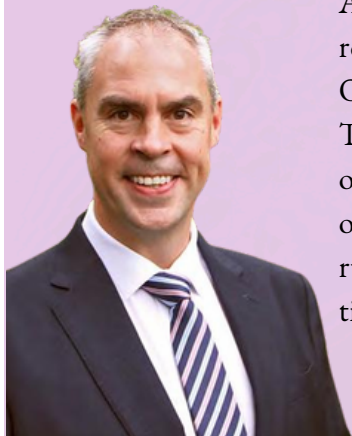


Curious and independent learners



Boys throughout the School have been inspired and challenged thinking about the world around us this week. Year 8 enjoyed practical experiments to investigate the energy in food. In Geography, 6S investigated the albedo effect and how it contributes to the melting of Arctic ice. In the Juniors, our geologists in Year 3 have been investigating the properties of rocks while Year 4 used disclosing tablets to show how well they are brushing their teeth. Our little engineers in Reception have been exploring their big ideas in the world of STEM. The Art and DT&E rooms are bursting with creativity, and our new Pre-Prep Choir is full of enthusiasm and energy. It's been a muddy but successful week on the sports pitches, with older boys fiercely competing against Orley Farm, and Year 3 playing their first competitive rugby matches. At the end of this hive of activity every day, boys have been enjoying sharing time together at Clubhouse. Stay dry while you birdwatch this weekend!



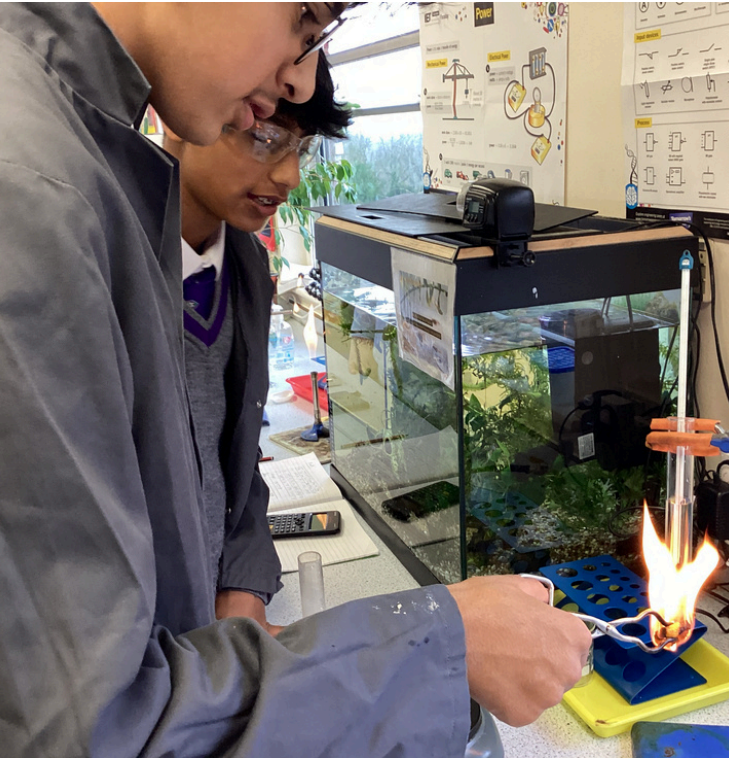
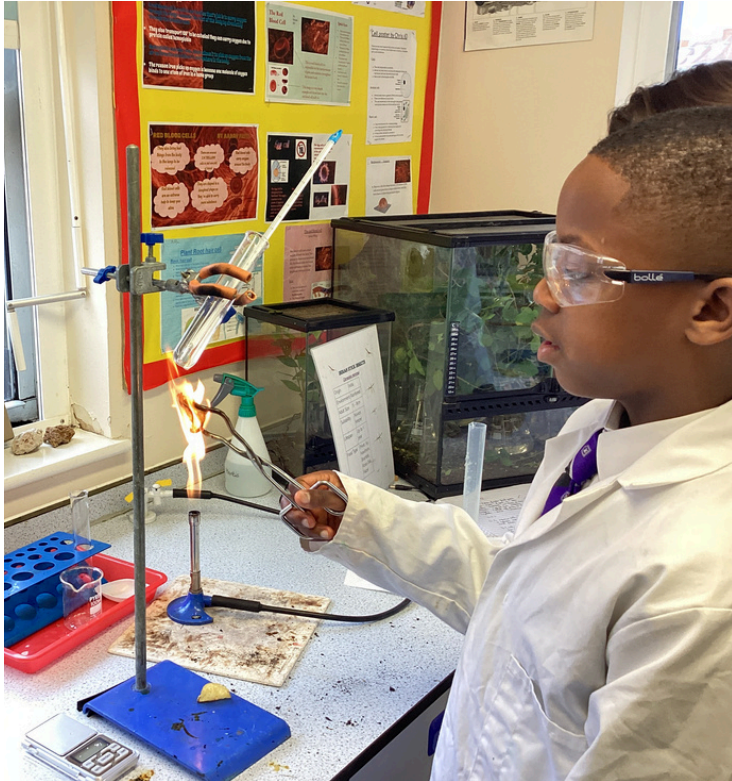
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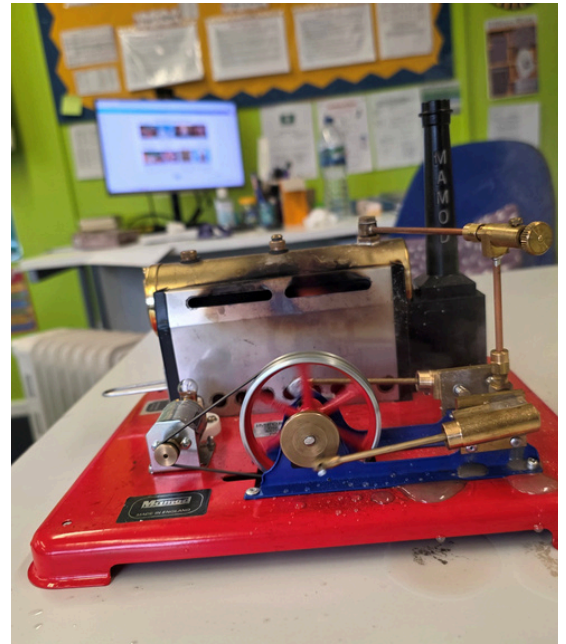
Curious and Independent learners

