



GRITTLETON HOUSE SCHOOL

FOUNDED 1951



We are a very friendly and lively bunch!

Here are a few facts about us! See if you can work out who said what!

“What I dislike most is mushrooms, snakes and my little brother”.

“When I grow up I want to be in the Marines”.

“My favourite foods are cookies, bubblegum, ribs and Fanta fruit twist”.

“When I grow up I want to be a billionaire”.

“What I dislike most is waking up at 6 o'clock in the morning”.

My favourite pop artists are Ed Sheeran and Sam Smith”.

“My favourite TV programme is Dr Who”.

“My favourite pop group is The Killers”.

“When I grow up I want to design video games”.

“My favourite TV show is Dr Who”.

INTERVIEWING MRS TONKS



MEET MONSIEUR REMY

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT TEACHING FRENCH AND SPANISH?

Today the interviewers (Amar and Rosie) interviewed Mrs Tonks, she has just joined Grittleton House School and is teaching year 4!!! Now here is some information about our year 4 teacher!!

1. What is your Favourite Subject?
2. Art.
3. What do you enjoy teaching?
4. Art as well as English.
5. How long have you been teaching for?
6. 6 years!!!
7. Where do you originally come from?
8. She was born in Devon.
9. What do you enjoy (hobbies)?
10. Making things and I love to sew.
11. What is your best teaching experience?
12. I took my old school to Swindon Oasis as a school trip.
13. Best at teaching?
14. English.
15. What time at GHS has been the most enjoyable?
16. Meeting the year 4's.
17. Words of advice?
18. Always try your best and work

I find that very often in English schools language teachers do not teach a lot of grammar but I find it is essential to improve one's understanding. It allows students to create their own language. It's as if in a maths lesson, they've taught you $2+2=4$ without explaining why and that $4+4$ makes 8 but without telling you why either, so you will never know what $4+2$ make and languages is the same: grammar is the algebra of languages.

WHICH DO YOU PREFER?

French obviously but I started learning Spanish when I was 13 and I didn't necessarily understand everything at the beginning. So it's interesting to make sure that it is easy for the students to learn a new language because I know the difficulty and I can share with young people what I have learnt myself and make sure that they are comfortable in a classroom even if they don't like the subject.

WHAT IS ENGLAND LIKE IN COMPARISON TO FRANCE

It's not that much different actually because I'm from the west of France so it is quite similar. The landscape, the weather. And what makes English and French people so different is actually a shared aspect: the English are very English and the French are very French.

ARE YOU ENJOYING YOU'RE TIME AT GRITTLETON SO FAR

It is good, I have really liked teaching here. When I heard Miss Campillo was leaving I thought it was a really good opportunity to start teaching again for a year.

School meals are coming on nicely I'd say

Since the start of term, the school has offered an option for school lunches ranging from jacket potato to lasagne. Over half of the pupils have taken up on the offer, some though could've been influenced by their parents. I'm



not condemning, parents know what's best for their child. We sent out a questionnaire to find out peoples thoughts towards these hot meals and the responses were almost all positive. We found out that people have to wait for in-between 20 seconds to 12 minutes, but I personally think that the latter is a bit of an exaggeration. So far, the sausage and mash, curry and chicken pie have been the favourites, with the gammon and potatoes being the least popular. A general comment was that the trays smell a bit, so Mr Dawes if you are reading this, helpful tips to improve customer morale. Also as a personal request from year 7, add a variety of drinks and desserts if you can. I will report back at a future date.

Alumni

Jamie Cullum (born 20th of August 1979) was born in Romford in Essex but was brought up locally in Hullavington, Wiltshire. Jamie attended Grittleton House School from the age of three until completing his GCSEs at age sixteen. Jamie went on to further his education at Sheldon Sixth Form before finally going on to study English Literature, and minored in Film Studies, at Reading University where he graduated with First Class Honors.

Though he is a primarily a vocalist, he also accompanies himself on instruments including piano, guitar and drums. Through his personal life he married Sophie Dahl, an English author and former fashion model, who is the granddaughter of Roald Dahl. He later went on to have two daughters, Lyra and Margot. With being the most successful selling Jazz artist of all time, Jaime has picked up many awards.

