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Headteacher's News

We are truly settled in now and feeling we are proud of our learning. We hope you enjoyed our Harvest Festival today if you came along. We try to have many opportunities for families to join in school life with us. Many of you may have signed up to Opal play sessions too to come in to school at lunchtimes to play with your child and just experience the wonderful play at school. All of these options are open to you to join in as few or as many as you like.

We are delighted to be looking forward to our first school disco on Friday 18 October. We do always need volunteers to sign up to ensure such events run. This includes prep work, purchasing gifts and food / drink for the event and of course volunteers on the night too. We do hope some of you sign up to support our FoSS – a very small but dedicated team – as without more helpers we sadly will need to cut some events. Events run by FoSS not only are great fun

for children and families but raise much needed money for the school too so please do consider what you could offer. Your service means a lot to us!

<https://www.instagram.com/sissinghurstprimary/>

Do follow us on Instagram, we have over 200 followers now – we post lots of work and play on there so you can see what is going on in school. We no longer post full faces for safety, but do have side or back of head shots and you may spot your child too in the distance of a picture. We try to ensure we blank all faces if recognisable but if you ever are unhappy with an image online, just let us know and we can remove it.

Have a great weekend when it gets here

Sarah Holman



[Click here for dates](#)

Report from Flower Show - Saturday, 12 September

The Society's Autumn Show was held on Saturday 12th September 2026 in the school hall.

The children's entries make a great background display to the show and visitors and parents alike are always interested to see their work. The Committee are always very appreciative of the encouragement given by the school staff and parents.

A lot of thought had gone into their Anti-Litter Posters. Pieces of rubbish, an octopus collecting litter, some with rhymes or messages all encouraged us to be conscious of taking our rubbish home. The judge commented that Rhino class had put a great deal of effort into their posters.

Socks of all sizes and colours were used to make their sock puppets. Their ingenious designs using stickers, eyes, hair, jewels and other materials were carefully created to make interesting and fun puppets.

Biscuits decorated for Halloween were very popular. All their entries showed great imagination resulting in scary faces, ghosts, skeletons, spiders webs and other things to make us shudder.

The Learning Tree ,too, had been very busy decorating a biscuit with very colourful results . The little ones had clearly had an enjoyable and somewhat messy morning but biscuits had been carefully done.

There are definitely some enthusiastic photographers at school and the judge commented on the high standard of photography and the variety of ideas for harvest. It was rewarding to see so many entries compared to the disappointing number produced by adults.

We were delighted to see more entries in the adult classes this time. A lovely flower arrangement, an excellent photograph of a sunset and several vegetables which had been carefully watered and looked after during the difficult weather. They all qualified for an award too which we hope will encourage more children to enter in future.

The afternoon was well attended with the usual side shows for the children, tea and cakes for everyone and the ever popular raffle.



Instagram



Do follow us on instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/sissinghurstprimary/>) to keep up to date on all the exciting activities/ lessons the children are taking part in. Here are a couple from the last two weeks:

Leopards - superb learning about how to look after our teeth:

A snapshot of maths across the school today from place value, to partitioning, comparing and ordering numbers and being able to read and write numbers up to 1000000

