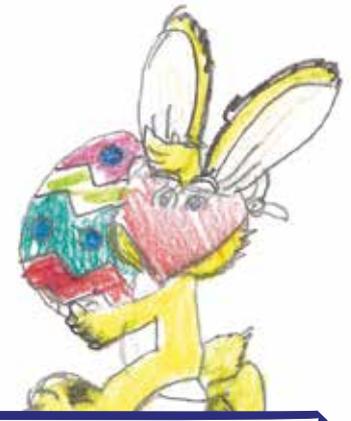


KINGFISHER FRENZY



FOR THE HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY

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HT NEWS

WELCOME to another wonderful edition of Kingfisher Frenzy!

We returned to school in January to the incredible news that the Queen had given Mrs Cox an MBE award for her amazing work in education and at our school. How exciting is that! So, of course, that's the big story this issue.

There are lots of other interesting articles to read including two that look at life in America and Venezuela. Plus our favourite books, a great recipe, silly jokes and a brilliant short story by the next David Walliams.

This term's Frenzy team are Lara Bean, Freya Busbey, Arturo Sanchez-Ramirez, Logan Forsyth, Matteo Sacca Marchano, Ellie Darke, Imogen Hutchen, Alex Brazier, Alice Bishop Skinner and Jasmine Moher.



In this edition:

- Secondary School Awaits
- A view of Venezuela
- Exclusive Short Story
- Recipes & much more

FRENZY SCOOP!

Frenzy reporters, Lara and Freya got the inside track on how our wonderful head teacher, Mrs Cox learnt she had been awarded an MBE in the 2017 New Year's Honours list.

"It was November when I received a letter telling me that my name had been forwarded to the Queen, but it was top secret. I wondered whether it was an MBE – surely not!

"I hid the letter in the bottom of my handbag so that my husband and two sons wouldn't find it. Then I heard on the news on 30th December that the New Year's Honours lists were going to be announced soon. My heart was pounding - would it be me? At the time I was in a hotel in Birmingham visiting my uncle and aunt for the exciting New Year's Eve. I couldn't wait any longer - I had to know!



"I simply googled the list and was absolutely stunned to find out that... my name was on the list. Straight away, I told my husband and it was a perfect New Year's Eve surprise. I was feeling happy, shocked too and a little embarrassed because I believed that the whole school deserved it, not just me. It was a real team effort and we all took part in making HT the best it can be. Then I told my uncle and aunt the outstanding news. "Shortly after this, I received another letter letting me know that on 19th April I was invited to Buckingham Palace for the presentation of my MBE. And the best bit is that I can invite three guests, which of course means I can bring my two proud sons and husband along with me."

And all of the Kingfisher Frenzy team and Holy Trinity community are very proud of Mrs Cox also.



What is an MBE?

An MBE is an award given by the Queen to an individual for outstanding service to the community or local 'hands on' service. The definition of MBE is Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

SECONDARY SCHOOL AWAITS...

Year 6 pupils recently learnt which secondary schools they would be moving on to at the end of this school year. Frenzy reporters caught up with two of them to hear what they think about their next schools.

Clara's View

Q: Are you nervous?

A: I was until I got a letter from Grey Court reassuring me about all of my worries.

Q: What are you excited about?

A: I am excited about all of the wonderful opportunities, amazing people you get to meet and of course the food.

Q: Do you have any siblings there?

A: Yes I have an older sister in Year 8.

Q: Are you happy that your sister goes there?

A: Yes and No. It means she can help me with my homework but I would like to be my own person.

Q: Are you worried about detentions?

A: Yes, a little bit because if you are even one minute late you are almost guaranteed a detention.



Imogen's View

I am nervous about secondary school because I know it will be a lot stricter there. RPA is a bigger school so I worry about being bullied. My older sister, Harriet goes to RPA and she said she would protect me, which was kind of her, though in Year 7 you are separated from the rest of the school.



Before going to secondary school you must do SATs to test your learning. The scores will help to decide what classes you should be in when you move.

