

GREEN EGGS & HAM

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MELKSHAM OAK COMMUNITY SCHOOL'S DISCOVERY CENTRE MAGAZINE!



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Do you like books and reading?
You do not like them so you say.
Try them.
Try them and you may.
Try them and you may, I say.
No lies, no boredom, straight up knowledge.

FILM TRIVIA—Guess the character from the film quote.

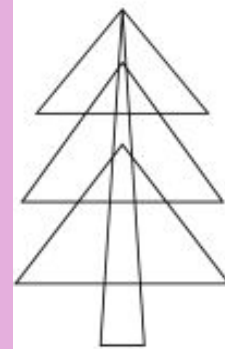
1. "Don't forget the Grinch. I know he's mean and hairy and smelly. His hands might be cold and clammy but I think he's actually kinda... sweet."
2. "Guys, I'm eating junk and watching rubbish! You better come out and stop me."
3. "You have such a pretty face. You should be on a Christmas card."
4. "I wear the chain I forged in life! I made it link by link and yard by yard!"
5. "I want my house to be seen from space!"

Welcome to the Green Eggs and Ham Library Magazine!

Dear Esteemed Readers,
As we stand on the cusp of a new era for our Discovery Centre, we are thrilled to introduce the all-new, spectacular Green Eggs and Ham Magazine! Something that we hope will be a beacon of happiness and knowledge that will become a cherished part of your academic journey. The winds of change have swept through the pages of our beloved publication, ushering in an era of excitement, joy and limitless possibilities.
Amongst our pages you will find: brilliant 'Booky Stuff' to feed your inner bookworm, stay in the loop with frequent updates in our library community, marvel at positive and surprising snippets of Positive News and exercise your brain with puzzles, games and riddles extravaganza....
So, don't hesitate to turn the page and join us as we embark on our new literary adventure!

Yours Sincerely,

Rose Tuimataniqa. Proud Member of the Reading Champions.



How many triangles can you see?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{candle} + \text{stocking} \times \text{candy cane} &= 24 \\ \text{candy cane} + \text{candle} + \text{stocking} &= 39 \\ \text{stocking} + \text{candy cane} \times \text{candle} &= 127 \end{aligned}$$

Solve

$$\text{candy cane} = \square \quad \text{stocking} = \square \quad \text{candle} = \square$$

Find the ten differences between the two pictures.



Which 7 letters of the alphabet do not feature in the names of any of Santa's reindeer?





An egg-laying mammal named in honour of Sir David Attenborough has been rediscovered after it was thought extinct for more than 60 years. This extremely strange animal is just one of two extant mammal species on Earth that lays eggs.

According to the conservation organisation Rewild, it's one of just five surviving species of monotreme, an ancient clade of egg-laying mammals found only in Australia and New Guinea, whose origins go back to the Jurassic era some 160 million years ago.

There are three long-beaked echidna species. One is critically endangered, but this one, *Zaglossus Attenboroughi*, is known only from a single individual collected by a Dutch botanist during an expedition to the Cyclops Mountains in 1961.



"I was euphoric, the whole team was euphoric," Dr. James Kempton told BBC News of the moment he spotted the Attenborough echidna in camera trap footage. "I'm not joking when I say it came down to the very last SD card that we looked at, from the very last camera that we collected, on the very last day of our expedition." It's the stuff of dreams, and Kempton was able to telephone Sir David with the news, with the famous filmmaker saying he was "absolutely delighted."

Lasting four weeks, the expedition included biologists from several universities from the UK and Czechia, Rewild, and YAPPENDA, an Indonesian conservation-focused non-governmental organisation. The expedition was looking in some of the most remote rainforest on Earth in the northern highlands of the Indonesian half of New Guinea, and they also discovered a new frog species, several dozen new insects, and observed "healthy" populations of tree kangaroos as well as the most famous New Guinea residents: birds of paradise.

10 wonderful animal facts!!!

- 🚩 Wasps remember faces-so watch out!
- 🚩 Sloths can grow algae on their fur
- 🚩 Slugs have four noses
- 🚩 Fruit flies were the first animals sent to space
- 🚩 Dogs noses can pick up the smell of ink in money
- 🚩 Spiders are unable to thermoregulate
- 🚩 Octopuses can fit into spaces the size of their eyes
- 🚩 The mantis shrimp can punch so hard and so fast it creates light
- 🚩 Humming birds are the only bird that can fly backwards
- 🚩 Polar bears fur isn't white, it's transparent tubes



Booky Stuff!

