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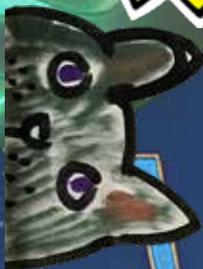


# THE BUZZ

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# WISH



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Behind the scenes at the cinema

**SHORT STORY WINNERS**  
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WE HAVE A NEW MASCOT FOR 2023!  
FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HIM INSIDE...



**IT'S NEARLY CHRISTMAS!** WE HAVE FESTIVE BAKING AND LOTS OF CHRISTMAS CRAFTS TO TRY...

# HELLO!

Welcome to the new generation of the NJA Buzz. In this spectacular edition you will find the infamous short story competition, a head-scratching debate, a wonderful sports page, an inspiring baking page and so much more! We hope you enjoy reading it.

**\*JUST FOR FUN\***



**HARRY STYLES**



**TAYLOR SWIFT**



**STEVE BACKSHALL**

## TEACHER

Did you know you had so many celebrities working in your school?!



**MARGOT ROBBIE**



**RYAN GOSLING**



**MATTY HEALY**

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**\*TOP 5\***

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By Isaac & Rueben

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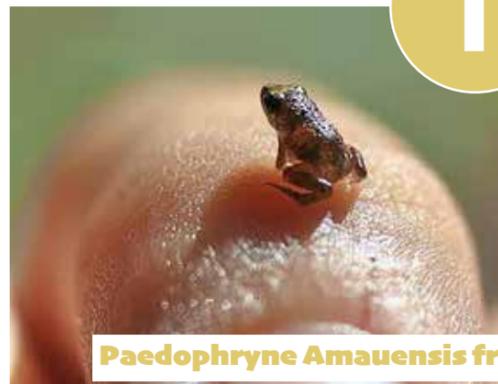
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# MEET THE

Introducing this year's Buzz team! They have practised their awesome interviewing skills by interviewing each other. Here's what they found out:

## BELLA

Bella enjoys surfing, dancing and art. Her favourite colour is sage green and her favourite TV show is Ackley Bridge. Things that make her laugh are people who are actually funny. Her favourite subjects are art and P.E.

## Poppy

Poppy likes sweet food and netball. She likes the colours blue, purple and yellow. Her favourite animal is an arctic fox, and her favourite drink is a milkshake.

## THALIA

Thalia's favourite colour is blue and her favourite ice cream flavour is strawberry. She really enjoys reading *The Great Dream Robbery*. Her favourite sport is cricket and she really loves to drink Tango.

## REUBEN

Reuben loves Lego and is obsessed with JURASSIC PARK. He is a lover for curry and absolutely hates mashed potato. Reuben's favourite movies are INDIANA JONES and STAR WARS. His favourite colour is BLUE. I want to tell you about his amazing Lego skills, like how Reuben built a massive roller coaster just in a week! Oh and also, I almost forgot his Long Time Dream: TO BE A ROCKSTAR!! \*Plays amazing guitar music.\* Ahem... Oh and also Reuben has a sister, and he said she is very annoying (What?? How dare he say that..) That is everything about Reuben.. Well maybe.

Defne enjoys playing netball, reading and hanging out with her friends. Her favourite book is *Heartstopper*, and her favourite colour is sage green. Things which make her laugh are funny faces and Satty. Also, Defne's favourite subjects are maths (particularly multiplication and division) and Spanish.

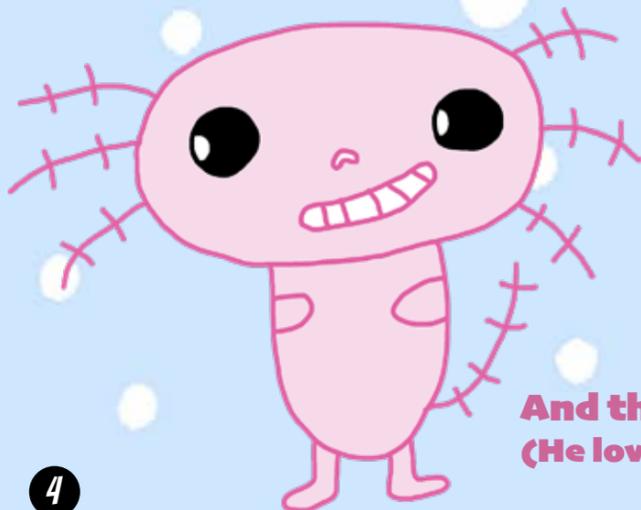
## Defne

## Isaac

Did you know Isaac's favourite ice-cream flavour is vanilla? When Isaac is older, he wants to be an archaeologist and in his spare time he would go to the skate park. Isaac's favourite food is pizza and he enjoys building Lego.

## ISABELLE

Isabelle is a county champion in gymnastics and her favourite food is pizza. She has a favourite animal which is a bunny/rabbit and her favourite book author is David Walliams. She hasn't got much spare time because she's either eating pizza or doing gymnastics. Whether she's reading her favourite book the BFG or training she's in her happy place.



And this is our new mascot 'Ax' the Axolotl! (He loves jokes...)

# TEAM

## Daisy

Daisy enjoys baking and ballet - which she earned two medals for (she has thirteen in total!!). She wants to be a dancer as a job when she's older. Her favourite colour is pink and she likes to watch *Invisible Sister*. Daisy's favourite book is 'The Embarrassing Life of Lottie Brooks' and in her opinion the best subject is English.

## SATTY

Satty enjoys reading Harry Potter, surfing and playing the keyboard. When she grows older, she wants to be a Marine Biologist or a wildlife photographer. She describes herself as a flag expert, and her favourite colour is lilac.

