

# The Castle Junior



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Welcome to the Summer 2023 edition of **The Castle Junior**.

This exciting magazine is full of features that we hope the children of MHS will enjoy.

Some of the features include:

- Recipes
- Cartoons
- Recommendations
- Reviews
- A Happiness Space
- Jokes
- Animal facts

We've also included two funny stories that were written collaboratively by 5L and 5T. The stories are called 'Wig in the Wind' but they're both really different!

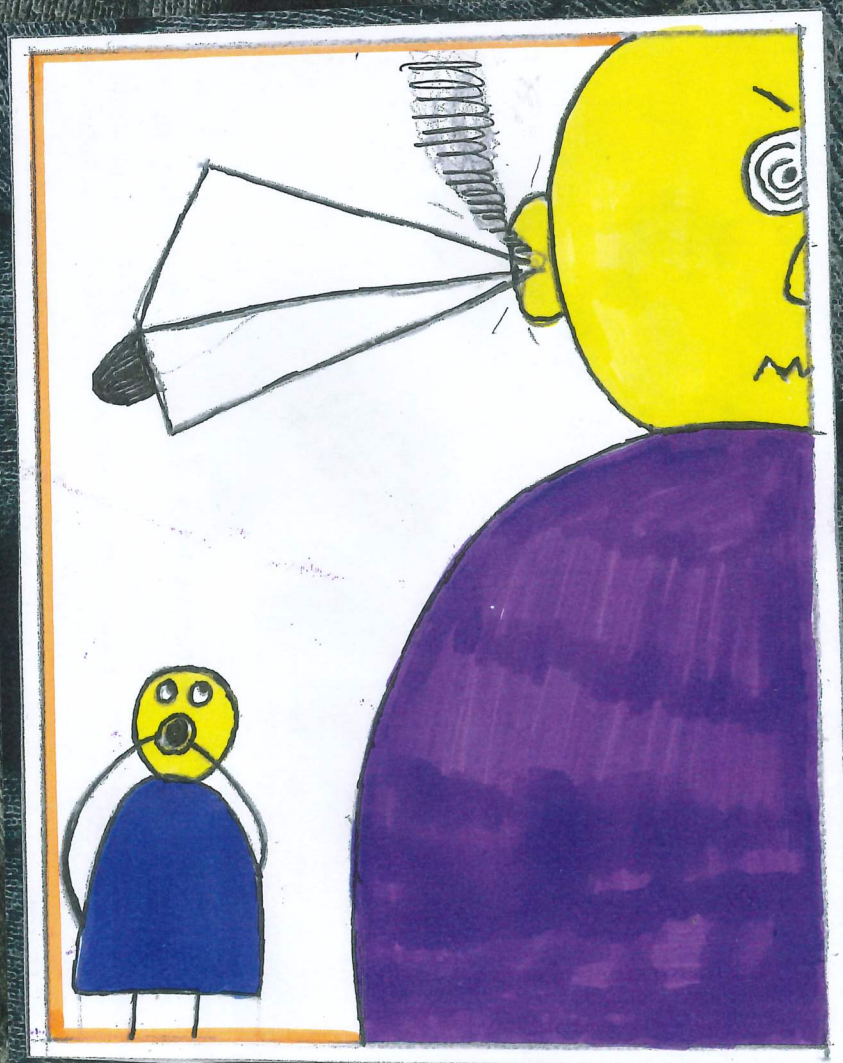
We created this edition in School Magazine Club with Mr Little on Tuesday afternoons.

We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed writing it!

Harriet, Max and Orla



# THE WEIRD WORLD OF BOB





# Malteser Tray Bake

\*No baking required

By Harriet MacDonald



## Ingredients

100 grams of butter

200 grams of milk chocolate

3 tablespoons of golden syrup

250 grams of crushed digestive biscuits

225 grams of Maltesers

(Extra 100 grams of milk or white chocolate as topping – if you want)



## Method

Step 1. Melt the butter, chocolate and syrup.

Step 2. Add the crushed biscuits and Maltesers.

Step 3. Mix together then pour into a greased baking tin and chill until set.

