



Building Bright Futures

Responsibility:
make good choices
because your
actions matter

Respect:
value everyone
and everything in
how you listen,
speak and in what
you do

Compassion:
show care and
understanding for
everyone

Courage:
be brave; believe
you can

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Blackwell News

Issue 3

10th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the October half term, it's a perfect moment to reflect on the fantastic achievements and learning across the school over the past fortnight.

This week, we saw the first of our class assemblies with Oak Class leading the way with a wonderful showcase of their learning. It was a joy to welcome parents and carers to see such a broad and engaging range of work.

A huge well done to our cross country runners who proudly represented the school—your determination and team spirit were inspiring!

A special shout-out also goes to our two netball teams, who played brilliantly together in their latest matches. Their teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship were fantastic to see, and they represented the school with pride.

Children in Year 2 enjoyed a healthy party, celebrating their learning about nutrition and healthy choices in style.

Year 3 and 4 have wowed us with the sewing of their eye masks, designed and made as part of their Science and DT work. After lots of investigation and thoughtful material selection, the results were both thoughtfully designed and purposeful.

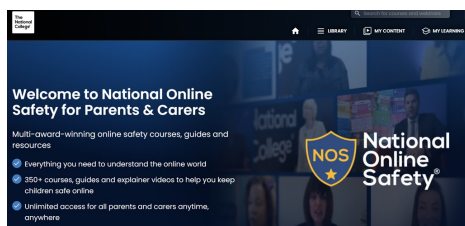
Year 6 have had an unforgettable time at PGL, taking part in a wide variety of activities and building memories that will last a lifetime.

This week, our children had the pleasure of welcoming visitors from the Town Twinning Association to our assembly. They learned about the towns we are twinned with and enjoyed discovering we share connections with communities abroad. We're especially proud to share that some of our pupils have their artwork on display in Mindelheim, Germany—a wonderful achievement that showcases their creativity on an international stage!

To find out more about these wonderful achievements—and plenty more happening across our school—read on below and enjoy this fortnight's full newsletter!

Wishing all our families a safe, restful, and enjoyable half term break!

Sarah Martin
Headteacher



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For your Harvest donation
and for supporting East Grinstead foodbank.

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Message from the Foodbank

A heartfelt thanks to you and your school for your wonderful Harvest Collection for the Foodbank this year. Your generosity of 99kg has been truly inspiring and together we can make a difference for those in need.

Thanks to your donations, we will be able to provide 41 meals and toiletries to those most in need in our community.

ART

An email was recently sent to all parents and carers explaining an art project called 'Art in the box' in Mindelheim, Germany. Through our links with East Grinstead Town Twinning, we created artwork around the theme 'Peace, Community and Europe.' This gallery has been curated by the artist Frank Grabowski. We were privileged to have Nick Hodges, Edward Druary and Anna Morris from the Town Twinning Association join our assembly on Thursday. They spoke to the school regarding all their town twinning locations which includes Mindelheim, Verbania, Schwaz, Bourg-de-peage, Sant Feliu de Guixols and East Grinstead. Our learners artwork being displayed in the Mindelheim gallery is an incredible achievement - they are artists whose work is valued highly enough to be displayed to the public. I am extremely proud of all the art work produced and I hope you enjoy viewing it. If you wish to visit the website - the artwork will be displayed in an online gallery until 31st October.

<https://www.art-in-the-box.de/aktuelle-ausstellung>

We hope you enjoy viewing their representations of the given theme: Peace, Community and Europe.

Thankyou,
Miss Cantillon
Art Champion



By Amelie



By Bella



By Emilee



By Rosie



By Emily



By Kaya



By Annabelle



By Maddison



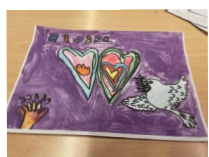
By Conor



By Jessica



By Bethany



By Skyla



By Nelly-Rae



By Senya



By Megan



By Kaia



By Elliot



By Jade

Blackwell Sport

Blackwell Runners Shine at Primary Schools Cross Country

On Sunday, October 12th, a team of Blackwell runners participated in the Primary Schools Cross Country event. The weather was ideal, with sunny conditions.

