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A paper for the kids, by the kids!



ROWING



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BRITISH PAIR SET TO CROSS THE ATLANTIC IN A 7 METRE ROWING BOAT. 3000 MILES IN 60 DAYS. THE ULTIMATE ENDURANCE CHALLENGE. READ ALL ABOUT IT ON PAGE 4!

ATLANTIC



FEBRUARY NEWS



Y5 TRIP TO AIR RAID SHELTER DOWNS JUNIOR SCHOOL

By NEVE, MYLA, MABEL & LOLA

Year 5 have been learning about World War II and had a really exciting trip to the air raid shelter at Downs Juniors.



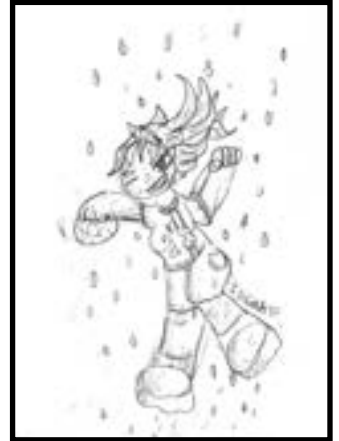
We were given talks by real life evacuees, two of them were brothers! All of their stories were very interesting and they told us all about the different types of gas masks. We got to hear an actual air raid siren (very loud!), we got to dress up as soldiers and have our photo taken in a plane.

We would really recommend a trip there, it was brilliant. You can look to see when the next open day is here: www.takeshelter.org.uk



Y5 & Y6 BASKETBALL FESTIVAL

By LULA



PICTURE BY ISCAH ©

On the 7th of February 3 kids from Elder, 5 kids from Redwood and 1 from Rowan, went to a basketball festival at Dorothy Stringer School with Mr Waring.

We learnt some new skills and played some matches, we all did our best and were very happy with the result. Mr Waring will back me up so feel free to ask him! It really was a fun experience to be a part of.

I recommend signing up for sports events with Mr Waring and not just because you get to miss some school! It is because Mr Waring makes them fun and enjoyable time. I really am a fan!!!!

Mabel and Myla asked some of the players how they were feeling before we left for the competition and these were their responses.

ISLA: I'm very excited but i'm also nervous as it is my first time to be in the competition! **MABEL:** I'm very excited! **KANE:** Super excited! **MR WARING:** I'm really looking forward to the festival especially as it is one of the only times we have done something like this.



IT'S CRIMINAL! BEWARE YEAR 4...

By REUBEN

This is a message to all Year 4's. There is a thief going around your year and the criminal has gotten away with three crimes so far - a watch, a toy and a hat.

This is all BUT you need to keep your possessions close to you because THERE IS A THIEF!!! (Keep your hats and scarfs on at all times!).

ECO-FLAG WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

By ABBY



Elm Grove Primary are delighted to have been awarded a Green Schools Eco-Flag to fly proudly outside the school.

The flag is recognised in many countries around the world as being a symbol of care for the environment and sustainability which is fantastic!! If you are somebody that would like to take more time caring for the environment speak to Mrs Hutchinson as you may be able to join Eco-club.



HAPPY HEART DAY!

My mum and dad's birthday is on the same day and that day is VALENTINES DAY!!!

Isn't that lov♥ely!

OUR WORLD



An interview with...
MISS EMILY
 By MYLA and MABEL

HAVE YOU EVER WON A MEDAL? 
 No!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE SPORT? 
 Netball

WHAT IS THE COOLEST THING YOU HAVE DONE IN YOUR LIFE?
 Ride motorbikes!

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ON THE TV? 
 Yes!

DO YOU HAVE A PET?
 Yes a dog and a gecko

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING AT ELM GROVE?
 5 years

HOW MANY PIERCINGS DO YOU HAVE?
 8


HOW MANY FESTIVALS AND CONCERTS HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO? 
 5

HOW MANY SQUISHMALLOWS DO YOU HAVE?

