Midsomer Norton Primary School News



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Welcome to our brand new School Magazine!

In this issue:

Meet the teacher



Hallowe'en Recipes

Tips and Ideas

Hallowe'en Wordsearch

and lots more!

Why have a School Magazine?

Every Tuesday after school in Saturn classroom, a group of budding journalists have met and have produced what we hope is the fabulous first edition of MNPS News! We have all loved coming to Magazine Club but it isn't just about having loads of fun and eating biscuits; it has been really beneficial for us children too...a School Magazine and After School Club is something that really does tick so many boxes! Read on to find out why Mrs Josham decided to set it up ...

Mrs Josham told us, "The benefits of a school magazine are huge and wide-ranging: it has great educational value in reading and writing, showcases the talents of our amazing children and raises the profile of our wonderful school in the community. I hope that this venture will not only encourage our students to think and write (and so develop their creative and critical writing skills) but also increase their confidence and their speaking and listening skills, as well as their social and emotional skills. These are things that have been detrimentally affected by the Covid-19 pandemic with the lockdowns. School staff have noticed that many children are not very confident to speak out or come out of their comfort zones in any way. Also, a school magazine gives children a reason to write with a purpose and I hope the finished product will be something they, and the school, will be immensely proud of. Of course, reading will be improved for all but especially for the children who have written pieces as they are encouraged to reread and edit their work, something which is often rather tricky to do.

"The brainstorming for a publication name and logo in our first session was incredible! It really got the children using their imagination, thinking creatively and consider factors such as audience and practicability," Mrs Josham explained. "I can offer suggestions but, ultimately, everything is the children's decision. They voted on ideas for the magazine name and logo design democratically and the maturity they showed when their idea didn't win astounded me," she said. "The children have learned to work to deadlines and the implications of not working as part of a team and of not getting the task completed on time and how this affects others. This is an awesome group of journalists and they have enjoyed being given titles, such as Features Editor, Pictures Editor and Events Reporter, for example. I hope it has given them ownership of their roles and helped them to value the importance of what they are doing."

Mrs Josham told us that being a journalist is a responsible job. She said that we will be creating a source of information that readers will trust and may well use to form opinions and make judgements. We hope that by encouraging all us reporters to write in an unbiased way, reporting on the facts and giving more than one side to things,

it will enable the readers to take an informed view and make their own decisions.

But it's not all just fun...we've worked really hard too (and eaten a fair few biscuits)! We've learned how to set out newspaper reports, how to create different styles of attention-catching headlines to hook the reader so they want to read on, we've learned about writing in chronological order, using technical and interesting vocabulary, reporting quotes and direct and indirect speech as well as how to gather information and sum up in a conclusion. Photography talents have been used and our speaking and listening skills have definitely improved as we have had to interview lots of people which has also increased our confidence and questioning and listening skills.

Olivia from Earth class told us, "Before we interviewed Mrs Mitchell, I was nervous; I didn't know if she'd want to rush us, but I found her really easy to talk to and it was fun." Maisie, also from Earth class, added, "Me and Harrison interviewed the Equalities Team. Because I'm in it, I didn't feel nervous and I knew all about it so could tell him lots." Harrison from the same class confirmed this. "I didn't feel any worry," he said confidently. Isaac from Mercury class said that when he and Olivia went around to the staff with the ipad to take photographs of their hair that "...they were really fun and most of them wanted to see their picture before we left!"

We hope you enjoy reading this magazine as much as we have enjoyed producing it. If you have any questions about anything, please come and talk to us.

Autumn Term MNPS News Journalists



FET MORE SLEEP

Turn off all screens at least 1-2 hours before bed.

Get to bed and wake up at the same time each day.

Spend time outdoors: Natural sunlight during the day helps you to sleep better at night.

Set up a relaxing bedtime routine; shower, brush your teeth, read a book, listen to calming music, count slowly in your head, do breathing exercises.



EXCUSE ME!

Europe who?

Europe ME!

