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GOSSIP SECTION



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Introduction:

Hello everyone and welcome to the first edition of the new LAR Library newsletter/magazine. This will contain the things we get up to around the library; for example, it will tell you the Sparx top readers, the events that we will have going on and also new book arrivals... which we know all of you love! We also do teacher interviews to find out what the staff of Leigh Academy like reading and what they love to lose themselves in. We also talk about what the library display is - that's always a good one especially because the Christmas time is coming. And I cannot wait to be able to publish more of our library newsletters/magazines!!



Written by Bow T (Year 8)

Sparx Top Readers:

This month's top 10 Sparx readers are:

- 6526 SRP,** Harriet Elen(Harriet the Star)
- 5428 SRP,** Joseph Abrahams(Joseph the Human being)
- 4774 SRP,** Lacey Walsh(Lacey the Angel)
- 3636 SRP,** Faye Stacey(Faye the Legend)
- 3556 SRP,** Darasimi Shobajo(Darasimi the Jewel)
- 3476 SRP,** Harrison Libbeter(Harrison the Human being)
- 3345 SRP,** Daniel Oke(Daniel the Boss)
- 3304 SRP,** David Baciu(David the Intellectual)
- 3091 SRP,** Francesca Vallack(Francesca the Force)
- 3077 SRP,** Mitchell Mansaray(Mitchell the Contributor)

Some very exciting news this year: the top 15 students from each year group will get the opportunity to watch a movie at the end of term, so keep the SRP's up and hopefully you will win!

Written by Iris A (Year 7) and Lily W (Year 8)

New book arrivals:



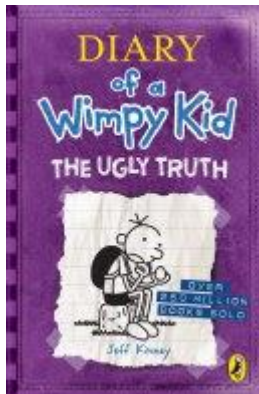
-By Scott Cawthon and Kira Breed-Wrisley ; adapted by Christopher Hastings ; illustrated by Claudia Aguirre ; colours by Laurie Smith and Eva de la Cruz.

- This book is a graphic novel
- This is a part of the FNAF series
- Level 2.6

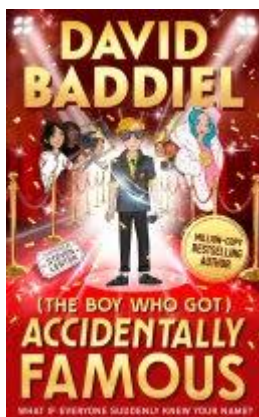


- Made by Graceffa, Joey, Sullivan, Laura L
- This book is a fictional novel
- Level 5.1

-Level 5.5



- This book is called The Ugly Truth
- It is part of the Wimpy Kid series!
- It was written by Jeff Kinney.



- Made by Baddiel, David, Lenton, Steven
- Fictional
- Level 4.4

Written by Riley C and Luke M (Year 8)

Book reviews:

Maximum Ride a graphic novel. Book 1

Maximum Ride was a lovely book that showed the idea of friendship through survival. The story follows a group of avian children who were given special avian DNA. Our main character is Maximum Ride herself, best known as Max. The group consists of Max, Iggy, Fang, Nudge, Gazzy, and Angel (for now). The main antagonist shows up as Ari. A young child who got mutated by Eraser DNA. This book shows a variety of ages through the main flock showing how even with younger characters everyone still works together really well. I feel like the idea of them surviving by truly working together with their amazing avian abilities shows some true emotion within their friendship and family bond. Talk about amazing avian abilities Angel is the only one that has an obvious ability as of now. Her ability is that she can read minds. Something that is always a good thing to look back at is how all of them want to find their old families even though they have such an amazing one between them already. Overall I feel like Maximum Ride is a lovely series and I hope that people listen to my advice of reading such an amazing book/graphic novel.

Written by Taylor H (Year 10)

Dork Diaries, Skating Sensation

Dork Diaries is a really good book. The book is about a girl called Nikki and she is always getting bullied in school because of a girl called Mackenzie Hollister. She is really rude and the only thing she likes is lip gloss. She always has lip gloss with her and she puts it on literally every second! Then we have Nikki's younger sister Brianna and her besties Chloe and Zoey.

