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NEWS TODAY: **New Library, New Adventures!**



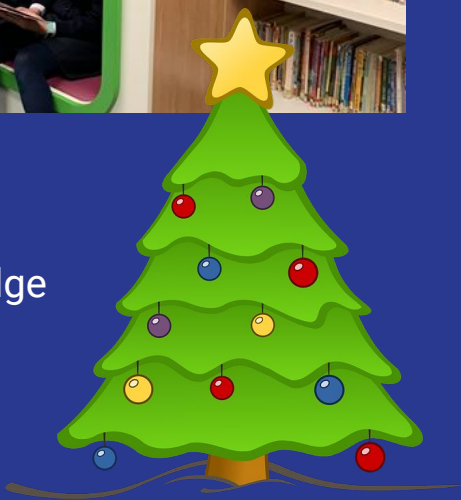
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and much, much more!



From Barnes to Brussels to Books!

By Phoebe, Evie, Paulina, Kesane (Year 5)

Our new library has been a great success. Children at our school have been spending time with their teachers in the library after 2 weeks of stylish renovation.

The library is a wonderful new facility for all children at St Osmund's. It has many quotes to encourage the children to read and a peaceful atmosphere for all to enjoy.

The library has everything - books, chairs, beanbags, cushions, you name it! Everywhere you look there's cosiness.

This library has a peaceful theme and comfy cushions to match the enchanted wood including logs and toad stools. Each class has a weekly scheduled session to enjoy this delightful and magical library.



September 13th 2019 was the day our devoted cyclists began their journey to Brussels, raising just over £20,000 for this new exciting library. Their hard work and training will forever be cherished in the making of this library. As well as using the money for our school facilities we shared the money with the Evelina Children's Hospital.

Now starting a new chapter for our school with one of the greatest gifts our school has received. A wonderful enriching library to nurture and develop a love and passion for reading! Thank you to all the committed cyclists. We are thankful for your determination that has given our school the opportunity to strengthen our pupils' love of reading and learning.



COP26 Conclusion

by Jack Redpath (Year 6)

Cop26 was an event in Glasgow where world leaders got together to discuss and set targets for climate change. The main goal was to keep 1.5 degrees in reach and secure global net zero by 2025. They have put in place the Glasgow climate pact and they worked towards finalising the rules from the Paris Agreement Rulebook.

An important pledge made in Glasgow was the Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forests and Land Use. This commitment involves stopping chopping down trees and planting more to make up for the amount of trees lost due to Climate Change. All of the leaders involved also agreed to phase down the use of coal. This caused disappointment for China and India, who pushed to phase out coal.

Greenhouse gases are emitted at every stage of the plastic life cycle according to a 2019 report by the Centre for International Environmental Law, meaning that if we use less single plastics this would have a huge impact. Also, we could eat less meat and buy animal friendly products. All of this will help reduce the climate issues around the world.

What can we do?

- Walk or cycle more, use our cars less.
- Stop buying and using single use plastic
- Recycle more
- Turn off devices and lights when they are not in use
- Take care of our environment



The Bridge is Back (partially!)

By Aoife Taylor



The bridge reopened to pedestrians, cyclists and river traffic on Saturday 17th July following the expert advice from the CCSO safety engineers.

Hammersmith Bridge was closed completely last summer out of fears for public safety from a bridge collapse. Engineers feared that the 134 year old bridge had become unsafe and shouldn't be used until it was repaired. The closure caused traffic chaos in Barnes and surrounding areas and closing it to pedestrians and cyclists meant that access to Hammersmith for school children and commuters was very difficult.

Why did it close?

The micro-fractures were first discovered, in the bridge, in 2019 using the latest technology. Cast iron is brittle and can shatter. The micro-fractures therefore posed the serious risk that the bridge could suddenly, and with little warning, collapse into the Thames.

Up until 10 April 2019, Hammersmith Bridge carried 22,000 motor vehicles a day. Up until 13 August 2020, hundreds of boats traveled underneath it and 16,000 pedestrians and cyclists traveled across it each day. That is a busy bridge!

The council and Transport for London employed some of the best engineers in the world and tasked them with fully diagnosing all the problems with Hammersmith Bridge and developing a plan to make it safe and fit for purpose. The engineers have huge experience including working on the Golden Gate Bridge in California and on oil rigs in the North Sea.

Why has it been partially reopened?

Cllr Stephen Cowan has been determined to re-open the bridge as soon as it was safely possible. He said 'The introduction of the temperature control system, and the results of our extensive engineering investigations, now means that the bridge can be opened for use by pedestrians, cyclists and to river traffic.'



