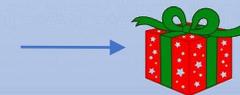




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Welcome to The Students' Herald!



There have been many events this term that the school have taken part in, including: Odd Sock Day, Children In Need charity fundraising and shoe box challenges. Never is it a more important time to think of others in need as it is at Christmas time. We at The Students' Herald hope that you will enjoy the articles in this festive issue and you will get ideas for recipes, Christmas wrapping ideas and some relaxation colouring. Christmas break is a time to rest, reflect and think of others as well as looking after yourself.

We all hope you have a wonderful break and should you like to be involved with the school newspaper or get involved with any creative writing, you can send a message to myself on Teams or you can pop along to the next meeting (details will be on Student Briefings). Take a look in the newspaper for more information on upcoming competitions!

Happy Christmas from Miss Rogers and the Scribble Society!

Will it be a White Christmas?

Megan Rainbow 8.6



Many of us dream of it being a white Christmas. We dream of making snowmen and throwing snowballs around.

Will it or will it not be a white Christmas this year? This depends on many things, such as latitude (snow is more likely the further north you are, e.g., Scotland) and height above sea level (more likely on the top of a mountain). The air has to be cold enough for it to snow, that doesn't necessarily mean it has to be freezing. You also need enough thick cloud for snow to form.

Climate change has made things a lot warmer over land and sea which reduces the chance of snow. With global climate change, we will generally get wetter and milder winters, to be by a single location in UK, which was the met office building in London. It now is classed as a white Christmas if there will be cold spells with snow possible but less frequent.

How do we class a white Christmas in UK? It used to be snowflakes observed falling in the 24 hours of 25 December, somewhere in the UK. A lot of people bet on whether it will be a white Christmas or not and you can choose the location of choice e.g., Thomas Adams school.

Can we predict now if 2021 will be a White Christmas? The answer is no! Current forecasting predictions are only reliable for up to 7 days. Beyond that there is too much uncertainty to definitely say if it will be or not. Last day of term we might be able to have a better of the idea if Wem will have a White Christmas!

The last white Christmas recorded across the UK was 2016. In fact, in terms of widespread sleet/snow falling across the UK on Christmas day, between 1971 and 1992 there was only 1 year (1980), whereas in the year 1993 to 2004 there was 6 such occasions.

We are just hoping for a white Christmas as it brings joy and happy memories!



Gingerbread recipe:

By Abbie Williams 7.4

Ingredients you will need:

- Gingerbread
- 128g molasses
- 640g plain flour
- 4g baking soda
- 4g nutmeg
- 4g salt
- 12g ginger
- 128g margarine
- 128g caster sugar
- 128g unsalted butter
- Icing
- 1 egg white
- 192g icing sugar
- 2g cream of tartar

Recipe:

- 1) Heat oven to 350`f (180`c)
- 2) Sift the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, salt
- 3) Grease a jug
- 4) Pour molasses into a jug
- 5) Melt butter in a pot
- 6) Add sugar to the melted butter
- 7) Stir well make sure sugar has dissolved
- 8) Add dry to the wet mix a bit at a time
- 9) Until forms a dough
- 10) Knead the dough
- 11) Divide the dough into 3 equal parts
- 12) Roll 1 section out
- 13) Use that one section to cut out some templates
- 14) Make sure you cut right the way through the dough
- 15) Bake for 12- 15
- 16) Pull out the windows blockers whilst the gingerbread is warm
- 17) Then let all the pieces cool
- 18) Start to make your butter cream
- 19) To make your butter cream put all your ingredients in a bowl and mix for 2-3 mins
- 20) Start to assemble
- 21) Get one of the side pieces and glue it to an end piece **(As the glue use the butter cream)**
- 22) Do the same method with the other side piece
- 23) Then glue those 4 pieces together
- 24) Make the roof by getting your 2 roof pieces and sticking them together
- 25) Then add all the decoration on and Enjoy!!





Recycling your Christmas trees

By Grace Newcombe

Trees. We don't really think about how to dispose of them, but in total about 8 million Christmas trees are disposed a year. It's actually quite easy and simple; I'm going to talk about 5 ways of disposing of them. These ways are: Shredding, Replanting, Wildlife, Firewood, Charities.

Shredding speeds up their decomposition (the process of rotting). Shredding is also great for mulch for your shrubs and paths.