308 = 300 + 30 + 8 ✓
 20 = 6000 + 100 + 20 ✓

26
20
6
20
10
50

70
30
40
70
0
70

1. 60.0
 2. N + P = 1.54
 3. 42
 4. 1,000 cm

worksheet

1. 3,241 = 1,000 + 1,300 + 40 + 1
 A
 2. 4341 = 2000 + 200 + 140 +
 B
 1. 2341 = 2,300 + 30 + 11 ✓
 C

It is the same number ✓
 It is split display ✓

KEY WORDS
 thousands
 tens
 ones
 place value, digit

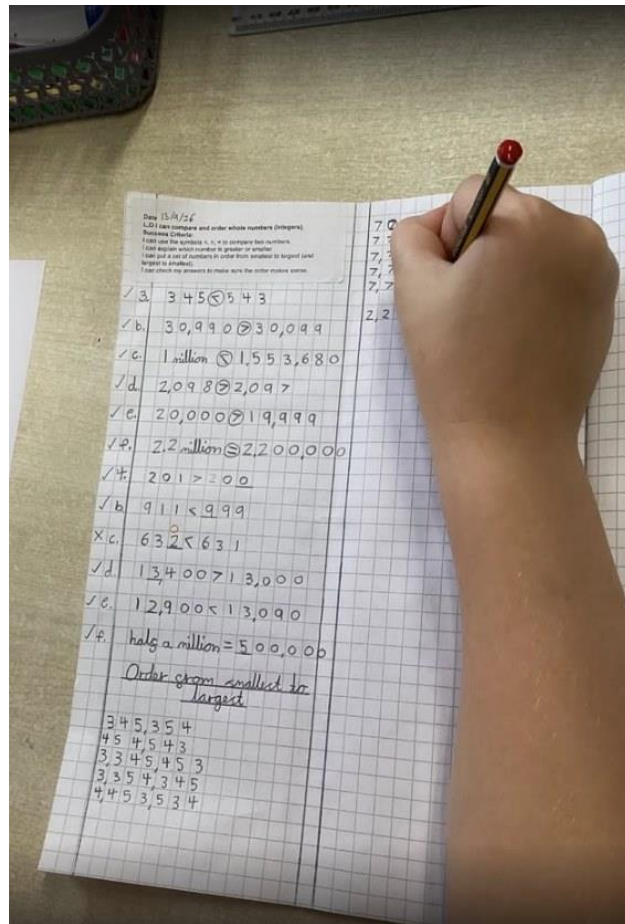