(you're a poo)
Sophie (Earth)



What is a duck's favourite part of a story?
The introducksion!

Luca (Neptune)

What did the man cut the sea in half with?

A sea-saw!

Luca (Neptune)





Why did the strawberry get so flustered?

Because his friends were in a jam!

Luca (Neptune)



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal will be selling rulers, erasers, pencils, etc, as well as poppies, of course, in school after Half Term. As in previous years, there will be a suggested/expected donation for items.

This is a very worthwhile national charity which has been running for 100 years this year. All the money raised goes to help veterans and their families.

Let's try to be the school that raises the most locally!





Midsomer Norton and Radstock Branch

FOREST THINGS IN MEMORY OF MRS MEADE

By Rosie (Jupiter) and Hollie (Mercury)

In May of this year, our much loved Mrs Meade passed away suddenly. We all miss her very much and now, thanks to Ms Biss setting up a Memorial Fund to which people so generously donated in Mrs Meade's memory, we have something to remind us of her every single day! We interviewed Ms Biss about her idea...

Ms Biss told us, "As Mrs Meade was our Forest School Leader, and loved the outside areas so much, I thought it would be a good idea to choose her favourite animal to remind us of her...she loved hedgehogs especially! Mrs Meade also loved owls, which stood for Outside with Learning. The mushrooms are just lovely and make perfect little seats to sit on, enjoy the forest and remember Mrs Meade. I thought the children would like all these items and enjoy using them."

We hope you all agree, the new things are a beautiful reminder of Mrs Meade and we can think of her every time we go up there. They are in keeping with the lovely wooden bench which was so generously donated by Josh's parents (Josh in Jupiter).

Below are pictures of the carved wooden owl, hedgehog and mushroom seat (kindly modelled by Isaac) together with a photograph of our beloved Mrs Meade.











Fancy a film?



You don't have to travel into Bath, Bristol or Trowbridge to visit the cinema...we have one right here on our doorstep in Midsomer Norton at the Town Hall. Surround sound, comfy seats, the refreshments are cheaper than in the cinemas in town and there are no parking charges! What's not to like?

> The Community Cinema finally returns this month after an 18-month hiatus! Tickets are still just £5 for adults, £3 for children and £12 for families (2 adults, 1 or 2 children). These screenings will again take advantage of the HD big screen set up, Surround Sound System with refreshments ranging from popcorn and ice cream to drinks from the fully licenced Sarah Ann Bar.

www.midsomernortoncommunitytrust.co.uk

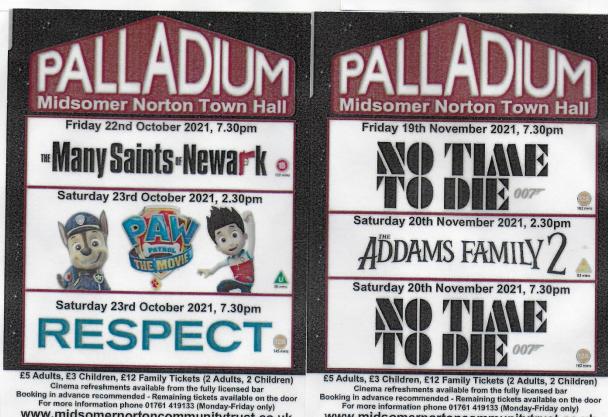
THE SPERRING CHARITY

After such a long break - and with new releases relatively scarce after the lockdowns -we are initially bringing the cinema back for one weekend a month with a return to two weekends a month in the new year.

Wherever possible the Community Trust ask that advanced bookings are made online - these can be done 24 hours 7 days a week at www.midsomernortoncommunitytru st.co.uk/cinema or www.ticketsource.co.uk/mnct

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THE SPERRING CHARITY



Reading Recommendation pictures. It haves us giggle when miss sexthour how

Our Lavourite book with he had he h There isn't a picture to go with this because it's the Book With No Pictures! to say Silly words: written by Harry Selway (year 2)



Have you ever heard of the phrase "A problem shared is a problem halved"?