The British Jazz Awards first recognized his growing success by awarding him the "Rising Star" award, at the 2003 ceremony in July. At the 2004 BRIT Awards. Also being nominated for the "British Breakthrough Act" category. In the 2005 BRIT Awards, and was nominated for two awards: "Best Male Artist" and "Best Live Act". In 2005 Jaime was also nominated for a Grammy while taking BBC Radio 2 "Artist of the Year" honors at the BBC Jazz Awards (as voted for by listeners of Radio 2). In 2007 Cullum won the Ronnie Scotts Jazz Award for "Best British Male". He was also nominated for a Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song for his composition *Gran Torino* for the Clint Eastwood film *Gran Torino*. At the Jazz FM awards 2013, he was a nominee for UK Jazz Artist of the Year.

Scientists find fossils of our ancient relative, who had surprisingly human-like features, in a remote cave near Johannesburg.

Early humans buried their dead in caves, scientists have found, after discovering a new species hidden in a burial chamber. At least 15 skeletons of the species - named

Homo Naledi - were found hidden deep in a cave dubbed the 'Star Chamber' in which is thought to be the earliest form of ritual burial ever discovered. The early humans stood just five foot tall and weighed 100 pounds. Their hips were similar to our earliest ancestor, the hominid Lucy, but their shoulders were well designed for climbing but legs and feet were human like. Their skulls are like early humans, but their brains are tiny, just the size of an orange.

Is this the missing link?



Artificial leaf can create hydrocarbons without a side effect of greenhouse gases.

Researchers say they have developed an artificial "leaf" that can produce fuels such as methane and gasoline from carbon dioxide. The team claimed it is a major step towards using fuels made renewably from sunlight for everything from heating our homes to running cars, without emitting any greenhouse gases.

Have we found the solution?



Is bombing Mars the way to go?

Elon Musk, CEO of SpaceX and Tesla Motors, wants to nuke the polar ice caps on Mars to speed up terraforming the planet, part of his vision to see a human colony on

its blood-red landscape. Musk made the remarks on 'The Late Show with Stephen Colbert' this past Wednesday, prompting Colbert to call his guest a 'supervillain.' Nuking Mars' poles, Musk said, would release lots of trapped CO₂, methane, and other so-called greenhouse gases stored in the ice, much like here on Earth.

And since Musk foresees people living along the equator of Mars, the radioactive blast would not affect them or any undiscovered life that might be buried beneath the soil. Once the gases are released into the planet's already thin atmosphere, Mars would presumably warm up. But unlike most of his ideas, this one fails on just about every scientific principle.



Should we bomb Mars?

Blue Pig?

When a couple out on their ranch in Morgan Hill, California, saw a wild pig roaming the brush, they decided to shoot it and take it home for meat. After transporting the pig back home and draining its blood, the pair cut open the pig ready to skin and portion it, only to find this wild hog was hiding something quite unusual below the surface. The pair was shocked to find that its fat was bright blue. According to the couple, all the fat within the body was consistently stained blue. Its meat and blood however, were of normal color. The couple have shot and eaten other wild pigs on their ranch and claim to never have found a specimen like this one. Questions were raised whether an old copper mine in the vicinity may have caused the blue coloring, but according to the post there are only old, filled-in mercury mines in the nearby area. Samples of the pig have been sent over to University of California, Davis to uncover the source of the unusual coloring. Answers will hopefully be found soon.



What do you think?

YEAR 7 RUGBY

On October 6th Grittleton played John Bentley. Unfortunately John Bentley scored the first try. Then John Bentley kicked to Grittleton! Mark Davison received the ball, passed it out to the wing and Ollie Wilcox ran down the wing. Mark ran down the middle, Ollie passed to Mark as he was about to be tackled. Mark ran to the try line and dived to the ground, scoring a try and making the scores level. The excitement continued. Try after try! The final score? 9 tries to 1. A Grittleton victory!