The children tackled the challenging course around East Court, which included a steep hill. They all demonstrated outstanding courage and resilience throughout their respective runs.

Beyond their individual efforts, the team showed tremendous mutual support. A special mention must go to Chay, who ran parts of the course during the girls' race, providing invaluable encouragement and support to his teammates.

Thank you to Mr. Loizides, Mrs. Devlin, and Mrs. Latham for supporting our runners on the day.

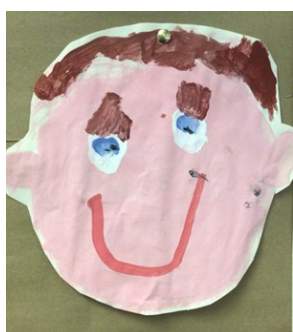
Well done to:

Kiana, Finley, Harry, Amelie, Jessica, Ivy, Cassidy, Chay, Freddie, Jake, Oren, Jude, Harrison, Joshua, Rosie and Oscar.



Year R

This half term, as part of our *Marvellous Me* topic, Squirrels Class have been exploring self-portraits. The children used mirrors to look carefully at their own faces, noticing the unique shapes, features, and colours that make them who they are. They then experimented with mixing paints to create just the right shades to represent their skin tones, hair, and eye colours. The results are a wonderful collection of expressive and individual portraits that celebrate what makes each of us special.



Year 1

Year one have continued to practice gymnastics during PE. They have explored movements and shapes through balancing skills. They have enjoyed the climbing apparatus and have demonstrated developing self-confidence.



For Art this week, the children have been doing observational drawings of toys. They have demonstrated some lovely shading skills to the shadowed areas of the toys.



In Woodland Activities, Ladybirds have been working as a team to gather resources. They used the gathered



resources to make wonderful imaginative fairy houses. They have also been practicing their knife and knotting skills when making apple bird feeders. It has been a wonderful first half term in Year 1, all the children should be proud of their amazing achievements. Wishing you all a lovely half term from the Year 1 team.

Year 2

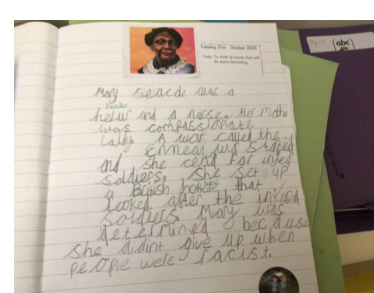
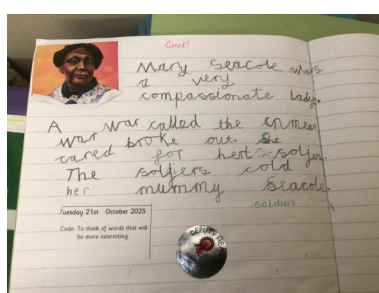
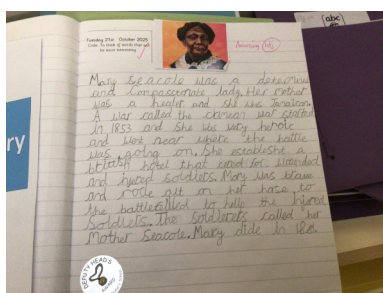
Year 2 enjoyed their 'Healthy Party' where we played party games that used up a lot of energy but were also really good fun. We discussed how the games improved our mood and also got us out of breath which we linked to the science lesson where we learnt about how exercise is important for us. We also played sleeping lions as we discussed how calming games help to improve our mental health as well as our physical health.

We have also been learning about Mary Seacole during Black History Month. It was interesting to learn about her legacy. We tried to use Tier 2 vocabulary in our writing such as courageous, legacy, compassionate and ailing.