Step 4. (Optional) Once set, melt the additional chocolate and pour over the top. Chill until set.



# ORLA'S HAPPINESS PAGES

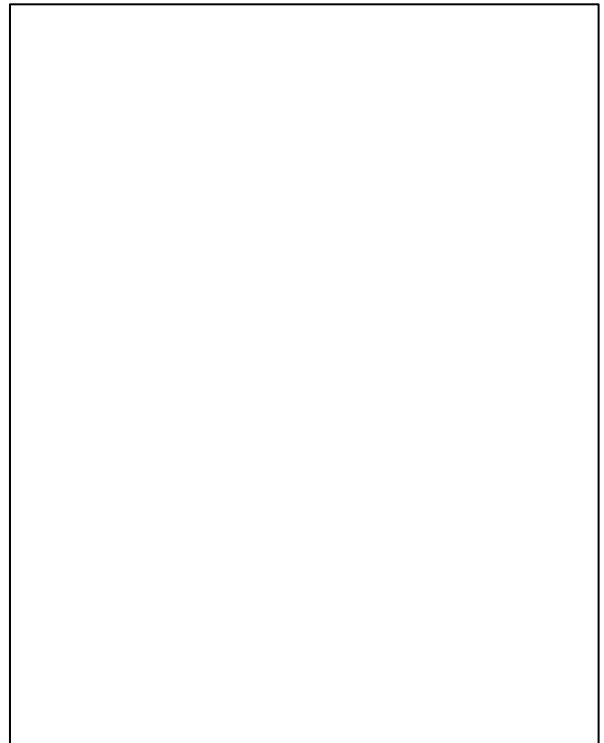
Chris Ryniak's  
MORNING  
SCRIBBLES



Colour these in  
when you're feeling  
dull. He is a cookie  
monster!



Doodle space





Believe in magic!  
Never stop believing.





# *Owls in Kent and Sussex*

*By Harriet MacDonald*

*If you are lucky, you might see one of these owls.*

## *Barn owl*



A very pale, slender owl, typically white on the underparts and golden-brown with grey markings on the upperparts. It has a white, heart-shaped facial disk with dark eyes.

In flight, often gives the impression of a large white bird. Most often seen at dawn and dusk.

## *Little owl*



A small, compact owl with a rather flattened crown. The facial disk is greyish brown with prominent whitish eyebrows' that give it a stern expression. The eyes are yellow.

Hunts by swooping down from a perch but will also run across the ground in pursuit of prey. Most active at dawn and dusk.

## *Tawny owl*



Tawny owls have classic owl features, with a rounded head, large dark eyes and a hooked beak. They have a compact, powerful build with brown-grey feathers.

The typical lifespan of the tawny owl in the wild is 4 years. The oldest wild tawny owl ever recorded lived 21 years and 5 months.

# Wig in the Wind by 5L

In the town of Jeredel in Crowborough, there lived a man named Derek Dull. He was a bald man that wore a wig the whole time. (Weird I know) one stormy day, he was on his way to an interview, when it started to get a bit blustery. For a 42-year-old man he was quite pale and skinny. A grey cloud hovered above his head the whole time, whilst wearing a ragged old brown suit with holes. His wig was light blonde with a little fringe resting on his forehead.

There was a sudden gust of wind. The leaves on the trees were rustling and his wig was starting to dance around on his head whilst Derek tried to hold on tight! When suddenly a gust of wind blew it out of his hands and up into the sky...

As the wind rushed past in a flurry, the wig flew into a very spoiled five-year-old girl's bedroom who looked like a barbie. The room was being painted a BRIGHT, SPARKLY, PINK!!! It tumbled straight into the paint tub with a big explosive SPLASH! The painter, who was clearly not concentrating scooped up the brush, with the wig clinging on for its life. As they started painting, the little girl screamed, "WHAT IS THAT?" The young painter spun round at lightning speed flicking the paint everywhere including on the little girl (who was now fuming). The wig flew straight out of the white-rimmed window (which was now splattered with paint) and flew like a superhero...

