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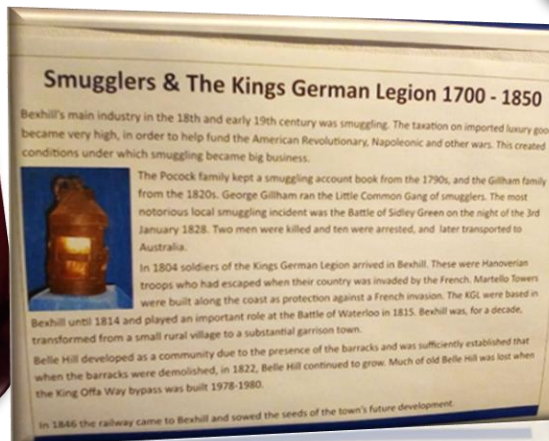
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NEWSLETTER



## Celia's Class



**Bexhill Museum, Smuggling Workshop. The class looked at smuggling artefacts before finding them in the museum. They then made replica lanterns.**



## The Link - Oakfield

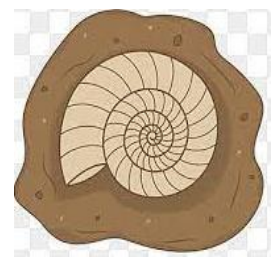


The Link have been learning about weather conditions and what they look, and sound like to us.

Students have been completing their AQA animal care units around school including mucking out, feeding and general care.

Children enjoyed learning about fossils and where they came from. They used salt dough to create their own.

Students were also encouraged to explore and use different musical instruments and sing along to familiar songs.



# \*Headstart Library News\*

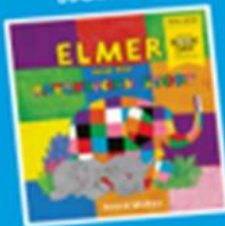
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# WORLD BOOK DAY

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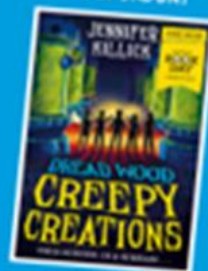
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## The Link 2 - Crouch



Link 2 have been “Blown Away” this term. They have learned all about the elements starting with the wind. They have visited local working Windmills, exploring how they harness the wind to produce flour.

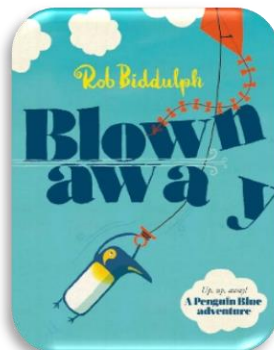
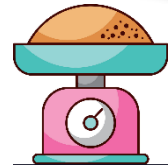
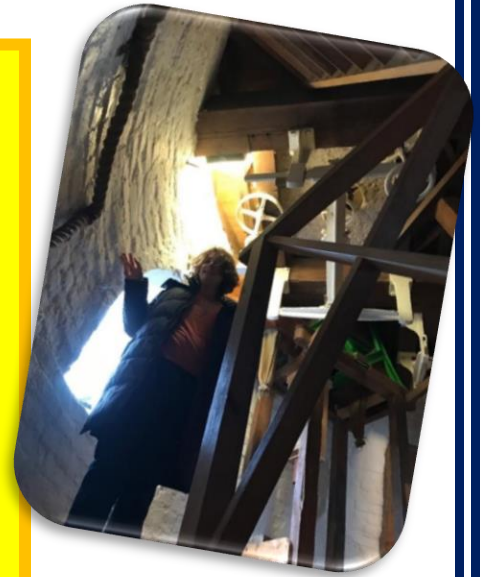
In cooking and LifeSkills they have focussed on flour as a base and made bread, cakes and different types of shortbread. There has been a maths focus in learning about ratios and amounts in their recipes. The learners have visited a range of shops where they used their premade shopping lists and followed them and learned about bar codes and scanning.

They have learned weather related poems in English and completed reading writing and craft tasks around the books *Blown Away*, *Lila and the Secret of the Rain* and *Little Cloud*.

In Science they have made Windmills, experimented with wind experiments and made a tornado in a jar.

Together we have learned a cool handshake to demonstrate our class rules of kindness, respect and good listening.

Anna has made a good start on her Creative Btec course. She really embraced visiting the Towner Art gallery with her classmates.



