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Emmanuel's Got Talent! by Maximilian, Y1

Emmanuel's Got Talent is the school's annual talent show, where every student can participate. First, they have to audition over the course of a week, then there is a final in front of the whole school.

The auditions

This year we had an amazing 90 students trying out in auditions from Year 1 to Year 6. Members of the school council and some teachers were the judges. 10 acts made it into the final. They were a group of boys from Year 1 singing the Continent Song, Kira (Year 2) doing comedy, Louisa and Emma (Year 3) playing a piano duet, Aida (Year 3) singing 'Set fire to the rain', Arua and Clara (Year 4) singing and dancing to 'Flowers', Ethan (Year 5) doing magic tricks, Alex Z (Year 5) playing the guitar, Kai (Year 6) on the saxophone, Micah (Year 6) sang his own poem and Marie (Year 6) played the piano.

The final

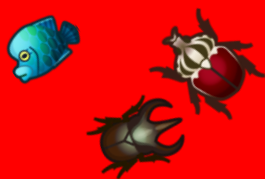
They all did really well and all scores were 7 or higher. The whole school got to watch them perform. The judges for the final were three students, Miss Taylor and Miss Roscoe; Natalie from Year 6 was writing down the scores. In the end, Marie got all 10s and won the competition, Louisa and Emma were the runners up for Years 1-3 and Ethan the runner up for Years 4-6

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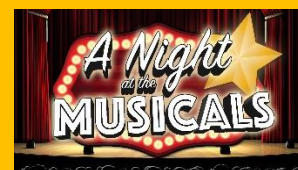
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A note from our Emmanuel Express Managers...

Thank you to all the Class Reps who have helped to write this newspaper and get their classes to also send in articles. This term we have been joined by class reps from Year 1!

We hope you enjoy this Summer edition of the Emmanuel Express! Happy reading!

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



Thank you to our Summer term Class Reps:

Year 1 – Sienna and Max

Year 2 – Marcos and Clara-Louise

Year 3 – Raya and Martina

Year 4 – Alexander and Arua

Year 5 – Ethan, Ben S and Alexander K

Year 6 – Felix and Annabelle



Word of the month by Tom, Year 6



Word: month

This is going to be the final word of the month, since I am going to be leaving this school at the end of the term.

Word: nation

Etymology: With its roots coming from the Latin word 'Natio,' meaning birth or origin.

Later adopted into old French as 'nacion,' and then later into 'nacioun'

Word: word

Etymology: coming from old English this word has not changed very much in spelling, but mainly in pronunciation. Also, from proto-German 'wurda.'

Etymology: from proto-German 'menoth' then Dutch 'manet' or 'maand' and then from two other types of German as 'manod' and 'monat.'

Emmanuel's Got Talent continued by Annabelle Y6

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This year half of our Omega school auditioned to be in the final but unfortunately only 10 acts could be picked. The lucky acts were...

Micah, Kai and Marie in Year 6

Ethan and Alex Z in Year 5

Arua and Clara in Year 4

Aida, Emma and Louisa in Year 3

Kira in Year 2

And the lovely boys in Y1 – Aidan, James, Harry, Laolu, Alexander and Misha.

After the fabulous show, the judges had to pick a winner. After a lot of thought they decided that the Key Stage 1 winners would be Emma and Louisa (Playing 'My Favourite Things' on the piano as a beautiful cute little duet) and the Key Stage 2 winners would be Ethan (with some fabulous mind-blowing magic) and the overall winner (who definitely deserved it) was Marie playing piano. You should have seen her hands moving!



My trip to Hampton Court Palace By Gabriel, Y2



I went to Hampton Court Palace on Good Friday. I went on the Lindt Gold Bunny Hunt and got a chocolate bunny. King Henry VIII lived there in the 16th Century.

There's a garden called The Wilderness and next to it is the maze. The Palace has 1390 rooms.

A ghostly figure was caught on CCTV flinging open a fire door at the haunted gallery.

In the Base Court I saw an elaborate wine fountain that reminds me of Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.

When I was at the palace, I saw King Henry VIII's crown. The shape was half sphere with a gold and purple outline. It has 344 emeralds, rubies, pearls, sapphires and diamonds.

Overall, I really liked going inside the maze.



Maybe you could visit Hampton Court in the summer holidays and see it for yourself!

What is reality?

By Tom, Y6

What is reality? Is what we see real? These arguments seem absurd, but with probability, deep thought, and philosophy, they could be possible.

One of the most famous ideas saying that we could not be real, was made by a Chinese philosopher called Zhuangzi. He said that he had dreamed that he was a butterfly, and then he elaborated saying 'am I a man dreaming I am a butterfly or a butterfly dreaming I am a man.' In short, he is saying that we cannot be sure of anything since we will always think, but not prove and to prove we must think, and we can convince ourselves of anything. A couple hundred years later a French philosopher was asked his opinion on this. He responded by going up to a wall preceding to kick it, and then he said that when he kicked it he hurt so he must be real. Since then, there have been theories trying to prove that we are living in a computer simulation, but there has been no concrete proof for these.

