-offs they faced the unbeaten Edenhurst and were straight out of the blocks, pressing high up the pitch and not allowing their opposition to settle. They delivered another strong performance and finished as Midlands ISA Champions with a 6-0 win.



ISA Midlands Boys 5-A-Side Tournament

Crescent had a mixed day at the Boys ISA 5-a-side football, playing a format completely new to the squad! The boys began with narrow defeats to Twycross and Hydesville, a draw against St. Joseph's, and further losses to Old Vic and Ruckleigh.

The team then rallied superbly in the second half of the day, hammering St. Joseph's 3-0, followed by further resounding wins against Heathfield, Priory, Loughborough and Bedstone. They finished the competition with five wins, one draw and four losses, leaving with their heads held high.



U11s Girls' Festival Of Football At Crackley Hall

Emulating the Lionesses, Crescent U11 girls did themselves and the school proud with a fantastic showing at the Crackley Festival of Football. Playing every other team there, Crescent finished with an incredible nine wins, two draws and just one narrow loss, putting them firmly in 1st place overall. Special mention for the player of the whole tournament, voted by every opposition coach, Roisin C, whose pace, control and finishing saw her score a phenomenal 13 goals!



U9s ISA Football Tournament

Crescent's U9 football squad represented their school superbly at the ISA Football Tournament at Wyre Vally, digging deep and playing well against some very strong teams. They finished their initial group stage with two wins, two draws and two losses, putting them 3rd out of eight in the group. The team then really found their groove in the play-offs, thrashing the Edenhurst and Birchfield teams, and only losing by the narrowest of margins to Ruckleigh. This meant a final position of 6th out of 16 teams, something the whole squad should be proud of.



Rugby



ISA Midlands Rugby Sevens

Crescent took two teams to the ISA Midlands Rugby Sevens at Princethorpe College in March. The Crescent 'A' side arrived with real purpose and desire, which translated on to the pitch as a 45-20 bonus point victory over Dixie 'B'. Further victories followed against Stafford, Mylnhurst, Tettenhall and OVS, before a fantastic 20-20 draw with Twycross clinched the top spot in the group and a place in the gold medal match! Despite battling bravely and never losing hope, Crescent were beaten 25-15 by an excellent Dixie side in the final, but were incredibly proud to come away with a Silver Medal as runners-up overall, 2nd place against 14 teams. Although the Crescent 'B' weren't able to match the 'A's in terms of results, they certainly matched them for effort, determination, teamwork, playing superbly in their group games. Congratulations go to the entire squad for an excellent day of play!



Swimming

ISA Midlands Swimming Gala

Swimmers from Years 4, 5 and 6 competed in the ISA Midlands Junior Swimming Gala. Pupils had a fantastic day and Crescent was delighted to finish 3rd overall (out of 27 schools). Every swimmer was incredible, and Mrs McCollin was extremely impressed by them all.

Special congratulations went to Roisin, Ellie and Maxi who all qualified to represent the ISA Midlands Team in the Nationals at the London Aquatics Centre.

ISA National Gala

Ellie, Roisin and Maxi swam brilliantly to help the Midlands Team finish in 2nd place overall at the National ISA Swimming Finals. They performed fantastically, had a wonderful day at the iconic Olympic venue and represented the school superbly.

Rugby and District Primary Gala

Crescent School's swimmers put in an awesome performance at the Rugby and District Primary Swimming Gala in March bringing home a huge haul of medals and certificates.



Hockey

U11 Girls ISA Hockey Sevens Tournament

The U11 Girls played in the ISA National Hockey Tournament at the Lee Valley Stadium in the Olympic Park in November. They won their first game against Oakfield 1-0. Then faced a strong Holme Grange side but battled hard to a 3-1 loss. Their final group stage match against St Mary's finished in a 0-0 draw. Crescent finished as runners up in the group taking them through to the Plate competition.

The girls really stepped it up a gear in their Plate games, working hard and never giving up. It was a great team effort, finishing 5th in the Plate and in the top 14 of the 32 schools taking part.



Netball



U11 ISA Midlands Netball Tournament

Crescent's U11 Girls netball team travelled to Malvern St James to take part in the Midlands ISA Netball Tournament. There they enjoyed a jam-packed day full of exciting netball alongside the 14 schools taking part. They qualified for the knockout stages and then made it through to the semi-finals where they sadly went down to Tettenhall College. Resolutely, the team picked themselves up and went into the 3rd/4th playoff. In an exciting final match against St Edward's Cheltenham the girls were delighted to take the win and claim the bronze medal.



