

# The Coleridge



## A Tale of Two Scrooges—a Huge Success!

### **‘A Tale of Two Scrooges’ delights audience!**

The Year 6 children and staff have been delighted with the very positive responses from the audiences who have had a chance to see the dress rehearsals for ‘A Tale of Two Scrooges’. One audience member is quoted as saying, ‘I loved it! The acting was amazing and I loved the costumes and all the year group dances!’.



**Dynamic and joyous**

‘The Coleridge’ agrees this is a five star performance from everybody involved. From the actors and dancers, orchestra and choir, the play is brimming with enthusiastic energy and vibrancy. Furthermore, the



professional sound— and lighting effects enhanced the overall experience.

Mr Breuer, head of Year Six, had this to say about the performers: “I couldn’t be prouder of all the Year 6 children! Their teamwork, talent and boundless enthusiasm have helped make the show come alive!”

We have no doubt that next week’s actual performances will be nothing short of spectacular and that audiences will leave with a happy spring in their step and whistling a happy tune!

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# Behind the Scene of 'The Tale of Two Scrooges' (the Coleridge School Play)

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By Renxi Taskok and Beatrice Plant



As every year, our Year Sixes have been very busy preparing to perform our annual Coleridge production. The play is 'The Tale of Two Scrooges', adapted from 'A Muppet Christmas Carol', which, in turn, was based on the novel 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. Confusing-we know!

However, none of our Year Sixes will be dressed up as Muppets. The teachers merely adapted 'The Muppet Christmas Carol' because they used most of the script. In our school's version, instead of just one Scrooge there are two (if you were confused). We say: the more the merrier! The choir is made up of Year 6 children, which is the third time in a row that this year group has done it!

We were lucky enough to get (drum roll please.....) interviews with Mr Goddard, Mr Breuer, Adrian (who composes the music and conducts the orchestra) and Challe Hudson (costume designer). They talked to us about their decision processes, the play in general, the roles and other things besides.

## Interview time

*First up, how did the teachers decide the actual play?*

Mr Breuer answered this question. He had watched the movie as a child and the teachers were looking for a play with a positive message, lots of good roles and someone strong personalities.



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The Muppets Christmas Carol was perfect!

*Second up, how did they decide the roles?*

Together all the Year Six teachers had a day in the library when they carefully watched the auditions of each pair of children and every now and again watched a child sing. Then in between the acts, they ranked the child from 1-10. Then, if they felt one child's personality fitted a specific role, and if the student had acted well enough during the auditions, they would be given the role.

*Third up, how had the other teachers reacted to the announcement of the play?*

Thankfully, the response was mostly POSITIVE!

We also interviewed Challe Hudson all about the costumes.

*So why did she start helping?*

She loves helping out with costumes because she says it's really fun! Challe's favourite part of the process is telling Year 6 children all about their costumes.

Her quote this year was, "No bad beards," as big beards in the late Victorian era were not fashionable.

*How did she decide the costumes for everybody?*

They were mainly decided by the characters' personalities, for example, Ghost of Future Past is all dark and gloomy, the Scrooges are all in black, and Belle is dressed in bright colours.

Now last but not least, is Adrian who conducts the orchestra. The songs are usually based on old movies. In this case, they include songs from the Muppet Christmas Carol and then the best ones are picked to be included in our play. Simple! The song, 'Christmas Morning Feeling' is from the film 'Spirited'.

Adrian's favourite part of this job is seeing the success of the children and seeing them singing and playing instruments.

A big question was why Adrian had stayed on for all this time (20 years). Well, the reason was because HE ENJOYED IT!



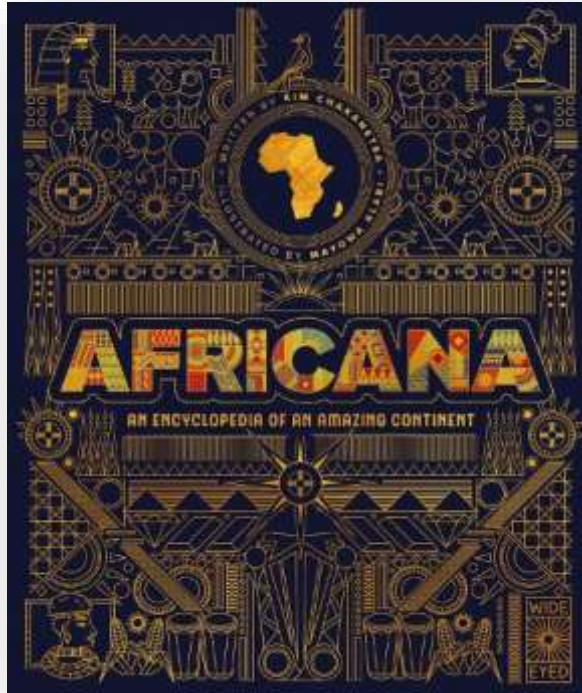


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# AMAZING AFRICANA!

An interview with Kim Chakanetsa, author of the encyclopaedia 'Africana',  
conducted by Martha Harris and Zayyan Qureshi

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*Kim grew up in Zimbabwe and went on to study in France, the UK and the US. She joined the BBC in 2013 as a producer and presenter to the programme 'Focus on Africa'.*

*Africana is an encyclopaedia all about the continent of Africa. It explores the deep history of Africa's 54 countries with facts and illustrations about modern Africa and its history. Kim came to Coleridge to talk to Newspaper Club about her new book. We got to interview her and ask her a few questions. Here are the questions we asked:*

*What was your inspiration for your encyclopaedia?*

I love books. I grew up in Zimbabwe.

When I was a child, there was an encyclopaedia section in our library which children needed special permission to access. I loved looking at them!

