

# Skipper's Scoop!

Issue 8



**Mr Nelson talks rugby**

**A Lowther welcome for Mr Bracken**

**How it feels to be new at Lowther**

**Plus news, reviews, puzzles and cartoons**

**Lowther Primary School's Magazine By The Pupils For The Pupils**

# WELCOME TO ISSUE 8

Welcome to our Autumn issue of Skipper's Scoop. Since our last issue, we have had a fabulous start to our new year at Lowther and, as Christmas approaches, we hope you enjoy reading our new issue just as much. Have a wonderful Christmas from everyone at Scoop.

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as usual! Woof!



# Lowther News

## Mr Tuffney Speaks to a Nation!

Turning on your TV sets over breakfast one morning, you might have been a little surprised to see none other than our very own Head Teacher live on BBC Breakfast News talking to the entire nation!

Scoop's Elion caught up with him about why he was interviewed on one of Britain's biggest TV breakfast shows and news channels.



Mark Tuffney, head of Lowther Primary in Barnes:  
"Every child should have that right, in my view, to a healthy hot meal"

“Well as you know at Lowther we absolutely love food! We’ve worked hard to establish a great allotment and a brilliant cooking programme. As part of that work we’ve linked up with an organisation called School Food Matters. They suggested to the BBC that I’d be a good person to interview. I actually really enjoyed doing it. The funny thing was that I was in Paris when it was on the news and I started

getting texts and messages from people back in England saying “You’re on the Telly!” Haha! We’re lucky to have such awesome meals here at Lowther and we fully intend to keep making them awesome!”

## Harvest Assembly 2015

Our Harvest Assembly proved a popular draw again this year, with more guests than ever packing our hall and balcony to catch a glimpse of the wonderful performances from throughout the school. Hosted by Thomas and Harry in Year 6, Reception kicked off proceedings with two songs, including annual favourite ‘Big Red Combine Harvester’. They were followed by Mischa, Elias, Milo and Jaeger from Year 3 who recited a poem called ‘The Last Leaf’. With wonderful artwork on display and dressed in Autumnal hats which they had made themselves, KS1 sang two songs, ‘Crunching Through The Leaves’ and ‘We Can



Sing A Picture Of Autumn’. Ella, Andres, Amanda and Oliver L from Year 5 were next, reciting their own heart-warming, original Autumnal poetry. KS2 rounded off events by singing beautifully along to ‘Harvest Time’.

Delicious lavender cookies completed celebrations, made by the pupils with the help of Chef Claire and Chef Sarah. *Many thanks to Liam’s mum, Annie, for the photograph.*

## Year 3 and 4's Basketball Adventure....

We were invited to play at the Richmond Knights Basketball tournament. Vineyard were up first...the reigning champions. Sebastian scored our first basket of the tournament. The final score was 12-8 to us. What a fantastic start!



Game two was versus Barnes. This was another close game, it went to a golden basket— Sebastian scored a perfect lay up that just dropped in. Yes! Result! It meant we qualified for the semi-final where we played St Elizabeth's. We won 16-6, our biggest win of the tournament.



In the final we played Holy Trinity. We won it by just 2 points! What a close game. The whole team played really well and passed to each other and worked hard! Miss Hallam said our defence was awesome. We did a half court D, we put our hands up and made ourselves big!



# HooperSTARS



So we went from 5th in the tournament last time to 1st—we all go to training every week and work really well as a team. The best moments were the golden basket and winning the final; we went crazy celebrating! The fans celebrated politely but Miss Hallam and Miss Newbery were jumping around with us! It was a great morning of basketball fun! *Report given by Arin "The King Dribbler" Tok and Harry "Mr Swish" Yerby*



# Just for fun...

## Recipe

### INGREDIENTS



- 200g chopped raw vegetables, such as carrots, leeks, turnip, onions, celery.
- 300g potatoes
- 1 tbsp oil
- 700ml vegetable or chicken stock
- crème fraîche and fresh herbs

### HERE'S WHAT TO DO:

1. Fry the chopped vegetables with the potatoes in a little oil until they begin to soften (don't cook them too much though).
2. Put the vegetables in a sauce pan, add the vegetable stock and simmer in a pan for 15 minutes until tender, then blend until smooth. Add seasoning (salt and pepper).
3. When serving, add a dollop of crème fraîche and some chopped parsley.
4. Serve with crusty bread or croutons.
5. Eat your delicious soup!

# Wordsearch

## THE GREAT LOWTHER WINTER WORDSEARCH

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## This month: Starting New At Lowther

In our Lowther School Family, we are proud of the way we welcome new members to our community every year. For those new children moving to a new school, often from a new country, there will be lots of rewards— especially making lots of new friends—and there can also be challenges too. To give us an insight into how it felt to be a new member of our Family, Scoop’s Rawnaq and Nicole spoke to five children who have recently arrived.

