



## Emmanuel Express Newspaper - Issue #47 - December 2023

### Interview with Miss Roscoe by Tom and Marie, Y6

For this edition of the Emmanuel Express, we wanted to speak to our new Head of School, Miss Roscoe, to find out more about her and the move to Emmanuel.

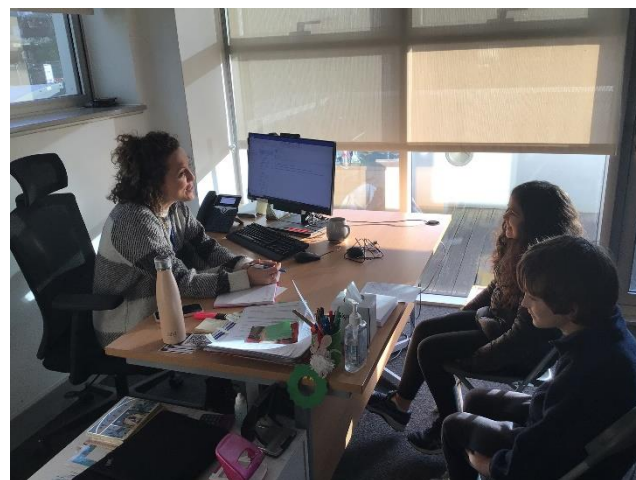
#### Which primary school did you go to and what was it like?

I went to a junior school in Southampton as I didn't grow up in London – it was called St Mark's and I loved it – it was very caring, and it was very free because we had a big field that we could go on. The teachers were really fun and funny. I remember my favourite bits were racing with my friend through maths questions to see who could do the work the quickest, and I loved the teacher reading to us – Mr Powell – we went through the entire Jeremy James stories, and at the time I thought he was like the BFG since he had big ears!

#### Why did you want to be the Head of School at Emmanuel?

I love primary schools – when anyone says they don't like schools, or when parents say they didn't like it when they were a child, it always makes me so sad. I loved being at school and I think learning is really fun. I was a really good class teacher and I really enjoyed it but then the next step in a career is to be Head Teacher as you don't just have an impact on those 30 children but the whole school through the other teachers.

More on Page 3...



### Some things to look out for in this Christmas edition

#### New year facts!



See page 2

#### Christmas traditions



See page 6

#### Baking (vegan) Christmas biscuits



Pages 8

#### Christmas jokes



Page 12



# A note from our Emmanuel Express Managers...

Thank you to all of our new team of Class Reps who are helping to write this newspaper. We have really enjoyed making this edition of the Emmanuel Express and hope you have enjoyed reading our paper.

Happy reading!

From all the Express Team Managers - Tom, Marie, Sarup and Campbell



## Thank you to our Autumn term Class Reps:

Year 2 – Alex and Layla

Year 5 – Mia and Alex Z

Year 3 – Cosima, Dhilan and Louisa

Year 6 – Leyla and Micah

Year 4 – Gideon and Maisie



## New Year Facts by Campbell, Y6

1. The first New Year celebration dates back 4,000 years.
2. Forty-five percent of Americans make New Year's resolutions.
3. The song traditionally sung on New Year's "Auld Lang Syne" means 'times gone by'.
4. New Year's is not a public holiday so most still go to work.
5. The countries that celebrate New Year's last [because of time zones] are Baker Island and Howland Island - both are uninhabited.
6. About one million people gather in New York City's Times Square to watch the ball drop.
7. Scotland call New Year's 'Hogmanay'.
8. The first people to celebrate New Year's is The Line Islands [part of Kiribati], Samoa and Tonga.
9. China celebrate New Year after us as Lunar New Year or Chinese New Year. Their calendar goes in cycles of 12 years, each year with a different animal.
10. 2024 Chinese New Year is the year of the dragon the most recent one is 2012.
11. The dragon, also known as Loong, is the fifth in 12 animals of Chinese New Year and the year of the dragon is associated with Earthly Branch symbol 辰, pronounced chen.

