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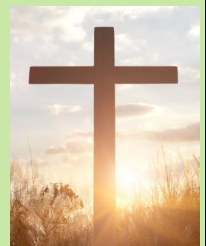
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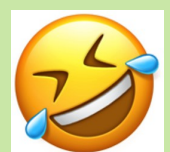
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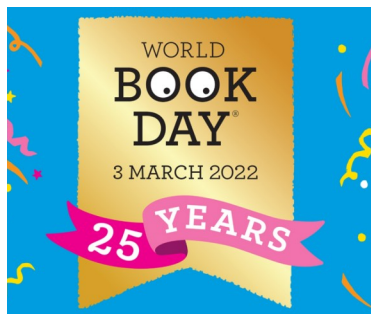


Easter Time!

Photograph taken by Charley and Lewis Y12

Half Term Recap...

World Book Day: 3rd March



We celebrated a week of books and stories as part of the World Book Day celebrations! We had fun creating silly stories and listening to celebrities reading stories. There was also a special themed lunch on Thursday. And who managed to find Where's Wally hidden around school?!

Help for Ukraine: 4th March



We've all felt sad about the terrible events in Ukraine. Assemblies helped us to try and understand why war has developed and in these situations, it's easy to feel helpless. One thing we did though was wear blue and yellow to raise money for refugees and you may have seen staff members wearing special blue and yellow ribbons to show support too. We raised £293!

Science Week: 7th– 11th March

We had another super Science Week at school this month! It's always a highlight of the year with animal visitors, Mad Science workshops, trips to Chester Zoo and the Catalyst Museum and experiencing the Space-dome. What was your favourite part of the week?



...Half Term Recap.

Red Card to Racism: 7th March

SHOW
RACISM
THE
RED
CARD

This week, as well as us having special assemblies, Miss Hayes led different art activities with each year group as part of a national competition to show awareness of this organisation. A winner will be picked for each year group: good luck!

Remember to always show racism the red card, every day.

Sports Relief Week: 14th March



Another highlight of the school year! This week, working together as a whole school, we have walked, jogged, run and skipped the length of 7 marathons, the Year 7s swam across a lake (sort of), we've rowed across to France (sort of) AND we've climbed Everest (sort of). You raised a fab £800 with more to come!

Residentials: 14th and 21st March

I am so pleased to say that residentials are back!! The Year 8s had great fun at Conwy taking part in physical challenges and sports, and the Year 9s enjoyed similar activities at Redridge. Thanks to all the staff who helped out and well done for trying new things!



Club Focus...

Football Club!

**Mondays and Fridays with Mr Johnson
on the Muga**

*Open for anyone in Key Stage
3 who wants to learn new
football skills and practise
whilst playing a game.*

Years 7, 8 and 9



BADMINTON

CLUB!

Wednesdays in the sports hall.

Come and beat Mrs Chadwick
in a gentle game of badminton.
Learn new skills and practise
your coordination as you also
exercise.

Everyone welcome to join in!



Home-baking...

It's Easter in 2 weeks! If you find yourself overloaded with chocolate, you could use some of it to make these delicious Easter Nests.

Recipe taken from www.bbcgoodfood.co.uk

You Will Need:

- 200g milk chocolate , broken into
- pieces
- 85g shredded wheat , crushed
- 2 x 100g bags mini chocolate eggs



Method

1. Melt the chocolate in a small bowl placed over a pan of barely simmering water.
2. Pour the chocolate over the shredded wheat and stir well to combine.
3. Spoon the chocolate wheat into 12 cupcake cases and press the back of a teaspoon in the centre to create a nest shape.
4. Place 3 mini chocolate eggs on top of each nest.
5. Chill the nests in the fridge for 2 hrs until set.

Year 8 Conwy Residential!

The Year 8's spent three nights away on residential at the Conwy Centre. They had a go at lots of different physical activities, challenging themselves, taking risks and trying new experiences. They had a fantastic time as you can see...



Flower Recycle Craft

The Year 12s have loved working with Mrs Jones to create these gorgeous flowers from old drinks cans. Have a go yourself!

