

News & Views



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Meet our new teachers...

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An interview with Miss Oxenham

Q.1 Are you enjoying teaching here?

I am very much. I knew I wanted to be a teacher when I was just 4 years old!

Q.2 What is your favourite subject so far?

English, I've always enjoyed it, I love reading and exploring language and characters.

Q.3 What is your favourite colour?

Green, anything green and I am happy.

Q.4 What is your favourite food?

Roast Dinner, particularly beef, nothing beats it!

Q.5 What is your favourite film?

Despicable Me, I love the minions and I would love to have my own team of minions!

Q.6 Do you have any pets, if so, what are they called?

One dog: a Rottweiler cross called Ivy, and one tabby cat: Star, who enjoys chasing the dog!

Q.7 What is your favourite children's book?

Alice in Wonderland- I keep re-reading it.

Q.8 Do you have any siblings?

No, it's just me.

Q.9 Do you like your class?

Yes they're lovely - they're the best class here.

Q.10 What job would you do if you weren't a teacher?

When I was little, I wanted to be a teacher or a vet. If I wasn't a teacher I'd be a vet.

Q.11 What changes would you like to make to your classroom, if any?

I'd like to have a little garden outside the classroom to plant things in.



An interview with Mr Cook

Q.1 How many different schools have you taught in?

I have taught in five schools; one in Edinburgh and the rest all in Gloucestershire.

Q.2 What do you like to read?

I enjoy reading all types of books but I particularly enjoy autobiographies about sports people. The last one I read was Sir Alex Ferguson's.

Q.3 if you weren't a teacher what would you be?

A footballer for Manchester United! (If I was talented enough!)

Q.4 How many teachers do you remember since you've come back?

There are lots of wonderful teachers at Leckhampton who I worked with before but I worked most closely with Mrs Connolley.

Q.5 What is your favourite school subject?

I enjoy teaching all subjects but my favourites are Games, History and Maths. I have really enjoyed learning all about our new topic; Yabadabadoo, which is all about the Stone Age to Iron Age!

Q.6 what are your hobbies?

I love watching sport, especially rugby and football. I also love spending time with my children and family.

Q.7 How old are you?

Although I look 21, it will surprise you to learn that I am actually 38!

Q.8 What is your favourite food?

I love a roast dinner, especially beef. I also love mince and tatties, which is a good Scottish meal.

Q.9 Which country would you most like to visit?

I would love to visit New York at Christmas, but I am very excited about going to Lapland this Christmas!



**** We would like to thank Miss Oxenham and Mr Cook for giving up their time to answer our questions. ****

Meet our new School Council and Journalists



School Council have had a busy first term. We have: entered a national competition run by the Speaker of the House of Commons, written a new Anti-bullying policy, discussed Maths homework and lots more! **Members of School Council:** Class 5: Charis Grice & Peter Candish. Class 6: Nancy Bloomfield & Harrison Gaze. Class 7: Jemima James & George Thorogood. Class 8: Livvy Perkins & Monty Greaves. Class 9: Charlie Sinclair. Class 10: Sam Starkey. Class 11: Tilly Knibbs. Class 12: Meggie Oram. Class 13: James Maddocks. Class 14: William Eyre



Journalism Club have been busy too! We have been finding out your views by interviewing you on the playground, we've run a Christmas Writing competition and put together our first edition of News and Views- we hope you enjoy it! **Members:** Kitty Wild, Courtney Gummer, Jessica Murphy, Bonnie Colquhoun, William Eyre, Katie Dutton, Rhianna Shaw, Anna Maddocks, Anya Radford, Annabel Wood, Martha Edden, Lydia Whalley, Anna Soares, Alanah Mistry and Florence Ballinger.

School Council and Journalism Club invited you to enter our Christmas Writing Competition to write a Festive bedtime story that Father Christmas could read to Rudolph to help him go to sleep. We were delighted with the response and there were so many wonderful ideas that it made judging the competition very challenging! We would like to thank all of you who took the time to enter our competition and we are pleased to publish the winning entries from each of the phases.

PHASE ONE WINNER: Santa in the City by Alisdair Cook Class 3

Once upon a snowy Christmas, Santa went to the busy city. Santa was happy but then he got lost! He went to the big library and found a soft reindeer to help him. The clever reindeer found him a special book which showed him the way to the North Pole. Santa was very pleased and shouted, "HO! HO! HO! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"



