



Hello people of **Milverton**. I would like to introduce you to the fifth edition of The **RAG**. This magazine is created by the **children** of the school for the **children** of the school. I have put together a team of reporters to help me out. They are: **Alex, Angus, Arlo, Charlie, Claudia, Elliot, Erin, Harry, Heidi, Jake, Lola, Toby, Tristan and Will**. This edition includes Jolly Jokes, a Wacky Wordsearch, Awesome Art, Funky Facts, Crazy Cartoons and a much, much MORE!

Have a great **Christmas** everyone!

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Christmas Word Search



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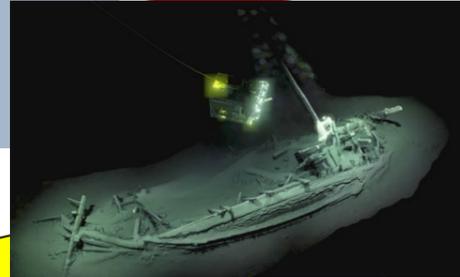


Can you find **10 more** Christmas Puddings like this one hiding throughout the RAG?

Welcome to RAG news! I'm Charlie. And I'm Will. We are bringing you news from around the world...buckle up, here we go!

RAG NEWS

First to America where there have been some tragic fires that possibly have been caused by climate change. 8000 fire crews have been sent to California to tackle the blaze. Some famous people have been devastated to see their houses burn down. At least **83 people have died** and 500 are missing. Don't go on holiday to California until they have solved this mystery.



Moving over to the Black Sea, an ancient shipwreck has been discovered on the Bulgarian coast. The ship, most likely a trading vessel, is more than 2,400 years old but still has its mast intact. This makes it the oldest shipwreck ever known to man.



Finally, in the UK, the Bank of England are asking people to vote on who they think should be on the new £50.00 note. The most popular candidates are Stephen Hawking, Ada Lovelace, Alan Turing and Mary Anning.

Follow the weblink below and vote yourself:
<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/50-pound-note-nominations>



Meanwhile in China the president, Xi Jinping, has decided to limit the amount of time children under 12 play online games to one hour per day! Do you have a limit on the amount of gaming time you have?

GAME OVER

FLOSSING! If a stern-faced child known as 'the Backpack Kid' can do it and seem cool, surely you can as well? Here's Harry's low-down on **THE FLOSS**



Backpack Kid was the person who invented the FLOSS DANCE! After being spotted on Instagram by Katy Perry who put him on stage as one of her dancers, his dance soon swept the world as the new dance craze. Backpack Kid went on to win Best in Dance in Social Media at the 2018 Shorty Awards.

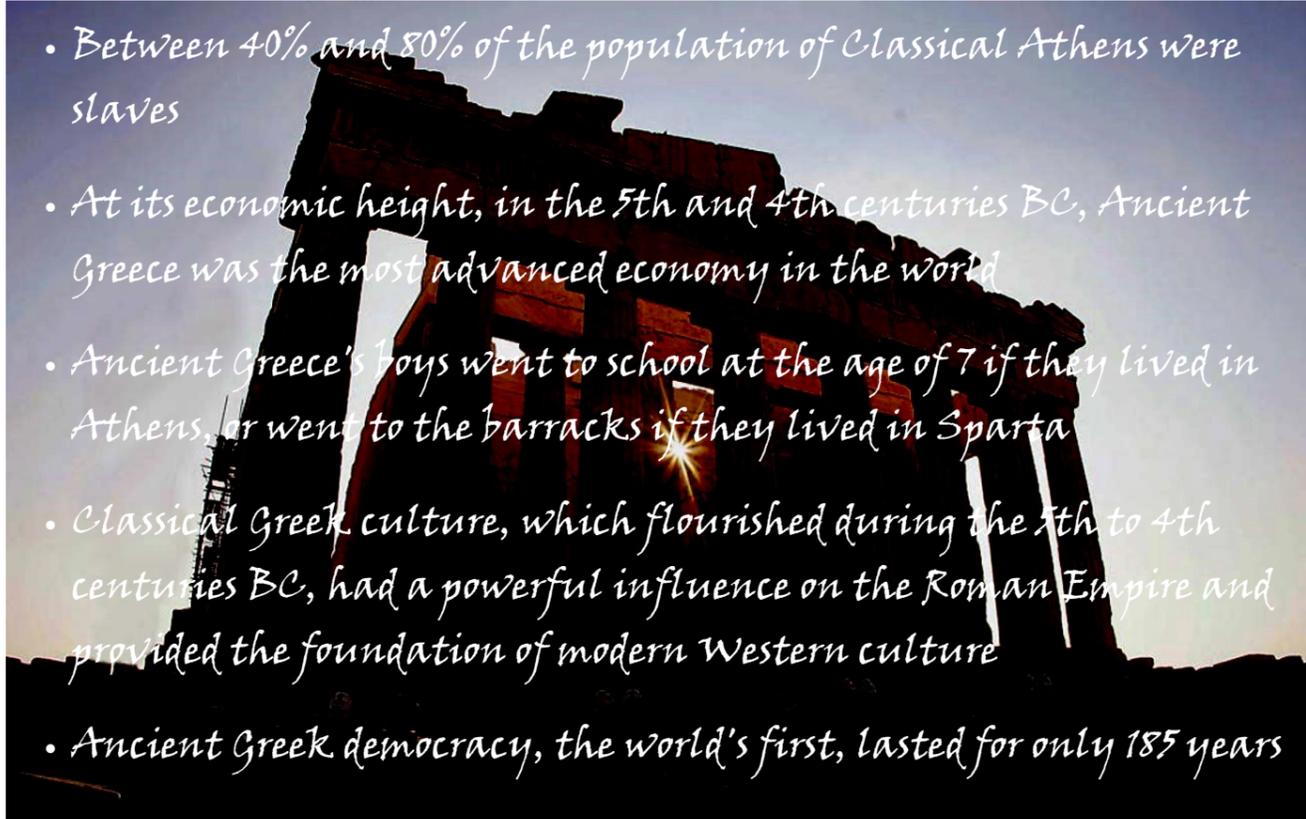
THE FLOSS got that popular that even footballers were using it to celebrate a goal. Soon the popular video game Fortnite copied the dance which let players use it as a nice Victory Royale dance move.



