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2024-25

Good friends,
good citizens
and good
learners...



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Welcome

to our 2025 edition of the Crescent Circular.



The Circular is such a lovely way to celebrate all the hard work and endeavour by the children here at Crescent School. I am always struck by the breadth and depth of activities that happen day in day out at the school. We take great pride in our holistic approach to education, where we put the child first and sport, music, drama, art and even outdoor learning have equal value to the academic pursuits in the curriculum.

This is a happy school where children flourish and I very much hope that shines through the pages of this magazine. I hope you enjoy reliving 2024-2025 in this year's edition of the Circular.

Best wishes and happy reading.

Joe Thackway



Upper School Destinations

Year 6 were a joy to work with as they made their way through the school and we are incredibly proud of them all. The Class of 2025 have now moved on to a range of outstanding local independent and state schools.

Ten of the 23-strong class have joined the Foundation's senior school, Princethorpe College, with pupils also going on to a number of other independent schools as well as the local grammar and state schools. We were especially delighted that this year 18 of our Year 6 pupils were awarded scholarships, including academic, sports, drama, music and choral awards.

Sarah Webb, Assistant Head and Year 6 Teacher, said, "It was lovely to see the children enjoying such success. Our aim is always to do our best to help our pupils reach the destination school of their choice. We were particularly pleased with the wide range of scholarship offers this group received. It was an excellent outcome for them all."

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Congratulations to all the children on their achievements – Crescent School is really proud of them all.



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Prizes for 2024-2025



At the end of the school year, in our Celebration Assembly, Headmaster, Joe Thackway, reflected on pupil achievements, celebrated their successes, and reminded pupils of all the wonderful learning that had taken place across the school year.

Prizes and awards were presented by Julie Barnes, long-standing member of staff, recognising effort and diligence, contribution to school life and the excellence that abounds here at Crescent School.

Congratulations go to the award winners and well done also to every pupil for helping Crescent School to have another excellent year.



Prizes for 2024-2025

Academic

Barrett English Prizes

Year 6	Patrick Beecham
Year 5	Aria Khunti
Year 4C	Ria Barnard
Year 4W	Jahnvi Panikker
Year 3LS	Sarima Amadi
Year 3SS	Hannah Flynn

Maths Prizes

Year 6	Alexander Woolf
Year 5	Evelyn Hosegood
Year 4C	Flora Le Poidevin
Year 4W	Jian Bhabra
Year 3LS	Emily Wilson
Year 3SS	Jed Ma

Taylor Trophy for Science

Edward Melges

Abu El Gasim Prize for Languages

MingYi Wang

Forth Prize for Humanities

Zac Jardine

Ovens/Davis Trophy for Computing

Matthew Lee

Page Music Prize

Alex Barnett

Henderson Eckersley Cup for Drama

Sophie Gower

Heyes Art Prize

Sam Yates

Behaviour

Morley-Boys Pre-Prep Cup for Resilience

Sophia Lorimer-Smith

Clayton Star for Outstanding Behaviour in Reception

Felicity Wigley

Sport

The Hunt Trophy for Outstanding Sports Boy

Maxi Edge

The Barnes Cup for Outstanding Sports Girl

Roisin Capper

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

Amber Morley

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

Thomas Birkinshaw

Other

Junior da Vinci Shield for Boys

Zac Jardine

Junior da Vinci Shield for Girls

Uma Patel

Head Pupil Award

Sam Yates and Roisin Capper

House Cup

St Andrew's House

Promise Cup

Sam Yates

Reception

Reception Teacher: Mrs Pullen

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Noyce

Kaya Bal
Abraham Bewick
Layla Forrest
Ronnie Hazra-Corte
Eris Ho
Aurelia Ingrey
Lylah Iqbal
Aman Karia
Max McDaniel
Kaira Ozoekwem

Frank Poskett
Anna Poulton
Reya Sahota
Leila Sangera
Annabelle Smith
Isabella Taylor
Felicity Wigley
Carter Williams
JJ Wilson
Maisie Wormleighton



Hot and cold

Our Hot and Cold topic saw us journeying from the icy outreaches of the Poles to the arid and blistering deserts of the Savanna.

We thought about the different animals that lived there and how they were adapted to survive. We made lions with leaves for a mane, sunshine name plates, desert and polar scenes and fluffy penguins!

We transformed our home corner into an Ice Cottage and spent many happy hours dressing as ice Kings and Queens.



French Fruit

The Reception children learned the French vocabulary for fruits. They enjoyed practising their speaking skills. They then learnt about the tradition of sharing La Galette des Rois as part of Epiphany celebrations in France and watched a video of a family serving out the slices of cake.



Monster Phonics

10 very colourful monsters visited in September as we began our reading journey using Monster Phonics. We learned all our Black Cat sounds and with the help of Tricky Witch, Angry Red A, Brown Owl, Green Froggy, Cool Blue, Yellow I and Miss Oh No. We conquered our digraphs and trigraphs, whilst simultaneously learning our first 100 words!



CHRISTMAS!

Christmas came with all its merry magic and saw the children rehearsing diligently for their production of *The Nativity*. In the classroom, the eco-friendly glitter abounded as we made egg box reindeer, cardboard tube snowmen and beautiful tiered Christmas trees. Michaelmas Term ended with our Christmas party and Christmas lunch, so much fun and delight, the perfect way to go into the holidays.



Traditional Tales

The children revisited their favourite stories in our topic Traditional Tales. They took dictation based on *Little Red Riding Hood* and painted their own renditions of the Three Bears to go with their excellent Goldilocks handwriting. They considered alternative personalities and endings for their stories and learned about using simple adjectives to describe our favourite characters.



French Colours

Reception learned the vocabulary for colours in French. After an engaging opener from Year 6s Sam and Lewis, Reception took part in colour recognition tasks with Mrs Day. They then went on to practise their colours with a clever letter recognition activity using pegs.



Outdoor Learning

Reception made full use of their Outdoor Learning Area. They were out in all weathers, learning about how the environment changes with the seasons. They spent hours building towers to the sky, creating recipes in the mud kitchen, fashioning fairy tale lands, experimenting with construction and forging friendships all whilst enjoying the outside setting underneath the fluttering bunting.



MILK MONITORS

Each of the Reception children are allocated 'jobs' to do to support their class. It's a great way of developing their feeling of belonging and also of helping them learn some of the tenets of the School Promise. The Milk Monitors collect the milk from the kitchen and take it back to their class. It is wonderful to see them confidently knocking on the kitchen door and politely asking for the day's milk.



DANCE STORIES

In Reception's PE lessons, pupils explored Dance using books and stories as stimuli for their movement. The children investigated the different ways you can travel and move about a space at different levels and speeds. In their lesson, they used the traditional Christmas story of *The Nutcracker* and it was lovely to see the children responding to the magic of the music.



Growing and Changing

A thrilling package arrived containing the smallest of little creatures, our caterpillars, heralding our topic on growing and changing. We watched them over the course of a month as they ate and ate and grew and grew. Then magically, they turned into chrysalises and then beautiful butterflies! We studied the life cycle of a butterfly, created beautiful works of art, and dressed up and fluttered about as butterflies and rounded our year off with a visit to the Butterfly Farm.



Brilliant Buddies

A valued and important tradition here at Crescent School is for the Year 6 children to buddy with a Reception child to support them through their first year at school. Our Year 6s help Reception settle into school, assisting them at lunchtime, modelling good manners, encouraging them in their play and generally being friendly, helpful and welcoming. Reception loved their buddies who helped them build strong foundations and developed their sense of belonging here at Crescent School.



We impressed the staff with our butterfly knowledge and looked around in awe and wonder when we stepped into their magical tropical world.



Year 1



Year 1 Teacher:
Miss Quirke
Teaching Assistants:
Mrs Ashton,
Mrs Barnett and
Mrs Newbold

- Zara Adegite
- Isaac Ali
- Lottie Broekhuizen
- Isabella Brown
- Henry Davies
- Eve De Groot
- Noah Dymek
- Emilia Elsey
- Mason Faith
- Xander King
- Ayven Lees
- Clementine Palmer
- Parker Pinski
- Nifemi Remi-Omosowon
- Max Rindler
- Sanvika Sanikommu
- Nova Smith
- Edward Sommerfeld
- Maia Tapp
- Ciaran Young

Recycled Castles

Year 1 explored the fascinating world of castles and loved learning about different types and discovering the key features that made them strong and secure, such as drawbridges, towers and battlements. As a creative finale to the topic, they designed and built their very own castles using recyclable materials. Each castle reflected the children's imagination, teamwork and growing knowledge.

MAP MAKING

In Geography, Year 1 had a great time learning all about maps and directions. They explored the compass points – North, South, East and West – and used this knowledge to guide Beebots around simple routes, helping to consolidate their understanding of direction in a fun and interactive way. The children also studied a local map of Bilton, identifying key landmarks and discussing features of their local area. To finish the topic, they put their map skills to the test by creating their own treasure maps for a partner to follow in the classroom, leading to hidden 'treasure'!

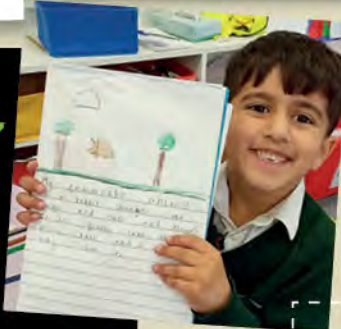


Monster Phonics

Year 1 were introduced to all the fun and engaging Monster Phonics characters, which really brought their learning to life and helped them remember tricky sounds. As part of the topic, the children wrote letters to the monsters inviting them to a special Monster Disco Party – which we held in class and was great fun! It was a fantastic way to support phonics development while keeping learning lively and enjoyable.