- NEVE 3
- ABBY 1
- CC 2
- ISCAH 0
- MABEL 15
- LULA 5
- ISLA 72
- ANYA 1
- ETTY 4

By LOLA



WHAT WAS THE FIRST SCHOOL YOU WORKED AT? Ovingdean Hall, it was a school for deaf children. **WHO ARE YOUR FAMILY?** I have three children, 1 partner, 4 cats and a snail! **WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?** Cheese!
WHAT ARE YOUR FAVOURITE COLOURS? Yellow and Teal. **WHAT ARE YOUR FAVOURITE ANIMALS?** Birds **WHICH COUNTRIES HAVE YOU TRAVELLED TO?** Qatar, Hungary, Poland, Germany, Bulgaria and India. **WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO NEXT?** Morocco! 



STREET SUPPORT

By CC

Hello, I am CC. My dad runs a charity called Street Support in Brighton and Hove which helps people who are homeless or are in a bad housing situation. My dad started this job in Autumn 2022 after stopping teaching people about the Christian faith and handing it over to his co-worker. My dad came to Brighton for a first degree in Computer Science and he now works for Street Support and Emmanuel Church.

SOMETHING WE DO After Church, every third week of the month, my dad and I and our cooks Max and Ruth and our wonderful team, serve food for people who cant afford their own food. I hope you enjoyed reading!

Meeting

SAM BARFOOT

Sam works in The Nest By ISCAH

WHAT IS IT LIKE WORKING IN A SCHOOL? It is interesting and fun and everyday is different!



ATLANTIC ROW

You can track the row here!
www.atlanticescapade.com



ANDY & ROS VERY KINDLY AGREED TO ANSWER MY QUESTIONS BEFORE THEY SET SAIL !!



HOW LONG DO YOU THINK THE ROW WILL TAKE? It's 3,000 miles from Gran Canaria (the start line) to Barbados (the finish line) on the other side of the Atlantic. We think it will take between 50 - 60 days.



WHAT WILL YOU EAT? We can't take any fresh food on board, so everything we eat is freeze dried rations. They're like posh pot noodles, you just add boiling water which we make with a special machine that takes the salt out of the seawater. Andy's favourite is chicken tikka and Rosalind's is spicy pasta. We also have 100 bars of chocolate - we can eat as much as we like!



WHERE DO YOU GO TO THE TOILET? We only have a yellow bucket for the toilet... it is not very nice...

ARE YOUR SEATS COMFY?

The seats are not very comfy, but we have extra cushions to make them more comfortable.



WHAT IS THE PLAN IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG AND YOU NEED TO BE RESCUED?

In an emergency, we have an inflatable life raft and an emergency beacon that sends a satellite signal to the coastguard and they can send a ship to rescue us.



WHAT WILDLIFE DO YOU EXPECT TO SEE?

Rosalind loves dolphins, and hopefully there will be lots swimming around the boat. If we're lucky, we'll see dolphins and whales. If we're unlucky, we'll see sharks and swordfish.

WHAT DO YOU DO IF THERE ARE REALLY BIG WAVES? The boat is designed to surf down really big waves, up to 10 metres! If it gets bigger than that, we have a sea anchor that's like a giant parachute to slow us down.



WHERE DO YOU SLEEP? There's one cabin in the back of the boat, it's the size of a telephone box. We take it in turns to sleep for 3 hours at a time. We won't sleep more than 6 hours in a day.



HOW WILL YOU GET THE BOAT BACK HOME WHEN YOU FINISH?

There's a company called Geest Line that bring lots of bananas from the Caribbean back to England. They are going to put our boat in with the bananas to bring it home.



WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN BARBADOS, HAVE YOU BOOKED A FANCY HOTEL?!

I think the first thing we will do is have a shower because there's nowhere to wash on the boat! We can't afford a fancy hotel, but we will find a couple of hammocks to have a big sleep in Barbados.



IF YOU SEE AN ISLAND WILL YOU STOP FOR A BREAK?

Sadly, there are no islands on our route - it's just sea from start to finish so we won't be able to stop for a pizza.



CAN WE CONTACT YOU ON THE ROW?

Yes, you can! We have a satellite phone on the boat and you can send us a message or any more questions that you think of.