Written by Alex D (Year 7)

Teacher interviews:

Hello LAR students and teachers, today I will be interviewing Mrs Cramlington about her favourite book and book character.

So what is your favourite book?

"My favourite books have to be *Pride and Prejudice* and *The Thursday Murder Club*."

Ok what is your favourite character from the books?

"From *Pride and Prejudice* it is Elizabeth Bennet and from *The Thursday Murder Club* Elizabeth Best."

What is *Pride and Prejudice* about?

"It is about the prejudices that people of different classes have towards each other and letting pride get in their way."

Sounds interesting what is *The Thursday Murder Club* about?

"A murder mystery solved by a dynamic and entertaining group of pensioners from their retirement home."



Interesting idea, what is your favorite genre?

"My favorite genres are murder mystery and thrillers."

Thank you Mrs Cramlington for taking part in our interview. Have a good day!

Written by Daniel T (Year 7)

Library display:

 In the library we have a plethora of displays ranging from cultural exhibits right the way through to seasonal decorations. There are lots of interesting artifacts and colourful objects that catch the eye, with bunting draped across the ceiling and flags from all over the world. We even have a Christmas tree that goes up each year to keep the school's festive spirit alive. If you're passing, why not see if you can spot our cheeky little visitor who is usually up to no good and causing mischief throughout the month of December. Come and pay us a visit during break or lunch and meet our friendly librarians who are always there to lend a helping hand and share their book loving knowledge with you. 

Written by Oliver R (Year 8)

LAR Events:

For some events that we have coming up are Winter Wonderland where form classes will be doing stalls: some may be decorating cakes, cookies, doing elf on the shelf, pin the rednose on the reindeer to win a prize. We will also be having a Christmas dinner in December. We are going to put a Christmas tree in the library. We will be decorating it by putting lights and ball balls on the tree. We are creating, designing and making buntings for our Christmas fair. Every form tutor will be doing one Christmas activity.

Written by Jess F (Year 7) and Kyle B (Year 8)

Subjects: History of Christmas

Now normally when thinking about Christmas you would think about the Christmas Tree, or the Nativity set, or many other things. But did you ever wonder how our ancestors did?

Ancient Roman

When talking about the Romans the first thing that comes to mind is the large empire they used to hold, however the Christmas story goes back very long ago for the Romans. Saturnalia, as they called it, was an ancient Roman festival and holiday to honour the agricultural god, Saturn. This was held on the 17th of December of the Julian calendar and later expanded with festivities through 19th December. By the 1st century B.C., the celebration had been extended through 23 December, for a total of seven days of festivities. This is the source of many of the traditions we now associate with Christmas such as wreaths, candles, feasting and gift giving.

HOWEVER, a quite interesting thing also happened. A theory suggests that Emperor Constantine and the Catholic Church in Rome, Italy, began celebrating Christmas on December 25 in 336 C.E. to replace the pagan celebrations. Nevertheless, several ancient manuscripts and theories reveal that the original celebrations of Christmas began even earlier than 336 C.E..

Other interesting facts also include:

The Pagan name for Christmas was Yule, also called Jul, jol or joulu.

A sacrifice of young pigs was made during the festivities.

Slaves during the Roman period also were allowed to celebrate this festival and even didn't have to work!

As a way of celebrating this festival, people decorated their homes and temples with evergreen boughs to mark the green and fruitful arrival yet to come in the farms.



Medieval England

Long ago, before a man with a red outfit and gifts to give out under Christmas trees, the Medieval English spent Christmas differently! Like our Roman traditions the Medieval English engaged in the tradition of gift-giving, doing this practice would continue on even until now. As well, beautiful Church services were enjoyed and merry feasts with delicious food and the most out of the whole year around England. As well there were plenty of dancing and music of the time period and much like today they had pantomimes and games too. Christmas was the best time of the year and not just for the wealthy but also for all classes of society as it was the longest holiday of the year. In fact the holiday was long enough for people to go outside and even play snow fights as a 14th century painting from Trento, Italy depicts.