Written by Tamzin B

You will need:

A set of gardening gloves

Bamboo sticks

Scissors

Glue gun

Metal drinks cans (empty)

Buttons

Bottle tops

Paper or card from your recycling bin

Method:

1. First get a clean, empty can, squash it slightly in the middle and cut it in half.
2. After you have put your gloves on to protect your hands, get some scissors and carefully slice the can into strips to make petals (but don't cut out).
3. Cut the petals into different shapes and sizes if you want to.
4. Then unfold all the petals so they are all sticking out like a flower. Try not to hurt yourself on the sharp edges.
5. Then with a glue gun put a blob of glue in the middle of your flower and put your bottle top on top of the glue make sure the bottle top is completely stuck on (you might have to hold and press down the bottle top for 10 seconds.)
6. After you have glued your bottle top down, get a little button and glue it in the middle of the bottle top with your glue gun.
7. Next, get your bamboo stick and your glue gun and make a thick line with your glue gun on the bamboo stick and place the bamboo stick on the other side of your flower make sure you don't touch the glue press down the bamboo stick without hurting yourself.
8. Finally, cut out leaf shapes from paper or card and stick them onto the bamboo stick.



Ten Minutes with...

In each newspaper we interview a teacher, spending 10 minutes firing questions at them to get to know them.

This issue, we spend 10 minutes with Mrs Elcock as she says 'goodbye' to Oaklands and 'hello' to retirement!

1. What has been your most memorable experience at Oakland's?

There have been so many working with lots of children. I liked going on trips.



2. What have you most enjoyed about being a teaching assistant?

Working alongside lots of teachers and supporting pupils for 12 years.

3. What was your first ever job?

I worked in a special school in an assessment unit.

4. What was your favourite subject at school?

Art and English.



5. What do you like doing outside of school?
Walking up mountains and spending time
with my family.

6. Do you have any pets?

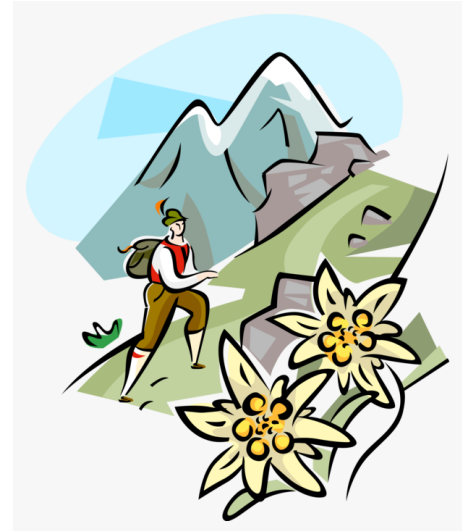
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7. If you were an animal, what animal
would you be?

I would like to be a dog!

8. Where do you like going on holiday?

I like the Maldives.



Charity of the Half Term...

As well as raising money for Ukraine by wearing blue and yellow, and for Sports Relief by having a very active week, this half term we've also supported Down Syndrome Day by buying gingerbread socks. Find out more about this charity and how socks help raise awareness as well as money...

World Down Syndrome Day

What is Down Syndrome?

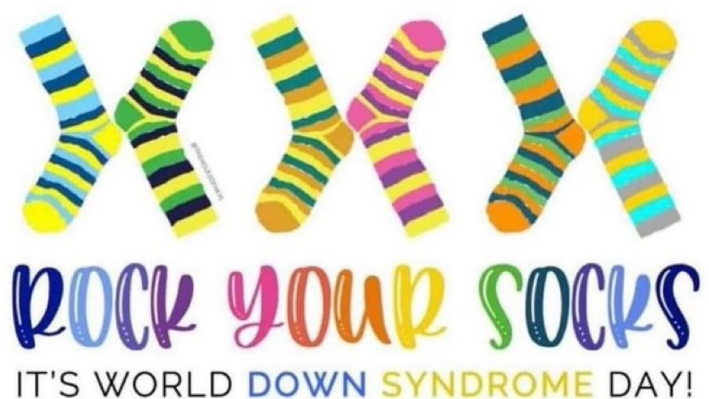
Down Syndrome is a genetic condition. Humans are all born with 23 pairs of chromosomes. Down Syndrome is caused when chromosome number 21 has 3 copies instead of 2. This is why World Down Syndrome Day is celebrated on the 21st day of the 3rd month! This extra chromosome is created when the egg or sperm cell is developed in the parents of the person with Down Syndrome.

What is World Down Syndrome Day all about?

It is a special day to raise awareness of people with Down Syndrome, educating others on the condition and the huge potential that people with Down Syndrome have. This year's day was especially focussed on inclusion for people with this disability; inclusion in schools and inclusion in places of work.

What do socks have to do with it?

Chromosomes look a bit like socks! By wearing odd socks and buying gingerbread socks, we are helping to raise awareness of the chromosomal condition and the potential that people with the condition have.