Are you worried about something?

Would you like to talk things through or maybe get some advice?

> out Request for a chat Slip, pop

it in the box outside the Milky Way room and then Mrs Josham will arrange to have a chat with you.

Don't bottle things up...there is always a trusted adult in school you can talk to who can help!



Knock knock! Who's there?

Banana. Banana who?

Knock knock! Who's there?

Banana.

Banana who? Knock knock!

Who's there?

Orange.

Orange who?

Orange you glad I didn't say banana?

Olivia (Earth)



Community Van Gogh Starry Night display

By Sophie, Earth Class

On the 28th of September 2021, the start of a community Starry Night display took place at Midsomer Norton Primary School. Parents came to help students craft the amazing artist's best piece of work in his memory.

In year 5 & 6 the students did the houses at the bottom right of the piece. While in 3 & 4 they did trees and the sky. And in year 1&2 they did stars and a group did some more of the sky.

5&6

In year 5&6 they came in from lunch to find pieces of coloured card and arts and crafts pieces like pipe cleaners, buttons and lollipop sticks. With picture of houses for inspiration, they had to be collage and all different varies bright colours, as the houses in the painting are the light source.

1&2

In year 1&2 they cut out the stars using silver shiny card, and painted paper plates as loads of bright colours like green, yellow, blue and many others.

3&4

In year 3&4 they used pastel crayons to create the sky and trees. They used colours like brown, green, orange, blue and purple. Kai Teall - a year 4 – said "Yeah, it was fun, especially the tree, and I loved that my dad came and helped!" Thanks to him for giving us his say!





I belong to you but your friends use me more. What am 1?
Your name!

Rosie (Jupiter)

Harvest Festival 2021

By Sophie - Earth

On Monday 4th of October, MNPS did the yearly Harvest Festival after two years! We did Cauliflowers fluffy in singing assembly for recap and it was so much fun!

The festival started off with a year four young girl called Rosie Dobson introducing the festival. She did amazingly well and we are all very proud of her! Well done to her. After we sang I'm going to sing. Then we continued with some poems from both key stages and many years. Cauliflowers fluffy then came into the church and we sang along to the wonderful piano playing of Mrs Cook. Then more poems, and to top it off we sang Cauliflowers fluffy once again because there was no better way to end the festival.

We watched a video telling the parents all about harvest and why we have the festival. The students hadn't seen it yet so they also enjoyed it with them!



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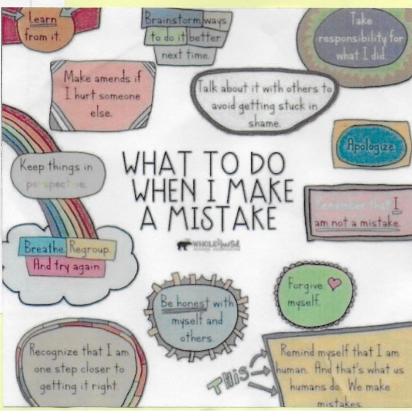
Knock knock!
Who's there?
Doctor.
Doctor who?
You just said it!
Max McCormick (Jupiter)

Awesome Art!

We love this amazing drawing by Maddie Moore from Earth.



BUILDING A GROWTH MINDSET WholeHearted School Counseling ☐ LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES ☐ FOCUS ON YOUR EFFORT, NOT ON THE END RESULT. REMEMBER THAT PRACTICE MAKES PROGRESS ☐ LOOK FOR WAYS TO IMPROVE. ☐ EMBRACE IMPERFECTION AND CREATIVITY SET GOALS THAT ARE SPECIFIC AND DOABLE. TRY A DIFFERENT STRATEGY IF THE FIRST ONE ISN'T WORKING VIEW CHALLENGES AS OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW



The answers can be found inside the cover!

Guess The Hair Challenge?

By Isaac (Mercury) and Olivia (Earth) Can you guess what members of staff the hair belongs to? If you're up for the challenge get started on these members of staff!