NOCTURNAL ANIMALS

In English, Year 1 became enthusiastic researchers, using books, iPads, and other resources to find out lots of fascinating facts about animals that are awake at night. They especially enjoyed learning about owls, foxes and badgers, and used this knowledge to support their writing in creative and informative ways. To complement their learning, they also produced some fantastic artwork, including making their own owls and badgers using a range of materials.



Being Me

In PSHE, Year 1 explored a range of important topics that helped them grow in confidence and understanding of themselves and others. Through units such as *Being Me in My World*, *Relationships*, and *Healthy Me*, the children developed key life skills in a fun and engaging way. These lessons were a vital part of helping the children build empathy, resilience, and self-awareness.



World Book Day

For World Book Day, Year 1 had a fantastic time diving into the story of *The Gruffalo*. The children enjoyed reading the book and took part in a variety of activities inspired by the story, including creative writing, roleplay, and even making their own Gruffalo models. These fun, hands-on experiences helped bring the story to life and encouraged the children to use their imagination and storytelling skills.



St Mark's Church Visit

Year 1 visited St Mark's Church in Bilton as part of their study of Christianity. The children were excited to explore the church building and had a great time spotting key features such as the font, pulpit, stained glass windows, and the cross. They listened carefully as they learned about how these features are used in Christian worship and why they are important. The visit helped bring their learning to life and gave the children a deeper understanding of what a church is like and how it is a special place for Christians.



Fireworks in PE

In PE with Mrs McCollin, Year 1 enjoyed a lesson linked to Celebrations and Bonfire Night. The children worked in teams and whilst listening to Katy Perry's Fireworks took turns to be popping rockets, sparkly Catherine wheels and firework fountains.



French Transport

Year 1 studied the vocabulary for transport in French. They also revised the language for numbers and colours to help them describe pictures of street scenes. Here they are practising their speaking skills with a variety of transport toys.



Teen Numbers

In September, Year 1 worked hard in Maths to consolidate their knowledge of teen numbers. They took turns to choose a card and then placed it on the floor in order to create a visual number line. They even spotted which numbers were missing from their line. They went on to count and record items in the classroom to reinforce their knowledge.



MOBILE PLANETARIUM

Year 1 explored the solar system and the stars, thanks to Warwick University's Astronomy and Astrophysics team, who brought their incredible mobile planetarium to visit the school. They shared their knowledge of and fascination with the Universe with the children, who were awestruck by the incredible immersive experience.



Animal Writing

Year 1 impressed us all with their beautiful writing in their English lesson. They were challenged to write about their favourite animals and to use a range of different words to describe them. They were provided with a sentence opener to support their writing and their finished work was really

impressive. Rabbits proved a popular animal choice, no doubt a number of them wanted to keep the Easter Bunny onsite!



Counting Coins

Year 1 demonstrated their knowledge of coins and place value in numeracy. In their workbooks they totalled up coin stacks to find their value. It was great reinforcement of their learning as they applied their knowledge and understanding to a real-life situation.



Year 2



Year 2 Teacher: Mrs Emery
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Olnor

- 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
- Alex Sim
- Harriet Tennant-Bale
- Gene
- Sofia Wood

Crumble Skills

Year 2 made a delicious apple crumble in food science. The children peeled, cored, chopped, boiled apples, weighed flour and butter, learnt how to rub in the butter to make the crumble and most importantly enjoyed eating it. A wide range of practical, life skills that they can apply to food preparation at home.



TERRIFIC TEAMWORK

We spent lots of time in Year 2 building our teamwork skills. We started the year with a bang, celebrating each and every one of us, we worked on our Christmas Cracker and Litter Muncher performances, we grew potatoes, shared wet plays, sunny plays, built dens, worked on collaborative art, developed team work skills in PE, built communication skills in small group working, worked together towards our 100 day party, outdoor learning, shared reading together, enjoyed immersive drama. The list goes on. We have learnt, made mistakes and all grown together.



Titanic

While studying significant events in History, our Titanic topic really captured our hearts and imaginations. Why was the 'ship of dreams' built? How did the class system work? Why weren't there enough lifeboats or life jackets? Aside from the iceberg, what were the other reasons Titanic sank?



Space

Year 2 loved exploring space especially when Warwick University brought their mobile planetarium to school. In History they learned about Neil Armstrong and the moon landing, discovering all about the launch, the landing, what life on the moon would be like and the modules that made up Apollo 5. They participated in an engaging and interactive workshop led by Freshwater Theatre and had a fabulous space themed half term of dance in PE.



Moving Vehicles

Year 2 designed, made and evaluated our moving vehicles in DT. They looked at the chassis, axel and wheels and then identified different parts and their purpose including windscreen, wing mirrors, headlights. The children observed a number of different vehicle types and then designed and built their own moving vehicle, including opening doors and windows and working chassis, axels and wheels, demonstrating lots of practical skills in building and joining



Active Learning

It is so important for children's development that their learning is active, engaging and practical in order to secure their skills. This year, the children discovered so much together by practising their spellings using playdough, salt and scrabble tiles, making bread to give them the practical knowledge to write instructions, cutting up bulbs, planting seeds and growing and harvesting potatoes to inform their Science studies, and so much more.



Number Formation

Year 2 concentrated hard when they practised their number formations and produced beautiful work. The whiteboards are great for practising this key skill as you can try, try, erase and then try again. It's a competency constantly revisited, as it is important that pupils can form their numbers quickly and accurately, as that supports their learning when they move on to more advanced numeracy concepts.



Stick Men

In Art, Year 2 practised how to make and draw figures in action using the mannequin models to help with proportion. They particularly enjoyed making their pipe cleaner sculptures.



French Animals

Year 2 studied the topic of animals in their French lessons and Mrs Day was impressed with their clear, accurate pronunciation. They reinforced their knowledge of vocabulary with a questioning game where they had to ask questions in order to work out the animal sitting above their head!



Minibeasts

Pupils looked at micro habitats in the school grounds as part of their science topic about living things. They found many different minibeasts and learnt how habitats provide the food, shelter and protection needed for their survival.



Dizzy Directions

Year 2 developed their understanding of how to turn mathematically. They learned about directions (clockwise and anti-clockwise) and degrees of turn (quarter, half and full turn). Pupils practised rotating lots of things including themselves. Ayden, Harry and Sofia were so good at rotating that they ended up feeling a little dizzy!

Clay Animals

Year 2 had fun modelling and painting their clay animals. They tried hard to look at the shape and how the animal's stand. When they finished modelling the basic shape, they enjoyed adding the texture, detail and colour.



SEASIDE COLLAGE

Pupils worked together to create these wonderful seascape collages. They used different shades of colour and a mixture of materials to represent the textures you see at the seaside.



Year 3LS



Library Visits

3LS always enjoy visiting the school library to choose their next book to quiz on. It's a difficult decision to make, that always takes a good long browse. Here they are exploring the shelves looking for that next book to read.



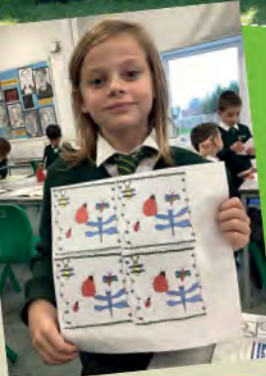
PURPLE PENS

Year 3LS enjoyed their maths lesson when they marked their own work with their special 'purple pens'! Just look at their concentration as Mrs Symons went through the answers with them all. Checking through their own work is a great way to identify and learn from their mistakes.



Ancient Egyptians

Year 3 visited Leicester Museum to support their history studies. They took part in a workshop on the Egyptians and discovered lots about everyday life in Egypt, as well as the gruesome process of mummification. They were lucky enough to handle real ancient Egyptian artefacts and even dressed as ancient Egyptians! It was an exciting and informative day.



SEAMLESS PATTERNS

Year 3 created these excellent seamless patterns. They managed to create beautifully detailed designs which they repeated without any visible joins.



Non-Fiction Recounts



To help learn about non-fiction recounts, Year 3 considered differing points of view, examining feelings, thoughts and motives for actions, learning to justify opinions with evidence, acknowledging writing in the third person and in the past tense, along with practising drawing inferences all from the text *Diary Of A Killer Cat* by Anne Fine.

After writing two contrasting points of view, pupils shared their work with a partner and then sat in the 'hot-seat' to be quizzed.

FIENDISH FRACTIONS

3LS explored fractions of shapes and numbers. They used paper strips to find fractions that were equivalent to each other and then were set a cookie challenge! They had to share a cookie with a friend by cutting it into five parts. It was tricky, but Mrs Symons didn't say the pieces had to be equal, just that each person in the pair should have the same amount at the end.