Year 8 have started their new Energy topic with an experiment to find the calories in food by burning it! The boys really enjoyed burning the Onion Rings and Crisps!





Thank you for entering the DT&E Ambassadors' Competition



6S learnt how steam locomotives transformed transport by moving people and goods efficiently, while driving job creation and economic prosperity through the growth of the railways.



Rugby captain and vice captain - congratulations boys



Another Silver Award in Year 3!



Look at all those Bronze House Point Awards - good job boys!



We learnt about the Romans in Junior assembly

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

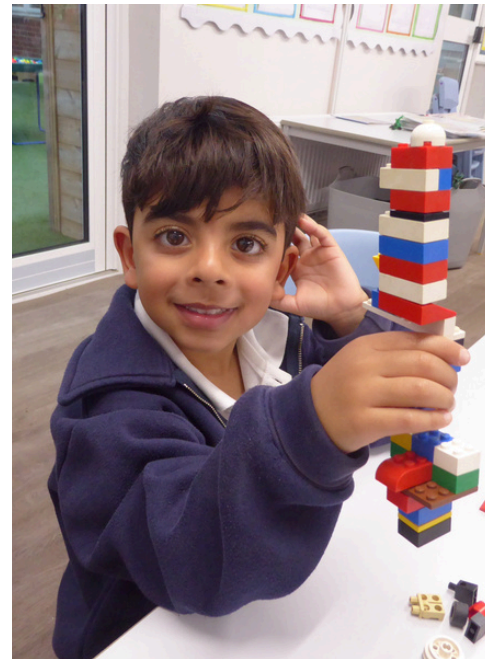
It's almost Spring and this weekend is the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. The Eco Club presented an assembly on how to spot and count the different species of birds in your garden. The boys also helped to fill up our birdfeeders, ready for our count. All details are on the RSPB website. You can send your results in to RSPB yourself or send them to Eco Club via Mr Lawrence.