PLEASE CAN YOU COME TO ONE OF OUR SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES WHEN YOU GET BACK TO TELL US ALL ABOUT YOUR ADVENTURE? We'd love to! You can follow us every day on our website at www.atlanticescapade.com and we'll send over some photos.



NAME: **REMY**

AGE: 10

HOBBIES:

DRAMA & MUSIC

PETS:

CERBILS

AMBITIONS:

ACTRESS, FILM MUSIC COMPOSER & TRANS RIGHTS ACTIVIST



HOW DO YOU THINK YOUR PARENTS AND YOUR FRIENDS TOOK THE NEWS WHEN YOU TOLD THEM? Well, my parents have been amazing to me. They have been fully supportive and they are so amazing, I am forever grateful to them and they have been helping me so much. Some of my good friends took it really well, they were really supportive which was really really good!

HOW WOULD YOU REACT IF SOMEONE STOPPED YOU IN THE STREET AND ASKED YOU IF YOU WERE TRANS? I would ask them why it concerns them. If they really started harassing me I would walk away and call someone I know. If it was someone I had met before I would say "Yeah, thats something about me, I hope that it doesn't change the way you see me as a friend."

BACK TO SCHOOL... HOW ARE YOU FEELING ABOUT THE UPCOMING SATS? SATS are vey important and I will try my best. I hope that they do go well for me as it will have an impact on my secondary school life and I suppose my life in general!

ARE YOU EXCITED OR WORRIED ABOUT SECONDARY SCHOOL? I am really excited to make new friends and to study what I really want to do but I don't really want to leave Elm Grove.

IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT YOU? I don't mind anyone knowing that I am trans and if anyone has any questions that they would like to ask me about it, I am totally open to that.

WHEN WERE YOU FIRST AWARE THAT YOU WERE TRANSGENDER? When I was little I wasn't really aware what it was, I was just vibing in my Elsa dress at nursery to be honest! Which I think most people did but I came in everyday in Disney Princess dresses and skirts and it was around the age of 6 or 7 when I became more aware of who I was. Sometimes I wanted to be They sometimes I wanted to be He sometimes I wanted to be She. There were different ups and downs of who I wanted to be.

WHAT PROBLEMS HAVE YOU HAD TO OVERCOME? Well, in the past there has been some bullying and complications around which toilets to use. Becoming transgender was a big change and it made my life a little bit harder but you know i'm getting through that and i'm just trying to get to know myself.

Thank you Remy ♥

INTERVIEW WRITTEN AND CONDUCTED BY LULA





ESME TALKS PETS!

By LULA

HOW MANY PETS DO YOU HAVE? 7



CAN YOU NAME ALL OF YOUR PETS?

Apple, Ziggy, Loki, Spike, Mike, Tango, Sabre.

CAN YOU RANK YOUR PETS FROM YOUR FAVOURITE TO YOUR LEAST FAVOURITE?

Loki is my favourite, Ziggy second, Apple third, Spike fourth, Mike fifth, Tango sixth and Sabre seventh!

IS IT TRUE THAT YOU HAVE A HORSE?

Yes! My horse is called Apple.



WHAT ARE YOUR ANIMALS?

Loki is a dog, Ziggy is a cat, Sabre and Tango are hamsters, Spike and Mike are guinea pigs.

WHICH ARE THE CUTEST?

Loki! Ziggy is my second cutest!

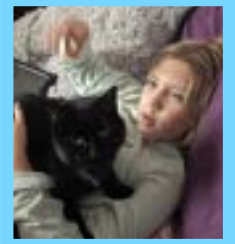
DO ALL OF YOUR PETS GET ALONG?



Nooope!! Only Loki gets along with everyone, even if you don't like him. He is a cocker spaniel.

WHAT IS THE FUNNIEST THING YOUR PETS HAVE EVER DONE?

