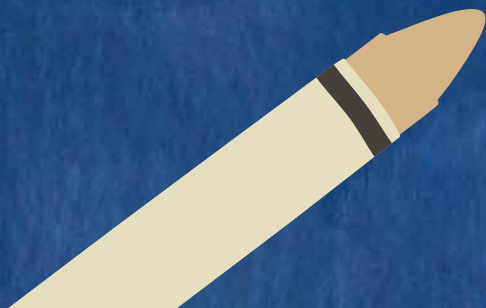
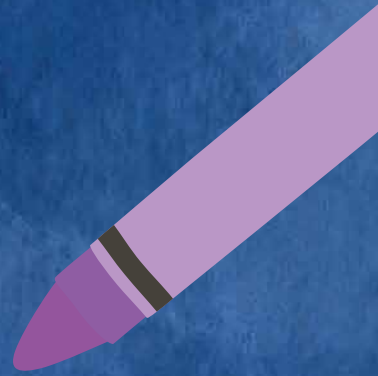


The Minnacle

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Showcasing exceptional work
by pupils at Crescent School



Welcome

...to Issue 38 of the Minnacle

Read on for inspiring examples of work from Crescent School.

Well done to Klara in Year 5 for her sensational Still Life with Candle which is our cover artwork this issue. A mix of paint and oil pastels, Klara used excellent colour blends to add depth to her painting and was recognised as one of our 'Artists of the Week'.

Special thanks to all the staff for sharing pupils' wonderful Junior da Vinci work for us to celebrate in our magazine.

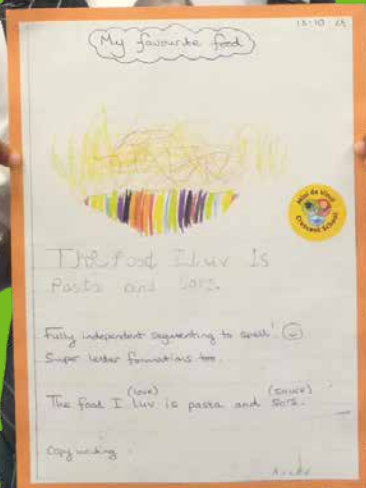
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By Klara

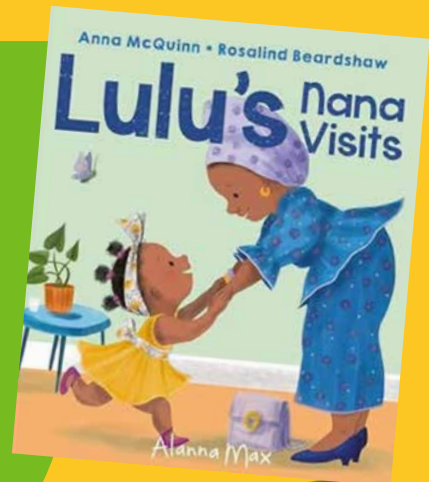


Arike



Arike was awarded a Mini da Vinci for her wonderful independent writing about her favourite food.

This work was linked to our class text, *Lulu's Nana Visits* by Anna McQuinn. Arike expertly applied her 'segmenting to spell' skills and formed her letters beautifully; well done!

