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Showcasing exceptional
work by pupils at
Crescent School.

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School



Welcome

...to issue 21 of the
Minnacle.

Read on for inspiring examples of work from the Crescent School.

The front cover for the *Crescent Minnacle* has been provided by Class I who have enjoyed studying abstract artists, as they use techniques that children themselves can emulate. The children chose rich colours, developing their brush strokes and creating interesting shapes in the style of 'Concentric Circles' by Kandinsky. What lovely colours!

Special thanks to Sarah Lowe for collecting and sending through all the great work for this lovely mini mag.

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**Krupa and Arabella,
Class VI**

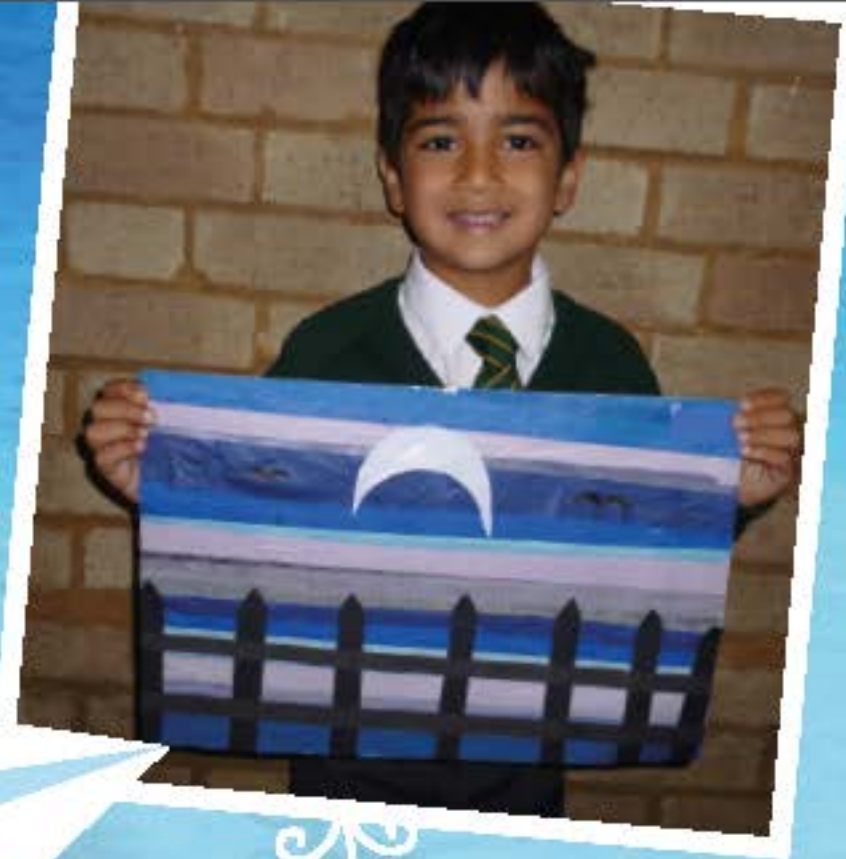
Class VI were classifying plants in Science by designing and creating a garden centre.



Thomas Brinklow, Class V

Thomas has studied Art through the ages and produced a final piece called 'The Abstract Teardrop'.





Charlotte, in Class 1, loved reading the story "Knuffle Bunny" by Mo Willems. She wrote a similar version herself whereby she lost a special toy. Luckily it had a similarly happy ending. She worked very hard at spelling independently, using descriptive words and her best cursive handwriting.

Jay Patil, Class II

Through the wooden fence I can see a flowing fishy stream. In the stream there are a lot of colourful rainbow trout and there is a lot of swishy weed. The sideways and shiny moon is being reflected in the wet stream. The high stars sparkle in front of the silver moon. The green grass waves over the rich soil. My picture makes me feel cold.

**Charlotte Corben,
Class 1**



**Grace Crowfoot,
Reception**

Concentration and cursive writing skills go hand in hand in Reception.





Snake Chant

Stupid snakes, weird snakes,
Super duper ugly snakes.

Wiggly snakes, dancing snakes,
Funny prancing snakes.

Snoring snakes, messy snakes,
Pouring lovely carthy snakes.

Eat snakes, muddy snakes,
Shaking their bum snakes.

Thin snakes, clean snakes,
Jumping up and down snakes.

Spotty snakes, slimy snakes,
Spinning around everywhere snakes.

By Joshua Gorbatt



Josh Gorbatt, Class III

Class III have been studying poems that create images in the reader's mind. One of which was the "Bug Chant" by Tony Mitton. Josh applied the structure and rhythm to his own "Snake Chant" and added a good choice of adjectives and a little bit of humour!