Lexi likes swimming and enjoys drawing in her spare time. Her favourite book is *Judy Moody* by Megan McDonald, and she hates sport.

## Lexi

Honey's favourite colour is olive green and her favourite animal is a barn owl. She enjoys drawing, gaming and swimming and is in 6JD. Honey likes art, prefers cold over hot and her favourite food is steak. She loves the TV programme *Liv & Maddie* and she aspires to be a singer.

## Honey

## FINLEY

Finley would rather be extremely cold than extremely warm because it would be easier to get warmer than get cooler. Interestingly, between the choices to be an explorer or an astronaut he would be an astronaut. Finley dislikes maths but loves English. Also, his favorite animal is a husky!

## Annie

Annie's best friends in the world are Saskia and Ida - 6JM. She has 4 siblings and she likes her Mum's cooking. Her favourite colour is LILAC. Her favourite lessons are P.E and English, all her teachers are her favourite and she likes the book *Watership Down*. Although she is in the Newspaper club, she favourites Choir.

## SHAYLA

Shayla loves to eat homemade sausage rolls. Shayla and her best friend Lexi both share their love for working in the newspaper. Shayla loves spending her lunch with Miss Burks. She enjoys English and always gets more than a third of her page done! When she feels bored, she can snuggle up to watch her favourite film - *Home Alone* - wearing her green dressing gown. She doesn't have any siblings to squash her on the sofa. Late at night when she wants to read a book, she gets her favourite down and reads some more of *Kensuke's Kingdom*.

## SOPHIE

Sophie likes to eat nachos and chips. Her favourite colour is lilac and her favourite animal is a polar bear. Her favourite books are the Harry Potter series. Sophie's hobbies are horseriding, rugby and art. She aspires to become a vet when she is older, she prefers cats over dogs and her favourite movie/tv show is *Stranger Things*. Her class is 6TS and her favourite subject is P.E.

## Naomi

Naomi wants to be a photographer when she's older and finished school. The NJA buzz is a starter to becoming a news agent if you want to. She loves spaghetti and thinks it's the best food out of them all. The best animal to her is a tiger, king of the cats. She loves playing sports and thinks hockey is the best sport of them all. Salami is the best snack to her.

# SURF LIFESAVING:

## SPECIAL REPORT by Isabelle and Naomi

During the summer, some pupils from NJA took part in the surf lifesaving national championships in Bournemouth. We tell you everything you need to know.

### EVENTS

The events they could have competed in were flags - where you lie on the floor and when the whistle blows you get up as fast as you can and try to get the flag, sprints, 1k - where you run 1k along the beach, swim, board and a variety of relays.

### PEOPLE WHO COMPETED

The people who competed in our school are:  
**Y6:** Annie, Bella, Nahla, Mackenzie, Isabelle and Harry.  
**Y5:** Annabelle, Ella, Amelia, Lois, Toby, Alfie.  
**Y4:** Oliver W.  
**Y3:** Jessica and Oliver H.



**ELLA**

"It was a good experience and I enjoyed spending time with friends."



**ANNIE**

"It was good, I got 1st in flags!"



**MACKENZIE**

"It was fun and sugary!"



# NATIONALS



### TOP 20 FINISHERS:

#### Sprints:

Annie: 3rd  
Toby: 5th  
Oliver W: 6th  
Bella: 7th  
Isabelle: 17th

#### Flags:

Annie: 1st  
Nahla: 9th  
Jessica: 12th  
Amelia: 13th  
Bella: 15th

#### 1k Run:

Oliver W: 2nd  
Toby: 11th  
Annabelle: 12th  
Mackenzie: 13th  
Jessica: 14th  
Bella: 14th  
Harry: 18th  
Oliver H: 19th

#### Board:

Bella: 11th  
Ella: 15th

#### Swim:

Lois: 7th  
Amelia: 14th

#### Relays:

Annie: 2nd  
Nahla: 3rd



**HARRY**

"It was rough and hard but fun. I recommend it for people who are confident at swimming."



**LOIS**

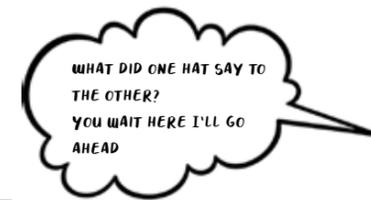
**BELLA**

"It was a good time I had lots of fun with friends."



**AMELIA**

"I enjoyed being with friends and the board rescue."



### DID YOU KNOW?

~ Surf lifesaving originated in Australia in the early 20th century.

~ It prepares you for being a lifeguard.

~ Volunteers are called LIFESAVERS and professionals are called LIFEGUARDS.

~ It can also involve flood and river rescue.



# QUICK FIRE QUESTIONS!

Over this term we interviewed the Head Boy and Head Girl plus their deputies to find out more about them and their favourite things.