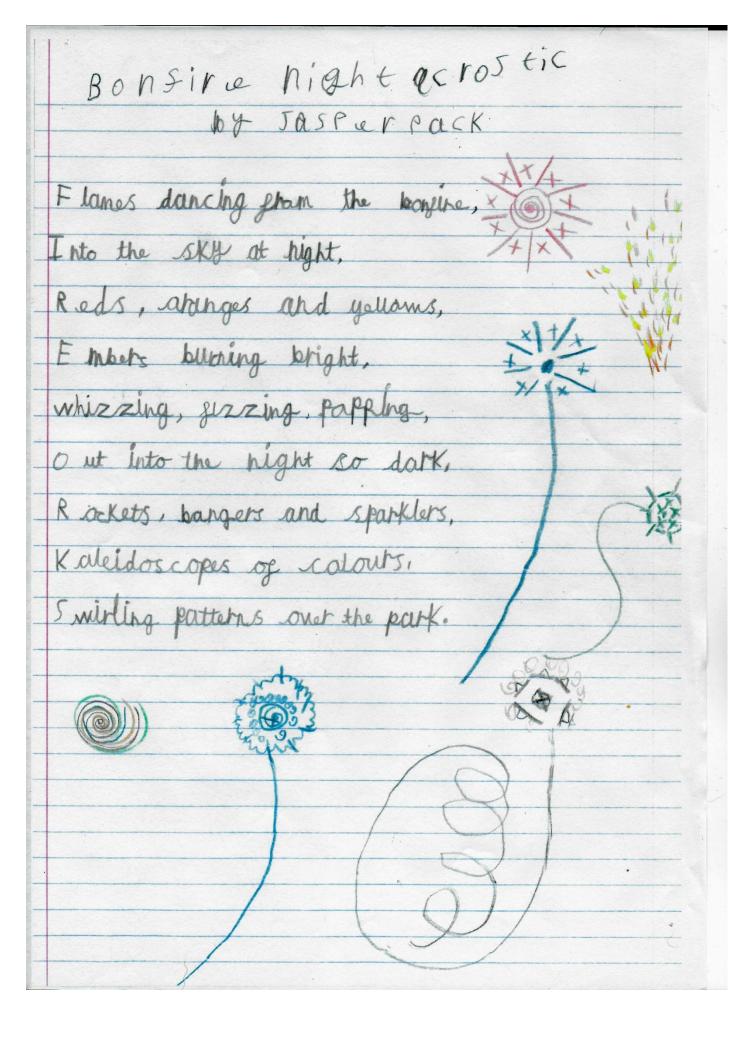






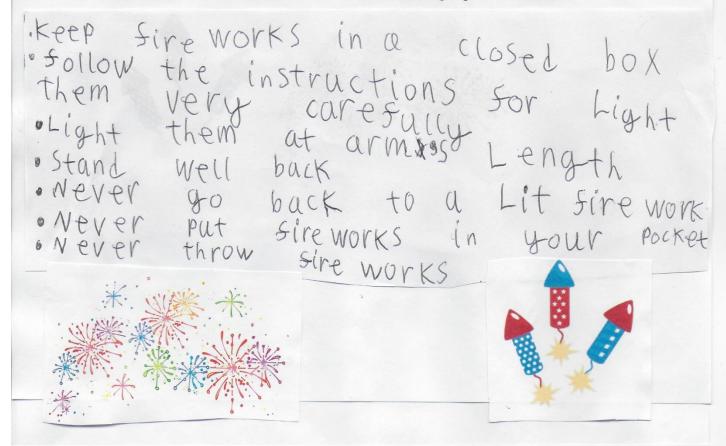






Fabulous Fun Fireworks

Hollie Smith from Mercury has gathered points to remember from The Firework Code. If you are having fireworks this year, please follow the code and stay safe. Follow these instructions to make sure your bonfire night goes with a BANG!