In the 20th century there were waves of theories about reality, but one of the most interesting theories of them all in my opinion was by an Austrian physicist and philosopher called Erwin Schrodinger, who is most famously credited for the theory of Schrodinger's cat. But the theory I am talking about states that there must only be one mind in the universe, since there could only be one being or person imagining that were around people like themselves around them. This theory can be backed up by the fact that there is a 1 in 10 followed by 2,685,000 zeros probability that we exist. In short, there is a tiny chance we exist. I have a view from a philosophy student, who commented saying that they think reality is real since our actions have consequence, and if reality did not exist would our actions have consequence? Another view is that how you would define existence, and that there are somethings that can be proven to exist like a table since we can see it and feel it, but then there are other things such as numbers- or any abstract noun- which we cannot see or feel. I have elaborated on this opinion, and thought that anything that is human defined, such as money is non-existence since as much as we have banknotes and coins, without humans they are just another piece of metal or paper.

One of the most famous philosophers of all time said that reality was definable and identifiable, and if we could explain what something was or how it came to be, we could explain what it was. Socrates and Plato had different views on reality, with both saying that there were two realms, one changeable, and the other immortal, unchangeable. Despite me thinking that all three of these philosophers were brilliant and revolutionary, I think their views on this subject cannot be proven and have little evidence in their favour and a lot of evidence against them. I think in general, humans want to think that we are real, since everything that we have done and achieved would be non-existence if we did not exist. I will quote a famous movie called the Truman show, and it says, 'we accept the reality of the world in which we are presented with, and do not question it.' I think, that despite this is only in a movie, it serves us up the plain simple fact that humans will believe whatever they think is normal, as real, and as a whole, humanity is gullible. I personally think that we do not want to believe that we do not exist, as I have already pointed out.



So, is our entire world a hallucination? Are we real? Is this world just a work of imagination?

Am I actually writing about writing an article on reality for my school newspaper? All these questions, thought they seem silly and implausible, are up to you to answer and make an opinion on. Or are we just butterflies thinking we are making these decisions?



Creatures you probably didn't know about by Felix, Y6

Section 1: Fish

1) The Mahi-Mahi.

The Mahi-Mahi is quite a mysterious fish, sometimes being referred to as 'The dolphin fish' even though it has absolutely no relation to any sort of dolphin. It is found in tropical waters in the Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and The Caribbean.



2) The Barreleye.

The Barreleye is a fish which lives in the oceans in the twilight to midnight zones at around 600 - 800m deep. It has a see-through forehead revealing its eye sockets and brain! There has only ever been one recorded photo of this deep-sea creature by an underwater drone. Some fully-grown adults are as small as your thumbnail!



3) The Dorado.

The Dorado is a huge river fish also known as 'River Tiger' or 'Jaw Characin'. It is a large predatory fish found in Central and East-Central South America. It's native to the warm freshwater habitats in Southern Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Bolivia and Northern Argentina.



Section 2: Bugs

1) The Queen Alexandra's Birdwing.

This butterfly is extremely dazzling and beautiful, with capabilities growing up to a 25-28cm wingspan! This endangered species is native to the rainforests of Northern Papua New Guinea. It is also the largest butterfly in the world.



2) The Horned Hercules.

This stag is named after its huge horn which it uses for hunting and for fighting. The male can grow up to 17cm, can weigh up to 85 g and can lift 850 times their body weight with their horns, meaning that they can lift the equivalent of 72.25kg!



3) The Rosalia Batesi Beetle

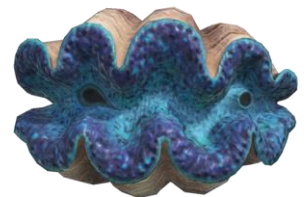
This beetle is known for its striking blue shell and its long, stripy antennae. It is also named as a Blue Longhorn Beetle with black spots. When the males sense a female's presence, they have an antennal whipping response in which the antennae whip from the back to the front.



Section 3: Sea Creatures.

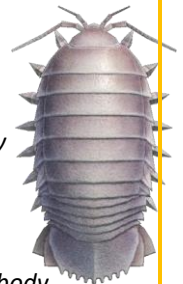
1) The Gigas Giant Clam.

This critter is first and foremost known for its huge size and blue outer layer. These clams can live to over 100 years, can grow up to two metres across and can weigh up to 300 kg! Its bright colours (blue, purple and green) are a result of algae living inside its shell. This creature has falsely been accused of a human-eater due to its huge size.



2) The Giant Isopod.

The Giant Isopod has no spine. It's a crustacean - cousins of crabs and shrimp. Isopods can be tiny or huge. The Giant Isopod can grow up to 1 metre long, making it the largest isopod - while the smallest isopods are just millimetres long. Due to the scarce amount of food in the depths of 170 - 2140 m, Giant Isopods need an extremely slow metabolism to survive. One Giant Isopod in Japan survived 5 years without any sort of food.