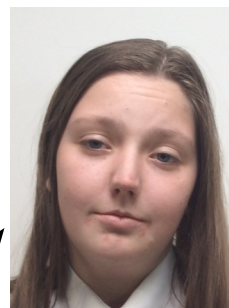


Work Experience

Last month, the Year 11 students took part in their Work Experience Week spending time in different workplaces. The Year 12's asked them about their week of work...

Connor H

I went to a farm. I had to wear overalls. My favourite thing was not going to school! Have confidence when trying new things.



I was nervous on my first day but fine after that. I went to a car garage and learnt how to check the oil in a car, put the car on a ramp and take the cam belt off. I didn't enjoy cleaning the floor!



I went to 'Guyz n Dollz' hair salon and had to wash people's hair. It was a great place to go and I liked meeting new people. I worked 9am until 5pm.

I went to Polar Palace play centre. It made me feel tired working all day. I didn't really enjoy it but I stuck at it and overcame my struggles. I wouldn't get a job there though.

I went to the Go Go Project in Winsford. The staff were really nice. I had to clean toys, go shopping for sweets and I did craft on one day.



I spent the week at Subway. At first I was nervous because I didn't know anybody but the staff were kind and caring. I made sandwiches and washed up. It was tricky to fold the sandwiches to cut them. I was offered a job there and work there every Saturday now!



The Reason for the Season.



On Palm Sunday everyone in Jerusalem was welcoming Jesus who was riding a donkey. They celebrated by waving palm leaves in the air and throwing their coats on the floor to show respect to Jesus.



Four days later on Thursday was Passover. Jesus was Jewish and followed the Jewish rules including Passover. Jesus broke some bread and said, "This is my body so when you eat it, remember me". Then he passed them wine and said, "This is my blood when you drink it, remember me".



That night Jesus was praying in a garden because he was thinking that he was going to die, but he didn't want to die. Then out of nowhere, led by his friend Judas, some guards arrested him.



Pontius Pilate the Roman Governor questioned Jesus. Pontius Pilate knew Jesus hadn't done anything wrong but the crowds all shouted "Crucify him!". Pontius Pilate said, "It's your choice."



Jesus carried the heavy cross to the hill where he would die. The soldier's nailed Jesus to the cross and on his head he wore a crown of thorns.



Jesus wasn't on his own: there were two robbers with him. One said, "I am sorry you really are the Son of God and I believe you". Jesus said, "I forgive you so you will come with me to live in heaven."