RPA just got a new Head Teacher, Paul Mundy-Castle, who was a professional basketball player. Paul has a child of his own so he knows what education to expect and he can give it to the RPA students.

I am sure I will have a wonderful time at secondary school and I am pretty excited.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2017

As you will already know, World Book Day was celebrated on 2nd March, 2017. It was a lot of fun for the whole school and everyone dressed up as their favourite character from books they had recently read. This year people around the world celebrated the 20th anniversary of World Book Day. As usual Holy Trinity held their colourful catwalk parade. Miss Ashby dressed up as Violet Beauregarde from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

FUN FACT

World Book Day is a celebration of books to encourage young readers to explore freely the pleasures of books and reading by providing them with an opportunity to have a book of their own.

In case you would like any reading inspiration, here are the top 5 best-selling children's books at the moment:

1

The Midnight Gang

by David Walliams

2

Old School

by Jeff Kinney

3

Super Good Skills

by Liz Pichon

4

Double Down

by Jeff Kinney

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Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them

by JK Rowling

A View of Venezuela

Frenzy's local reporter, Matteo, gives a personal insight into this wonderful country.

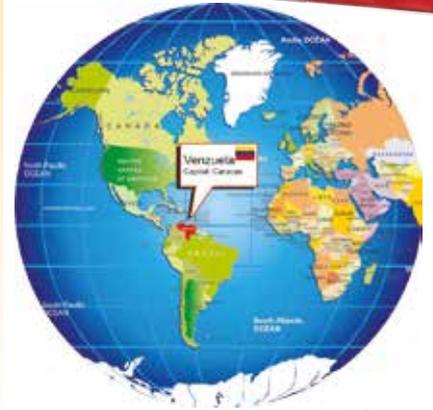
Welcome to Venezuela! This (as you may or may not know) is a country that resides on the North coast of the continent of South America. At the moment there are problems in this beautiful country due to some poor choices being made by the government.

Food Venezuela has a range of exotic and wonderful foods, for example, the arepa. This is a type of food made of ground maize dough and is sort of like a thick pancake which can be filled with many things such as: chicken, beef, cheese, ham, eggs, salad, tomatoes, shrimp and fish (depending on the meal time.) Another delicacy is cachapa, which is also like a pancake, made of fresh corn dough and wrapped in dry corn leaves and boiled.

Language No, Venezuelans don't speak Venezuelan, they speak Spanish. This is due to the fact that Spanish raiders came and invaded/colonised parts of South America and Mexico in the 1500s. Eventually this led to Venezuela being founded as an independent country in July 1811.

When I was visiting Venezuela to see my family, I discovered a lot of hobbies to pass the time. For example, in the back garden of my grandmother's house there is a guava tree (guava is type of fruit) and my aunt would help me climb the tree and pick the delicious fruit so we could juice them.

Hobbies



Just fun facts

Venezuela (912,050 km²) is 1.31 (1 and a third) times as big as Texas (696,241 km²).

THE CELLO

Accomplished musician and Frenzy reporter, Jasmine, offers an insight into her favourite instrument.

The cello is an instrument that originated in Italy. It is much bigger than the violin, but smaller than the double bass. All of these instruments belong in the family along with the viola. Cellos are also known as the violoncello, a longer name. The cello is often used in orchestras and they can play the melody or the bass parts depending on the piece. I chose to start playing it when I was eight, but anyone, whatever their age or ability, can play an instrument. My mum used to play the cello and I loved the idea of playing it too. At first it was a bit hard to get a nice sound because (like most other stringed instruments) there are many things to master, including using the bow, which is one of the hardest things about the cello. Once I had learnt how to use it properly I got more confident because I could make nice sounds easily and grade one went smoothly. Now I am currently working towards grade four and I can't wait to do it. My advice to anyone who would like to start an instrument is to not give up because even when it is hard, carrying on will always pay off. Other interesting instruments in the same family (stringed instruments) are the violin, double bass and viola.



The Mystery of Harris Burdick

Leopard class has been looking at the work of Harris Burdick as a writing stimulus this term. Kingfisher Frenzy illustrator and reporter, Alice, gives some background on this mysterious and unusual artist.

