



GRITTLETON ORACLE NEWSPAPER



Most weeks every year group play in rugby games here are the results from November;

Year 7 Vs John Bentley = 45-10 Win

CHRISTMAS ISSUE

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Belle Pass

Jack Lippiatt

Eliza Hyde

Rosie Howe

Amar Lehal

Archie Still

BOYS' SPORT

We walked onto the John Bentley Pitch to be met by their team, to our surprise the team was made of boys and GIRLS! It took a long time to start the match because John Bentley had never played a match before so we had to go over the rules. Congratulations to Tom Williams who received man of the match.

Year 7 Vs Malmesbury 45-0 WIN

The Malmesbury team looked intimidating but it turns out they weren't. They had kick off but we managed to get the first try, and the next 8 tries! I tackled one of the Malmesbury team and he had to sit on the sub bench because he was injured badly. It was a repetitive match but our attacking won us the match. Well done Jack Lippiatt got man of the match.



This year cross-country championships took place on the 11th of November and were hosted here at Grittleton House. Our teams did so well, everyone tried their best and all of them played their part. I would like to say a very well done to all the Grittleton competitors that took part especially Tom Williams who came 2nd in the Year 7 race.

DEVIZES TOURNAMENT

On the 28th of November the year 7 Devizes tournament took place in the group there was:

(Sheldon C) (Malmesbury A) (Abbeyfield B) (John Bentley B)

They came 4th in the group and put in the plate league where we went against the Malmesbury B team and beat them 4-3. Then we got into the semi-finals when we were against Kings Down, they were a rough team they jumped on our players and some of them were not wearing gum shields, we got beaten 3-1

Jack Lippiatt

GIRLS SPORTS



At GHS, students can take part in many sporting activities, such as netball, hockey, rounders, athletics, swimming and more sports which are in this newspaper. You will be reading about the fixtures and sporting activities such as interhouse matches which will take place, or have taken place this term.

Champions or Not??

Year 7 Netball vs Corsham – win 8-7

Year 7 Netball vs Abbeyfield-lose 9-7

Year 8+9 Netball vs Abbeyfield – lose 13-3

Year 10+11 Hockey vs Abbeyfield – lose

Written by Emily



Girls' Favourite Sports

We asked some girls if they prefer netball or hockey and what their favourite sports were!

Saroop	Hockey
Lauren	Netball
Eliza	Netball
Sophie	Hockey
Rosie	Netball
Belle	Hockey
Amar	Hockey

Favourite sports!

Saroop: Hockey

Lauren: Horse riding

Sophie: Horse riding

Rosie: Cycling

Belle: Tae Kwon Do, Bench Ball or Dodgeball

Amar: Hockey

By Emily and Belle

Interviewing a netball player!;

Interviewer: We have interviewed Belle Pass, from year 7, and here is what she's said!!

Interviewer: How many netball matches have you played in this year??

Belle: three so far.

Interviewer: Which ones did you win or lose??

Belle: the first netball match we played in we lost, 21-0, then, the next one we played in, we won 8-7, then the latest match, we lost 8-4, but both teams played very well.

Interviewer: What are the positions and which one do you play??

Belle: There is goal keeper (GK) goal defence (GD), wing attack (WA), centre (C), wing defence (WD), goal attack (GA), goal shooter (GS). I play most positions, but my main positions are goal defence and goal attack.

Interviewer: Has anyone been sent off??

Belle; no, not yet. No one has been sent off but I know I could improve my contact and a few other girls could too. Everyone on our team is mostly quite good.

Interviewer: Has anyone been injured and how??

Belle: there has been a few minor injuries, just cuts bruises, things like that.

Interviewer: were you in any of these injuries??

Belle: yes, I actually broke my wrist, playing against Malmesbury, I'm recovered now and I'm back to playing.

Interviewer: Who has got player of the match in your fixtures??

Belle: Sophie, Emily and I

Interviewer: Who has been a team captain and how did they do??

Belle: Emily, then Eliza and I, and then Amar.