Replanting is an affordable and great solution to use your tree over and over each year and you can do it yourself. Handy instructions included below!

- 1.Fill an outdoor plant pot with soil and make a little well in the middle.
 - 2.Put the roots of your tree into the well.
 - 3.Cover with soil.
 - 4.Keep it outside in a sheltered spot.
 - 5.Keep watering once a week
- ... And you will have yourself a great tree!

Wildlife is a great and considerable option with little, if not no, effort needed. Christmas trees are not just homes for your baubles and tinsel but insects too, although not in your house of course! Christmas trees are great homes for wildlife so move your Christmas tree outside for the creatures to enjoy.

Firewood is the first option on most people's minds and it's a good one at that. Just make sure it's dry before you do this, and even though it's tempting to leave them, make sure the pine needles are off, as they contain resin and can cause a risk of a chimney fire; in safe and permitted hands, it's fine.

Charities like <https://just-helping.org.uk> is a great option. They have helped 61 hospices and collected 75 Christmas trees so far. They have raised £1,287, which is incredible, but they are not the only charity so have look to see if you can get involved!



Pros	Cons
More cost-effective	Can look phoney and synthetic
Flame retardant	Made from a non-renewable resource: petroleum
No maintenance necessary	There is no advantage to the home economy, as a lot of fake trees are made abroad
Can be left up for as long as you like	Time required to assemble the tree
No mess from needles	Requires storage space in the home
Huge assortment to select from	Insects may get into the carton while it is stored if not packed properly

Plastic trees are not recyclable, so when you come to the decision of fake or real this year, choose real (if you can)!

I hope you know what to do with your Christmas trees after you have used them besides chucking them out.

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Eco DIYs For Wildlife This Winter

By Isla Coburn 8.6



Winter can be a tough time for animals, so here are two fun ways to get busy, creative, and help your garden visitors!

It is estimated that, as a nation, we spend £200 - £300 million a year on bird feeding products, so this is a great and easy compromise.

In some cases, there are over 2,000 different species of invertebrate in a garden, and it is important to try and conserve this.

How to make a DIY bird feeder

1. Grab a toilet roll tube and cover it in a thick layer of lard
2. Take a string (the longer, the lower it will be on a branch) and thread it through, tying it securely.
3. Put your birdseed into a bowl and dip in the toilet roll tube, making sure it is fully covered in seed.

Then let the birds feast!

How to make a bug hotel

1. Grab an old plastic bottle (the larger 2L bottle is easier to handle) Carefully cut off the top and bottom of it
2. Go into your garden or go for a walk outside and grab twigs, leaves, pinecones, etc.
3. Fill your tube with what you have collected and place it on the ground, near bushes or trees in the sunlight.



How St. Nicolas Became Santa Claus

By Alice Arthan 7.1



St. Nicolas was a Christian Bishop who helped the ones in need by putting a bit of money in their boots or stockings at night. It all started when Nicolas saved three sisters who were the daughters of a poor father. Nicolas gifted their father with the dowry so his daughters could get married.

He became Santa Claus when he died. The name evolved from his Dutch name Sint Klaas, which translates to St Nicolas. Each year for Christmas it is believed that Santa flies in a sleigh with his 8 flying reindeers (including Rudolph!) to each and everyone's house to deliver presents!

Santa is called different things in different countries. In Hungary he is called Mikulas. In Italy, he is called Babbo Natale. In Japan, he is known as Hoteiosho. In France, he is called Pere Noel and in Germany, he is called Weihnachtsman.

I hope you enjoyed my article and found the history of Santa Claus interesting!



Christmas from different Cultures



Paganism and how they Celebrate Christmas and the winter season

By Autumn Derricutt 8.2 and Cailyn Bee-Roche Harrison 8.2

- Yule is an indigenous winter festivity celebrated by the Germanic people. The earliest references to it are in the form of month names, where the Yule-tide period lasts somewhere around two months, falling along the end of the modern calendar year between what is now mid-November and early January.
- It was an ancient tradition that when sacrifice was to be made, all farmers were to come to the Heathen temple and bring along with them the food they required while the feast took place. At this banquet all were to join in with the drinking of ale. Also, all kinds of livestock were killed in relation to it, horses also; and all the blood from them was called *hlaut* (sacrificial blood), and *hlautbolli*, the vessel holding the blood; and *hlautteinar*, the sacrificial twigs (aspergills). These were fashioned like sprinklers, and with them were to be smeared all over with blood the pedestals of the idols and the walls of the temple within and without; and likewise, the men present were to be sprinkled with blood. But the meat of the animals was to be boiled and served as food at the banquet. Fires were to be lit in the middle of the temple floor, and kettles hung over the fires. The sacrificial beaker was to be borne around the fire, and he who made the feast and was chieftain, was to bless the beaker as well as all the sacrificial meat.