PHASE TWO WINNER: The Christmas Fairy by Holly Carter Class 6

It was Christmas Eve and Anna, her Mum and Dad and her little sister Tilly were all getting ready for tomorrow— Christmas Day. Anna and Tilly were so excited. Anna's Mum was baking, her Dad was wrapping the last presents and she and Tilly were getting the food ready for Santa and his reindeer. When Anna's Dad had finished wrapping the presents he was to put the Angel on top of the Christmas tree so that's what he did. When he was just about to put it on the tree, Anna thought she had just seen a shimmer of sparkles around the Angel. Her Dad had gone into the kitchen so Anna went up to the Christmas tree and picked the Angel up. Then it glowed so bright that she dropped it in surprise. Suddenly it flew up in the air, "Hello I'm the Christmas fairy and my name is Holly," said the Fairy in a silvery voice. Then, with a flick of the Little Fairy's wand Anna found herself standing below a tall building and most surprisingly she had beautiful translucent wings on her back! "I must be imagining stuff..." she thought to herself, but she wasn't! Holly led her inside the building and she found herself in Santa's workshop. "Wow!" she said in amazement, "Holly can I help to decorate the trees over there?" "Yes of course," said one of the elves, with a long pointy hat. Anna even got to ride in Santa's sleigh. When it was time to go she waved goodbye, had a hug with Holly and off she went. By the time she got back it was bedtime already so off she went. When she got to her room she found a present; the label said "Anna" on it. She unwrapped it quickly, inside was a beautiful sparkly silver and gold Angel. Finally it was Christmas Day, "This has been the best Christmas ever!" Anna said to her parents, and it had been.

PHASE THREE WINNER: Rescue Rudolph by Poppy Colquhoun Class 11

It was a cold and icy night in the North Pole, The Northern Lights were glowing brightly in the sky. There in the powdery snow stood a cosy cottage with icicles dangling menacingly like daggers from a roof; a small, straw-filled stable stood next door. Inside the cottage lived the jolly, yet slightly portly, Santa Claus and his gorgeous wife Suzy Claus.

The stable was home to all the reindeers that pulled the sleigh on that special night.

In the cottage, Santa sat next to the open fire, warming his toes, sipping hot coco and eating his wife's limited edition candy cane cookies! In the stable, Rudolph sat with his team happily chomping away on crunchy carrots, excited about leading the sleigh on Christmas Eve around the World, delivering brightly wrapped presents to all the children on Santa's list.

Meanwhile, the evil mastermind Kit Claws was on his way to deerknab Rudolph and spoil Christmas for all...

The following morning Santa was up early and went to check on his trusty crew of reindeers, a bellowing scream woke Mrs Claus from her beauty sleep. She ran through the snow barefooted to the stable where she found Santa Claus sitting on a bale of hay with his head in his hands, sobbing.

"Rudolph's gone, he has been kidnapped by my evil cousin Kit Claws!" he cried, showing the deerknab letter to Mrs Claus.

My Dear Cousin,

I, Kit Claws, have kidnapped your precious lead reindeer, Rudolph. If you want to see your much loved Rudolph again, hand Christmas over to me! Meet me by the frozen lake tonight with your Christmas list for all the good children around the World.

Lots of jolly, holly love, your favourite cousin-

Kit Claws.

Luckily, Suzy Claus is not only a talented cook, she has lots of brilliant ideas for everything, and this idea was probably one of her best! "Don't worry my dear, I have the perfect plan!" Suzy said mischievously.

That night Santa was getting ready to go and meet Kit. "Good luck sweetheart, I hope the plan works!" said Mrs Claus.

On the journey, the snow was deep and cold and the snowflakes were falling rapidly onto Santa's beard, making it whiter than it had ever been before! When Santa finally got to the frozen lake, Kit was there already.

"Hello old friend, great to see you again. I hope you've brought the list with you, cos I've brought the Red Nosed Clown. You wouldn't let your favourite cousin down would you?" said Kit sarcastically, laughing like an evil hyena. "Hello Kit, let's get one thing straight— you are not my favourite cousin. Now, hand over Rudolph and I'll give you my special list." said Santa darkly.

"Give me the list first, then I'll five you the clown!" said Kit. "Okay," sighed Santa, handing over the lit.

Kit had a quick check of the list— children's names and addresses were all there, written in fine red writing, satisfied he handed over Rudolph. "Finally, Christmas is mine Mwahahaha! Goodbye Santa, oh and Merry Christmas!" shouted Kit running off.

When Santa could see Kit was out of sight, he let Rudolph in to a little secret. "Do you know what I did to that silly man Rudolph? I gave him the naughty list— so there will be no deliveries for him! I think he may even find his own name on there somewhere.

Come on buddy, let's go home!" When Santa and Rudolph were walking home they could hear bells ringing in the distance and they got home just in time for Christmas!

Critic's corner

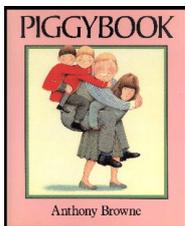
The journalists from Year 6 Journalism Club have been busy reviewing some of their favourite books, films and TV programmes; so if you have some spare time over the Christmas holidays why not give some of these a try...