Little Engineers, Big Ideas

It has been an exciting start to the year in Reception, full of invention and enquiry. Each week, our Little Engineers have explored the fascinating worlds of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths (STEM). Through hands-on play and plenty of trial and error, the boys have been learning that if at first you don't succeed, you simply re-design and try again! Lots of resilient elephants here! We have explored what we could build with Lego, learning that towers need a wide, heavy base to stay standing. We have saved the bears from a floor of lava - boys built bridges and platforms to create a safe path.





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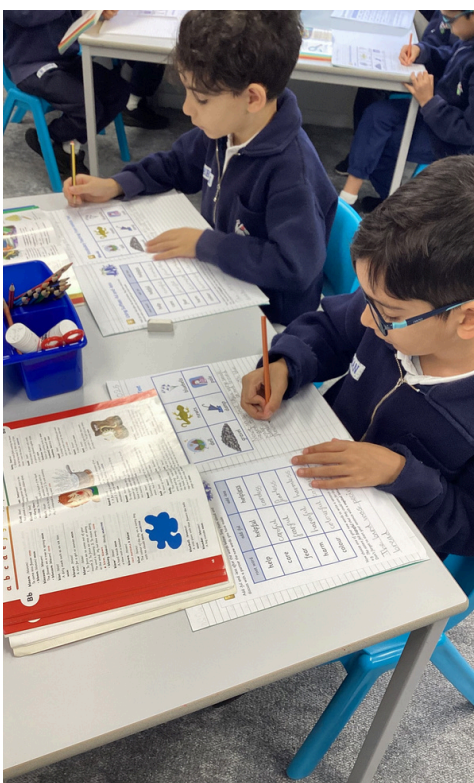
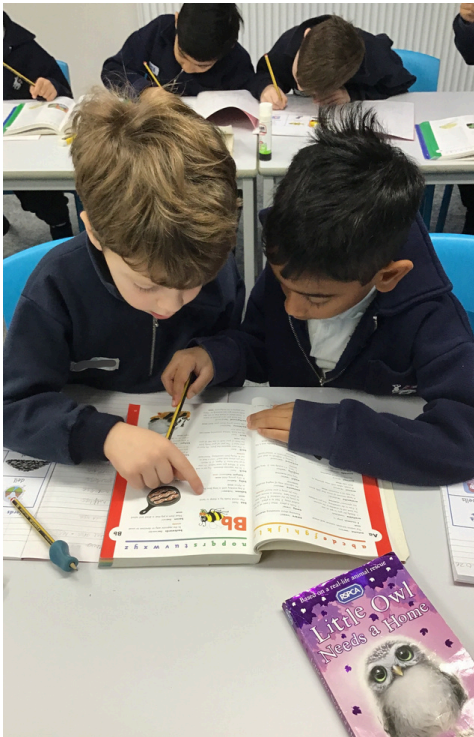
We have tested our skills at making paper boats and checked to see if our designs could float. We discovered that boats tip over quickly if the weight is not balanced right in the middle. These sessions help boys develop resilience and curiosity, key values in our Language of Learning. By asking "Why?" and "How?", our Receptioners are already thinking like the scientists of the future. NASA might have the rockets, but we have the Lego—and significantly more glitter!