# OUTDOOR LEARNING FOR LIFE

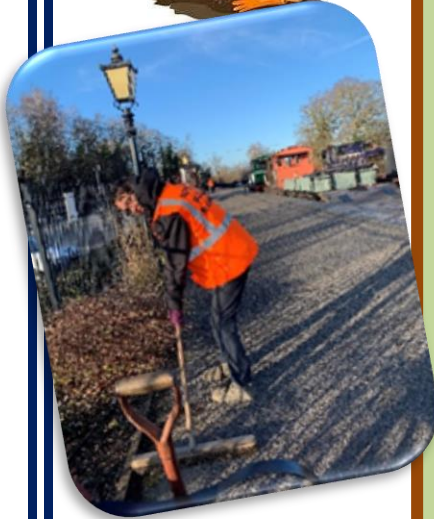


WOODLAND TRUST

Outdoor Learning for Life class have braved the storms this term, working very hard in our school outdoor areas on the farm and allotment. The class have helped develop the polytunnel area ready for Spring, filling the raised beds and planting trees and hedgerows which were kindly donated by The Woodland Trust. Our students have also pulled together as a team to help maintain a small area of woodland at the school known as 'The Stinger Patch'. In spite of the windy conditions determined students have managed to light fires and enjoy cinnamon apples at our weekly forest school.

On our work experience, we have been busy preparing our vegetable plot at Nodes Farm and helping with the stabled horses. While East Hoathly Community Garden takes a winter rest, some of our students have also enjoyed helping out at the Rother Valley Railway at Robertsbridge.

We have developed our measuring skills working on calculating perimeter in the polytunnel and literacy through writing lists of jobs to get ready for the Spring and our work on explorer Ernest Shackleton in English lessons. In science we have conducted soil texture testing around the site to check suitable areas for planting.



Rother Valley Railway



# THE LINK 1 - CROUCH



Over this term, The Link 1 class, have been taking part in lots of learning. We have improved our knowledge of the numbers up to 10, we have looked at one more or one less than a number and we have been representing numbers with items around the classroom. We have been helping out in the land-based area with the animals including completing animal care jobs and interacting with the animals.



Subtraction within 10

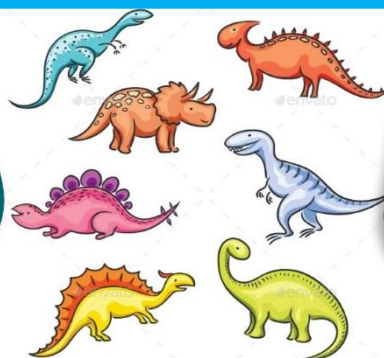
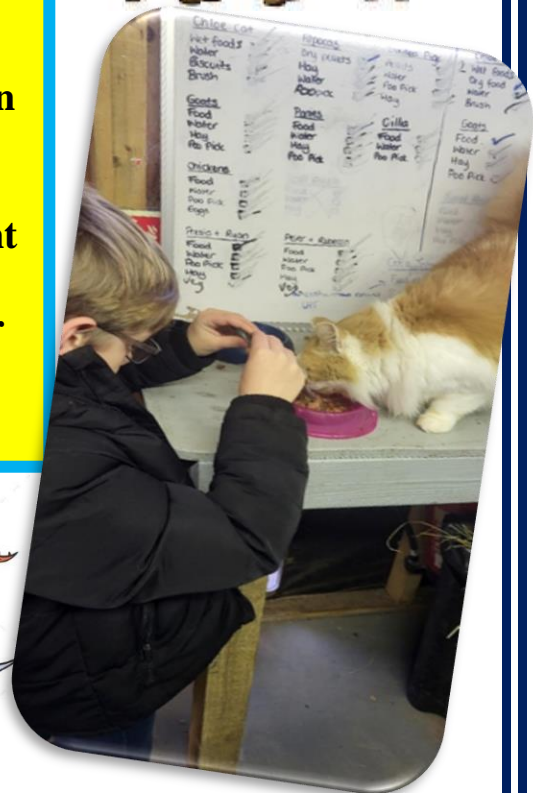
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In science, we have been looking at fossils and how they are formed. We went on a fossil hunt but didn't have much luck, so we created our own fossils using clay and leaves.



## **KS4 - CROUCH**



### **KS4 Bowling**

This term, KS4 students have been enjoying weekly bowling lessons at Tenpin Bowling, Eastbourne for sport. This has given the students an opportunity to engage in a group activity and enhance their hand eye coordination and precision. The students have been able to develop their skills by having the bumpers down to showcase their accuracy.



**KS4 Football Tournament**  
Key Stage 4 students have had the opportunity to participate in a football tournament hosted by Brighton and Hove Albion Football Club at the Triangle leisure centre in Burgess Hill. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience playing against other schools and scored a total of 2 goals in 4 games. Whilst the oppositions were incredibly competitive the boys all fought hard and played their very best.