U9 Netball ISA Midlands Tournament

The U9 Netball team travelled to Stafford Grammar to play in the ISA Midlands Tournament. It was the team's first outing and an opportunity for them all to get some on court tournament experience.

A mixture of nerves and excitement led to an unsettled start, however once on court and into their rhythm the girls began to settle and move and pass the ball well. The girls showed grit and determination and building understanding of the rules and tactics as the games progressed.



U11 ISA Netball Nationals

Our U11 Netball team competed in the ISA Netball Nationals in April at Rugby School. It was such a huge achievement for the girls to have even qualified for this hotly contested national event where they faced the very best teams in the country. Crescent's girls stepped up their game for this new level of competition, playing their best netball of the season, with a new strength, playing physically with lots of grit and determination.

The girls played their hearts out all day and we could ask nothing more of them, they were absolutely awesome, showing phenomenal play of an extremely high standard for all of them.



Cross Country

ISA Midlands Cross Country Championships

Crescent's cross country team represented themselves and the school superbly at the ISA regional run at Bedstone College in January.

All the runners ran with determination, skill and desire to do their very best in tricky conditions and came away with excellent results in a very crowded, talented field.



ISA National Cross Country Championships

Three Crescent pupils Roisin, Henry and Kian competed in the National Cross Country Finals at Worksop College in Nottinghamshire in March. It was a fantastic achievement to have been selected to represent the Midlands and the pupils represented their school brilliantly. They put in maximum effort and determination on a tough and challenging course. Well done to them all.

Athletics

Regional ISA Athletics

The school took a team of 27 athletes from Years 4 to 6 to Saffron Lane Stadium in Leicester in May to compete against schools from across the Midlands in the Regional ISA Athletics.

Many of the children put in fantastic performances and were proud to achieve personal bests and four Crescent School pupils finished in first place. It was an absolutely fabulous day.

Winning their events and qualifying for the Nationals were:

Maxi E Year 4 Long Jump

Year 4 Boys Sprint Relay Alex B, Maxi E, Zac J and Sam Y.



National ISA Athletics

Crescent athletes had an absolutely super day competing at the ISA National Athletics finals at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. Taking on the best pupils from across the country, Maxi came 7th in the Year 4 Long Jump, Alex, Maxi, Zac and Sam finished 6th in the Year 4 Relay and Ava only just missed out on a medal when she finished 4th in the Year 6 Shot Putt Throw.



Rugby District Athletics

As always pupils in Years 4-6 had a great time at the always hotly contested Rugby and District Athletics Championships at the Queens Diamond Jubilee track in Runcorn. Plenty of great action from them all.



Tennis

ISA Tennis Tournament

In June the U9 and U11 Tennis teams travelled to Sutton Coldfield Tennis Club for the ISA tournament. Teams started off in different pools with winners and runners up moving into semi-final games. There was some great talent to be seen in all competitions. Crescent's U11 Boys and U9 Girls teams made it to the semi-finals playing in hotly contested games before moving into playoffs. Plenty of fantastic rallies and a great day had by all.



Cricket

U9 Cricket Tournament

Our U9 cricketers travelled to Hallfield School for their annual Cricket Tournament in May.

The team played three competitive matches with solid bowling and sharp fielding.

A great learning experience for all, with everybody having a fabulous time.



U8 Mixed Cricket Tournament

In May, a team of Year 3 children headed over to Edgbaston for the Hallfield Cricket Tournament. The team competed in three games, and it was great to see the enthusiasm that they all brought to the afternoon and the development of their cricketing skills.



U11 Girls Cricket Tournament

The U11 Girls also enjoyed a pairs cricket tournament at Hallfield School. Their first game saw Crescent take a win against Norfolk House. Their second match was against Bromsgrove School, it was a tightly contested game where the girls took five wickets. In the final game they met RGS Worcester, whose strong batting saw them find the boundary on numerous occasions.

A fantastic team effort saw lots of growth and development in all areas of the game.



U11 ISA Midlands Regional Hardball Cricket Tournament

The U11 team had a fantastic day of quality cricket at Crackley Hall's Hardball Tournament. Crescent played Old Vicarage, Edenhurst Prep and Crackley Hall to finish 5th overall on the day.