Enhancing reading skills in Year 2

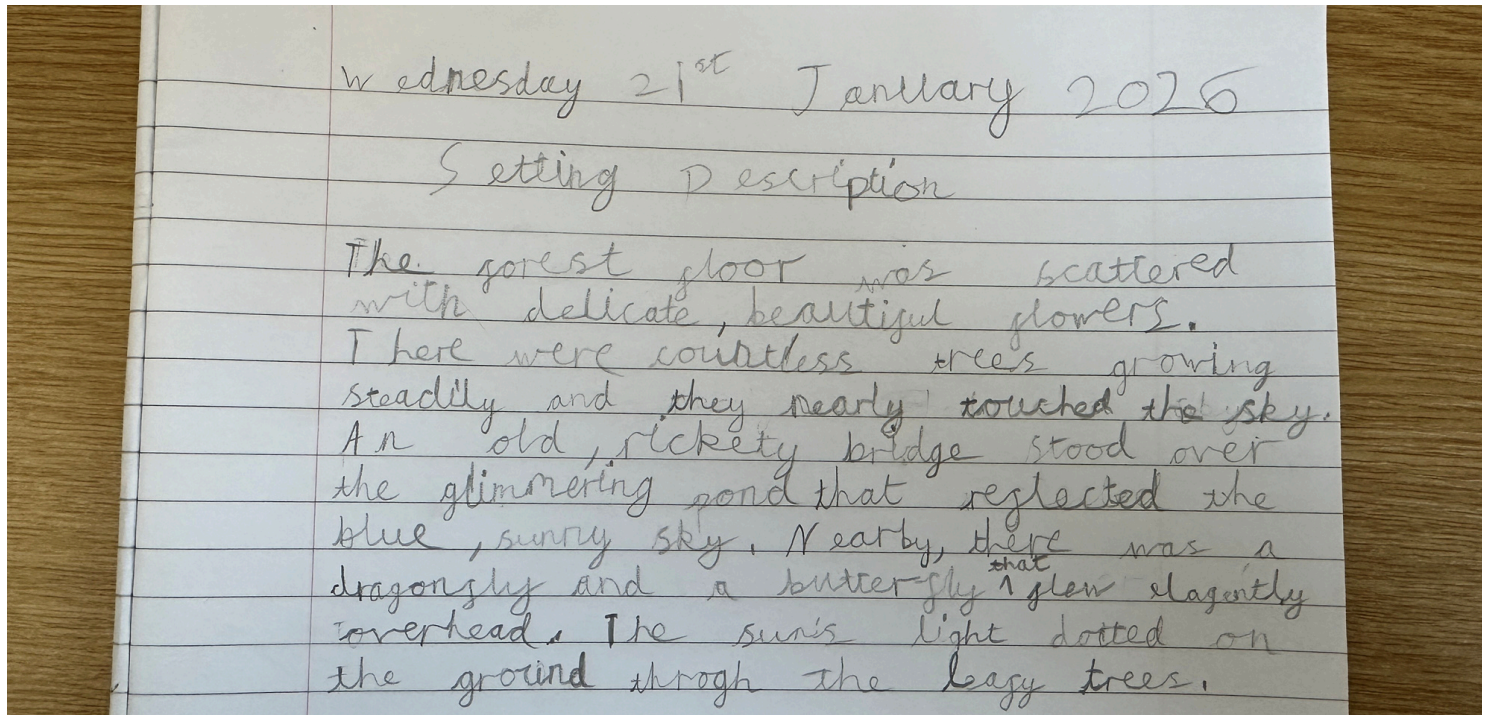
Year 2 carefully looked up new words in their dictionaries this week.