Roald Dahl was born on 9th of September 1916. If he were alive today he would be 100 years old. He lived in Llandaff, Cardiff. He died at the age of 74. He was very tall at 6 foot 6 inches. He also wrote Poetry and Horror stories.

I have read many Roald Dahl books including: Charlie and the chocolate factory, Charlie and the great glass elevator, The BFG, Fantastic Mr Fox, George's marvellous medicine, Esio's hat and the giraffe and the pelly and me.

Roald Dahl stories that I have watched as films include: BFG, Charlie and the chocolate factory, James and the giant peach and Fantastic Mr Fox.

His first children's books were published in 1945 and called "The Gremlins".

Roald Dahl's books were illustrated by Quentin Blake. His drawings are simple but tell the story well and capture the characters too.

If I met Roald Dahl my question would be "What is your favourite book out of all the books you have written?"

I enjoy his books because the stories are about the adventures of young boys and girls. When I read the books I feel like I am part of the story. It's always magical.

I love the words he made up such as: Fizzwiggler, Scrumdiddlyumptious, Pizz-whizzing, Gobblefunk and Nonsense and lots more.

By MAYA PATEL

Roald Dahl

"Those who don't believe in magic will never find it"



Maya Patel, Class IV

Class IV have enjoyed researching their favourite author to find out "Fascinating Facts." Maya chose Roald Dahl and she found out more about what an interesting life he had. This piece of work is also special because it would have been Roald Dahl's 100th birthday this month.

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Crackley Hall School and
Little Crackers Nursery



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Thank you to Yichen Pan and Jethro Wilkinson for providing the front cover for the Crackley Minnacle this issue. Yichen's acrylic and water colour painting of Anne Boleyn and Jethro's painting of King Henry VIII were completed as part of a Junior 5 cross-curricular topic on the Tudors. What stunning work!

Special thanks to Cat Hardwick for collecting and sending through all the great work for this lovely mini mag.

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Thomas Reddish in Nursey has shown that he is quite capable of completing mental arithmetic sums in his head. When asked if a friend had 5 sweets and then ate 2 of them he immediately answered that there would be 3 left. Very good maths skills at such an early age, Mr Ferris will be pleased!!



Issey Cleary in Junior 1 has worked hard to learn all about materials this term and has shown through this model of a snowman that she is able to name all the materials she has used. A great labelled drawing too.



Junior 1 pupil Lily Bryson has written a short story. Not only is she more than able to re-tell the story of the Three Little Pigs in her own words, but she has used beautifully neat handwriting, clear spaces and lovely presentation. A super start for the beginning of Junior 1.



Amelia Hunt has a vast knowledge of Famous Historical People (the topic we are currently covering in History). She has been able to tell us all about Guy Fawkes and knows many details that even surprised Mrs Hardwick! She also know about the inventor of the telephone (Alexander Graham Bell) and has vast knowledge of Florence Nightingale which she has willingly shared with the class. She has such enthusiasm for history and the depth of knowledge she has is well beyond her years.



GREAT WORK!

from Crackley School

LO: to write a thank you prayer

Dear God,
 Thank you for my school I'm at,
 Thank you for my family that,
 I love so very much.
 Thank you for the sound I hear,
 With my eyes
 Thank you for the food I eat,
 Thank you for my feet,
 and legs that work.
 Thank you for my warm house,
 Thank you for that I don't have a single
 mouse, in my home.
 Thank you for making me me.
 Thank you for everything!
 Amen

Wow! Great
 Jorga - a
 beautiful
 'rhyming'
 thank
 you prayer!
 (11)



Junior 5 pupil Erin King has written a wonderful and original canticle.

8th November 2016

LO: To be able to write my own canticle



Be praised my Lord
 through sister wildcat
 she is protective of young
 and never vain



Be praised my
 Lord through
 sister flower she
 is beautiful and
 cheerful and brings
 colour to the world



Be praised my Lord through
 brother harvest he is
 needed and sensitive
 and always bountiful



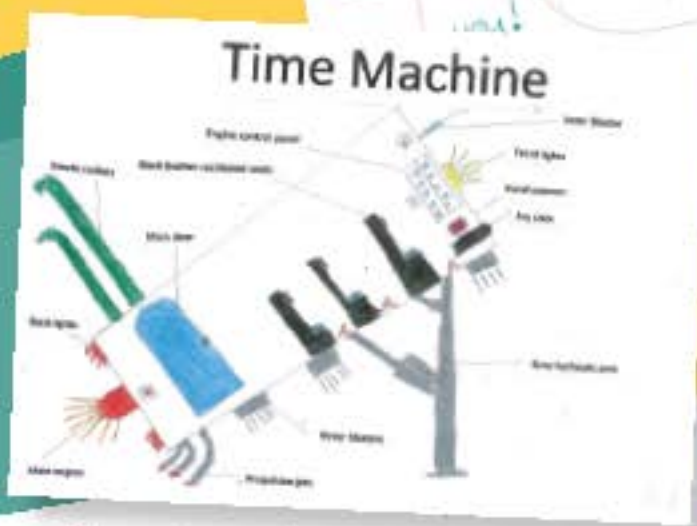
Be praised my Lord
 through brother ice he is
 pure and clear and makes
 no mistakes



Be praised my Lord
 through brother cloud he
 is soft hearted and never
 misshapen



Junior 4 pupil Harry Surtees has created his own time machine and described it in detail.