SPORT

By Charlie, Samuel, Adeel and Max R (Year 3)



Football News

Following the outrageous 4 - 1 defeat of Manchester United to Watford, Manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer (the baby- faced assassin) was sacked and Ralf Rangnick has taken over. So far he is undefeated and Manchester United have risen to 5th place on the Premier League table. Chelsea continue to be top, with Liverpool a close second.

Last week, England's women's team (the Lionesses) beat Latvia in an impressive 20 -0 match which saw England's Ellen White become England's women's all time top scorer with 48 goals.

Formula 1

Max Verstappen beat Lewis Hamilton (controversially) in Abu Dhabi recently to win his first ever Formula 1 Championship.

London Marathon

In October, the delayed London Marathon took place and Sissy Lemma won in a time of 2hrs and 4 minutes. Our school completed a fun mini marathon to help encourage Miss George in her 4th London Marathon. She completed the race in a very impressive 4hrs and 7mins.

WELL DONE MISS GEORGE!



Book Reviews

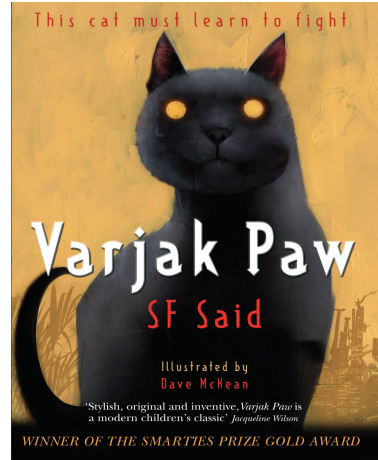
by Hugo and Joshua (Year 4)

Varjak Paw

By SF Said Dave McKeon

This book is gripping, full of excitement and edgy illustrations. Varjak needs to be brave and save his family from a mysterious danger. What could it be? Does he succeed?

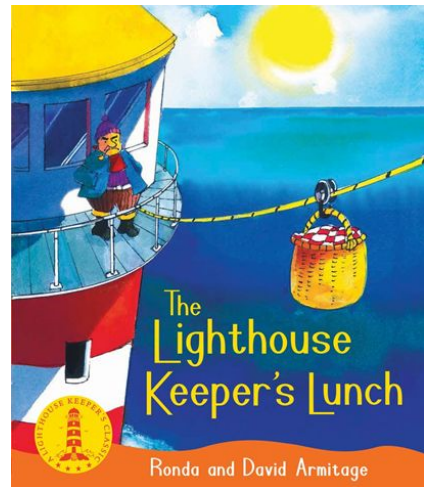
We rate this book



The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch by Ronda and David Armitage

A funny book full of laughter. The sneaky seagulls try to steal Mr Grindling's delicious lunch as it travels along the wire to the lighthouse. How will Mrs Grindling stop those pesky gulls pinching her husbands lunch?

We rate this book



Christmas Jokes



1. What do
elves study
at school?



2. Why are
Christmas
trees bad at
sewing?



3. What is a
snowman's
favourite
cereal?



5. What do
snowmen
like to do at
the weekend?



4. What do you
get if you eat
Christmas
decorations?



6. Which of
Santa's
reindeers
has bad
manners?

The Christmas KS1 Nativity

By Kian and Jack (Year 6)

Five children were looking through a box of forgotten toys and found a Christmas Puzzle. As they put together the pieces, the puzzle took them back 2021 years ago where the nativity took place.

Mary and Joseph needed to travel back to their hometown to be counted in the census. It was difficult for both of them as Mary was about to have a baby which would be Jesus.

King Herod heard of Jesus, the new king being born and thought that Jesus would take power from him. Because of this, he sent the three kings to find Jesus to tell them where he was. His plan was once they told him where Jesus was, he would go there and kill Jesus.

The three kings found the stable by following a large star in the sky and delivered gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. At this point in the nativity, Jesus was born. As they were going back to Herod they had a dream of danger and went to Egypt and waited for Herod to become less of a threat. Eventually Herod died and the three kings moved back to Israel.

**Congratulations KS1
for a fantastic nativity
play. Your singing,
acting and dancing
was amazing. We all
loved it!**



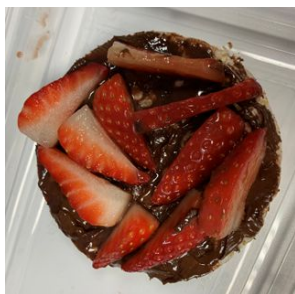
Christmas Recipes

'Snacksmacker' by Kesane (Year 5)

Ingredients: A ricecake, nutella spread and fruit

Cover your ricecake in nutella spread and then add a fruit topping of your choice.

(You couldn't get a more balanced snack - healthy with a treat!)