The Equalities Team

By Harrison Foulger

This is what the Equalities Team have been up to so far ...

- *They have done a Power Point presentation of what equality means and presented it in an assembly.
- * They will make sure everyone has equal rights.
- * They said during the Power Point that they would do everything in their power to bring bullying to an end.
- * Some members volunteered to be anti-bullying ambassadors.

Meet the Teacher

In this issue, we interview Mrs Mitchell, the new parttime teacher in Jupiter class.

Teacher's Name: Mrs Jessica Mitchell.

Where were you born? Bath, so not far away.

Where did you go to university? Southampton.

Where do you live now? Mells, a small village near Frome.

Do you have any children? Yes, one little boy called Dylan. He's 2 years old.

Do you have any brothers and/or sisters? I have 2 younger brothers.

What did you want to do for a job when you were growing up? I wanted to become a TV presenter.

Where is your favourite holiday destination? France.

What is your favourite food? Sushi (that's raw fish, popular in Japan and China).

What is your favourite music/band? The Spice Girls.

What is your favourite book and who is your favourite author? My favourite book is The Day The Crayons Quit by author Oliver Jeffers.

What is your favourite subject to teach and why? Maths because it's really important for life.

What is your least favourite subject to teach and why? Geography - I just don't like it!

Do you have any hobbies? I love paddle boarding, walking my dog and eating cake!

Do you have any pets? I have a dog, a Cavapoo called Monty. (A Cavapoo is a cross between a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and a Poodle.)

Which is your favourite season and why? Autumn because it's not too hot and not too cold.

Which is your favourite: tea or coffee? I drink around 5 cups of Earl Grey tea a day.

Do you have a special skill, for example juggling or being able to recite the alphabet backwards really quickly? I can read a book and finish it in a day!

Have you ever met a famous person and if so, who? I've met loads of celebrities: lots of members of boy bands, the singer Rhianna and Boris Johnson, the Prime Minister.

Tell us a Wow fact about yourself...have you ever broken a World Record or you are related to a pop star, for instance? I used to work in fashion and have also met Queen Elizabeth II's granddaughter, Princess Eugenie, Paris Saint-Germain and Brazilian footballer, Neymar da Silva Santos Junior and Nicole Scherzinger!

Wow! We hope you don't find working in Midsomer Norton Primary School too boring after that!

Who will feature in the next issue? You'll have to wait to find out!







By Isaac (Mercury) and Olivia (Earth)

Why did the box want to get taller?

Because it was a toolbox!

Kalen (Neptune)







Every year, millions and millions of crisp packets end up in landfill sites across the UK (as well as littering our beautiful countryside and polluting our waters). Our school wants to put an end to this enormous waste and we ask that any clean and empty crisp packets of any brand, as well as the outside wrapper of multipacks, are added to the box by Lost Property (close to Ms Biss and Mr Randell's offices).

Please keep them flat and do not fold them or scrunch them up! Thank you.









Meghan's mother has children: April, May. June and who else? Meghan!



Sophie (Earth) At last, a joke from Sophie not about poo!

Knock Knock! Who's there? Dunup. Dunup who? Yuck!

(done a poo)

Sophie

(Earth)

We think Sophie thinks about poo too much!







Writing Instruments are simple tools that we use on a daily basis, whether at home, school or work. Thanks to ${\tt BIC}{@},$ it is now easy to recycle them and help to protect the environment. Our school wants to be involved and pledges not to throw dried up felt tips and writing pens in the bin again!

You can bring in any old pens/felt tips/highlighters, etc, from home too...why not ask your parents/carers and other family members to let you have theirs from home and work?

Together we can help to put an end to this enormous waste by putting them in the box by Lost Property (close to Ms Biss and Mr Randell's offices).

RECYCLE YOUR



Thank you!



RECYCLE YOUR PENS HERE

HALLOWEEN HUNT

CAN YOU FIND ALL THE HALLOWEEN PICTURES?