Years later, as an adult, I was looking for gifts to give the children of my friends but I could never find any which were about modern Africa. So I decided to write my own!

*We've read that you've lived in many different countries. Which one was your favourite?*



My favourite place was Kwe Kwe in Zimbabwe. It's where I was born. It's a rural area (it had lot's of snakes!) with many trees and places to hide and play. There are a lot of wild animals there but I've learnt that if you treat them with respect, you have nothing to worry about.

*How did you gather your information for the book and did you learn anything on the way?*

I'm from southern Africa but think I learnt how rich and diverse the continent is. I knew that there were many languages but, for instance, I learnt that there are over 200 languages in Cameroon alone.



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*How long did it take you to write Africana?*

I had somebody helping me with the research as there was so much information to work through. A lot of it was oral history (told through story-telling). It took me just under a year to write. I started writing it early on in the pandemic and it was wonderful to have something to distract me and keep me busy.

*We enjoyed reading about the wildlife and landscapes, but what was your favourite part of the book?*

I think one of the sections I particularly enjoyed was the section about flags as I didn't know much about them before I started researching them. I discovered that there was so much to find out about!

*We enjoyed reading about the wildlife and landscapes, but what was your favourite part of the book?*

I think one of the sections I particularly enjoyed was the section about flags. I didn't know much about them before I started researching them! There was so much to find out about!

*What was it like growing up in Zimbabwe and what do you think has changed since then?*

I grew up outside the city. It has a moderate climate which means it's always sunny with mild winters. We were always outside building things and would be able to go into the bushes and pick fruits. I loved the beautiful countryside. While I was growing up there, Kwe Kwe only had one traffic light! There was a strong sense of community because everybody knew everybody else.

The country has had a lot of financial problems since then, and that has sadly changed the political picture.

*Did you enjoy writing this book and are you planning on writing another?*

I did enjoy writing it and I would like to write another one! My next book might be a fiction one. I think the characters I'll write about and the action will most likely to be based in Africa. In the future, though, I would like to write another encyclopaedia book.

*Were you in touch with the illustrator of 'Africana' beforehand?*

His name is Mayowa Alabi and he is based in Nigeria. I knew of his work beforehand. He is a very talented illustrator. We used to be work colleagues but now we have become friends.

*You talked about how you used to pick fruit. What was your favourite?*



Mazhange - It's a brown fruit which is available around Christmas time! It's my favourite fruit.

We have enjoyed the experience and have learnt a lot about Africa the continent and much more. It is such an interesting book and we highly recommend it!



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# Interview with Mr Choueke

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By Freya Stowell

You may think that being a head teacher is easy and no work required but this is not the case! It is actually very hard and takes a lot of sacrifices. Luckily, we have our superstar Mr Choueke to tell us more about his job.

*Freya: What is the best thing about your job?*

Mr C: The best thing about being a head teacher at Coleridge is the amazing staff and children.

*Freya: What is the worst thing about your job?*

Mr C: The worst thing about being a head teacher is that I have so many good ideas but there is not enough money to always allow me to do these things.

*Freya: When you were a child, what was the naughtiest thing you ever did?*

Mr C: The naughtiest thing I ever



did in school was in year 3. My teacher, Miss Pendleton, kept a big jar of wine gums and she gave them to students when they were good. Once, when the whole class was in PE, I was sent out to get something from the classroom and the jar was open and I ate all the wine gums! I felt very guilty though, and had to apologise.

Now you may have heard that Mr Choueke swam 10k to raise money for the school. We are happy to say that he has raised over £5,000! This money will go towards **supporting students' wellbeing.**





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# Why you should get a dog

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**By Elena Parkinson**

Dogs are delightful and they bring people joy and happiness. Dogs are adorable and amazing creatures. They come in various sizes and breeds. They are also very loyal and protective of their owners. They are intelligent creature who can be used as therapy pets, guide dogs and they can even help cure depression.

Guide dogs help people who are blind or partially sighted. They help these people to be more independent and mobile and keep their owner safe, for example by leading the way and helping them to cross roads.



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## Who is Anna McNulty?

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**By Daisy Winn**

Anna is a self taught contortionist and cheerleader. She was born in Canada and now lives in LA. She was born in 2002 on April 26th. Anna started cheerleading when was ten years old. A contortionist is an extremely flexible person. Anna can do many contortion poses and flexibility stunts like: back walkovers, aerials, walkovers, cartwheels, triple folds, backbends and elbow stands.