Written by Emily



Devizes Netball Tournament

On Saturday 28th November, the Year 7 girls travelled to Devizes for one of their first tournaments. There was a variety of different schools such as: Malmesbury, Abbeyfield, Hardenhuish, Sheldon, Kingsdown and many more.

Although Grittleton didn't come in 1st place everyone was a team player and gave it their all.

I and many of the other year 7 girls must say a big thank you to Emily in year 6. She had never played with the year 7s before but managed to finish the tournament with a smile. Belle was a brilliant captain who encouraged the team and didn't give up.

Despite the freezing weather everyone played their part. I can't wait until next time!

By Eliza

TOP FIVE TRENDS OF AUTUMN AND WINTER 2015

FASHION



Duster Coat - £14 New look



Snake patchwork clutch-£18 misguided.co.uk



Pantsuits- £14.75 very.co.uk



Touch of fur- £15 Primark



Slit Dresses-£14 boohoo.com

By Amar Lehal

WHAT TO WEAR?



Yarn bobble hat £10 boohoo.com



Mittens £9.99 T.K Maxx



Knitted Moose scarf £18 M&S

Santa and Rudolph ankle socks £3.50 TOPSHOP



Coat £25 Primark

Slippers £12 from misguided.com





REMEMBRANCE DAY

THE STORY OF THE POPPY

During the First World War (1914–1918) much of the fighting took place in Western Europe. Previously beautiful countryside was blasted, bombed and fought over, again and again. The landscape swiftly turned to fields of mud, bleak and barren scenes where little or nothing could grow.

Bright red Flanders poppies (*Papaver Rhoëas*) however, were delicate but resilient flowers and grew in their thousands, flourishing even in the middle of chaos and destruction. In early May 1915, shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lt Col John McCrae was inspired by the sight of poppies to write a now famous poem called 'In Flanders Fields'.

McCrae's poem in turn inspired an American academic, Moina Michael to make and sell red silk poppies which were then brought to England by a French lady, Anna Guérin. The (Royal) British Legion, formed in 1921, ordered 9 million of the poppies which were sold on 11 November that year. The poppies sold out almost immediately and that first ever 'Poppy Appeal' raised over £106,000, a considerable amount of money at the time, which was used to help WW1 veterans with employment, housing etc.

The following year, Major George Howson set up the Poppy Factory to employ disabled ex-Servicemen and which today, together with the Legion's warehouse in Aylesford, produces millions of poppies each year.

The demand for poppies in England was so high that few were reaching Scotland. Earl Haig's wife established the 'Lady Haig Poppy Factory' in Edinburgh in 1926 to produce poppies exclusively for Scotland. Over 5 million Scottish poppies (which have four petals and no leaf unlike poppies in the rest of the UK) are still made by hand by disabled ex-Servicemen at Lady Haig's Poppy Factory each year and distributed by our sister charity Poppy Scotland.



Moina Michael



George Howson



John McCrae



Anna Guérin



Pray For Paris

By Eliza

PRAYING FOR PARIS, SHOULD WE BE SCARED?

As most of us probably know the attack on Paris was horrific and many of us are left shocked. The attack took place on Friday 13th at various public events, such as a football stadium, a café and more. Grittleton School thank Monsieur Remy for his moving speech. Paris is very much in our thoughts and prayers.

Outside of Europe

As scary as it is to know that the attacks have been close to home we must remember the countries outside of Europe. For example we know there have been assaults in Africa as well, but the sadness has spread far more.

Football

As I am sure many of you have been watching the news recently, you would have seen the emotional prologue of the football match when England were playing France. I still remember seeing the crowd cheering the French national anthem.

David Cameron ended his speech with: "Your fight is our fight"- this truly describes the friendship of our countries.

Lock Down

Since the attacks in Paris many countries are in fear but far, far more many people are left in sadness, worry and anxiety. Brussels in Belgium has been placed in lock down and the civilians have been advised to not attend many public events.

Paris attacks

We have asked some of the teachers and pupils about their views on the recent attack on Paris.

Mrs. Gwynne: Terribly, terribly sad, it is an upsetting thing to have happened!

Mrs Costello: Horrified at the extent of the absolute barbaric and cold blooded killing of totally innocent people.