Year 3LS Teacher: Mrs Symons

Teaching Assistant: Jodie Nelson

Sarima Amadi

Hazel Morley

Teddy Brannigan

Isla Morris

Oscar Brosnan

Elijah Mulhall

Sophie Dunn

Reegan Pandhal

Olivia-Rose Griffiths

Siara Panigrahi

Iris Hosegood

Keevie Rai

Ire Ibiyode

Charlotte Southern

Ayrah Imran

Freddie Stockdale-Smith

Alex Keramidias

Marcie

Zachary Kirwan

Emily Wilson

Sophie Lawrence

Vihaan Morjaria

Buddhism Reflections

In RE, the children explored Buddhism, finding out about its key belief and practices including the story of how Siddhartha Gautama became Buddha. As a reflection task, they all thought of things around them that they are thankful for and made paper flowers that 'magically' bloomed when placed in water.

Marble Magic

As part of their learning about forces, pupils worked hard with Mrs Johnson to design and build their own marble runs that demonstrated how gravity works. They tried out ideas first before creating their designs. They then put their designs into practice, measuring and gluing carefully, testing as they went. The children worked together collaboratively, showing resilience and perseverance. The marble runs were tested by other year groups who loved the challenges of the different designs.

Self Portraits

3LS studied the proportions of their own face before sketching their self-portraits. They used mirrors to carefully observe their facial features. They then experimented with different mark making and shading techniques to add depth to their drawings.



FREE TIME

Pupils studied the topic of free time activities in their French lessons. Here they are practising the new phrases with a card activity. While playing, they also revised the vocabulary for the days of the week which they remembered very well from last year.



Shadow Science

Year 3 investigated how shadows are formed as part of their topic on light. They enjoyed using torches to create shadows and making them smaller and larger.



3D ART

Pupils enjoyed learning how to make different pop-up mechanisms. They then used their imagination to create some lovely eye-catching 3-dimensional pictures.



Super Stories

Class 3LS studied *I'll Take You To Mrs Cole* by Michael Foreman. They looked at how the author writes speech without using speech bubbles, then created their own speech bubbles before finally writing speech down using the correct punctuation. They then developed their own stories, based on the book, using the story mountain to help them to include all the elements of a good story.



Year 3SS



Year 3SS Teacher:
Mrs Stapleton
Teaching Assistants:
Mrs Chang and Mrs Gupta

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| Jonelle Akinremi | Niamh Morgan |
| Summer Bedford | Tara Oshungbohun |
| Welton | Nishaan Phull |
| Matilda Davies | Juliette Poulton |
| Charlotte Dymek | Locan Sangera |
| Lara Elshazly | Thato Simela |
| Hannah Flynn | Isabel Thomas |
| Ashleen Gill | Josiah Uhiara |
| Oore Ibiyode | Daniel Wang |
| Jed Ma | Alexandria Woolley |
| Ava McDaniel | |



Ancient Egyptians

Year 3 visited Leicester Museums & Galleries. They took part in a workshop to inspire them in their history studies of the Egyptians and discovered lots about everyday life in Egypt, as well as the gruesome process of mummification. They were lucky enough to handle real ancient Egyptian artefacts and even dressed as ancient Egyptians! It was an exciting and informative day.



Blood Pressure

As part of their work on health and fitness, 3SS investigated the effect that exercise can have on your heart rate. After coming up with a strong prediction and some super ideas for an experiment, they measured their own BPMs at rest, after light exercise, intense exercise and after a brief rest. They found that their heart rates shot up after making their bodies work, but then quite quickly returned to where they were at the start!



Maths Measuring

Year 3SS practised how to measure accurately using rulers and tape measures in their Maths lessons. They started off by finding objects around the classroom to measure and then moved on to measuring the length of different parts of their bodies. They asked the question of whether their forearm measurement was longer or shorter than the length of their foot and then tested their predictions to see if they were right!



Non Chronological Cricket

Year 3SS worked on a non chronological piece about Cricket in their English lessons. After exploring information texts and especially non-chronological reports on sports. They had to structure the information and facts for their reader and produced posters to display their work.



CAFÉ CULTURE

Year 3 enjoyed learning the French vocabulary for a variety of café food and drinks. They all participated beautifully in whole class speaking work and then sang along to the song – *Moi j'ai soif je voudrais un orangina*. They also completed a challenging word order exercise individually.



Calligrams

In English, pupils were very creative in exploring what calligrams are and then designing and writing their own animal poems in their chosen shape. Their finished work looked amazing.



Thank you Letters!

Following their first residential to Whitemoor Lakes, 3SS wrote letters of thanks to the staff and instructors sharing their favourite memories and feedback about their stay. They were very excited to receive a letter of response from the activity centre. Whitemoor Lakes thanked them for their letters which they had put on display on their information board. They were very pleased we had such a successful trip.



Comic strips

Year 3 welcomed author, Neill Cameron, into their classroom as part of a live school's virtual event. He was promoting his new book series, *Donut Squad* and during the event he taught pupils how to draw some of the characters in the book before discussing new characters and designing them. The children were inspired to create new characters and write their own comic strips.



Night Lights

Year 3 pupils used their knowledge about light, combined with their cutting, sawing, etching and joining skills to create unique night lights.



CLAY SCULPTURES

3SS designed and created superb sculptures for different locations around the school grounds. Their finished pieces looked amazing and we couldn't wait to display them for everyone to enjoy.



POTATO PALS

3SS created their own 'Potato Pals' in preparation for their Maths lesson where the learning objective was to compare and measure weights in multiples of 100g. Once designed they passed around different standardised weights before estimating whether their potato was lighter or heavier than 100g. They then continued to add weights to the balance scales to see if our predictions were right.



Investigating Patterns

Children had great fun cutting up and duplicating their drawings to create beautiful patterns. It was a lot harder than you would think.



Year 4C

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Maths Fractions

In Maths, Class 4C used multi-links to understand how finding a unit fraction of an amount is linked to division and multiplication. Once they understood the concept, they consolidated their learning by choosing a level of practice that felt right for them

Year 4C Teacher: Ms Clark

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Calder

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



ROVING REPORTERS

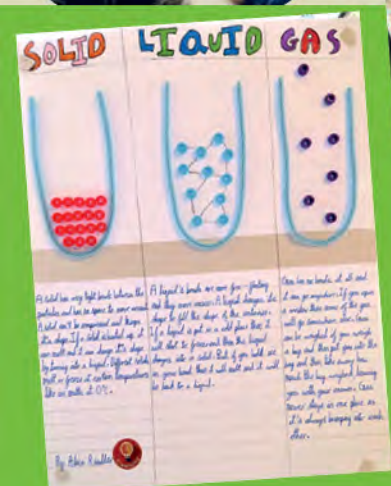
In Geography, Class 4C studied how earthquakes happen.

Pupils filmed news reports sharing advice on what to do in an earthquake or reporting on the devastation from the scene. We had some very talented roving reporters.



Festive Packaging

In Design & Technology, Year 4 created Christmas packaging. They researched existing packaging thinking about what worked and how manufacturers make their packaging appealing. They noticed lots of boxes were created using a 2D net and discussed the reasons for using different materials and shapes of packaging for different products. They went on to design, make and evaluate their own packaging.



States of Matter

Using different science experiments, pupils in Year 4 discovered that sound moves through solids, liquids and gasses by vibrations. One experiment involved hitting a drum and observing the rice jump demonstrating the vibrations involved in sound.

HAND BUZZER GAMES

In Design & Technology, using their knowledge of electricity, pupils designed and created their own steady hand buzzer games using key components to form an electrical circuit. The shapes and difficulty of the games varied and posed fun challenges to those who tried them!





Expressive Portraits

The children used mirrors to carefully observe how their facial features change depending on the expressions they pulled. They then enjoyed using colour, lines and patterns to create their own expressive portraits.



Stop Motion

4C enjoyed turning their written short narratives inspired by *The Wild Robot* into stop motion films. Each group retold a part of the story, which was then edited together into one film. They had to use plenty of patience and resilience but the finished film was fantastic.



Spanish Pets

Class 4C studied the vocabulary for pets in their Spanish lessons with Mrs Day. They practised the language by drawing pictures on the whiteboards. Their drawing skills might need some work but they were able to write the words with the correct spelling.



Personal Journeys

The children enjoyed experimenting with different colour mixes to create their wonderful personal journey paintings.



Big Legal Lesson

Children in Year 4 widened their understanding of UK citizenship by taking part in the Big Legal Lesson. They explored what the law is, how it affects your life, who is responsible for making and changing the law and what effect changes to the law might have.



COLOUR ADJECTIVES

Year 4 learned about adjectival agreement in French when they learned the vocabulary for clothes. They practised describing their clothes with colour adjectives in the correct form by playing a vocabulary game.



Bar Charts

Pupils practised drawing and interpreting bar charts. They brought their Maths and English topics together when they used a page of one of Aesop's Fables *The Lion and the Mouse* to collect data on the number of vowels, before presenting it as a bar chart in their books. They did an excellent job of checking the success criteria to make sure their bar charts were presented to a high standard.



Indus Valley Seals

In History, pupils learned about the Incas. They explored Indus Valley seals that were used in trading to identify traders in the marketplace. The seals often included symbols of significance to the individual. The children then designed and produced their own seals, using air drying clay to etch their design into. They had to really persevere to make the shapes and lines they needed.



Year 4W

Year 4W Teacher:
Mrs Woolfenden

Teaching Assistant: Ms Hanson

Dare Adegite
Anaya Ali
Dudley Ball
Jian Bhabra
Walter Bostock
Isabella Broekhuizen
Zoe Chime
Sophia Elshazly
Elliott Farr
Lucas Grove
Joshua Jardine

Kiki Ozoekwem
Florence Palmer
Jahnvi Panikker
Uma Patel
Gwen Perks
Feranmi Remi-Omosowon
Rachael Rossouw
Nellie Thomas
Hermione Wigley
Orlaith Young



Life Journey

Year 4 have been discussing how some people see life as a journey in their RE lessons. They were asked to look at their own lives and think about the milestones that they celebrate with their families. I'm sure you'll agree they have been very creative with their projects and are certainly very proud of what they have produced.