YEAR 7 NETBALL

On Tuesday 15th September the year 7 girls played a netball match against Malmesbury School. Every girl stood her ground with courage, determination, bravery and strength. One of the players fell over around 5 times - on her last fall she damaged a soft tissue and may have broken the smaller bones in her hand. Goal after goal. Finally the last whistle blew..., it was a great game with fantastic team playing.

On Thursday 15th October year 7 had a match against Corsham School, they had better luck this time! It was a win 8-7. We hope to win the next matches. ***Belle Pass and Emily Dawes***



Macmillan

This year's Macmillan coffee morning hosted, as always, by the current year 11s raised a staggering sum just short of £1000.

Halloween make your own

By Amar Lehal

Make your own Mystical wizard costume

Improvise with a dressing gown and baggy tracksuit bottoms for the main part of the costume or fashion a simple billowing cloak from some sheeny fabric from your local supplier. No wizard is complete without a hat and you can make one from craft items you may have at home. You'll need a large piece of black felt or card; white or yellow felt/card for cutting out stars and moons; scissors; glue; double-sided sticky tape or staples; pen. To make the hat cut out a circle from the felt or card to make an appropriate-sized cone shape that will fit your head. Fasten it together either with sticky tape or staples. Using the yellow or white felt draw stars and half-moon shapes. Cut out a good quantity and then use them to decorate your cone. Voila - an authentic-looking wizard's hat! You could accessorise with an old-looking hardback book (their book of spells) and a wand made from tightly rolled black paper or card.

Make your own decorations

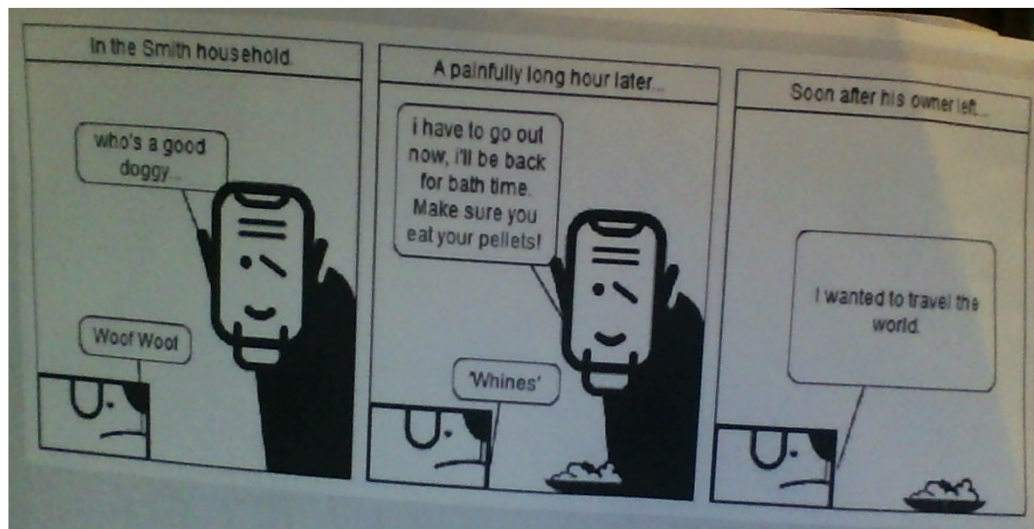
Make headstones. Old planks of wood, chunks of foam or even cardboard will make easy headstones. Place these around your garden with witty headstone commentaries.

Serious chompers make your table settings look so cute it's scary. Splash white cloth napkins with red Cherryade or red food colouring, thread a white twist tie through a set of plastic vampire teeth, and finally secure a twist tie around the centre of your napkin.

Make your own crayon drip pumpkin

This one is easier than it looks: just melt crayons with a hair dryer and let them drip down your pumpkin. There are no open flames because the heat comes from a hair dryer, but it still may get pretty hot. If you're concerned about little hands (or big ones), use some gloves for protection. This is a terrific way to use up all of those crayon bits, and you can totally go wild with the different colour combinations.

Comic



Do you want to be part of the news? Well you can by entering in the comic strip competition. The winner will have their comic posted on the newspaper.