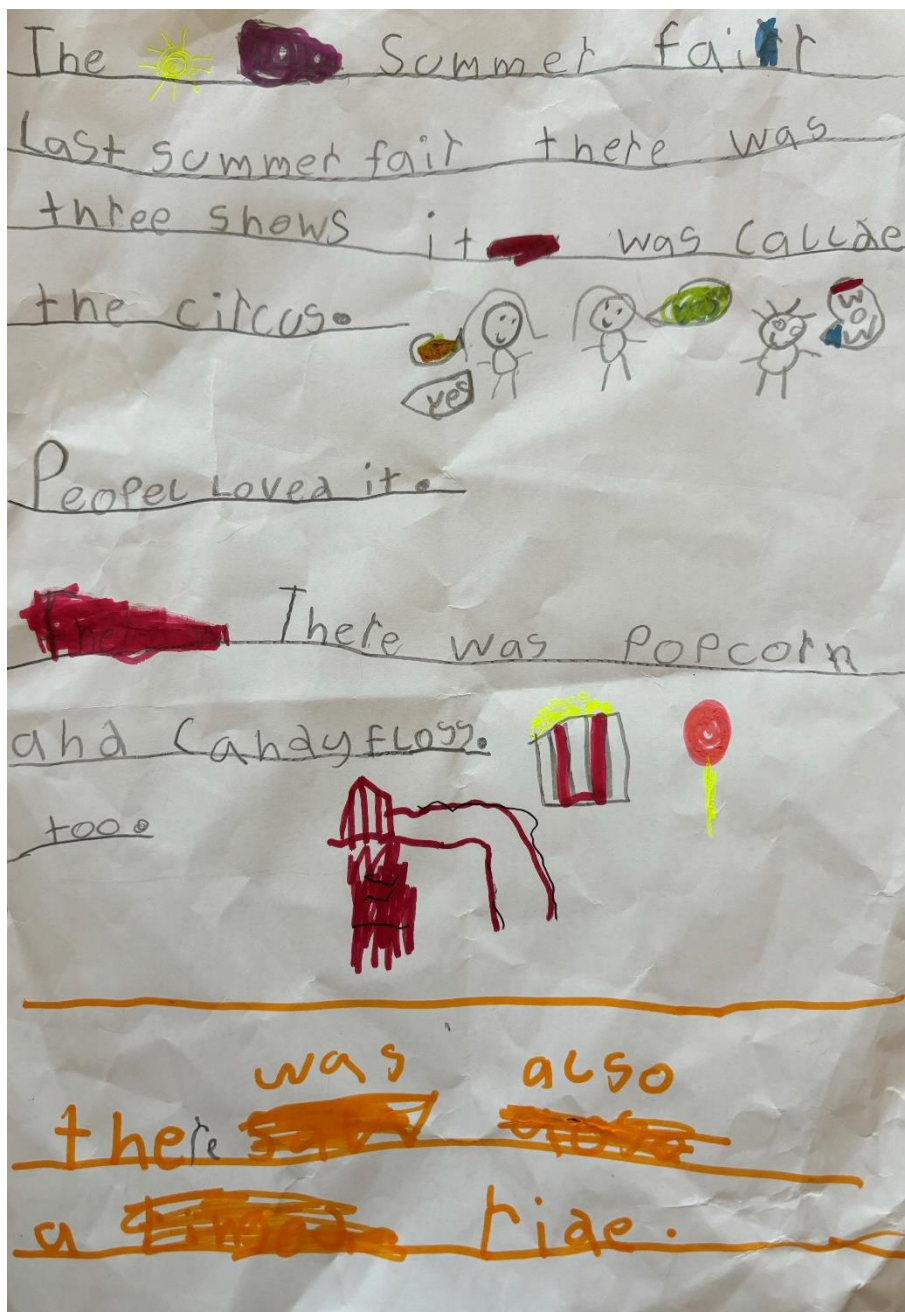


3) The Slate-Pencil Urchin.

The Slate-Pencil Urchin is a herbivore and it only comes out at night. It has five sharp teeth on the underside of its body which are used to scrape the algae off rocks. Sea urchins cannot swim. They live and move on the seafloor, favouring hard surfaces such as coral and rocks. They have appendages called tube feet that often have suckers at the tip.



The PFE summer fair by Clara-Louise, Y2



Would you rather QUIZ by Maximilian, Year 1

- 1) Would you rather eat slugs or snails?
- 2) Would you rather eat a lot of ice or a little ice?
- 3) Would you rather have a pet slug or a pet spider?
- 4) Would you rather live in a cave or live in a forest?
- 5) Would you rather have a rotten apple or a rotten orange?
- 6) Would you rather have a house on fire or a house made of ice?
- 7) Would you rather eat stars or a piece of the moon?



Paris Olympics

by Marie, Y6

Paris will be hosting the Olympics and Paralympics Games (for those who don't know, the Paralympic games are for those with disabilities) 2024 from the 26 of July to the 11 of August. In total there will be 206 countries participating, 329 events, an audience of around 3 billion people and 10 500 athletes competing.