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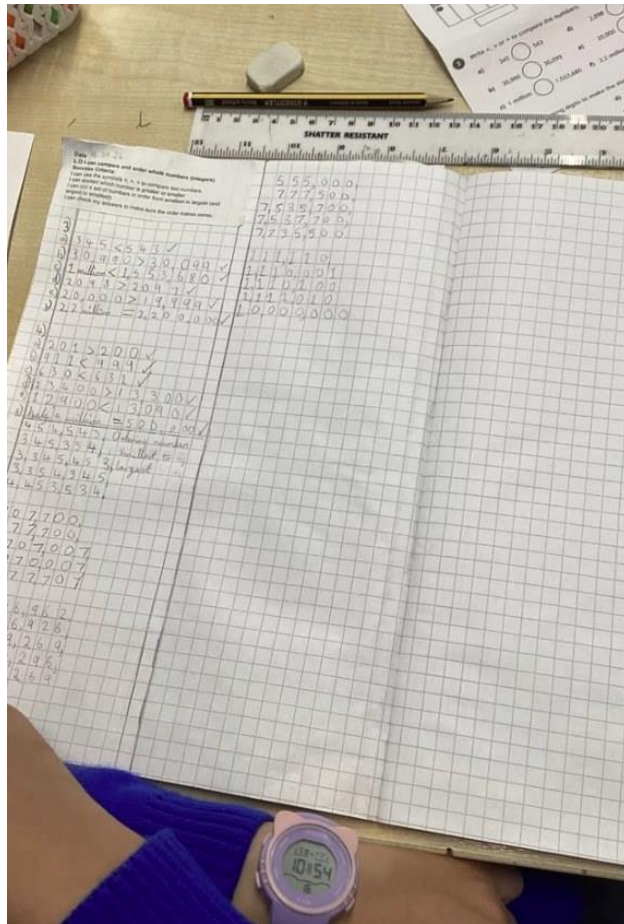
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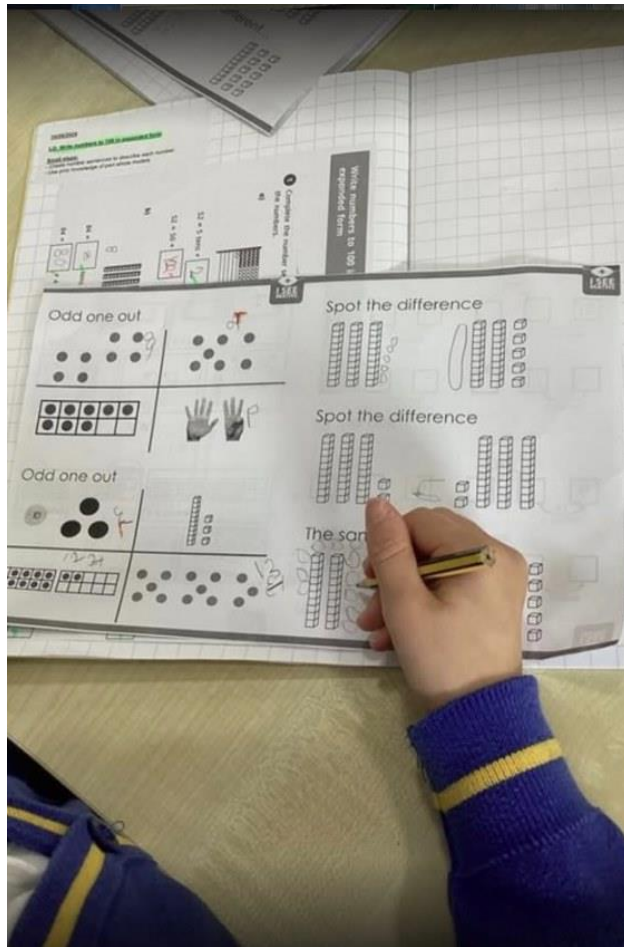
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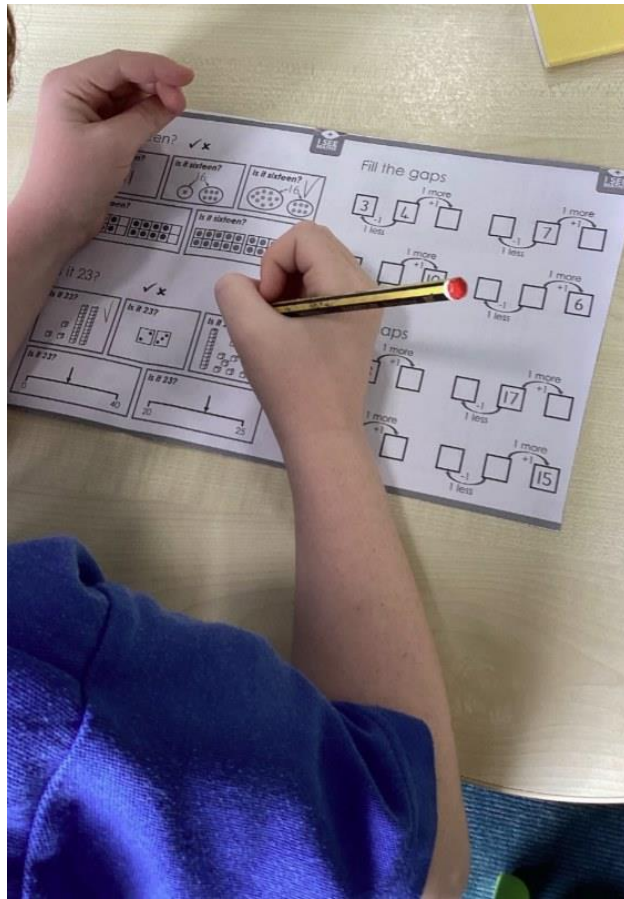
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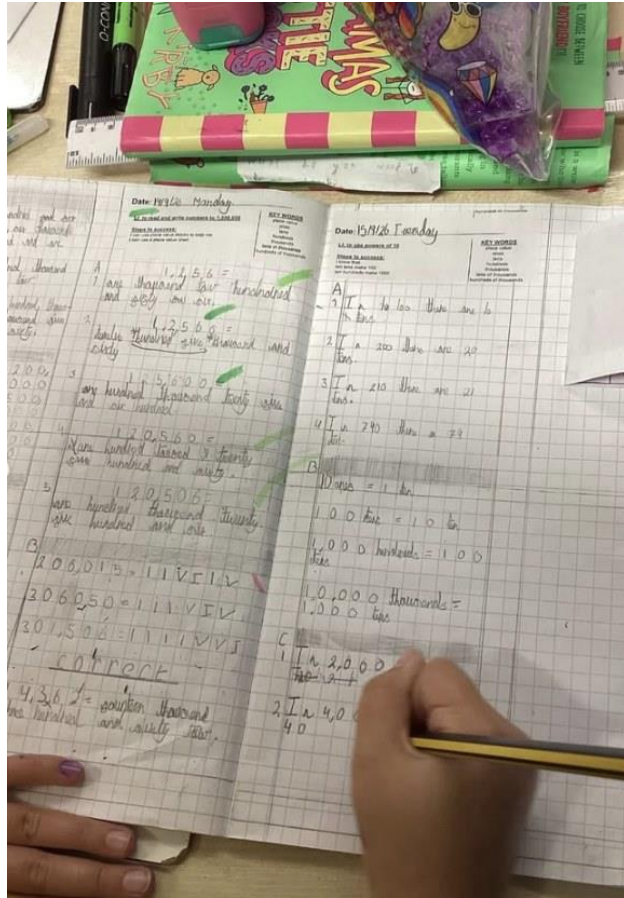
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 5601 = 600 + 5001
 200 + 10 + 4000 = 4210