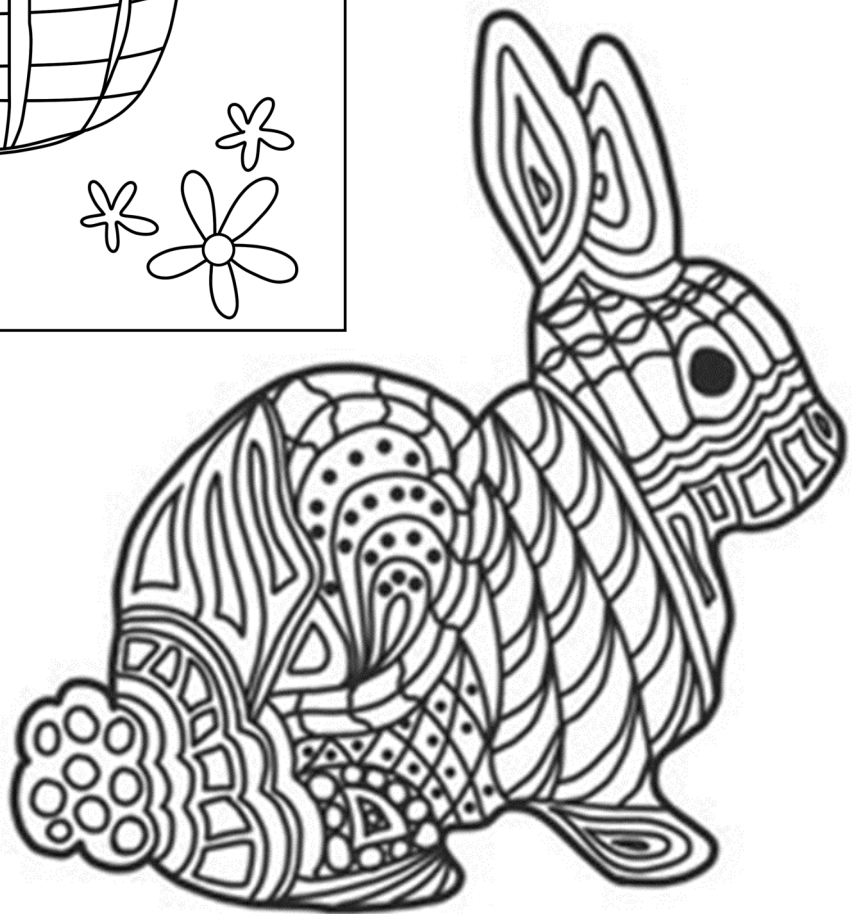
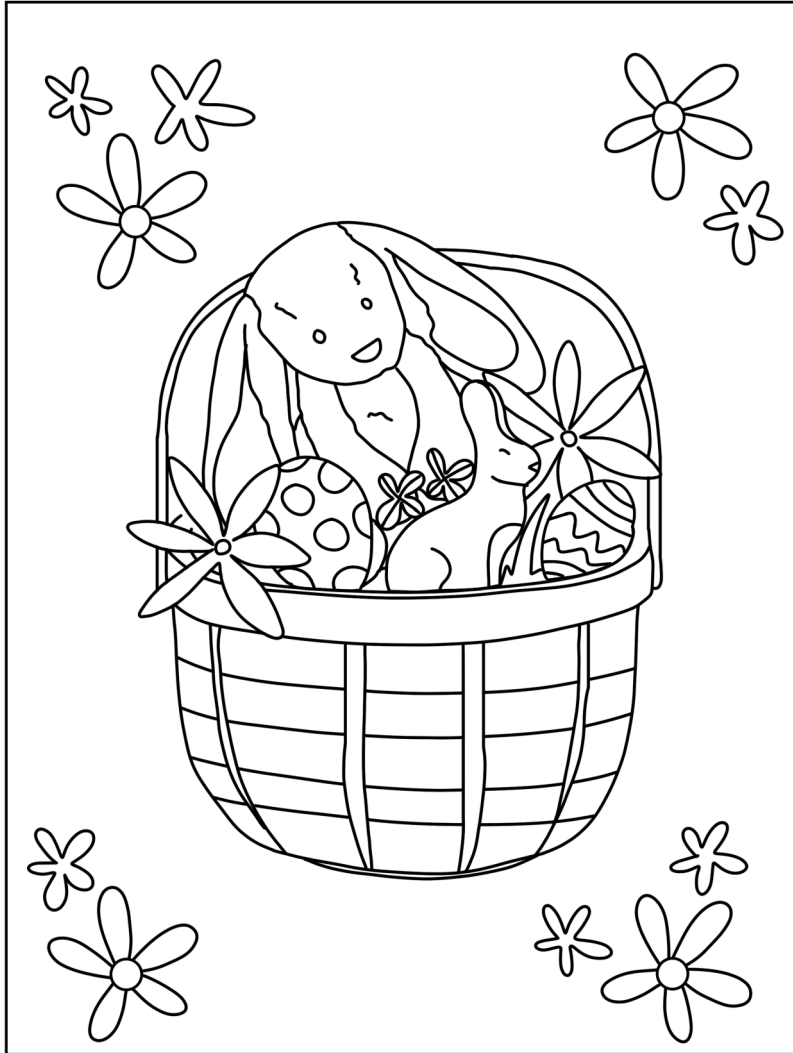
At 3pm Jesus finally died. Then something strange happened: the sky went black, there was an earthquake, and the huge curtain in the Temple tore apart. This means we can now access God and have a relationship with Him. Two of his friends took him down and placed him in a tomb and rolled a stone to shut him in.



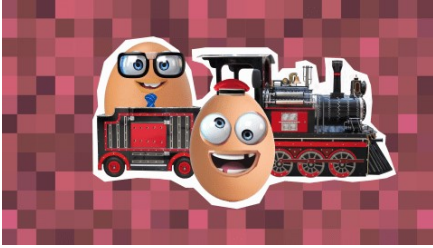
On Sunday morning Jesus' friends went to see him to bury him properly, but he wasn't there! Jesus had died, unlocked heaven for us and come back to life!

Written by Charley T and Thomas F.

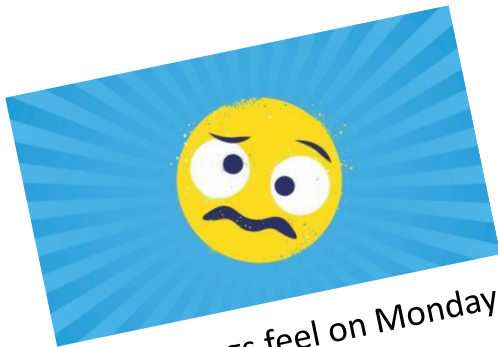
Take A Break to Chill.



Have a giggle at these egg-themed jokes!



How do eggs get to school?
On the Hogwarts eggs-press!