Can you FLOSS?
Show us a video of ya moves!
Send to:
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Want to Know all ABOUT THE GREEKS....ALEX is here with the KEY FACTS!

- Between 40% and 80% of the population of Classical Athens were slaves*
- At its economic height, in the 5th and 4th centuries BC, Ancient Greece was the most advanced economy in the world*
- Ancient Greece's boys went to school at the age of 7 if they lived in Athens, or went to the barracks if they lived in Sparta*
- Classical Greek culture, which flourished during the 5th to 4th centuries BC, had a powerful influence on the Roman Empire and provided the foundation of modern Western culture*
- Ancient Greek democracy, the world's first, lasted for only 185 years*



Remember Erin's puppy Harley from the last edition of the RAG?

Well, Harley has met with an accident. Here's Harley's story by Erin

My Puppy Harley got hit by a van in October when my dad was taking him for a walk. My dad let him off the lead on the grass near our house and when they were about to go home Harley ran across the road...

We don't know what he saw but we think it was a squirrel (he runs after them a lot!). But at that moment a van was coming and he got hit.

My sisters helped take him to Coventry to the overnight Vets but I couldn't go because I was at my swimming lesson—I really missed him!

I am happy to report that he has made a full recovery. He had a final check up a week ago and is now back chasing squirrels!



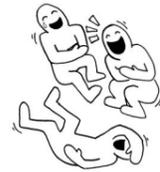
HaHaHa

What do you call a reindeer without antlers?

Rudolph the red nosed donkey!

What's the best Christmas present ever?

A broken drum, you just can't beat it!



Why does Santa have 3 gardens?

So that he can ho, ho, ho!

Why are Christmas trees bad at sewing?

Because they always drop their needles!

1 good reason why Christmas is terrible:

On Christmas eve you put your tea and biscuit ready for the big day and Santa eats them!

BY
TRISTAN

Knock knock,

Who's there?

Arthur,

Arthur who?

Arthur any mince pies left?



CHRISTMAS JOKES! HO! HO! HO! HO!!!

Gold & Tin By Alex

Today I will be feeding you with knowledge about Gold & Tin...

Gold:

Gold has become a valuable treasure from the Ancient Egyptians to modern day culture. It was also used by the Greeks as well, The periodic table code for gold is Au. Gold was created in the process of the Big Bang (The creation of the universe's).

Here is a list of mind blowing facts:

- The world's largest gold bar weighs 250kg (551 lb) - this is the equivalent to a pig!
- Gold has been discovered on every continent on earth.
- Gold is edible.
- Our bodies contain about 0.2 milligrams of gold, most of it in our blood. That's about the same as 3 grains of salt.
- Earthquakes turn water into gold.
- Small traces of gold have been found in the leaves of Eucalyptus trees.