More than twenty-five years ago, a publisher named Peter Wenders was visited by a stranger who called himself Harris Burdick. Harris Burdick was an author and illustrator. He had drawn fourteen fascinating drawings with a mysterious sentence for each illustration. Peter told Harris to come back the next day with the stories he had written for each picture. Unfortunately Harris didn't return. People went searching for him but he still wasn't found. Peter published Harris's pictures and put them into a book although no stories were in the book. Now Harris's pictures have gone worldwide and people still wonder about the mystery of Harris Burdick.

US vs UK

How does school stack up?

Frenzy reporter, Logan takes a look at how schools compare either side of the Atlantic.

I just joined Holy Trinity at the beginning of September and before that I was in Houston, Texas in the US for seven years. Those years were full of sunshine, spread out landscapes and lots of things to see and do all the time... as well as school!! My school was called Yorkshire Academy, a small independent school in which I had grown up. I called it home, until I moved here at the beginning of September.

Many things are different about my two schools:

Transportation

In the US, a common icon is a yellow school bus. It is a long, slender bus which transports kids to and from school, dropping them off at their neighbourhood. Though I never got to go on one, I saw them all the time because there was another school right next to mine which transported kids on school buses.

Uniforms

Here, our school uniforms are blue jumpers, white polo shirts, grey trousers and black shoes for boys and blue cardigans, white polo shirts, blue leggings, and blue skirts with black shoes for girls. When I was in the US, I wore a red and blue striped polo shirt with either navy trousers or shorts with free choice of shoe wear and the same polo shirt with a navy skirt and an option of leggings with the same foot wear choice. As you can see, in some ways the uniforms are quite different and in other ways quite similar.

Lunch

While I was in the US, I had a packed lunch. The majority of students had packed lunch too, but the rest had what we called hot lunch. It was a variety of food for each day, but everybody's favourite food was on Friday: Domino's pizza and a little bit of salad. Unlike the plates that we have here, they had plastic boxes and plastic forks and knives that you can place in the bin after you can eat.

Sports

I had different sports in the US than we have here. There was not really any sports at school, so I just went to sports outside of school, like football, which in the US is called soccer. I also played a few other sports like American football with my dad in the park a few days. Personally, there is a wider variety of sports here, but the weather is nicer to play in the US.

Subjects

I had many different subjects in the US: I had Art twice a week, Language Arts (or Literacy) every day, Math every day, Music (only singing, no playing instruments) twice a week, Science three times a week and Literacy (reading a certain amount of a book and answering hard questions about them) every day. Also, instead of Key stage 1 and 2, I had upper elementary (the upper three years) and lower elementary (all the other years). In addition, I had more homework as well: Math every night, Language Arts and Literacy every night, Science once a week and Social Studies every few weeks. Though this may seem like a lot, I always had time for it as I arrived at school at 8:00, but I left at 2:45.

Overall, life is very different from the two school lives in the two different countries. Both schools have things I like and things I don't like. The world is very different as well. No matter where you are in the world, things will always be different.

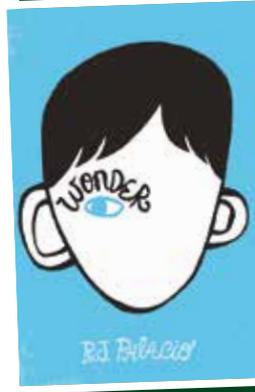


Wonder: a wonderful book

This book is about a boy called August who has a disability that affects his face. Therefore, starting Middle School is a big ordeal as he will now have a thousand pairs of eyes on him all day every day for the next four years of his life.

August has a mum, dad and sister and is American.

Wonder is split into several sections, each telling the same story but from a different character's point of view. This story is aimed at children aged 10+ and is very heart-warming. This novel was written by R.J Palacio and has two other books related to it by the same author. Kingfisher Frenzy would highly recommend this story because it is a real page-turner and is a very exciting story to read.



The Midnight Gang

The Midnight Gang is a lively book with many adventures inside. David Walliams, one of Britain's best-selling authors, has written many children's books which have all been very successful. The Midnight Gang is an incredible book and I rate it 9.5/10.

