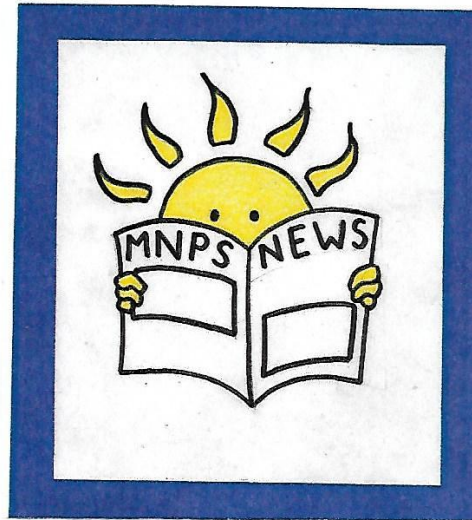


# Midsomer Norton Primary School News

Issue 2

Autumn Term/Term 2/2021



## Welcome to our School Magazine!

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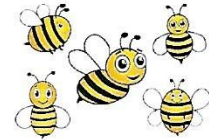
**THE VOTE IS IN...OUR FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS FILM!**

*Christmas Wordsearch*

and lots more!



## Beehive Butt!



Mrs Edgell and her Tuesday and Thursday Gardening Club recently entered a competition run by Bristol Water where they had to decorate a water butt in the hope of winning £150 of book tokens!

This Autumn, Bristol Water ran a competition for primary schools to become more sustainable and have a bunch of fun at the same time. The competition was open to all primary schools in the Bristol Water region. Each school was given a free water butt kit to install in their school and, by decorating the water butt, might they just win some book vouchers.

The Gardening Club had the idea of turning their water butt into a beehive and had fun decorating it by painting bumble bees, butterflies and flowers on it. Some children made bumble bees out of pine cones and pipe cleaners, others

made 3D flowers from pipe cleaners and foam shapes and other children painted beautiful coloured flowers and insects!

Bristol Water voted on photographs of all the entries and their favourite won £150 of book vouchers and a special certificate. There were also 2 runners up prizes to be won and those schools received a £50 voucher.

Before the vote took place, everyone in Gardening Club had their fingers crossed that our school would win, but the children agreed that it didn't matter either way because they've had fun taking part. What a super attitude!



Above are photographs of the finished water butt; The Beehive Butt.

## Armistice Day

Mr Randell took the Champions for Change and the Equalities Team children down to the War Memorial in the High Street ready for a short service of Remembrance at 11am on Thursday 11th November 2021.

The short service was conducted by Reverend Balliston-Thicke consisting of a reading, a prayer and a two minute silence.

A member of the public, June Light, made the comment on a Facebook site that she had a lump in her throat as she was standing at the side of the school children, and added that they looked fantastic and it was lovely to see them.

Some of us laid little wooden crosses with poppies on that Mrs Josham's mum kindly gave us at the Memorial and the public audience clapped us when we did this which was a nice surprise!

By Olivia Merko (Earth) and Alyssa Thomas (Mercury)

Photos of the Champions and Equalities Team on Armistice Day



### **NEWS JUST IN!**

The Midsomer Norton Branch of the Royal British Legion have just told us that Midsomer Norton Primary School children, families and staff raised a whopping £333.13 for their annual Poppy Appeal by selling paper poppies, rulers, pencils, bracelets and the hugely popular slap bands! Thank you to everyone who supported this amazing charity!



## For The Fallen

By Laurence Binyon



They shall not grow old, as we that are left to grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the  
years condemn  
At the going down of the Sun and in  
the morning  
We will remember them.



Olivia Merko (Earth) Alyssa Thomas (Mercury)



## Did you know?

The leaves on the poppies that used to be sold at lunch times in the library should point to eleven o'clock because World War One ended at eleven o'clock on the eleventh day of the eleventh month (11th November) 1918.



# **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

By Callum Rossiter, Maisie Dezis and Bella Bush (Earth)

In October, we celebrated Black History Month. The whole school has been looking at different, important, black people who have impacted history.

## **Years One and Two: Rosa Parks**

Rosa Parks was an important figure - she was an African-American civil-rights activist who stood up to racism. She was very brave and knew the possible consequences of her actions but did she know her one act changed the whole world? She did not give up her seat for a white woman on a bus when white people and black people were segregated, so the bus driver stopped the bus and the police arrested her. She was arrested again for her role in the bus boycott that followed. She was forced to move from Montgomery, where this took place, because she received threatening phone calls and death threats and so she moved to Detroit. She was the woman who inspired thousands of people to change their ways and they commanded her to be released from jail and to be free once again and together they helped to end apartheid, segregation and went a long way to tackle racism.



## **Years Three and Four: Harriet Tubman and Simone Biles**

### **Harriet Tubman**



Harriet Tubman was born in March 1822 and died at the age of 91 on the 10th of March 1913. She was born into slavery and escaped in her late twenties using an underground railroad. Using this railroad, she then went on to free around 300 other slaves the same way. Harriet Tubman was buried with military honors.

### **Simone Biles**

Simone Biles is the most decorated American gymnast, with more than two dozen Olympic and



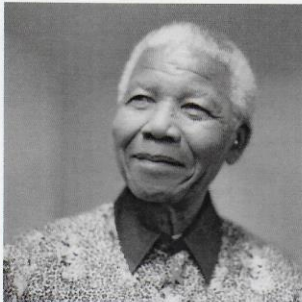
World Championship medals to her name. She was born on the 14th of March 1997.

Among other achievements, Simone Biles was the first black woman to win the Artistic Gymnastics World Championships and has won this five times. In the 2018 World Championships, Biles even won gold whilst also suffering from kidney stones.

### Years Five and Six: Nelson Mandela and Michelle Obama

#### Nelson Mandela

Nelson Mandela was the president of South Africa from 1994-1999. He was the first black president of South Africa, and the first president to be elected in a fully representative election. Nelson Mandela's government focused on destroying the Apartheid government in the country, which had enforced racial segregation. In school, Mandela studied law and became one of South Africa's first black lawyers. In the 1950s, he was elected leader of the youth wing of the African National Congress (ANC) liberation movement. When the government prohibited the ANC for racial reasons, Mandela was jailed from 1962-1990 and then became President just four years later.



#### Michelle Obama

After earning her J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1988, Michelle joined the Chicago office of the law firm Sidley Austin as a junior associate specializing in marketing and intellectual property. Assigned to mentor a summer intern named Barack Obama, she deflected his initial romantic advancements before they began dating.



Michelle Obama became the first lady of America from 2009-2017 and was the first African-American to do this. As first lady, she got involved in supporting many causes such as promoting healthy eating amongst children and supporting military families.

That is it, you have now seen what the whole school studied for Black History Month. We hope you enjoyed learning about who you studied.



## Meet the Member of Staff

Interviewed by Daisy (Jupiter) and Isabella (Mercury)

This time, our new HLTA Mrs Knightly takes the hot seat.

Adult's Name: *Michele Knightly.*

Where were you born? *Lyndhurst in the New Forest, Hampshire.*

Where did you go to university (or secondary school)? *Stirling, Sussex and Durham Universities.*

Where do you live now? *Mere in Wiltshire.*

Do you have any children? *Yes, 2 grown-up sons.*



Do you have any brothers and/or sisters? *I have 3 sisters, 3 brothers and 3 step-sisters.*

What did you want to do for a job when you were growing up? *I had no idea...probably work for a charity.*

Where is your favourite holiday destination? *Costa Rica, Central America.*

What is your favourite food? *Cheese or noodles.*

What is your favourite music/band? *Arlo Parks.*



What is your favourite book and who is your favourite author? *My favourite authors are Maggie O'Farrell and JRR Tolkien.*

What is your favourite subject to teach and why? *English, reading and science.*

What is your least favourite subject to teach and why? *I don't have one - I love teaching all subjects!*

Do you have any hobbies? *Art, reading and cooking.*



What do you do to relax? *Watch a good film or walk the dogs.*

# SPRING

Do you have any pets? *Yes, 2 Golden Retrievers.*

Which is your favourite season and why? *I love the spring because I like to see things grow.*



Which is your favourite: tea or coffee? *Tea...PG Tips!*

What super power would you like to have and why? *I'd like to be able to run really fast because I love running.*

What would you do with £1,000,000? *I'd definitely travel, give some money away and help people.*

Do you have a special skill, for example juggling or being able to recite the alphabet backwards really quickly? *I have, in the past, learnt 6 different languages (although I'm not so good at them now)!*

What 3 things would you take with you if you had to go and live on a desert island? *A pen knife, a fire stick and desalinator (a product to remove the salt and impurities from sea water so it can be used for drinking water).*

Have you ever met a famous person and if so, who? *No.*

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 have lived in 6 different countries and my favourite animal is the horse.*



Thank you Mrs Knightly.