Thinking Skills

Year 4 were practising their non-verbal reasoning skills in the ICT Suite this morning. They looked at how shapes can be rotated, reflected and layered on top of each other. They then put these skills to the test on the computers in a fast-paced game of 'Block-rush'!



Newspaper Articles

Year 4 explored newspaper articles thinking about the different features they have such as headlines, sub titles, introduction, key facts, direct speech, reported speech, photos, captions and a conclusion. Looking at this type of text is a great way to engage pupils with their writing and with so many different characteristics, it can offer a real boost to children's literacy skills.



EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION

In their Geography lessons, the children in 4W produced an earthquake information page aimed at teaching younger children all about earthquakes. The thought, presentation, delivery and detail was impressive.



Water Education

Severn Trent Water's Education Team ran a hands-on workshop for Year 4, where the children measured the water used in everyday tasks and learned about the water cycle. Pupils discussed the impact climate change is having on the availability of water today compared to years ago, sparking important thoughts for all about the future of our water resource.



Melting Points

In Science, pupils investigated the different melting points of materials as part of their learning about states of matter. Year 4 pupils made models to demonstrate the particle and bond arrangements in solids, liquids and gases.



Spanish Greetings

Year 4 enjoyed learning Spanish and practising greetings and introductions. They also listened to the Language Angels song, 'Me llamo ...' (My name is ...).



Baking Bread

In Design & Technology, pupils learnt how to make dough and the chemical process that takes place in the baking of bread. They added their own unique ingredients to make speciality bread using herbs from the school's grounds.



ANGLE ART

In Maths, the children created 'angle art.' Thinking about how they could use obtuse, acute and right angles to create a fun piece of art. Some chose to create a picture, some a fan and others chose to create an abstract piece. There were no rules, only that acute angles had to be orange, obtuse-green and right angles were pink. Their creations were lovely.



The Very Hungry Caterpillar

In French, Year 4 enjoyed reading *The Hungry Caterpillar* (La Chenille qui fait des trous). They learnt the vocabulary for the various food items and listened to an audio recording of the book whilst following the French script. Finally, they made their very own mini version of the book.

Colourful Journeys

Year 4 created fantastic colourful journey paintings and enjoyed showing each other their artwork. They should all feel very proud of the carefully composed artwork they created.

Sustainability Solutions

In Geography, 4W explored 'Improving Our Environment' and started by determining what sustainability means using their research study skills. Single use plastic proved to be a big factor in the sustainability of the planet. Pupils were horrified to discover the amount of plastic being dumped in landfill and how so much ends up in the seas.



PICASSO PORTRAITS

Pupils painted Picasso Cubist-inspired portrait paintings exploring how colour, line and pattern can help emphasise emotion.



Year 5



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 Mithun Hariharan
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 Everly Kemp
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 Tomisin Ladele
 Ava Lawrence
 Theo Ma

Nimeeta Matharu
 Theo McBean
 Alfie Millward
 Amber Morley
 Seren Rougeolle
 Harry Rule
 Taran Shah
 Kiran Toor
 Albert Toller
 Lilah Wigley
 Charlotte Wood
 Gloria Zhao

Nature Craft

Children from Year 5 enjoyed Nature Craft harvesting seeds from the field and releasing them carefully. They made clever little origami packets from paper to store the seed in and labelled them clearly.



Year 5 Maths Challenge

Crescent took two teams of two to compete alongside 52 pairs of enthusiastic and very talented mathematicians from 28 local schools in Princethorpe's Primary Maths Challenge. Pupils took part in a series of puzzles against the clock. The competition stretched and challenged the children with mathematical activities that required both reasoning skills and mathematical knowledge.



Mini Cop

In Geography, Year 5 prepared for their own mini-COP conference. Working in teams they looked at problems such as single-use plastics, methane production, deforestation and non-sustainable energy sources. Each group then prepared a speech to present which prompted plenty of healthy debate.



TIME CONVERSATIONS

In their Maths lesson, Year 5 recapped their knowledge of time, practising converting times from the 12-hour to the 24-hour clock and from digital to analogue.



Escape Room

Year 5 enjoyed a Christmas 'Escape Room' experience in their Thinking Skills lesson. They were challenged to find the clues, solve maths problems and record the answers as they went around the room to create a passcode. They needed ten correct passcode digits to be able to escape and only two groups managed it in the time given.





IRREVERSIBLE REACTIONS

Pupils in Year 5 studied reactions that are reversible and irreversible. They found that carbon dioxide can be formed by mixing two substances together. They were able to inflate balloons demonstrating that a gas was formed and the reaction was irreversible.

Bebras Challenge

Alongside other years, pupils in Year 5 entered the Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge. Over 80% of Crescent's pupils scored above the national average with three pupils in Year 5, Aria, Theo and Alice finishing 'best in school' and also joint 1st in the country!



Mathopoly

To develop their Thinking Skills, children in Year 5 were challenged to a game of Mathopoly. The game involved solving a variety of non-verbal and verbal reasoning problems as well as some tricky maths calculations as they moved around the board.



COLOUR MOODS

Pupils explored the effects of only using one colour range to place emphasis on a particular mood. The results were impressive.

Christmas Stockings

In Design & Technology, Year 5 completed a sewing project which involved the key skills of cutting, pinning, hand sewing and decorating a Christmas Stocking. Each design was individual and the stockings were made for a specific person or purpose.



Still Life

Year 5 created their own still life compositions. They looked closely at the line, texture and the size of the objects and used a wide range of colours to paint their still life picture.



Spanish Posters

In a cross curricular link with their Geography studies, pupils produced Spanish posters on how to protect the environment. They used Spanish phrases with picture symbols to convey their message.



Flower Containers

In Art, 5F learnt various clay forming techniques then modelled their own flower inspired container.



FLOWER FEATURES

Year 5 observed how different flowers were constructed, looking carefully at the delicate textures and colours of the petals. They tried to sketch the flowers in a sensitive way to emphasise the fragile nature of the flower heads.



French Fashion Show

Year 5 strutted their stuff in style on the catwalk in our first ever Défilé de Mode - French Fashion Show. Pupils had planned what they were wearing and bravely overcame their nerves to walk the catwalk with confidence. Some of them answered questions, describing their clothes with assurance, demonstrating their understanding of French and making adjectives agree, an impressive level of language to use.



Year 6



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 Roisin Capper
 Maximillion Edge
 Sophie Gower
 Lewis Husbands
 Zachary Jardine
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 Matthew Lee
 Edward Melges
 Henry Mitchell
 Aryaan Morjaria
 Harry Newbold
 Toni Oshungbohun
 Akaal Rai
 Maya Tarnauceanu
 Herbert Thomas
 Maxwell Thomas
 Nora
 MingYi Wang
 Alexander Woolf
 Edward Woolley
 Samuel Yates



Expressive Portraits

Year 6 enjoyed experimenting with different sketching marks to help add expression and movement to their portrait drawings. Their strong tonal contrast created these dramatic expressive portraits.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Year 6 embraced their roles and responsibilities as the oldest pupils in the school. They stepped up as excellent buddies to our Reception children, helping them settle into Crescent School life with kindness and care. They trained as playleaders, designing and leading fun games for younger pupils during break times. They took on a wide range of duties around the school including door duty, setting up for assemblies, recycling, lesson bells and much more. They were fantastic role models, showing responsibility, teamwork and leadership throughout the year.



UP PERISCOPES

Year 6 explored the concept of light in science and found through their practical investigations that light travels in straight lines. Pupils then explored how periscopes worked to understand how light reflects and travels.



Latin Lessons

In their Latin lessons, Year 6 made birthday cards and party invitations using words they had learned in class, such as 'Euge' (Hooray), 'Veni ad diem natalem meum' (Come to my birthday) and 'Donum tibi habeo' (I have a gift for you.) The results were bright and colourful.



RAINBOW LIGHT

Year 6 explored the topic of Light in their Science lessons and had great fun splitting light into a spectrum of colours. They used glass to disperse the light and were impressed with their results.



Mannequin Figures

Year 6 used wooden mannequin figures to help them understand human proportion. They worked hard to draw different action shots and used sketching techniques to add tone and movement to their drawings.



Drag the correct item of clothing onto the washing line in order to match the French word.



Vêtements

Year 6 revised the topic of clothes in their French lessons. They used the school iPads and headphones to complete a variety of interactive reading and listening tasks.



HEALTHY ME

In PSHE Year 6 explored healthy eating and took on a two-week challenge of only eating fruit or vegetables at break. Most of the class met the challenge!

GINGERBREAD HOUSES

In Design & Technology, Year 6 designed, joined and decorated the structural parts of Gingerbread houses. Pupils worked in teams to design a prototype, mix, cut, decorate and join the various components of their houses. They were also tasked with writing a back story for their fabulous creations.



Landscape Art

Year 6 enjoyed experimenting with different watercolour effects to add reflection and shadow to their landscape pictures.



FRENCH VIDEOS

Year 6 were challenged to create videos on Seesaw to teach Reception the topics of colours and numbers in French. Pupils were very creative in their approach and the videos that they created were very entertaining as well as educational.

