

MPJ NEWS

The latest news, views and announcements from the MPJ Newspaper Team.



A letter from the News Team

Welcome! The newsletter was first established in 2021 by Liliana (Y5), and has now grown into a strong, hard-working team of eleven members.

Together, we have been gathering some amazing articles, fantastic reviews and loads more exciting things for you to read!

Meet the MPJ News Team:

Liliana (Y5): CEO and Writer.

Miss Poole (Staff): Editor.

Owen (Y6): Editor.

Lola (Y6): Science Journalist.

Beaux (Y4): Fact File Journalist.

Richmond (Y3): Quiz Master.

Pearl (Y5): Quiz Master.

Emily (Y5): Assistant.

Suraiya (Y5): Assistant.

Emma (Y5): Assistant.

Gabriella (Y5): Assistant.

We are looking for journalists and artists!

We are always looking for new stories, works of art and articles to be placed into our newsletter.

If you want to be published, then please post your work into the letterboxes around school:

Year 3 and 4 - the red box by Mrs Wright's Office.

Year 5 and 6 - the red box at the top of the stairs.



THE CHRISTMAS CHRONICLES

In our class, we were looking at our favourite Christmas films. We all had different films that we liked, including: *The Grinch*, *Home Alone* and *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. However, we all enjoyed *The Christmas Chronicles*! Here are some of the reasons why we like this film:

- I like it because it has a moral to the story. My favourite character is Kate. - Suraiya (Y5)
- I like the film a lot. My favourite scene is where Santa has a party in the prison. - Lilly (Y5).



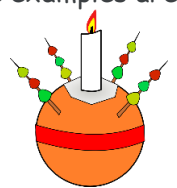
The Christmas Chronicles came out in 2018, and the second film came out in 2020. If you haven't already, we definitely recommend that you watch this film. It is a film that the whole family can watch, and it is hilarious.

Fun fact: The actors who play Santa and Mrs. Claus are married in real life. Their son is also an actor in this film!

By Liliana (Y5)

CHRISTMAS FACTS

- Santa did not always wear red. He did not wear red until Coco-Cola started using him to advertise their drinks.
- Not everyone celebrates Christmas. Christmas is usually a Christian holiday, but other religions have their own special holidays. For example, Muslims will celebrate holidays such as Ramadan and Eid.
- Around the world, Santa has many different names. Some examples are St. Nicholas, Père Noël and Kris Kringle.
- Some people make Christingles at Christmas. Christingles are oranges wrapped in red ribbon/tape, decorated with dried fruit or sweets, with a candle on top. The candle symbolises that Christ is the light of the world.



By Beaux (Y4)



A Drawing by
Tia-Louise (Y4)

Artist Work Wanted

We are looking for pieces of art work to put into our newsletter. Post yours into the letterboxes around school.

SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE - How to make Grinch slime!

You will need:

- Cornflour
- Chia seeds
- Green food colouring
- Water
- A small container to hold the slime
- Glitter (optional)



Instructions:

1. Pour a few tablespoons of chia seeds into a small container and cover with water.
2. Leave for roughly one hour. The chia seeds should become thick and gloopy... kind of like fish eggs!

3. Add a few tablespoons of cornflour.
4. Mix well, until you get a thick mixture.
5. Keep adding the cornflour until you get a texture that you like.
6. Add a few drops of green food colouring and again mix well. Add more if you want it darker!
7. Get messy! If you have any glitter, you could also add that into the mixture!



Remember to do this experiment with an adult, and dispose of the slime after use (this is not a long lasting slime).

By Lola (Y6)

REVIEWS

Harry Potter ★★★★★

The Harry Potter books are fascinating, and you could read them for hours.

By Nyla (Y6)

The Grinch (2000 film) ★★★★★

My favourite film to watch at this time of the year is the live action version of The Grinch (2000). It is SO funny.

By anonymous

If you have a review, please post it into the red letterboxes. Remember to put your name on it!



WINTER ART ACTIVITY IDEAS

Here are some of our favourite Christmas themed art activities. We used the website iheartcraftythings.com for these ideas, but you can also just google them.

- Salt dough tree ornaments.
- Reindeer hand print card.
- Paper plate Santa craft.
- Accordion paper Christmas tree.
- Reindeer finger puppets.
- Yarn wrapped twig ornaments.
- Pasta Christmas tree craft.
- Rock Christmas tree craft.



PUZZLE SECTION - By Richmond (Y3) and Pearl (Y5)

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bells	carrot	elves
present	lights	stocking
star		

QUIZ

1. What number of the month is Christmas?
2. What month is Christmas in?
3. Whose birthday is celebrated at Christmas time?
4. What fruit is the main object in a Christingle?



ANSWERS:

Post your correct answers into the letterbox by Wednesday 15th December, and one random child will be selected to win a small prize. (Remember to put your name and class on it!)