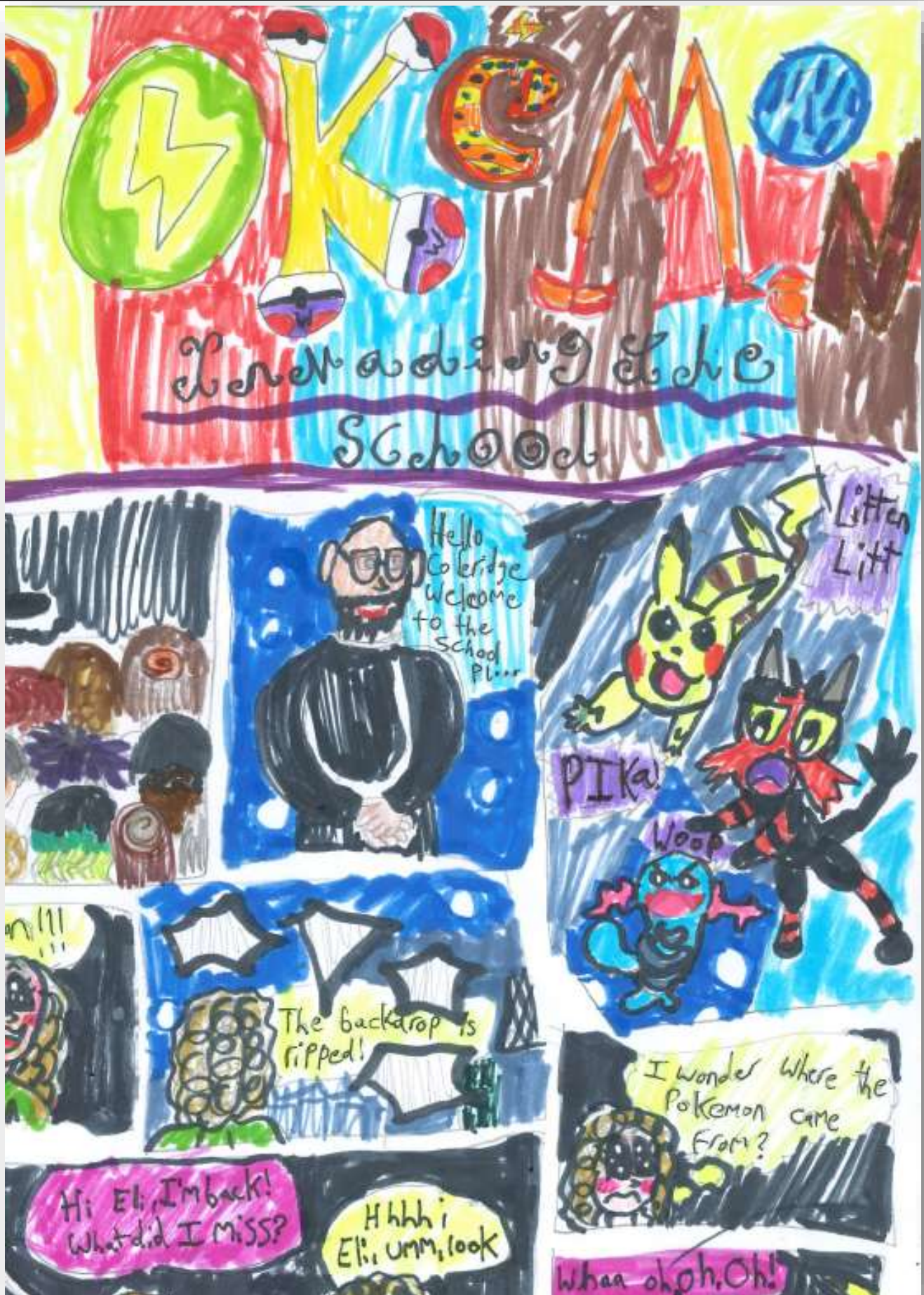
She has many subscribers and has made 350 videos, which is incredible! She has two other YouTube channels called Anna McNulty stretches and Anna McNulty shorts.





# Pokemon—Invading the School

by Eliya Glaser









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# Meet the new teachers

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By Meilun Pan, Belle De Ste Croix and Elsa Mathieu-Phillips

**We interviewed two of Coleridge's** newest recruits, Ms Cranage and Ms Elliot, to find out a bit more about them.



Ms Cranage RR

How does it feel to be a new teacher at Coleridge?

I feel very welcomed and happy here. The reception children and I have been settling in together.

When did you know you wanted to be a teacher?

When I was at university, I volunteered in a school and it made me realise that I wanted to be a teacher.

What job did you do before

coming to Coleridge?

I worked at a school called Anson. Before that, I worked in an office and as a carer.

Why did you want to work at Coleridge?

When I came to visit, everyone was very friendly and it seemed like a creative school which I liked.

Why do you like Coleridge?

I am really enjoying Reception and going outside with the children . I love getting to know all the children and staff.

What are you looking forward to at Coleridge?

**I'm really excited about the school** play and sports day.

Cats or dogs? cats

Rainforest or woodland? woodland

Sweet or savoury? savoury

Slime or putty? putty

Big Ben or London Eye? London Eye

Crafts or sports? crafts

Emoji devil or angel? angel

Blue or pink? blue

H&M or Zara? H&M

Summer or winter? summer





Ms Elliot 50

How does it feel to be a new teacher at Coleridge?

When I started at Coleridge, I felt very welcomed. Everyone was really nice. Although I felt a little nervous **at first and didn't know how the school ran**, I quickly learnt.

When did you know you wanted to be a teacher?

I studied philosophy and politics at university. In my studies we talked about people and society. After that, I realised I wanted to do a job where **you're around lots of people**.

What job did you do before coming to Coleridge?

I was a teacher at another school, Moss Hall, and I was a TA before that.

Why did you want to work at Coleridge?

Last year I moved to Muswell Hill

and I wanted to move to a school where everyone gets on very well and a school that feels like home.

Why do you like Coleridge?

**I feel like it's very welcoming. It puts children's and adult's feelings first.**

There is an importance on well being and mental health.

What are you looking forward to at Coleridge?

Definitely the school play and also **Cultures of Coleridge week**. I'm also looking forward to Mr Choueke cooking for the staff at the end of the year.

Cats or dogs? cats

Rainforest or woodland? rainforest

Sweet or savoury? savoury

Slime or putty? putty

Big Ben or London Eye? Big Ben

Crafts or sports? sports

Emoji devil or angel? devil

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H&M or Zara? H&M

Summer or winter? summer

In our next issue we will be meeting two more of our newest recruits so keep your eyes peeled for this!