Good ways to celebrate Pagan Christmas! (Yuletide)

- The shortest day of the year, December 21, is around the corner, marking the end of fall and the official start of winter. The winter solstice is an ancient pagan holiday known for rituals and traditions that celebrate nature and setting one's intentions for the coming season. Curious how to celebrate? Here are some customary ways to celebrate the solstice—you might notice that some resemble beloved Christmas traditions.

Build a yule altar

- An iconic part of the winter solstice is the yule altar. The purpose of the altar is to honor the return of the sun, so one of the most important items is a candle that symbolizes the sun—ideally a golden-, silver-, or yellow-hued candle. Fill the altar with symbols of winter like pinecones, evergreen boughs of fir and cedar, and wreaths, and you can even add a yule log as a finishing touch. Make sure to cleanse the altar with sage or sweetgrass.

Make an evergreen yule wreath

- Whether it's for your yule altar or just for your doorway, building a wreath using winter evergreens like pine, fir, juniper, and cedar is a classic way to honor the season. In ancient pagan cultures, evergreens were associated with protection and prosperity, making them popular choices for celebrating the end of the year and the beginning of winter.

Burn a Yule log

- Historically, the burning of the yule log was a Nordic tradition, where a whole tree (not just a log!) was brought into the home to burn for the entire 12 days of Christmas. Keep it safe in the modern era with a mini log for your hearth. No fireplace? Queue up Netflix's "Fireplace For Your Home" video instead to recreate the experience—or bake your yule log instead.

Decorate a yule tree

- Sounds familiar, doesn't it? If you have one, you've likely already decorated your Christmas tree by December 21, but in the old pagan traditions, Yule trees were actually living outdoor trees that were decorated with hanging candles. The candles and any added ornaments were meant to symbolize the sun, moon, and stars, as well as remembrances of loved ones that were lost.

Exchange nature-based gifts

- The practice of holiday gifting in fact has its roots in a winter solstice tradition of exchanging gifts. Don't worry about going shopping for yet another perfectly stylish gift; the traditional items to give on the solstice come from nature. Give a small handmade wreath, beautiful crystals, a plant-based candle, or even seeds. (And if that's not practical, do try to be sustainable).

Give back to nature 🎁

- The winter solstice is a time to celebrate the natural world. Take some time during the day to scatter seeds for local birds and wildlife to give back to your home's original community.

Celebrate in candlelight

- Being the shortest day means the solstice is also the longest night of the year, and one of the original traditions was rooted in candlelight—both for the needed light, and to celebrate the return of the sun in the coming months. Using a tabletop (or your altar!), cover it in unlit candles, either in a circle or a varied pattern, depending on your preference. Then, place a candle that symbolizes the sun (ideally in yellow or gold) in the center and positioned above the rest of the candles. Light the sun candle first, and then the rest of your candles, and you can recite a ritual while doing it, too.

Set up a meditation space

- Take time on the longest night to reflect within on what the new season and New Year will bring you. Winter is a quieter time of year with colder weather and the end of the holidays, making it a great time for inner growth and peace.

- Germany celebrates Christmas with two public holidays, 25 and 26 December. For many people, 24 December, Christmas Eve, is divided into a hectic morning and a festive evening. When Christmas Eve falls on a working day, the shops are open until noon and they are very busy as people buy their last presents or food for the festive meal. Afterwards attention focuses on decorating the Christmas tree with fairy lights and colourful baubles, wrapping up presents and preparing food. In the early evening the members of the family gather. Some cultivate traditions like singing and making music together. The evening meal is followed by the distribution of presents: this is when everyone is allowed to unwrap the parcels lying under the Christmas tree. Finally, weeks after writing wish lists to the Christ Child, children expectantly wait to see whether their wishes have been fulfilled. Young people who have returned to their home towns for the holidays often set off again late at night to meet up with old friends.