Interviews by Poppy, Rueben & Defne



Deputy Head Girl

**Sandy**

**Favourite colour:** Mint green  
**Favourite food:** Burger and chips  
**Favourite teacher:** Mr Doble and Mrs Dewsnap  
**Favourite film:** Christmas movies  
**How did you get your job?** Hard work  
**What do you think about your job?** I like it  
**What don't you like about your job?** Don't do much



Deputy Head Boy

**Jago**

**Favourite colour:** Blue  
**Favourite food:** Salmon  
**Favourite teacher:** Ms Burks  
**Favourite film:** Matilda The Musical  
**How did you get your job?** By doing an application  
**What do you think about your job?** Ecstatic  
**What don't you like about your job?** Don't do much

**Ben**  
**Head Boy**



**Favourite teacher:** Mrs Robinson  
**Favourite film:** Grease  
**Favourite colour:** Blue  
**Favourite food:** Mcdonalds  
**Favourite video game:** Fifa  
**Favourite sport:** Football  
**Least favourite thing to do:** Hockey  
**Favourite subject:** PE  
**Favourite teacher:** Ms Biggs  
**How did you get your job?** I did a good application and interview  
**Why did you want to be head boy?** I thought I'd be good at it.  
**What do you like about being Head Boy?** Missing class  
**What do you dislike?** Missing lunch  
**Biggest mistake?** Lying to my mum  
**A moment when you realised you've been tricked?** My cousin tricked me  
**What do you hate about school?** Nothing I love it  
**Best thing you ever did:** Got made football captain  
**Do you buy the NJA Buzz?** Yes! I love it.

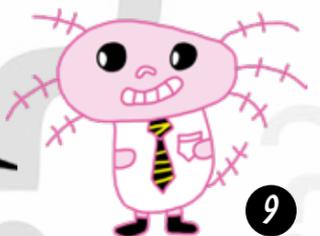
**Ida**  
**Head Girl**



**Favourite teacher:** Mr Murphy and Mr Male  
**Favourite film:** I don't know  
**Favourite colour:** Turquoise and orange  
**Favourite food:** Mango  
**Favourite sport:** Surf lifesaving and swimming  
**Why did you want to be head girl?** I really liked the idea of it and wanted to make changes to the school  
**Is it fun?** Definitely  
**What do you enjoy most?** That I can try and make people happy, and assemblies.  
**What your reaction to being head girl?** Shocked  
**Do you get along with the head boy?** Yes  
**If you could choose another role what would you choose?** I don't think I would.  
**Did you feel scared when waiting for results?** I didn't think I would get it.  
**How was the interview?** It was scary!  
**What are you looking forward to about being head girl?** Speaking to the new year 3's.



WHY COULDN'T THE SKELETON GO TO SCHOOL? HIS HEART JUST WASN'T IN IT



# WISH



## About the Film

Asha is a 17-year-old girl who makes a wish to the stars after sensing a darkness in the kingdom that everyone else is oblivious to. Valentino is Asha's pet goat who gains the ability to talk after wishing to communicate.

## Film Review

 by Sophie.

"The overall plot was fantastic but some things could be improved. Star (an actual star!) was very cute but the scene with the chickens was a bit too much! Asha was really nice but some things weren't believable. I really enjoyed the film, it only lost points for me because I thought there were a few too many songs. I think younger children will really enjoy it."

OUR SCORES OUT OF 5

The NJA Buzz have watched, written about and reviewed the new movie in our local cinema. Here are our ratings:

DAISY: 3.5 NAOMI: 4.8  
BELLA: 4.5 POPPY: 3.8  
ISABELLE: 5 HONEY: 3.4  
SHAYLA: 4.9 THALIA: 4.5  
RUEBEN: 4.3  
SATTY: 4.6 FINLEY: 4.5  
DEFNE: 4.5 SOPHIE: 4.5

## DID YOU KNOW?

- ~ Wish is for all ages.
- ~ Asha is not a Disney princess.
- ~ The place that the movie Wish is based in is the Iberian Peninsula.
- ~ Ariana DeBose voices Asha.
- ~ Disney have released 61 movies.
- ~ It took a long time to animate Wish because it is hand drawn.
- ~ The release date for Wish in the UK is November 22nd 2023.
- ~ The film is a mix of traditional 2D and digital animation as a way to honour Disney's roots in hand-drawn animation.
- ~ 2023 marks Disney's 100th anniversary of film-making.
- ~ Wish cost 200 million dollars which is about 159 million pounds.
- ~ The movie is set in Rosas, an island in the Mediterranean.
- ~ Wish is directed by Chris Buck and Fawn Veera Sunthorn from a screenplay written by Jennifer Lee and Allison Moore.
- ~ Julia Michaels wrote the music for Wish.
- ~ Wish will be made into a book - a colour graphic novel.

Wish facts by Bella & Annie

## Behind the scenes

The Buzz team were given exclusive access behind the scenes at the Lighthouse Cinema and interviewed James who works there. Reuben reports: "The other day, we saw the new film Wish. Not only did we watch an amazing film, we got to see the projectors. After a few questions, and waving my hand to block the film, this is what we found out..."

### How do you start the movie?

It's all on computers now so I just turn on the computer and press play! There's a pause button, a fast-forward button, just like at home. 99% of the time it works flawlessly, but of course sometimes it goes wrong and I have to come up and press play again.

### What is the worst thing that people have left behind?

Once we had a nappy - a used nappy! But mostly just lots of coats and umbrellas.

### Do you get to eat all the snacks?

Sometimes, but you do get bored of popcorn in the end. Kraxs are my favourite or Tango Iceblast.

### When did the cinema open?

It opened here in 2011 but the WTW company has been running for around 78 years and they have 11 cinemas across Cornwall.

### When did you start working here?

I started in the Truro cinema in 2003 but I've been here at the Lighthouse since it opened.

### How many screens do you have here?

We have four screens, and Screen One has a stage so we often have live performances as well as films.