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# Women's Super League

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By Jasper Metternich



The FA Women's Super League (FA WSL) was founded in 2010, replacing the Premier League National Division as the top tier of Women's football in England. The inaugural match of the WSL on April 13th 2010 was Arsenal vs Chelsea which ended 1-0 for Arsenal! With Chelsea currently holding six trophies and Arsenal with the all time top scorer, Vivianne Miedema, with 78 goals, Chelsea and Arsenal are both still the two most important clubs in WSL history.

12 teams play in the league and Barclays has sponsored the Women's Super League since 2019 and has invested more than £30 million in women's and girl's football over the past four years. There is a second division too, called the Women's Championship with also 12 teams.

However, women's football is not a

new sport. It gained huge popularity around the First World War but then in 1920 something terrible happened. The FA banned women's football because it was more successful than the men's.. The ban lasted fifty years until 1971. After 50 years of the ban, women's football exploded in popularity again and in 1991, they held the first Women's World Cup in China.

We have lots of famous female football players from our local area. One of them was Emma Clarke, Britain's First Known Black Female Footballer. She played in her first public national football match for women, in Alexandra Palace park, in front of what is now Campsbourne School in Crouch End. About 10 000 people watched the match; however her team, the 'South' lost 7:1. Emma was born in 1876 and died in 1905 at the age of 29 years old. Her positions were goalkeeper and right wing. Clarke and her sister, Laura, each earned around a shilling a week each playing football – plus food and lodgings. (A shilling is worth around 5/6 pence in today's money)

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However, women's football is not a



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# Black History Month

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By Raiee Futsum

October is Black History Month!

Black History Month was first thought of in February 1969 by Carter G. Woodson, who was a scholar from Kent State University in the United States of America. It was first celebrated the year after on the 2nd of January 1970.

Since then, the world has recognised Black History Month as an annual celebration, and is dedicated to all countries who had suffered slavery or have been controlled by Britain, America, France, Italy or Germany.

Let's look at some Black role models who you might know already and some which you might not have heard of before.

1. Tiffany Haddish is from Eritrea and grew up in America. She is a Grammy Award winner and voiced characters in The Secret Life of Pets, The Secret Life of Pets 2 and The Lego Movie.



2. Michael Berhane is also from Eritrea and is the inventor of the squad socket and the quadsaw. In 2018, he appeared on BBC News as an role model for a dyslexia programme.



3. Alexander Isak was born in Solna, Sweden, and plays for Newcastle United in the Premier League and plays for Sweden in

international competitions. He has Eritrean parents.

4. Bukayo Saka was born in Ealing, London and is from Nigeria. He plays for Arsenal and the England national team.



5. Barack Obama is America's first black president and the forty-fourth American president and was born in Honolulu, Hawaii.

I hope you have enjoyed learning about some Black role models.

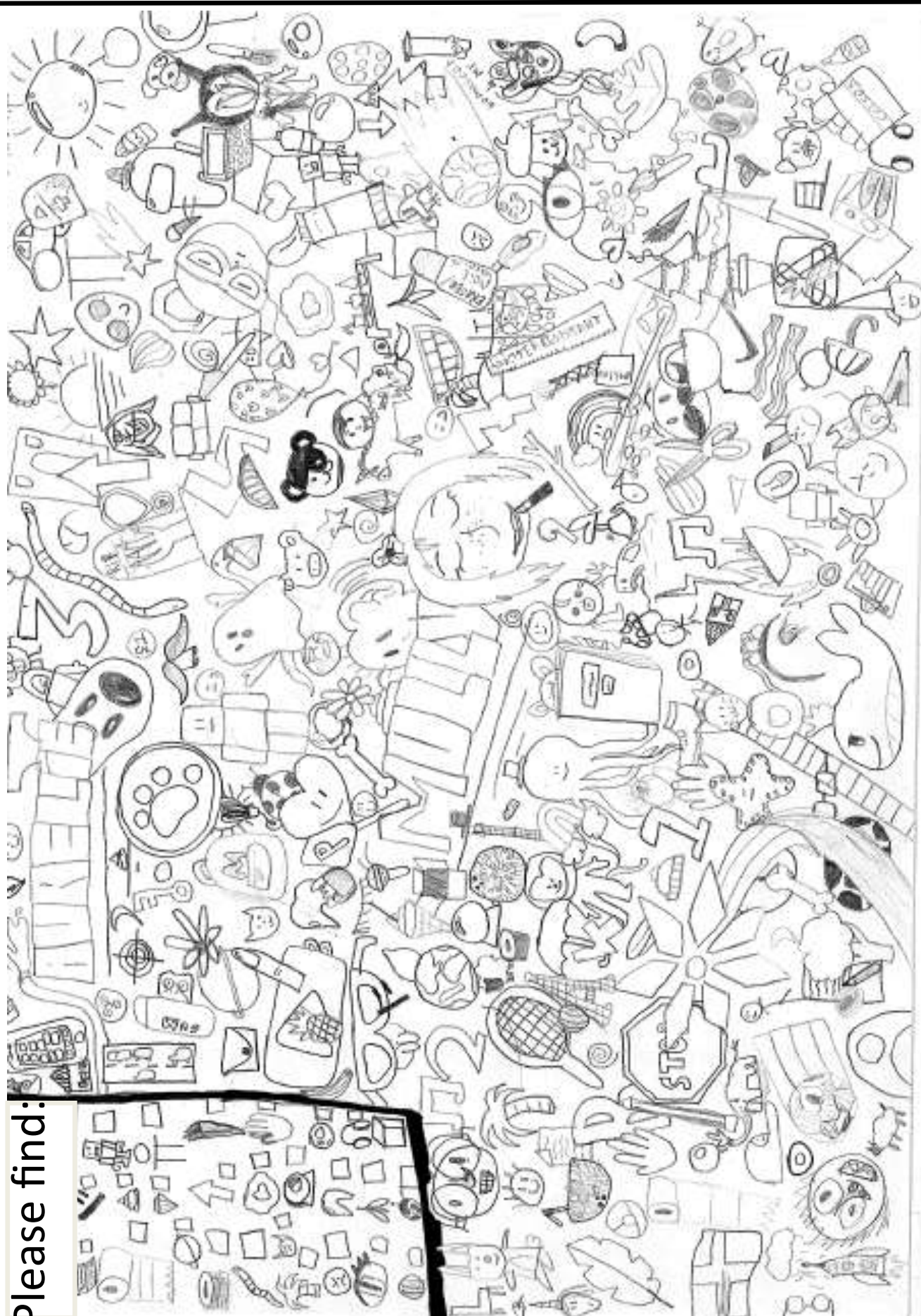
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# I Spy Picture by Aurelie Deitch and Molly Duncan