The Paris Olympics will include 28 returning sports, following the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics (which took place in 2021 due to COVID-19), as well as four special additions: sport climbing, skateboarding, surfing, and breaking—the last of which is making its Olympics debut. The motto of the 2024 Paris Olympics is "Games Wide Open". The slogan represents the goal of delivering more responsible, inclusive, equal and spectacular games. There are 329 medal events across 32 sports. The first medal is set to be awarded in shooting on 27 July and the final medal event of Paris 2024 will be women's basketball on 11 August.

According to Google, the top 10 athletes to look out for are:

- Simone Biles (United States): Gymnastics
- Sky Brown (Great Britain): Skateboarding/ Surfing
- Ahmed Hafnaoui (Tunisia): Swimming
- Daiki Hashimoti (Japan): Gymnastics
- Rory Mcllory (Ireland): Golf
- Osmar Olvera (Mexico): Diving
- Wendie Renard (France): Football
- Sha'Carri Richardson (United States): Athletics
- Alex Yee (Great Britain): Triathlon
- Zheng Qinwen (China): Tennis

22 sports will feature at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, in 23 disciplines (with para cycling including two disciplines – track and road) and a total of 549 events distributed across 269 sessions (morning, afternoon and evening). 184 countries will be participating at the Paralympics games with an audience of around 15 million people. Alongside London, Paris is the only city to have hosted three Summer Olympic Games, however the 2024 edition will be the first time France has held the Summer Paralympic Games! The nation hosted the Winter Paralympic Games in 1992 in Albertville.



PARIS 2024



1. The Euros start at the 16th June.
2. 2023 teams will be in the Euros.
3. This will be Toni Kroos's last tournament.
4. The Euros will be held in Germany.
5. Jude Bellingham will be the youngest ever player to wear the number 10 for England.

5 facts on the Euros 2024!

by Alex R 5C

Democracy

by Tom, Y6

Democracy is possibly the most defining part of our society, but where did it come from and why was it created? Who first thought it up? What is a democracy? In this article I hope I will answer these questions. But first, what is the definition of democracy? A generally accepted definition is "Government of the people, system of government in which power is held by elected officials." Keep that definition in mind as we take a dive into a complex history of the most powerful governing force in the world.

The creation of democracy is generally credited to an Athenian judge called Cleisthenes, who was involved with reforming the Athenian constitution and creating the first democracy in Athens in 508 BC. But there are other records of a system like democracy in the Mesopotamian civilisation, but this can be dated further back to small groups of hunter gatherers. Just for a scale, these hunter gatherer groups ended about 7500 years before the Athenian democracy starts. There are also references by ancient Greek historians about when Alexander the Great invaded Asia, there were democratic civilisations, throughout the Indian subcontinent, that had independently developed. In all these systems, only males could vote.

Modern democracy

But how is that system of democracy different from the democracy that we live in today? One of the biggest differences between an Athenian style democracy and a modern democracy is the free press. In almost all the democracies in the world right now there is a thing called the free press. The free press is part of freedom of speech, (I will get onto freedom of speech later), which means that newspapers and magazines can say what they want without the government interfering. A modern democracy also means that people can have views that disagree with the government's views. This is freedom of speech. An element of freedom of speech that makes it more complex is political wings. In politics, there is a left wing and a right wing. In each country there is traditionally a left-wing party and a right-wing party. There was freedom of speech in the ancient democracies, but only some people had this right.

Since 2006 the number of democratic states has grown, but a lot of countries that are considered democratic, have been autocratizing, or in simple words have lost many democratic qualities. In the 20th century there were many things that were considered triumphs for democracy, such as women being allowed to vote, victory in WW2 and WW1 and the fall of the Soviet Union at the end of the Cold War, and the end of apartheid in South Africa. But democracy in a lot of countries is deteriorating, due to corruption, political polarisation and many other issues.

Many other variants of governing have been created throughout the world and are still used today. These include oligarchy (meaning a rule by an unelected small group of people), a dictatorship (when there is one soul leader who restricts parliament and freedom of speech), military dictatorship (when a country is ruled by the military), theocracy (rule of religious leaders) and others.

But why is democracy here?

The world and civilisation are driven by a human desire. In most cases, Politics is driven by a human want for control and power. That want is in all of us deep down no matter what. When someone gets into power they may want to stay in power, but if they made themselves dictator in a country which was once democratic there would most probably be civil unrest or a revolution. The same goes for an oligarchy. So, what is the solution? Well, if you have a system that will satisfy most people, you are less likely to get overthrown unless you do something bad, like spending your government budget on a video game. But a democracy will, if in a four-year system, mean that the opposing party can be in power next election.