Their match against Crackley Hall was a tense and exciting game coming down to the final over. At the end Sam and Alex T held their nerve well to score and win the game. All the team worked hard, showing great teamwork and learning from the experience.



U11 ISA Kwik Cricket Tournament

Our U11s gave a fantastic account of themselves on a very hot and sunny day at Duffield Cricket Club in Derby for the ISA Kwik Cricket Tournament.

Crescent finished as runners-up in the Trophy, 6th out of 16 teams on the day.



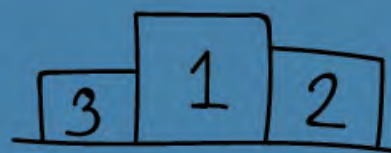
U9 ISA Kwik Cricket Tournament

The U9s gave a truly fantastic account of themselves at the ISA cricket, bowling, batting and fielding superbly, improving with every game.

Crescent won the trophy, winning four out of their five games, and finishing with a 'net runs' score of +230, the far highest of any team on the day.



Sports Day



Sports Day is always super fun for everyone at school and race after race, event after event our young athletes didn't disappoint, as they leapt, threw and sprinted to make this year's Sports Day another super record-breaking success.

Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6 competed separately in sprints, a middle distance 600m run, the Long Jump, High Jump, a Throwing Challenge and the House Relay Race. All the events were hotly contested and as always there were some smashing new school records.



Years 3 and 4 Boys 600m

Thomas (3S)

2.14.56 minutes

Years 5 and 6 Girls 150m

Ellie (6W)

23.71 seconds

Years 5 and 6 Boys 600m

Sam B (5F)

2.13.49 minutes

Years 5 and 6 Boys 150m

Edward G-H (5F)

25.19 seconds

On the day every child took part and, most importantly, every child had fun. At the end of a very busy morning, Mr Thackway was delighted to announce the House results and to present the trophies.

Years 3 and 4 Overall

St Andrew's House

Years 5 and 6 Overall

St Andrew's House

Key Stage 2 Overall

St Andrew's House



Everyone enjoyed Pre-Prep Sports Day

What fabulous fun we all had at our Pre-Prep Sports Day

The children really enjoyed all the challenges including sprint races, egg and spoon, field events, javelin, the bean bag throw, the speed jump and standing jump and of course as a finale the shuttle relay race. Each event enabled them to compete to earn points for their house and everyone tried their hardest to do their very best. In first place came St Andrew's, just behind were St George's and in third place were St David's.



Reception's Sports Day

Our Reception class really enjoyed taking part in their first Sports Day, sprinting, jumping and throwing their way through their activities.

Their events included the 40m sprint, the obstacle course, the standing jump, the bean bag throw and of course the challenge of the relay race. This event is all about participation, every child tried their hardest and everyone had lots of fun.

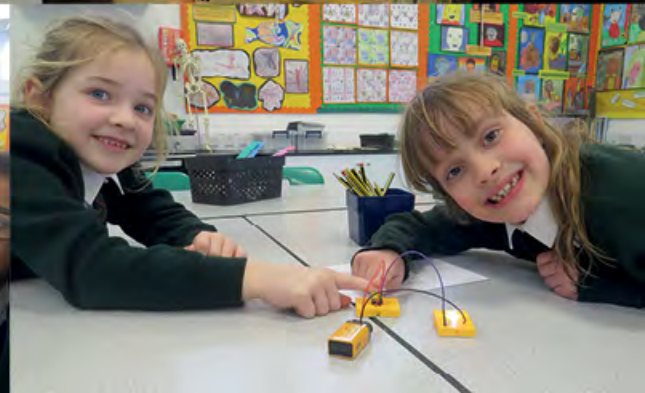


British Science Week

To celebrate British Science Week over twenty-five parents working in STEM brought their fields of expertise and knowledge into the classroom in Crescent School.

Years 1 to 6 enjoyed a variety of speakers and hands on experiences which helped them understand the importance of science in many jobs from architects to surgeons to engineers and many more!

A huge thank you to all who kindly supported the week.



Forest School

In the Trinity Term our programme of Outdoor Learning for Years 1-6 commenced.

Combining Forest School with orienteering, team building and leadership skills training, the structured activities developed the children's collaborative work skills while enhancing their growth mindset in problem solving situations. Our programme is guided by the well-respected John Muir Programme of Outdoor Learning, a nationally recognised environmental and conservation award scheme.

Working with Mrs Dowling, all the pupils enjoyed getting outside in the fresh air, learning new skills and taking care and pride in the environment and their school.