Thanks for reading😊



## Interview with Miss Roscoe continued...

### **But then you work less with the children...**

I do work less with the children, that is true – but I have an impact on the whole school – working across the school helping cover the teachers, making big decisions that change things, being able to buy new things for the school like new Chromebooks.

### **Why did you leave your last school?**

My last school was Hampstead Parochial and I was maternity cover for Head of School so I covered her. The school before that was Holy Trinity where I worked for 10 years. After I had my children, my role changed and the opportunity was there to change, and then I heard that Miss Burns was leaving Emmanuel and I thought, that is for me!

### **What is your favourite thing about Emmanuel school so far?**

Oh the children, 100%! The children are wonderful, bright and caring, passionate, and spirited. I also love the staff, we have lots of new teachers this year, but we have all slotted in well and we have an amazing team of staff. Also the opportunities that you pupils have to be part of, such as the Emmanuel Express, the Wellbeing Champions and School council, really make the school very special.

### **What are you excited about for Emmanuel in the next year?**

The Year 6 are going to do brilliantly in your SATs and whilst these are not the be all and end all, I know the class will do really well. It's really fun to prepare for that. I am very excited about your year 6 Production! I also think all the events coming up sound really fun. I love working in a school where the PFE are really strong and do all these exciting events that they run, such as the Christmas fair.

### **Do you have a pet?**

No, my husband and I have a no-pet-pact. I think animals are fascinating but we don't like animals enough to have them as pets. They are a big responsibility.

### **Do you have any hobbies and what is your favourite?**

I love to swim so I am currently doing a challenge to swim the length of the Channel (the stretch of water between England and France) over a number of weeks – I basically have to swim a mile 2- 3 times a week which is 64 lengths of the big pool at Swiss Cottage. The other thing I love to do is sing. I am in a choir and we rehearse every week and put on concerts, because I used to be an actress before I became a teacher. I went to drama school and trained in performing arts.

### **Do you play an instrument?**

I am learning to play the trumpet with year 5 and I play the flute and piano.

### **Which is your favourite subject to teach?**

Maths. Because I think it gets a bad name, I think it's really fun, and can be competitive which I like, and creative which people don't realise. I like the juicy problems you can do. I think there is a beauty to the different types of maths, like square numbers and Pythagoras – the way that things tie up beautifully in maths is really cool. I like to fly the flag for maths!

### **What subject did you enjoy most at school?**

Although I did really like maths, I wasn't as good at it as maybe other subjects, and I really enjoyed languages like German.

### **Why did you change for being an actor to a teacher?**

When you are an actor it is not guaranteed that you get work, you go to auditions and you work for a while but then it stops, the show closes for instance, then you have to audition again to be in something else. That can become really disheartening. I had 3 big West End theatre jobs, and then I had 9 months out of work, then a year out of work, and whilst you have things in-between, it is hard to make money. Actors have to often get other jobs, so I thought I could become a supply teacher but when I did my teacher training I got the bug and I found that I would much prefer to be a full time teacher than a part time actor.

**Thank you for doing this interview for the Emmanuel Express!**



## Did you know? By Marie, Y6

- 1) Humans have been performing dentistry since 7000 B.C., which makes dentists one of the oldest professions.
- 2) Apples, raspberries and peaches are all members of the rose family.
- 3) Canada eats more mac & cheese than any other country in the world.
- 4) Snakes can help predict earthquakes. They can see a coming earthquake from 75 miles away, up to five days before it happens.
- 5) An animal's yawn is based on how large their brain is. The bigger the brain, the longer they will yawn.
- 6) There are more Lego mini-figurines than people on Earth.
- 7) A strawberry is not an actual berry, but a banana is.
- 8) Without saliva, humans would not be able to taste food.
- 9) It snowed in the Sahara for 30 min on February 18, 1979.
- 10) A type of jellyfish is considered immortal. They don't age and never die unless they are killed.