Anthony Browne Book Review – Piggy Book

by Kitty Wild & Courtney Gummer

Piggy book is one of Anthony Browne's amazing books! He is a children's author and very good! He is also a amazing illustrator. In Piggy Book there are two kids, a father and a wife. They live in a nice house with a nice car. But the kids (Simon and Patrick) and their father always leave the work to the mother. Every day when Simon, Patrick and their father comes home from school/work they shout at their mum "hurry up with dinner! After a while Patrick, Simon and father has something strange about them it is a MYSTERY!!! You can only find out if you read it. We think Piggy Book is a really good book. It is not only good but we think it teaches you a lesson. The lesson is not to leave everything to your mum and not be lazy and HELP! We think all children should read it and maybe learn from it.

We give this book a rating of 4 out of 5!

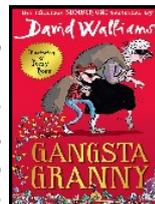


Gangsta Granny—David Walliams

by Bonnie Colquhoun & Alanah Mistry

Ben is bored beyond belief after he is made to stay at his grandma's house. All she wants to do is to play Scrabble, and eat cabbage soup. But there are two things Ben doesn't know about his grandma: she was once an international jewel thief and she has been plotting to steal the crown jewels. Now she needs Ben's help.

This book is recommended for years 3 and 4, it is great for both boys and girls to read and enjoy.



The 39 clues

By William Eyre

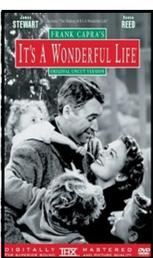
The 39 clues is a adventure style comedy about two children, Amy and Dan Cahill. Who live a perfectly normal life that is up to the point when their grandmother's will is read out. They are offered a choice, take one thousand pounds and leave, or follow 39 clues leading them from Venice all the way to Egypt and back.



It's a Wonderful Life

By Katie Dutton & Anya Radford

This film is about the magic of Christmas. When a man called George Bailey has problems at work, he is unable to pay his bills. George gets angry and goes out to the river bank where he is about to do something very, very silly.. The rest will stay a mystery, until you watch the film. We rate this film 9½ out of 10! We hope this review will come in handy! This is a great film for all ages.



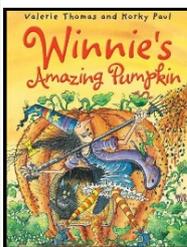
Winnie's Amazing Pumpkin by Valerie Thomas and Korky Paul

By Anna Maddocks and Jessica Murphy

This book is about a witch, who has a black cat and loves vegetables, especially pumpkins! In this book, Winnie is fed up of buying vegetables so she decides to grow them. When she first started growing them, animals began eating them—this made her mad! She cast a spell on her seeds to make them grow faster, but something very bad goes wrong—her vegetables grow very quickly, but unbelievably big! Winnie does not know what to do, but in the end she discovered some crazy plan, as Winnie always does!

We would definitely recommend this book for younger readers.

This book can be found in KS1 library.



Doctor Who

By Jessica Murphy, Alanah Mistry & Anna Soares

In our opinion, *Doctor Who* must be one of the most popular TV shows since 1963 when it first came out. We also think that *Doctor Who* is the best show ever! Added onto this it is also the longest-running show in the world breaking the world record of 50 years! *Doctor Who* is a great TV show and we would suggest that you watch it with your parent's permission. In one of the latest episodes of *Doctor Who* they saved the moon from deadly bacteria and giant spiders!



We would like to hear your views too, so if you would like to write a review of your favourite film, book or TV programme please send it to our News and Views team at:

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Joke-in-a-Box!

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a shark?

A: Frost-bite!

Q: Why couldn't the bicycle get up?

A: Because it was too 'tyred'!

Mrs Claus: "Santa, let Rudolph have the sledge half the time!

Santa: "I do darling, I have it going downhill, and he has it going up!"

Q: What happens if you eat yeast and shoe polish?

A: Every morning you'll rise and shine!

Q: Where do snowflakes dance?

A: At a snow ball

Q: why does Santa have 3 gardens?

A: So he can hoe, hoe, hoe!!

Q: What do you call a polar bear wearing earmuffs?

A: Anything you like, he can't hear you!

"Doctor, doctor - I feel like a strawberry!"

"Don't worry, I have some cream for that!"

A crisp was walking down the road when a car pulled up and asked him: "Do you want a lift?" The crisp said, "No thanks, I'm a Walker!"

Q: What did the koala write on his CV?

A: 'I have the right koala-fications...'

Q: What's hot, furry and flies?

A: A hot-air baboon

Thanks to all our comedy contributors

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL, FROM THE 'NEWS AND VIEWS' TEAM!