Praying for Paris

Jack: I think it's shocking and it should stop! I feel sorry for everyone that lost mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, brothers, and sisters. Not only have people lost their lives but the people that survived will now be scared and haunted by this forever!

Emily: We shouldn't be scared. It was a terrible event and people shouldn't have done it. There were lots of deaths which weren't necessary. I understand that people have different beliefs but it shouldn't come to this conclusion.

Rosie: It was horrifying and overwhelming! It's come to people as a shock.

Eliza: I think it is really sad, however we should stick together and not lose hope!

Archie: I think it was brutal and just plain cruel!

Amar: I think they are horrific and wrong. It doesn't worry me too much because there is great defence but it is extremely sad!

Belle: I think it was utterly appalling, the people who are doing it are doing it to scare us. If we become scared then the terrorists have won! It is very upsetting and the people who have died, become injured or witnessed this are going to be remembered.





A **Grittleton Grinch** or a **Sweet Santa**;

We interview the teachers for their view!

Mrs Gwynne

Belle: What would you like for Christmas?

Mrs Gwynne: Oh, that's a difficult one, I don't really know! I just want to spend it with my children really!

ahh

Belle: Would you say you're a Grinch or a Santa?

Mrs Gwynne: Half and half if I'm allowed to say that.

Belle: What's your favourite part of Christmas?

Mrs Gwynne: Spending time with the family.

Mrs Costello

Belle: Is there anything you want for Christmas?

Mrs Costello: Tickets to go to some exotic part of the world, failing that a happy time with my family.

Belle: Would you say you're a Grinch or a Santa?

Mrs Costello: More of a Santa.

Belle: What's your favourite part of Christmas?

Mrs Costello: Christmas Eve with all the anticipation, then celebrating the next day with my family!

Mrs Walker

Belle: Are you more of a Santa or a Grinch?

Mrs Walker: definitely a Grinch!

Belle: What do you want for Christmas?

Mrs Walker: I would like a big bottle of Christian Dior j'adore perfume.

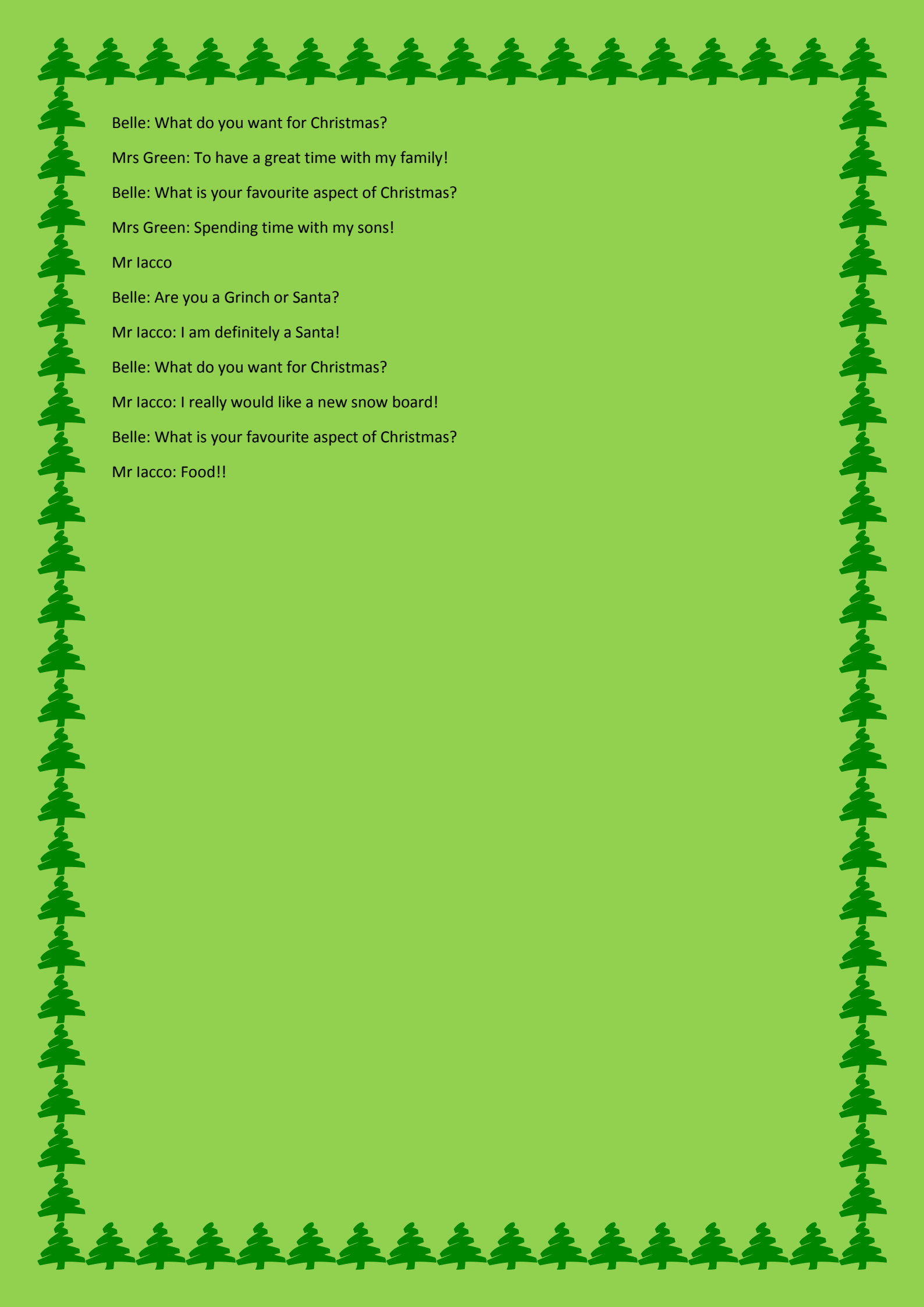
Belle: What is your favourite part of Christmas?