- Festivity starts in September

- The first taste of the holiday season appears when Lebkuchen (gingerbread) and Spekulatis (ginger biscuits, but different to gingerbread) are suddenly stocked on shelves in supermarkets at the start of September. Christmas markets, songs, lights, and Christmas spirit and joy spread almost contagiously from the first Sunday of advent.

- Christmas menu

- According to old Christmas tradition, the period from St. Martin's day on November 11th until December 24th -Christmas Eve- was a time of fasting. This is why simple and easy meals are made, I.e. carp, as fish was seen as a symbolic fasting meal. Although, potato salad and sausages is still a firm favourite throughout the country according to a survey taken in 2016, where it is shown the around every 1 in 2 Germans eat potato salad on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day and Boxing Day however, Germans enjoy a luxurious feast on a festively decorated table. Roast goose with potato dumplings and red cabbage is a traditional Christmas meal in Germany.

- German Christmas tales

- Written in 1806 by the Brothers Grimm “The Elves and the Shoemaker” is an original Christmas story about a failing Shoemaker at Christmas time, who one morning wakes up to a newly made pair of shoes on his workbench, this occurrence happens every morning, until they discover that two little elves are making the shoes, every night. They decide to gift these elves back with clothes and shoes, on receiving these gifts they bounce away and never return, but the Shoemaker makes a fortune from then on, a story of hard work being payed off.

How Germans celebrate Christmas

Frohe Weihnachten!

By Autumn Dericutt 8.2 and Cailyn Bee-Roche Harrison 8.2



Traditions

Some German Christmas traditions are similar to ours see if you can spot them, they include:

- * Stockings are opened on December 6th
- * Hiding a pickle in the Christmas tree
- * Celebration on Christmas Eve
- * German Christmas pyramids put up in homes
- * Christmas tree decorated last
- * Krampus night, which is a night where good children get gifts, taking place on December 6th
- * Placing advent wreaths on the dining table
- * Feurzangenbowle (mulled wine with generous amounts of alcohol, set alight then drank) is drank
- * Christmas markets
- * Mulled wine is drank
- * Christmas angels hung around the house
- * Letters to “Christ child”
- * White candle of Advent is lit on Christmas Day
- * Manger scene is put under the Christmas tree
- * Stollen (delicious fruit bread, topped with powdered sugar) is eaten
- * Shoes are placed outside door for St. Nicholas to put gifts in
- * Sternsingers, which are three children, dressed up as the three wise men with a star on the end of a pole carolling on January 6th or Epiphany
- * Hand-carved wooden nutcrackers are given to children as gifts