Green Team

Crescent School has a Green Team who educate and champion sustainability, and specifically promote how the school can improve energy savings and our recycling efforts.

Pupils take turns to be members of the Green Team so children all have the chance to take part. In addition, the team delivered two big green initiatives, Switch Off Fortnight and the Big Battery Hunt.

This year the team worked on:

- ✓ A small polite sticker to highlight when computers/lights are left on.
- ✓ A new information poster for all the red recycling bins in school so that staff and pupils are educated about what can be recycled in school.
- ✓ A poster to advertise the new pen recycling that was introduced in school.
- ✓ An educational assembly on recycling in the Trinity Term.
- ✓ An evaluation of what we do already in school and what we still need to do.

The team made a great start, their enthusiasm and motivation was inspiring to us all.



Switch Off Fortnight

Crescent School took part in Switch Off Fortnight which took place from Monday 14 to Sunday 27 November and the school's Green Team launched this year's campaign in assembly at the start of the two weeks.

The children explained the importance of saving energy and why we all need to reduce our carbon footprint. They spoke about the COP27 Conference and the commitments countries across the world have made. They challenged the whole school to do their bit and by taking meter readings monitored just how well we did. Across the fortnight the school saved 88 kWh.



Big Battery Hunt

Crescent School took part in The Big Battery Hunt, a nationwide programme to educate and inspire young people to recycle more used batteries. Everyone in the school was given a box to place their old batteries in and challenged to collect as many as they could.

Together, across the Trinity Term, the Crescent community collected an absolutely amazing 9,673 batteries. Champion recyclers, Hattie, Niamh, Edward and Max are pictured here with just some of the huge haul. They were delivered to Rugby's recycling centre at the end of the school year.





Connect Bingo

Pupils played Connect Bingo in Mental Health Week. They enjoyed talking to each other, discovering how they could connect and completing their bingo cards.

Everyone had fun filling in their cards with the names of their school mates. It was fantastic to see them realise just how many connections they have with their fellow pupils.

Odd Socks Day

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, Crescent School took part in Odd Socks Day.

Odd Socks Day reminds pupils that they are all allowed to be themselves and helps us join in Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way. We had plenty of bright and colourful odd socks in school as pupils celebrated their individuality. Across the week in PSHE lessons pupils also spent time thinking about how we can counter the harm and the hurt that bullying causes.



Chit Chat Tuesday

'Chit Chat Tuesday' is our weekly wellbeing and mindfulness drop-in session where pupils can take time out.

The children spend time together chatting and colouring and we were thrilled at the number of children wanting to drop by. Some come on their own or with friends, some share their news, their thoughts or just find some quiet time to draw, colour or read.



Wellbeing

Celebrating Differences

We began the year celebrating our differences in school, talking about how important it is to like yourself for who you are, whilst appreciating all those around you.

It's an important element of our School Promise 'We respect everyone, and we are tolerant.' To help everyone understand and get involved, we asked the children to colour in a fish. The results were beautiful and all different but put together they made an amazing display.



Children's Mental Health Week

Crescent School took part in Children's Mental Health Week developing their connections to support their mental health and wellbeing.

Alongside their PSHE lessons, they engaged with different activities facilitated by resources from Place2Be to highlight the importance of connection and its benefits to our mental health and wellbeing.

The school's Wellbeing Champions were out and about in the playground all week working their magic, promoting ways to connect with each other better!



Sun Safety

Carwyn and Sofia from Reception helped to launch our Sun Safety Campaign this year.

They reminded us all of the importance of staying safe in the sun. Telling us how to slip on covering clothing, slop on the sunscreen, slap on a hat, seek out the shade and slide on our sunglasses.

Marcie, Esme, Thomas and Aydin were the winners of our Sun Safety Poster Competition.



Learning Mentor Partnerships

Crescent continued its Learning Mentor initiative with pupils meeting with staff three times across the year to discuss their work, reflect on their books, feedback and comments and to agree personal targets.

The mentor meetings proved a powerful way to engage the children in their own personal learning journey, helping them realise where they are in their attainment and the next steps they should take.



Open Book Afternoon

In June we invited parents into school for our annual Open Book Afternoon. It is one of our most popular 'curriculum' events and we welcomed over 110 visitors into school.

Parents always enjoy the school's Open Corridor sessions when they have the chance to look at the displays around school but the Open Book Afternoon offers the opportunity to get a much deeper insight into the children's learning.