In The Midnight Gang there are six to seven main characters. Matron, the children's ward supervisor, is horrible and doesn't really care about the children but she only works at The Lord Funt Hospital to make the children's time here miserable. The main characters are Amber, who broke both of her arms and legs, Robin, who has had eye surgery to fix his eyesight and he wears bandages over them so now he can't see, George, who has just had his tonsils removed, Sally, who has an illness and is being treated for it though it makes her hair fall out and last, but not least, Tom, who was hit on the head with a cricket ball.

David Walliams is not just an author, he is also a comedian, which for him has also been very successful. David was born in London Borough of Merton on 20th August 1971.

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT AT NPL

The Holy Trinity football team competed in the boys' football tournament. The team consisted of Max, Edgar, Felix, Alex, George, Keir, Tristian and Jamie. They played very well and reached the quarter finals but sadly got knocked out on golden goal.



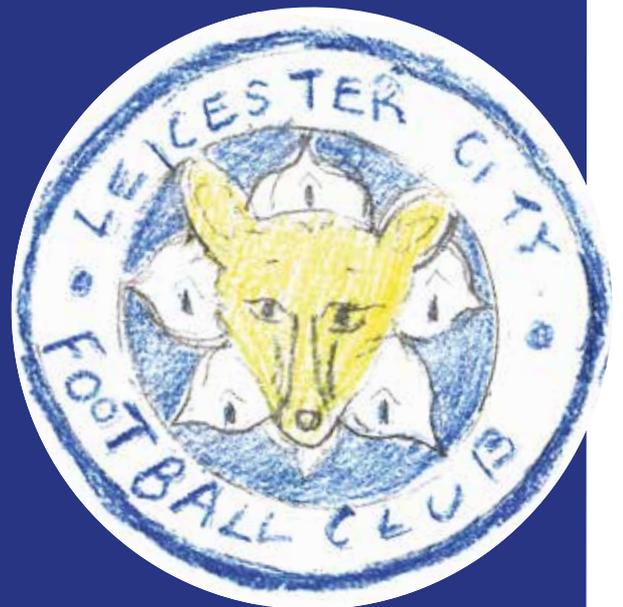
Claudio Ranieri in surprise sacking

Footie fan and Frenzy reporter, Alex gives an overview of the sport's big story this season.

Claudio Ranieri the Leicester City manager has been sacked. Everyone has been very shocked by this and is thought to be because they are fighting for relegation this year even though they won the premier league last year. Also known as The Foxes, the team is one point from relegation and only has 13 games left to remain in the premier league. Claudio's last game managing Leicester was against Sevilla. Despite Leicester losing 2-1 they could still reach the Champions league quarter final in their second leg at the King Power stadium which is taking place on 14th March. Gary Linker described Leicester City's triumph last year as the biggest sporting shock of his lifetime and he even wore his underpants to present Match of the Day. Ranieri was sacked by the director of football, Jon Rudkin, when they travelled back from the Midlands after defeat by Millwall in the FA Cup but he managed the club during Leicester's loss against Sevilla.

What next for Ranieri?

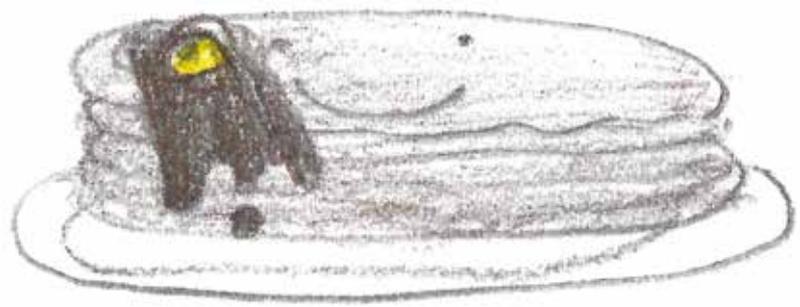
It is thought that Ranieri will manage Fiorentina of Italy. They play in the 'Serie A' and at the moment sit eighth in their league on 42 points. Fiorentina are currently managed by Paulo Sousa and his contract expires in the summer at the end of the season. However, at this very moment he is unemployed.