“My parent chose this school out of 3 or 4 other local schools because this is the perfect school for me,” said Xavier in Year 5, whose family moved to the UK from Canada recently.

“We moved houses and this is the closest school to my house,” added Estere and Sanam, new to Year 6 and 5 respectively. Noah and Sami, both in Year 6, agreed. Sami said, “I found it the best school as well as the nearest school to my house.”

Remembering his first day at Lowther, Xavier said, “I felt a little bit scared because last year I spoke French (I’m from Canada), and English—for me—is hard.” Estere agreed: “I didn’t know anyone and didn’t have any friends at first.” Sanam added, “I was pretty nervous too because I didn’t know anyone here, but I soon made some friends.” Sami, who has been at Lowther for a year now, said, “At first I was a bit lonely but I made a good friend, who showed me round the school and helped me.” Noah already knew someone here: “They helped me settle in at Lowther, along with other friends that I made. My teacher helped me as well.”

The most challenging aspects of fitting into a new school, Xavier said, was learning the language. “I didn’t speak much English on my first day,” he said. Estere said, “Finding new friends in the playground was hard, then remembering their names!” Sanam agreed that finding friends was the first big challenge. Noah said, “Just saying ‘Hello’ to people for the first time can be tough.” Outside of break times, Sami said, “Being confident in class and putting my hand up to answer questions was the toughest part.”

Of fitting into Lowther, Xavier suggested learning the language as soon as possible if that is your challenge. He also rated getting a job in the school, being a good friend and saying nice



things to people. Estere offered some excellent advice for new children: “In the playground, don’t just sit there. You need to go up to other people and say ‘Hello’ and ask them if you can play with them, and be kind to them.” Sanam agreed: “If you’re confident, you will always find a friend.” If you are shy in class, Sami suggested, “Don’t give up, be confident.”

# ous Feature!

Rawnaq and Nicole also spoke to some children at Lowther who had previously buddied new children. Oliver W in Year 5 and Grace and Georgia in Year 6, all joined Lowther in Reception, with Carlota and Alex, also in Year 6, joining in Year 1 and 2 respectively, so all had been at Lowther a long time when they buddied new children.



“Quite a lot of new children have joined my year group since I’ve been here. Nearly a quarter, I’d say,” said Oliver. Grace and Georgia thought they had seen about ten or fifteen new children arrive in their year group since they had been at Lowther. Oliver said he had been buddies to three new children in his class. “Most of them spoke a different language, so I would help them around school,” he said. “I teach new children the rules of the school, which are important to know,” added Grace. Carlota said, “I’ve helped children fit into the school, make new friends and have confidence.” This has proved rewarding for both the buddies and the new children, with Alex pointing out, “All of the children who I have buddied are still my friends today.”

When asked what top tips they could give children at Lowther to help new children feel happy here, Oliver said, “If I saw a new child sitting by themselves in the lunch hall, for instance, I would sit next to them. In the playground, I’d ask them if they wanted to play.”

“New children might well be feeling lonely, so it’s important to support them,” Grace said. Carlota suggested “Don’t let the new children be hurt or left alone, help include them,” and Alex added, “I would invite new children to do something you enjoy doing, be it table tennis or football or anything really.” Good advice.

If you are new to Lowther and are worried about settling in, you can always talk to a teacher



about it and they can help you too. If you have been at Lowther for years and have a new child in your class, share your friends with them and help them to feel welcome here.

Remember everyone was new at Lowther once.

# What is your favourite

Scoop's Tiana and Leah caught up with lots of the Lowther School Family to ask: "What's your favourite Christmas song and why?".



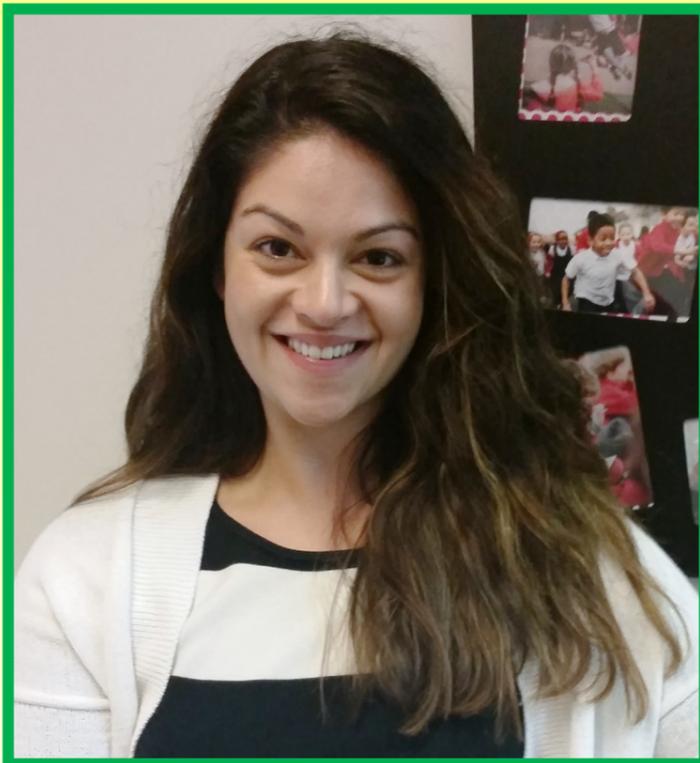
I really like 'Jingle Bells' because the words are the same over and over, so it's easy to sing and I think it's a really interesting song.