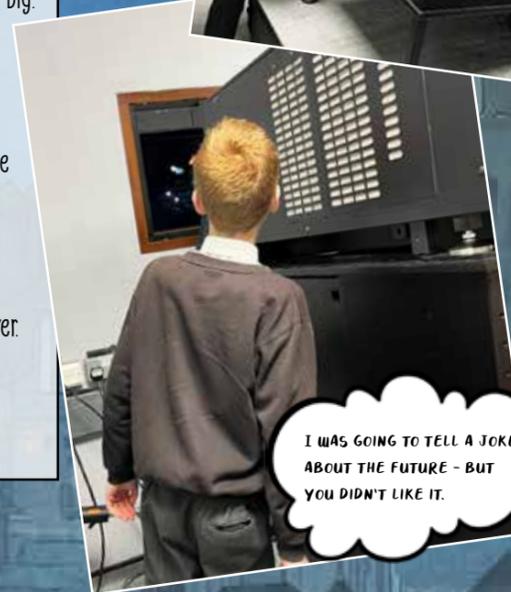
~ The room is really small but the projector is really big.

~ There are lots of wires and technology.

- There is a wall where all the famous guests sign, like Johnny Cowling from Pirate FM.

- They used to use big reels of film but now it is all digital and films get downloaded to the cinema's server.

- We looked through the little window and could see where we sat to watch the film.



I WAS GOING TO TELL A JOKE ABOUT THE FUTURE - BUT YOU DIDN'T LIKE IT.



# FESTIVE BAKING

With Lexi and Shayla

This issue we interviewed people for their favourite Christmas foods, and found some yummy food you can make at home in time for Christmas!

*"I don't want to mistle-toe around when I've got cookies to munch on!"*



## Christmas Cookies



### Recipe

- 140g icing sugar, sieved
- 1tsp vanilla extract
- 1 egg yolk
- 250g butter, cut into small cubes
- 375g plain flour, sieved
- TO DECORATE:
- 200g icing sugar
- Food colouring (optional)
- Decorations (optional)

### Method

- ~ Tip the icing sugar, vanilla extract, egg yolk and butter into a mixing bowl, then stir together with a wooden spoon (or pulse in a food processor until well combined).
- ~ Add the flour and mix to a firm dough.
- ~ Shape the dough into two flat discs and wrap them.
- ~ Chill for 20-30 mins.
- ~ Heat oven to 190C/fan 170C/gas 5 and line two baking sheets with non-stick baking paper.
- ~ Roll out the dough on a lightly floured surface to about the thickness of two £1 coins.
- ~ Cut out Christmassy shapes (use a cutter if you like) and place on the baking sheets.
- ~ Bake for 10-12 mins until lightly golden.
- ~ Lift the biscuits onto a wire rack to cool.
- ~ Meanwhile, mix the icing sugar with a few drops of cold water to make a thick, but still runny icing.
- ~ Colour with food colouring, if you like.
- ~ Spread it over the cooled biscuits and decorate as you like with sprinkles, silver balls or sweets.



## Gingerbread Men

### Recipe

- 225g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
- 75g unsalted butter
- 100g soft brown sugar
- 100g golden syrup
- 2tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 2tsp ground ginger
- 1tsp cinnamon
- Salt

### Method

Heat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5 and line a baking tray with baking parchment.  
Sieve the flour, salt, bicarb, ginger and cinnamon into a large bowl.  
Heat the butter, sugar and syrup until dissolved. Leave the sugar mixture to cool slightly, then mix into the dry ingredients to form a dough.  
On a surface lightly dusted with flour, roll out the dough to a ¼-inch thickness.  
Stamp out the gingerbread men shapes with a cutter, then re-roll any off-cuts and repeat.  
Place your gingerbread shapes on the lined trays, allowing space for them to spread.  
Cook for 10-15 mins, then remove from the oven and leave to cool.

## Mince Pies

### Recipe

- 1 large jar mincemeat (around 600g)
- 2 satsumas, segmented and finely chopped
- 1 apple, finely chopped
- Zest of 1 lemon
- A little icing sugar for dusting
- FOR THE PASTRY:
- 375g plain flour
- 260 unsalted butter, softened
- 125g caster sugar, plus extra for sprinkling
- 1 large egg plus 1 beaten egg for glazing

### Method

Place 375g plain flour and 260g softened unsalted butter in a bowl and rub together to a crumb consistency. Add 125g caster sugar and 1 large beaten egg, and mix together. Tip out onto a lightly floured surface and fold until the pastry comes together, be careful not to over mix. Wrap the pastry in cling film and chill for 10 mins. Scoop the large jar of mincemeat into a bowl and add 2 segmented satsumas, 1 finely chopped apple and zest of 1 lemon. Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Roll out the pastry to 3mm thick. Using a round cutter (about 10cm), cut out 16 bases and place them into muffin trays. Put 1½ tbsp mincemeat mixture into each. Brush the edge of each pie with a little beaten egg. Re-roll out the pastry to cut 7cm lids and press them on top to seal. Glaze with the beaten egg, sprinkle with the extra caster sugar, then make a small cut in the tops. Bake the mince pies for 15-20 mins until golden brown. Leave to cool before releasing them from the muffin trays and dusting with a little more icing sugar before serving.