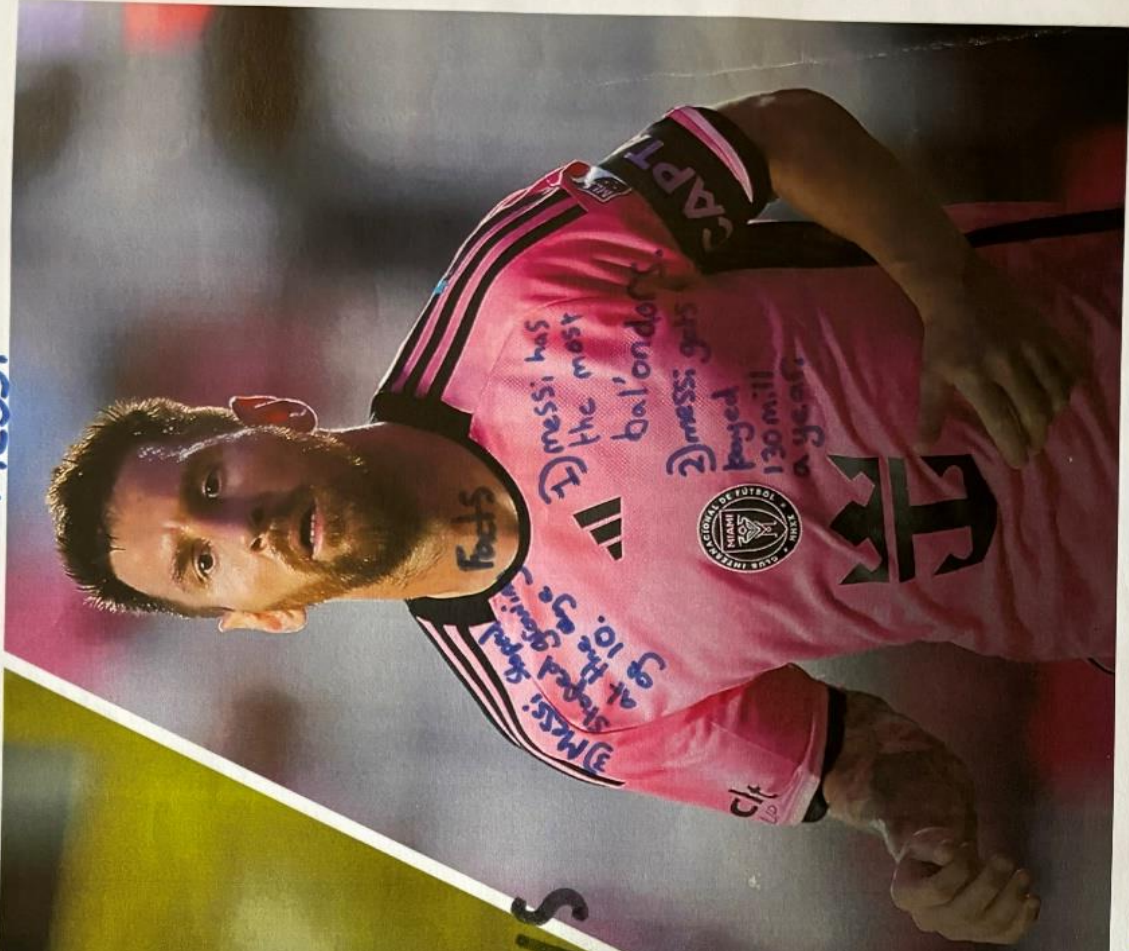
There is a phrase that goes 'swings and roundabouts' Under the belief that most people like swings over roundabouts, this is saying sometimes you will be on the swing, and it will be enjoyable, and then sometimes you will be on the roundabout, and you will have to watch the person on the swing having fun. I think this is a good description of a democratic system.

I tried to write this article with no bias, and to the best factual standard possible. If you feel this article is factually incorrect or biased in any way please come and talk to me.