The wig danced through the air like a bird going to its nest. The wig wiggled in the wind, down the High Street, past the restaurant, the barbers, and the coffee shop. Suddenly the Spa doors flung open, and the wig got sucked in and flew into a sauna.

The heat puffed up the wig like a lion's mane. It flew around the sauna banging on the roof several times. Just then an ugly, huge man opened the door, and the wig flew out tickling the man's face as it went past. It floated back into the High Street, down the dark and dim alleyway and onto the highway.

Splat! Suddenly the wig landed on Derek's head. He saw himself in the shop window and he was horrified. He was looking straight at the pink, glittery afro on his head. He still had to go to the interview, so he decided to keep the wig on.

As Derek opened the company director's door, nervously he realised that the boss had the same hairstyle.

"Ah, aren't you Derek Dull?" said the boss.

"Yes..." said Derek quietly.

"I love your hair, take a look at mine!" He took off his yellow and blue bucket hat and proudly revealed... a neon green, shiny afro!

Feeling relieved, Derek took a huge sigh.

"So, what have you got to offer?" said Derek.

After a few minutes, Derek got the job and had a brilliant time at Legit Lawyers.



# THE WEIRD WORLD OF BOB

Bob makes a friend





# Harriet's TV Show Review

## Free Rein



**Free Rein** is an English drama series only available on Netflix.

Free rein is about a 15-year-old girl named Zoe and she is originally from Los Angeles but she is staying with her grandpa in a little cottage on the coast of England with her mum and her sister. But when her sister goes missing, Zoe goes out to find her but when she looks on the beach a horse named Raven comes charging at her and she falls over. She takes Raven back to the stables called Bright Fields and the drama carries on.

I love Free Rein because I love horses and the characters and the drama that happens. If you have Netflix, I recommend you watch Free Rein.





# AMAZING ANIMALS

## Brown long eared bats

*By Orla Dolan*



**Guess what! They have huge ears.**

Brown long-eared bats (**Plecotus auritus**) are medium-sized and have light grey-brown fur and a pale underside.

These flying mammals only come out at night when they feed on midges, moths and other flying insects.

They are found throughout the UK, Ireland, and the Isle of Man.

They are nocturnal, feeding on flying insects using echolocation to hunt their prey.

They have large ears to generate more lift and to provide better hearing.



## **Orla and Max`s jokes!**

**What do you call a bear that has no teeth?**

**A gummy bear!**

**Why do beetroots always win?**

**They are unbeatable!**

**What did the evil chicken lay?**

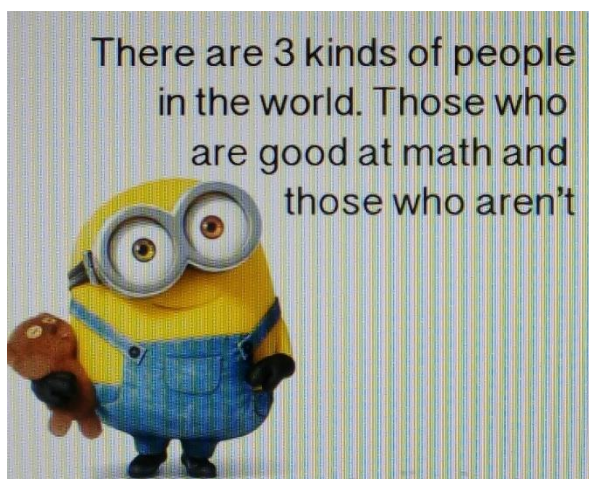
**Devilled eggs!**

**Why do fish live in salt water?**

**Because pepper makes them sneeze**

**What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common? Same middle name.**

**I have a joke about time travel, but I'm not goanna share it. You guys didn't like it.**





# **PROFESSOR MAX'S ANIMALS**

## **THE FLOWER CRAB SPIDER**



**THE FLOWER CRAB SPIDER IS VENOMOUS BUT DON'T  
WORRY, NOT TO HUMANS ;]**

### **FACT FUN**

- The flower crab spider has a round abdomen, sometimes with spots or lines.
- They can change their colour to match their surroundings but often appear white.
- Their front legs are longer and stronger than their back legs.
- These spiders are easiest to spot outdoors between April and September.