As early as the 10th century, an Anglo-Saxon poem recounted the key points of the festive season: 'Christ was born at midwinter [the winter solstice], eight days before the Roman New Year of 1st of January. Five days after New Year [6th January] came Christ's baptism, known as Twelfth Day in England'.

Tudor England

Tudor's, huh? You might be thinking that you've heard that before. Well it wasn't all bloodthirsty Kings and Queens as when it came to Christmas they were all holly and jolly.

Firstly during this time Carols flourished as ways to celebrate Christmas and spread the story of the Nativity. These include many songs we sing to this day such as:

'As shepherds watched their flock by night'

'The holly'

'The ivy'

'Away in a manger'

Just to mention a few, and as always no-one worked. Another interesting fact is the banned activity of spinning, an enormous pastime for many women as the 12 days had extremely strict rules. During the Twelve Days, people would visit their neighbours sharing and enjoying the traditional 'mince pie'. The pies would have included thirteen ingredients, representing Christ and his apostles, typically dried fruits, spices and of course a little chopped mutton - in remembrance of the shepherds.

Also you might be wondering where did the word carol derive from?

It is derived from the Latin '*caraula*' or the French '*carole*', and its original meaning is the same, a dance with a song. In fact the earliest recorded published collection of carols is in 1521 by *Winken de Worde* which includes the *Boar's Head Carol*. Tudor Christmas also saw homes decorated on Christmas Eve with mistletoe, holly, ivy and laurel.

Victorian England

Before Victoria's reign started in 1837 nobody in Britain had heard of Santa Claus or Christmas Crackers and no exchanging cards. The wealth and technologies generated by the industrial revolution of the Victorian era changed the face of Christmas forever. Sentimental do-gooders like Charles Dickens wrote books like "Christmas Carol", published in 1843, which actually encouraged rich Victorians to redistribute their wealth by giving money and gifts to the poor. These radical middle class ideals eventually spread to the not-quite-so-poor as well.

The Industrial Revolution led mass production of toys and ornaments which could now be more affordable for the middle-class. However in a 'poor child's' stocking they would at least get an apple, orange and a few nuts could be found.

BUT LISTEN HERE. Normally associated with the bringer of the above gifts, is Father Christmas or Santa Claus. The two are in fact two entirely separate stories. Father Christmas was originally part of an old English midwinter festival, normally dressed in green, a sign of the returning spring. The stories of St. Nicholas (Sinter Klaas in Holland) came via Dutch settlers to America in the 17th Century. From the 1870's Sinter Klass became known in Britain as Santa Claus and with him came his unique gift and toy distribution system - reindeer and sleigh.

AS WELL THE CHRISTMAS TREE was introduced to England when Queen Victoria married her German husband, Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha who was also her cousin in 1840. Ever since then Prince Albert made the Christmas tree a popular staple in England as they were in his native Germany, when he brought one to Windsor Castle in the 1840's

ALSO THE CHRISTMAS CRACKERS which was invented by Tom Smith, a London sweet maker in 1846. The original idea was that there were sweets in them but it was made more popular if they had love notes, paper hats and small toys that when you pulled them they went BANG! Carol singers- and musicians often called 'The Waits' visited houses singing and playing the new popular carols such as:

1843-O come all ye faithful
City

1848-Once in Royal David's

1851- See Amid The Winter's Snow
Bethlehem

1868-O Little Town Of

However if you would like to learn more about the History of Christmas feel free to search yourself and a big Thank You for reading!

Written by Joseph S-L (Year 8)

Christmas cookery:

Christmas Pudding:

- Dried fruit fruit.
- Candied fruit peel.
- Citrus zests in a dense.
- Sticky sponge cake.

Mince Pies:

- 350g plain flour.
- 100g caster sugar.
- 225g butter (cold).
- 300g mincemeat.
- A pinch of salt.
- 1 egg (for brushing).
- Icing sugar (to sieve over at the end).

Gingerbread cookies/house (your choice):

Gingerbread:

- Brown sugar.
- Flour.
- Baking soda.
- Cinamon.
- Ginger.
- Cloves.
- Salt butter.
- Milk.
- molasses.

(Cook for 12-15 mins.)

Icing for topping(optional):

- Icing sugar.
- water.