Deputy Head's Award for Excellence

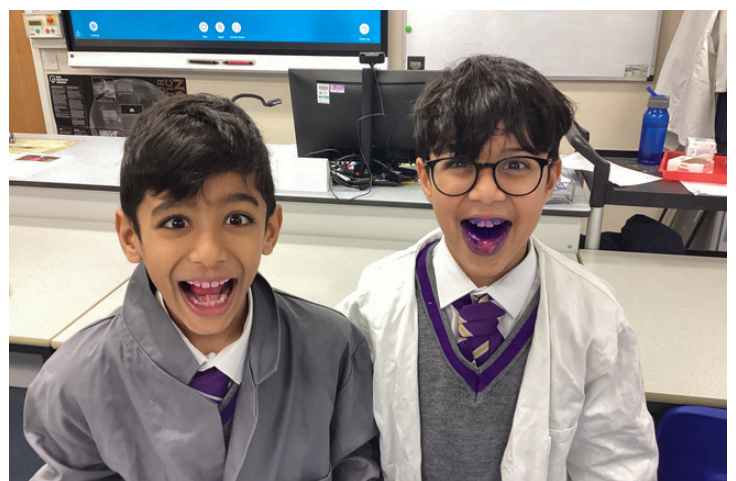
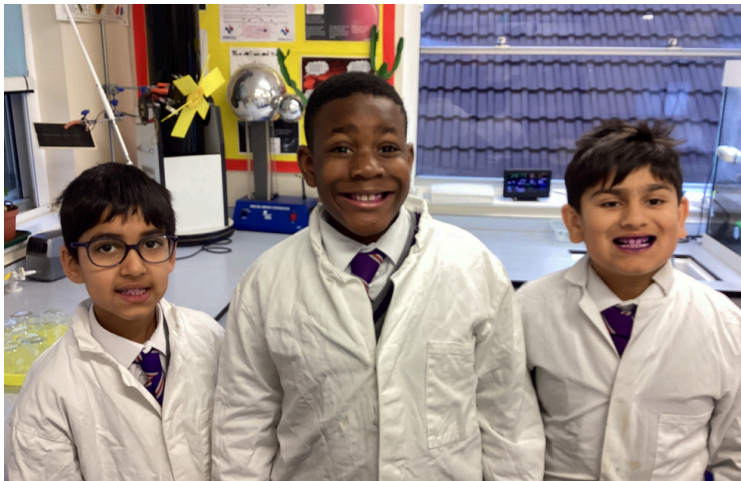
The Deputy Head's Award for Excellent Presentation this week goes to Saami in the Eagles for his beautifully written setting description based on the picture below from "The Bog Baby."