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- 3 trois
- 4 quatr
- 5 cinq
- 6 six
- 7 sept
- 8 huit
- 9 neuf
- 10 dix



20 vingt

30 trente

31 trente-et-un



Community Police Visit

Community Week was full of learning, hands-on experiences and meaningful service, to both our school and the wider community. The local community police visited to explain their role in keeping the area safe and spoke to the children about the dangers of antisocial behaviour.



DT BOATS

Year 6 designed and created vessels from recyclable materials. Their boats had to float and be propelled on water. With the expert help of Mr Knowles, pupils tested their boats on the lake at Princethorpe College.



Built for Sport

WELCOME TO OUR SPORTY WEBSITE YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT SPORT AND WHY YOU SHOULD TAKE SOME REGULAR EXERCISE AND EAT HEALTHY FOOD.



WEBSITE DESIGN

Year 6 proved that they are not just passive users of the internet and technology around them, but active digital producers, using their skills to make the internet a better, happier place for everyone. They demonstrated this superbly by researching, planning, creating and publishing their very own unique and highly bespoke websites on a topic of their choice.

Music



Choral Workshop

In November, pupils visited Crackley Hall School for a choral workshop, a fantastic full day of uplifting and inspiring singing.

Pupils worked under the guidance of Directors of Music, Susan Olden and Julie Barnes, to prepare and rehearse a mix of choral and solo pieces, including the hauntingly beautiful *Someone You Loved* by Lewis Capaldi. The children really enjoyed working together and both teachers agreed that over the course of the day their confidence really grew.

Choir Community Performances

Crescent's school choir shared its love of music and song with the local community on two occasions this year.

They performed some special Christmas songs at Rugby Baptist Church on Saturday 30 November and then wowed the crowd at Princethorpe's Summer Fest on Sunday 29 June. Both were lovely opportunities for the children to showcase their skills.



Carol Service

Crescent's traditional school Carol Service took place in the glorious setting of Our Lady of the Angels Chapel at Princethorpe College.

Parents enjoyed a wonderful evening of carols, readings and re-telling of the Christmas story.



Music Lessons

Peripatetic music lessons are an important part of life at Crescent School with pupils learning a wide range of instruments at a wide range of levels.

Across the school year, pupils achieved excellent exam results on instruments including, piano, cornet, trumpet, drums, guitar, trombone, recorder, violin and singing, all the way up to Grade 6. We congratulate them all.





Orchestra Workshop



In March, Crescent School welcomed pupils from Crackley Hall for an orchestral workshop.

Designed to develop and stretch music and performance skills, pupils rehearsed a mixture of pieces ready for an afternoon performance. The children relished making music, especially in such a big group. They worked hard to prepare two challenging pieces, including *Bright Eyes* by Mike Batt. The workshop was a great opportunity for them all to play together, everyone had fun, made friends and learned new skills.

Spring Concert



Crescent School's Spring Concert took place in March. The audience were not disappointed as they were treated to an afternoon of fine music and song.

Brass Group opened the concert, belting out two pieces confidently, the breadth of instruments and standard of play impressing all. They were followed by a mix of instrumental solos and music group performances, all showcasing their talent, hard work and dedication. Orchestra were amazing, they performed two pieces from their recent Foundation workshop. The concert concluded with a powerful performance by the Choir. Pupils from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 singing four uplifting pieces enthusiastically.



Pre-Prep Summer Concert

It was wonderful to be able to celebrate the musical talents of our younger children in our Pre-Prep Summer Concert. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 took turns to perform for their parents and families.

Everyone enthusiastically sang their songs which this year were themed around looking after yourself and others. There was even an amazing recording of Mini Brass, our very youngest brass players, who blew their very hardest to entertain us all.



Summer Concert

The Summer Concert was well-attended with the school hall packed with parents and family members eager to enjoy the end of year celebration of fine music and song.

It included a range of individual solos all confidently and skilfully performed, interspersed with toe-tapping performances by the school's music groups, Orchestra, Brass Group, Flute Group, Guitar Group and Wacky Music.

The concert concluded with a rousing performance by the Choir. Pupils sang five pieces including the stirring 'Viva La Vida' and finishing with the very appropriate 'Thank You For The Music'.

Our thanks and congratulations go to all Crescent School's accomplished performers who took to the stage in front of their proud parents and, of course, to all their teachers and especially to Director of Music, Julie Barnes, who was given a standing ovation by the audience at the end of the concert to thank her for her many years of dedication to music here at Crescent School.



Drama



The Nativity

For their traditional Christmas performance, Reception and Year 1 performed *The Nativity*, a simple retelling of the nativity story that warmed all our hearts.

With smiles on their faces, our youngest children performed their lines confidently and clearly and sang their songs beautifully. It was a wonderful way to start the countdown to Christmas.



A Christmas Cracker

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

A Christmas Cracker showcased the skills and talents of these younger pupils, providing a really valuable learning experience for them all.



The Litter Muncher

There was nothing rubbish about Year 2's Lent Term Production when pupils delivered a brilliant performance of *The Litter Muncher*.

Lazy Daisy Village is overrun with rubbish but with a little help from the Mayor the villagers soon work out that if everyone works together they can help the Litter Muncher return it to the happy, beautiful place it use to be.

After lots of hard work learning the songs, memorising lines, sorting out costumes, producing the scenery and planning the production. The children's lively performance delivered a positive and important ecological message. Their energy was infectious and their enthusiasm, confidence and enjoyment in performing to their parents was magnificent to see.





Anglo Saxons & Vikings

Year 3 brought their history learning vividly to life in their drama production *Anglo Saxons & Vikings*.

The children enjoyed telling the story of these invading tribes and the impact they had on early Britain. Pupils embraced their characters enthusiastically and had great fun re-enacting key moments from the period. They delivered a fabulous performance to their parents that impressed us all.

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Wind In The Willows

Year 4 performed *Wind In The Willows* for their Trinity Term drama production.

Their energy and enthusiasm was infectious and the watching audience of parents were mesmerised as they marvelled at the colourful and at times comedic retelling of Kenneth Grahame's wonderful tale.

Everyone enjoyed the adventures and escapades of Ratty, Mole, Badger and the infamous Mr Toad whose need for speed landed him in trouble again. There were plenty of other delightful characters too, including the sneaky stoats who definitely stole our hearts. It was a wonderful show.

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Romeo and Juliet

Crescent's Year 6 were magnificent when they performed Shakespeare's classic, *Romeo and Juliet*.

In their final end-of-school production, they superbly portrayed the tragic tale of romance between two young Italians from feuding families. Their rendition just wowed their parents and teachers.

The children had worked incredibly hard with Drama teacher, Lizzie Woolfenden, and Director of Music, Julie Barnes, to prepare the special performance and the talented cast rose admirably to the challenge. It was a super example of the school's broad provision for the performing arts.



Sport



Football



Football U9 ISA Midland Tournament

Crescent played with real grit, determination and passion at the U9 ISA Midlands tournament, finishing in a fantastic 4th place out of 13 talented, skilful teams. They came away with the super stats of six wins, four draws and only one loss, scoring 23 goals and conceding just seven.



U10 ISA Midlands Tournament

The U10 Football team played in the Midlands Region ISA 7-a-side Football Tournament at Dixie Grammar in September. They played brilliantly to finish second overall out of 16 teams and claimed the Silver medal. They had a great time and it was a strong result so early in the season.



U10 Girls ISA Midlands Tournament

Crescent School took a team of Year 5 girls to Dixie Grammar to play in the Midlands ISA Tournament. In the first round, the girls took part in five quick-fire games but played superbly, winning all five matches comfortably. In the final they faced Crackley Hall and that was a far tougher game, the girls were delighted to claim victory in extra time 1-0. They were awarded the tournament trophy. It was a fantastic effort from everyone.



It's been another busy year of sport with lots of ISA, Rugby and District events. Add to that a full programme of inter-school fixtures and House events and you get plenty of opportunities for pupils to be put through their paces. As always Crescent pupils have turned up full of competitive spirit, drive and determination to be the best they can be.



U11 ISA Midlands Tournament

The U11 Football team competed in the ISA Midlands 5-a-side at Wyre Forest in Bewdley in November. Competing in a very packed and talented field of 22 schools, Crescent won all nine of their group matches, scoring 38 goals and conceding just eight, finishing top of their pool. They continued their superb form in the semi-final, brushing aside the Highclare with a fantastic 3-0 victory. However, they were unable to go the last step, and were beaten 2-0 in the final by a very strong Crackley side. They came away with the consolation of silver medals and qualification for the ISA Nationals at St George's Park.



U11 ISA National Championships

The U11 Football team gave a truly superb account of themselves at the ISA National Football finals in March. The team travelled to the home of the England teams, St George's Park, an amazing venue, which provided plenty of excitement in itself. They played brilliantly taking the game to their opponents all day. They had some good results in the group round matches and qualified for the Plate competition in the afternoon. After just losing out in the semi-final, they went on to win the play-off to bring home a Bronze medal. That put them 11th out of every ISA school in the country. We are very proud of them all.



Tennis



ISA Midlands Tournament

Crescent's tennis teams had a fantastic day of quality tennis at the ISA Midlands Tennis Tournament in Leamington in May. With 14 schools in attendance there was plenty of action for all the players who grew in confidence and skill as the day went on, developing tactics to outwit their opponents and score points and win matches.