Who will feature in the next issue? Find out in Term 3.

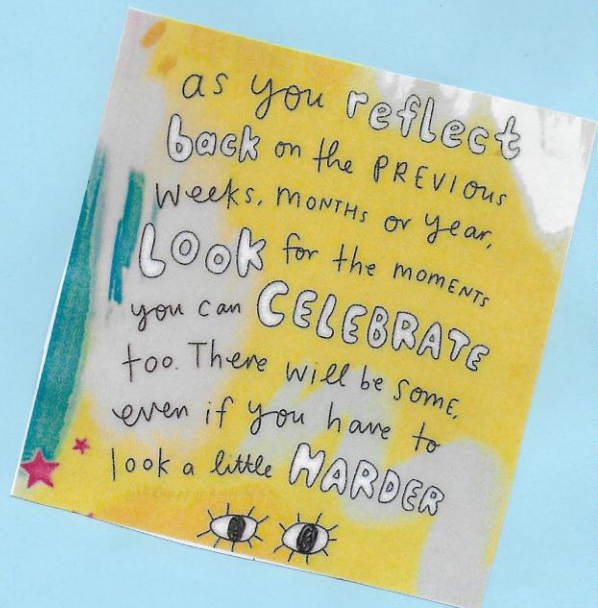
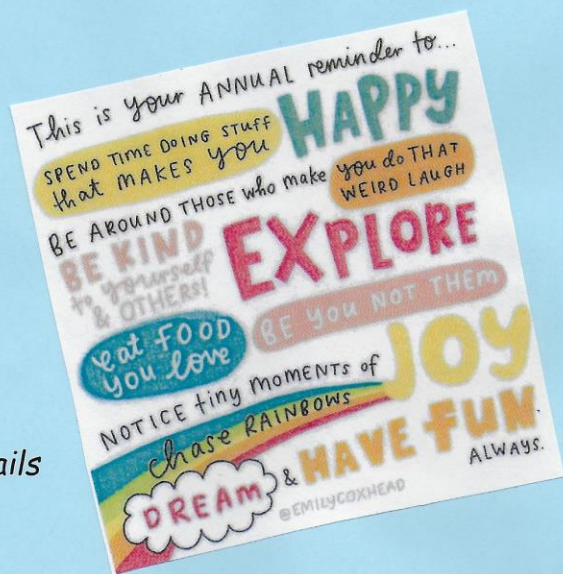


# Staff New Year Resolutions

by Daisy Collins (Jupiter) and Ffion Gunton (Uranus)

It's long been a tradition to make a resolution at the start of a new year - a promise to do, or not to do, something. Below are Midsomer Norton Primary School's staff New Year Resolutions...we wonder how long they can keep them up?

Mrs Grice	To get fitter
Tina Smith	To eat healthier
Nikki Edgell	To recycle more
Miss Seymour	To get more sleep
Mrs Buffham	To eat less cake
Mrs Veale	To be healthier
Mrs Josham	To stop biting her nails
Mrs Hamilton	To get more sleep
Mrs Ross	To eat less biscuits
Miss Hardisty	To go surfing
Mrs Wilson	To crochet a blanket
Mrs Knightly	To do yoga daily
Emma Harvey	To get more exercise
Mrs Lowe	To use her car less
Miss Lockyear	To get more exercise
Mrs Cook	To join a choir
Katie Stokes	To eat less chocolate
Mrs Mann	To learn to say "No!"
Mr Randell	To be good!



- Katie Cross      *To eat more crisps!*
- Daisy Nicholls      *To walk or run 10 miles a week*
- Ms Biss      *To write a children's book*
- Mrs Cox      *To check on neighbours more*
- Miss Derrick      *To stop drinking so many fizzy drinks*
- Mrs Stuart      *To spend more time outdoors*
- Mrs Reynolds      *To do more outdoor activities*
- Mrs Forster      *To run 3 times a week (in training for the Bath Half Marathon)*
- Sherri Rogerson      *To stop saying cheeky things!*
- Mrs Pyatt      *To play more games with her family*
- Mrs Mitchell      *To read 25 books over the coming year*
- Miss Farnham      *To be kinder to herself*
- Sadie Rawlings      *To have more time for herself*
- Miss Dodington      *To go on more bike rides*
- Mrs Lake      *To get more exercise (especially swimming)*
- Tash Presley      *To go on more days out with her family*
- Rosie the dog      *To never roll in fox poo again!*

The million dollar question...will they stick to them, we wonder?

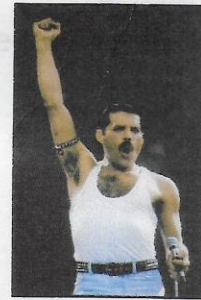
What are your New Year Resolutions. Do you think you can keep them?

November 24<sup>th</sup> 2021 saw the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Freddie Mercury, arguably the greatest ever singer, song writer and performer this world has ever seen.

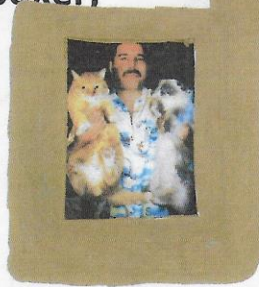


# 10 facts about Freddie Mercury

By Sophie Maine – Earth Class



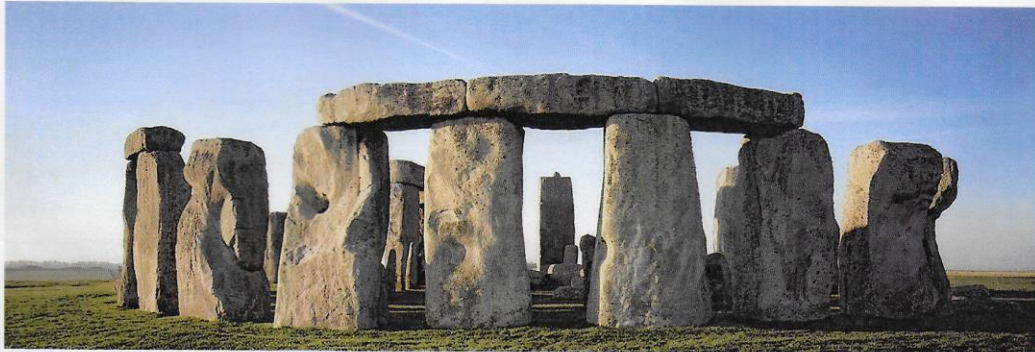
- Freddie was born in Zanzibar, he went to boarding school in India, then fled to England.
- His birth name was Farrokh Bulsara.
- Freddie initially joined a band called Smile with Roger Taylor and Brian May, after John Deacon joined as bass player he changed the name to Queen, because he thought it was outrageous like him.
- Freddie had four extra teeth, which gave him a wider range (almost four octaves)
- He was a major stamp collector.
- Freddie loved cats, he had many throughout his life.
- Freddie was known for partying like there was no tomorrow
- He loved his scrabble, he was really competitive.
- Freddie loved opera and ballet!
- Freddie was a brilliant boxer,



# Year 3 and 4 Trip to Stonehenge

By Elle Hudson and Ffion Gunton

1. We went on Monday 8th November 2021.
2. The weather was cloudy.
3. We went on a coach and it took an hour to get there.
4. Stone Henge was built in around 2,500 BC in the late Neolithic period.
5. We went into Stone Age huts and houses.
6. The stones at Stonehenge were very heavy to push on huge logs that acted like rollers.
7. The stones came from Wales.
8. The stones were grey and one of the stones looked like wood.
9. We sat on a bench for our lunch.
10. We walked...a lot!