Madeleine, Year 5



I have lots of them but my favourite is 'Rocking Around The Christmas Tree' because it's really festive and I love listening to it at Christmas.

Sofia, Year 6



I really like 'Mele Kalikimaka' by Bing Crosby. It's really old and it's how you say 'Happy Christmas' in Hawaiian.

Miss Said



I like 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas' because it's traditional.

Oscar, Year 5

"Soulful Christmas" by James Brown. This is a seriously funky Christmas tune that's almost impossible to not dance to! Try putting it on when you're preparing Christmas dinner or doing the dreaded Christmas washing up! You may know James Brown from his classic "I Feel Good" so get yourself on Youtube and have a listen!

Mr Tuffney



# ie Christmas song?



I really like 'All I Want For Christmas Is You' by Mariah Carey because I know all the words and enjoy singing along to it.

Leeza, Year 6

My favourite Christmas song has got to be 'Frosty The Snowman' because it's really easy to sing along to.

Mariana, Year 6



'All I Want For Christmas Is You' by Mariah Carey because all I want for Christmas is my family around me.

Miss Peare,

I like 'Rudolf The Red Nosed Reindeer' because he's a reindeer and he's got a bright red nose!

Kailin, Year 5



My favourite Christmas song is 'Jingle Bells' because, at Christmas, I really like the sound of jingle bells and how they make me feel.

Matilda, Year 4

I like 'I Wish You A Merry Christmas' because it's a great song to listen to at Christmas.

Jayden, Year 4



I really like 'Rudolf The Red Nose Reindeer' because my parents gave me a Rudolf The Reindeer toy and it moves!

Jess, Year 3

My favourite Christmas song is 'Once In Royal David's City' because I really like singing it.

Miss Marnie



# A Lowther Welcome



**This year, the Lowther School Family found another member when new Deputy Head Teacher, Mr Bracken, arrived. Scoop's Ella and Scarlett caught up with Mr Bracken to ask him a few questions about how he was enjoying his first few weeks at Lowther.**

**What job did you do before you came to Lowther?**

Before I came to Lowther, I was working in a school in Hammersmith and I was the Assistant Head Teacher there.

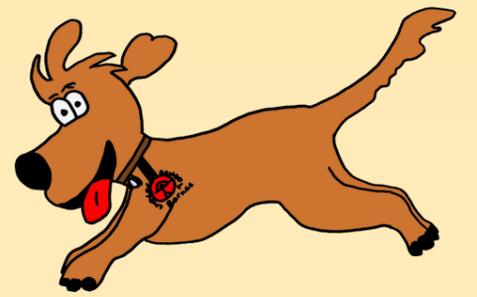
**How do you feel now that you are a Deputy Head at Lowther?**

I feel delighted that I can get up every morning and come to such an amazing school. The children are absolutely fabulous, all the adults that I get to work with are all fabulously helpful and I feel great. I feel excited and I feel very proud to be the Deputy Head of Lowther.

**How did you feel standing outside your new office for the first time?**

Standing outside the office, I thought 'OK, this is somewhere that I am going to be able to do part of my job', because sometimes you need to be in the office to do certain things but I also thought that I'm, more importantly, going to be in classrooms, and in the corridor, and in the playground and in the dinner hall etc.

# to Mr Bracken



## **What do you like about Lowther and why?**

I don't just like things, I love lots of things. I love the way there is such a sense of happiness. I love the way the children are so keen to learn. I love the way all the adults support the children and make sure that they are happy and they are learning, and the way they help children when there are times when they are not feeling happy or times when children are finding it difficult with their learning. Now, I find it difficult with my learning sometimes and having people to help you is very important.

## **What classes have you taught since you've been here and who is your favourite class?**

Ha, ha, I'm not going to tell you my favourite class because I don't have a favourite. I will tell you that I did a little bit of teaching in Willow, a lot of teaching in Oak, I've popped into Beach, Pine and Maple. In Elm class I did some teaching and I've taught in 3C and 3H. I've done a lot of teaching in 5P and a little in 6T. I haven't popped into all the classes yet.

## **How do you like the teachers at Lowther?**

I think the teachers and all the adults who work at Lowther are absolutely great. I see how hard they work. I see how much they care. I think the Lowther children and their families are very lucky that there are so many adults at Lowther who are really committed to making sure that the children have a wonderful time at school.