It's a fantastic opportunity for the children too, who are always so very proud to share their endeavours and just how much they have achieved across the year.



Accelerated Reader

Crescent's approach to reading and literacy is supported by Renaissance's Accelerated Reader system. Assistant Head, Sarah Webb, explains, "Children in Years 3 to 6 take a quiz after reading each book that tests their understanding."



The approach promotes reading for pleasure whilst ensuring the children read appropriately challenging books. It totals up the books and words read, and we find the competitive element has a positive impact on children's motivation to read."

Pupils can quiz daily on the computers before school. We like to get parents involved too and offer regular weeks where parents can join their children in quizzing on their reading books.

Over the year:

Years 4 and 3	Year 5	Year 6
read over 12,000 words.	read over 15,000 words.	read over 14,000 words.

Our top word reader was Year 6 **Tegan**, who read over 3 million words while reading over 2 million each were: **Arla, Lillah, Alex T and Zahra**. Year 3 read the most books, having passed 978 quizzes, while Year 4 read 487 books, Year 5 read 374 books and Year 6 read 283 books.

It was another fabulous year of reading by all.

Co-Curricular

Taekwondo

In Taekwondo Club the children worked towards their grades learning different skills including the breaking skill, a taekwondo technique that involves practitioners kicking a board with their feet. Focus Taekwondo offered two clubs this year, an afterschool session for Years 4 to 6 and an early morning Tiny Tigers session for Years R to 3.



The children enjoyed a wide range of co-curricular clubs across the school year. On offer were Mini-First Aid, Craft Club, Forest School, Didi Rugby, Taekwondo, Archery, Calligraphy and Chess to name but a few. In fact, there were up to 45 clubs on offer at school during the school year, running before school, at lunchtime and after-school, every year group had plenty to choose from and enjoy.

Super Scientists

Mrs Johnson's Super Scientists explored the properties of water in their lunchtime club. The Year 1s carefully arranged a handful of skittles sweets on a paper plate, then poured a small amount of water over the skittles and watched what happened. They were fascinated by the patterns that appeared as the colour coating of the skittles dissolved and spread through the water.



Chess Club

Chess Club was one the most popular co-curricular activities here at Crescent School. It met after school on a Wednesday and there were always plenty of 'chess mates' looking for a game. Developing strategic thinking, perseverance and concentration skills it was always a lot of fun too!



Craft Club

Craft Club enjoyed developing their sewing skills with a little help from Mrs Dowling's secret supply of pom poms. On pieces of hessian the children drew their own designs before decorating with stitches and applique. So much concentration and attention to detail was on show as they worked individually to create their pieces.

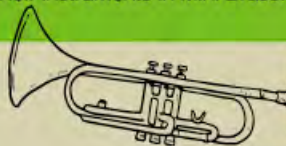


Bayleaf Cookery

Always a popular club, during the year the children taking part made apricot buttermilk cake. They worked so carefully following the instructions to bring their masterpieces together. They took their cakes home to bake and we are sure they tasted good. A fantastic opportunity to learn life skills while having lots of fun.

Mini Brass Club

Mrs Fisher has been running Mini Brass Club for Year 2s for a number of years and it is a great introduction to future musical opportunities in the school. Many of our talented brass players first picked up their instruments in Mini Brass.



Archery Club

Archery Club proved a popular addition to the schools co-curricular offering with Mr Southern coming over from Princethorpe to run the club. Pupils enjoyed learning how to stand, hold the bow properly and draw back the bowstring correctly. With a little bit of practice, we are sure they will all master their bows!



Nature Craft

Year 5 went wild in the Nature Craft Club when they made adorable hedgehogs from mainly natural resources. Hedgehogs are a favourite animal for kids and adults alike and with their prickly spines, adorable faces, and beady eyes, so we had to take a few photos.



Residentials

Wonderful Whitemoor Lakes

In May, Class 3S had a truly amazing time on their residential at Whitemoor Lakes. They tried climbing, archery, completed a challenge course and learned some great circus skills. They also learned the importance of teamwork, tolerance and understanding, supporting and caring for each other. Fabulous food energised everyone and much fun and laughter was had, especially around the campfire.



Remarkable Rock UK

Year 4C headed to Rock UK in Northamptonshire for their two-night residential in May. They thoroughly enjoyed scaling the climbing walls, testing out their home-made rafts on the river, guiding each other through 'Walk the Plank' while blindfolded and snuggling up in the cinema room to watch a film on the final night. An excellent time was had by all!