Text **YM** to **85258** for free mental health crisis support, any time of the day.

**YOUNG MINDS** Crisis Messenger powered by **shout**



What did the female flower say to the male mushroom?  
You're a fungi (fun guy)!

Olivia (Mercury)

The Moon orbits the Earth; this takes 29.5 days.

Our Moon is called Lunar, but other planets have moons with different names.

A few weeks ago, we had a Lunar eclipse across the world although the UK didn't get to see it as it was at 10:47 meaning it was already light and we couldn't see it.

The Moon is gradually getting further away – every single year the Moon moves about four centimeters further out. This is because there is a small amount of friction between Earth and the tides, slowing our planet's rotation. As Earth's spin slows, the moon is creeping away.

There is almost no atmosphere on the Moon, which means it cannot trap heat or insulate the surface.

The moon has different phases while orbiting round the Earth because of the way the sun shines on it and our point of view.

## Facts About The Moon

The Moon is one of the most recognizable objects in the solar system. This proximity to Earth has given it immeasurable cultural significance and means it plays a key role in the Earth's tides.

by Olivia Merko  
(Earth)



The gravitational pull of the moon causes the water on the nearest side of the Earth to the bulge outwards, resulting in a high tide. Curiously, it also causes the water on the other side of earth to bulge outwards

## Equalities Team

In the Equalities Team we planned Anti-Bullying week which was on the week beginning Monday the 15th November. We also planned for an Odd Socks day which meant (not everyone) but we hope most people wore Odd Socks and donated £1 for Odd Socks Day. We also planned a Be Yourself Day which was on Friday the 19th November and meant that you came into school in your own gear e.g. football gear, golf gear, netball gear or mufti if you really wanted. It was also Children in Need Day and the

Equalities Team gave children and staff the option to bring in a small donation for the charity. Hopefully you were one of the kind donors?

We hope that the week had a positive impact on lots of pupils in the school.

By Maisie Dezis (Earth)  
and Zoe Mckay (Jupiter)



What did the cat eat for  
dessert?  
Mice-cream!  
Ffion (Uranus)



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# things that can affect your mood without you realizing



the weather



the media you consume



what you ate



how much you slept

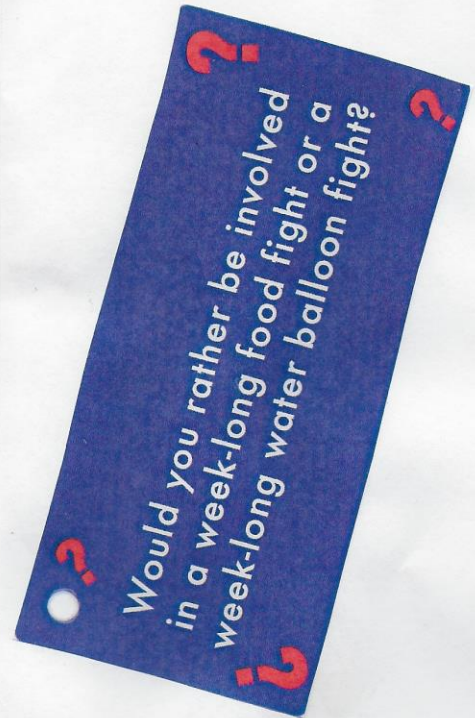


whether you've organized your thoughts



how much you moved

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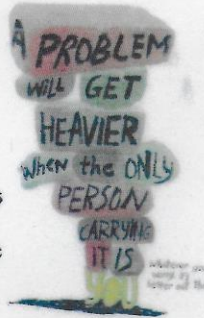
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## 5-4-3-2-1 GROUNDING TAKING SLOW, FOCUSED BREATHS, NOTICE:

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?



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

Fill out a 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.

-  5 things you **SEE**
-  4 things you **FEEL**
-  3 things you **HEAR**
-  2 things you **SMELL**
-  1 thing you **TASTE**





# Minecraft

By Isaac (Mercury) and Sophie (Earth)



**Minecraft is a game where you can build anything you want with just your imagination!**

You can sign in and play Minecraft with friends or stay private and play on your own. We love playing with our friends to share the fun!

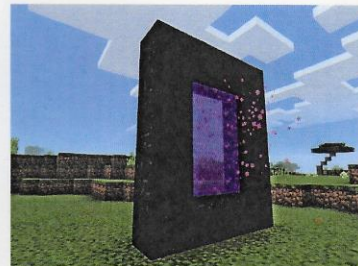
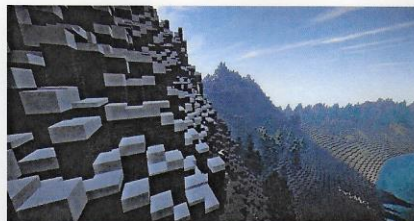
You can play in creative or survival modes. Survival mode is when you can play in PVP and you can actually be killed by creatures. Like creative, you can still build, but you have to work to get the blocks and ingredients. In creative mode you can fly and have infinite amounts of blocks. You can't die and don't have to work for any items.

In Minecraft, farming and building cottage core houses are all the rage right now - all of the blocks look so cute together!

If we're going to be honest, building in our own styles uses our imagination and creativity. We love playing together and building our own unique things.

If you are not signed in yourself, maybe you can play with your friends if they have an account?

If you haven't played Minecraft yet, we suggest you give it a go...it's loads of fun!



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We want all our children to be safe online. If you need any tips or advice on how to be safe online, check out the links below:  
[swgfl.org.uk/products-services/online-safety/resources](https://www.swgfl.org.uk/products-services/online-safety/resources).  
<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/digital/5-a-day/>  
<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>





# Team Seas and Team Trees

By Isaac (Mercury) and Emily (Jupiter)

In 2019, Youtubers Mark Rober and MrBeast started the '#TeamTrees' campaign which involved donating money to plant trees. They planned to plant 20 million trees by the start of 2020, they did it a week earlier in December. Mark Rober said, " This is the best Christmas present ever! Thanks for donating!"

This Year, Mark Rober and MrBeast have decided to set up yet another campaign called "#TeamSeas". Team Seas started in October and have planned to pick up 30 million pounds worth of plastic waste polluting our rivers, seas and oceans.

If you are interested or would like to donate, simply type 'teamseas.org' or 'teamtrees.org' into your internet browser.



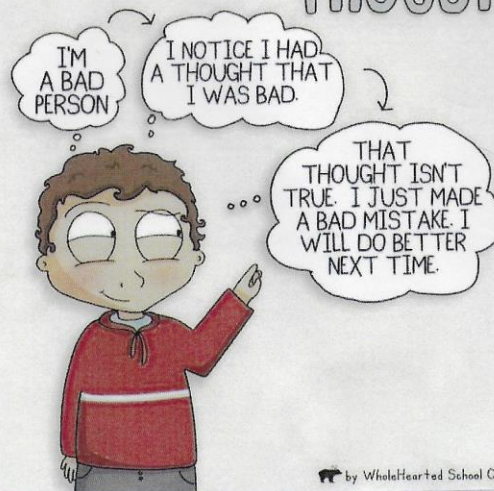
We interviewed Mr Randell about this idea, the first question we asked was, 'Should we learn more about the community and its environment?'. He replied " Yes, we need to learn more about the environment and how we can help our school." We then asked him, 'Is our school clean enough?' The response was, " The Green Team, Lyra, Emliy, Daisy Rabbits, Kyle and Leah have worked very hard to keep our school clean." Emily asked Mr Randell, 'What can we do to help?' he replied " You can put your name on your lunch box so we don't have to throw it away," he also said "More than none are putting there crisp packets in the bin" Isaac asked, 'How do you like that youtubers and big creators are coming together and making campaigns like, Team Seas and Team Trees' he said, " I think it's great that people are coming together," Thank you Mr Randell for letting us interview you!