## TOM's WORD OF THE MONTH: Etymology

Etymology: this word derives from the Greek word 'etumos', meaning true. 'Etumologia' is the study of words, or true meaning. This evolved into etymology through the old French word 'ethimologia', which supposedly came to England when William 1 invaded England in 1066. Both those words merge and become etymology.

Meaning: origins of words; history of a word.

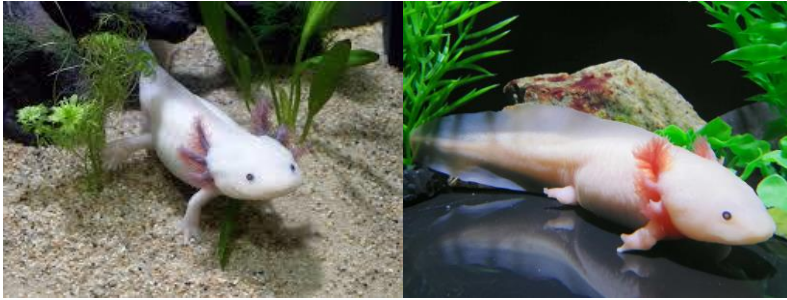




# Endangered species!

By Sarup, Y6

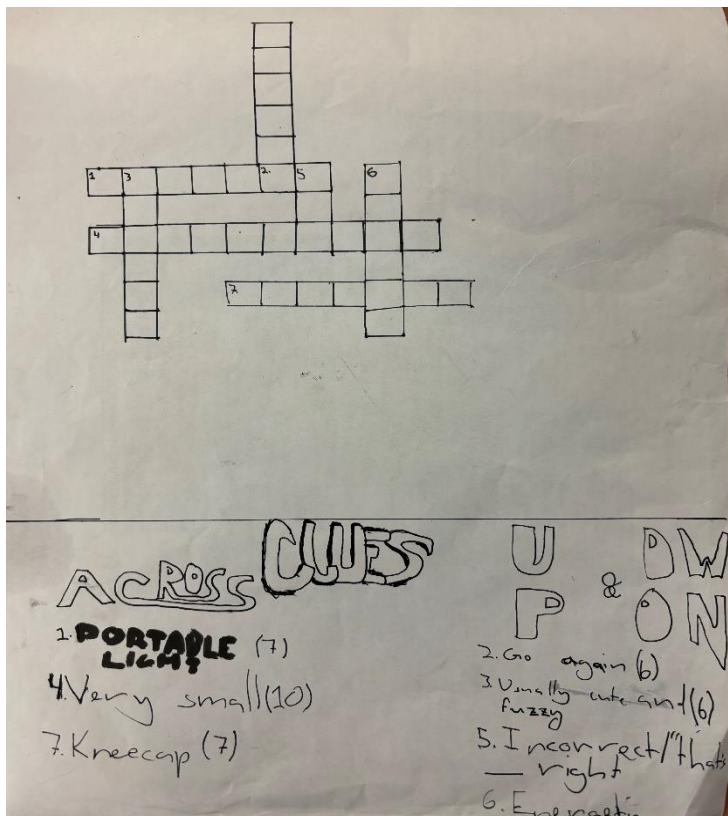
I hope you are pleased by reading this article. I spent a lot of time on making this a reality. Enjoy 😊. There are endangered species all around the world including in America, Brazil, India, Peru, Chile, etc, and we need to save them. How many axolotls do you want to see suffer from near extinction? There are all types of stuff that are killing these animals including: pollution. There is a lot of stuff that causes this, like burning fossil fuels, like petrol, coal and oils. **THIS MUST STOP!** If you take a car to home or to school, please try to avoid using these fossil fuels and if you want or need to use the car, use an electric car instead of petrol or diesel. Here are some images of axolotls 😊:



Here is a list of some endangered species:

- Tigers
- Orangutans
- Rhinos
- Turtles
- Wild African Dogs
- Amur Leopards
- Asian Elephants
- Axolotl
- Galapagos Penguins
- Whale Shark

And many more!



