

Welcome to the first edition of The Epistle, a newspaper reported and written by children from Years Five and Six during Monday lunchtimes, for their fellow pupils.



Miss Huckstep joined St. Paul's in September.
Photo credit: Elisa

MEET MISS HUCKSTEP

By Elisa and Ema

Miss Huckstep, a new teacher at St. Paul's C of E Primary School, teaches Year Five/Otter Class. When asked about what inspired her to teach she responded with: "I would say I just really loved school when I was a child and I really like learning. It is really fun to learn all these subjects as your job is very varied as teacher. You're always doing different things." See inside for fun facts about Miss Huckstep!

HEDGEHOGS PREPARE FOR SATS

By David

With SATs coming up in just under two months, the Hedgehog class have mixed views.

SATs are a national set of tests that all Year Sixes take, set by the government. It has no personal impact on the children but quite a large impact on the school and can lead to moderations and Ofsted inspections, therefore SATs often place pressure on children taking them.

So to find out more I spoke to some fellow Year Sixes on that topic.

Alex commented that he was excited, if a little nervous and that so far everything was going well. He left a clear message:

"Cheating affects the whole class." He said that he wanted to aim for greater depth.

Daphne said she felt great and didn't care "cause it doesn't matter." She said however that the SATs were still putting pressure on her and that squeezing toys would release the pressure. She is hoping to get good scores and feels she needs to work on English. She comments that if she ever needs help she will go to a teacher.

Dylan revealed that he wasn't too nervous and that he didn't care too much about them and that he was trying to prepare and revise. He commented that he wanted to do well

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in English and that he needed to work on reasoning in maths. Elisa commented that she was OK and quite happy. She went on to say that she didn't need to suffer "cause it didn't matter." She said that the tutoring she was receiving at school was helping a lot and making things less stressful. Remy said he felt amazing with only a sprinkle of nervousness but that he

would be fine. He commented that he was trying to improve on spelling, grammar and punctuation. If he needed help he said he would go to his sister. One anonymous Year Six commented at length that SATs were stupid, didn't matter and are pointless. Fortunately, Year Six have a well-trained, good teacher to see them through. Miss Wolfe is very kind and helps us all with the SATs.

Miss Huckstep: fun facts

Q: What is your favourite subject?	Q: What is your favourite colour?
A: English	A: Blue
Q: What is the most expensive thing you've ever bought?	Q: What type of chair do you most identify with?
A: A computer	A: An armchair
Q: What type of chocolate is your favourite?	Q: What age were you when you started teaching?
A: Dark chocolate	A: 24



What made you become a librarian?
I like showing books to children.

Who is your favourite author?
Michael Morpurgo.

What do you think of the new library?
It's great but I miss the old rug!