IN THE FOREST - STARTING MONDAY 18TH OCTOBER
(PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THE PICTURES)



Why did the cow cross the BEGAUSE it wanted to go to Kalen (Neptune)



What did the egg say to the frying pan?
Omelette that one slide-you go fry something else!

Maisie Dezis (Earth)

What do you call two bank robbers?

By Kyle (Earth)

A pair of nickers!



Why did the octobus blush?

Decause he he sea!

Decause propriet.



What do you call a 3-legged donkey?
I don't know, what do you call a 3-legged donkey?
A wonky!

Mrs Josham

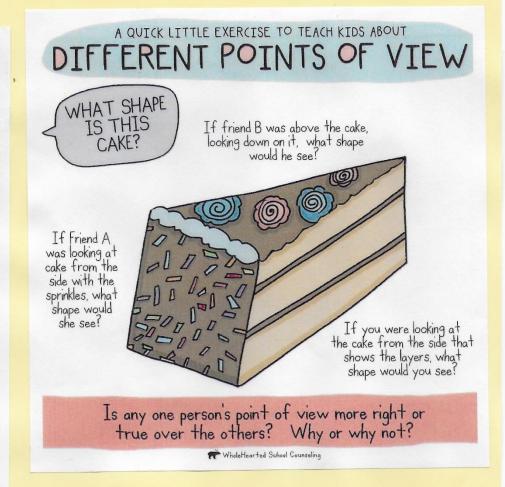


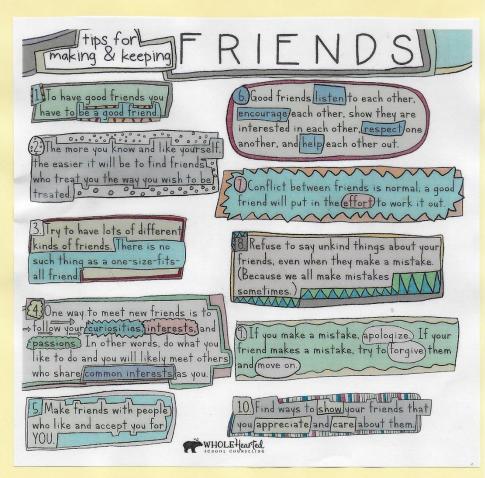
We want all our children to be safe online. If you need any tips or advice on how

Be Safe Online

swgfl.org.uk/products-services/online-safety/resources to be safe online, check out the links below:

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These are a few of our favourite things!



Some of the lovely children in Pluto class have been telling us their favourite things about school...

Harry says his favourite thing is doing English, science and phonics.

Isabella tells us that her favourite things about school are music, reading, writing, Fridays and learning all about the Great Fire of London.

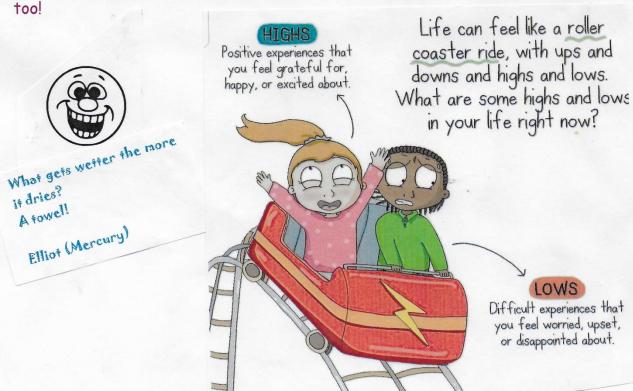
Aston just likes being in Pluto class!

Alba loves doing art, Greenie Time and eating fish fingers! Yum yum!

Myla Rose's favourite thing about school is playing with her friends!

Isla also likes fish fingers and Greenie Time as well as Friday's Gold Awards.