Christmas cookies	Roast dinner
Lemon drizzle cake	Chocolate Santa
Chocolate cake	Chicken
Pigs 'n blankets	German sausage
Beef	
Gravy	
Mince pies	Dessert
Turkey	Candy canes

## Your Fave Christmas Food!

*"WHY DID THE ACTOR FALL THROUGH THE FLOORBOARDS? THEY WERE GOING THROUGH A STAGE"*



## Mini Bakewell Tarts

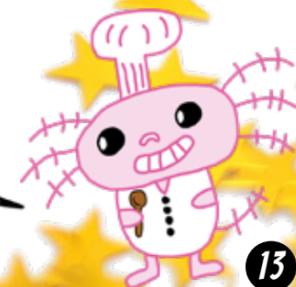
### Recipe

- 2 x 320g sheets of all butter shortcrust pastry
- FOR THE FRANGIPANE:
- 120g butter, softened
- 120g golden caster sugar
- 1 egg
- 1tbsp plain flour
- 110 ground almonds
- 90g cherry jam
- FOR THE ICING:
- 200g icing sugar
- 12 glacé cherries

### Method

Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Lightly butter a 12-hole muffin tin. Unroll the sheet of pastry and use a 10cm circular pastry cutter to cut 12 circles out of the pastry sheet. Press the cut circles into the holes of the tin, making sure they come right up and slightly over the top – pushing out any creases. Chill the pastry in the fridge for 20mins. Scrunch up 10cm x 10cm squares of baking paper and then un-scrunch and use to line each of the pastry tarts, then fill with baking beans, rice or dried pulses. Bake for 10 mins, then remove the paper and beans and bake for 10 mins longer, until golden brown. Set aside to cool a little. Make the filling by beating together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy, then whisk in the egg, followed by the flour (the flour will prevent the mixture from splitting). Fold in the ground almonds. Spoon a level tsp of cherry jam into each of the pastry shells, followed by a tablespoon of the frangipane mixture. Bake for 20 mins, until the frangipane is golden and springy. Set aside to cool completely. Neaten the edges of the pastry with a small knife or scissors. Mix the icing sugar with 2 tbsp water. Spread the icing over each of the tarts, top each with a glacé cherry, leave to set for 20 mins, then serve with tea.

*"May your days be minty and your Christmas cookies delicious!"*



# SNOWY SEASON

As Christmas is approaching, here are our festive season favourites.

## Christmas Wreath by Daisy

### Things you will need:

- Paper plate
- String
- Pens
- Glue/Tape
- Stickers
- Scissors

### Step by step

1. First stab a hole on the rim of the plate.
2. Slide your scissors around and cut the middle out.
3. Use the middle part to draw your fave xmas designs.
4. Now cut them out and colour and stick them on the ring.
5. Poke a hole in the top using a pencil and thread string through it.
6. Finally add bling.



## Christmas Snowflake by Daisy & Romilly

### Things you will need:

- Two pieces of paper
- Glue
- Stickers

### Step by step

1. First fold your paper forwards and backwards until you get to the end. Do this with both pieces.
2. Take one piece and fold in half, then glue the inside edges. Do the same with the other piece.
3. Now take both pieces and glue them together then fan it out.
4. Finally add some bling and stickers to make your masterpiece pop.



## Santa Advent Calendar by Sophie

### Things you will need:

- Cotton balls
- 4 sheets of paper
- 1 black felt tip pen

### Step by step

1. First, cut out Santa's details such as his eyes, nose, hat and beard. Draw 25 circles on his big beard.
2. Then draw on his eyes, mouth, nose and colour Santa's hat.
3. Now get your cotton balls and put some on his hat, the rest can go in a pot or a safe place.
4. Now finally you are done. Add a cotton ball every day to Santa's beard and count down until Christmas!



Snow

Gravy

Everything

Christmas tree

Surf

Decorations

I'm scrooge leave me alone!

Family

## What do you love about Christmas?

### Winter by Daisy

Our winter is a joyful time of year but what's the secret behind it? Winter, the coldest season of the year, brings freezing temperatures. I remember last winter we got Mr Hayes out with us to play in the snow. Winter is also the season of Christmas which is all about believing, joy and spending time with friends and family.

## Ho Ho Ho... Hilarious!

Why was the snowman sad?  
Because he had a meltdown

Why is frosty never late?  
Because time waits for snowman

What do you call a cat on the beach on Christmas Eve?  
Sandy Claws



# READING

## What's your favourite book?

ANNIE 6JM-WHAT THE LADYBIRD HEARD

MS BIGGS-THE BOOK THIEF

DEXTER 6MA-INVESTIGATORS

MAIZIE 5AS-LITTLE STARS

SOPHIA 6MR-HATMAKERS

ZARA 5AS-ICE MONSTER

ROMILLY 6MR-HARRY POTTER (ALL OF THEM)