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# An Interview with Ms Curtis– One of Our Amazing Art Teachers

By Lea Giorgi and Emerson Vrilakas

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## ***We interviewed Ms Curtis and asked her tell us a bit about herself:***

I used to lead art at the school I taught at before Coleridge. I really prefer specialising in one subject to teaching all of the subjects primary school teachers usually cover. Ever since I was a child, I wanted to be an art teacher because I've always loved art but I also wanted to work at a sweet shop!



Gilt, furnishing fabric, designed by Althea McNish for Hull Traders Ltd., 1960s, UK. Museum no. T.177-1989. © Victoria and Albert Museum, London

## ***What are your other hobbies besides art?***

As well as loving art, I also liked tennis and reading.

I also got very inspired by Althea McNish (one of our artists that we focused on in lessons).

## ***What is your favourite artwork and what advice to you have for people wanting to start creating art?***

My favourite art piece was a 3D mirror frame I created.

Here are some key suggestions for

getting into the calm art feeling:

- Try and get yourself relaxed
- Observe close and at a distance
- Begin by lightly sketching out the form
- Multiple testing lines
  - Once you have the form you can look at more detail
  - Keep looking at work from different perspectives
  - Keep interested and look at the world around you
  - Sketchbooks

are really important for testing and writing down your ideas

I like how every school play backdrop is all the children's work. Personally, my favourite backdrop was the Aladdin one and it was so exciting to work on.

I think it's good to have a job you actually enjoy.

I think Coleridge is a type of school where you can take risks in art and it's fun to take yourself on an artistic journey.

Working at Coleridge was comfortable straight from the beginning, and the staff are lovely.

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# An Interview with Ms Richert– Our Other Amazing Art Teacher!

By Lea Giorgi and Emerson Vrilakas

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We interviewed Mrs Richert and asked her to tell us about herself and why she became an art teacher.

*Why did you become an art teacher ?*

I grew up with art everywhere because my parents were avid collectors and so there was art everywhere in my house. There were lots of different things like statues, ceramics, different types of furniture, paintings and more. When I was a toddler, my parents would take me to Portobello Road (a famous place to collect art). They would take me around in my buggy and I could **recognise different artists and that's how I** got introduced into art.

*Where did you study?*

I went to art school in the 1980s at Chelsea College of Arts. My art was very different to the art of the people who were studying at the same time as me. But as I kept on studying, it turned out that my art was actually similar to famous artists of the time. That is when I realised that the fact that my artwork was different was a good thing and not a bad thing.

*Do you have any other hobbies other than art?*

I used to really enjoy tennis! Although I might not have been the best at it, it was still really fun. I also love to walk as I can get really inspired by things outside - that

could anything, maybe a tree or a flower.

*Have you always wanted to be an art teacher?*

I had a lot of ideas but when I was smaller I just wanted to be anything that would include pressing buttons, so I could go anywhere I wanted to go. As I got older, I started to draw more and soon wanted a job to do with art. But the fascination with buttons sort of ties in with the art I do and colours I use for every piece.



*Do you have a favourite artist and did they inspire you to be an art teacher?*

Yes, I did have a favourite artist who also inspired me to be an art teacher as well. That was Vincent Van Gogh . I really loved his art work and the techniques he used.

**Sadly, Mrs Richert will be retiring at Christmas. Her fun and amazing art lessons will be very missed.**



**Chelsea College of Arts**

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# Weird, weirder, weirdest

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**By Meilun Pan**

The blobfish has loose wobbly skin, instead of scales like most fish. They have very few bones and muscles which helps them to live in high pressure and float above the sea floor at very low depths without using that much energy.



They are extremely ugly. Why?

They don't have strong bones or thick muscles, so they rely on the water pressure to keep all their wobbly, round body together. (Imagine relying on the water!) If they are pulled to the surface, they droop into a

squishy mesh!

These animals are predators, who wait for their prey to come to them such as crustaceans, brittle stars, anemone and carrion (decaying animals—gross!!)

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## Behind the Scenes of The Coleridge

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**By Raiee Futsum**

**Over the years, you've read articles and liked them, and every term new articles come out. But have you ever wondered how they are made?**

Well, I am here to tell you how!

Step 1: We brainstorm ideas.

Step 2: The ideas are carefully formed into an article by the members of Newspaper Club.

Step 3: Year 6 and the teachers edit

the articles.

Step 4: The reader get to enjoy the articles!!!

Bonus step: Give your children credit if they helped with the Newspaper!

Thank you for reading, and merry Christmas!

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# Tropical Fish

By **Xaviera Razak**

Tropical fish are generally those fish found in aquatic tropical environments around the world. This means they inhabit water above 20 Celsius. They are bright, colourful and beautiful.