Keep brushing Year 4!

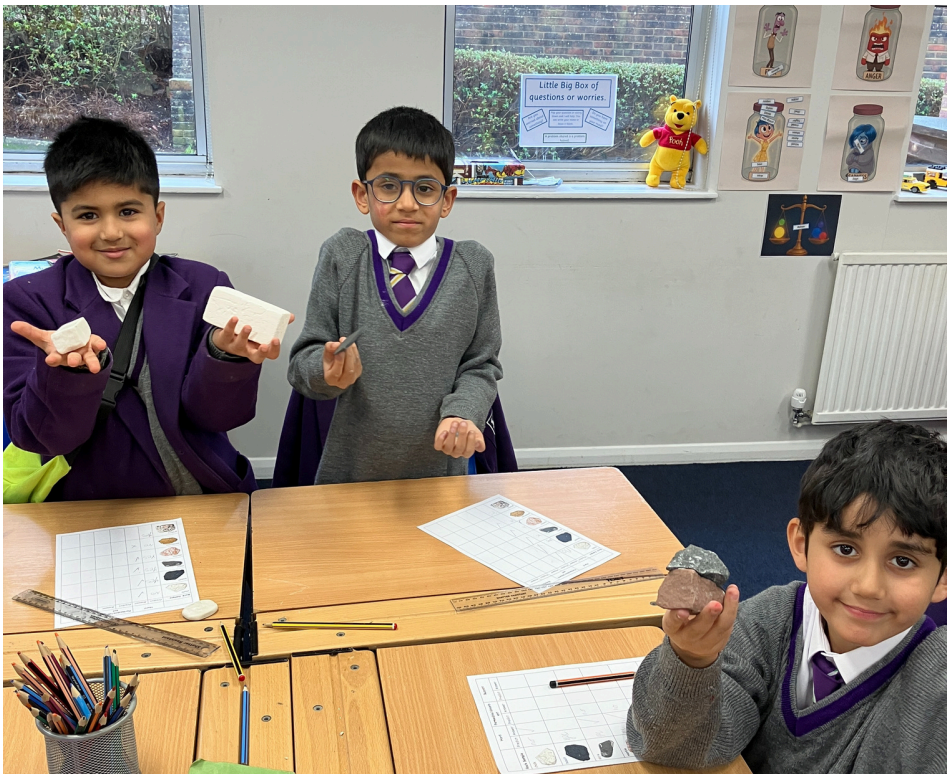
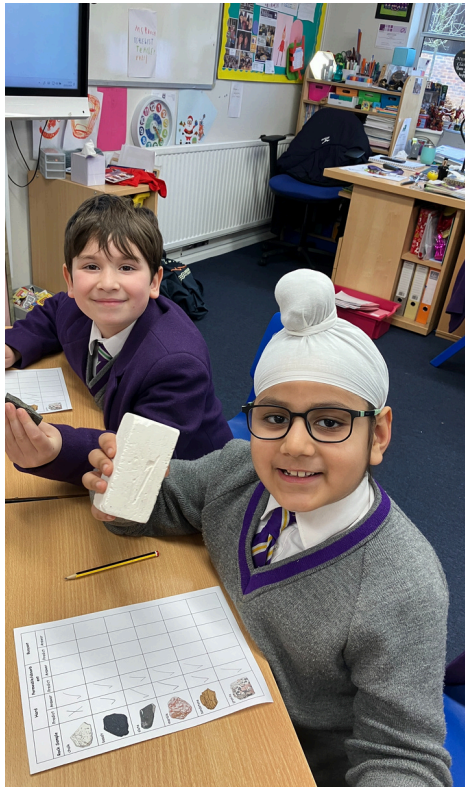
Year Four have been learning about dental hygiene in their Science lessons. As you can see it was a lot of fun to use the disclosing tablets and see all the plaque. Keep brushing!





