

My Grade 1

ISSUE 1

Hi I'm Martha, new to the club. Let me tell you a bit about myself, I'm a Year 6 pupil at St Greg's, I've got two sisters, I do loads of hobbies ... you get the idea. You know the usual hectic life of a Year 6. BUT ... the reason I've written this article, is that I'm here to tell you about my Grade 1 exam in violin. I completed it in the summer. My violin is a chestnut coloured half size. You see, there are three sorts you can buy, and these are: quarters, halves and full sizes. Anyway, moving on...

It took place very near the start of the summer holidays. I remember that practice had felt like an endless amount of hours. I was quite excited, but also a little nervous although I did fine warming up. I had three pieces and they were: Mattichins, Penslyvainia 6500 and Daisy Bell. It was only when I got to those pieces that I started to get it wrong. It was just after I'd finished the scales and I was on 'Daisy Bell', the second piece, and I played a wrong note!

But, despite that, I PASSED!! My teacher is called Shirley and she a very inspiring person. After the exam itself, me and mum bought her a little present to thank her for getting me through it all - a violin shaped pencil sharpener. Hope you enjoyed my article.

Junior Funnell signing off—OVER AND OUT!



Harvest Festival!!!

On Friday 5th of October, the whole school went up to St. Gregory's Church to celebrate the Harvest.

If you do not know what Harvest is, listen closely. Harvest is when fortunate people-like you and me- share part of our fortune with less fortunate people. But not as in money, but as in Shampoo, fruit, and vegetables etc. This year our gifts got transported from Church to Manchester where it was given to a place called The Barnabus Centre. Some people who attend the centre maybe homeless and they go there to try to get their lives back on track. It's a great place and this is why we give our gifts to help them.

By Olivia McCabe

30 Bands to See Before you're 30.

Have you heard of Slipknot, Nickelback or Twisted Sister? If you have, you should be an absolutely legendary rock god at my ultimate Heavy Metal/Rock quiz!

1. Guns N Roses
2. Slipknot
3. Rage Against the Machine
4. Nickel back
5. Thin Lizzy
6. The Beatles
7. Twisted Sister
8. Tenacious D
9. Iron Maiden
10. The Levellers
11. AC/DC
12. Jimi Hendrix
13. Radiohead
14. Foo Fighters
15. The Clash
16. Bon Jovi
17. Ozzy Osborne
18. Red Hot Chilli Peppers
19. Queen
20. Linkin Park
21. Evanescence
22. Led Zepplin
23. Muse
24. Lynyrd Sknyrd
25. Green day
26. Metallica
27. White Snake
28. Pink Floyd
29. Motor Head
30. Faith no More

Have you truly mastered my legendary rock quiz? Please mark your mark your score out of 30!

By Donnacha O'Kearney-McMullan

Did you know?

This term in Journalism Club, the team have been re-searching some weird and wonderful facts... Have a read for yourself!

It's possible to lead a cow upstairs but not downstairs.

A 75 year old person will have slept about 23 years.

Butterflies taste with their feet.

TWELVE PEOPLE HAVE WALKED ON THE MOON.

Buddies 2012

Hi we're Maya and Ellie and we would like to talk to you about Buddies!

Ellie: Is that ok with you Maya?

Maya: Well I really wanted to talk about volcanoes but ok!

Ellie: Now, Maya can you explain what *Buddies* are?

Well, Buddies are when Year 6 children take on the responsibility to take care of the reception children. This year there are 20 new tiddlies to teach; the Year 6's will have to take extra care as there are only 15 Year 6 children!



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BONFIRE NIGHT

We hope you had a terrific Bonfire Night back in November!

The thing that I like most of all is going to your local pub to have the fire; you may also have it at home. Although it is a very exciting time, you have to be very safe. That means having the right clothing and making sure you keep well away from the fire, wherever you are.

Luckily the fire isn't the only thing that happens on the night, the main thing is the glow sticks- joke! The main event are the sparklers. I love it when you see the flame light up your stick then the golden sparks light up the sky.

However, I think the best thing about Bonfire Night are sky lanterns! I remember when I was little I watched my first lantern light up and soar up to the sky above. Ever since then I have had a thing about them and wherever I go I have to have a lantern!

Top 10 fireworks November 2012!