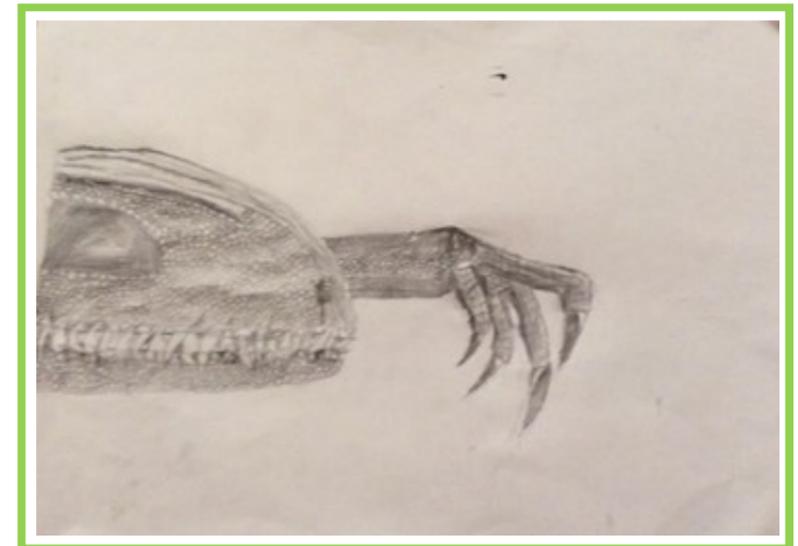
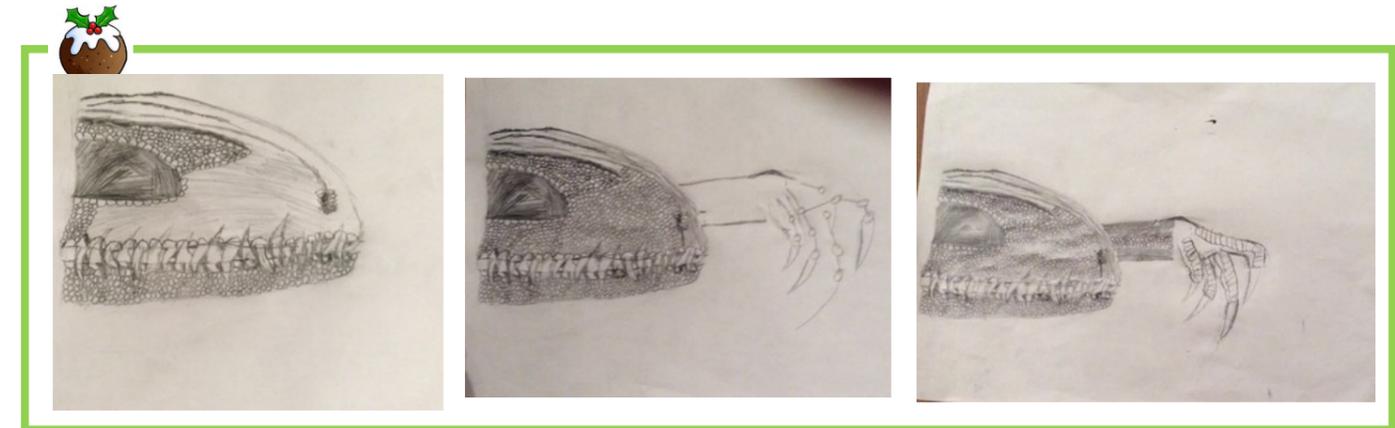
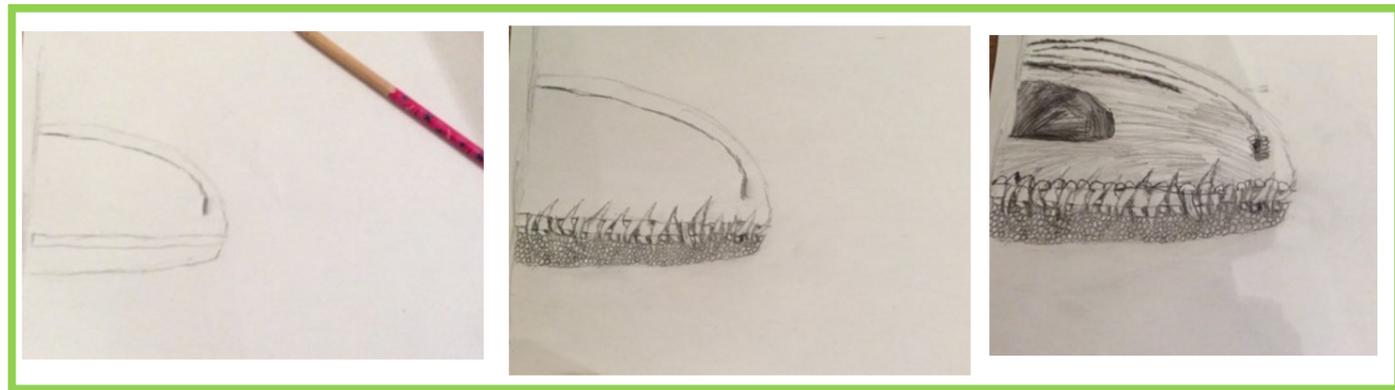
Tin:

Tin is a very essential item in everyday life especially as a packaging material - e.g. tin cans (e.g. Fanta, coke, soup, lemonade). Tin has been in use for thousands of years since by ancient times. Its presence as a metal is mentioned in the Old Testament. The symbol for tin comes from the Latin word stannum, which was known to be an alloy of lead and silver. It is the 49th most common element in the Earth's crust. Some other facts are:

- Earth's crust contains around two parts per million of tin.
- Old abandoned tin mines can be found all across Cornwall.
- Early craftsmen found tin too soft to work with, but when it was alloyed with copper, bronze was formed.
- The earliest artefacts made from bronze had such a low tin content (less than 2%) that it is believed to have been accidental.