## **How do you get on with Mr Tuffney?**

I think it's very easy to get on with Mr Tuffney because I think he's a great person who has great ideas for Lowther and, because he cares so much about Lowther, he works very hard for the Lowther School Family. So it is very easy to get on with Mr Tuffney and I think he is someone who I can learn from and that is also something I am really enjoying. I can learn from Mr Tuffney and all the adults at Lowther.

## **Do you have any big ideas or ambitions for Lowther?**

I just want Lowther to be the best school that it can be and there are lots of things that grown ups have to do each day to make sure that happens and there are lots of things that the children have to do to make sure that happens. I just want to help make sure that Lowther keeps being an amazing, awesome school.

## **What do you do on a typical Saturday night?**

I like going to the cinema, I like eating. Having some really nice food in a restaurant and then going to see a really cool film would be my idea of a nice Saturday evening.

**Thank you for speaking with us, Mr Bracken, and WELCOME TO LOWTHER!**

# Cartoons



By Leeza, 6P



By Oskar, 6T

## Christmas Crafts

### A Christmas paper wreath



#### You will need:

- 2 x A4 sheets of green paper
- 1 x A4 sheet of red paper
- Scissors, stapler, pencil, ruler

#### What to do:

1. Fold one piece of green paper lengthways.
2. Measure a line 2cm from the open edge.
3. From the folder edge, cut slits to the line all the way along, up to the line you have drawn.
4. Now roll it into a tunnel and staple in place.
5. Repeat this with the second piece of green paper.
6. Staple the two tunnels together at one end, bend the long tunnel around with the cut pieces outward to make the wreath.
7. From the red piece of paper, cut out a Christmas bow and some red circles for decorative berries. Stick these to the front of the wreath.
8. Use ribbon to hang the wreath. Wow!



# 1 Minute Challenge

In this issue, for our '1 Minute Challenge', Scoop's Kaira caught up with Miss Korkmazgil in Upper Key Stage 2.

Ready, get set, go...!

Favourite colour?

*Red*

Favourite football team?

*Liverpool FC*

Favourite singer?

*George Michael*

Favourite actor?

*Jack Nicholson*

Favourite person?

*Mrs Colenso*

Favourite lesson?

*Literacy*

Favourite book?

*'The Time Traveller's Wife' by  
Audrey Niffenegger*

Favourite movie?

*Toy Story 1*

Favourite place to go on holiday?

*Italy*

Favourite meal?

*Spaghetti Bolognese*

Favourite author?

*Pass...*

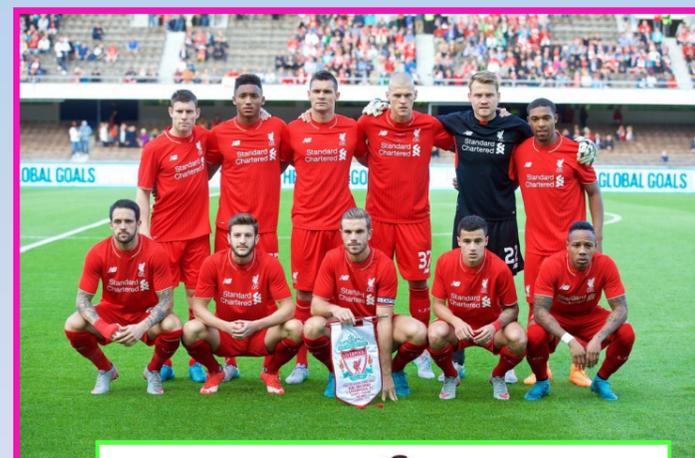
Favourite season?

*Summer*

Favourite school?

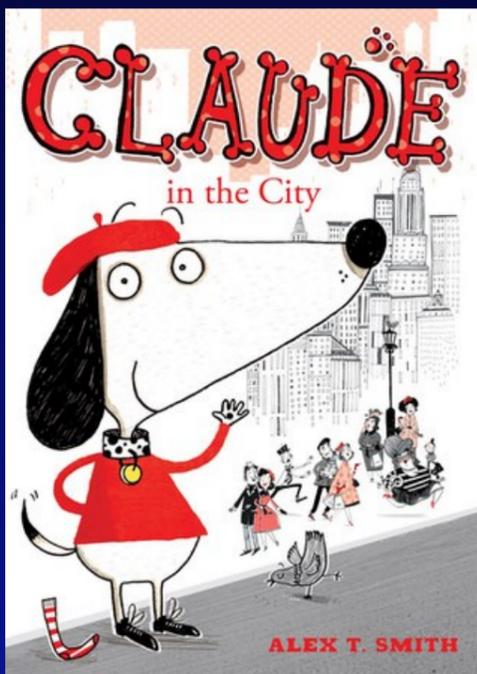
*LOWTHER!!!*

Time's up!