There were fantastic achievements by all players including a Silver for Roisin in the U11 Girls B, a Bronze for MingYi in the U11 Girls C and a Bronze for Penelope in the U9 B group.



Rugby



U10 ISA Midlands Sevens Tournament

The U10s made their mark in the ISA Midlands Rugby Sevens Tournament. Despite narrowly losing their opening match to Crackley, Crescent's Year 5s bounced back superbly winning their next five games in a row before drawing their final one to finish in second place overall.





ISA Midlands Gala

Swimmers from Years 4, 5 and 6 competed in the ISA Midlands Junior Swimming Gala in October. Competing against 32 schools and over 350 pupils, it quickly became clear that Crescent were one of the dominant schools. The Year 6 Boys and the Year 4 Boys both won the team shield with the Year 5 Boys finishing in 2nd place. That meant that Crescent's Boys finished first overall. Five pupils, Sophie, Zac, Thomas, Joshua and Oliver, qualified to swim for the Midlands in the National Finals.



Swimming

ISA National Championships

Zac, Thomas, Sophie and Joshua swam superbly at the National ISA Swimming Championships in November helping the Midlands team finish in third place overall. Year 6, Zac went all out and came home with two medals, a Silver, in the 4x50m Freestyle Relay, and a Bronze, in the 50m Backstroke. Year 5, Thomas did nearly as well with his team finishing in second place for a Silver in the 4x50m Freestyle Relay. Then Year 6 Sophie gave her best and earned herself a Bronze after a herculean effort in the 50m Butterfly. She just missed another medal after her team finished fourth in the 4x50m Medley Relay and also helped her team to sixth in the 4x50m Freestyle Relay. Finally, Year 4, Joshua finished sixth after a super swim in the 50m Backstroke and then helped his team to seventh in the 4x50m Freestyle Relay.



Gymnastics



ISA Midlands Competition

We took two teams, the U9s and the U11s, to the ISA Midlands Gymnastics. The U11s were up first gaining some great scores on the vault before moving to the floor, where they all showed improved control and balance and solid performances. The team finished 5th out of 14.

The U9s also started on vault, demonstrating great flexibility and power and fantastic landings to gain good marks. On the floor they worked hard showing great rhythm and control. Fantastic scores helped the team take third place and bring home a Bronze medal.



Netball



U11 Girls ISA Midlands Tournament

A very cold and grey day did not stop the U11 Girls at the ISA Midlands Netball in Cheltenham. The quickly took control of the pool rounds, showing excellent passing, wonderful marking and defence, scoring nine and conceding only one goal in their three games against Quinton House, Highclare and Arnold Lodge. They went through to the Cup competition where they showed great tenacity and desire to win in an end to end game that finished in a 3-3 draw before they lost out on golden goal. Although it was not to be for Crescent, the girls had played their socks off, fought hard and done themselves proud.

U10 Girls ISA Midlands Tournament

The Year 5 netball team travelled to Stafford for the ISA Midlands Netball in March. The girls played six matches in the pool round winning four games and scoring 23 goals against teams from Tettenhall College, Highclare, St Dominics, Adcote, Twycross and Ruckleigh. They played exceptionally well, working well as a team and moving the ball effectively to the shooting circle. The team finished the pool in third place just missing out on the semi-finals. They then faced Old Vicarage School to decide their final position in the tournament where they dominated the game to finish fifth overall.

U9 Girls ISA Midlands Tournament

The U9 Girls travelled to Stafford Prep in March for the ISA Midlands Netball. The girls played fantastically, building in confidence, skill and teamwork playing amazing netball and the team were unbeaten all day. They scored 21 goals and conceded only four in their matches against Adcote, Tettenhall, Mylnhurst, Highclare, Ranby House and Crackley Hall.

They finished as overall winners and were crowned this year's ISA U9 Regional Midlands Champions.

U9 ISA Midlands Tag Tournament

The U9 Tag Rugby team threw everything into their game and were unstoppable all day at the ISA Midlands Tag Rugby tournament. Flying straight out of the box, the U9s comfortably won all five of their group matches, finishing top and securing a semi-final spot.

Crescent then delivered a phenomenal defensive display to overcome Crackley in the semi, before a fantastic 6-2 victory over Old Vicarage School in the final! The entire squad played superbly in both attack and defence, thoroughly earning the title of ISA Midlands champions.



Hockey

U11 Boys ISA Hockey Nationals

The U11 Boys had a fantastic day at the Lee Valley Hockey Stadium. A very high standard of hockey was played by all, with all pupils making great progress throughout the tournament. Lots of goals scored, a plethora of short corner practice and smiles a plenty. They rounded off their day with a fantastic win on the Olympic pitch to bring home Bronze medals in the Bowl competition.



U11 England In2Hockey County Tournament

The U11 Boys finished off the season with the England Hockey In2hockey Tournaments. They travelled to Solihull School for the Warwickshire Tournament, where they played fantastically winning four of their five matches to finish in second place and earn a spot at the Midlands final in Nottingham.



U11 England In2Hockey Regional Tournament

The boys stepped it up to another level in the Regional Finals. The whole team played fantastically developing in confidence, speed and stamina as the tournament progressed. Responding well to some exceptional teams and learning from every opportunity. They had a great afternoon of quality hockey and finished fifth out of eight in their pool.



Cross Country

ISA Midlands Cross Country

Our Crescent cross country squad delivered fantastic team and individual performances at the Midlands ISA competition at Bedstone College. Every one of our pupils gave their absolute all, pacing themselves well on a very wet, muddy course, in a packed field with 19 other schools and over 150 runners in each race.



Rugby District Primary Cross Country

Pupils battled the cold and very muddy conditions first at Hart Field and then at Bilton Junior in February hoping to gain a place at the County Finals. Fantastic running from all students saw them applying their knowledge of pace running from their fitness lessons well. Top finishers included Amber, Roisin, Kian, Thomas and Tomisin. A great effort from everyone.



Warwickshire County Cross Country Championships

Joshua, Amber, Kian, Thomas and Roisin were selected to represent Rugby and District at the County Cross Country Championships at The Pingles Stadium in Nuneaton. Joshua came third in the Year 3 Boys race, Amber was 11th in the Year 5 Girls race and Kian 13th and Thomas 19th in the Year 5 Boys race. Joshua and Amber qualified to represent Warwickshire Schools in the National Primary Schools Cross Country Finals.



National Cross Country Championships

Joshua in Year 4 and Amber in Year 5 represented Warwickshire Schools in the National Cross Country Championships at Stoneleigh Park. Joshua finished 27th out of 84 boys helping the Warwickshire Schools Year 4 Boys team secure first place. Amber finished 114 out of 154 in a fabulous and hotly contested race. Congratulations also to Finn and Roisin who entered as individuals finishing in quick times in a fiercely competitive field of the best cross country runners in the UK.



Cricket

U11 ISA Midlands Hardball Tournament

The U11s had a fantastic day of Cricket at the ISA Midlands Hardball Cricket at Crackley Hall. They faced Tettenhall College, Derby Grammer and Midland Warriors in the first round and then Old Vicarage in the play offs. There was excellent bowling and solid fielding from all throughout the tournament. The team finished in fourth place overall.



U9 ISA Midlands Hardball Tournament

The U9s enjoyed a brilliant day of cricket at the Hallfield Tournament, with Crescent's young cricketers playing with enthusiasm, skill and team spirit. The squad got stuck into an afternoon full of super sixes, fabulous fours, cracking catches and wonderful wickets. The team played three matches against West House, Solihull and Warwick and there was plenty of progress and sportsmanship throughout the day.



Athletics

ISA Midlands Athletics

Crescent took a team of pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6 to the ISA Midlands Athletics in Sutton Coldfield. Competing against 34 schools, Crescent athletes rose to the occasion, securing a huge medal haul and seeing the Boys crowned overall champions of the day.

Ten pupils finished qualified for the Nationals, the most Crescent students ever to reach this prestigious event.

Winning a Gold medal were Maxi in the Year 6 Boys Long Jump, Sam in the Year 6 Boys High Jump, Zac in the Year 6 Boys Shot Put, Roisin in the Year 6 Girls High Jump, the Year 5 Girls Relay team of Ava, Lilah, Esme and Amber and Feranmi in Year 4 Boys Long Jump.

It was a fabulous experience for them all.



ISA National Athletics

Crescent celebrated after Year 4 pupil, Feranmi, won a Gold medal in the Long Jump at the ISA National Track and Field Athletics Championships. Ten athletes had qualified for the event and travelled to the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham to compete.

Qualifying to represent the Midlands team was a fantastic achievement in itself and they all enjoyed competing against the best athletes in the country for their age group. Congratulations to Year 4s Feranmi and Joshua, Year 5s Ava, Lilah, Esme and Amber and Year 6s Maxi, Sam, Zac and Roisin. It was an unforgettable experience for them all.



Rugby District Primary Athletics

Crescent took part in the Rugby and East Warwickshire Primary Athletics at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Track in June. Pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6 competed in the High Jump, Long Jump, Throw, 75m Sprint, 600m and team relays. Together the children brought home 18 medals across all years and all disciplines including six Golds, eight Silvers and four Bronze medals. It was a super effort from them all at this always competitive event.