EVER WONDERED HOW TO DRAW A DINOSAUR—STEP BY STEP GUIDE - By TOBY

After this you will be able to draw the **Indoraptor** from **Jurassic World the Fallen Kingdom**. If you like it then search for Danny the dinosaur drawer on Youtube and you will get a load more!



FUN WITH OPTICAL ILLUSIONS FROM LOLA & ELLIOT

Can you read these two sentences?

something when the top half has been taken away

It's quite easy to read this sentence even with the bottom half missing isn't it?

But it's a little harder to read something when the top half has been taken away.

Answer: It's quite easy to read this sentence even

with the bottom half missing isn't it? But it's a little harder to read



Can you understand the sentence below, even with the letters jumbled?

Waht deos tihs snetence maen?

Read the sentence on the right a couple of times. Is there anything strange about it?

Can you find a mistake in this sentence?

Answer: the word 'a' and 'in' appear twice

beep!
beep!

What do you think about electric cars? Are they a good thing or a bad thing? Don't know? Don't worry! Angus and Arlo had a hot debate on the topic and this is what they think...

We wanted to discuss about electric cars - what are the good and bad things about electric cars? We have listed some points to show both sides of the discussion and included some pictures of some of the latest car ideas, batteries and charging stations. We would love to hear what you think about electric cars...

Arguments FOR electric cars:

- Low emissions – there is no exhaust so nothing bad comes out
- Economical – cheaper to run, cheaper to maintain
- Better for the environment
- Safer and quieter
- Rechargeable
- Good acceleration—no loss of power with battery

A typical battery for an electric car



This is an electric and traditional version of the same car. Can you tell which is which?



Arguments AGAINST electric cars:

- Range (distance that can be driven before your battery needs charging)
- Can we recycle the batteries?
- Not enough charging stations
- Location of charging stations
- Time needed to re-charge batteries
- Cost of batteries / cost of replacing disposal/recycling batteries
- How do houses with only on-street parking recharge batteries?

Electric cars recharge their batteries by plugging into a charging station. A full charge from empty can take a number of hours



Conclusions:

Overall we think that there are currently more bad points about electric cars than good points. However electric cars are likely to become more popular as the bad points are reduced. But we don't think that the number of electric cars on the road will EVER be more than non-electric cars. **Tell us what you think – email MilvertonRAG@outlook.com**



THIS SUMMER MAXIM AND LOUIS DE PLOEY LEFT US TO LIVE IN PARIS. WE VISITED HIM RECENTLY. THIS IS WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY... (interviews by Samuel and Heidi. Questions also from Will, Charlie, Elliot, Lola)



Q. MAXIM What is different about living in France? A. Its different because in the bakery the cakes are better.

Q. Who would you support in a football match against England and France? A. I would support France because I don't like Harry Kane.

Q. Which school do you prefer? Milverton or your new school and why? A. My American school in Paris because the playground is bigger and better.

Q. Do you have a school uniform? A. I do not! In France no-one has to wear a uniform.

Q. Have you been up the Eiffel Tower or visited any other Paris attractions? A. No I have not but I have gone round it. I have also been to the Palace of Versailles where Louis 14th lived and which is only 3km away from my house.

Q. Have you met any famous people yet? A. No but one of my school friends dad is the captain of PSG - Thiago Silva.

Q. Is your arm better? How long did you have your cast on for? Can you play football again now? A. I can play football now but it took 3 months for my arm to come out of its cast. When I was in England it was only meant to be on for a few weeks but the French doctor said that it must be on for an extra month or two.

Q. Are you playing for a new football team yet? A. I am and it's called Rueil Malmaison. I play in blue and white and the coach is really strict. Its 11 a side.

Q. What did you have to do to get into the team? A. I had to go through some trials to get picked.



Q. LOUIS What French food have you tried? A. All different kinds. I even tried mussels. They are called moules in French.

Q. Where are your friends at school from? A. My best friends are from Brazil, Israel and the USA.

Q. What is your favourite thing about your new house? A. I love the big garden where we play football and there is still room for all the other games I love.