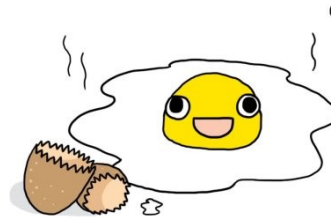
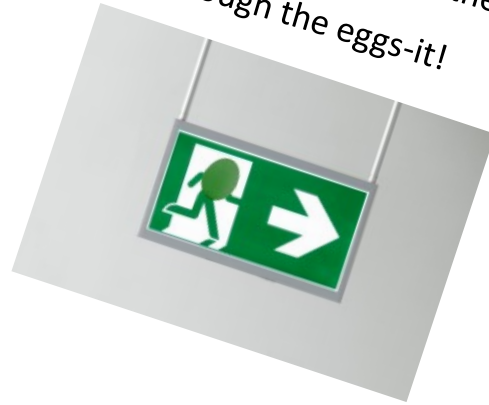
How do eggs feel on Mondays?
Eggs-hausted!



What do you call an adventurous
egg?
An eggs-plorer!

If you have a funny joke,
hand it to Mrs Whitfield; it
could be in the next issue of
our newspaper!

How do eggs leave the house?
Through the eggs-it!



Which day do eggs
hate?
Fry-day!



What happens when an egg hears a joke?
It cracks up!



Who tells the funniest jokes? A comedi-hen!

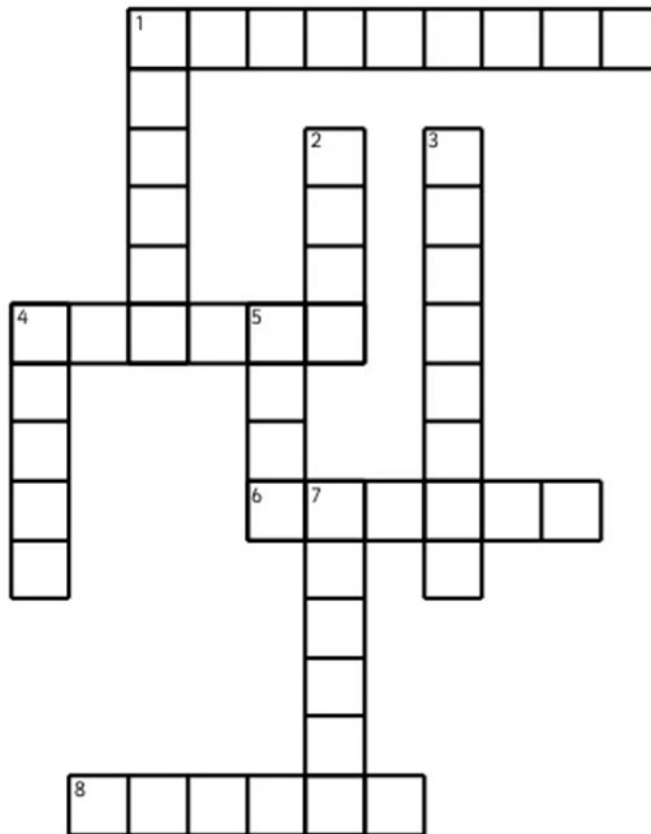
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Easter Crossword



Solve the crossword using the list of words and the clues



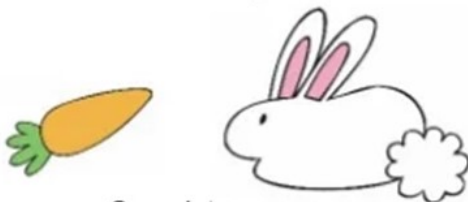
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bonnet
bunny
chicks
chocolate
daffodil
eggs
hunt
parade
spring

Across

1. Easter eggs are often made out of this treat!
4. Collect your eggs in this.
6. The season in which Easter is celebrated.
8. You may wear one in the Easter parade.

Down

1. These hatch out of real eggs.
2. You may go on an Easter egg ...
3. Cheerful, yellow spring flower.
4. Will he visit you this year?
5. We give chocolate ones at Easter.
7. Show off your Easter bonnet at one!



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EASTER

WORD SEARCH



BUNNY
EGGS
CHICK
JELLYBEAN

BASKET
SPRING
FLOWER
EASTER

GRASS
CANDY
HUNT
DYE

BONNET
SUNDAY
PEEPS
LAMB




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WANTED

Do you have a funny joke? 

A yummy recipe? 

A great puzzle? 

Any news? 

A review of a book, film, game or day out? 

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have any ideas for the next issue of the school newspaper, have a chat to the Year 12's or Mrs Whitfield!