Red Velvet Cake by Sophia Redpath (Year 6)

Ingredients:

Sponge

340g of sunflower oil,
240g of buttermilk
2 large eggs
1tsp of vanilla extract
1Tbsp of white wine vinegar
Red food colouring
300g of caster sugar
300g of plain flour
20g of cocoa powder
1½ tsp of bicarbonate of soda
¼ tsp of fine sea salt

Icing

180g of icing sugar
250g of cream cheese
40g of unsalted butter (soft)
½ tsp vanilla extract

Prep time 25 mins Total time 1h 20 mins

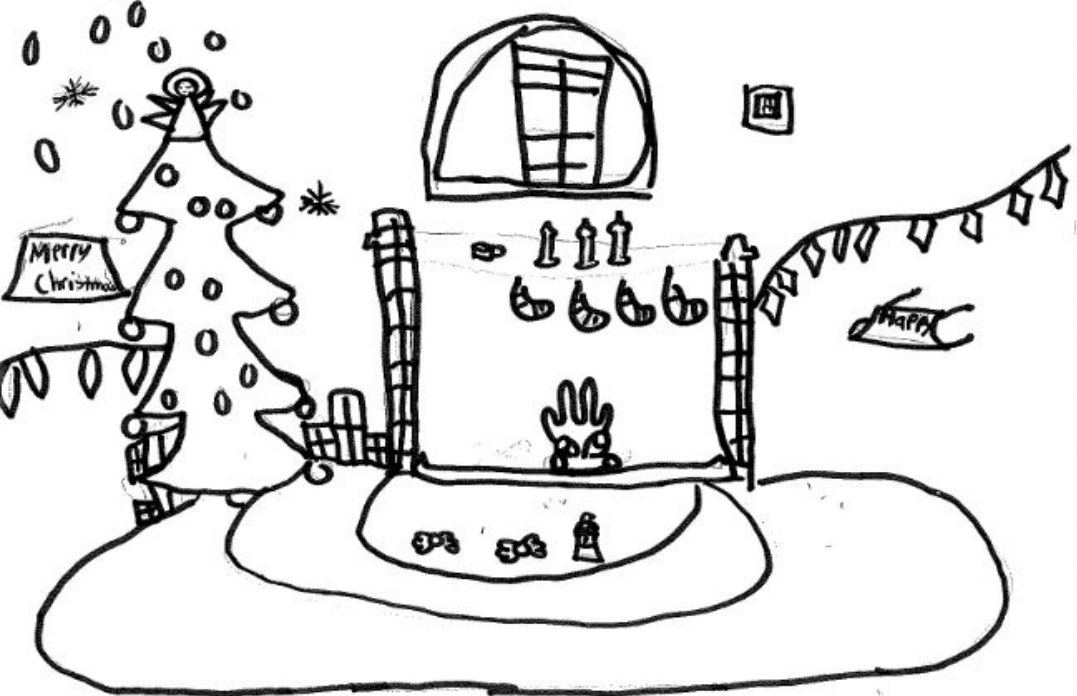
1. Preheat oven to 170 degrees centigrade. Grease and line bases of 2 loose-based cake tins (20cm) with baking paper.
2. Add your oil, buttermilk, eggs, vanilla extract, vinegar and food colouring into a large bowl and whisk until combined.
3. Add sugar, flour, cocoa powder and bicarbonate of soda and salt, mixing until smooth.
4. Divide evenly between prepared tins. Bake for 40-45 mins. Leave to cool for 10 mins before transferring to wire rack to cool completely.
5. Sieve the icing sugar into a clean mixing bowl. Then, add the cream cheese, butter, vanilla extract and mix well.
6. Once the sponges are cool, cut a thin layer of sponge off the top of one sponge and crumble it with your fingers into fine crumbs.
7. Spread a layer of the icing over the exposed sponge and the second on top. Ice the top and sides and then scatter the crumbs on the side and rim of the cake.
8. Transfer onto a serving plate and serve. Bon Appetit.



Spot the Difference



Can you spot all 12 differences?



by Kesane (Year 5)

HOW PRINCIPAL KRUPP STOLE CHRISTMAS

by Sophia R (Year 6)



He took all the trees and packed them away.



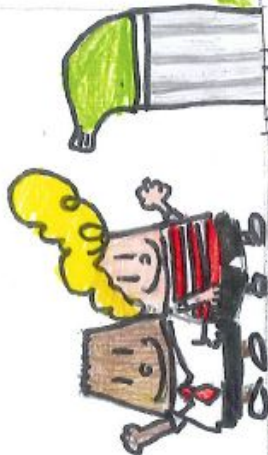
Then gathered all the presents and gave a sly grin



Before dragging his sack back to his sleigh.



Instead of helping the children's presents he threw them all in the bin.



At that moment George and Harold flew in to save the day.