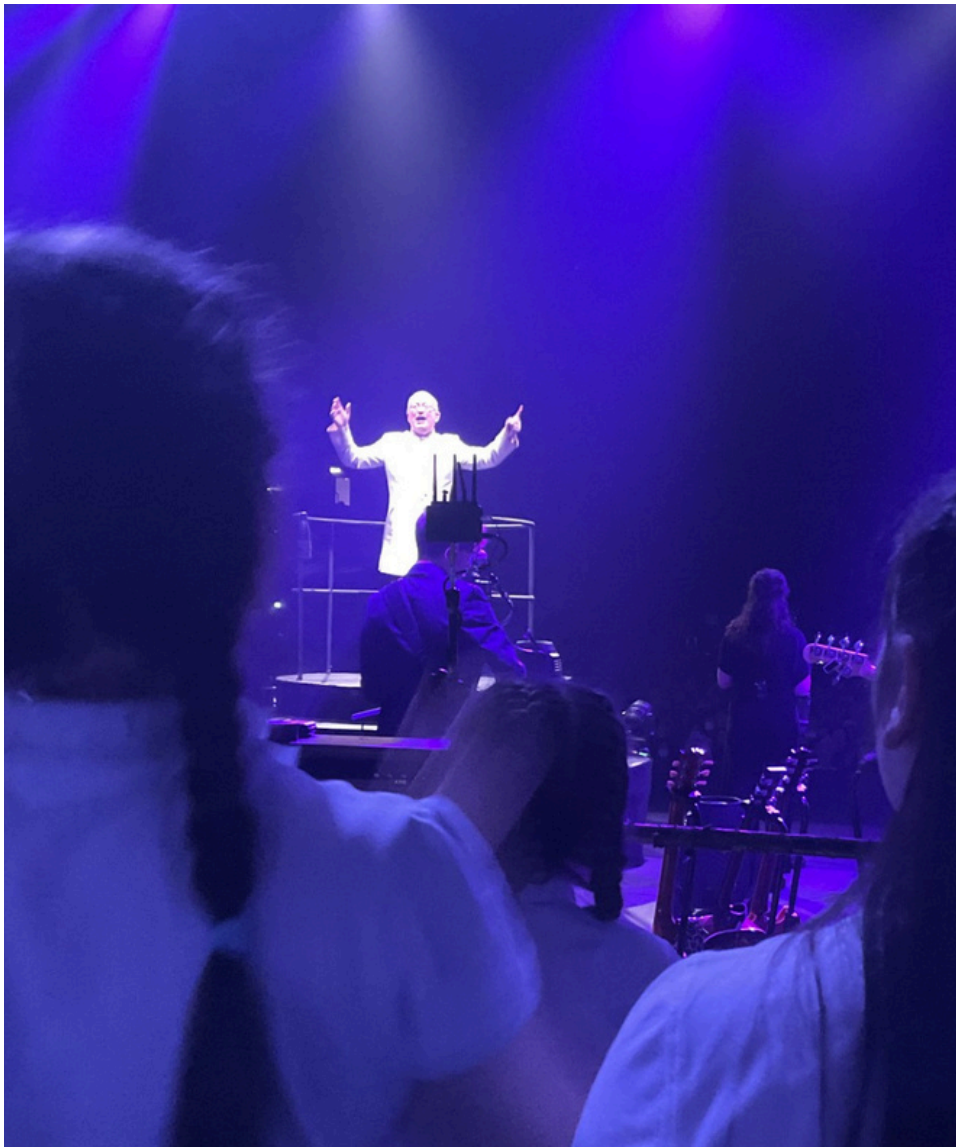
Do you like the new library better?
Yes (though I'd bring the old rug back!)

What is the most popular book in the library?
Guinness World Records.

What are the most requested books?
Guidebooks for Minecraft and Roblox.

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The St. Paul's children were seated right next to the band at Young Voices. Photo credit: Mrs. Day

High Fives with the band at Young Voices

By Alexandra

On the 1st February, 39 children from Years Four, Five and Six went to the Wembley Arena to sing at a Young Voices concert. There were 4,932 child performers in total plus several guest artists that led some of the songs.

Most people that went enjoyed it, describing it as fun and exciting. Posie from Year Six said she would like to do it again, "100%".

Although many say that last year's songs were better,

Nulara from Year Six said that this year's concert, in general, was "better than last year." This might be due to the fact that this year there were fewer people and it was easier to get around.

Elisa from Year Six said that last year's concert was not the best experience as the children had to stand up and were tired afterwards.

We also got a good place right next to the band. Some people even got to high five the band!

Most of the Year Threes are excited for next year when they will be able to go to Young Voices. Talya from Year Three said that it sounds really fun. Amazing and extraordinary, it's an event to look forward to.

Football ban splits opinion

By Alastair and Remy

We decided to write about the football ban because we saw it was a controversial subject that many people disliked. So we decided to interview people.

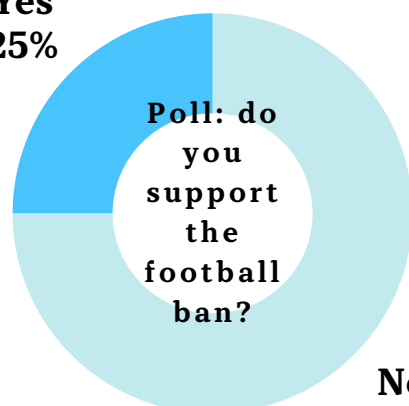
The football ban is the ban of football during lunchtime. It was put in place at the start of term and was so people could explore and experience different sports. It also prevented students from getting obsessed with football. But some people are football-obsessed and really annoyed.