A bear walks into a bar and says, "Give me an orange juice and ..... cola, please." "Why the big pause?" asks the bar tender. The bear shrugged. "I'm not sure: I was born with them." Replied the bear.



Google (courtesy of Isaac, Sophie and Olivia)

## CHOOSING YOUR THOUGHTS



by Wholehearted School Counseling

I have a bed, but I never rest.  
I move, but I'm not alive.  
What am I?

I am a river!

Stanley (Mercury)

## The Disappearance

By Isaac Cripps (Mercury)

A man has several daughters.  
All but 2 have brown hair.  
All but 2 have black hair.  
All but 2 have blonde hair.  
How many daughters does he have?

The answer is 3!

Marianthe (Mercury)

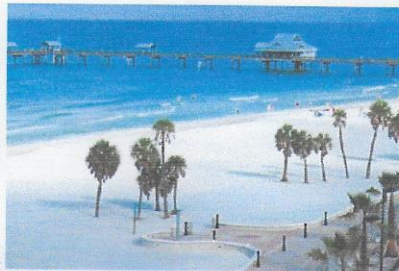
One day the sun was blazing warm rays of sunlight and everyone was enjoying the nice sunshine. Until animals that were supposed to be in the bright blue ocean were beached on the soft, white sand of Clearwater Beach in Florida.

The tens of thousands of tourists that went into the water, doing some sort of water sport would have been beached as the water had disappeared like a magician doing a magic trick. The once calm waters of Clearwater Beach turned upside down as people started panicking and shouting for help.

The animals, however, were now being swarmed with hundreds of people. Cars entered the once calm beach and were now searching for the problem. But BAM! Just like that everything just went back to normal and the animals swam away and as for the humans they were very confused...

Why was the Cyclops bored with teaching?  
Because he only had one pupil!

Mrs Josham



What is a penguin's favourite movie?  
Frozen!

Alyssa (Mercury)

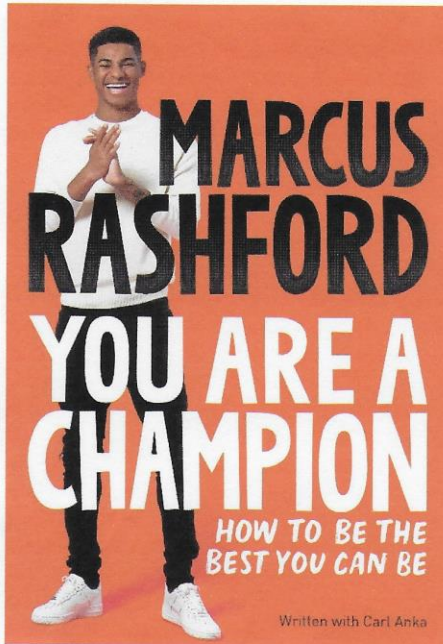


What did the egg say to the chef?  
I don't know, what did the egg say to the chef?  
You're cracking me up!

Tulisha (Earth)



## MARCUS RASHFORD: YOU ARE A CHAMPION- HOW TO BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE



Last term we were donated 10 copies of the Marcus Rashford book 'You are a Champion – How to be the best you can be'. In case you didn't know, Marcus Rashford is a famous English and Manchester United footballer who is very passionate about making sure all children in the country are treated fairly and have enough food throughout the day. I was lucky enough to be able to borrow a copy as my library book. I have now returned it and would like to tell you my opinion on this wonderful biography.

First of all I read the chapter 'You are a champion when you are being you' and it really inspired me to be more myself when I'm at school. It mentioned that it can be hard to be yourself when you think people are judging you. I think the best part of the Chapter was where it said 'Focus on what you can control'. That means that to access your full potential you need to focus

not on what other people think but on the people who you know support you.

Another good chapter was called 'Build your confidence' and this chapter was all about believing in yourself and when you get nervous just imagine yourself being somewhere peaceful and calm. Marcus gave an example of a time when he was nervous reading out loud in school and he said that to get over his fear he had to get out of his comfort zone and started reading out loud to his friends and family and that led to him becoming more comfortable reading in front of people. Step 2 for him was to listen to his classmates reading out loud and he noticed that when they made a mistake they just kept reading as if nothing had happened. He realised that they were able to move on so quickly because in all of the minds of the other pupils in the class nothing bad HAD happened.

Some advice he gave was to always be confident in what you do and to boost your confidence by defining success as trying your best. When he said this he meant you can trust yourself to try your best so this option will lead to you performing better instead of you thinking that something wasn't good enough which will cause your brain to worry about what other people think.

My summary of this book is it is a very good book and I think it has some very useful life lessons in it. As well as being an easy book to read, it has black and white sketches with influential phrases in bold writing on lots of the pages and at the end of every chapter there are some action points to help you be a champion. If you're not so keen on football then I'd still recommend this book to you because the only bits about football are in Marcus's examples which he gives to help the reader understand how he became a champion. Overall I would recommend this book to many students in our school.

By Zoë McKay, Jupiter Class

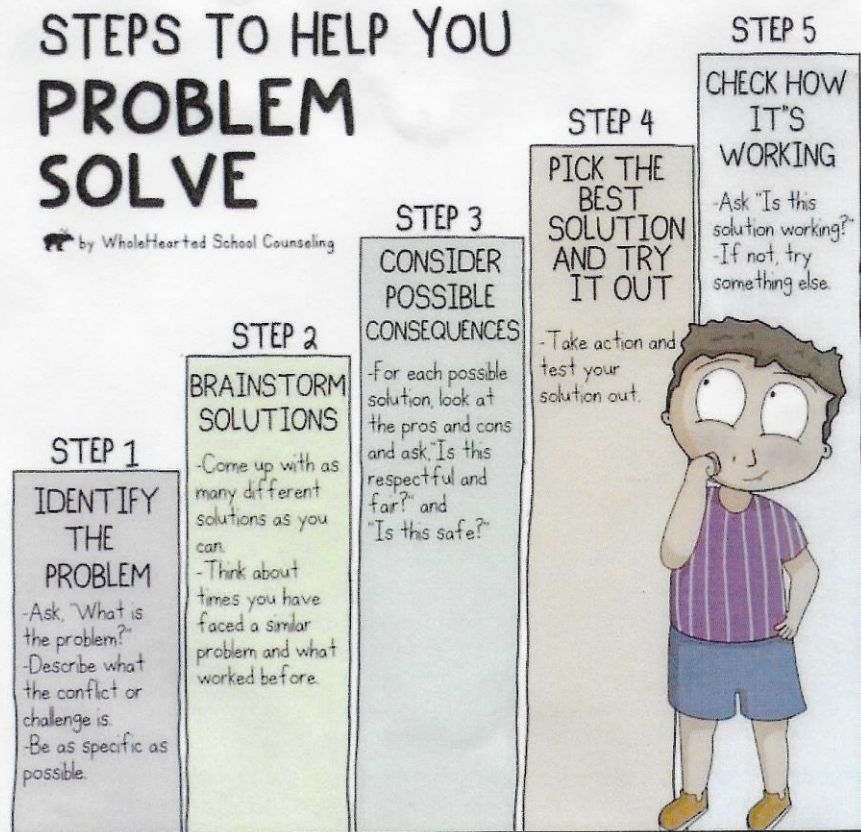
## Book Review of Bill's New Frock

Bill's new frock is about a boy whose mum put him in a pink frock. We liked it when he played football and got muddy.

And when they painted him because they only had pink paint. It was funny when he dropped all the paint on the floor. It was funny when he tripped into a girl. Bella myla-rose and Franco. Pluto Class

### STEPS TO HELP YOU PROBLEM SOLVE

by Wholehearted School Counseling



## Book Review

The Christmasaurus and the Winter Witch is full of magic, adventure and friendship like no other, this is the most enchanting Christmas holiday season book ever.