# Entertainment

## Book Reviews



“Claude In The City”

by Alex T. Smith

This book is about Claude, who is a white dog going on an adventure in the

city with his very unusual friend, Sir Blobby Sock.

They visit lots and lots of interesting places together.

I liked this book because Claude is very funny and has exciting adventures.

I think everybody aged 5—11 should read this story, even adults, as my parents thought it was hilarious!

By Medina, Year 2

‘Shadow’ by

Michael Morpurgo

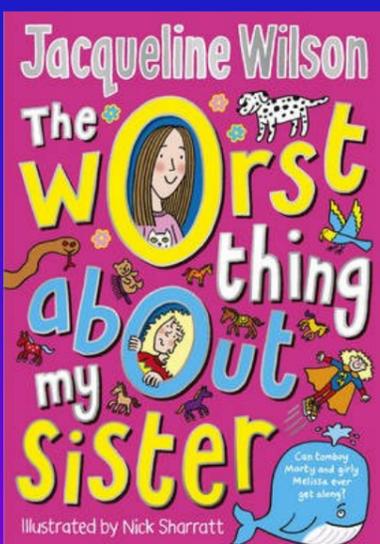
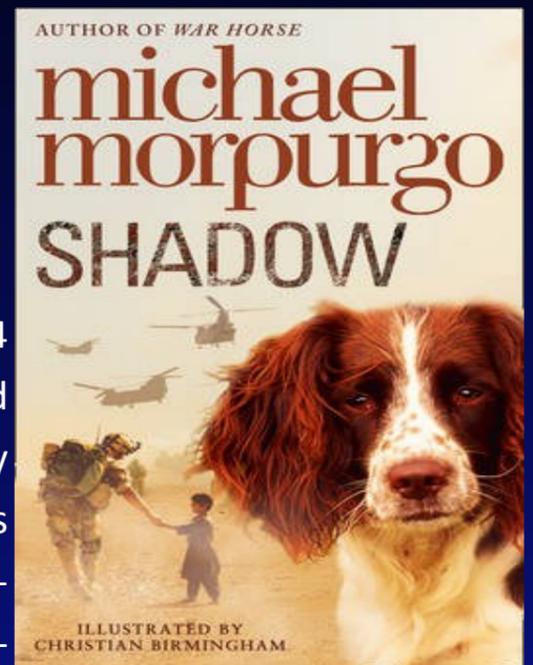
The book is about a 14 year old, kind-hearted and courageous boy named Aman and his amazing canine companion that constantly follows him around and

that’s why he decides to call her Shadow. Aman lives in great poverty in a small cave near a village in Afghanistan with his mother. A few days after Aman’s grandmother is killed by the soldiers, mother and son decide to leave their country for good because of the war.

Aman and his mother are accompanied by Shadow through their dangerous and adventurous journey to England. Shadow is a gorgeous Springer Spaniel that used to be a roadside bomb sniffer of the British army. After the Taliban ambushed her squad she got separated from her instructor and after travelling hundreds of miles in search of food she met Aman.

I loved reading this book and I strongly recommend it to people that like tragic and adventurous stories with a happy ending and also to Michael Morpurgo fans.

By Andrés Pantojo-Scalas, 5P



### BOOK GENRE OF THE MONTH IS...FAMILY NARRATIVE

If you love to watch CBBC dramas about families or friends who have big ups and downs in their relationships, then family narrative books are for you. Also known as *contemporary realism*, they are often set at home or in schools and centre around strong main characters. Sometimes the families or friends will fall out or have to go through a bit of a crisis and, when you read them, you can understand what the main characters are going through because their situations are similar to ones we might go through as a reader. Sometimes they can be really funny or they can deal with quite tough issues like family break ups or tragedies. If you like books where you can really relate to what’s happening then this