## Gideon's Cross word puzzle

# **FACTS ABOUT CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS**

**By Dhilan, Year 3**

- ❖ Christmas trees were first used by ancient Egyptians and Romans.
- ❖ People in Japan eat fast-food chicken on Christmas day.
- ❖ The most recorded Christmas song of all time is Silent Night, with over 750 recordings.
- ❖ The word 'Christmas' comes from the Greek words 'Cristes Maesse,' meaning Christ's mass.
- ❖ The actual date of Christ's birth is a mystery.
- ❖ Christmas trees take up to 15 years to grow.
- ❖ The world record height for a Christmas tree is 221 feet
- ❖ The American Christmas pickle tradition is when the first child to find the glass pickle hidden in the tree on Christmas morning either wins a prize or gets to open the first gift.
- ❖ Celebrating Christmas used to be illegal in the USA, but it became a national holiday in 1870.



## **CHRISTMAS JOKES**

**by Dhilan**

**What do  
snowmen eat  
for breakfast?**

**Snowflakes!!**

**What do you call an  
elf wearing  
earmuffs?**

**Anything you want! He can't  
hear you!!!**

**What do you get when you cross a  
Christmas tree with an apple?**

**A pine-apple!!!**

# Would you rather?

By Layla, Y6

- |  |    |   |
|--|----|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eat brussel sprouts                     | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Eat Christmas turkey       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Give presents                           | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Receive presents           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go sledding                             | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Build a snowman            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eat candy canes                         | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Eat yule logs              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Play family games                       | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Watch Christmas films      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stay inside                             | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Play in the snow           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bake and decorate cookies               | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Go Christmas shopping      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go caroling                             | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Go to Winter Wonderland    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorate the tree                       | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Read Christma stories      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watch a pantomime                       | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Have a snowball fight      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Play Christmas music                    | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Write Christmas cards      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go to a different country for Christmas | or | <input type="checkbox"/> Stay at home for Christmas |



4	2	6	5	7		8	9	1
7	5	9	8	1	6	3		2
3	1		2	4	9	6	7	5
2		4	1			7		3
		1	7	9	8	2		
6		7			4	5		9
1	7	5	9	8	2		3	6
9		3	6	5	7	1	2	8
8	6	2		3	1	9	5	7

Sudoku by Louisa, Y3

# (Vegan) Christmas Biscuits - by Louisa, Y3

## Steps:

1. Mix the flour, sugar, vanilla and salt in a bowl.
2. Add the butter and knead well, with both hands.



## Ingredients:

- 300g flour
- 200g (vegan) butter
- 100g sugar
- 1tsp vanilla
- 2g salt

3. Form a ball, wrap it in cling film and put it in the fridge for at least 1 hour.



4. Knead the dough again and break into 4 parts.
5. Roll each part (one after the other) into a flat shape, around ½ cm high.



6. Cut out shapes with cookie cutters.



7. Transfer them to a baking paper on a baking tray.



8. Bake for ca 10 minutes at 180 degrees.
9. Enjoy!



P.S. In Austria we often eat these for Christmas, but you can really make them all year round!



# History of Diwali

by Sarup, Y6

If you didn't know, Diwali is the festival of light.

We celebrate it from the 1st November to the 12th November however, you can choose to celebrate it longer!

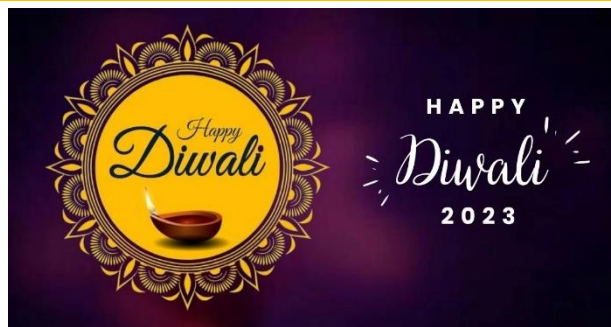
It is about the story of prince Rama and princess Sita. Rama was the son of a rich king and had no friends. One day he wanted to leave and his father (Dasharatha) told him he'd be banished. After that, his father banished him into the jungle.