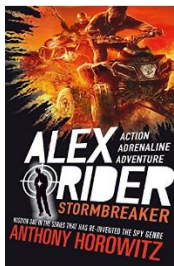
Fantastic First Lines...

The Maze Runner
by James Dashner



He began his new life standing up, surrounded by cold darkness and stale, dusty air.

Stormbreaker from the Alex Rider series by Anthony Horowitz



When the doorbell rings at three in the morning, it's never good news.

I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You.
by Ally Carter



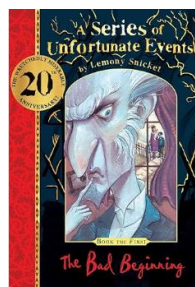
I suppose a lot of teenage girls feel invisible sometimes, like they just disappear.

It was the darkest, most wretched hour of the night when the dead came back to life and spread like a plague of monstrous locust through the village of Pallaskerry.

Zom-B
by Darren Shan



The Bad Beginning from A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket



If you are interested in stories with happy endings, you would be better off reading some other book.

Recommended reads...

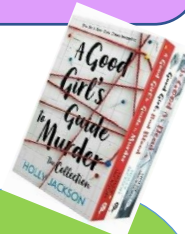
Maze Runner series by James Dashner (Age range 12-18 years)

Maze runner is a fantastic introduction to Dashers dystopian universe. Introducing the character of Thomas as he wakes up in the glade remembering nothing but his name... Maze runner is a thrilling story about a group of young boys fighting to escape the maze and keep their lives.... Maze runner took me on an emotional roller coaster as I took wondered how they would escape and why they were there. . .

Read something great? Tell us about it and we will add it to our next edition or add it to our recommended book tree!

The Good Girls Guide to Murder Trilogy by Holly Jackson (Age range 14 years +)

If you're beginning to search in to crime books for young adults, I definitely recommend reading this series. I couldn't put any of the books down for over five minutes constantly wondering what was going to happen next: and just when I thought I knew the true culprit, the whole book took an unexpected twist, leaving me on the edge of my seat (quite literally) till the end. Each book gave me a major adrenaline rush, and kept me engaged thinking along with the main character, Pip. Overall, I really enjoyed this series - and I can easily say it was one of my favourites by far.



Library Low-down



Opening times:

8am-4pm Mon to Thu

8am-3:30pm Fri

Please see Mrs Curry for more information about extra-curricular activities available in the library

Best bits...

The Discovery Centre has been a hive of activity since September and there have been lots of new things to take part in and see with lots more to look forward to in the New Year.

- Armistice-Contemporary Poetry display, In the News (Gaza special)
- Black History Month-Artist Jacob Lawrence feature, fiction and non-fiction focus by black authors and about Black History
- Gothic Horror/Halloween-featuring KS4 novels and launch of 500-word writing competition
- Launch of Reading Champions, Pupil Librarians, Homework Club, Lego Creations, Computer and Games Club
- Launch of Green Eggs and Ham library magazine!
- New Rainforest display and Christmas has arrived.
- Children in Need week of activities (escape the room, Pudsey bookmarks, design a bandana)
- Library survey circulated so you can have your say!
- New listening station and chill out zone on upper floor
- Launch of class competition for year 7 and 8. First reward of a film and popcorn on 18th and 19th December
- Book and magazine donations thankfully received

Library survey findings

Thank you to those who took the time to complete our survey. We are listening to you and will update you on changes based on your feedback in future editions. This is what you told us...

48% of you visited the library this academic year.

Most popular genres are Humour, Horror and Adventure

Most enjoyed length of books were Quick Reads and Series

44% of you enjoy a mixture of fiction and non-fiction

26% of you like to read comics

Reading social media was more popular than reading magazines (enjoyed by 32%)

Many of you were unhappy with the speed of the computers and the poor condition of the beanbags

Overall you gave the Discovery Centre 3.4 stars out of 5

Coming up next?

- National Science-Fiction Day (Dystopian Feature)-Jan 2nd
- World Braille Day-Jan 4th
- Energy Saving Week-Jan 17th-23rd
- Burn's Night (Poetry)-Jan 25th
- RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch-Jan 25th-28th
- International Lego Day-Jan 28th
- National Storytelling Week-Jan 30th-Feb 6th
- Next edition of Green Eggs and Ham-2nd Feb
- World Cancer Day-Feb 4th
- Children's Mental Health Week-Feb 5th-11th

If you would like to donate books, magazines or audiobooks please contact Mrs Curry at: library@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.co.uk

We are also on the lookout for local writers, specialist speakers and sporting celebrities to act as role models to come and inspire our young people. If you feel you are able to support us, please get in touch ☺