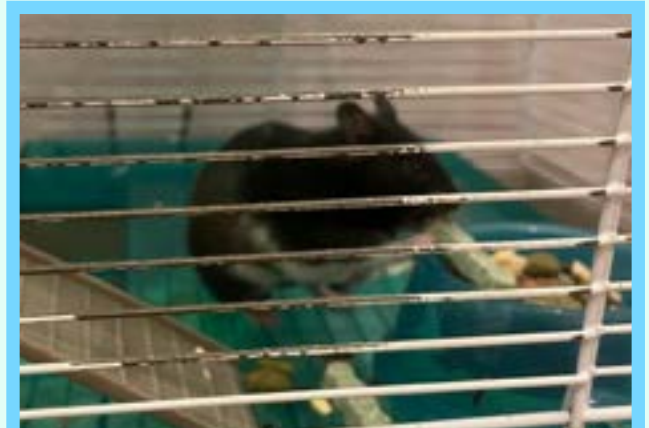
Oh, Ziggy rolls down the stairs when she has catnip!! And Loki licks my chin whenever I sleep!!!



HAMMY & MARSHMALLOW

"Hammy is a very fluffy and cute hamster and Marshmallow is a smooth black cat!"

ISLA, Year 5



VALENTINE

WE ❤️ YOU!!!



"Valentine is a puppy. She is a 6 month old Bichon Frise and is white with brown patches."

TIA, Year 5





GET CREATIVE HOW TO DRAW...



By ISLA



STEP 1. Watch Style Wars (a legendary graffiti documentary from 1983).

STEP 2. Think of a tag. For example, I write SEAP and I write it like this

THIS IS CALLED A TAG



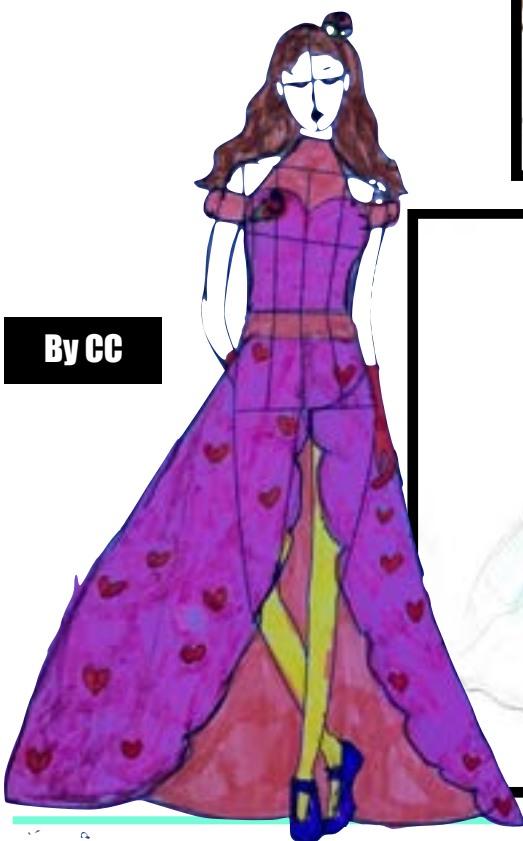
THIS IS CALLED A THROW UP

STEP 3. Practice your style. Then get up (that means get your name around).

By OSH



By CC



By ISCAH

BETHAN & ELODIE'S HORROSCOPES

Get your funny fate here!!

COMEDY



PISCES 20 FEBRUARY - 20 MARCH

you randomly fall of a cliff. yup, that's it.

VIRGO 22 AUGUST - 22 SEPTEMBER

You walk into a wall. Better stay in I think... After... Even... then as far...

JOKES!

WHAT DO YOU CALL A DINOSAUR WITH NO EYES?

A Doyouthinkysaurus!!

ARIES 21 MARCH - 19 APRIL

You die of food poisoning from gran's fish biscuits.

LIBRA 23 SEPTEMBER - 22 OCTOBER

This is too gross to say so. Better stay in!

WHAT IS A CATS FAVOURITE COLOUR?

Purrrrrr-ple!!

TAURUS 20 APRIL - 20 MAY

You get rich and try to dive in to your pile of gold but hurt yourself badly.

SCORPIO 23 OCTOBER - 22 NOVEMBER

Bill Cypher will stiek your head in the toilet and give you a swirly.