During his adventure, Rama found a beautiful princess called Sita. Rama draws a magical circle for Sita and tells her to stand in it. She obeyed him and stood in the circle, while Rama went to collect firewood for a campfire. However, the Demon King (Ravana) turned into a deer and waited for Sita to step out of the circle. When she did, Ravana turned back into his true form and captured Sita. When Rama came back, he was devastated and went out of the jungle to search for her. While he travelled he stumbled upon Hanuman (The Monkey God) and told him his problem. Hanuman agreed to help Rama find Sita and to defeat Ravana. Hanuman told Rama he had seen Ravana with Sita walking past him and that he had no idea where was going.

Rama and Hanuman set off with a whole monkey army and went to where Ravana lived. There was a fierce battle and it seemed Ravana would win but then Rama said a prayer and shot an arrow between Ravana's eyes and defeated him therefore saving Sita. Once they were back in the forest, they saw candles that led to somewhere far away. They followed the candles and went back to the city.

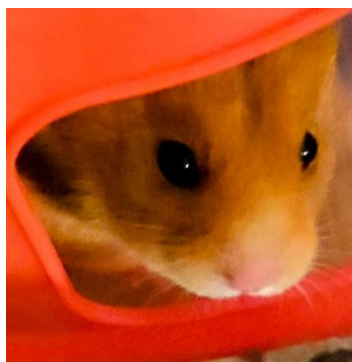
This is why we celebrate Diwali, the festival of light, to celebrate Rama and Sita coming back from the forest. We also celebrate Laxmi, the goddess of wealth and good luck.

I hope you enjoyed that article folks because I spent a lot of time making this article! Bye! 😊



## How much do you know about Hamsters?

by Cosima, Y3



### True or False?

- 1) Hamsters are nocturnal
- 2) Hamsters have 2 pouches to store food
- 3) On average a hamster sleeps for 22 hours per day
- 4) Unlike humans, hamsters' teeth never stop growing