Mrs Walker: the Christmas tree! In my front room, we have a fire place. At the end of the day we will turn the lights out and watch the reflections of the fire and Christmas lights on the wall with a glass of wine in hand.

Mrs Green

Belle: Are you more a Grinch or a Santa?

Mrs Green: a Santa!



Belle: What do you want for Christmas?

Mrs Green: To have a great time with my family!

Belle: What is your favourite aspect of Christmas?

Mrs Green: Spending time with my sons!

Mr Iacco

Belle: Are you a Grinch or Santa?

Mr Iacco: I am definitely a Santa!

Belle: What do you want for Christmas?

Mr Iacco: I really would like a new snow board!

Belle: What is your favourite aspect of Christmas?

Mr Iacco: Food!!



Christmas around the world!

Christmas is celebrated around the world but some people know it differently. Here are a few key facts about different countries.

Australia

- Their Christmas is at the beginning of their summer holidays (December to February half term)!
- The main meal is at lunch and is usually lobsters or a barbeque!
- People often go surfing or to the beach after lunch.
- When Santa gets to Australia, he gives the reindeer a rest and uses kangaroos. He also changes his clothes for less 'hot' ones!
- On Boxing Day most people go and visit their friends and often have barbecues at the beach. A famous Yacht race from Sydney to Hobart in Tasmania is also held on Boxing Day.

France

- In French Happy/Merry Christmas is 'Joyeux Noël'.
- Often in French houses a crib and a nativity scene are set up to decorate.
- In France, Father Christmas / Santa Claus / St. Nicholas is called Père Noël.
- In the east of France Father Christmas is accompanied by a man in black called Le Pere Fouettard.
- The main Christmas meal, called Réveillon, is eaten on Christmas Eve/early Christmas morning after people have returned from the midnight Church Service.
- Dishes might include roast turkey with chestnuts or roast goose, oysters, venison and cheeses. For dessert, a chocolate sponge cake log called a bûche de Noël is normally eaten.
- Logs from cherry wood are often burned in a fire place too.

Jamaica

- In Jamaica Christmas is a really special and important time of year!
- It is usually spent at home or at relative's house.
- The Christmas day meal is usually prepared on Christmas Eve. The traditional Jamaican Christmas meal include fresh fruits, sorrel and rum punch and meat. The Christmas Day breakfast includes breadfruit, boiled bananas, freshly squeezed fruit juice and tea. Dinner is usually served in the late afternoon and this may include chicken, curried goat, stewed oxtail, rice and peas.