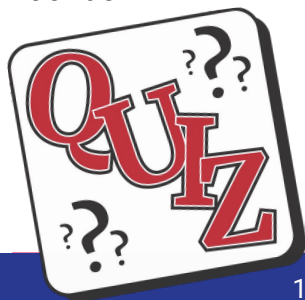
Then Santa gave back all the presents and said "HO, HO, HO!"

General Knowledge Quiz

(Be warned, it is tricky!)

By Hugo and Joshua (Year 4)

1. What was the first ever sport?
2. How many bones are in the human body? (adult)
3. What gifts did the 3 Kings give to baby Jesus?
4. What is the main gas in the earth's atmosphere?
5. How tall is the Eiffel tower?
6. What is the only sea without any coasts?
A) Sargasso B) South China Sea C) Antarctic Sea
7. What is the Fibonacci sequence?
A) 1,1,2,3,5,8,13 B) 5,10,15,20 C) 1,3,9,2,4,5
8. Which English word (verb), if turned upside down still looks like the same word?
9. Which popular children's author wrote the screenplay for "You Only Live Twice?"
A) David Walliams B) Roald Dahl C) M.G Leonard
10. What is the longest place name/word in Britain?
11. What is the most flammable gas in the periodic table?
A) Lithium B) Nitrogen C) Chlorine Trifluoride
12. How old is the Indus civilization?



Christmas word search

I	D	O	N	T	A	E	C	O	O	K	N	E	T
P	E	H	O	L	L	Y	S	N	R	A	T	S	D
W	C	Y	T	Y	E	K	R	U	T	E	R	N	N
M	O	R	P	E	I	J	I	N	S	M	A	Y	D
A	R	E	Y	S	E	E	S	N	O	W	M	A	N
R	A	E	T	T	T	N	E	V	D	A	I	K	S
Y	T	D	I	N	S	A	I	O	Y	T	N	V	A
P	I	N	V	E	R	T	N	S	M	I	I	H	T
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S	E	C	Y	T	K	K	J	N	K	Y	H	S	T
T	J	I	S	S	G	N	I	K	C	O	T	S	E

HOLLY
 NATIVITY
 ADVENT
 SANTA
 REINDEER
 TURKEY
 DECORATIONS
 JOSEPH
 STAR
 SNOWMAN
 MARY
 STOCKINGS
 CRACKERS
 PRESENTS
 JESUS



Christmas Colouring



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Colouring

by Paulina (Year 5)



Aldan Vulpix

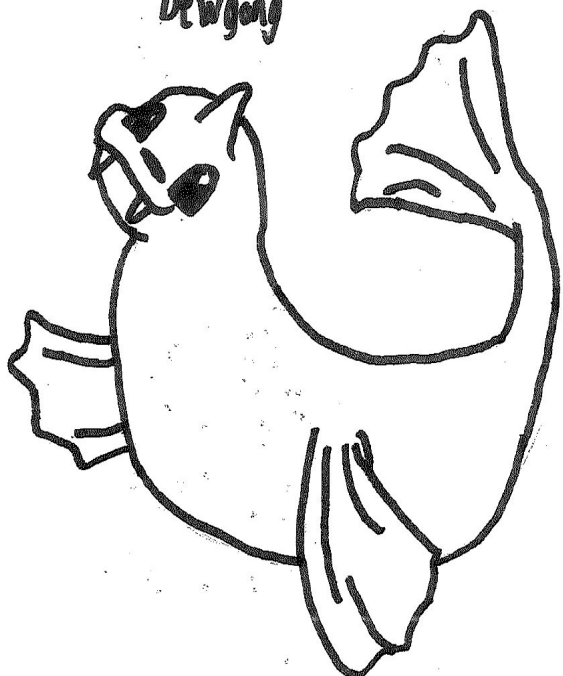


Weebull

Putiuni



Dewgong



Carbink

Dear God,

During this time,
when we prepare for the coming of Christ,
let us understand that Christmas is a time
for giving and not getting.

Christmas is about family and loving.

It is about the birth of Jesus,
not about how many presents you get.

Just remember, the best gift of all,
is the gift of Jesus

Amen

By Charlotte(Year 6)



Answers

Christmas Jokes

1. The Elf-abet
2. Because they always drop their needles
3. Frosties
4. Tinselitis
5. Chill!
6. Rudolf

Quiz

1. Wrestling
2. 206 bones
3. Gold, frankincense and myrrh
4. Nitrogen
5. 324 metres
6. Sargasso Sea
7. A) 1,1,2,3,5,8,13 ...
8. SWIMS
9. Roald Dahl
10. Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogogoch
11. C) 118
12. 8,000 years





From all of the Newspaper Team