Ms. Abrey, one of the teachers who decided on the

rule, said she wanted more children to play more sports and also that football caused a lot of arguments. She said she expected there would be some unhappy children but that others would be happier.

We asked 12 pupils about whether they support the ban. Three-quarters disliked it and wanted it to end. Ms. Abrey said she's not yet sure whether football at lunchtime will be reinstated.

Yes
25%



No
75%



DO TRY THIS AT HOME!

SCIENCE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

By Rory

VERTEBRATES & Do this at home

INVERTEBRATES

What you need

Eyes

An outdoor space

Wrap up a jug of warm water in different materials.

How fast does the temperature drop?

Do this at home

Search for animals. Do they have a backbone?

CAN I STILL SEE IT?

What you need

Eyes

Stuff

HOW FAST DOES IT COOL?

What you need

Jug

Warm water

Materials (e.g. foil, paper, rocks)

Thermometer

Do this at home

Set down the stuff. Walk away from it. When do you stop seeing it?

Advice for no price

From Anonymous:
My friends won't let me join in. What can I do?

Dear *Anonymous*,
If your friends don't let you join in then they are not good friends. See who else you can be friends with, and make sure they are welcoming.

From Pinkie: I feel left out. What can I do?

Dear *Pinkie*,
If you feel left out, try to join in. You belong here, remember that.

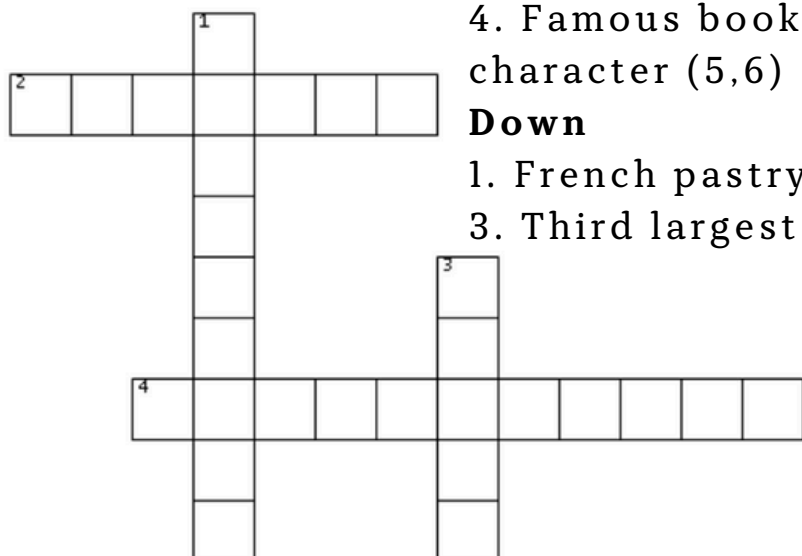
If others aren't treating you right, find out why and try to change that. If you don't feel safe, think about why you don't feel safe and tell a teacher or a trusted adult. They will be able to sort it out. If you feel scared or mad, take deep breaths. It will make you feel calmer. Or try to think about something else that makes you happy.

love from
Clara,
Giannella
and Iris



CROSSWORD

by David



Across

2. Current monarch (7)

4. Famous book character (5,6)

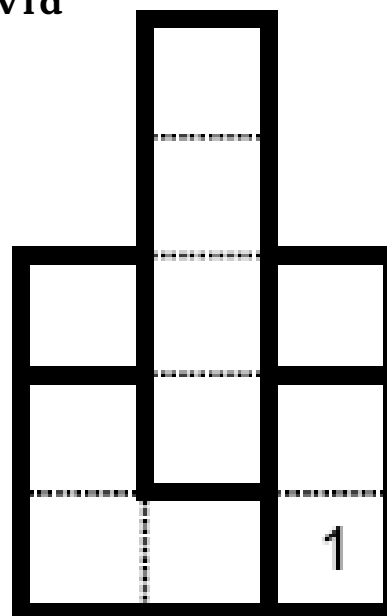
Down

1. French pastry (9)

3. Third largest economy (5)

SUGURU

by David



How to play

Every area surrounded by thick lines must contain the digits from 1 up to the number of squares within that area.

Neighbouring squares (including diagonals) cannot contain the same digit.