Q. What is the worst thing about your new school? A. I have French classes every day.

Q. How many languages can you speak? A. 4. French, English, Flemish and German.

Q. Are there any English kids in your class at school? A. No. But my teacher is English. He is called Mr Lees.

Q. Since arriving in France, what have you found different compared to how you thought they would be? A. I thought we would be living in small apartment in the city but we are in a big house with great garden.

Q. How many new places have you discovered since arriving in Paris? A. Lots. One of the places is call Saint Germain en Laye where there is a big castle where Louis 14th was born. It was also the home of Claude de Bussy, the famous composer from 100 years ago.

Q. Do you know the number for the Emergency Services in France? A. Its 112 which is also the number people can use in all European countries (including United Kingdom).

Interview with Beth Cordingly (Actress at the Royal Shakespeare Company) - By Lola



Beth Cordingly is a friend of our family and as I really enjoy acting, she offered to take me on a tour round backstage of the RSC, and whilst I was there, I thought of some questions to ask her. Here they are:



Q1. What has been your favourite play so far?
A1. Probably the Merry Wives Of Windsor

Q2. What were you in your first ever play?
A2. A tree in Adam and Eve

Q3. How long do you normally rehearse before a play?
A3. Well, it depends on how big/long the play is. But normally around 4-6 weeks

Q4. What is the funniest part/costume you've ever had?
A4. When I was 12 I played hands and I had to wear a funny little lederhosen and a funny little hat in Dracula Spectacula



Q5. How long have you been a proper actress?
A5. Since I was 22, so about 20 years

Q6. What is the biggest part you've ever had to play?
A6. Anne in Anne Of Green Gables where I had to sing 14 solos!



Q7. Have you ever been nervous before a play?
A7. Yes, everyone does

Q8. At any time have you ever regret being an actress?
A8. Its difficult when you think you could be doing something useful

Q9. What is the best part of being an actress?
A9. Pretending to be lots of different characters

Q10. What is the worst thing you've ever had to do on stage?
A10. When I was on The Bill, I had to pretend to be sick by keeping cold vegetable soup in my mouth for ages and then spit it out. **YUK!**



Jake's Page—maths puzzle and my pledge to be your Headmaster

The following symbols have these values:

✦ = 10, ⊖ = 20, † = 30, ♪ = 40, ‡ = 50

Can you answer the following sums? As an extra challenge, can you do it in less than 60 seconds? (answers at bottom of page—no cheating!)

- 1) ✦ + † =
- 2) ‡ + ♪ =
- 3) ⊖ + † =
- 4) ‡ - ✦ =
- 5) ✦ x ✦ =
- 6) ‡ x ‡ =



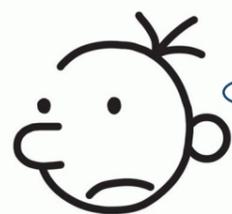
If I ran the school

If I ran the school I would skip 4 out of 5 days of school. I wouldn't do any telling off. In the one day of school when I was in charge, I would let everyone have as much fun as they wanted!

Children would run out of lessons and start playing football and no one would get told off. I could bring my Nintendo into school and I wouldn't get told off. If I ran the school, I would let everyone do anything they wanted and no one would get told off.

I'm sure I would jazz up the school and would change the rules completely and school would be even more fun!

How I wish I did run the school.....but I don't so we're stuck with the same old rules....