Russia

- In Russia Christmas is celebrated on the 7th January.
- Some people don't eat any food on Christmas Eve until the first star has appeared in the sky.
- This meal usually consists of an oat or wheat porridge served with sugar, honey and even fruit jelly!
- Father Christmas is known as father frost.
- In Russian Happy/Merry Christmas its's rah-zh-dee-st-VOHM' (С рождеством!) or s-schah-st-lee-vah-vah rah-zh dee-st-vah' (Счастливого рождества!).

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS!

It's that time of year again. Christmas decorations out in September, shopping in August and the biggest tubs of chocolate! However, sometimes traditional customs are thrown out the window. We have picked out some of the best, worst and funniest Christmas jumpers that have been made! These are the jumpers in no particular order:

1. The OTT!!! (Our worst jumper!)

So you enter the Christmas party and everyone is wearing casual jumpers. There's the occasional funny one, the one with the flashing light that plays music and even the simple ones with a picture of a turkey on. But then out of the corner of your eye you catch a glimpse of what you thought was a cute tinsel scarf and you turn round to see your worst nightmare. No it's not that scary uncle or those creepy twins, it's the worst and overcrowded Christmas jumper ever! We're talking lights, music, tinsel, 3-D sewing, puppets, edible candy canes, decorations and even a phone pouch!



Can you imagine the cashier scanning your Christmas turkey and food when suddenly a man with a barcode walks past you? We love this funny jumper that would be sure to make anyone laugh!





Want to make your jumper come to life? We think this jumper is really cool! You download an app on your phone then slot your phone in et voila!

Your jumper looks like the fire has been lit!



CHRISTMAS JOKES

What is a child's favourite King at Christmas?

A stocking.

What did Mary Poppins want from Santa at Christmas?

Superclausfragilisticexpiallisnowshoes.

What's an ig?

An Eskimo's house without a loo.

What never eats at Christmas?

A turkey it's normally stuffed.

Why was Cinderella such a poor football player?

Because she kept on running away from the ball.

What's the most special part of your body at Christmas?

Your Mistletoe

What do you get if a vampire crosses the road with Jack Frost?

Frostbite

Snowy Owl Christmas tree Biscuits

For the biscuits

125g slightly salted butter, softened

125g caster sugar

1 egg, lightly beaten

1 tsp vanilla extract

250g plain flour

For the decoration

100g packet of whole blanched almonds

100g packet of flaked almonds, toasted

126g packet of giant white chocolate buttons

20g packet standard-sized white chocolate buttons

50g dark chocolate chips

Gold edible glitter (optional)

Icing sugar, for dusting

1. Heat the oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5. Cream together the butter and sugar, then gradually beat in the egg and vanilla extract. Sift and stir in the flour and mix to a fairly soft dough. Turn onto a lightly floured surface and knead gently. Cover or wrap the dough in cling film and chill for at least two hours.

2. Next roll the dough out on a lightly floured surface to around 5mm thick. Cut into oval shapes with a cookie cutter or by cutting round a paper template. You can make mini owl biscuits by using a smaller cutter or template.

3. Transfer the biscuits to a baking tray lined with baking parchment. Put different sized biscuits on separate trays. Place the whole almonds into the dough to create the owls' eyebrows and beaks. If creating decorations for the tree, make a hole near the top of the biscuits using the end of a paintbrush. Bake in the oven for 8 - 14 minutes, depending on the size of the biscuits, until the edges turn lightly golden in colour. Once out of the oven, leave the biscuits on the baking tray to cool.

4. To decorate, set aside enough white chocolate buttons to create the owls' eyes - use giant or standard-sized buttons depending on the size of the owls - the biggest you can fit are best to give a truly owl-like expression. Melt the remaining white chocolate in the microwave or in a bowl over barely simmering water.