Some tropical fish are bred and live in aquariums. The first aquariums with tropical fish were in Korea, China and Japan. The first person to breed tropical fish in Europe was Pierre Carbonnier. He founded one of the oldest public aquariums in Paris in 1850. People loved visiting the aquarium and they are still very popular today.



*A Silver Arowana.*

The biggest tropical fish is the Silver Arowana. Many of them like to blend in with the background in their tank.

Tropical fish adore swimming in and around coral reefs, which is why reef adoption makes sense for home tanks, too. You'll actually find that around a quarter of all tropical fish swim around reefs, worldwide.

A tropical fish likes to eat frozen (fully thawed first) fish, crumbled boiled egg yolk and some lettuce leaves. Their emotions are fear, joy, relaxation and playfulness.

## Did you know?

The moment spawning is over, nets should be transferred to a different container, or parent fishes are removed from the breeding tank. Generally a female lays about 2000 - 3000 eggs.



## Colour me in!





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# Food from around the world

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By Aleena Razak

Here are some different foods from around the world. Which would you like to eat?

**Poutine** is a famous dish from Canada. The ingredients of poutine are French fries, squeaky cheese curds and rich gravy.



*Foods from around the world.*

Italy is known for a very famous food called **pizza**. The most common pizza is cheese and tomato and is called a Margherita. Pizzas can have lots of different toppings though!



**Sushi** is a famous dish from Japan. It is made out of rice, sushi vinegar, seafood and vegetables which are wrapped up with seaweed.



Mexico is known for a famous dish called **tacos**. Tacos are tortillas filled with various foods such as vegetables, beans, meat and salsa.



**Bratwurst** is one of the most famous German sausages of which there are over 40 different varieties.





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# Plastic in the Ocean

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By Jack Fenn



**This is an installation of a giant whale made out of plastic pollution and this might happen in the future.**

**Sea creatures from the ocean suffer from our plastic pollution.**

**Plastic is polluting their water habitats which include coral reefs, shells and seagrasses. Fish, seabirds, sea turtles and marine mammals can become entangled or ingest plastic debris because they think it is food, causing suffocation, starvation and drowning.**

**HOW MUCH PLASTIC IS IN THE OCEAN?**

**There are 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic waste and 269,000 tons of plastic floating in our oceans which is the same as the weight of 1000 blue whales. 70% of our debris sinks**

**into the ocean's ecosystem, 15% floats and 15% lands on our beaches.**

**WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP CLEAN OUR OCEANS?**

- **Don't use plastic, use paper!**
- **Recycle properly**
- **Take part in water clean ups**
- **Spread the word**
- **Think about the planet and the future**



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By Harriet Mokrynski

# Pangolin



Do you think your tongue is long? Well, let me tell you about this crazy mammal called a Pangolin.

Their thin sticky tongues are 61cm long, starting from the rib cage. Pangolins live in trees but they hunt on the ground using their sticky tongue to slurp up ants and

termites.

Pangolins are also known as walking pine cones and scaly anteaters. These interesting creatures found in Asia and Africa. They have sharp scales to cut predators skin. They also whack them with there long tails. Another defence system is that they curl up into a tight ball.

But they can't get away from us humans. Pangolins are critically endangered because we hunt them for their meat and scales as we use them in medicine. 2.7 million are killed each year and they only give birth to one cub each year.

Now lets go save the Pangolins!

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# Space Junk

By Harriet Mokrynski

You might have heard of junk on planet Earth, but in space? Space junk is debris from rockets and satellites which have collided with other man-made objects going the other way. All the debris in space is not floating away because it is being held in orbit by earth's gravity.

*How big is space junk?*

Two satellites that are no longer working are the largest pieces of space junk. They are each as big as a school bus!

On a smaller scale, there are about 100



*Space junk surrounding Earth*

million tiny objects out there. They may be the size of a grain of sugar, but they are moving 10 times faster than a bullet!

*Has anyone been hurt by space junk?*

We are aware of only one person being hurt by space junk. Her name was Lottie Williams, resident of Tulsa, Oklahoma in the United States. She was hit harmlessly on the shoulder by a piece of debris in 1997. It is thought to have come from a rocket and was about the size of her hand!



# Amazing World Records!

By Euphame Fielding –Cox

## GYMNASTICS

Simone Biles is the most decorated gymnast, male or female. She has won 37 medals and a whopping 27 of which are gold! Biles is only 26 years old and has many more years to win more medals.



## LARGEST SCOOP OF ICE CREAM

The largest scoop of ice cream weighs just over 1,365 kilograms. The strawberry flavoured ice cream scoop contained approximately 733 containers of ice cream.

## SPINNING BASKETBALL

The longest time for spinning a basketball on a toothbrush was 1 minute and 50 seconds and was managed by Singh Kaila from Canada.



## LONGEST MOUSTACHE

The longest moustache was grown by Paul Slosar and it is 63.5cm. His moustache was submitted for the US national beard and moustache championships in Casper, Wyoming, on the 12 of November 2022.



## BIGGEST SHOE SIZE

The largest shoe size is 37AA. This record is held by Robert Willow, who he has the world's largest feet. CAN YOU BELIEVE IT!!! (His feet measured 18.5 inches.)

## MOST PEOPLE ON A SURFBOARD

The most people on a surfboard at once is 66 and was achieved by Visit Huntington Beach and the Epic Big Board Ride in Huntington beach, California, USA.

## LARGEST CAR

The largest car is in fact a limo. Dubbed the 'American dream', it has earned the coveted title of the world's longest car measuring 100 feet, 1.5 inches long.

## LARGEST PIZZA

The largest pizza was achieved by Pizza Hut and YouTube star Airrack. It measured 14,000 feet! The pizza was made with 13,653 pounds of dough, 4948 pounds of pizza sauce, 8,800 pounds of cheese and 630,496 pieces of pepperoni!