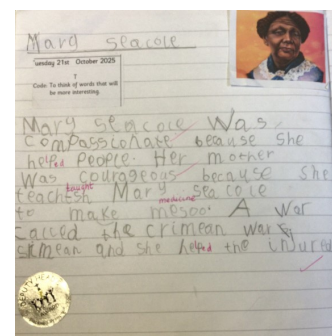
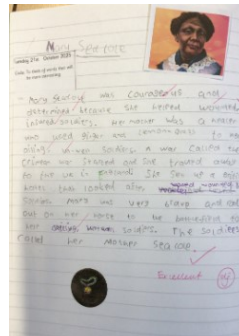
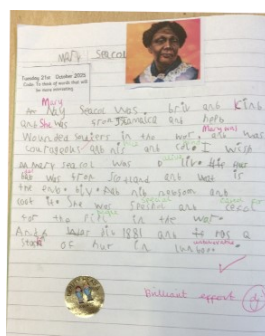
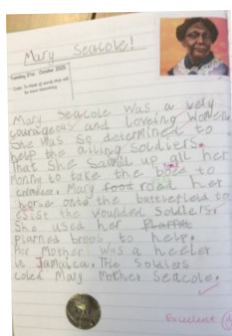
We also focussed on the presentation of our writing and made a special effort to use cursive letter formation.



Writing by Emily, Luca and Charity—Rabbits class



Writing by Bella, Arthur, Vlad and Brian—Hares class



Year 3 & 4

Did somebody turn out the light? Years 3-4 have been busy cutting and sewing this week to complete their eye masks. They have considered the appropriate fabrics, joins, practised sewing as well as cutting felt and fabric with fabric scissors to create both a mock up version as well as their fantastic finish pieces! Here are some photos of the finished article:



What an amazing week it's been!

Once again, we're on track to achieve outstanding results in the Year 4 MTC test. Our Thursday lunchtime MTC Club has become incredibly popular, and all children in Robins, Goldfinches, and Puffins are warmly invited to join.

We'd like to give a special shout-out to these six children who have shown exceptional commitment to improving their speed and accuracy. Their dedication truly stands out — each of them achieved a perfect score of 25/25, proving that hard work really does pay off!

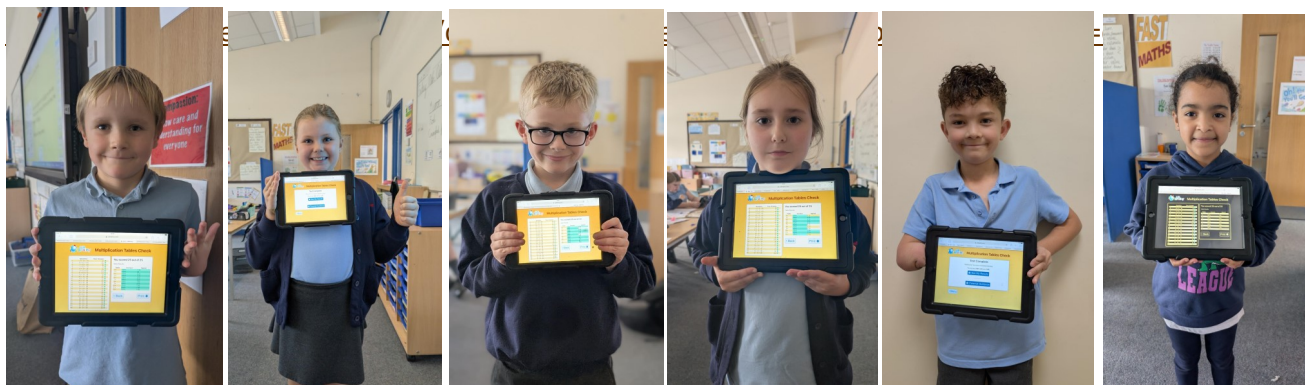
All of these children used the following free resources, which are also available to access from home:

<https://urbrainy.com/mtc>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

I also recommend Squeebles, an app for Android and Apple. The children highly recommend this.