Year 3 think rocks rock!

This week Year 3 have been exploring the properties of different types of rocks.





Year 3 think rocks rock!





This week's Clubhouse fun

Boys from Nursery to Year 6 have been bonding at Clubhouse this week. Crumpets have been going down a storm at Clubhouse Breakfast. At Clubhouse Tea we're a happy family supporting each other, playing together, and making friends. Our table tennis activity has been a real highlight – it's giving the Year 6 Football League stiff competition for popularity, competitive spirit and fun!



"We had such a good time" - boys in Years 1 to 6



Crazy for crumpets





Singing is fun!

Our brand new Pre-Prep Choir meets 3.15 - 4.15 on Wednesday afternoons. The boys are already having lots of musical fun and are sounding amazing. They love adding actions to their songs. Led by Mr Hopwood, they are learning excellent singing skills and we look forward to hearing them soon.





A busy and colourful week

Fabulous hand-sewn cushions from Year 8 this week. Year 3 have loved exploring printing techniques, while our Year 4 boys are almost ready for battle with their Roman shields. Year 5 have completed their vibrant Chinese dragon masks. What a busy and colourful week it has been!





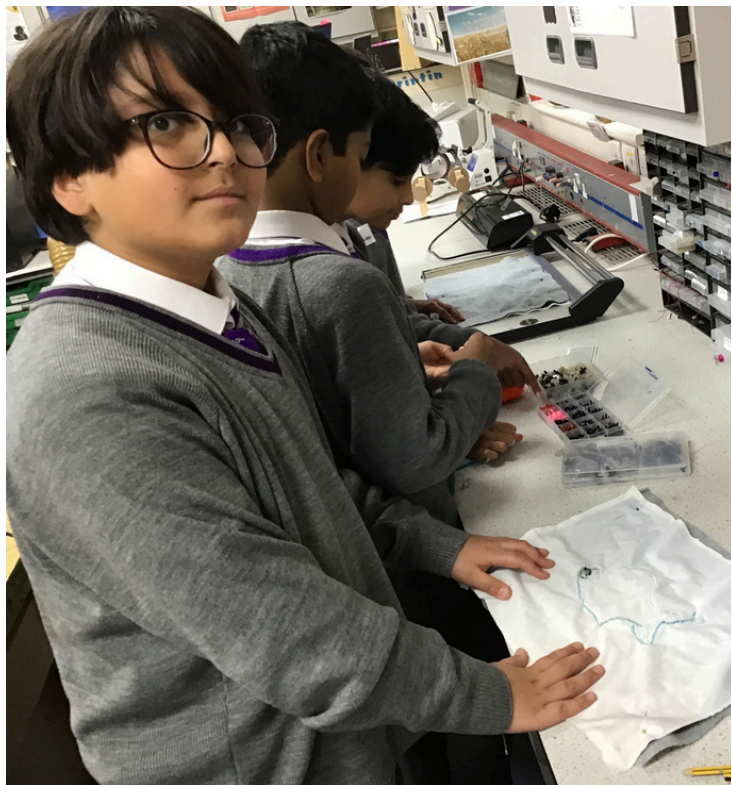
Apprentice tailors in our workroom!

Year 6 have enjoyed putting the final touches on their Nautical cushions.



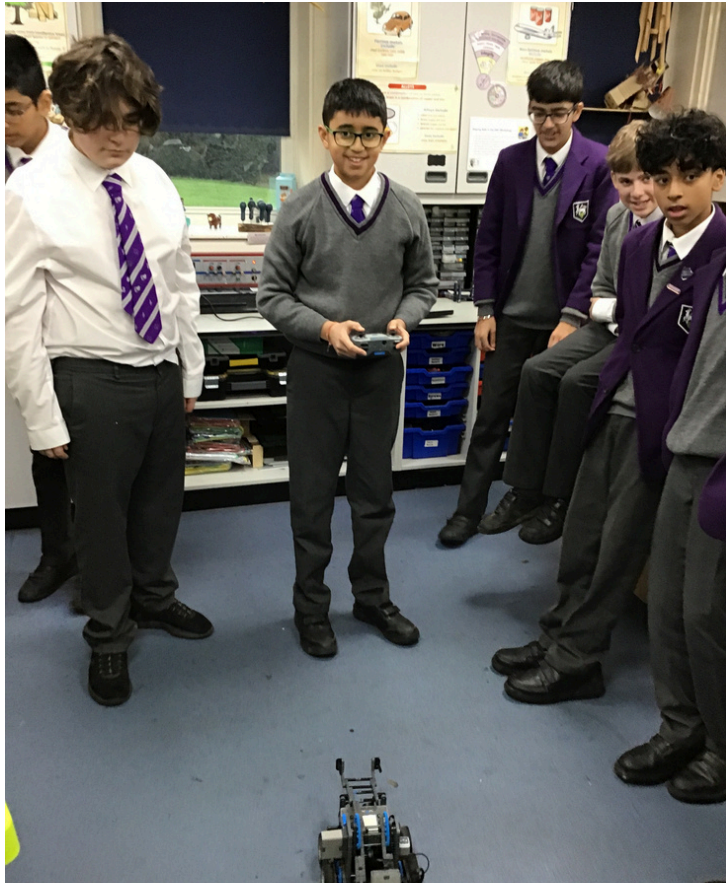


More nautical cushions





Wonderful DT&E projects



Showing off a VEX robotics project to the class



The pinball machine entry which won the DT&E Ambassador's Competition



A proud moment – the completed Spooky House Project complete with programmed parts



Year 3 – having fun trying to make the best marble run ever



Thank you to our Grounds Team

Year 8 and Year 6 played Orley Farm in a mixture of contact and touch matches on Wednesday. The U11A team winning a tough match against a large Orley team and the U13s scoring some good tries in their defeat. The quality of matches on our excellent astro surface was excellent considering the weather and all the boys were happy to get into action. Year 3 enjoyed their first competitive matches. Many thanks to the grounds team for making the matches possible.



Year 3 in action



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