THE ORIGINS OF PANCAKE DAY

Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Shrove Tuesday always falls 47 days before Easter Sunday, so the date varies from year to year, and falls between February 3rd and March 9th. In 2017 Shrove Tuesday fell on 28th February.

Shrove Tuesday was traditionally the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients. The pancake has a very long history and featured in cookery books as far back as 1439.



PERFECT PANCAKES

Frenzy Foodies, Lara and Freya tested out recipes for pancakes and here is the best one.

Don't wait till Shrove Tuesday next year to try these out!

Makes: 12 thin pancakes (18-20cm each)

Total time: 40 minutes

Ingredients:

125g plain flour
1 egg and 1 yolk
300ml milk

Method:

1. Sift 125g of plain flour into a bowl and make a well in the middle. Whisk together 1 egg, one egg yolk and a little milk taken from the 300ml, then pour into the well. Whisk a little of the flour.
2. Gradually whisk in half of the remaining milk, drawing in the rest of the flour, a little at a time, to make a smooth batter. Stir in the remaining milk, cover & leave to stand for about 30 mins.
3. Heat the frying pan and brush with a little oil.
4. Ladle 2 or 3 tablespoons of batter into the pan and tilt the pan so that the batter spreads out evenly over the bottom.
5. Cook the pancake over a medium-high heat for 45-60 secs, until small holes appear on the surface, the underside is lightly brown and the edge has started to curl. Loosen the pancake and turn it over by tossing or flipping it with a palette knife. Cook the other side for about 30 seconds until golden. Slide the pancake out of the pan.
6. Heat and slightly grease the pan again before making the next pan cake.

(If the pancakes are hot when you stack them they will not stick together; there is no need to interleave them with greaseproof paper).

An exclusive short story especially written for Kingfisher Frenzy readers by David "Matteo" Walliams

The Mystery of the Easter Egg Hunt

It was a fine Easter Sunday, the children were waiting excitedly for Gran to finish hiding the eggs: they had been told that one of the eggs contained a £100 note.

Gran yelled, "Children I've hidden all the eggs now! Get your baskets and start searching!"

There was a brief pause which was soon followed by an ear-splitting, "YAYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY!"

The children began to search, and search, and search, and search, and search, but they found nothing...

"Gran, are you sure you hid the eggs?" asked the children in agreement.

"Yes, dears, I've hidden them all in the garden," replied Gran in her sweet voice.

The children thought for a moment, then everyone blurted out at the exact same time, "Someone's gone and nicked all the eggs!"

The children all fixed each other with a steely stare, like a cat eyeing up a mouse, then the chaos erupted.

"I blame George!" yelled one girl.

"I blame Matt!" said another.

Soon everyone had been blamed at least once.

After everyone had calmed down, Gran reasoned with them.

"Children, it's very clear that we don't know who did the crime, so let's have an investigation." The children nodded in agreement, it was a good idea.

"Let's see..." whispered Gran. "Who could've had a reason to do this? Any ideas?"

There was a short pause then someone spoke up.

"Harold is very greedy," wailed a girl. "He stole the turkey at Christmas." All eyes were on Harold.

"It wasn't me!" he blubbered.

Gran had an idea, she remembered where she had hidden the EXTRA SPECIAL egg and went to check the hiding place. Upon close inspection, Gran discovered that there was white fur and chocolate all over the CRIME SCENE.

It was awfully quiet as the children had gone inside to eat their lunch. After a half hour of looking, Gran couldn't find any further evidence and the small bits of evidence that she actually had pointed to a giant rabbit who was carrying a basket of chocolate eggs.

Before I go on with my story, I'm sure readers have already guessed who the culprit was.

"It was clearly the Easter bunny," I hear you say, and yes you are right, but Gran's mind was quite slow in her ripe, old age and didn't think of it as a bunny, but instead as a duck, yes that's right, a duck.