Fantastic Frank Chapman

5F returned triumphant from their three days residential at the fantastic Frank Chapman Centre. They enjoyed the high ropes, climbing wall, orienteering, abseiling, archery, shelter building, scavenger hunts, hours of games, such as football, cricket and American football. They crawled along the nightline, under the commando nets, over the tree trunks and on through the mud. Took on all the challenges presented to them bravely and enthusiastically. Wolfed down hot chocolate, biscuits, apple crumble and the most amazing birthday cake and most importantly built a bank of memories they will never forget.



Super Slapton Leys

Year 6 joined Mr Adkins and Mrs Webb on the adventure of a lifetime down at Slapton Ley Field Centre in Devon at the end of May. They all came home with many memories to share, tired from the long days and amazing walks and activities and a renewed appreciation of home. They were all stars, each one facing different challenges of homesickness, big hills, food, sharing rooms and even insects. They all made us proud with their resilience and their support for each other. Lots of special memories were made that will last a lifetime.

Trips

Mary Arden's Farm

Year 5 visited Mary Arden's Farm in Stratford-upon-Avon, in support of their English lessons. They were studying Shakespeare and a trip to Mary Arden's Farm provided an amazing, atmospheric setting against which to bring his glorious texts alive.

In a workshop, pupils explored the major themes of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in a fun and interactive way. It was wonderful for the children to be immersed in the social and historical context of the play and the writer. There was even an extra treat, as during the day pupils also had time to visit some of the many animals that live on the farm.

Space Centre Visit

Year 5 visited the National Space Centre in Leicester as part of their Science studies of space. The pupils enjoyed their planetarium experience, built their own satellites and learnt the most fascinating facts about the universe.

Brandon Marsh

As part of their learning of how to identify, group and classify animals, Year 4 went pond dipping at Brandon Marsh. The children used classification keys to carry out their scientific work.

Warwick Castle

Years 1 and 2 visited Warwick Castle at the end of the school year as part of their History studies. The children had been studying castles and the Middle Ages and the visit was a fantastic opportunity to bring all their learning to life. Everyone was impressed with the stone keep castle seeing its obvious defensive benefits. The children even got to meet some knights kitted out in all their amazing armour and Queen Elizabeth I who graciously stopped to say hello to the pupils of Crescent School.

Botanical Gardens

Year 2 visited the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham in June to support their Geography studies on the Amazon and Science studies on plants. As well as exploring the hot and humid greenhouses, pupils also took part in fascinating workshops where they explored the plants and animals that live in tropical habitats. It was a great way to bring all their classroom learning to life. Everyone had a fantastic time and the very brave got up close and personal with some weird and wonderful creatures!

Snow Queen

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 went to the Theatre to see the *Snow Queen*. It was lots of fun. Kai was stolen by the Snow Queen and Gerda tried really hard to find him. The children said, "The characters were really good like the crows, the robbers, the princess and the reindeer. The funniest ones were the soldiers who kept getting everything wrong. We liked the happy ending when the Snow Queen let them all go. It was all really great."





Fantastic FoC!



2022/23 was another great year for the Friends of Crescent, with some new faces on board and a major change in how we communicate with parents via the introduction of Classlist. To help us better engage with parents we also undertook a Parent Survey which resulted in a number of changes and the introduction of a new family event – Crescent Bingo!

The new school year started with the annual MacMillan Coffee Morning. Other events in the Michaelmas Term included a Bag2School collection, Year 6 and 5 Bake Sales, the annual Parent Quiz, the Salvation Army Toy Appeal and of course the annual Christmas Bazaar - which for the first time saw us donating the raffle profits to Birmingham Children's Hospital. On the last day of term, a very special visitor came into school to give out selection boxes to the children.

The Lent Term kicked off with the Year 4 Bake Sale, closely followed by the School Disco – which was fabulously hosted by Bouncing Bob and featured a VIP area for Year 6 pupils. The term continued with Bake Sales hosted by Years 3 and 2 - both of which resulted in significant sales, the profits of which were used by the classes to purchase toys and games to use during their weekly privilege time.