1. OPTIMUM
2. GLOW LANTERN
3. COLOSSUS 173
4. SHIVERING SAPPHIRE
5. WHEELIE WONKA
6. CATHERINE WHEEL
7. FOUNTAIN

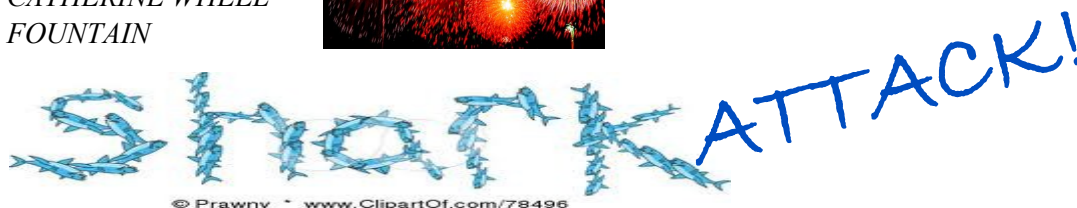


8. ROMAN CANDLE
9. SKY ROCKET
10. MINES

I have just recently been to an amazing bonfire at my mum's friend's farm. We had a lovely time although we had to wait quite a while before the big firework display. The husband of the farm spent almost 300 pounds on all these fireworks. After hearing this I thought: "This is going to be spectacular!" It was! They were Catherine Wheels and Fountain Fireworks. They were all brilliant. My favourite bit was when I lay on the trampoline watching them shoot up into the sky.

I know bonfire night has been and gone but we can still look forward to next year!

By Maya Gadd



There are several species of shark including: Hammerhead, Bull, Great White, Nurse, Whale, Guitar, Tiger and Sand Tiger sharks.

The most dangerous shark known to man is probably the Great White and Bull sharks, which have even been known to attack and sometimes kill!

These are some images of different types of sharks:

Try and guess which types of sharks they are...



Some of the harmless sharks are the Guitar and Dogfish species.

Here are some of the dangerous locations of where you may find deadly sharks:

Bull Sharks- in tropical waters.

Great white shark- in coastal waters and found in quite a deep location of water

Thank you for reading my story.

By Donnacha O'Kearney-McMullan

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Buddies 2012... continued.



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We have interviewed Miss Walsh, the Class One teacher.

Q: How do you feel about this year's reception children?

A: I feel that it's lovely to have a bigger class of 20 children because they all have different ideas, which gives us lots of fun activities to do. They all have different personalities.

Q: How do you match up the buddies?

A: I try to get to know all the children to try and find out what their personality is like and what their interests are. Then I think about the Year 6 children and try to match them to those with the same or similar interests. Because I have taught most of the Year 6's when they were in Year 1, I have seen them grow up throughout their life here at St. Gregory's.

Q: What made you become a Class One teacher?

A: I love teaching the new children to read and write, because I can see what a huge sense of achievement it makes them feel and they say some very funny things that make me laugh and smile everyday.

Well, that's all from us. That's Ellie Rich and Maya. G
Signing out!

Lets Buddy them up!

Holly Houghton - Summer Elkin and Caelan Ainscough

Olivia McCabe - Mary Ellis

Sam Gibson - Harvey Carroll

Hugh Bentley - Finn Morgan

Maya Gadd - Ingrid Morten

Ellie Richards - Felicity Funnell and Joeseeph Smith

Donnacha O'Kearney - McMullan- Tyler Gardner

Lois Biggar - Maria Nolan

Bridie McNulty - Billy Todd

James Lisle-William Marston

BradleySmith-Jack Ryan

Anna Bishop-Ruby Russell and Luke Edwards

Rosa Hart-Zara Bradley and Luke Corcoran

Ellie Collins - Lollie Woolley and Elliot Oldfield

Martha Funnell- Heath Abbott

A Christmas brain teaser!

Did you know that according to the song, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer", Santa has twelve reindeer? Sure, in the introduction it goes "There's Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen, Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen..." That makes eight reindeer. Then there's Rudolph, of course, so that makes nine. Then there's Olive. You know, "Olive the other reindeer used to laugh..." That makes ten. The eleventh is Howe. You know, "Then Howe the reindeer loved him..." Eleven reindeer. Oh, and number 12? That's Andy! "Andy shouted out with glee." The proof is in the song!

Wow that's a lot of buddies!!!!!!