U11 ISA Midlands Softball Tournament

Crescent U11 softball cricketers enjoyed a fantastic day at the ISA Kwik Cricket at Duffield Cricket Club, improving with every single ball bowled. Although a slow start and some inconsistent batting meant Crescent won only one of their opening three matches, the whole squad rallied superbly in the afternoon, comprehensively winning both of their games by big margins, and emerging victorious as champions of the Shield Competition.



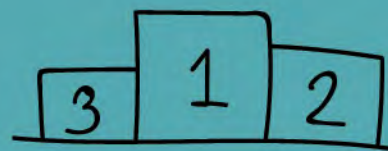
U9 ISA Midlands Softball Tournament

The U9s gave a truly fantastic account of themselves at the ISA Midlands Kwik Cricket at Duffield Cricket Club. They played brilliantly as a team, cheering each other on, enthusiastically applauding opposition play, showing resilience and growth in defeat, as well as determination and humility in victory.

The team began with two strong wins and a very narrow 2-run defeat, finishing second in their group and qualifying for the Trophy competition. In their afternoon semi-final they batted and bowled superbly for a fantastic 50 run victory over St Wystan's but were unable to repeat that performance in the final, despite a strong comeback, eventually losing by 19 runs to a talented Highclare side.



Sports Day



Crescent School's Upper School Sports Day took place on Tuesday 10 June on Princethorpe College's playing fields. .

Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6 competed separately in 60m and 150m sprints, a middle distance 600m run, the Long Jump, High Jump and the Howler Throw plus two new events this year, the Shot Putt and for Years 3 and 4 only the Speed Bounce. A very successful morning of sport saw plenty of new school records set including:

Year 4 - 600m Joshua in 2:11:13 minutes	Year 4 Boys Long Jump Feranmi - 3.70m
Year 5 and 6 - 600m Kian in 2:12:95 minutes	Year 3 and 4 Girls Howler Kiki - 18m
Year 4 High Jump Walter - 1.05m	Year 3 and 4 Boys Howler Max - 28.10m
Year 3 Girls High Jump Sophie D - 1.03m	Year 5 and 6 Girls Howler Lilah - 24.40m
Year 3 Boys High Jump Teddy - 1.00m	Year 5 and 6 Boys Howler Lewis - 32.45m
Year 3 and 4 Girls Shot Putt Hermione - 8.85m	Year 5 and 6 Girls High Jump Roisin - 1.17m
Year 3 and 4 Boys Shot Putt Joshua - 10.20m	Year 5 and 6 Girls Shot Putt Sophie - 5.40m
Year 3 and 4 Speed Bounce Isla - 53	Year 5 and 6 Boys Shot Putt Zac - 7.30m



Years 3 and 4 Overall
St Andrew's House

Years 5 and 6 Overall
St Andrew's House



At Crescent, Sports Day isn't just about the competition, it is also all about the participation. On the day every child takes part and, most importantly, every child has fun. At the end of a very busy morning, Mr Thackway was delighted to announce the House results and to present the trophies. It was a very close affair decided only on the last relay races.



Green Team



At the start of the year, Crescent School was recognised for its work to create a sustainable environment.

The school was awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag with Distinction in recognition of its environmental consciousness and commitment to sustainable practices after completing the seven-step Eco-Schools programme.

The school also had its sustainability efforts recognised by the Independent Schools Association (ISA) in its annual national awards, with the school shortlisted for the Sustainability Award.

The school's Green Team volunteer pupil-led body included representatives from Year 2 to Year 6. Across the year, 14 pupils worked with Green Team lead, Science and DT Teacher, Jacqui Johnson, to deliver sustainability activities across the school.

This year pupils focused on three areas, litter, marine and energy as well participating in a range of projects and initiatives helping to engage the wider school community and drive the sustainability message home. Their enthusiasm and motivation were inspiring.





Outdoor Learning

All pupils take part in Forest School and Outdoor Learning at Crescent School.

Reception children have dedicated Forest School sessions while pupils in Years 1 to 6 participate in a planned programme of learning that combines Forest School with orienteering, team building and leadership skills training.

The structured activities are informed by the John Muir Programme of Outdoor Learning, a nationally recognised programme and are focused on developing the children's collaborative work skills while enhancing a growth mindset in problem solving situations.

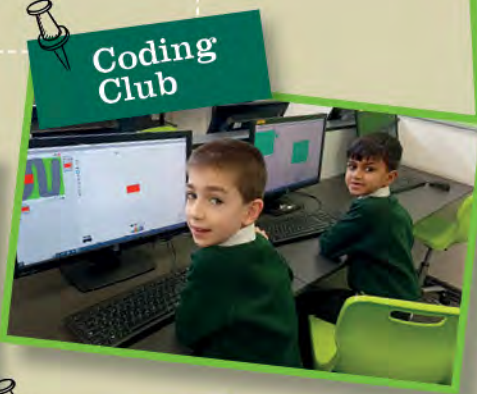
Working with Mrs McCollin and Mrs Dowling, all pupils enjoy getting outside in the fresh air, learning new skills and engaging with the environment and school grounds.

Co-curricular

This year, our students have had the opportunity to explore a vibrant and diverse range of co-curricular clubs. From creative pursuits to athletic challenges and intellectual adventures, there has been something for everyone.

In total, around 40 clubs were available throughout the year, running before school, during lunchtimes, and after school. Every year group had access to a wide variety of activities, ensuring that all students could find something to spark their interest and develop new skills.

The enthusiasm and participation from our students was truly inspiring.



Trips

Hatton Country Park

Year 1 visited Hatton Country Park to learn about farming life and the journey of food from farm to table. They enjoyed a tractor ride and were delighted to feed and observe a variety of farm animals, including goats, sheep and pigs. It was a memorable and thoroughly enjoyable day for them all.



Oxford Museum

Year 3 took part in a Rock Stars Geology Workshop at the Oxford Museum. The children discovered the difference between rocks and minerals and how essential they are in our everyday lives. They took a hands-on journey through the rock cycle to explore the three types of rock that make up our planet. After their interactive workshop, they also had time for a tour of the museum.



Brandon Marsh

Year 4 enjoyed a trip to the nature reserve at Brandon Marsh. The pupils used their science knowledge to identify animals in the forest, meadow and ponds. They learnt about many different animals and their habitats and extended their scientific skills using temperature probes, light and wind meters to see how this affected the number of animals that could be identified.



Space Centre

Year 5 visited the Space Centre in Leicester to support their topic on Earth and Space. They enjoyed a planetarium experience and participated in a workshop to build a robust faring for a satellite. The pupils had a cosmic time interacting with the many hands-on activities during the day.



Mary Arden's Farm

Year 5 had an unforgettable day at Mary Arden's Farm, taking part in the *Best Will in the World* workshop. The children immersed themselves in the world of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* through storytelling, acting, dancing, and movement.

The workshop provided a fascinating glimpse into Tudor history, helping pupils connect literature with the past in a hands-on and engaging way.



Richard III Museum

Year 6 had an exciting trip to see the Richard III Museum in Leicester. They investigated and enquired, working collaboratively to explore the truth of his story. They even popped across the road to the Cathedral to see where he was buried. It was a worthwhile trip.



Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Year 2 and Year 6 visited the Birmingham Botanical Gardens and enjoyed some fabulous animal handling sessions and the opportunity to explore plants and trees from across the world in the glasshouses.



Residentials

Wonderful Whitemoor Lakes

Year 3 returned from their first residential full of pride. Our young adventurers enjoyed plenty of challenges as they enjoyed lots of exciting activities. On their two-day trip they built super team-working skills and increased their personal confidence. They brought home plenty of memories and plenty of dirty washing!



Inspiring Ingestre Hall

Year 4 headed off to Ingestre Hall in March – a residential with a difference! They took part in drama, music, art and animation workshops within the stunning backdrop of a magnificent Jacobean mansion and its acres of private grounds. Before they left, each group performed or shared their masterpieces to each other – it was all very impressive!



Fabulous Frank Chapman

Year 5 returned triumphant from their residential at the Frank Chapman Centre. They enjoyed the high ropes, the crate challenge, archery, shelter building and even the nightline. They took on all the challenges presented to them bravely and learned the importance of tolerance and teamwork. There was plenty of laughter, joking, singing, climbing, crawling, helping and playing. Well done everyone.



Super Slapton Leys

Another Slapton done and what a year! Year 6 were a delight, they appreciated the views, the food, the wildlife, their free time, the sea, the beaches, the simple things in life and even us. (They didn't like the hills so much!) Slapton is such a special place and we hope the children made memories that will last a lifetime.



Accelerated Reader

As well as reading regularly to adults, pupils from Year 3 upwards use the Accelerated Reader reading scheme, taking a short quiz after reading each book that tests their understanding.

Its approach promotes reading for pleasure whilst ensuring the children read appropriately challenging books. We have weekly Accelerated Reader Awards; Top Quizzers, Word Wizards, 100,000 Word Superstars and lots and lots of Word Millionaires. We even have our Quiz With Your Child Week, where we get parents involved too.



Learning Mentors

Our Learning Mentors initiative underpins the school's emphasis on building self-regulation, supporting and empowering pupils in their learning.

At the start of the year, pupils met with their mentors to discuss their work. They help them reflect on their books, review feedback and comments and encouraged them to choose and agree the academic targets they wanted to work on. Across the year the children reviewed their progress with their mentors, to reflect on their journey, self-assess where they were and, for some, reset their targets.