Odd sock day

By Isabel Dixon 8.6



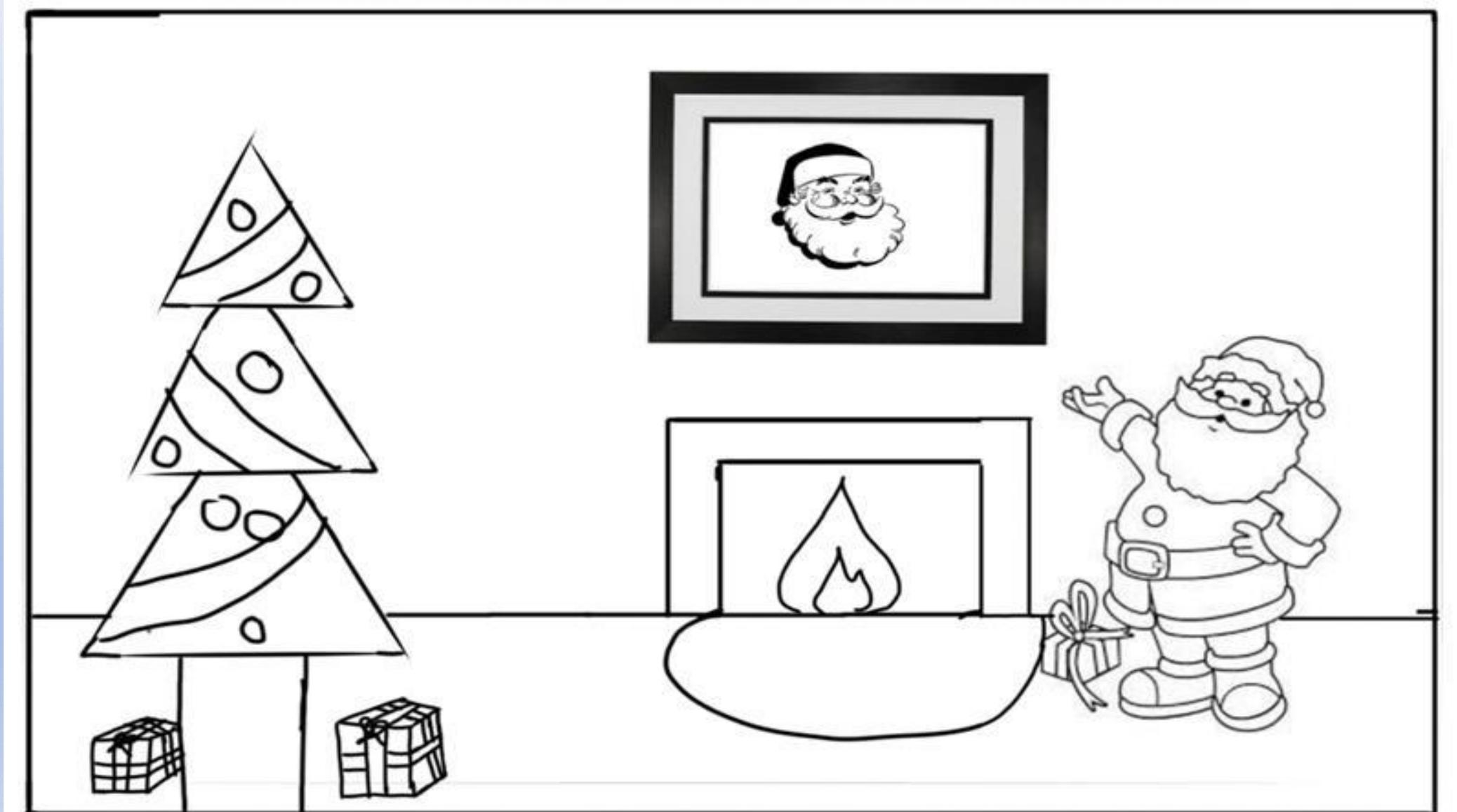
On Monday 15th November, students were allowed to come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week. Many students and teachers took part to celebrate our individuality and mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Sock Day began in 2017 to publicise how unique we are and help spread awareness about bullying in person and online.





Colouring in page

By Madalyn Davies

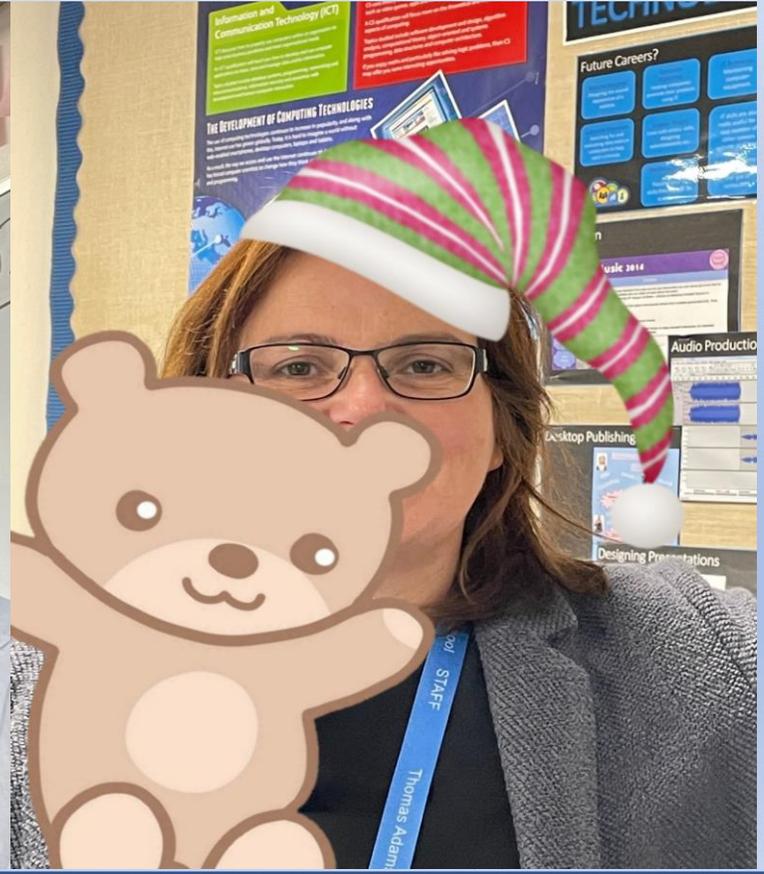


Guess Who- Teacher Edition!