By Emily Tanner (Jupiter)

Magic is about to take hold of William Trundle's life again because he has just discovered that Christmas itself is dangerous. William and Santa go back to the North Pole to find most of the elves and all the toys are frozen. There is only one person they could think of who could have done such a terrible thing and that was "THE WINTER WITCH"!

Join William and Santa on their next adventure to discover if the elves and toys will be unfrozen and Christmas saved.

**All children  
have the right to:**

- ✓ speak out and be heard
- ✓ be safe
- ✓ get help when they need it.



Recommended reads:

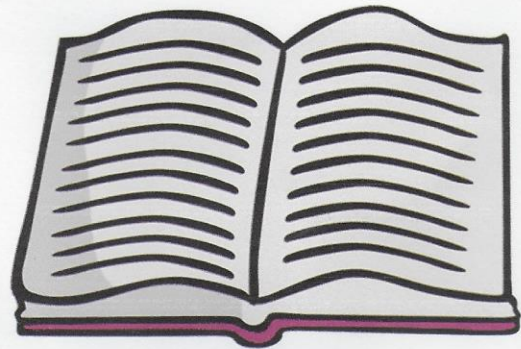


Reception and Nursery: Shine, You can't take an elephant on a bus, Gruffalo, The Dinosaurs diary.

Year one and two: The owl who is afraid of the dark, How to babysit a grandma, The case of the vanishing granny, The boy who grew dragons.

Year three and four: Beast quest, The boy who steals houses, Gangsta granny, Ratburger, Amelia Fang.

Year five and six: Twelve minutes to midnight, Scavengers, Murder at the museum, Diary of a wimpy kid, Tom Gates.



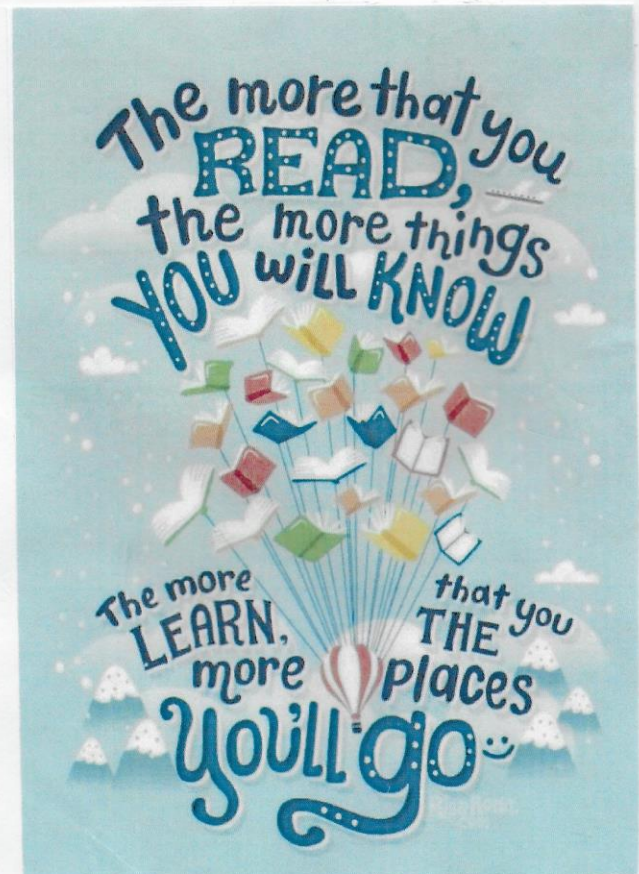
By Daisy Collins, Jupiter yr 6

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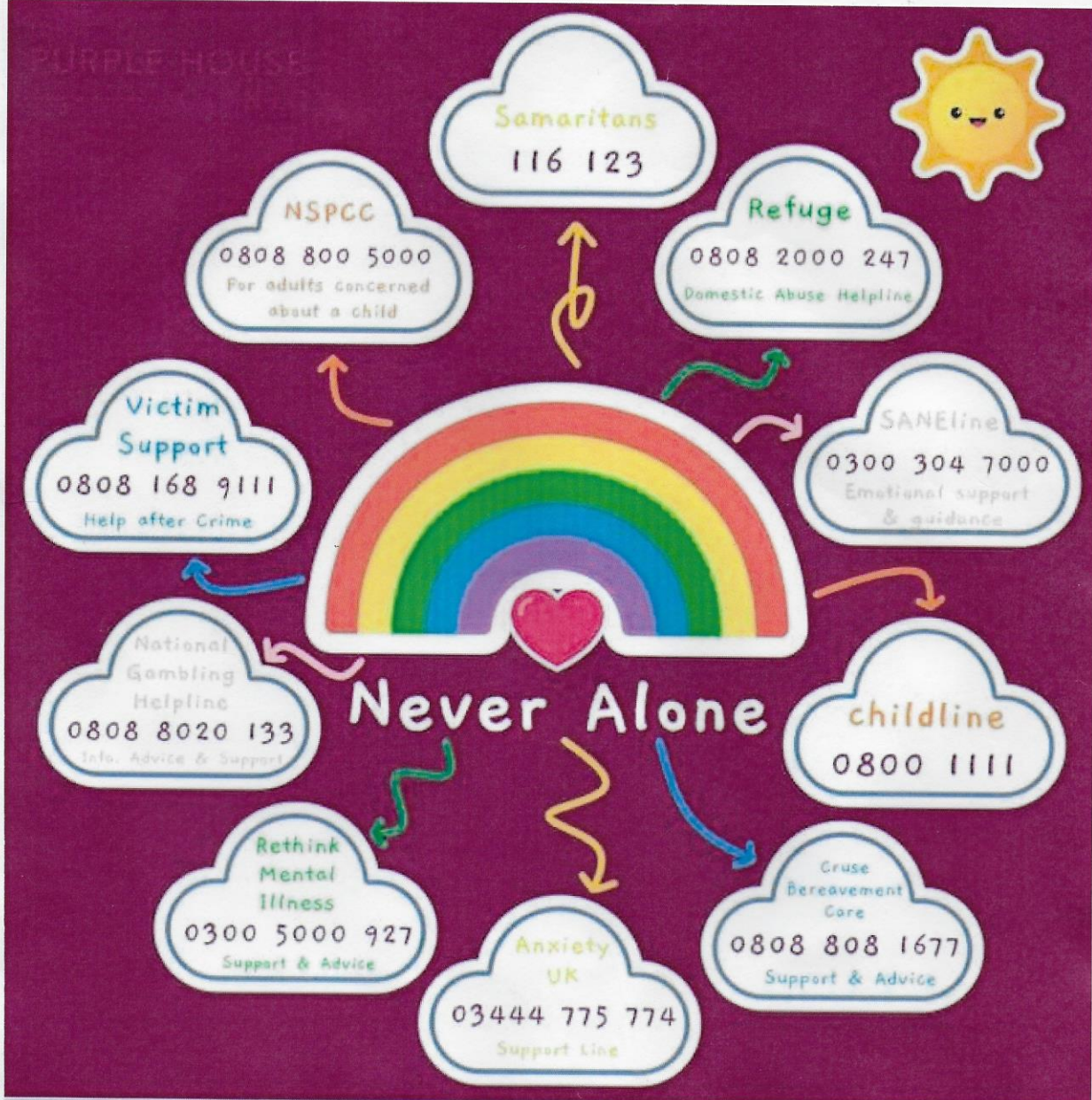
before you speak

- T** is it true?
- H** is it helpful?
- I** is it important?
- N** is it necessary?
- K** is it kind?

If the answer to any of these questions is **NO**,  
**THINK** carefully before saying it!



PURPLE HOUSE



For God so  
loved the world  
that he gave  
his only Son  
that whoever  
believes in him  
shall not die  
but have eternal  
life. **+**  
John 3:16



By Daisy Collins (Jupiter).