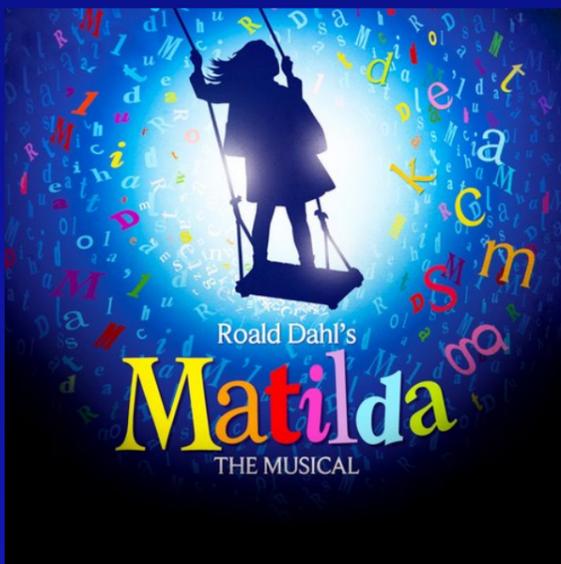
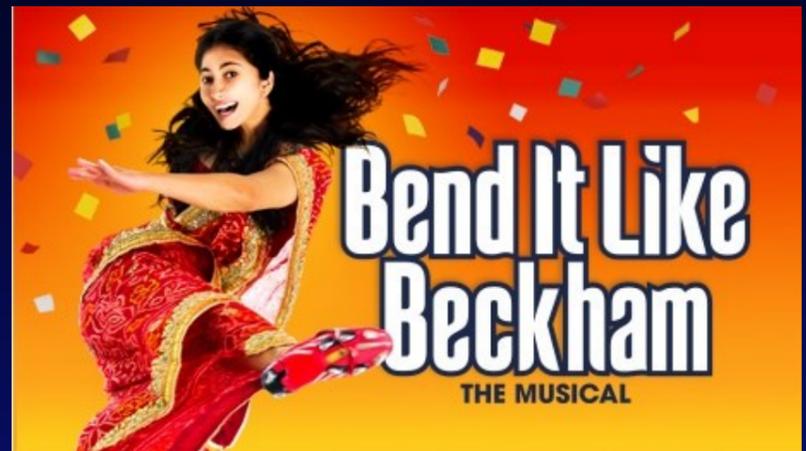
is the genre for you. Some great family narrative authors include Jacqueline Wilson, Jeremy Strong, Louis Sachar, Megan McDonald, Liz Pichon, Jeff Kinney or Anne Fine.

# nt & Reviews

## Theatre Review

### **Bend It Like Beckham - The Musical** by Gurinder Chadha and Paul Mayeda Berges

The film 'Bend It like Beckham' is now a musical at the Phoenix Theatre in London. It is about a Punjabi Sikh girl called Jess who loves playing football. She meets a girl called Jules who invites her to join a girls' football team called the Hounslow Harries. However Jess's parents don't want her to play football because her dad suffered racism when he first came to England and wanted to play cricket. He worries about her dreams not coming true. Her parents are also stressed because Jess's sister is getting married and a wedding has to be perfect. The songs and dances are great and they will make you happy and sad. My favourite characters are Pinky (the sister) and Tony (Jess's best friend) because they will make you laugh. I like the movie better but I would still give the play ★★★★★. You don't have to like football to enjoy it, it's very colourful and funny. Will her sister ever get married? Will Jess ever be a professional footballer? Watch the musical and find out!  
By Macey Cornock (4G)



### **Roald Dahl's Matilda—The Musical** By Tim Minchin and Dennis Kelly

I really recommend this musical, to girls particularly, because it has lots of singing and dancing. It also has lots of action. I went to see it at Cambridge Theatre.

Matilda is one of Roald Dahl's most famous books and is a well known film starring Danny De Vito. I think it gives you inspiration for writing your own little comedy.

Matilda Wormwood is the main character, as you may have guessed. Matilda loves reading and writing, she knows all her times tables and—because she's so clever—she dresses up to look like an eleven year old and learn with the older children, when actually she's only 4 years old. She gets into lots of scrapes at school.

I hope you go and watch it as it's so amazing.

By Lauren Mai Newbery (4G)

## Music Review

I saw Little Mix being interviewed on television recently and they said that this was the hardest of their three albums to write so far, as they really struggled for ideas for songs strong enough to be singles. Their patience paid off with an excellent pop album, 'Get Weird', out just in time for Christmas. It was 2011 when Jesy, Perrie, Leigh-Anne and Jade became the first group to win The X Factor, the ITV show on which they recently performed a mash-up of their first two single releases from the new album, the sunny sing-a-long 'Black Magic' and the 60s sounding new single 'Don't Love Me Like You'. These songs stand out on the album alongside ballad 'Secret Love Song' (featuring Jason Derulo) and the wonderful gospel-sounding 'I Won't'. A great soundtrack for any Christmas party.

By Mrs P.



## Year 2

### Samuel Pepys Diary—Greta Smith – Maple Class

I was woken up by Jane because she was screaming but then she stopped. She took me to the window where we could see a raging fire but it was far away.

On Monday when I woke up I looked out of the window and the roaring fire was close by and it was crushing down the houses. Just then I saw people were rushing to the river so they wouldn't die in the fire. After that the houses were burning because they were made out of wood.

By Tuesday the roaring fire was raging through the city. Suddenly St Paul's Cathedral was on fire! I was so scared. Later I saw the popping fire leaping from one house to the next. After some time people were rushing to the river.

Finally on Wednesday the speedy wind stopped and the fire died down. London was ruined. There was grey, silver ash everywhere. The houses were black and gloomy. I was not happy because the city was burnt.



### Oliver Twist

## Year 4

Hey there! It's me, my name is Oliver Twist. I live, well, I don't have a home so I suppose I should say they keep me at the workhouse. Tough life there, me and the boys get worked hard if you ask me! Asking about my age? Well here's the facts. I'm nine years old, don't worry if you think I'm seven or six, the answer to that is because Mr Bumble and the fat master (or whatever his name is) don't feed me much.