Hazel Lever 10.2

Let's see if you know the teachers around the school! Have a guess and see if you know who these teachers are. Answers will be on the last page



Christmas presents made with materials from home – Niall Lees and Ronia Surche

As we all know, Christmas is just around the corner, meaning many people are in a rush to find a gift for their friends and loved ones. In this article, we will show you how to make 4 gifts that are suitable for anyone this Christmas.



Goodie jar

1. Decorate your jar with anything like paints, stickers, buttons etc.
2. Fill your jar with anything like money, sweets, or small toys.
3. Write a small note in the jar saying something like merry Christmas or happy new year.



Paper Christmas tree ornament

1. Get some newspaper (make sure no one is using it) or old paper and paint/colour it green or any other colour.
2. Cut the paper into strips and fold them into a sort of cone shape, making sure you are securing it with glue to create little cones.
3. Stick the little cones on top of each other creating a little tree.
4. Scrunch up small coloured paper balls and stick them onto the tree making little tree decorations.
5. Stick a little piece of string or ribbon on top and hang it on your Xmas tree or give it to someone as a gift!

Friendship bracelet box.

1. Get a small cardboard box, cut small pieces of cardboard, and slide them into the box creating little compartments.
2. In each of the compartments put little things like string, beads, homemade wooden beads, and other things.

Candy Christmas tree

1. Get some different small sweets that are in boxes or packets and paint them green.
2. Once dry, stick them in a tree formation onto an empty toilet roll.



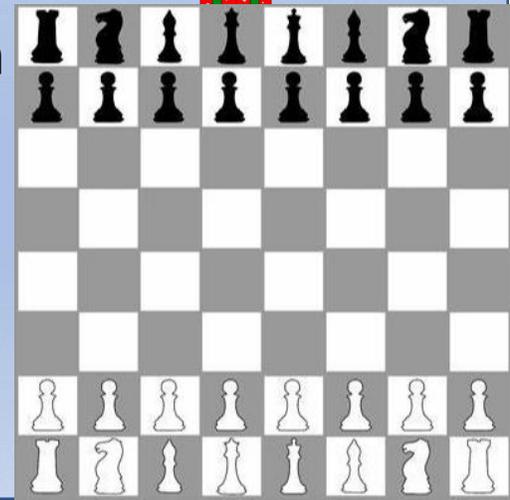
Chess Club

By Will Weston



Are you interested in learning a new game? Perhaps looking for a new hobby? Why not come to Chess Club? Chess club is run on Mondays 3:20pm-4:30pm by Mr. Allen. This is where you could learn how to play and play games against other players. In Chess Club, you also have a variety of resources you can be provided with if you want to practice outside of school. ChessKid is a website the Chess club uses where we can practice playing puzzles or play chess games against a bot or someone else in the world!

If you are interested in finding out more information, please message Mr Allen (D&T) or come along to a session after school and experience it for yourself!



Scribble Society

By Will Weston



Do you think you are a creative writer? Do you like reading books? The Scribble Society might be a perfect opportunity for you. This club is run by Miss Rogers, and is a chance to show your creative skills, let everyone read your own stories and read others', enter external writing competitions which might give you the chance to have your writing published and help contribute to The Students' Herald if you want to!

So what are you waiting for? If you think this club would be good for you, contact Miss Rogers via Teams.