### Quiz

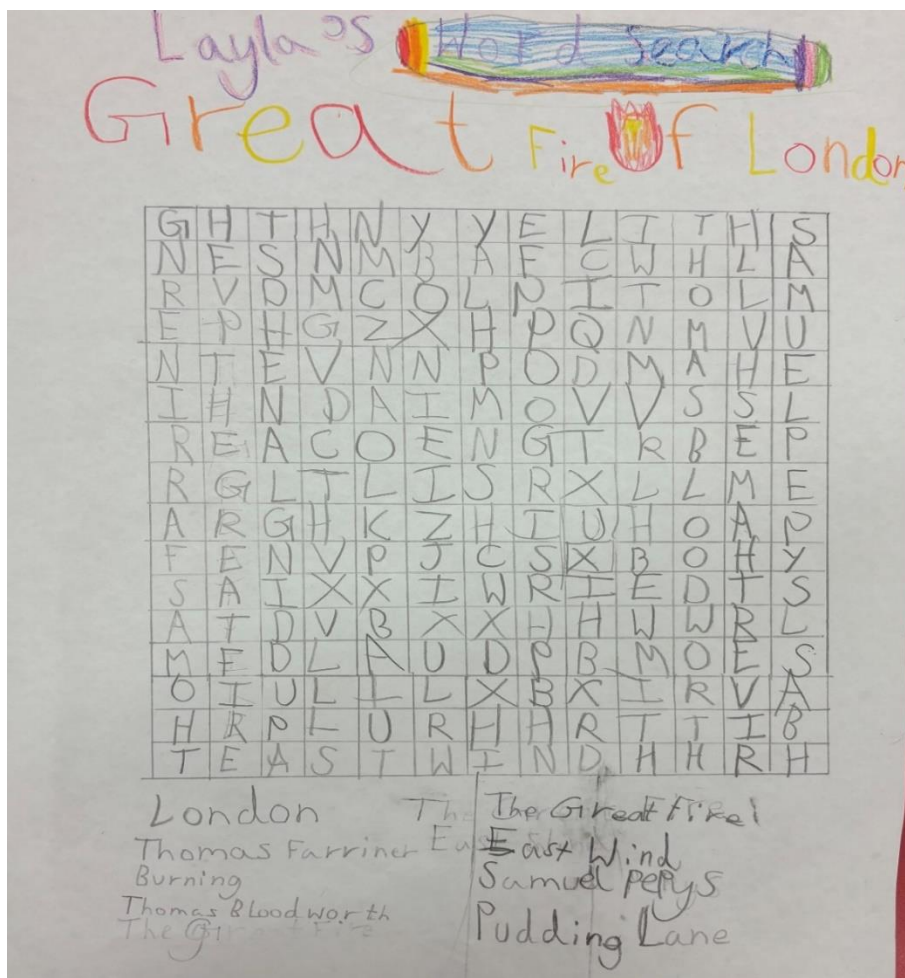
- 1) What colour is hamster pee? Red, orange, yellow or green
- 2) Where is a hamster's natural habitat? Desert, forest or seabed
- 3) What can't hamsters eat? Peanut Butter, Apples or Oranges
- 4) How long can hamsters run in one night? 18, 9 or 4 Kilometres

(Answers can be found on the back page!)

# Cooking themed word search – by Maisie, Y4

CUTLERY	CRUNCHY
OVEN	STEAM
ROASTED	EATING
SPATULA	POT
BAKED	COOK

N	D	F	F	O	U	O	P	S	L	K	K	J	H	O
E	S	L	Y	H	F	G	G	T	I	C	C	A	A	V
Q	M	P	S	N	K	L	U	E	A	T	I	N	G	E
L	T	T	A	U	Y	E	W	A	V	C	A	R	E	N
U	Z	Z	E	T	O	C	U	M	V	K	L	H	F	I
P	O	T	Q	S	U	X	C	V	V	G	Y	D	U	I
J	O	O	E	T	W	L	L	N	M	H	T	E	T	T
M	M	C	L	C	S	Y	A	H	J	F	G	K	U	I
E	X	E	C	D	R	W	I	O	L	P	J	A	B	N
P	R	F	G	H	K	K	W	E	Q	A	S	B	Z	X
Y	L	R	D	C	R	U	N	C	H	Y	P	P	Y	F
L	I	O	P	V	B	B	U	Q	C	X	S	A	Z	V
C	O	O	K	T	R	O	A	S	T	E	D	W	G	T



Layla in  
Year 2's  
Great Fire  
of London  
wordsearch

# The history of the piano

By Tom, Y6

With the piano being one of the most widely played instruments, a question I think some people would want to know would be how the piano was invented.

There are pianos all over the place: one in the hall, three in the church, and many others in shopping centres and places like St Pancras station. How did it become so popular?

It was invented by Bartolomeo Cristofori in around 1700, mainly because he was angry about how little musicians could control the pitch of an instrument. The piano is similar to many other instruments, such as the harpsichord, the monochord, the organ, the dulcimer and many other ones with odd, long names. Many composers, such as Beethoven and Mozart took advantage of this and switched, while other composers, like Bach, stayed on instruments like the harpsichord, and their compositions were not played on piano till long after their death. The piano use was revolutionised when the era of classical music ended. Why was this revolutionary? This was mainly because it was no longer kept to one genre, but was used in genres like Jazz, blues, soul, and pop.