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# History of Halloween

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By Ibrahim Duman

Halloween started about 2000 years ago. The holiday has its roots in the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (a Gaelic word pronounced "SAH-win"). This was a pagan religious celebration to welcome the harvest at the end of summer, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts.

The Celts also believed that the spiritual communication on Samhain made it easier for Celtic priests, or druids, to predict the future. To appease the gods, they built bonfires and sacrificed crops and animals. Villagers also attended the bonfire ceremonies wearing animal heads and skins, which may be where the tradition of Halloween costumes first came from.



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## More Weird! Weirder! Weirdest!

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### Pink Fairy Armadillo

By Elsa Mathieu-Phillips

The most common predator for pink fairy armadillos are domestic dogs and cats. Because the armoured shell on the animal's back offers minimal protection, the creature often retreats underground as a primary defence mechanism.

The pink fairy armadillo is a desert-adapted, strictly subterranean armadillo endemic to central Argentina, where it inhabits sandy plains, dunes, and scrubby grasslands dominated by sparse shrubs of creosote bush. Pink fairy armadillos are nocturnal burrowing mammals endemic to the xeric

environment in central Argentina. Found only in central Argentina, this is the smallest armadillo species in the world. Like other armadillos, pink fairy armadillos have a shell (carapace), but it's softer, thinner and more flexible and covers about half their body. The shell's pink colour comes from all the blood vessels close to its surface.





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# Puzzles

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By Aurelie Lois Grace Deitch

Can you guess the place?

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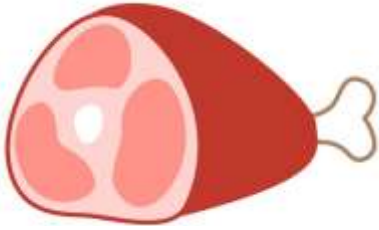
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# Plastic in the Ocean

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By Elna Robinson

Animals in the oceans die because plastic in the water is polluting their habitats. Metal, wood debris and plastic all form a threat to creatures including sea animals but plastic is the most dangerous. As the discarded plastic is tossed and turned around by the ocean currents and waves, lots of it breaks off into tiny pieces called microplastics.

## How bad is littering in the ocean?

Marine debris can injure or kill marine- and coastal wildlife; damage and degrade habitats; interfere with navigational safety; cause economic loss to fishing- and maritime industries; degrade the quality of life in coastal communities; and threaten human health and safety.

## What are single use plastics?

Examples of single use plastics are:

- plastic bags (carrier bags)
- plastic bottles
- plastic straws
- plastic take away food containers

## Why are single use plastics a problem?

The reason why single use plastics are a problem is because they are non-reusable, non recyclable and they often end up in our oceans, seas and waterways as litter. This causes water pollution. By 2050, scientists predict that oceans will carry more plastic than fish (by weight).

When plastics get into the ocean ,they take around 500 years to break down. Often plastics break down into tiny pieces called micro-plastics. This is a problem to marine life because they swallow them and they can be toxic . Then when people eat the sea animals they can get sick because of the micro plastics.



This is a picture of an animal that has been harmed by plastic in the ocean.

If we don't stop people from littering, the animals in the ocean will overtime become extinct. Here are some of the animals that might become extinct;

- the blue whale
- the green and olive ridley sea turtle
- various species of swordfish.

However, there is a way we can help. What we can do is to stop using plastic and start using environmentally friendly resources. When you are at the beach and you see litter...remember to pick it up!

**Now let's save our oceans!**

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# ALL ABOUT BLACKPINK

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**By Nyla Aune-Lashley and Amelie Hounam**

**Band Members:** Rosé (pronounced



Rosie), Jisoo, Lisa and Jennie.

**Facts:**

1. Blackpink are the highest charting female K-Pop group in history.
2. They have a documentary film on Netflix
3. They have broken numerous records throughout their career and their world tour 'Born Pink' [2022-23] became the highest grossing concert tour by a female group.
4. Their YouTube music channel is one of the most subscribed ever.

The band debuted on August 8th 2016 and their first song was 'Boombayah'. They appeal to a variety of audiences and some of Blackpink's most popular songs are 'Ddu-Du-Ddu-Du' and 'Kill This Love'.

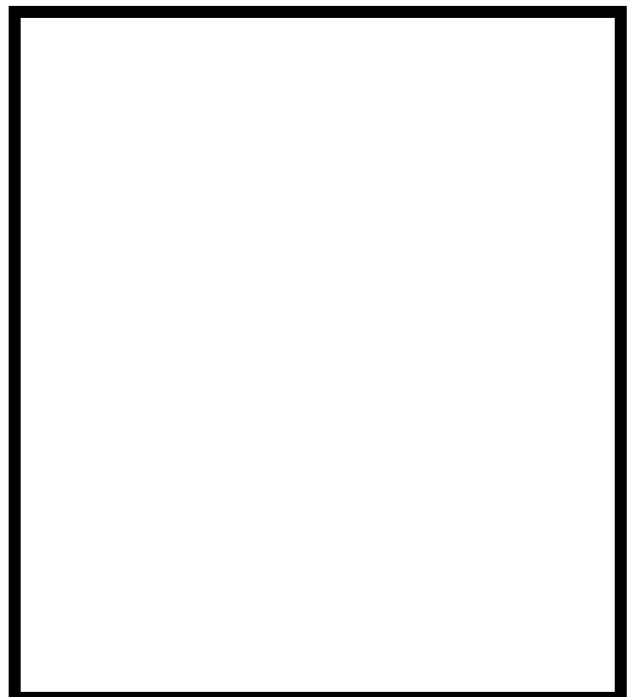
Each member of Blackpink has their own unique talents: Jisoo is trained in acting while Rosé is a skilled guitarist.