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PE clubs

By Will Weston



Are you interested in participating in some extra curricular clubs? Want to enjoy some extra time after school with your mates? Our PE department offers a wide range of PE clubs after school. Here is what our PE department runs after school and at lunch times:

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Year 7 & 8 - 12.15-12.40pm Year 9-11 - 12.40-1.15pm	Volleyball KS3 Boys & Girls LJA/LC	Badminton KS3 Girls CS/AKG	Badminton KS3 Boys LJA/CS	Benchball KS3/4/5 Boys & Girls CS/AKG	Badminton KS4/5 Boys & Girls CB
		PE Detentions (10 mins) CVK Sports Hall		PE Detentions (20 mins) CVK Sports Hall	
3.20-4.30pm	After school detentions (Sports Hall) CVK	Football (Boys) KS3/4/5 (Field) LJA/CB/CS/LC	Netball Year KS3/4/5 Boys & Girls (H.Court) CVK/AKG	Indoor Football (Girls) KS3/4/5 (S.Hall) LJA/CS/LC	Staff Football (S.Hall)
	KS3/4/5 Handball Boys & Girls (S.Hall) CB/LC	KS3/4/5 Trampoline Boys & Girls(S.Hall) AKG	Rugby (Boys&Girls) KS3/4/5 (Field) TM/CS/AC	D of E (Year 9 & 10) AKG	
	Dance KS3/4/5 Boys & Girls (M. Hall) CVK		KS3/4/5 (Boys&Girls) Handball (S.Hall) CB/LC	Martial Arts KS3/4/5 Boys & Girls (S. Hall) CS	

Home

Stoke has good and bad,
I remember the things that I once had,
Their favourite sport is football
But some people are not always humble
Despite the bad; it's still home.

Nine years of living there,
I would have to buy gel
'cause I would worry about my hair!
Some people do drugs
But some people just need a hug
Despite the bad, it's still home.

I love all of the massive McDonalds
When I go swimming, I sometimes forget my goggles.
It is my family city,
I sometimes go to see the pottery,
But when I do, I don't forget about the poverty
Despite the bad, it's still home.

Loui Year 7

"Well done Loui, this is a great poem and it is clear that Stoke is special to you; I particularly liked your use of repetition on the final line of each stanza, a great structural feature!" - Miss Rogers

POETRY COMPETITION!

This poem has been inspired by someone's home. If you think you could write a poem about where you live, please send it to Miss Rogers on Teams by 31st January. Make sure you attach your name and form to your entry!





Interview with a Teacher by Elizabeth Rixon

In October, Miss Rogers ran 100km for the charity Breast Cancer UK.

I met with her and asked her the following questions:

1. What inspired you to run for the charity?

"I had been looking to do a challenge for a while, this one was coming up and it felt a good time to challenge myself. I wanted to get fit and raise money in the process. I knew it was going to be hard. I think I underestimated how hard! The charity is so important to so many people".

2. Did you run it all in one go?

"Goodness, no! I had to be quite disciplined and go on the days when I really didn't want to. I was lucky as my dog came with me for some of it and I had a lot of support from family. I ran an average of 4km a day. I ran mostly around where I live, but I also went to the peak district to finish the last part".

3. How much money did you raise, and would you do the challenge again?

"I raised £501 for the charity. Yes, I would do it again, but not in October! The cold, dark nights made it extra challenging but then I suppose that's the point, isn't it?"

Well done Miss for pushing yourself and succeeding in your goal!

Respect – Resilience - Success



Environmentally friendly ways of wrapping Christmas presents

By Amelie Turner



We all love the thrill of the ostentatiously wrapped presents that sit so perfectly under the Christmas tree, with their excessive amount of extra-sticky tape; brightly coloured patterns that attract the eye; decorative attachments such as bows, ribbons and occasionally the odd gift tag.

But is the excitement really worth the cost? With scientists quoting that with our current rate of deforestation, the Earth will be completely barren of trees in just over 300 years, we consequently don't have long. By making little changes this Christmas, you can contribute to saving our home and ensure future generations are able to enjoy our planet and its festivities (including Christmas!) Of course, you might be stuck wondering "what can I do? I can only find normal gift-wrapping in my local store!" Well, here are some ideas to get you thinking:

- **Brown Paper and String**

Of course, when you first think about it, it doesn't sound that exciting, does it? But with the odd pinch of natural flair, your crumpled old paper can be transformed into the perfect Christmassy present. [insert picture of a leaf\foliage on brown paper + string]

- **Reusable Bag**

A reusable bag is the simplest of things, but with a bit of time and care, is the ideal carrier of your gift! And if you're into creative festive projects, why not try your hand at personalising it for that lucky someone?