Year 5

Thank you for Supporting Oak Class Assembly

A sincere thank you to all the parents and carers who attended and supported Oak Class assembly. The children delivered a confident and engaging performance, demonstrating great teamwork and enthusiasm. We are extremely proud of their efforts and achievements.



Year 5



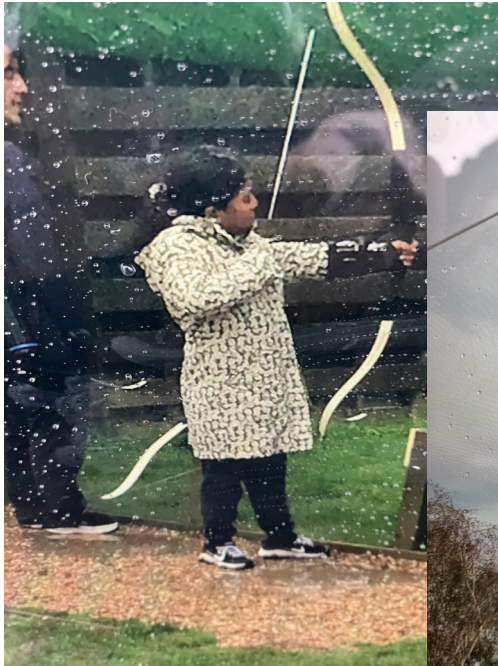
In Year 5 maths, we have been exploring squared and cubed numbers. The children enjoyed the practical side of this maths and using their knowledge of timetables to solve a range of problems.



Year 5 are finally printing their wallpaper in the style of William Morris using their printing tiles. This is the result of a half term project.

Year 6

Year 6 have been having an amazing time at PGL (despite the weather)! Day one saw team work and courage in abundance with climbing, big swing and orienting. Today groups are enjoying archery and abseiling, not forgetting raft building and the zip wire.



October 2025	
27th—31st	Half-term break—school closed to children
31st	Deadline for Year 6: Secondary School applications — apply here

November 2025	
3rd	INSET Day—School closed to children
4th	Children return to school
7th	Year 1 trip to Tonbridge Castle PTA Quiz Night 7.30pm—9.30pm
10th—14th	Anti-bullying Week, with the theme: Power for Good
11th	Flu vaccine—more details to follow Autumn 2026—Prospective Reception Parents Tour 1.30pm—2.30pm. Sign up via our website
14th	Children in Need Day
Sun 16th	PTA Table Top Sale 9.00am—12.00pm
18th	Year 6 East Grinstead Museum visit
20th	Autumn 2026—Prospective Reception Parents Sept 20026 Tour 9.30am—10.30am
21st	PTA Frozen Friday
25th	Birch class assembly 9.00am parents invited
26th	Parents Forum 9.00am—10.00am
27th	Year 2—Fire Service visiting
28th	PTA Frozen Friday

December 2025	
1st	PTA Christmas Wreath Making 7.00pm—9.00pm
5th	PTA Frozen Friday
9th	Nativity — Reception parents invited 9.00am—10.00am
10th	KS1 Nativity — Hares and Honeybees parents invited 9.00am—10.00am
11th	KS1 Nativity — Rabbits and Ladybirds parents invited 9.00am—10.00am
22nd - 2nd January	Christmas Holidays—School closed to children

January 2026	
5th	INSET Day—School closed to children
6th	Children return to school
13th	Ash class assembly 9.00am—parents invited
20th	Robins class assembly 9.00am—parents invited
27th	Hares class assembly 9.00am parents invited

February 2026	
16th—20th	Half term—School closed to children
23rd	INSET Day—School closed to children
24th	Children return to school