Oh, to explain about my parents. First my mum, she was last to give birth in her group of 'pals' - that's probably why she died giving birth. Secondly my dad, about that I ain't know but neither does anyone else. Do you know?

Finally about my personality. If I had to say, I'd say daring because yesterday I had to politely ask (as I was licking my bowl) for a bit more. Although that never went well because they sent me away to a mean and strict family with demanding adults and show-off children! Lucky for me, I managed to escape during the night. Last but not least, my clothes. All they are is really ragged and threadbare pieces of cloth so I'm always cold that adds to why I'm always starving to death.

To go back to what I was saying earlier, it took me seven days to run away. At last I came to a stop in the poor side of London on a bench. A boy called the Artful Dodger offered me some food for free but I still think there's something strange and mysterious about his name...and why he offered me food for free. Maybe he's planning something on me. I wonder what? Hmm...

By Julicia Lek 4J



# Writing Club

## Year 4 (yes, more 4!)



Scarlett in 4G wrote a diary entry as the lead character in Charles Dickens' classic book 'Oliver' which her class are learning about at the moment.

Dear Diary,

You wouldn't believe the day I've had! It all started when the horrible, nasty Fagin locked me up in a small, revolting room. I felt petrified by Dodger. After a while, Fagin let me out, phew! Then the scruffy boys taught me a strange game—that game was how to pick pockets. I thought it was unnecessary!

One day I got good and then Fagin sent me out with Dodger. As I was walking, Dodger pushed me into a dark alley. Next, as I was looking around, I stared at Dodger as he went behind a man reading a book. As Dodger's hand went into the soft, black pocket, he pulled out a silk, smooth handkerchief. The next thing I knew, the man was shouting, "Stop, thief!" and Dodger and I started running for our lives!

Suddenly I was grabbed. It was terrifying! The police took me to this nasty looking jail to wait to go to court. Eventually I went to court and I was so nervous. What was going to happen to me? Everyone in the court said that I was guilty, except for one man—the man who got robbed, Mr Brownlow. He must have felt sorry for me because he told the judge that it wasn't me. It was too much for me and I fainted. So kind Mr Brownlow took me to his house to recover. What a surprise!

## Year 5



Mia S. in 5P wrote a fact sheet about Charles Dicken's famous seasonal novel, 'A Christmas Carol'.

### A Christmas Carol

#### Introduction

'A Christmas Carol' is a classic tale about a man called Scrooge and was written by Charles Dickens. This book is one of the most famous fiction stories and is an inspiration to others. For those who have never seen 'A Christmas Carol' and even those who have, here are some facts about this wondrous masterpiece.

#### How It All Began

For every book written, the author needs some sort of inspiration. Charles Dickens got inspired by visiting a Ragged School in London and was immediately traumatised by how poor children lived their distressing lives. After he visited the Ragged School, he thought of writing a fact sheet about their lives but he thought people wouldn't be interested to read a few facts. Then six weeks later, in 1843, 'A Christmas Carol' was born!

#### After It Was Written

On 19th October 1843, 'A Christmas Carol' was published. It was so popular that 6,000 copies sold out in three days! Then, ten years later, he was the first author to read his work aloud, to a crowd of 2,000 people in Birmingham.

#### The Movies

Most famous books are made into movies and 'A Christmas Carol' was at the top of the list so in 1901 they made the very first 'A Christmas Carol' movie but, because that was 100 years ago, there is no sound. Back to today, there have been more than twenty film versions made of 'A Christmas Carol'.

#### Several Quick Facts

Did you know that when it first came out, all the copies were written by hand? Have you wondered where the phrase 'Merry Christmas' comes from? Well, look no further, it was from 'A Christmas Carol'!

# Sports

In this issue, Scoop's Eshan and Leon interviewed Year 5's Mr Nelson about his love of rugby...

**How long have you been interested in rugby?**

*I've been interested in rugby since I was three or four years old. The first birthday present I can remember was a leather rugby ball when I was four, maybe three.*

**How old were you when you first played rugby?**

*I first played rugby when I was 11 and that was proper full contact rugby. When I was in primary school, they hadn't invented tag rugby, so I couldn't play rugby at a younger age. Then I played until I was about 40 but I don't play any more because I'm too old.*

**Would you join the Welsh rugby team if asked?**

*If I was invited, I would love to join the Welsh Rugby Team!*

**Why do you like rugby?**

*I love rugby because my dad was a very good rugby player. He played for Cardiff and he very nearly played for Wales. He had three trials, so he was on the verge of playing for Wales but he didn't quite get a cap. He was a very good player. He played in the Cardiff team that beat New Zealand (The All Blacks) in 1953 and he taught me all about the game when I was a boy.*