Jennie is known for her rap skills and Lisa is a talented dancer. This diversity of skills help to make the group's performances even more dynamic and engaging.

Blackpink's latest song was released this year and is called 'The Girls'. They also released their own special brand of Blackpink Oreos this year!



**Now draw your own  
Blackpink member!  
Will it be Rose, Jisoo, Lisa or Jennie?**





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# How World War Two Began And Ended

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**By Elise Greenberg**

*WWII began on the 1st of September 1939 and ended on 2nd of September 1945.*

*Before Adolf Hitler could realise his ambition, he needed to gain enough seats in parliament (political supporters) to be in a position strong enough to allow him to make the changes that would lead to his goal. He convinced President Hindenburg to call a new Reichstag election for March 1933. This set off a series of events that ended with Hitler becoming Führer.*

*To gain more land and power, on 1st September 1939 German troops invaded Poland. After Hitler refused to stop the invasion, Britain and France declared war on Germany - World War II had begun. In 1944, an Allied army crossed from Britain to free France from Nazi rule. One year later, Allied armies invaded Germany, forcing the Germans to surrender.*

*After nuclear attacks on Japan's major cities Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan also surrendered to Allied forces in August the same year.*

*WWII had ended.*

*The way Adolf Hitler died may surprise you. When he knew he was going to lose the war (that he started!), he hid in an underground bunker. Adolf proposed to his girlfriend, and they were married not long before they both died by suicide. Maybe they hoped that by marrying, they might spend their days together in the afterlife.*



**Soldiers in the army**

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# Plastic in the Ocean

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**By Martha Machado Wang**

Plastic in the ocean is a major problem. Three million tonnes is thrown into the ocean every year! The lifetime of plastic can last for ages. Wood and metal can rot or rust in a few weeks depending on its size but plastic can last for many years.

Some reasons why plastic is so dangerous to sea creatures is that they might think it is food and either eat it or get entangled in things like plastic nets.



This is a picture of a dolphin getting stuck in some plastic while jumping in the air. Three million tonnes of plastic is thrown into the ocean every year!

This can not go on. We have to stop. These are ways of stopping this:

- reduce the amount of plastic we use.
- reuse bags or use reuseable bags and containers, water bottles, coffee mugs and plates.

Here are some shocking ocean pollution statistics:

- There is an estimated 75 to 199 million tons of plastic waste currently in our oceans. 100 million marine animals die each year from plastic waste alone.

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When you're seasoning your food, you might be shaking on hundreds of microplastic. One study found that of 39 brands of salt, only three did not contain microplastic. Researchers estimated an average adult consumes around 2,000 microplastic particles a year from salt.

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Dolphins, fish, whales and turtles are the most common animals to get stuck in plastic. They can get drowned after becoming entangled or eating plastic.



This is a picture of a seal caught in a net, that can't move and could die!!

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# HS2

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by Joseph Brown



**Did you know that the British government has been creating a high speed railway that will go from Birmingham to London? And that it would have gone on to Manchester and Sheffield but Rishi Sunak cancelled it? Well, if you didn't, this is a complete timeline of the project 'HS2'.**

## **January 2009**

The Labour government sets up HS2 Ltd after evaluating proposals in respect of the cost and benefits of enhancing capacity and connectivity with the new rail line. The first section would connect London and Birmingham by 2020 and cost £7bn.

## **January 2012**

HS2 is given the go-ahead from the Conservative-Liberal Democrat government.

## **June 2013**

The project continues to fuel concerns among government officials, with costs rising to £42bn.

## **June 2016**

The National Audit Office (NAO) publishes a report on HS2's progress and finance issues. The report finds that the project is facing cost and schedule delivery problems and should be delayed by a year.

## **August 2019**

The BBC finds out that HS2 is grossly over budget and behind schedule.

## **September 2019**

HS2 chairman Allan Cook does not believe that it can be delivered under budget.

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## January 2020

The previous chairman of HS2, Douglas Oakervee, does a review and states the project could cost as much as £108bn. The NAO added that they don't know how much it would cost.

## February 2020

PM Boris Johnson gives the green light, against the budget problem.

## May 2020

MPs warn that the project has "gone badly off course".

## September 2020

Hs2 formal construction begins.

## July 2021

MPs from the Transport Committee and the Public Accounts Committee travel to Birmingham for HS2 accountability sessions.

## September 2021

MPs say "there is no clear end in sight".

## October 2021

MPs from both sides argue over the Government's Integrated Rail Plan (IRP), an initiative that aims to transform the rail network in the North and Midlands.

## November 2021

The eastern leg of Hs2 is scrapped.

## January 2022

The Oakervee review was leaked to The Financial Times.

## October 2022

Parts of Euston Road in London would close in early 2023, it was announced, in order to dig tunnels for the HS2.

## January 2023

Activists from the group Daniel Hooper,

also known as Swampy, Dr Larch Maxey, Isla Sandford, Lachlan Sandford, Juliett Stevenson-Clarke, and Scott Breen state that justifications of the HS2 project "have gone out the window" after reports the Euston route could be axed due to rising costs.

## September 2023

Downing Street refuses to guarantee that the HS2 line will run to Manchester amid rumours claiming that Rishi Sunak and Jeremy Hunt are discussing scrapping the project's second stage.

When asked about speculation that the northern leg could be shelved amid spiralling costs and delays, No 10 suggests that ministers would need to balance the interests of "passengers and taxpayers".

## October 2023

On October 9th, it was confirmed that trains would stop at Old Oak Common.





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# A Tale of Two Scrooges

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