5. Using a small tipped paintbrush, carefully paint and stick down the decorations. Stick on the white chocolate buttons, then the dark chocolate chips on top to make the eyes. Neatly paint more melted chocolate over each owl's chest, pressing on the flaked almonds. You can layer the almonds with extra white chocolate.

6. If you find some of the almond eyebrows and beaks have come loose or you are planning to hang the owls on the tree, use some of the melted chocolate to stick them in place. Leave to set.

7. Thread pretty string or fine ribbon into Christmas decorations so you can hang them. Dust with icing sugar and gold edible glitter if using.





Gifts you can make for Christmas!

One good quick handmade idea to make for Christmas is, get a ball (that you hang on a Christmas tree) and cover it in glue. Then get glitter any colour you fancy and sprinkle it all over the ball ball. And finally, you can write a little note or poem!

Another awesome one to do is

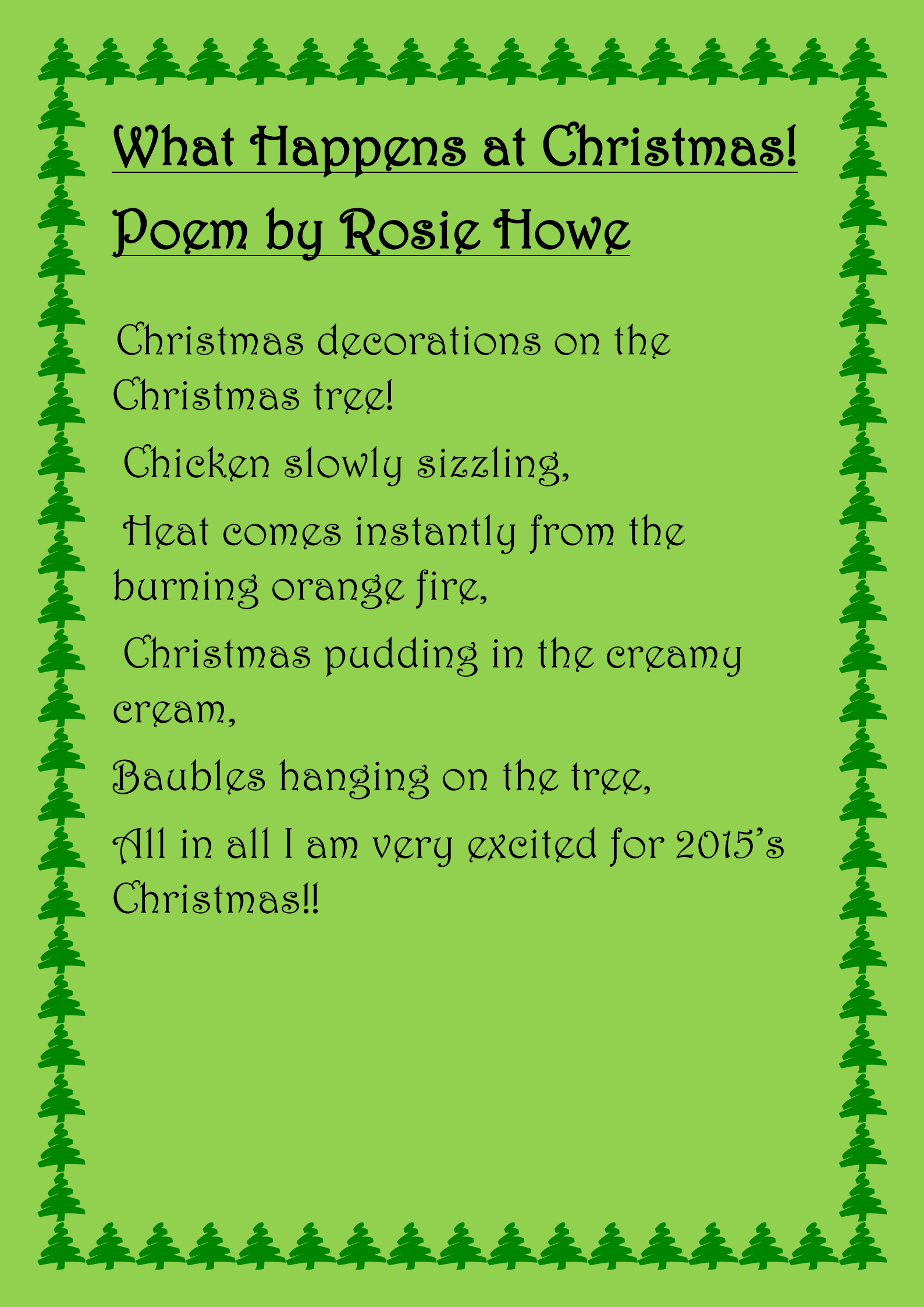
Get two paper plates (one bigger than another)