(Mix together).

Pigs in blankets:

- Chipolata sausages. Wrapped in streaky bacon and roasted.(375 degrees). more than 35 mins.

CRANBERRY SAUCE

300g fresh (or frozen cranberries)

100 ml caster sugar

100ml port

1 orange ,zest pared

1 cinnamon stick

ROAST POTATOES

75 ml sunflower oil

2kg floury potatoes(choise or 1.5kg of flour)

Written by Olu A (Year 7) and Lola M (Year 8)

Christmas around the world:

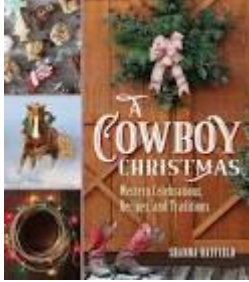


In Japan, Christmas is a time for friends and couples to have parties, make plans to meet up for dinner and celebrate as much as they can and New Year is the time of the year when all members of the family come together, visit the temple and welcome the new year, with food and drinks.



For Italy, Christmas festivities focus on the family; locals head to their hometowns to celebrate with loved ones. Meanwhile, light displays and Christmas markets pop up throughout the country.

Dubai enjoys a whole month's worth of festivals, which kick off at the beginning of December when the huge Christmas tree lights are turned on at venues across the city, and end with the world-famous fireworks on New Year's Eve.



Western countries celebrate Christmas with family, but in China celebrations are like Valentine's Day. It's a lighthearted day for young people to go out with their significant others and celebrate with small gifts. They also hang out with friends to go out to a movie, karaoke bar, or go shopping.

Unlike Christmas day celebrations in England, the Germans know 25th December as Erster Feiertag; which means first celebration day. While the presents will have all been opened on Christmas Eve, the 25th is still a day where families gather, good food is eaten and people enjoy well-deserved time off work.

Some Christmas traditions:

- Celebration of a shared meal
- Friends or family can celebrate together
- Secret santa

In which country is Christmas celebrated the best:

Finland, Italy, France, Norway, Netherlands, Australia and Germany

Written by Mia W-R (Year 9)



Christmas

jokes/quiz/riddles:

Jokes

1. How much did Santa pay for his sleigh... Nothing it was on the house
2. How did the snowman pay for his groceries... With cold cash
3. What's a cat's favourite holiday song... 'Here comes santa claws'
4. What did one Christmas tree say to the other... Lighten up
5. Where would you find a snowman dancing... At a snowball

Riddles

1. What do snowmen call their kids?... Chill-dren
2. What comes at the end of Christmas?... The letter 's'
3. Where do little Christmas trees go to become big ones?... Elementree school
4. Why don't lobsters give any presents? ...Because they're 'shellfish'
5. How do snowmen eat cupcakes? ...With extra frosting

Written by Yeshitha D (Year 8)

Hobbies: Ice Skating:

Hello! It's ice skating time!

Today we are discussing the best ice skating moments this year as it's the cold season. Are you ready?

Rewriting history in the figure skating world?!

Deanna rewrote the history books this year with Maxime as they took home gold in a pair competition, and she became the oldest female world figure skating champion of all time at 40 years old. Who thought!!!!

Fun fact!

Figure skating began in the 1850s when skaters began experimenting with different jumps and spins on ice. In 1896 the first men's World Figure Skating Championships were held in Russia. In 1906 the first women's World Figure Skating Championships were held in Switzerland. Fascinating!

Other sports you can do in the winter!

Winter Sports: Sledding, Skiing, Snowboarding.

Written by Tilly K and Albie M (Year 8)

Gossip column:

Welcome to the first ever gossip column. We will explain all the juicy details about celebrities (and teachers). If you have any juicy details, report to Callum and Vicky in the library. If you don't know the meaning of gossip, it means casual or unconstrained conversation or reports about other people, typically involving details that are not confirmed as being true. Thank you for reading it.

Dating:

Irina shayk and Tom Brady

Jake T. Austen and Daniella Caesar

Secretly dating:

Beyonce and jay-z

Tom cruise and cher

Tom holland and zendaya

Taylor swift and joe alwyn

Harry shum jr

In other news

Mr Woodward has had a baby.