ZACH 6JD-ALEX RIDER STORMBREAKER

EVIE 5SP-ICE MONSTER

SUMMER 5AS-GANGSTER GRANNY

BEN 6MA-DIARY OF A WIMPY KID

MAZZY 6JD-DIARY OF A WIMPY KID BIG SHOT

KAI 6TS-TOM GATES

ELMER 5SP-SPACE BOY

TIANA 5AS-TOO SMALL TOLA GETS TOUGH

NOAH 6JD-BUNNY VS MONKEY: HUMAN INVASION

MS CHEADLE-MICE AND MEN

BOBBY 6JD-DIARY OF A WIMPY KID

AGNES 5RD-GRANDPA'S GREAT ESCAPE

FRANKLIN-MINECRAFT BOOK

DUKE 6JD-BREAKFAST CLUB INVESTIGATES

SOPHIA 5RD-DIRTY BERTIE

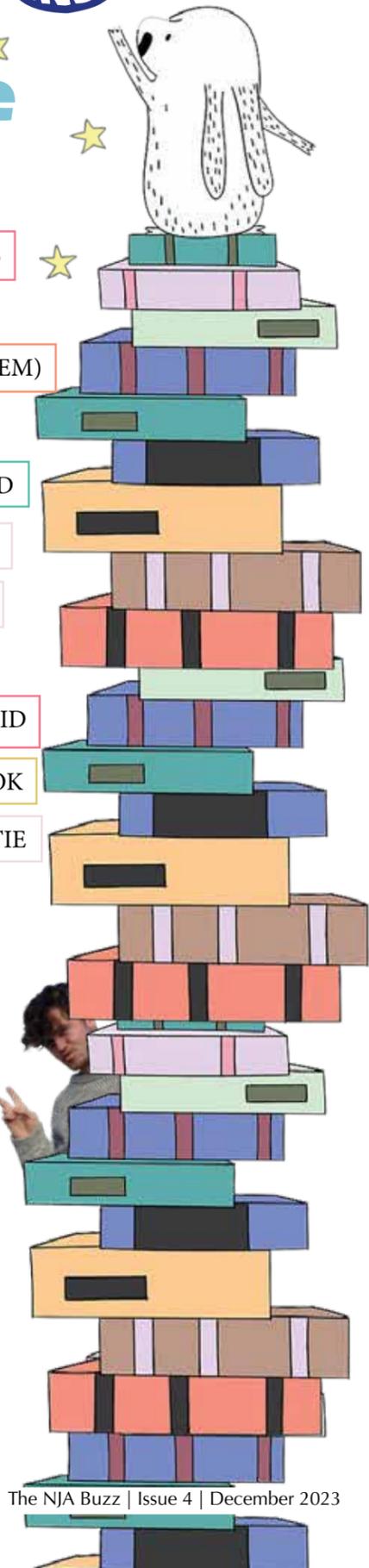
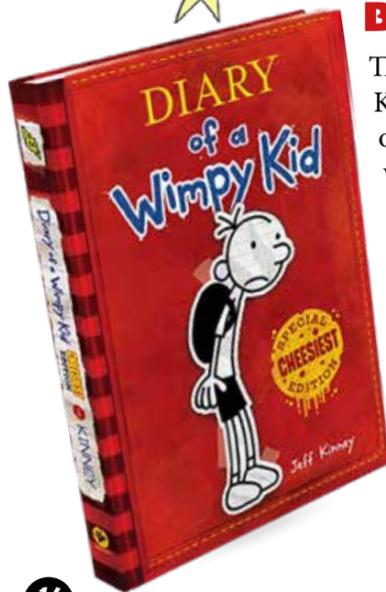
SANDY 6JD-HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER AZKABAN

### BOOK REVIEW By Defne & Bella

This edition's book review is Diary Of A Wimpy Kid. We think it's a wonderful book for the young or the old; we do like the fact that Greg is naughty when he has to be, but also a role model student at times. We think that "The Cheese Touch" is a nice detail of immaturity and humor. Overall, we give this book 4 out of 5 stars.

### What did you think?

- Sofia 6MR: 4/5
- Romilly 6MR: 4.9/5
- Xavier 5AS: 5/5
- Woody 5AC: 4.5/5
- Melissa 5AC: 5/5
- Bonnie 5SP: 5/5
- Sami 6MR: 5/5
- Jessica 5AS: 5/5



# & STORIES

## The Short Story Competition

As some of you may know, the NJA Buzz (the best newspaper to exist) held a short story competition and now the answers are out. Who's 1st? Who's 2nd? Who's 3rd? Read more to find out!



**1ST**  
Jessica Newman



**2ND**  
Alis Cartlidge



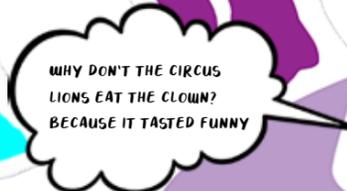
**3RD**  
Meredith Florey

### WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Thank you so much to everyone who entered. We had loads of stories and they were all really good. It was hard to pick a winner, but we chose...**Jessica Newman!** We

thought her story *Marigold in Fairyland* was extra good and had lots of great description. In second place, we chose Meredith Florey's story *This Little Girl* which was very dramatic, and in 3rd was Alis Cartlidge with *A Day Trip to Space* which we thought was a fun short adventure story.

We wish we had room to print them all but unfortunately we don't, so turn the page to read the winner's story, we think you will enjoy it.



# Marigold in Fairyland

by Jessica Newman

Once, a girl called Marigold was playing in her garden. She had unkempt, red curls and was wearing a pretty amber dress. She loved her mum and her dog called Sausage. Marigold dashed down to the bottom of her garden, to her beloved playhouse. She loved to read and she had got a new book. She loved to read about fairies. She was so excited that she burst through the door and was startled to see a strange creature, sitting quite comfortably in an armchair in the corner, knitting. Marigold stammered nervously, "H...hello." The creature looked up with a friendly smile and said, "Hello, I'm Woblin, what's your name?"

Marigold said in reply, "I'm...I'm...I'm Marigold." Woblin put her knitting away in an old, red cloth carpet bag and said, "Time to be going. I need your help because you own the portal to the dark forest and the Weather Witch's house, my friend the fairy queen asked me to show you fairyland." Woblin stood up and turned to leave. Marigold thought that her new friend looked like something out of her storybooks. Woblin was very short and round. She had a kind face and a witch's nose, goblin's ears and she smelt of cabbage soup.

On the playhouse floor there was an old ragged rug. Woblin lifted the corner of the rug and underneath was a trap door. Woblin said, looking down, "Ah, the portal, follow me." Marigold glanced at the clock on the wall - 3pm nearly tea-time - she wondered if she should tell her mum where she was going, but she decided not to because this was her own secret friend and her adventure. They left the playhouse by going down a flight of steps to the portal. They went through the portal and found themselves in the dark forest, they were surrounded by tall fir trees. Woblin pulled a flute from her bag and played one long note. Marigold heard a whoosh and a broom appeared in front of them. It was floating above the ground. Woblin said "This will be a bumpy ride, so hold on tight."