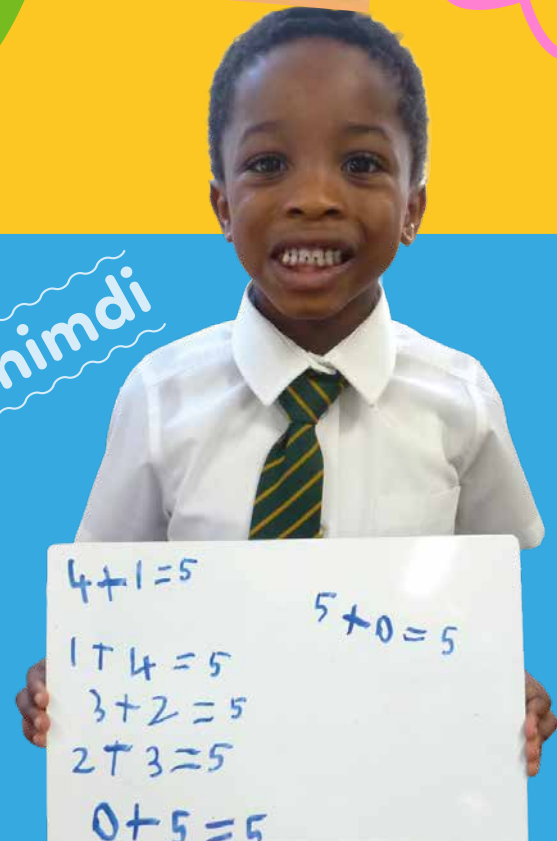


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Chimdi

Chimdi has demonstrated an excellent grasp of number and numerical patterns.

We have recently explored the composition of numbers and Chimdi can recall all ways to make 5 with rapid recall of number bonds. He was thrilled to be awarded a Mini da Vinci for his knowledge and application.



Y1



Y2

Noah



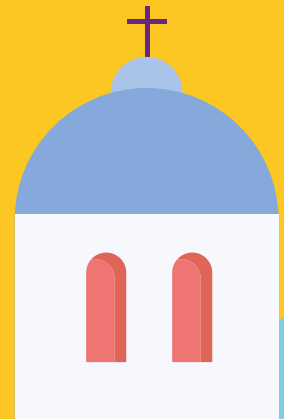
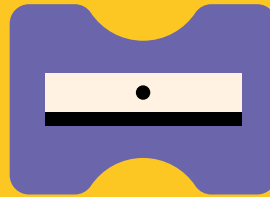
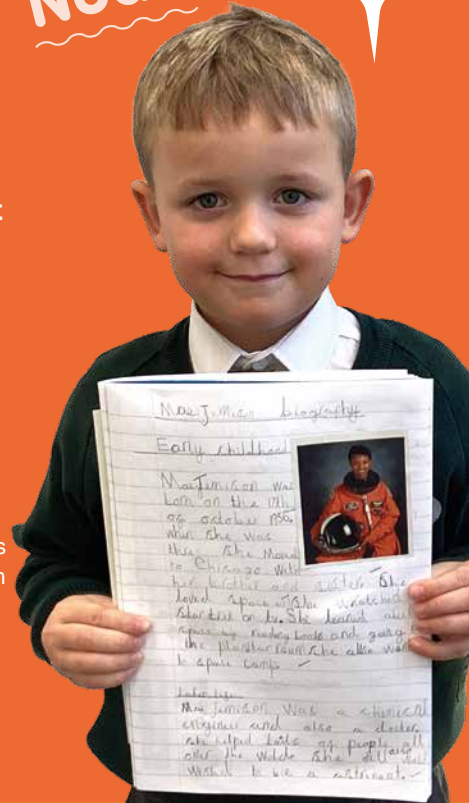
Frank was awarded a Mastery Junior da Vinci in DT.

Frank independently planned and produced a beautiful picture of a football pitch using the sliding mechanism he learned in DT.

He used the sliding mechanism to move his goalkeeper across the goal.

A core objective in Year 2 is to learn about significant individuals in history.