But the one that made us chuckle was from **Bella**, who says her favourite things about school are Friday, Thursday, Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday! We certainly agree with you Bella - our favourite thing about school is Saturday and Sunday





Citizenship Award



By Rosie M (Jupiter) and Hollie S (Mercury)

Do you think the Head Teacher's Award is getting old now? Do you think a new certificate might be more appropriate? Well, the new Citizenship Award has got your back - read on to find out more:

We interviewed Mr Randell the other day about the new Citizenship Award that he mentioned at the beginning of this school year. Rosie the dog was in his office and also gave us an excellent quote!

We asked Mr Randell, "Why did you chose to have a new certificate?" He replied, "The teacher's choose the current Head Teacher's Awards each week, so it makes sense for them to become Teacher's Awards. This means we can then have a really special certificate which will be given for a worthy reason. If this was given every week, it wouldn't be so special, so it will be awarded less often."

"Can you tell us which certificate you prefer and why?" Rosie asked Mr Randell. "Both are important, but they will do different things." he told us. "The Teacher's Awards will be for really impressive learning and the Citizenship Award will recognise something that makes a positive contribution to our community or society."

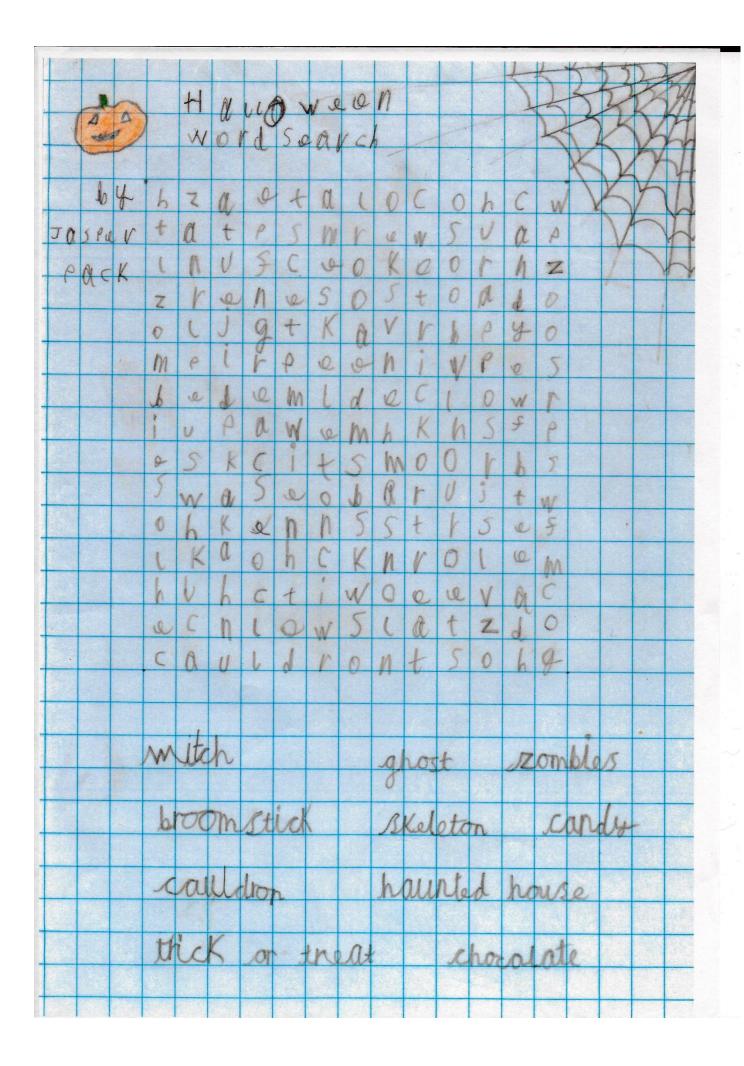
Hollie asked, "Do you think there will ever be a new update of certificates again?" "We hope not...but watch out for the Trust's Citizenship and Character Award Passport!" Mr Randell added. We wonder what he means? No doubt we will find out in due course.

"Woof", added Rosie the dog enthusiastically with her tail wagging!





Photographs of our Head Teacher, Mr Alun Randell, and his dog, Rosie.