As usual, the Trinity Term was a busy one, starting with another Bag2School collection. We were then delighted to host the inaugural Crescent Bingo – an event for the whole family hosted by Ms Forth. To mark the Coronation of the new King we treated every child to an ice cream, while three further Bake Sales took place for both Year 1 classes and Reception. Year 6 were presented with their Leavers' Hoodies (funded by FoC) while in a change to the usual proceedings the annual Summer Fête took place on a Saturday, to coincide with Crescent School's 75th anniversary. Along with the usual selection of games for the children there was a bar and hot food, while the ice cream van was very popular in the heat! Term concluded with each child being treated to an ice lolly on the penultimate day of term.

As a result of the funds raised at the various events, plus our sales of pre-loved uniform and by subscribing to the Easyfundraising App we were able to donate four new Play Panels for the children to enjoy in the School's new Cosy Corner quiet play area. Being able to enhance the children's experience of their time at Crescent with donations such as these, while still holding events which are more about their enjoyment than fund-raising really highlights what FoC is all about. Enormous thanks as always to all those who supported our activities.

The FoC team



75th Anniversary

Crescent School, the Princethorpe Foundation's prep school in Bilton, Rugby, celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2023.



Founder's Day

The year began with the school marking Founder's Day on Monday 16 January, a new celebration in the Crescent calendar, that provided the opportunity to reflect back to the schools founding in January 1948. The day began with a special assembly with the whole school gathering together to commemorate the event. As part of the assembly pupils from Year 2 and Year 6 performed a short play reflecting life at Crescent School back in its early days. The light-hearted sketch highlighted some of the differences between life at the school then and now.



1940s Day

As part of the Crescent School's 75th anniversary celebrations pupils explored life in the 1940s across their curriculum lessons. The dedicated themed day saw the whole school enjoying a range of exciting learning. Whether practising their calligraphy cursive writing, developing their 1940s programming skills, learning about the Windrush generation, or the impact rationing had on baking, exploring 1940s children's games or the dance styles of the 1940s, the learning activities all helped pupils to understand what life was like 75 years ago.



Anniversary Fête

Past and present pupils, parents, staff and trustees came together on Saturday 10 June to mark the school's anniversary. Out on the school playing fields the Friends of Crescent hosted a traditional summer fête, while inside the school past pupils, young and old, enjoyed wandering through the classrooms and exploring the archive displays.

The anniversary fête was well attended with pupils and teachers from across the generations, from the sixties through to more recent years, returning to visit their old school. Many were delighted to find old photos of themselves, and fascinating memorabilia retrieved from the archives. Archivist, Catherine Lewis, was kept busy as old pupils put names to photos and shared memories and even donations for her collection. The oral history booth was popular with all, who were happy to record their memories of life at Crescent School.

The school fields were transformed thanks to plenty of enthusiasm, gazebos and bunting and the British weather blessed us with superb sunshine, allowing all to relax and enjoy themselves and their ice creams.

It was a very special occasion, enjoyed by everyone, that gave many the chance to reconnect and share fond memories. We do hope everyone enjoyed their walk down memory lane.



Longstanding Staff

Many of the school's staff have worked at the Crescent for a tremendously long time, in fact when we totalled it up those pictured here have 265 years of service between them. With our lovely catering ladies leading the way having served school dinners for an amazing 82 years!

At the end of the academic year staff with over 20 years of service, Ms Forth, Mrs Webb, Mrs Morley and Mrs Barnes, were thanked and presented with long service awards.



Goodbyes

Mrs Everitt



We said goodbye to a much-loved member of staff half way through the Michaelmas Term. Mrs Everitt was known to all the children, having led our Forest School provision with energy and enthusiasm and also to many of our community who came to us from Pathfinders Nursery, where she worked before she joined Crescent School. Mrs Everitt left with our thanks and very best wishes as she took up a new role as Nursery Manager at Wellingtons Day Nursery

Mrs Green



Staff and pupils at Crescent School said a fond farewell to one of their long-serving dinner ladies in June. Mrs Trudy Green had worked at the school for 24 years. After serving up thousands of school dinners, Mrs Green was moving on and was given a special send-off in assembly when Esme and Charlie presented her with flowers and a thank you card from all the children. Mrs Green also received a thank you gift from Ms Forth on behalf of the staff and a very special handmade cake from the catering team.

Mrs Brazier



At the end of the Michaelmas Term a much loved and valued member of staff departed. Mrs Brazier had been with the school for 18 years in different roles and had been the SENDCo for the last 14. Mrs Brazier spent many hours working with children in the Learning Support department offering love and expert care in equal measure. Her knowledge and experience had been a great asset to us all. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

good luck