HA HA HA  
Liffts terrify me so I'm taking steps to avoid them  
HA HA HA

HA HA  
What's the technical name for a fear of giants?  
Fee-Fi-Phobia  
HA HA

HA HA  
Thanks for explaining the word "many" to me. It means a lot  
HA HA

## Christmas Treasure Hunt

Explore inside and outside\* and tick off how many of these items you can find!

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something that lights up                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Something that smells sweet                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Something square   |
|  |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something green  | <input type="checkbox"/> Something that keeps you warm                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Something that sparkles                                      |
|  |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something that Father Christmas might wear                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Something that plays music                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Something with wheels  |
|  |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Something soft   | <input type="checkbox"/> Something patterned  | <input type="checkbox"/> Something cold   |





# A Christmas Song



Sing to the tune of - See Amid the Winter's Snow



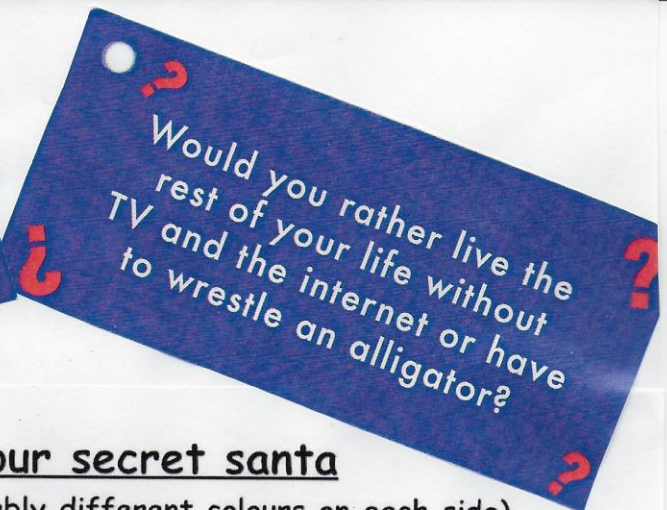
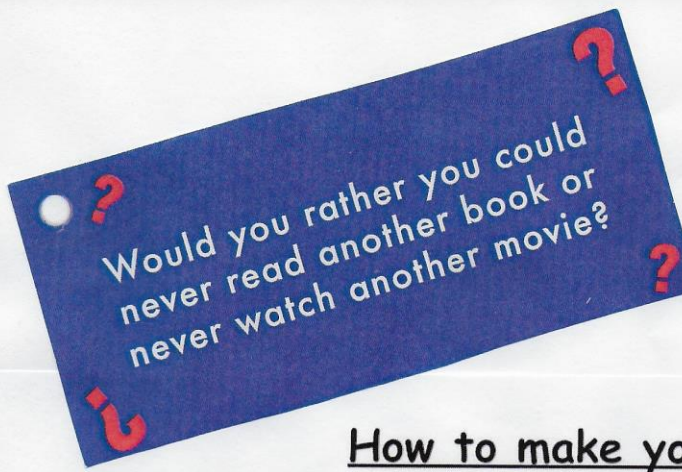
See what lies beneath the tree,  
Presents wrapped, some hid from me,  
Excitement bubbles at the site,  
Hopefulness this Christmas night.

To you I wish this Christmas joy,  
Yule tide peace for each girl and boy,  
Let's remember those without,  
Humbled by what's here within.

See the flames dance in the hearth,  
Warmth embraces those who laugh,  
Embers glow and sparks rise high,  
Into the cold nights winter sky.

To you I wish this Christmas joy,  
Yule tide peace for each girl and boy,  
Let's remember those without,  
Who can't afford a brussel sprout.

- Written by Sophie Maine

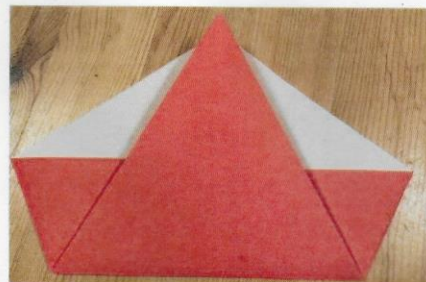


## How to make your secret santa

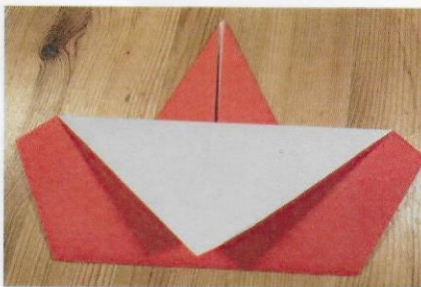
You will need: Square paper (preferably different colours on each side)  
Red and black pen /pencil



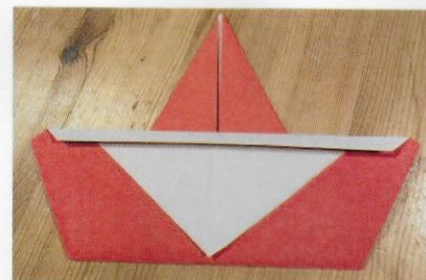
1. Fold in each side.



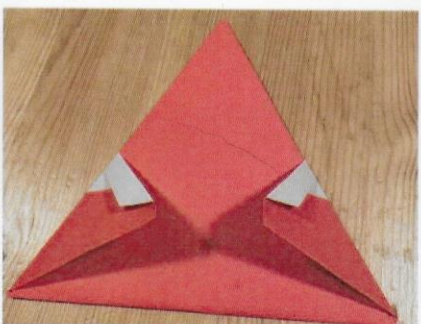
2. Fold the bottom to the top



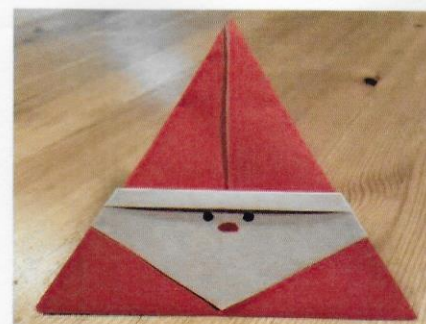
3. Fold the top down



4. Fold again



5. Turn over and fold back sides.



6. Turn over, draw eyes and nose

Now you have made your secret Santa, try and make his little helpers.

*By Elliot.G (Mercury)*



# Favourite Christmas film

By Bella Bush, Theo Martin and Callum Rossiter



The vote is in!

Midsomer Norton Primary School's favourite Christmas film is...The Grinch!

Thank you to all the children and staff who voted!

(Sorry, but some slips had votes for more than one film so these were not counted - some slips even had votes for most of the films on the list!) 😄

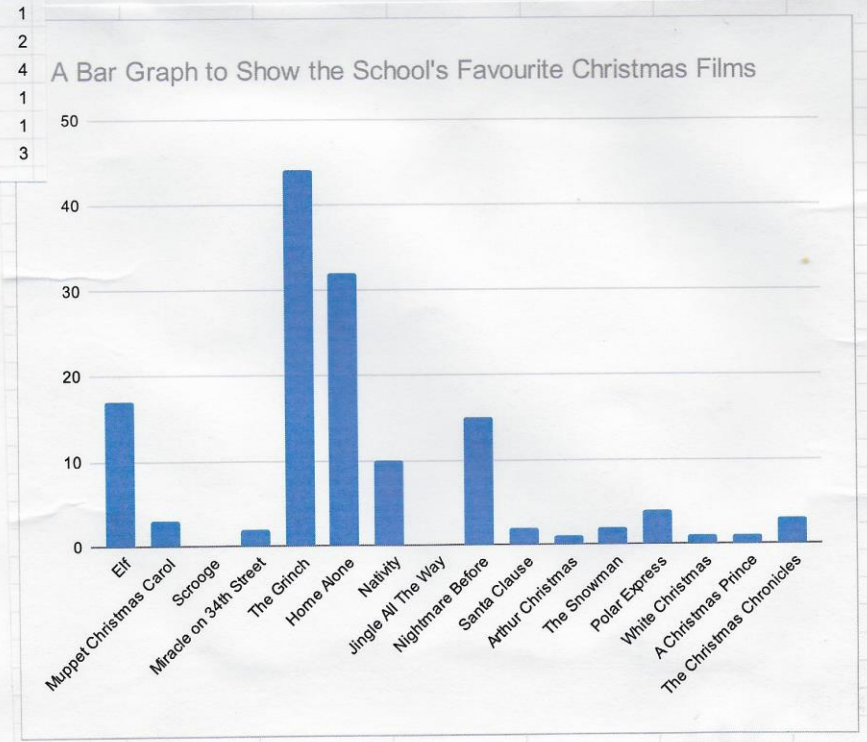
We enjoyed data handling and putting the votes into a bar graph and a pie chart so you can easily see the distribution of votes cast.