**Which was your best rugby stadium?**

*I love going to the Millenium Stadium in Cardiff, Wales. I can get seats there and I go quite a lot. It has a sliding roof which they can shut and when they do shut it, the crowd's singing sounds amazing!*

**If you were a rugby player, which team would you play for?**

*I would love to play for Cardiff Blues because they are the team I support, but if I was lucky enough to be offered a job as a professional rugby player, I would probably play for anyone who would offer me a position.*

**How would you feel if England had won the Rugby World Cup?**

*I would have been very happy for them. I'm Welsh, so I support Wales, although I live in England and I've played a lot of my rugby here, so I support both countries. Apart from when Wales play England, and then I support Wales.*

**How much would you pay for a Rugby World Cup Ticket?**

*That depends what game it was for, but if it was the World Cup Final and Wales were playing, I would pay a lot of money!*



# Section

## Big Match Report

AUSTRALIA V WALES - RUGBY WORLD CUP

Scoop's Eshan and Leon spoke to Mrs Hazell in Year 6 and Thomas Hazell, in Year 6, about going to a Rugby World Cup game.



Mrs Hazell: To get tickets, I went online and saw all the games that there were tickets available for. I knew I wanted to see Wales and I knew I wanted to go to Twickenham so I applied and had to wait to see what games I got tickets for. I jumped for joy when I got them in the post.

Thomas: I really wanted to go to Twickenham as my Grandpa had scored a drop kick there when he played for London Welsh quite a few years ago.

Mrs Hazell: I wanted to go to a Rugby World Cup game whilst it was being held in the UK and Wales versus Australia was always going to be a really big game.

Thomas: The atmosphere inside the ground was really good. There were lots of yellow jerseys for the Australian fans and red jerseys for Wales. I went with my Dad, Mum and my Grandpa.

Mrs Hazell: We had a big card which said 'Try' and we were all singing and very excited. Wales were ahead at half time, 9-6 I think.

Thomas: Dan Biggar (Welsh kicker) and Bernard Foley (Australia) stood out in the game. There were no tries, so the kicking was crucial. The final score was 12-9 to Australia, which was really annoying because we were ahead at half time and could have won but Australia scored right at the end!

Mrs Hazell: I love rugby games because you get lots of point and it's very exciting and all the fans sit together, not like in football where different fans are separated. So we love it!

## Why I'm Into...**SWIMMING!**

By Leah, Year 5



This time last year, I joined Lowther and, though I had done swimming lessons with my last school, I still felt frightened and nervous about my first swimming lesson as I didn't know what to expect. I couldn't really swim at all. The instructors at my last school were really nice but I lacked confidence so I would also hold onto the side. I was really scared about whether I would float and was scared that I would drown! Mrs Korkmazgil really helped me during my first lesson. She got me a float and I felt that I could finally let go of the side. Eventually I felt confident enough to leave the float on the side and I was really excited to be finally swimming. The instructor at the swimming pool suggested

that I do some swimming lessons because he thought I had a natural stroke, so I started doing lessons at Pools In The Park in Richmond. Now I go every Thursday and they've taught me to all the different strokes and how to dive. I might even try out for the swimming gala this year. I would suggest to anyone who is nervous about swimming not to worry about what anyone else thinks, take your time and be confident. A year ago, I couldn't swim. Now I love it!

# Follow Your Dreams

## My Olympic Dream by Ella Goodall

I usually do quite well in the running races on Sports Day at Lowther and my mum and dad thought that I had a talent for running so one day they took me to Thames Valley Harriers. They are based in the Linford Christie Stadium in White City.

On my first day, I was with another girl called Amber and she had run in the Olympics. First she trialled me on the 100m, next on the long jump and then the 400m. She thought I was most talented in the sprints—the 75 and 100 metres—and the hurdles and the long jump.

Every time we go to Thames Harriers, we do lots of different activities like relays, throwing, skipping, long jump and hurdles. We meet on a Tuesday and a Saturday. Thirty children go on a Saturday and slightly less on a Tuesday.

The reason why I like running is that I really want to run in the Olympics for Great Britain. My fastest running time for 100 metres at the moment is 1 minute 36 seconds and in the 75 metre races 0.9 minutes. I prefer the 75 metres because it's shorter and great fun.

I really like running because it's a great hobby to do, it keeps me fit and I'm proud of how fast I can run.

My athletic heroes are Jessica Ennis-Hill—she runs as part of the Heptathlon and she's amazing. I also like Usain Bolt, though he runs for Jamaica and not Britain. I think, to make it as a top athlete, you need to focus on your own performance and not look around you constantly at other runners because it will slow you down. Focus on improving your own time.



My dream would be to run in the Olympics when I am older. I would love to run in the Under 18 competitions first and then move onto running in the Olympics for Great Britain. I would feel incredibly proud to win a Gold medal at the Olympics and my mum and dad would love that too!