The Learning Mentors initiative gives responsibility for learning to the children, and all pupils from Year 1 up to Year 6 take part. We know it motivates the children as they strive to achieve their own set goals.

Maths Week England

In November, Crescent took part in Maths Week England and enjoyed the chance to celebrate Maths in exciting ways.

The theme for the national celebration of Maths was 'Can We Solve It?' so Deputy Head, Ms Forth, challenged pupils to answer a series of mathematical questions on her Crescent School Maths Trail. Pupils got out and about around the school searching for the answers. It provided pupils with an opportunity to engage with and apply their mathematical skills in a host of different ways.



Monster Phonics and Reading Eggs

Pupils in Reception and Pre-Prep use the Monster Phonics and Reading Eggs schemes to support their development of the key skills of speaking, listening, phonics, reading, spelling and writing.

Phonics is the precursor to reading, writing and spelling. It provides the foundations on which children develop crucial literacy skills that will carry them throughout life. We know the children enjoyed working with the Monsters of Monster Phonics who engaged and excited them to become better readers and writers.

Open Book Afternoon

Parents always enjoy the school's Open Corridor sessions when they have the chance to look at the displays around school but our annual 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.



Junior da Vinci Awards

Our Junior da Vinci award scheme provides structured recognition for pupils' progress.

As the children develop in their subjects, they are recognised for their 'Mastery', 'Creativity' and 'Practice' of a topic; on achievement of all three strands of the scheme they become a da Vinci student. The initiative celebrates children's success, and we recognise their

progress weekly in assembly and in our Courier e-newsletter.

In October, Aria, in Year 5, was the first pupil to earn a full Junior da Vinci award for her History studies on World War One. At the end of the year, Year 6, Zac, took the Junior da Vinci Shield for Boys and Year 4, Uma, the Junior da Vinci Shield for Girls after accumulating the most da Vincis across the school year.

Wellbeing



Barnaby Friendship Garden

Over the Easter holidays, the Barnaby Friendship Garden was constructed.

The garden is located in the grassy corner of the playground, adjacent to the adventure trail. A path leads to a landscaped open area with chairs and benches and a tree at the centre. It provides a lovely memorial to our much-loved friend and school mate Barnaby and proved a popular place to retreat to from the hustle and bustle of the playground to relax with friends.



Chit Chat Tuesday

Chit Chat Tuesday is our weekly wellbeing session for those who want a quiet space from the busyness of the school playground.

Open to all children, it offers mindfulness colouring, creative Lego, puzzles, a quiet space to read and a place to chat to staff and friends.



Growth Gang

Growth Gang tried their hand at the ancient Japanese art form of hapa zome this week.

This allows for the creation of unique prints using natural materials, where the pigments in leaves and flowers are transferred to fabric or paper using a hammer or stone. The results were fabulous fabric prints that were used to make bunting to decorate Crescent's Jubilee Wood. The children were quite rightly thrilled with their incredible results.

World Mental Health Day

We celebrated World Mental Health Day and many staff came dressed for the occasion - or as a banana in Mr Adkins case!

We raised awareness of positive mental health by drawing and colouring all things yellow. Children enjoyed creating a banner with everything yellow from lemons to ducks, patterns to stars and even a few emojis too! We also chatted about our mental health and the importance of looking after it and shared the work of the charity 'Young Minds' with the older children.



Odd Socks Day

Crescent marked Odd Socks Day to celebrate that we are all different and unique.

Odd Socks Day reminded pupils that they are allowed to be themselves and brought to life the important messages behind Anti-Bullying Week 2024 in a fun and positive way. Classes worked with their teachers to explore the theme 'Choose Respect' throughout the week.



Wear It Green Day

As part of Mental Health Awareness Week we took part in 'Wear It Green Day'.

Of course, here at Crescent School, pupils wear green every day of the week, so we challenged our staff to get involved instead.



Zone of Regulation

This year the school introduced the Zones of Regulation as a tool for identifying emotions and to give pupils the vocabulary to share how they feel.

It helped the children recognise that all feelings are valid and that they can't feel 'green' all of the time but there are ways and strategies to help self-regulate if you are feeling a different colour.



Charity

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OurJay Foundation

Crescent School were delighted to present a cheque for £1,166 to Naomi from the OurJay Foundation in March. Pupils had organised lots of different fundraising activities for the charity in the Michaelmas Term. Naomi and the School Council, who organise the school's charity fundraising, went outside to the school's existing public access defibrillator for a photo opportunity.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Crescent School's FoC organised the annual coffee morning and cake sale fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support. It was a great morning of fundraising for a worthy cause raising £510.

Guy's Gift

In the Trinity Term, pupils fundraised for Guy's Gift after receiving a generous donation of resources to support children dealing with bereavement and loss.

The school council organised a non-uniform day to support the local charity that supports children, young people and families in Coventry and Warwickshire.



Bwengu Projects

Sam Melia, from Bwengu Projects Malawi, visited the Crescent School in May to receive a cheque for £1,351. Year 4 had researched Malawi and the work that Bwengu Projects does in Geography and then organised fundraising activities to support the charity.



Fantastic FoC!

Friends of Crescent: 2024-25

Crescent's FoC, is all about making memories, supporting good causes and building a stronger community - and this year has been no exception. But none of this would be possible without the efforts of parents, teachers and staff.

We are all 'Friends of Crescent'! Whether you baked a cake, donated a prize, bought a ticket or helped at an event, your support made it happen.

Thank You!

The FoC Team



1946

First Headmistress Mrs Eve Mortimer founds Crescent School at Troy House, Hillmorton Road in Rugby



1947

Rugby School adopts the new school and it moves to premises on Horton Crescent



1948

The school officially opens



1950s

New Classroom Annex added

1970s

Older pupils Annual Field Trip begins



1971

Mrs Christine Barrett becomes Headmistress



1988

Crescent School moves to Bawnmore Road

1989

Pupils bury a time capsule under the school library



1992

Mr Ian Wren takes over as Headmaster



1996-97

Crescent School celebrates its Golden Jubilee



2000

Mrs Christine Vickers takes over as Headteacher



First ICT suite opens

2001

Mortimer Suite extension opens



2002

Mr Huw Marshall appointed Headteacher



Crescent Timeline and Founder's Day



Crescent School celebrated the life of former headmistress, Mrs Christine Barrett, at its Founder's Day Assembly on Wednesday 15 January. Mrs Barrett, who passed away at the start of the school year, began teaching at the school in 1965 and was headmistress from 1972 until her retirement in 1992.

The school was pleased to welcome Mrs Barrett's daughter, Isabel Barnes, a former pupil at the school, to the assembly, as well as Foundation Principal, Ed Hester, Clerk to the Trustees, and former Crescent School pupil, Eddie Tolcher, and Foundation Trustee, Sally Rosser.

During the assembly, Headmaster, Joe Thackway, reflected on the long history of the school, which marked its 77th birthday this year, the incredible contribution that Mrs Barrett had made, including overseeing the school's pivotal move from its original site on Horton Crescent in Rugby to its current Bawnmore Road location in Bilton.

After the assembly, Mrs Barnes was invited to officially open the Heritage area that had been created at the school. The space includes a timeline of key milestones and the headteachers, as well as old photos, paintings and memorabilia which is all proving fascinating for the current generation of pupils at the school.



Christine Barrett (centre) brandishes the keys to the new school financed by Sir Whitaker (left) and project supervisor Zdzislaw Mosdorf-Skrzaczowski

2023

Crescent School celebrates its 75th Anniversary



2021

After refitting the new Horton Centre opens



2017

Mr Joe Thackway takes over as Headteacher



2016

Crescent School merges with The Princethorpe Foundation

2008

The Circular introduced



2005

The Crescent Promise first introduced



ISI Inspection



Crescent School was delighted to pass an Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) Inspection with the school judged to have fully met the standards in every area following a visit in December 2024.

As well as fully meeting all the standards, Crescent School was recognised as having 'a significant strength' with its 'inclusive and highly effective focus and provision with regard to PE, sport and healthy living', which the report details 'impacts positively on pupils' performance in class' and 'has a very positive impact on pupils' self-confidence and self-esteem'. Fewer than ten per cent of schools inspected by the ISI across the UK achieve a coveted 'significant strength' recognition.

Headmaster, Joe Thackway, commented "The report was a really positive endorsement of everything we do here at Crescent School and reflects a huge team effort. It shows that we are delivering on our commitment to providing our pupils with an outstanding all-round education, instilling in our children life-long learning skills while fostering the qualities of kindness, tolerance and mutual respect."



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Staff Goodbye

Julie Barnes

At the end of the Trinity Term we said farewell to the school's longstanding Director of Music, Julie Barnes.

After 32 years of loyal and expert service, Julie was retiring but she will always have a special place at the heart of Crescent School. Friends, colleagues and former pupils had gathered on Friday 13 June to celebrate when they were treated to an informal feast of music and food, an evening full of fond memories, fabulous music and many good wishes.

A real treat for the gathering was to hear Julie play her cello, something she had not done in school for 25 years. There was also an amusing tribute to Julie, a wonderful ditty titled, *Thank You Mrs Barnes*, performed to much laughter and applause, by former teacher and clearly very talented musician himself, Matt Phillips. During the evening Headmaster, Joe Thackway, read a message from former Headmaster, Huw Marshall, who paid tribute to Julie's dedication to and incredible achievements at the school. On the final day of term, and after playing in assembly for the last time, Julie was presented with a book of memories from the children and staff in the school.



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