WHICH SONG DOES A CAT LIKE BEST?

Three Blind Mice!!

GEMINI 21 MAY - 21 JUNE

You Play Alice in Alice in Wonderland land in a school play but you get stuck in the rabbit hole and the rabbit ate you and he lived happily ever after!

SACITARIUS 23 NOVEMBER - 21 DECEMBER

Pluto will come hurtling down to Earth because it upset it's not a planet and crush you utterly. Better stay in.

WHAT CAME AFTER THE DINOSAUR?

It's tail!!

CANCER 22 JUNE - 23 JULY

You fart & every body thinks that's treason so they hunt down and kill you.

CAPRICORN 22 DECEMBER - 20 JANUARY

A bird will poof out a bit of corn and it will land in your pocket and explode you. Better stay in...

WHAT IS A BUNNY'S MOTTO?

Don't be mad, be hoppy!!

LEO 22 JUNE - 23 JULY

Every Wednesday your mum will knock out a guy called Leo who works at McDonalds. To hide from embarrassment stay in.

AQUARIUS 21 JANUARY - 19 FEBRUARY

You will take a trip to the sea museum and get eaten alive by Pirahnas. Better stay in...

Q: What do you call a turtle that poops everywhere?



A: A Turdel.



PUZZLES & GAMES

RANDOM
A WORDSEARCH BY REUBEN

MINI SUDUKO

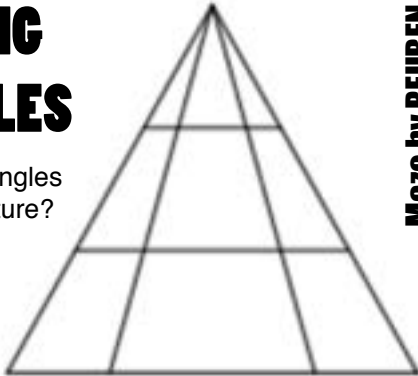
Place the numbers from 1 to 4 into the empty squares, so that each row, each column, and each minigrad contains all of the numbers from 1 to 4.

			1
		3	4
4	2		
1			

P	S	S	T	W	A	T	K	M	V	X	Y	PARK
S	A	P	P	L	E	W	I	N	W	S	N	APPLE
D	P	R	T	S	L	M	N	N	I	O	D	PEOPLE
S	A	H	K	I	T	E	Y	S	S	F	W	NORTH
M	H	S	V	C	A	R	D	W	W	G	E	DEATH
V	M	P	W	X	V	H	I	T	P	I	A	DIM
M	W	I	X	S	H	T	M	H	H	N	I	CARD
S	L	N	Y	S	L	S	P	O	R	T	P	HIT
P	E	O	P	L	E	P	S	W	G	S	D	SPORT
G	V	R	D	E	A	T	H	T	G	I	M	KNIFE
Y	W	T	A	S	I	E	P	A	I	N	H	
L	I	H	V	W	H	S	L	G	W	A	T	

TESTING TRIANGLES

How many triangles are in this picture?



Maze by REUBEN



EMOTIONS By MABEL

ANGRY	F	Q	W	E	R	T	Y	U	I	J
JOYFUL	Y	R	G	N	A	K	L	P	O	E
FRIGHTENED	J	H	I	G	F	Y	D	D	J	L
GRIEF	Z	A	S	G	R	I	E	F	O	O
RELIEVED	X	C	V	G	H	V	B	N	Y	U
EXCITED	R	E	N	W	E	T	Q	M	F	S
HANGRY	T	A	Y	I	U	I	E	O	U	P
LOVED	H	K	L	O	V	E	D	N	L	L
BEZERK	J	E	D	E	T	I	C	X	E	H
JELOUS	R	K	R	E	Z	E	B	F	G	D

1. What has no beginning, end or middle?

2. What kind of room has no windows or doors?

2	4	3	1
3	1	2	4
4	3	1	2
1	2	4	3

ANSWERS
There are 18 triangles!
RIDDLES
1. A Doughnut
2. A Mushroom