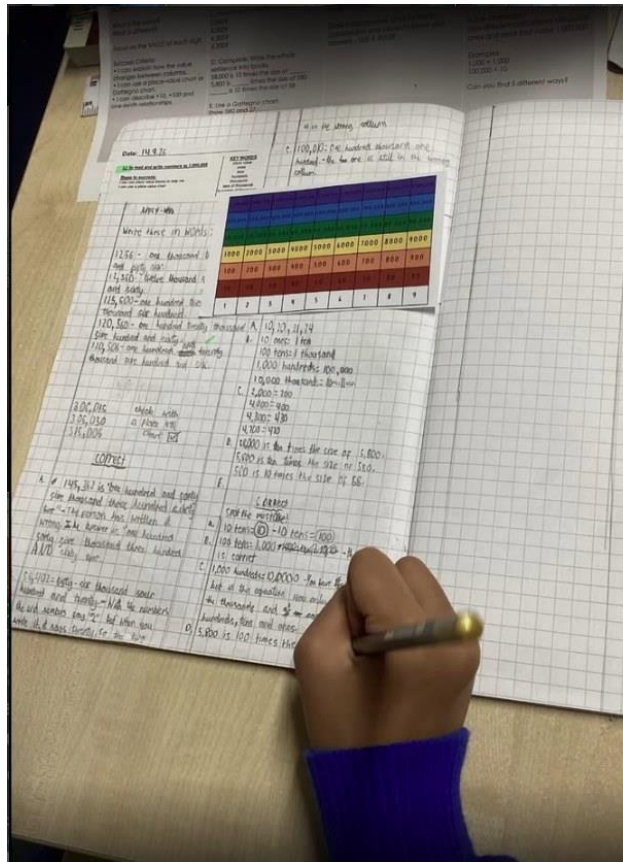












Free Kent Courses & Webinars for Parents and Carers

Kent is offering a range of **FREE courses and webinars** for parents and carers, covering behaviour, ADHD, autism and supporting young people to become more independent. Upcoming sessions include:

- **Managing Children's Behaviour** – Online, starting 21 September
- **Supporting ADHD in the Home** – Online, starting 22 September
- **Understanding Autism** – Online or face-to-face in Dartford and Herne Bay
- **Strategies to Support Your ADHD Child** – Online webinars in September and October
- **Raising Independent Young Adults** – Online, 14 October
- **Strategies to Support Your Autistic Child** – Online webinars in October and November

All of the above sessions are **FREE**. Interested? Please click on the links below for full details, dates and booking information.

[Parenting courses](#)

An Inspiring Visit from Laura Mucha

We were delighted to welcome author and poet Laura Mucha to our school last week. Laura took the children on an energetic and engaging journey through her poems and books, sharing humorous anecdotes, fascinating insights into being a writer and beautifully illustrated examples of her work. Our Key Stage 1 children were thoroughly engaged, enjoying the humour, stories and wonderful illustrations that brought her books to life. Our Key Stage 2 children discovered that brilliant writing rarely appears perfectly on the first attempt! Laura showed them just how important drafting, editing and perseverance are -even when that process can sometimes feel rather tedious. Most importantly, the children were encouraged to be brave with their writing: to experiment with poetry, play with words, make mistakes and try again. They left inspired and with the confidence to see mistakes not as failures, but as part of the journey towards creating something amazing. A huge thank you to Laura for bringing such enthusiasm, humour and creativity to our school!

Sharmila Desai

Deputy Head Teacher





Feedback

We welcome feedback. Please use the form here <https://www.sissinghurst.kent.sch.uk/form/?pid=86&form=16> if you ever have any suggestions for us to consider.

News & Events

For upcoming local events in the parish of Cranbrook & Sissinghurst:

<https://cranbrookandsissinghurstpc.co.uk/whats-on/upcoming-events/>

Sign up to receive 'Be In The Know' emails from the parish council:

<https://cranbrookandsissinghurstpc.co.uk/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/CranbrookandSissinghurstPC>

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