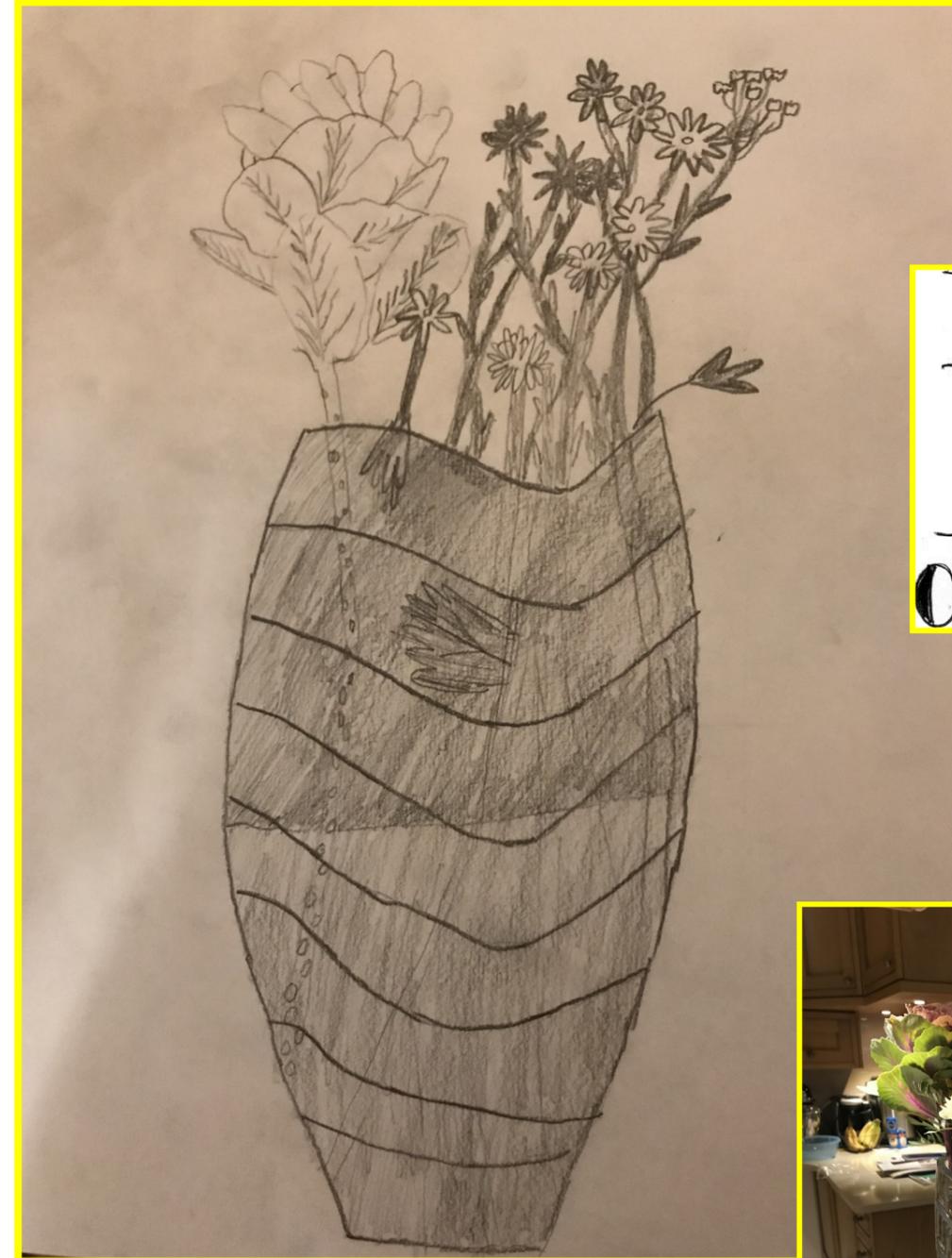
MON	TUES	WEDS	THUR	FRI
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	SCHOOL



Answers: 1) 40, 2) 90, 3) 50, 4) 40, 5) 100, 6) 2500

ART PAGE by Samuel

I drew this whilst spending some time with Alex (Dhoot). We would love to showcase your drawings and artwork in the Milverton RAG! If you like drawing, please take a photo of your favourite pieces and send to milvertonRAG@outlook.com so we can include it in the next edition



But, can you draw?



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My trip to

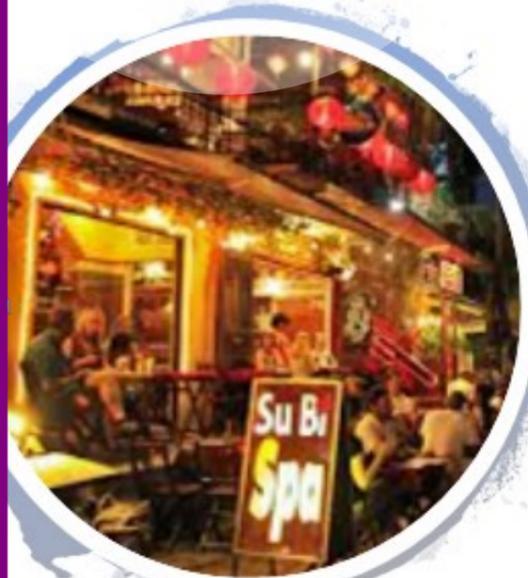
I went to Vietnam on holiday in July 2018 my parents and my sister, Alexa. It was completely different to anywhere I have been to before and very exciting. We travelled from the top of the country to the bottom by plane, train, minibus and boat. We had the best holiday and I would love to tell you all about it!

- **VERY hot and humid**
- **In Asia near China and Cambodia**
- **Had a war – we call it the Vietnam war but they call it the American war**
- **The traffic never stops which makes it very hard to cross the road – you just walk into the traffic and hope they swerve round you!**



Hoi An

- **Lots of cafes and tourist shops**
- **Night market from dusk till dawn.**
- **Boats on the river with lots of red lanterns**
- **Old temples and traditional houses**
- **We went on a cookery course and learnt to make sticky rice and spring rolls**



IF YOU ENJOYED THE FACT FLOWER FROM THE SUMMER EDITION, YOU WILL LOVE THESE EPIC FACTS FROM ELLIOT



Director George Lucas got many of ideas for the Star Wars movies from Greek mythology.