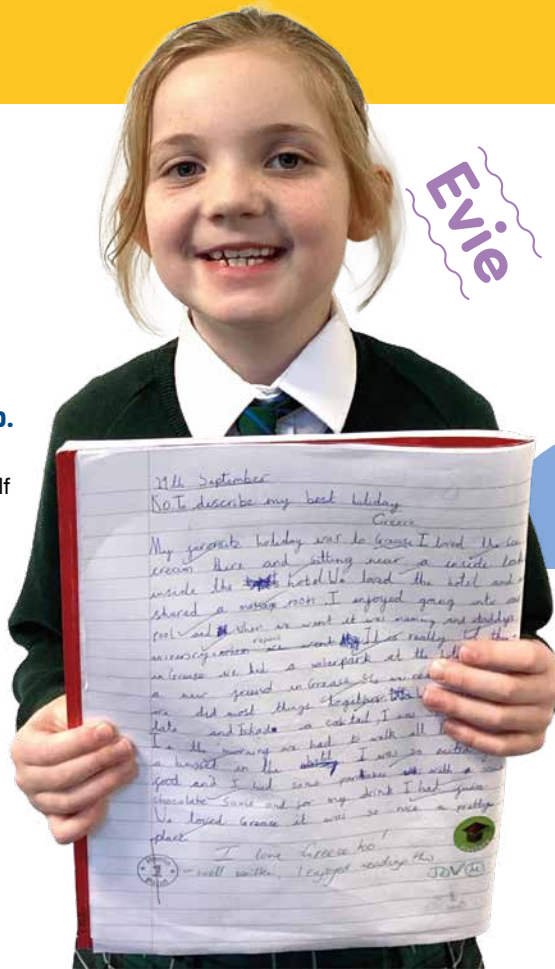
As part of our space topic, we used role play, hot seating, Talk for Writing, independent research through the internet and books as well as listening to stories to build our knowledge of Mae Jemison's incredible life. Noah wrote a fantastic biography about Mae Jemison looking at her early childhood, career and contributions to science to earn a JDV mastery in history.



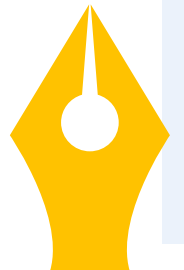
Y3

Evie produced a super piece of writing describing her best holiday ever and what made it so.

She used personal experience and plenty of convincing reasoning and earned herself a Mastery Junior da Vinci. It made you want to visit Greece too!



Evie



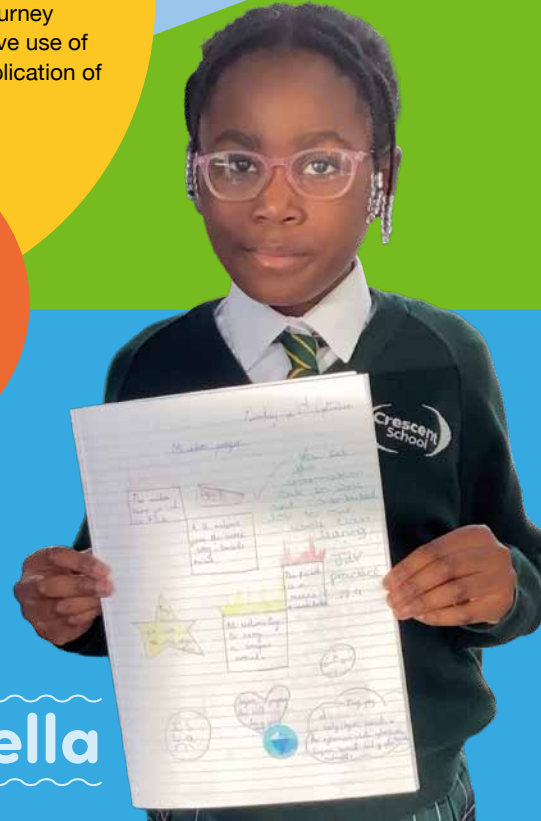
Isabel



This term in Art, Year 4 have been studying various artists who created paintings inspired by journeys.

Using their imagination and travel experiences, the children produced impressive and vibrant artworks. Isabel was awarded a Junior da Vinci for her journey painting, in recognition of her creative use of personal symbols and excellent application of line, colour and pattern.

Y4



Isabella thought deeply about preparation for prayer routines across a variety of world religions.

She was able to create a beautifully presented, concise information page about Muslim prayer.