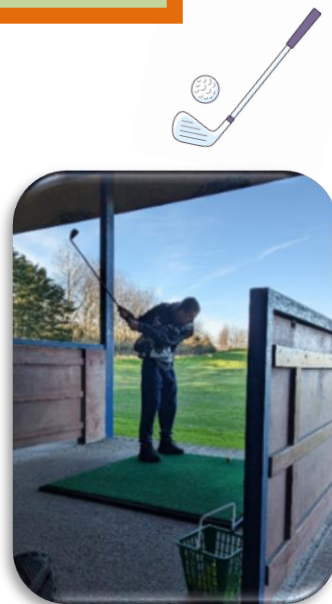
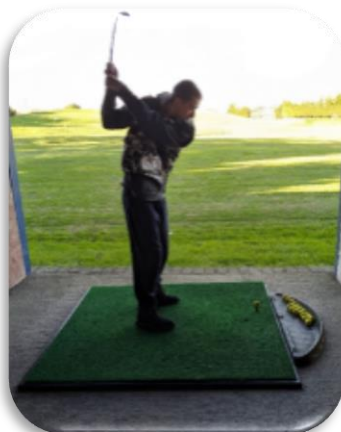


## KS4 AND POST 16 - OAKFIELD

### Sports

KS4 have enjoyed continuing their swimming sessions and going to the gym at the Sovereign centre.

Post-16 have enjoyed going to the driving range in Eastbourne this term to practise their swings.



### Maths

During this term, KS4 and Post-16 have been focussing on decimal points, fractions, ratios, and percentages. Students have successfully completed their Maths mock exam this year.

### English

This term, KS4 have been analysing and annotating nonfiction texts and have begun to write their own comparison paragraphs in preparation for their exams. Students have successfully completed their first English mock exam this year.

### Science

This term, KS4 have been learning about the zodiac and different star constellations.

Post-16 have been building their own solar systems out of paper mâché and have been learning the order of the planets.

### Vocational

KS4 have begun their second component for their Vocational BTEC in planning their future goals and considering transitions in their life and how to be prepared.

### Careers

During careers, KS4 have been planning their career paths and have been familiarising themselves with application forms. They have been working through different transitions in life and have been discussing how to cope with change.

Jack Medhurst and Josh Holmes have successfully completed their interviews with DV8 college to secure their places for the next academic year.

Post-16 have enjoyed participating in mock interviews, and have been developing their CV's in preparation for their professional transitions.





### Music

Post-16 and KS4 have been continuing to progress with their Music BTEC, using the mixing board and Logic. They have been developing their independence in their musical compositions.



### Cooking

This term, Oakfield have been improving their culinary skills by making chicken risotto, chocolate shortbread- and have especially enjoyed taste testing.



### Wellbeing

This term, students haven't appreciated the cold weather and enjoyed the warmth of shops and hot drinks. They have been shopping for school resources and walking along the Southern coast.

# Headstart Christmas Show

The Christmas Show was a fantastic way to end the year. A massive thank you to all the staff, families, and students who attended and performed. We look forward to the next show, which will be this summer.



# Happy New Year from The Therapy Team!



Following up from last term, the Christmas Newsletter introduced the Therapy Team. Here is a small snippet of what happens in Occupational Therapy sessions. Using our amazing Sensory Integration equipment, students lead their therapist to the equipment they feel they need.



**Welcome to another edition of our fantastic newsletter.**

**With the weather being at its coldest for the year and many students learning about the changes in seasons and various aspects of our lives, this newsletter will focus on curiosity.**

**One of our values and focuses for staff and students is curiosity.**

**This newsletter is a showcase that lets our pupils be curious about the world around them, starting with the local community. The raft of enrichment activities we offer our pupils as part of our curriculum is second to none, and this helps to develop those important social and emotional skills.**

**We have had school enrichment trips to The Smugglers, Towner Art Gallery, and Robertsbridge. Pupils learning is interwoven in these fantastic experiences, allowing them to explore the local community. We are blessed to have such a diverse area of the United Kingdom to live in.**

**Some of our pupils participated in an annual football tournament, which gave them the experience of being in a team and supporting each other through the ups, downs, and excitements of playing tournament football.**

**To finish this newsletter, I am ecstatic to show photos of our new sensory integration room in full use with the expert guidance of our new Occupational Therapy team. Pupils, staff and therapists have engaged with the new areas very well, and this adds another layer to the exceptional therapy we offer at Headstart.**

**Have a lovely half-term break and enjoy time with your families.**

**Scott Fasciolo-Barnes  
Executive Headteacher**