If you grew like a polar bear, by the time you were a few months old you would weigh over 100 pounds! (45 kg)



J. K. Rowling thought of the names for the Hogwarts houses on an airplane... and wrote them down on a sick bag!



Walt Disney, the creator of Mickey Mouse, was scared of mice.

It would take a snail nearly 4,575 years to go round the Earth!

Blue whales can hear each other from 500 miles away

When dining with the Queen of England, you must stop eating as soon as she does.

A baby peacock is called a peachick.

In the State Fair, Florida, U.S.A., the ICE-CREAM CHEESE BURGER is sold. One of the layers is a scoop of FRIED ICE-CREAM.

A man from England can make 3 large pizzas in 39.17 seconds - a world record!





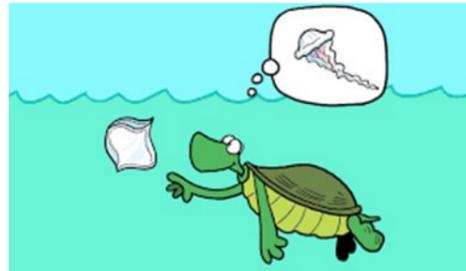
plastic pollution in our seas

By Elliot

IN OUR OCEANS

We fish. Nets are a huge threats to mammals, as they can get stuck and they can't breathe underwater. Whales and dolphins are the more common animals to become trapped in nets and drown.

FACT
Turtles often mistake plastic bags as jellyfish, their main food.



Plastic pollution in our seas is a BIG problem. To tell you how serious it is - by the year 2050, if we didn't do anything about this problem, there will be more plastic in our seas than fish. ALL the fish - sharks, whale sharks, clownfish- you name it. ALL THE FISH!



DOLPHINS & WHALES

Dolphins die from eating plastic. And whales- well read this. A while ago, I saw a video of a pod of sperm whales. There was a calf, (a baby whale) and the person speaking over the clip was talking about danger to whales. Then the person spoke:
" This calf s feeding from its mothers milk. But, if the mother happens to eat plastic, the chemicals from the plastic would get into the milk the calf will eat, and the calf will become very, very poorly..."
This happens to dolphins too.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?
Not using plastic straws, recycling plastic, not littering and picking bits of litter up and putting it into a nearby bin.

Vietnam

by Claudia (and sister Alexa)

Mekong River

- Famous for its Coconuts. We had coconut milk and coconut sweets
- We went in a traditional fishing boat down the river and ate fish and rice in a family home
- We travelled by tuk tuk that was VERY bumpy
- We caught shrimp and cooked them on a barbeque



Ho Chi Minh

- Communist leader
- 'Uncle Ho'
- Born 1890 and died in 1968
- Went to Ho Chi Minh museum.



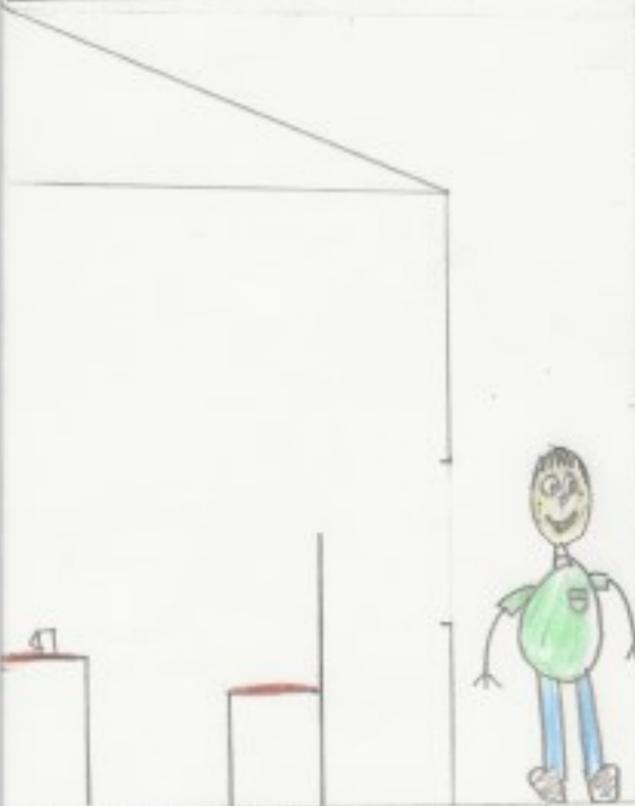
• You can see his body but luckily when we went it was closed!

CRAZY CARTOON FUN!!!!