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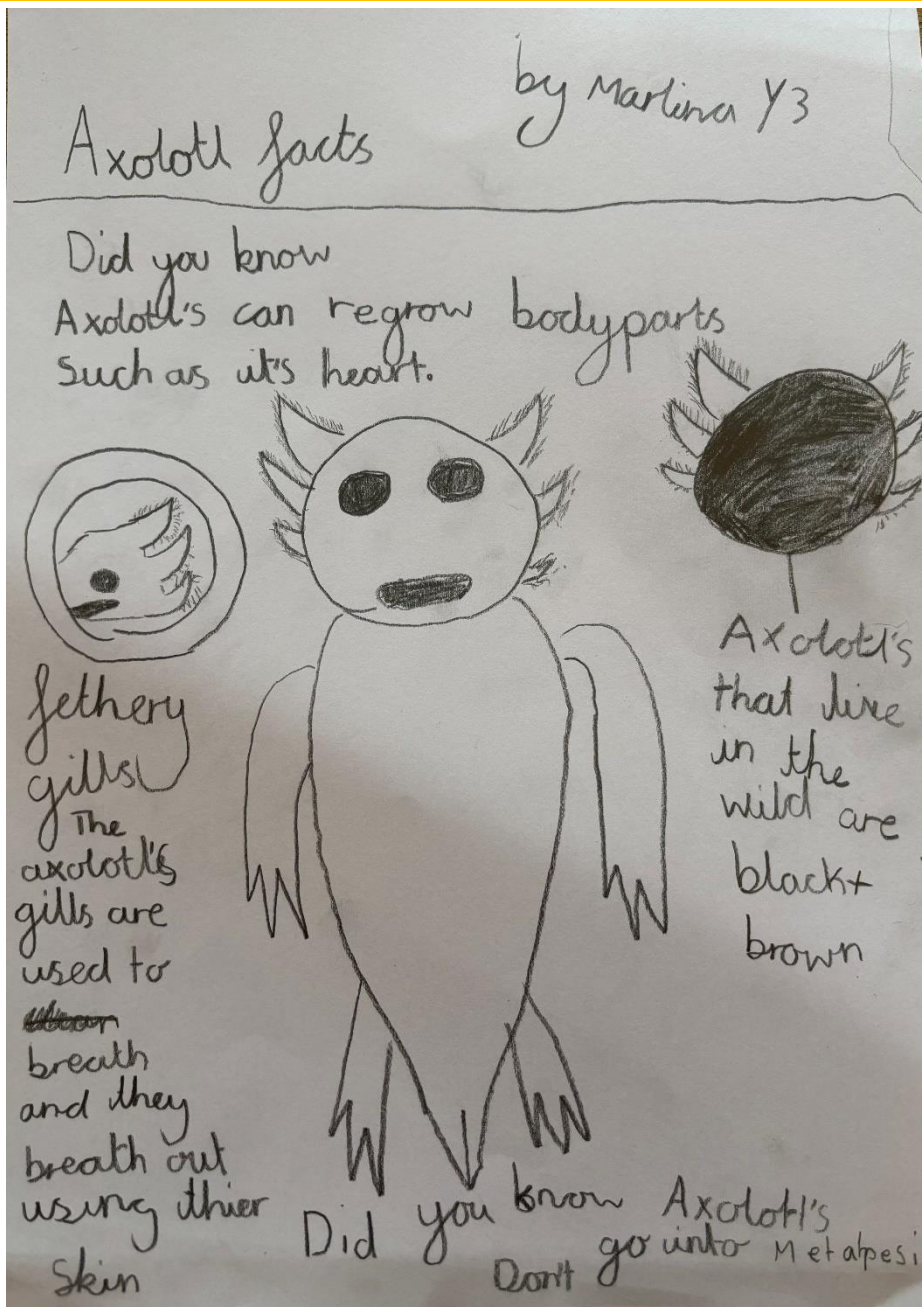


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Who IS better

By Ethan, Y5



'A K a Day in May' by Sienna, Year 1

This term Sebastian in Y6 and the school council organised a fundraiser for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) has looked after Sebastian many times to keep his lungs and heart healthy. I also go to GOSH twice a year for care of my lungs and allergies. It is a very important and caring place. Sebastian came up with the marvellous idea that students get active by completing at least one kilometre every day. Students scooted, walked, ran, swam, cycled or even jogged on the spot on a rainy day! Students sought sponsorship from family and friends for every kilometre completed. Together we raised over £2,800 for GOSH. Thank you to everyone for taking part and we wish Sebastian all the best at secondary school.

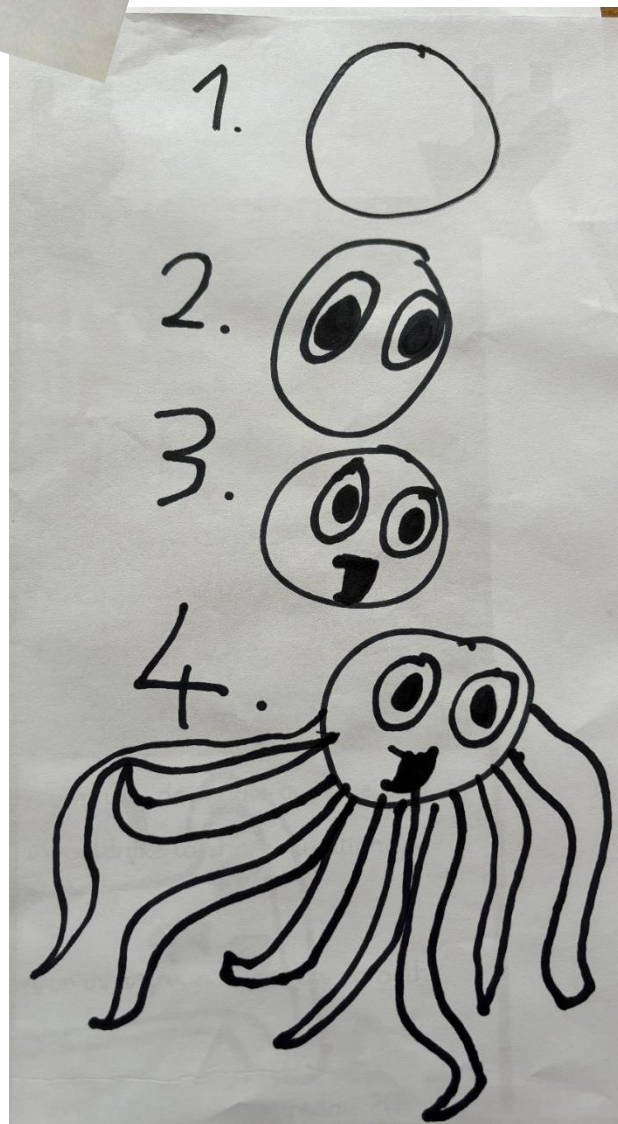
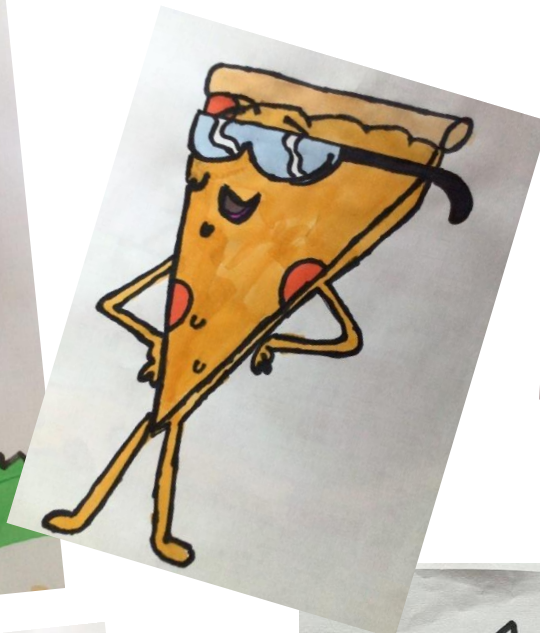
Quick Quiz