The popularity of the piano was because of how music became more accessible. In the 1900's you couldn't wake up and want to listen to anything you wanted. But in the 1930's records (vinyls) were mass produced, so music became more accessible, thus people wanting to be able to play what they were listening to, and the songs they were listening to mainly involved the genres I mentioned earlier.

With companies such as Yamaha producing around 100,000 pianos a year, and free music streaming services such as Spotify, the amount of people playing piano, or any other instruments, has massively increased in the last 100 years

Amount of  
people playing  
an instrument  
in 1900



Amount of people playing an instrument now

More than I can draw



# Christmas jokes

shared by Alex F, Y2

Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas? Santa Jaws!

What do Santa's little helpers learn at school? The elf-abet!

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? Frostbite!

What did the stamp say to the Christmas card? Stick with me and we'll go places!

Why did no one bid for Rudolph and Blitzen on eBay? Because they were two deer!

How do snowmen get around? They ride an icicle!

What does Santa do when his elves misbehave? He gives them the sack!



## MAD LIB: A Wild Day Out – by Maisie, Y4

Mad Libs are a fun word activity where one person asks someone to help fill in the blanks by giving them the prompt under the blank line. Then, they read the story to the person responding and it sounds silly with the random words!

\_\_\_\_\_ **hopped on the** \_\_\_\_\_ **to go all the way**  
NAME TYPE OF TRANSPORT

**to the** \_\_\_\_\_ **store to get some** \_\_\_\_\_ **for**  
ADJECTIVE TYPE OF FOOD

\_\_\_\_\_. **While she headed to** \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
NAME PLACE

**something big happened: A** \_\_\_\_\_ **was**  
ADJECTIVE GENDER

**trying to steal a** \_\_\_\_\_ **from a lady.**  
NOUN

\_\_\_\_\_ **told the boy/girl to give it back or**  
NAME YOU USED FIRST

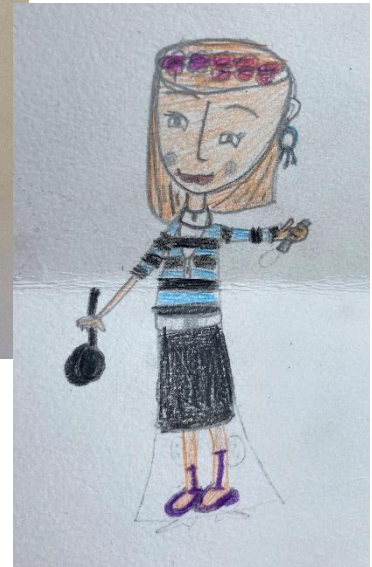
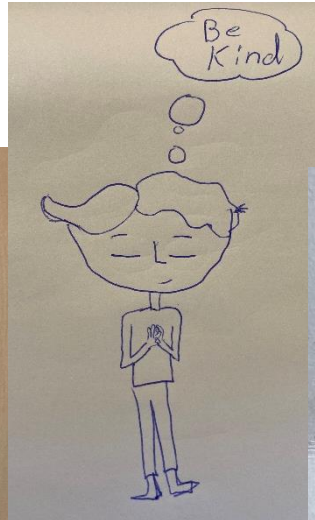
**she/he would call the** \_\_\_\_\_ .  
TYPE OF JOB

**The boy/girl gave it back with a/an** \_\_\_\_\_ .  
OBJECT

**Nothing had been** \_\_\_\_\_ **. Then, when she/he got home,**  
PAST VERB

**everything was** \_\_\_\_\_ .  
ADJECTIVE

## Y4 Ella's art gallery



A big thank you to everyone who made this edition possible and we really hope you all enjoy reading it. If you would like to write or draw something for the next edition, you can give it to your Class Rep or hand it in on the Emmanuel Express Google Classroom.



Answers to Cosi's hamster quiz: True or False 1) True 2) True 3) False 4) True

Answers Quiz: 1) Yellow 2) Desert 3) Oranges (Hamsters can't have citrus fruit) 4) 9km (Phew!)