JEFF THE JOKESTER

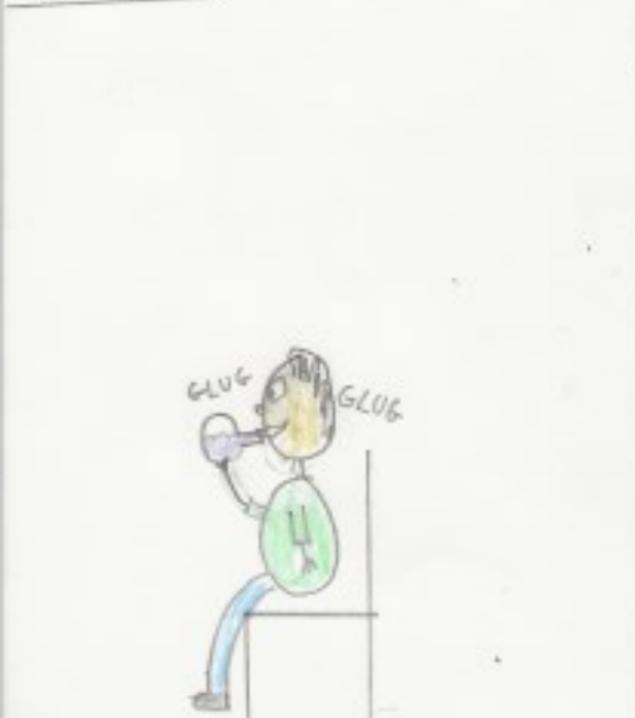
He climbed out of the window and crept off to the science lab.

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He stayed in there making a potion for a really long time. (which was good because his detention lasted a long time)

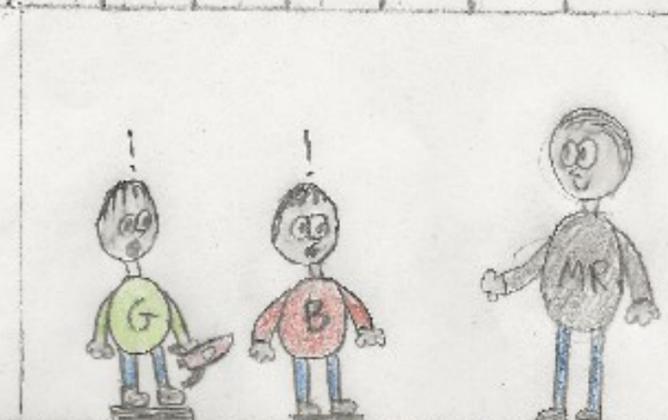
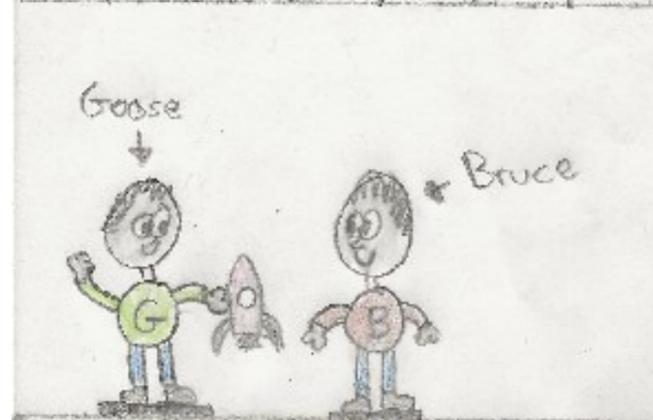


When he got back to class he took a big sip...

He became tiny and grew wings to fly out of the window... but then he realised that he could have just escaped when he got out of the window.

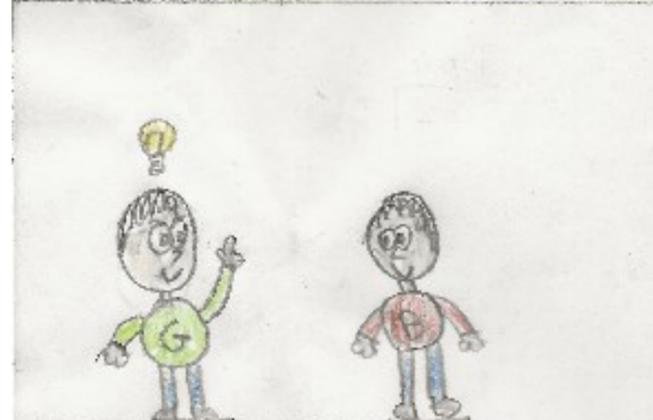


THE TRUSSE TWINS!!



One day the Trusse twins, Bruce and Goose Trusse, were messing around with an old space rocket.

Mr Trusse told them that great granny Trusse once took a rocket trip and landed in the jungle.



Then Goose said "I've got an idea, it's to go and see if great granny Trusse has survived."

When they found granny's rocket Goose looked inside - he did not see granny Trusse.



They spent so long in the jungle that they had become old so they went to a nursing home.

Believe it or not, that was where they found granny Trusse.