And one piece of paper then paint them all brown.

After that draw four hand prints on the piece of paper, then cut the hands, also cut out two leaf shapes and another two leaf shapes of a lighter brown. Then get two goggle eyes from a craft shop and stick them on the bigger paper plate, also stick the top of the smaller paper plate to the bigger paper plate at the bottom, furthermore stick two hands on the top of bigger plate and the

same on the other side. Finally get a red cotton ball and stick it in the middle of the bigger plate, and you should have a Reindeer!!!!!!!!!!!!!!





What Happens at Christmas!

Poem by Rosie Howe

Christmas decorations on the
Christmas tree!

Chicken slowly sizzling,

Heat comes instantly from the
burning orange fire,

Christmas pudding in the creamy
cream,

Baubles hanging on the tree,

All in all I am very excited for 2015's
Christmas!!

Miss Campillo's Arrival!

The Arrival!

The arrival of Miss. Campillo and her adorable baby, Diego was an exciting surprise! At lunch time she and her baby, Diego, came. Luckily it was raining outside so we were all in and able to see them. Some teachers got to hold Diego!

By Rosie Howe.



Welcome Back!

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Every child in the world is begging to get their hands on the new 'Legend of Zelda: Triforce Heroes! This story-driven RPG game by the gaming magicians Nintendo, revolves around you, the hero Link. You are to save the Land of Hytopia with other Links in red and blue. The story was based on Nintendo's earlier hit, 'Legend of Zelda: Four Swords', where Link is transformed into 4 due to the mighty power of the Four Sword. This game involves multi-player action where you can team with a friend to stop the evil Lady Maud and save Princess Styla! This game for the Nintendo 3DS and Nintendo 2DS is a must for every child in the world!



COMICS



JIMMY!!! WHERE IS YOUR HOMEWORK?!



It's at home.



Why isn't it at School?!



Because it's HOME work!

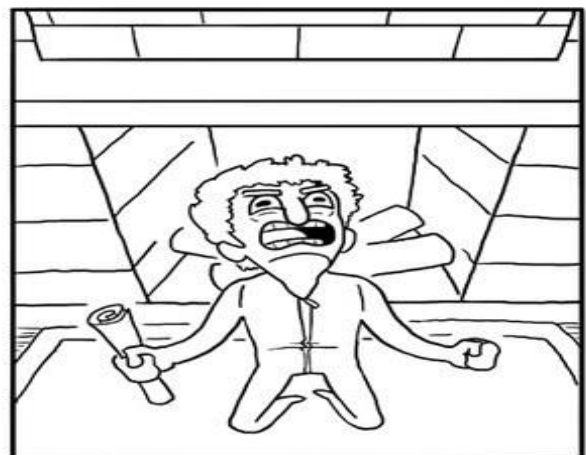
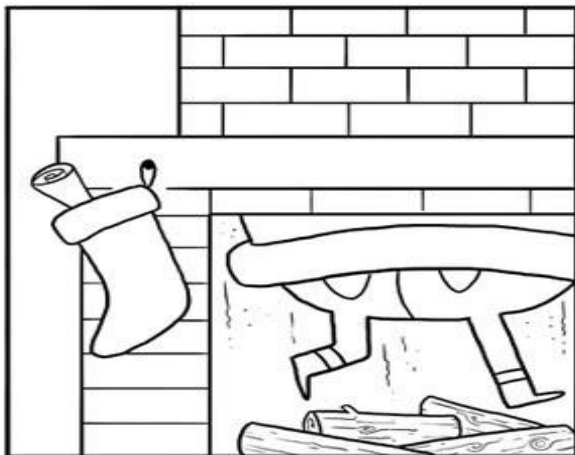
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THE GRITTLETON ORACLE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. What day announces the Summer Holidays?
2. Who was the member of 'Queen' who died?
3. Which company released 'Fanta' and 'Sprite'?
4. What is the name of the founder of the school?
5. What do people say when they are laughing?
6. What 3 lessons are Science split up into in Year 7?
7. What is the title of this page?
8. Who was the third monarch of England (William I=No. 1)?
9. What ride is based on an 18-rated horror film at Thorpe Park?
10. Who designed this page?