Isabella

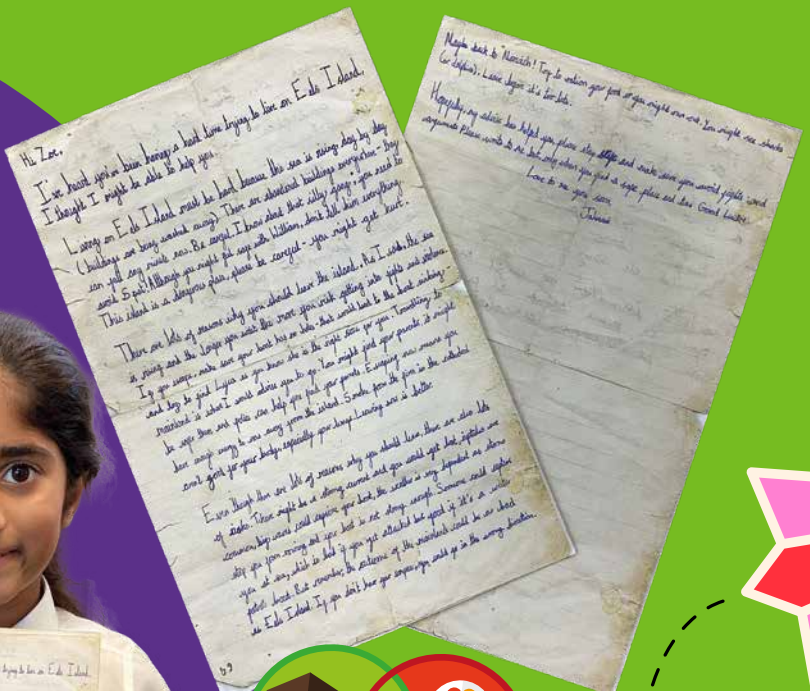
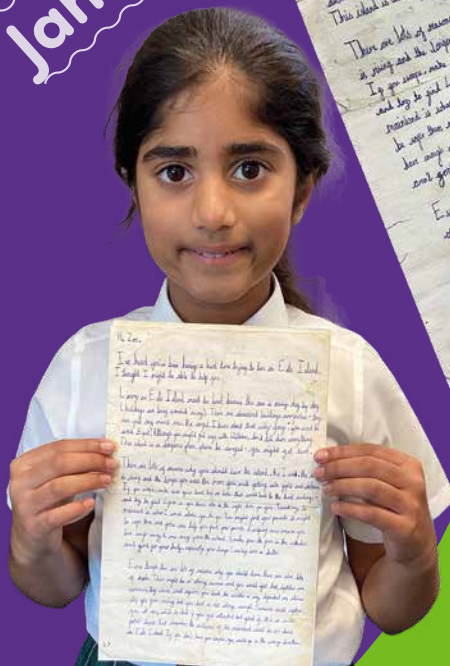
Y5

This term, Year 5 have been exploring Marcus Sedgwick's gripping novel Floodland.

The story follows Zoe, a courageous young girl faced with an impossible choice: should she remain on Eel Island, where resources are scarce and danger lurks, or risk everything by rowing into the unknown?

5C were tasked with writing letters of advice to Zoe to help her make her decision, weighing the risks and rewards of each option. While their creativity shone through every piece of writing, a special mention went to Jahnavi, who achieved a full Junior da Vinci for including a range of Year 5 grammar and punctuation, while showcasing imaginative ideas.

Jahnavi



Y5

Ria excelled in Speech and Drama.

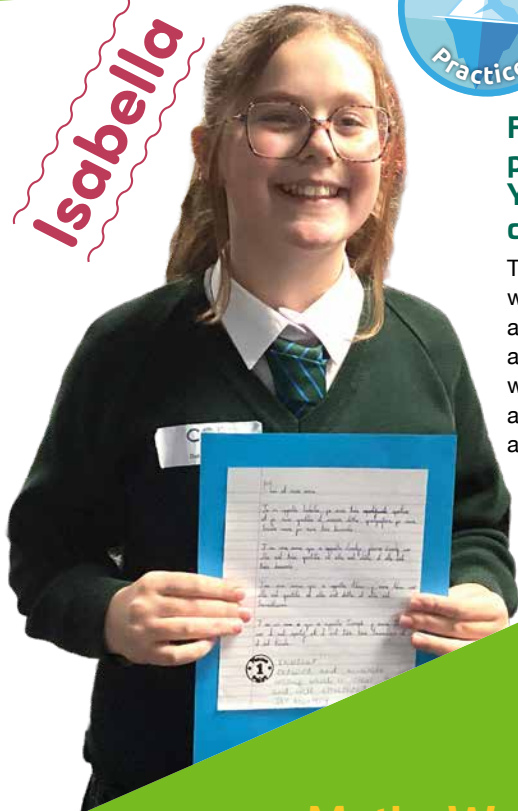
She chose her own poem, Comet, rehearsing with creativity and commitment and performing in class with confidence and assurance. She is a fantastic role model for her peers. She earned a full Junior da Vinci.