They landed on the border of fairyland and Woblin said, "We can't go any further because the weather is in terrible turmoil." Marigold looked out over fairyland and saw on one side of the land the sun was out and on the other side there was a storm and snow. Marigold thought "This is definitely in a turmoil." Woblin said, "I think I know who did this. I think it's the Weather Witch because she controls the weather with her mood."

They hopped back on the broom and went back to the dark forest in search of the Weather Witch. They landed with a bump. They were outside a tall tower covered with ivy. Woblin said, "You may want to stay beside the broom, I'll go knock on the door." Woblin went cautiously to the door and knocked. She heard a commotion inside, then a stout witch threw open the door and said "Why are you here? Oh hello Woblin, I thought you were my sister!" Woblin asked, "Why did you think I was your sister?" The Weather Witch said grumpily, "My sister came to stay and now I can't find anything because she left my house in a mess. I have been searching for my things for days, I thought that she had come back to help me tidy." They sat down and Woblin explained about fairyland and how much of a turmoil it was in. The Weather Witch looked horrified and stood so violently that she almost knocked her chair over. She went outside to Woblin's broom. Then she called to Woblin, "Come on, let's save fairyland".

The Weather Witch was talking to herself all the way, telling herself off for neglecting her duties. As they neared fairyland the Weather Witch gasped in shock at the chaos of the weather. They nosedived through the clouds and crashlanded into a snow drift. Marigold sat up shivering and looking around, she said "How are we going to stop this weather?" The Weather Witch struggled to her feet and said, "We have to work together and think our happiest thoughts so that we can restore the peace in fairyland."

They stood in a circle, holding tight to each other's hands. Marigold scrunched up her eyes and she thought of a time in the winter, when she was snug in her playhouse, reading, with Sausage on her toes. She opened her eyes and saw around them small, wispy, rainbow coloured clouds. The Weather Witch let go of their hands and tapped a white cloud. The clouds went up into the sky, multiplying as they pushed the black clouds away. Happiness spread like wildfire. Marigold said in a worried tone, "I need to go home, mum will be worrying." Woblin turned to the Weather Witch and said "I am going to take Marigold home then I will come and help you tidy your house." The Weather Witch thanked them and disappeared to say sorry to the Fairy Queen. Woblin called her broom and they went back to the portal. Marigold thanked Woblin for the amazing adventure and raced up the stairs to her playhouse. She expected to find her mother waiting for her, worried where she had been but all she heard was her mother calling her for tea. She looked around and noticed it was still 3pm on the playhouse clock. Sausage was still asleep in his bed dreaming about gravy bones. Marigold thought of Woblin - had she really met her? Had it all been a dream? And then she saw in the armchair a length of red wool. So the adventure had been real after all.



WHY DID A SCARECROW WIN A NOBEL PRIZE? HE WAS OUTSTANDING IN HIS FIELD

## Should the NJA Buzz be called a magazine or a newspaper?

We are known as the school newspaper, but some people think we are more like a magazine. Two of *The Buzz* team tell us their arguments.



### MAGAZINE

Sophie:

The NJA Buzz should be a magazine because it has more colour than a newspaper. It also is made every term whereas a newspaper is made weekly. A newspaper has breaking news and The Buzz always has a contents page which is not in a newspaper.

### NEWSPAPER

Satty:

The NJA Buzz should be a newspaper because it is always referred to as the 'school newspaper'. Also it informs people about what is going on around the school and that's what a newspaper does. A lot of people say that newspapers are daily/weekly but not all are.



Our team went out and asked you what you thought. And the results were...

MAGAZINE: 68% | NEWSPAPER: 32%

"What do you think?"