1. What does 'K' stand for in 'A k a day in May'?
2. How many metres are in a kilometre?
3. How many centimetres are in a kilometre?
4. Which month of the year is May?
5. How many days are there in May?

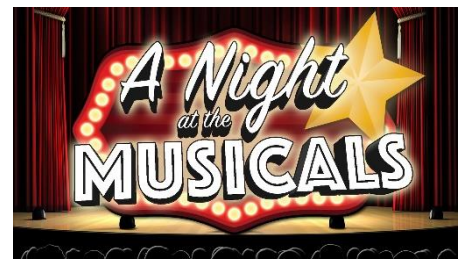
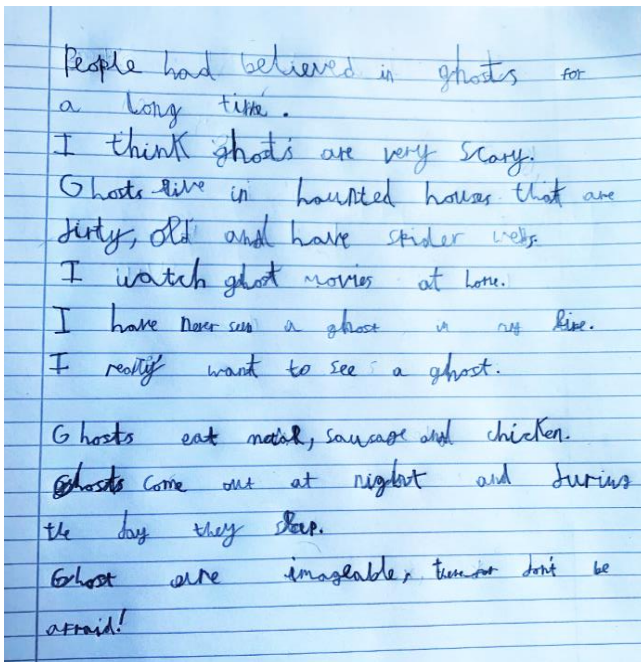


How to draw by Alexander M, Y4

Every day after lunch time, we have art club in our class where we follow how to draw things on a website called 'Art hub for kids' (videos via YouTube). Doing it every day is helping me to improve my drawing skills but also is a helpful way to be calmer after lunch play. We have done 21 so far. Here are my favourite ones...



Fact or fiction: Ghosts according to Marcos (Y2)



Top 5 Best Musicals by Sarup, Y6

Number 1: The Lion king

The lion king is one of the most known movies and theatre shows so it shouldn't be a surprise to you that this show is on the list. We are not going in order but if we were, this would be a fitting spot for this musical. It has wonderful vocals and brilliant acting, it's very short compared to other shows on this but that doesn't mean it is any less good, 8.5/10

Number 2: Harry Potter and The Cursed Child

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child is a play written by Jack Thorne from an original story written by J. K. Rowling, Thorne and John Tiffany. The story is set nineteen years after the events of the 2007 novel Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by Rowling. It is a marvellous show and doesn't slack on entertainment a bit! Though of course it would be much better with Dobby in it but it's really (Not) fine without him! Really not KIDDING! ARRRRRGGGGHHHH! WHY DID THEY TAKE AWAY DOBBY! Sorry I broke down a bit. Next one! 6.5/10.

Number 3: Honk! & Honk! Jr

I have to of course add this because it is the play we performed and it is brilliant. The plot of the story is casual however there is a little twist to it. It is more modern and the moral is clear. Even the ugliest of ducks become the most beautiful swan, literally. And never judge a book by its cover 10/10.

Number 4: Wicked

Wicked is a musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and a book by Winnie Holzman. It is a loose adaptation of the 1995 Gregory Maguire novel Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West, which is in turn based on L. Frank Baum's 1900 novel The Wonderful Wizard of Oz and its 1939 film adaptation. It is very popular and well known. Rating 9.5/10.