Miss Goswell bought a Christmas tree. The library has TWO christmas trees!

Miss Plant will get married(soon!).

Written by Callum F and Vicky P-I (Year 7)

ECO NEWS:

In Eco Club, the students have been using a wildlife camera to see if there are any animals nearby. There were foxes and soon enough we will find out more.

If you want to join eco club it is on a tuesday from 3:00 - 4:00

Written by Fikemi O (Year 7)

Neurodiversity:

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What is neurodiversity? Read until the end of this section and you will find out.



Neurodiversity is different ways people's brains work. They would be diagnosed with a development or learning disorder. It does not mean that they are foolish, it just means that they struggle on some things more than other people do.

Autism:

Autism is a learning disorder that makes them find life hard to understand and how other people think or feel. People with autism might have a struggle controlling emotion, using social communication,(etc...).

Albert Einstein believed to have had the Asperger spectrum, which falls within the high-functioning end of the autism spectrum.

ADHD:

People with ADHD might struggle with anxiety, boredom, trouble concentrating, depression, trouble controlling anger, impulsiveness.

People with ADHD can struggle with concentrating at work or any kind of activity.

Emma Watson

She was diagnosed with ADHD when she was 9 years old and has taken medicine to help with this. Emma has described how this has helped her focus "When I'm on it, I can focus a bit more and it helps me organise my day because I have so much going on."

Dyslexia

Dyslexia, previously known as word blindness, is a learning disability that affects either reading or writing. Different people are affected to different degrees.

Jennifer Aniston

When she was young, she thought she wasn't a good student because of issues related to her undiagnosed dyslexia. She just thought she "wasn't smart" and "couldn't retain anything." But with the new discovery came a new knowledge of herself: "I felt like all of my childhood trauma-dies, tragedies, dramas were explained."

Tourette's Syndrome:

Tourette's syndrome is a neurological disorder that would cause sudden actions or sounds at any time. It is uncontrolled and it may even hurt the people that have it. It can be difficult for people who have it because they have hard times coping with daily activities.

Billie Eilish has Tourette's Syndrome and she got diagnosed when she was 11 years old. It was tough for her as when she was younger people would make fun of her all the time.

Other people who are neurodivergent:	What disorder they have:
Elon musk	He has autism
Simone Biles	She has ADHD
Tom Cruise	He has dyslexia
Jamie Grace Harper	She has tourette's syndrome

How to help :

You could listen to them and treat them how they want to be treated.

No two neurodivergent people are the same as each other.

Don't assume that anyone is incapable or unintelligent as they are not the same as you.

Written by Isabella F and Ella-Mae F (Year 7)

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Spot the 5 Differences!

get the elf to the present



word search



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Thank you



Thanks for reading our library magazine! We will be releasing a new issue once a module, so keep an eye out during Module 3. Thank you to everyone who contributed this month, including all our lovely writers, our proofreaders Luca M (Year 10) and Dylan P (Year 9) and our designers Summer D (Year 7), Roxie H (Year 7), Adrianna O (Year 8) and Sophie H (Year 9) who made the magazine look lovely!

Written by Miss Goswell



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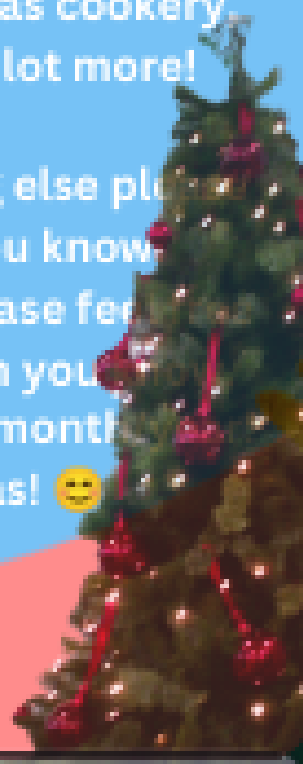
LAR events, book arrivals, xmas riddles/jokes, the gossip column, eco section, christmas cookery, christmas around the world and a lot more!

if you would like to request anything else please come to any student librarian you know

If you have any further requests, please feel free to reach out to any student librarian you know

Stay tuned for the next update next month!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas! 😊



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