"This duck seemed to be in a hurry judging by the ratio of feathers (actually fur) to chocolate," thought Gran. This of course was not true but Gran was rather bonkers and was not thinking very straight.

A few minutes passed when a small boy came outside, and he had a smug look on his face, as if he knew something, which he did.

Gran turned around.

"Hello there errrrm..."

"Jack," replied the boy timidly.

"Yes, Jack, why are you here?" she asked.

"I think I know who stole the eggs," he said. The two chatted and eventually they came to a conclusion: it was indeed the Easter bunny.

Then at that very moment something white whizzed past. The bunny leapt across the garden, he had been spotted and he now had to run. Gran and Jack followed closely behind in pursuit, still wondering who this was. Jack jumped onto the figure.

"Who are you?" he yelled.

The bunny turned around and yelled back, "I am the Easter bunny I make your dreams come true or something like that."

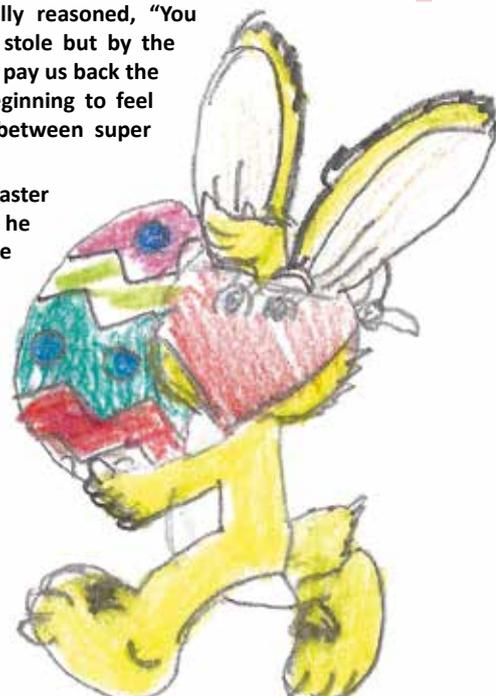
Jack gasped, could it really be him? Gran wasted no time in questioning the creature.

"Why did you take the eggs?" she asked. "I thought the Easter bunny brought eggs, not took them."

The bunny never managed to give a satisfactory answer so Gran eventually reasoned, "You can keep everything you stole but by the end of the month you will pay us back the £100." This was really beginning to feel like a business meeting between super important people.

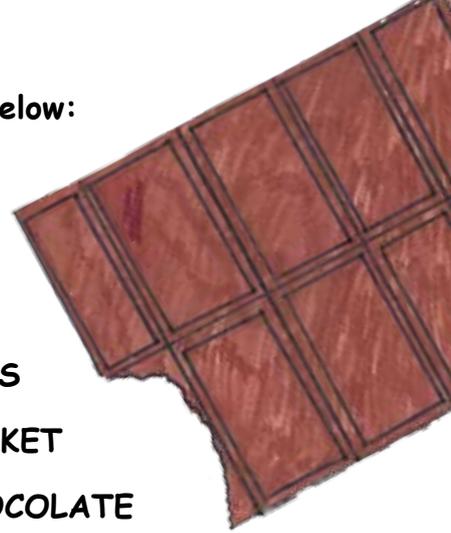
"OK then..." said the Easter bunny and with that he disappeared in a plume cloud of smoke.

So readers, do you think they ever got their money back?



Find the Easter words below:

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- EGGS
- BASKET
- CHOCOLATE
- CHRIST
- SWEETS
- RESURRECTION
- BUNNY
- SPRING
- COLOUR
- MARCH

Jokes! Jokes! Jokes!!

- Q. What does Mrs.Cox think of Easter?
A. She thinks it's eggscellent!
- Q. How was the magician so good at football?
A. He did a hat trick!
- Q. Why did the chicken not cross the road?
A. These terrible jokes were on the other side!
- Q. What do you call an apple that plays the trumpet?
A. A tooty fruity!
- Q. Why couldn't Dracula sleep?
A. Because of his coffin!
- Q. How tired was the Easter bunny after the holidays?
A. He was eggsauhsted!