We work hard and never give up



Isabella



Following on from learning physical descriptions in French, Year 6 studied the topic of character descriptions.

They were asked to create a piece of writing in which they described themselves and some of their friends. Isabella produced a very well-structured piece of writing which conveyed lots of information clearly and showed an excellent understanding of adjectival agreement.

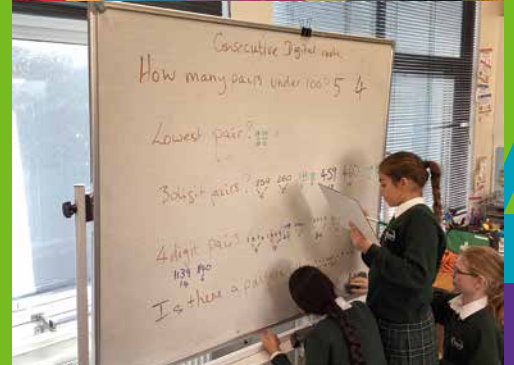
Y6

Maths Week England

All the school took part in Maths Week England in November. Pupils completed the puzzles set every day including 'The New York Puzzle' and 'The Consecutive Digital Sum' puzzle all under the title, 'Connections and Coincidences'.

Pupils really enjoyed the open-ended nature of these puzzles and the chance to collaborate with each other. There was plenty of enthusiasm and November's Learner Profile trait of 'Determination' was definitely on show. We also added our results to the 'Pi Drop' World Record attempt. Apparently if you drop sticks in measured zones, the number that touch the line divided by the total drop will equal Pi.

All of Years 1 to 6 were involved in scoring House Points for every single correct answer in this year's Maths Trail around the school where children were tested on number, measure, calculation, measure, data and geometry at their own level.





A Season of Champions!

Crescent School Sporting Triumphs

Crescent School pupils showed that teamwork, determination and skill truly make champions lighting up ISA and ESFA competitions with performances that will be remembered for years to come.

U10 Football – ISA Midlands Champions

Our U10 boys didn't lose a single game at the ISA Midlands 7-a-side Football Tournament and finished as Midlands Champions. From the first whistle to the last, they delivered superb passing and total football. Every player scored, every player tackled hard, and together they netted 21 goals while conceding just one all day.

U10 Girls Football – ISA Midlands Champions

Not to be outdone, our U10 girls matched the boys' achievement and made history by securing Crescent's first-ever ISA Midlands double championship. They won all seven of their games, scoring a staggering 32 goals and conceding just four. Their fast, attacking football and rock-solid defence were a joy to watch.

U10 Rugby 7s – ISA Midlands Champions

Our U10 Contact Rugby 7s team continued Crescent's winning streak with a phenomenal display of power and skill. Four wins from four matches, 26 tries scored and only seven conceded, crowned them ISA Midlands Champions. Every player gave 100%, tackling hard, hitting rucks with determination and supporting each other brilliantly.

U11 Girls Football – ESFA Pokémon Cup

Finally, the U11 girls had a fantastic start in the ESFA Pokémon Cup. Playing at Rugby Borough, they showed strength, skill, and teamwork, scoring 11 goals and conceding just one across four matches against tough opposition. A brilliant achievement and a great start to the competition.

A Season to Celebrate - Go Crescent!