### **GET SPOTTING!**

## Wig in the wind 5T

It was a mellow morning, when the clouds floated on the wind over the skyscrapers of London and a brisk breeze shifted the trees and rattled the tracks of the steam train in the city. Nervously, an old man with a twitchy moustache bumbled along the street, his long, dark, shaggy hair fell like a cascade past his shoulders. He was minutes away from his first job interview in months. After 30 years of success, his rock band had split up and he was desperate for any job in the industry that would take him. Earlier that week, he had been delighted when Retro Records offered him an interview. 'I hope they don't think I'm too much of an old boomer for this gig,' he thought, 'and what if they discover my secret' For the old rock legend's long locks were not his locks at all, in fact, he wore... a wig!

As the cruel winds of fate would have it, a sudden gust of wind began to tug at his long, dark, shaggy wig and before he could react, the rock hero's hairpiece was caught in the breeze and whisked out of sight.

Flying swiftly, the wig raced through the colourful powder of a Colour Run and on to a stranger's head. Carrying on cluelessly, the runner didn't notice the wig balancing on his head. Clumsily the man tripped, and the wig was launched into the air, as a powder cloud trailed behind it. Bouncing onto a thin woman's head, the wig landed. Horrified the lady threw the wig off again, the wig was launched into the air. Like a hawk, the wig rushed off to its next victim.

The wig elegantly drifted along the streets before being caught by a big gust of wind and carried through the open gates of the Zoo, through the check-in and into an enclosure. It flew like a swallow into the backside of a peacock! The peacock got the fright of its life and ran around the pen sending a flourish of feathers straight into the wig. The wig sat motionless on the ground with a cowering peacock in the corner. Then a gust of wind brought the wig back to life and sent it flying off into the London sky.

From London Zoo it sailed like a soaring star over to London Stadium and landed swiftly on a football player's head (for his player of the match interview). The crowd screamed in laughter as the crowd sent the wave around the tens of thousands of people. Meanwhile at Retro Records, the shopkeeper was watching the interview and laughing.

The wind started to pick up and the wig went to its next destination. Back in the wind, people were snapping pics of the colourful, feathery wig, on the busy streets of London. Suddenly a tall, thin lady sneezed and blew the wig onto a bustling train station onto Platform Three. The wig landed on top of a steam train just as it was leaving the station. The wig just about stayed on the steam train as it puffed out gigantic black balls of smoke. The wig got covered in black soot. Then with one big puff, the wig flew back to the busy London streets and on to a double decker bus, where its colourful strands clung on as if it wouldn't let go. As it went past some of London's famous monuments, it came loose!

The wig wafted off the rails of the double decker bus like a big gust of smoke from a barbecue. The wig danced through the afternoon air as though it was at a night club.

Lou-Lou LeStrange was worried sick about the wig and that the shopkeeper would find out his secret. Once Lou-Lou got to the door of Retro Records the wig strutted through the sky and landed, plop, on his head. Lou-Lou was elated when he got into the shop, but the Retro Records shopkeeper nearly collapsed. Needless to say... he got the job!



# RECOMMEND TO A FRIEND

By Orla Dolan



My favourite book is Katy by Jacqueline Wilson. I like it because Katy is a daredevil and ambitious. She is kind and caring; never letting anyone stand in her way. I would recommend this to 5 upwards because it is fun and breath-taking at the same time.



My favourite club is Brownies because we do fun activities and games. Brownies have a range of camps and fun days out. Sometimes we have trips to the cinema. My Brownies is Cox Health, and they are always looking for new members. If you are looking for younger options Rainbows is for under 7. Also, for over 10 you have Guides.



I am rating the French plays 10/10 for their amazing French and Drama. The teachers helped so much with the plays so I'd like to thank Mr Little and Madame de Haan. Now Max Vasey said, "It was like a bucket of lemonade," and Harriet MacDonald said "It was really fun, and I loved the costumes." Now I like to thank the Year 5 classes for their hard work and determination.



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