Number : Matilda the musical

Roald Dahl's Matilda, also known simply as Matilda and Matilda the Musical, is a musical with music and lyrics by Tim Minchin and a book by Dennis Kelly. It is based on the 1988 novel Matilda by Roald Dahl. The musical's narrative centres on Matilda Wormwood, a precocious five-year-old girl with the gift of telekinesis, who loves reading, overcomes obstacles caused by her family and school, and helps her teacher to reclaim her life. After a twelve-week trial run staged by the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) at Stratford-upon-Avon from November 2010 to January 2011, it received its West End premiere on 24 November 2011 at the Cambridge Theatre and its Broadway premiere on 11 April 2013 at the Shubert Theatre. Roald Dahl is the best so 9.99/10.

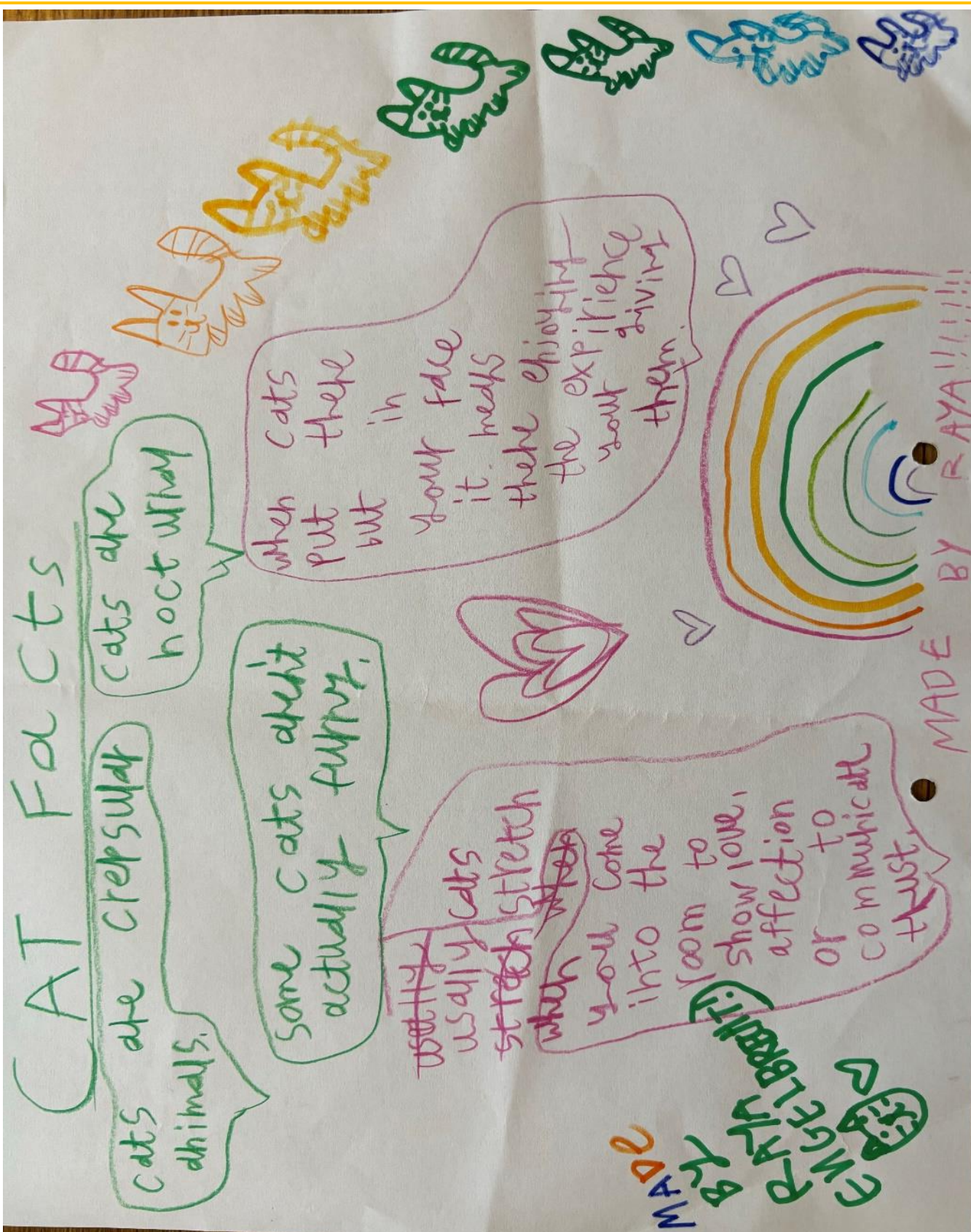
Arua's (Y3) Sports day wordsearch!

Sports Day Wordsearch

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Arua's

- Running
- Football
- Placed
- Warm up
- Placed
- Second
- First
- Water
- Third
- Prizes
- Hurdles



Answers to Sienna's quiz - 1. Kilometre, 2. 1000, 3. $100 \times 1000 = 100,000$, 4. May is the fifth month of the year, 5. 31

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 Reps or hand it in on the Emmanuel Express Google Classroom page.