17-11-2016

LO: To organise explanation writing.

TIME MACHINE 4008

The time machine called TIME MACHINE 4008 was invented by Harry the clever. This machine is made out of really strong titanium and nothing can break it.

At the very front of the machine, there is a blue laser blaster which fires blue laser beams which can break open anything in the world, even buildings. Underneath the blue laser beam there is the front light and underneath the lights is the emergency hand scanner. The reason it is called the emergency hand scanner is because as soon as you push it the front part of the time machine blasts off and the rocket blasters engage. Also the back end of the ship, when it explodes, the back end shatters into pieces.

Next there are hover blasters that shoot air out the bottom and also there is a grey hydraulic arm, it lifts the ship up to an angle so it can take off. Behind the hover blasters there is a propulsion jet which makes it move forward very slowly. Above the propulsion jet is the main engine, the main engine gives out flames and inside of the main engine there is a fire that starts up with gas when you press the blue button at the front. All the smoke builds up and comes out of the smoke outlet at the top of the ship. Above and below the main engine there are 2 back lights.

You get in to the machine through the main blue door and inside there are 3 leather cushion seats and at the front there is a red hand scanner which you never want to press only in emergencies because it ejects the seats.



Junior 3 pupil Jorga Parris has written a very thoughtful and moving prayer.



Reception's Theo Cowlshaw has produced a lovely drawing of the Gruffalo with superb labelling of the different parts.

MORE GREAT WORK!
from Crackley School

F1 Challenge

Junior 4 pupils Toby Lucas, Joseph McCullough, Francesca Kelly and Dylan Williams are busy completing fantastic car designs as part of the JLR F1 Primary Schools' Challenge. Earlier this term they were lucky enough to be visited by former Princethorpe student and racing car driver extraordinaire Jordan King. Jordan took part in his first Formula 1 test for the British Manor F1 team in Abu Dhabi in December 2015 but took time out of his busy schedule to help the quartet of budding engineers make their designs as aerodynamic as possible. Good luck team! Let's hope the professional tips pay off!



Junior 3 pupil Matilda Hobson has written an acrostic poem totally independently in an English lesson. Great work!

Lightning Bolt

Lightning looks like bananas in the sky,
I don't like lightning.
Great numbers of children cry,
Hateful sounds fill the sky.
Tender mothers run for their lives
No birds fly by.
I run inside when I hear it go off
NEVER touch a lightning bolt!
Gates slam as I run home from school,
Beating sounds never stop.
Over the clouds is a misty sky.
Legends are told as the lightning flashes,
Teg the cat, has gone out while the lightning flashes!

by Matilda Hobson, J3

Percentages, Decimals & Fractions Homework
By Fynn Walker

2016 British Touring Car Championship, Silverstone



2016 F1 season – Race Winners

There have been 20 races so far. Only four drivers have managed to win a race this season. These drivers are:

- Lewis Hamilton – 9 races $\frac{9}{20} = 0.45 = 45\%$
- Nico Rosberg – 8 races $\frac{8}{20} = 0.40 = 40\%$
- Daniel Ricciardo – 1 Race $\frac{1}{20} = 0.05 = 5\%$
- Max Verstappen – 1 Race $\frac{1}{20} = 0.05 = 5\%$

Total 1 1 100%



Silverstone crowd capacity is 100,000

100,000 would be 100% full.
However, on this day, attendance was only $\frac{1}{4}$.
How many people were at the race?
= 75,000



• Because... $\frac{75,000}{100,000} = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75 = 75\%$

Formula One Statistics



F1 Drivers Championships

Until 2016, there have been 66 years of Formula 1, but only 5 different countries have had a team winning the drivers' championship:

- Italy – 19 years $\frac{19}{66} = 0.29 = 29\%$
- Great Britain – 16 years $\frac{16}{66} = 0.24 = 24\%$
- France – 3 years $\frac{3}{66} = 0.05 = 5\%$
- Germany – 4 years $\frac{4}{66} = 0.06 = 6\%$
- Austria – 4 years $\frac{4}{66} = 0.06 = 6\%$

Total 1 1 100%



Fynn Walker is in J5. His work shows not only super understanding of percentages, but a great way to apply it logically to the real world.