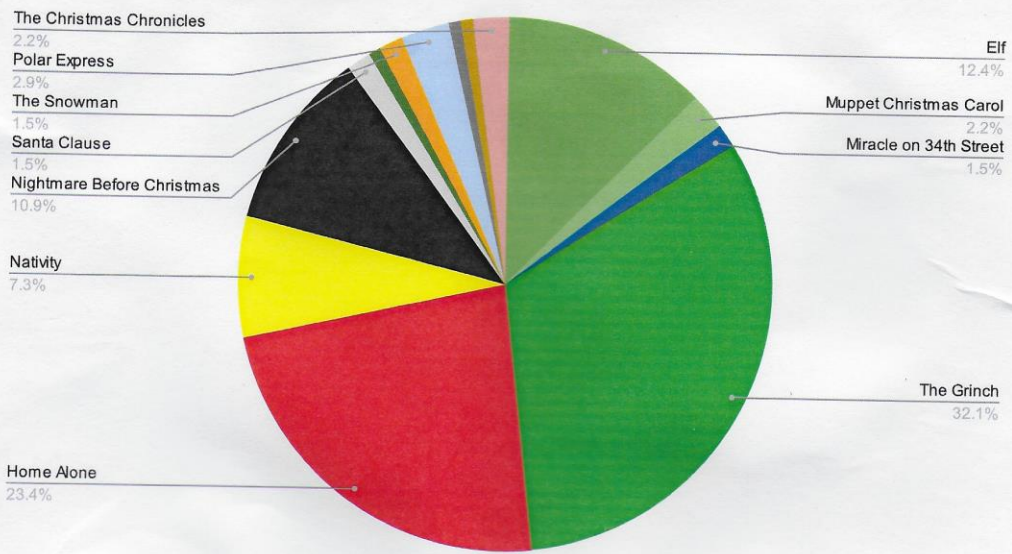
As you can see, a close second was the Home Alone series of films and third was Elf. The least favourite films were Scrooge and Jingle All The Way.

Elf	17
Muppet Christmas Carol	3
Scrooge	0
Miracle on 34th Street	2
The Grinch	44
Home Alone	32
Nativity	10
Jingle All The Way	0
Nightmare Before Christmas	15
Santa Clause	2
Arthur Christmas	1
The Snowman	2
Polar Express	4
White Christmas	1
A Christmas Prince	1
The Christmas Chronicles	3

A Bar Graph to Show the School's Favourite Christmas Films



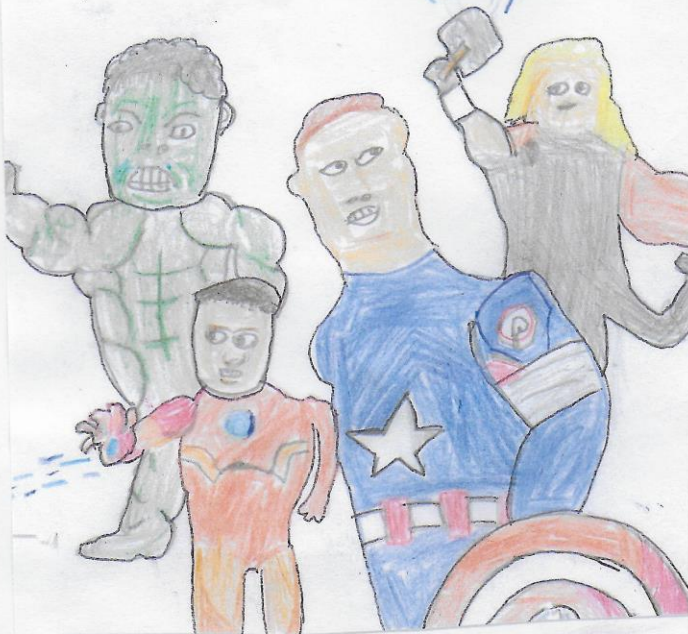
A Pie Chart to Show the School's Favourite Christmas Films



## Talented Artists

By Max McCormick, Jupiter Y6

# AVENGERS



Olivia Merko (Earth Class)

# CHRISTMAS CAKE RECIPE

By Maisie Dezis (Earth)

## Ingredients

### For the cake

- 175g/6oz raisins
- 350g/12oz natural glacé cherries, halved, rinsed, and thoroughly dried
- 500g/1lb 2oz currants
- 350g/12oz sultanas
- 150ml/¼pt brandy or sherry, plus extra for feeding
- 2 oranges, zest only
- 250g/9oz butter, softened
- 250g/9oz light or dark muscovado sugar
- 4 large free-range eggs, at room temperature
- 1 tbsp black treacle
- 75g/3oz blanched almonds, chopped
- 275g/10oz plain flour
- 1½ tsp mixed spice



### For the covering

- About 3 tbsp apricot jam, warmed and sieved
- Icing sugar
- 675g/1lb 8oz marzipan

### For the royal icing

- 3 free-range eggs, whites only
- 675g/1½lb icing sugar, sifted
- 3 tsp lemon juice
- 1½ tsp glycerine



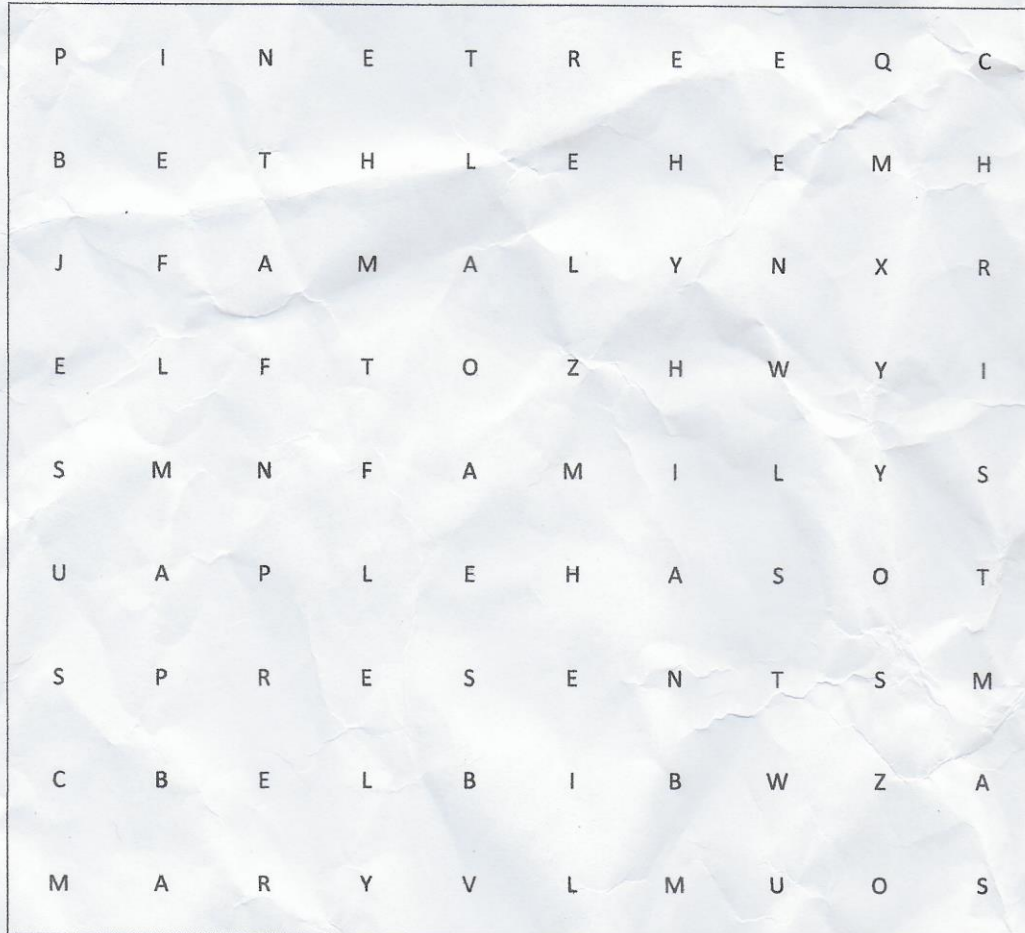
## Instructions to make this Christmas cake