- **What- NO wrapping?**

Yes, that's right! Instead of mailing it directly to your receiver, why not give it to them yourself? Without the fuss of wrapping, AND better for the environment!

Of course, these are only 3 top tips. I'm sure there are thousands of others, but these (in my opinion) are the best for your family and friends to show you care this Christmas.



Remembrance Day

By Alex North



“They shall not grow old, as we that are left 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.”

On Monday 11th November 1918 at 11am, World War One ended. Every year since, we commemorate Armistice Day with a 2-minute silence to pay respect to all that lost their lives fighting for our country. Before the 2 minutes, the Last Post is played on a Bugle, followed by the Rouse.

Poppy appeal

A poppy is worn as a mark of respect after they started to grow where the battlefields once were. Although there is no incorrect way to wear a poppy, many veterans will say it is to be worn on the left closest to the heart and the leaf should be pointing towards the 11th hour.



This is the selection of products that Thomas Adams school offers to commemorate the soldiers that died in battle. To support the British Legion, you could go to Mr. Cooper's office and just outside there would be a table full of products you could buy. All the money raised from the poppies goes to the British Legion, so you would be supporting a charity if you did decide to purchase anything.



You can also donate to the British legion by pressing this link:

[The British Legion](#)

2 minute

The 2-minute silence is important/ key to remember people in the Legion who sacrificed their lives for their countries.

Children in Need

By Grace Adams and Chloe Forrester



Children in need (Pudsey Day)

What makes a child in need? A child would be considered being in need if: they have disability: blindness, deafness, dumbness, mental disorders or permanent disorders.

What is Children in Need:

Children in Need run an event, where a host of celebrities get together for the BBCs annual telethon to raise money for the Children in Need charity. All donations go to the charity, which is used to help improve the lives of disadvantaged children and young people around the U.K.

What is Pudsey Day?

Pudsey Day is on the 19th of November 2021. It is all about encouraging pupils to embrace their own identities by wearing anything to show who they are, while raising vital funds for young people. The charity also partnered with fitness teacher Joe Wicks, who took part in a 24- hour PE challenge to raise money.

Why do we have Pudsey?

Pudsey is the official mascot of BBC Children in Need. Children in Need is a very special time for lots of people, but it is nice knowing that when you give a small donation, it goes very far.

Here at The Thomas Adams School we raised in excess of £1400 for the charity this year and when you donate on Xmas jumper day, the money will be divided between this charity and local food banks – so get involved!

THANK YOU - BY GRACE ADAMS AND CHLOE FORRESTER

Advent

Madalyn Davies

What advent is

Advent is an important part of the Christian calendar. It means 'coming' and is the period before Christmas which celebrates the birth of Jesus. It is all about the preparing of Christmas day aka Jesus's birthday. During the season of Advent, Christians across the world prepare for the celebration of the arrival of the lord into the world through the birth of his son, Jesus Christ. Advent is a time to celebrate light during the darkness. It is also a time to look forward to when Jesus will come next.

You can recycle the cardboard like normal, by either using it for something else or putting it in your recycling bin / box. The plastic on the inside of the box can also be put into your recycling bin/box. It is wise to make your own, so you can avoid plastic altogether.





Christmas Writing competition

Hello Scribblers, as a small celebration for Christmas we are going to do a writing competition with the title,

A footprint in the snow.

This could be the title of whatever you want, a poem, a story, whatever you wanted

The prize is undecided so far but will be announced in a short amount of time.

Please submit your entries to Miss Rogers on Teams by Monday 20th December

Idea by Megan Rainbow

Contributors

- Isabelle Beeston
- Isabel Dixon
- Georgina Lusby
- Autumn Derricutt
- Megan Rainbow
- Cailyn Bee-Roche Harrison
- Alice Arthan
- Hazel Lever
- Alex North
- Amelie Turner
- Will Weston
- Grace Newcombe
- Niall Lees
- Isla Coburn
- Ronia Surche
- Abbie Williams
- Madalyn Davies
- Luke Arrowsmith
- Grace Adams
- Chloe Forrester



Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!



From,

All at the Students'
Herald!

Answers- guess who

Snowman- Mr Stokes, Geography,

Santa- Mr Page, Maths

Elf- Mrs Turner, ICT

If you have counted all the hidden presents,
you can send your entry to Miss J Rogers on
Teams. If you are correct you will enter a
prize draw!