## \*TOP 5\*

## MOST DANGEROUS ANIMALS

By Isaac & Rueben

3 Snakes  
Kill 138,000 humans per year



4 Dogs (Rabies)  
Kill 59,000 humans per year



5  
Assassin Bugs  
Kill 10,000 humans per year, through Chagas disease



2 Humans  
Kill 400,000 humans per year



1 Mosquitos  
Kill 725,000 humans a year through Malaria



# BASKETBALL

# SPORT

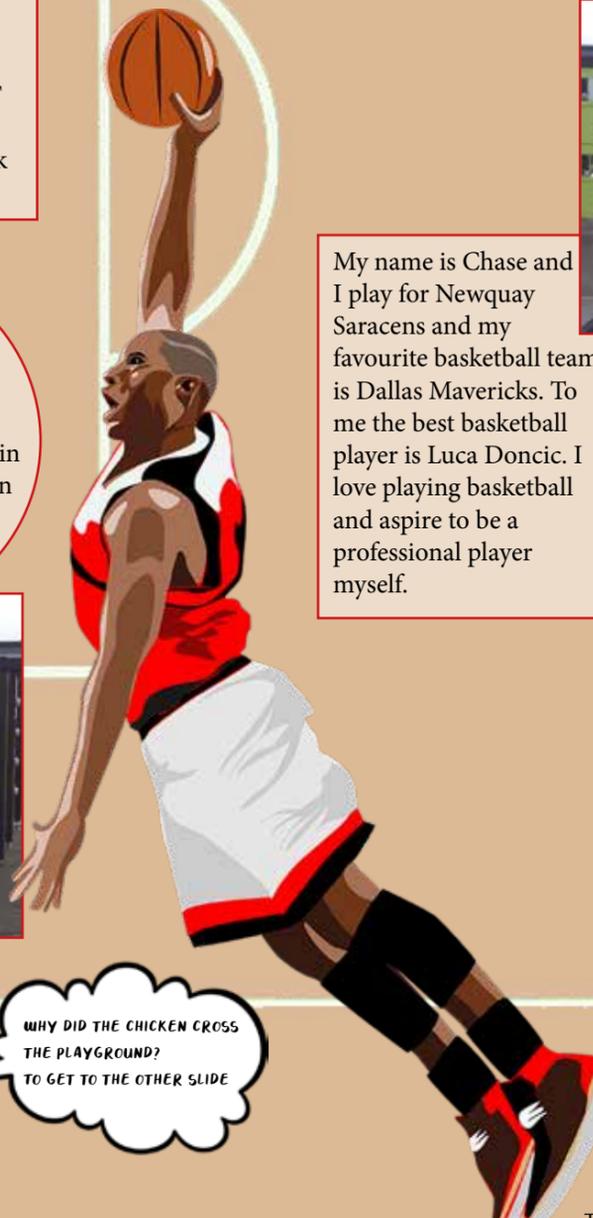
By Finley and Thalia

This page is about sports, including surfing and basketball, and we found out some facts too.



My name is Isaac and I also love basketball just like my friends Chase and Mazzy. I aspire to be a professional NBA player and play for my favourite teams. To me the Chicago Bulls are the GOAT of basketball. I play for the Newquay Saracens and think they are a great team.

My name is Mazzy and I also play for the Newquay Saracens. My favourite NBA player is Ja Morant. My favourite team, in my opinion, is either Golden State Warriors or the Memphis Grizzlies.



My name is Chase and I play for Newquay Saracens and my favourite basketball team is Dallas Mavericks. To me the best basketball player is Luca Doncic. I love playing basketball and aspire to be a professional player myself.



The Cornwall Saracens have been running since 2015. Now they have lots of different teams. including Under 12s, Under 14s, Under 16s, and wheelchair.

WHY DID THE CHICKEN CROSS THE PLAYGROUND? TO GET TO THE OTHER SLIDE



## An A to Z of Sport by Daisy

Can you think of any others? It's harder than it looks!

# REPORT



My name is Seth, I started surfing 12 weeks ago and in my time of surfing, I have learned how to stand up and face the other side of the board. In continuation to this once I turn, I turn all the way back to the side I started from.

# SURFING

My name is Thalia, I started surfing about 2 months ago and some tricks that I can do are the coffin, cutback and I can jump and turn about 5 times before I fall off. I have learned how to jump up onto my feet instead of going on one knee and getting up.



My name is Jack and I started surfing 6 years ago. I have learned a lot of skills in my years for example, I can do a top turn and a cutback. Once on my best wave, I completed a long right to re-entry.

### DID YOU KNOW?

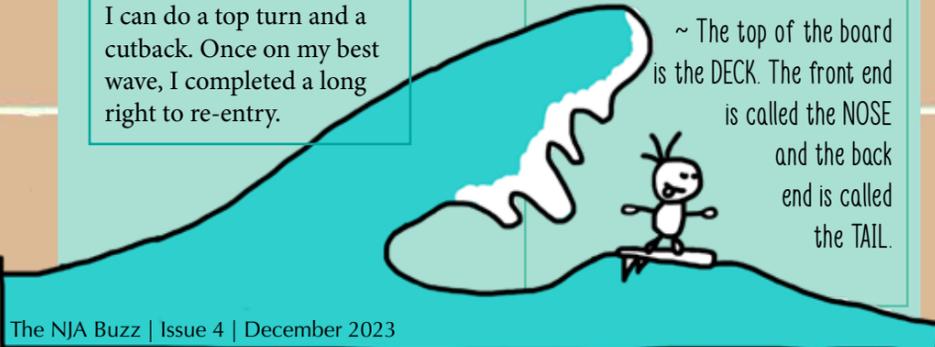
~ When the waves get over the surfer, it's called "getting barrelled"

~ Kelly Slater is the highest paid surfer.

~ There are two types of surfing; short boarding and long boarding.

~ Surfers can ride waves standing, kneeling or lying down.

~ The top of the board is called the DECK. The front end is called the NOSE and the back end is called the TAIL.



- A Acrobatics
- B Basketball
- C Cycling
- D Dancing
- E E-Cycling
- F Football
- G Gymnastics
- H Handball
- I Ice Hockey
- J Jumping
- K Karate
- L Long Jump
- M Motorcycling
- N Netball
- O Orienteering
- P Polo
- Q Quidditch
- R Running
- S Sumo Wrestling
- T Tennis
- U Ultimate Frisbee
- V Volleyball
- W Weightlifting
- X X-Games
- Y Yoga
- Z Zumba

# Cat, mouse, cheese...

By Sophie & Naomi in 6TS



# Did you know?

Wait! Just before you go we have found some fun facts for you...

By Honey, Lexi & Shayla



Puffins can dive under water at 64 mph - Mr Welfare

Cats are related to tigers - Aaliyah

Chocolate has cocoa beans in it - Mazzy

Bees' favourite colour is purple - Ms Purchase

Cheeseburgers have cheese - Chase

In a few years the longest solar eclipse will happen - Luca

Dogs look like seals - Anya

Octopuses have 3 hearts - Noah

Butterflies smell with their feet - Ms Burks



Soon the world won't sell petrol cars - Sandy

Most of the ocean hasn't been explored yet - Ida

Killer whale families have their own language - Ms Purchase



Editor's note:

So here is our new NJA Buzz team for the school year. A fantastic team who worked together well and produced another amazing issue for you to read. Although there are names on some pieces, the newspaper is always a huge team effort, and they all contributed in different ways - coming up with original ideas, interviewing, researching, taking photos, and many other things behind the scenes. We were also impressed with the number and the quality of short story entries - NJA has some amazing writers! See you in Spring for issue 5. Ruth.