1. For the cake, place all the dried fruit, including the cherries, into a large mixing bowl, pour over the brandy and stir in the orange zest. Cover with cling film and leave to soak for three days, stirring daily.
2. Grease and line a 23cm/9in deep, round tin with a double layer of greased greaseproof paper. Preheat the oven to 140C/120C Fan/Gas 1;
3. Measure the butter, sugar, eggs, treacle and almonds into a very large bowl and beat well (preferably with an electric free-standing mixer). Add the flour and ground spice and mix thoroughly until blended. Stir in the soaked fruit. Spoon into the prepared cake tin and level the surface;
4. Bake in the centre of the preheated oven for about 4-4½ hours, or until the cake feels firm to the touch and is a rich golden brown. Check after two hours, and if the cake is a perfect colour, cover with foil. A skewer inserted into the centre of the cake should come out clean. Leave the cake to cool in the tin;

5. When cool, pierce the cake at intervals with a fine skewer and feed with a little extra brandy. Wrap the completely cold cake in a double layer of greaseproof paper and again in foil and store in a cool place for up to three months, feeding at intervals with more brandy. (Don't remove the lining paper when storing as this helps to keep the cake moist);
6. The week before you want to serve, begin covering the cake;
7. For the covering, stand the cake upside down, flat side uppermost, on a cake board which is 5cm/2in larger than the size of the cake;
8. Brush the sides and the top of the cake with the warm apricot jam;
9. Liberally dust a work surface with icing sugar and then roll out the marzipan to about 5cm/2in larger than the surface of the cake. Keep moving the marzipan as you roll, checking that it is not sticking to the work surface. Dust the work surface with more icing sugar as necessary;
10. Carefully lift the marzipan over the cake using a rolling pin. Gently level and smooth the top of the paste with the rolling pin, then ease the marzipan down the sides of the cake, smoothing it at the same time. If you are careful, you should be able to cover the cake with no excess marzipan to trim but, if necessary, neatly trim excess marzipan from the base of the cake with a small sharp knife. Cover the cake loosely with baking parchment and leave for a few days to dry out before adding the royal icing;
11. For the royal icing, whisk the egg whites in a large bowl until they become frothy. Mix in the sifted icing sugar a tablespoonful at a time. You can do this with a hand-held electric whisk, but keep the speed low;
12. Stir in the lemon juice and glycerine and beat the icing until it is very stiff and white and stands up in peaks;
13. Cover the surface of the icing tightly with clingfilm and keep in a cool place until needed;
14. To ice the cake, place all the icing onto the top of the cake. Spread evenly over the top and sides of the cake with a palette knife. For a snow-peak effect, use a smaller palette knife to rough up the icing;
15. Leave the cake loosely covered overnight for the icing to harden a little, then wrap or store in an airtight container in a cool place until needed.



# CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH



PINE TREE

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CHRISTMAS

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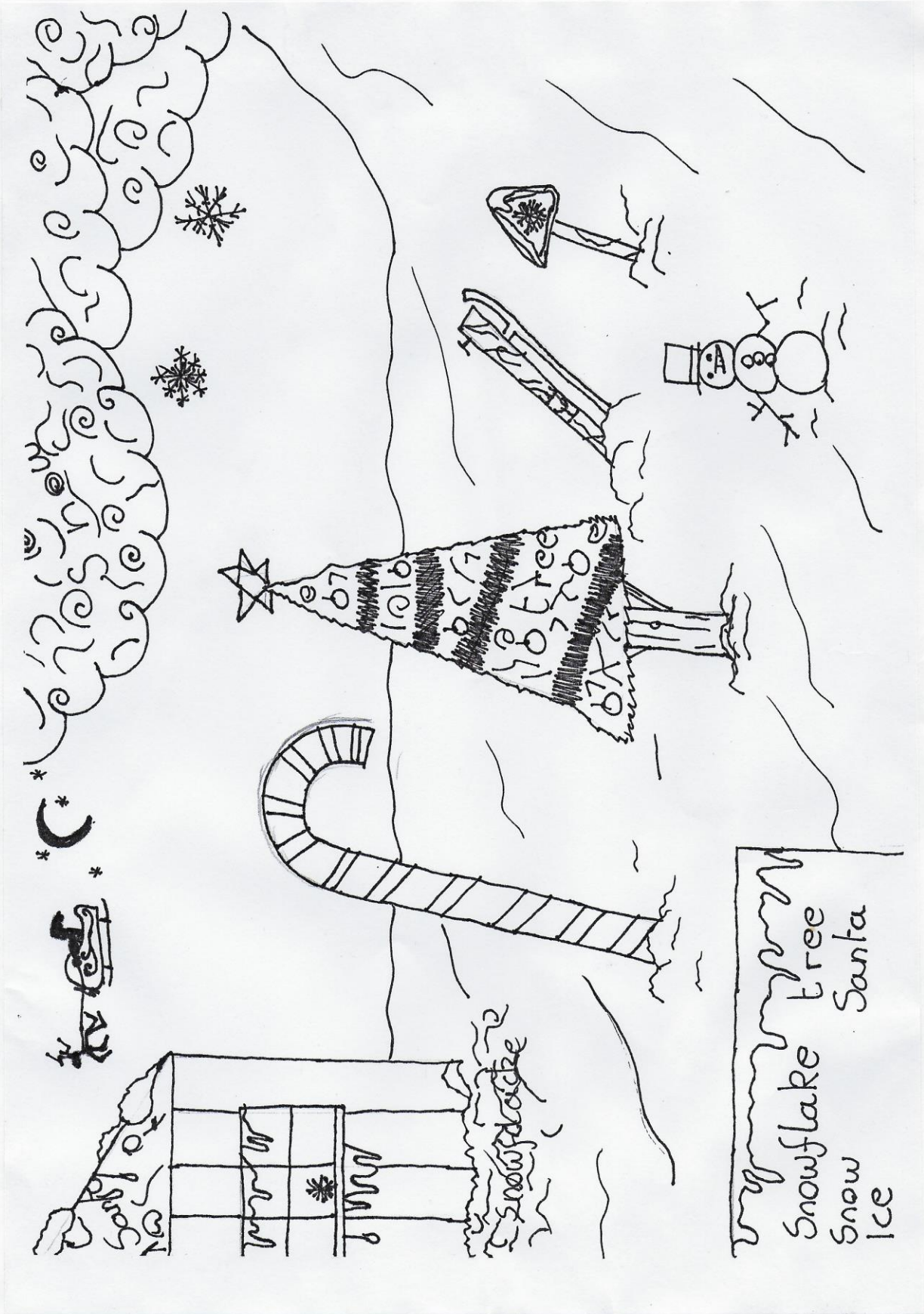
JESUS

FAMILY

By Olivia Merko Earth Class



Can you find the five words below hidden in this snowy picture, expertly drawn by Bella Bush (Earth)?



Snowflake  
tree  
Santa  
Snow  
Ice



We hope you enjoyed reading this issue of MNPS News as much as we have enjoyed producing it.

**We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.**



**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, reviews, features, pictures, recipes, craft ideas...anything really into the box in the library.

**The next issue will be out in the early Spring!**



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