Autumn Outdoor Treasure Hunt

Explore outside, and tick off how many of these items you can find!







Something bumpy



O Something round





Something you see at Halloweer



Something that smells nice

Something green







Something hard











Something that crunches





Treasure Hunt Indoor

Explore inside and tick off how many of these items you can find

















Something red

Something that has numbers

0









Something that plays music

Something you can tie









Something with a star on it



A Hallowe'en Recipe - that will scare your fangs out!

Sponge Hallowe'en Cake

Ingredients Cake Mixture Ingredients

6 oz of Caster Sugar

6 oz of Self-Raising Flour

6 oz of Butter

3 eggs

A splash of Vanilla Extract

2 teaspoons of Baking Powder

Icing Ingredients

2 tablespoons of Butter

5 tips of the Icing Sugar





Method

Step 1- Preheat the oven to 180C so the oven is nice and warm for the cake to go into;

Step 2- Weigh the butter out on some scales and put it into a large mixing bowl then weigh out the sugar and add to the bowl;

Step 3- Mix the cake mixture together and the crack the 3 eggs and whisk;

Step 4- Add the eggs into the bowl and use a whisk until it is nice and the butter has broken into small little bits;

Step 5- Weigh out the flour and add a quarter of the flour and add to the mix and mix with a wooden spoon and then add the rest of the flour and mix until fluffy;

Step 6- Add the 2 teaspoons of baking powder and mix in to make it rise;

Step 7- Line the baking tray with some tin foil or baking paper and add the mix;

Step 8- Put the mixture in the baking tray for 20 minutes;

Step 9- Pour 5 tips of Icing Sugar into a bowl;

Step 10- Add the 2 tablespoons of butter into the bowl and mix until it thickens;

Step 11- Then add some Purple Food Colouring to the Icing and mix it in until it goes a nice purple colour;

Step 12- Then take out your cake and leave to cool;

Step 13- Once cooled grab the icing and fill in the middle of the cake with that icing and jam- which could be the blood- and then put on the other layer and put the icing on the top

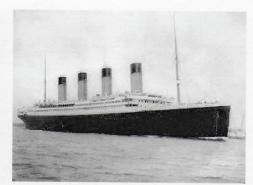
Step 14- Grab some Orange Fondant and make any Hallowe'en things you want e.g. pumpkins.

I hope you enjoy this recipe!

Written By Maisie Dezis - Cookery Editor - Earth Class







10 Titanic facts

- 1. The RMS Titanic had four funnels but the back one was fake, and used as a vent for the kitchen!
- 2. If you were to explore every part of the RMS Titanic it would take at least a week!
- 3. The 700 third class passengers on the RMS Titanic all had to share just two bathtubs!
- 4. The wreckage of the RMS Titanic was found by Robert Ballard in 1985
- 5. The only ship to come to the rescue of the RMS Titanic was called the Carpathia
- 6. RMS Titanic have a swimming pool on board
- 7. The 1997 movie called Titanic is the most famous movie based on the great ship.
- 8. The RMS Titanic lines 2.5 miles below the surface of the Atlantic Ocean
- 9. First class passengers had two elevators, second class passengers had one, and third class passengers didn't have any!
- 10. Titanic had nine dogs two hens and one yellow canary on board when it sunk. Two dogs and the canary survived!

By Stanley Pack - Mercury year 6

Answers to the staff Guess the Hair Challenge

A = Ms Biss B = Mrs Grice C = Sadie Rawlings D = Nikki Edgell E = Miss Seymour F = Miss Dodington G = Mrs Buffham H = Mr Randell I = Mrs Josham

We hope you enjoyed reading the first issue of MNPS News as much as we enjoyed producing it.

Have a happy and safe Half Term, Hallowe'en and Bonfire celebrations!





What do you want to see in the next issue of MNPS News?

Please don't forget, you can place any jokes, riddles, ideas, short stories, pictures, recipes, anything really into the box in the library.

The next issue will be out just before Christmas!



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