THE GRITTLETON ORACLE
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ ANSWERS

1. 6th of July

2. Freddie Mercury

3. Coca-Cola

4. Joanna Shipp

5. HA HA HA

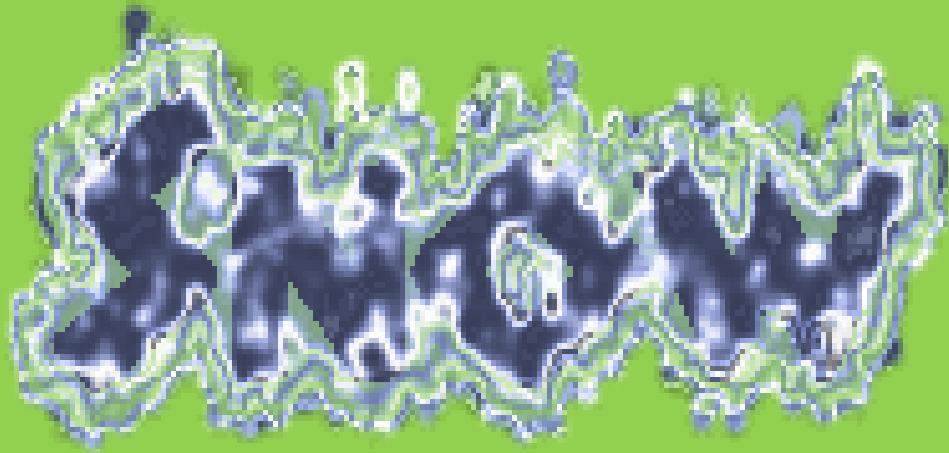
6. Biology, Chemistry and Physics

7. The Grittleton Oracle General
Knowledge Quiz

8. Henry I

9. SaW

10. Archie Still



Sadly, snow has a low chance of falling in December, as the Met Office predicts that it has an average of 3.9 days of snow. Whereas from January to March there is a pretty good chance of snow, with January having an average of 5.3 days of snow, February having an average of 5.6 days of snow and March having an average of 4.2 days of snow.



Sky Hawk

Our brilliant and amazing Year Sevens have just finished reading an enthralling book called 'Sky Hawk', which follows the story of Callum, who meets up with the feisty Iona, as they make a pact that could change their lives and other lives forever, but can they keep this secret safe from harm. From the brilliant Gill Lewis who authored books like 'White Dolphin' and 'Moon Bear', this is a must have book for the whole family.

'It had a mixture of positive and negative turns, as well as loads of tension!' -Jack Lippiatt (Year 7). 'Really enjoyed reading it! It involved a lot of emotional turns but I would definitely read this again!' -Belle Pass (Year 7).



Skiing competition

We want you to write a poem, write a story or do a drawing anything you want as long as it is to do with SKIING!

We would like your entries in by the 15th of December. Please hand your entries to Mrs Costello or Belle Pass.

You must include a name on it and which age category you want to be in! The options are juniors, infants of seniors.

The winners' names will be published in the next issue.

You can only enter once!

There will be a winner for each age group.

The winner will receive a bag of sweets or chocolate!

We will talk to you if you are a winner!

Please do your entry on paper.





Dates for your Diary

The sound of Christmas -8th December

The Nativity-8th & 9th December

Christmas Music Concert-15th

December

Ski Trip-20th February

Year 9 Christmas cake competition-14th

December

Church Service-17th December

End of term-17th December