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From the Editor...

----- BY EMELIA

It is almost Christmas which means the Christmas break is coming soon too! Here are some the articles in this issue...

Hibernation and Winter, Christmas Activities and Traditions and the Grafham Water trip. Open up for more...

Christmas Traditions

----- AVA-ROSE, IMAN, CHERYL AND FAITHFULLNESS

Christmas is celebrated mostly around the world. Over 45% of the earth celebrates Christmas. With 2.3 billion Christians making 31.2% of the global population, celebrating christmas and more.

Fun activities:

1. Go Christmas tree shopping
2. Take a ski trip
3. Make a homemade Christmas card
4. Have a festive game night
5. Attend an ice festival
6. Perform a mini Christmas play
7. Make holiday craft
8. Set up a hot chocolate bar
9. Complete a Christmas puzzle
10. Have a secret Santa gift exchange
11. Take a carriage ride
12. Make a hot chocolate
13. Go to a Christingle service
14. Baking cookies
15. Crafts
16. Ice skating
17. Family dinners
18. Decorating Christmas trees
19. In Hungary, Christmas is not celebrated on the 25th December. It is celebrated on the 4th.
20. In India, they don't celebrate Christmas.. They celebrate divali which is close to Christmas.
21. In Bangladesh, they don't celebrate Christmas.
22. In Nigeria you get together to celebrate Christmas.

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Christmas Traditions Contintued...

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- Wales: some families do really long hikes
- Italy: they eat icecream when it is really hot
- Nigeria: they make food and share with your neighbour
- South America: they make bbq for christmas
- South Africa: they visit family and have dinners
- Japan: they eat KFC for dinner
- Iceland: children look forward to 13 mischivieous yule logs
- Germany: you hide a pickle under a tree and the person that finds it gets a special reward
- South Africa: they have bbqs or picnics
- Norway: people hide their brooms to prevent witches from stealing them on Christmas Eve.

Winter Carol

----- BY AUDREY AND SAVANNAH

A snowy day with a winter breeze,
Snowmen filling the streets with joy,
Snow falling from the clouds,
Ice staring out with glee.

Life is just better in winter,
People shiver at the sight,
Fog staining the windows,
Fire burning with pride.

Days become shorter,
Nights grow longer,
Leaves fall from the trees,
Green hides from white.

Aircon turns off,
Earmuffs go on,
Fingers turn numb,
Trees shudder in the wind.



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Hibernation and Winter

Read all about hibernation and winter...



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----- BY SCARLETT, KAYAL, EVA AND MIRUNA

Hibernation is the process in which an animal or plant begins the cycle of storing food, preparing for the cold season of winter and hibernating for several months.

But what is hibernating and what does it do? Well, hibernating is where an animal or plant begins to drop their body temperature in order to sleep in peace for up to six consecutive months to outlast the cold of winter and increase survival rates.

Some examples of creatures that hibernate are bears, guinea pigs, bats, hamsters, turtles and many more.

You can find these animals hibernating in places such as the woods, in trees and even underground. It can take an animal 6 months to fully hibernate which is 6 months without food! All round the year, these animals are storing food just to survive the winter. Do you think you could do this and not eat for **6 MONTHS!**

We hope you enjoyed our writing.



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Christmas Food

By Aavya, Tobias and Summer

Today we will be tasting Christmas foods such as mince pie. In this article we will show our opinions on each seasonal food. These autumnal foods might explode your taste buds! So, let's see everyone opinions.

Gingerbread men

- ✚ Lovely
- ✚ Delectable
- ✚ Delicious
- ✚ Too gingery
- ✚ Not enough ginger

White chocolate coins

- ✚ Creamy
- ✚ Melts easiily
- ✚ Disgusting
- ✚ Sickly

Santa KitKat

- ✚ Milky
- ✚ Chocolatey
- ✚ Scrumptous
- ✚ Thick chocolate
- ✚ More crunchy than a normal KitKat

Chocolate penguin

- ✚ Chocolatey heaven
- ✚ Mouthwatering
- ✚ Good quality chocolate chips

Milk chocolate coins

- ✚ Creamy
- ✚ Mouthwatering
- ✚ Melts less easily than the white ones
- ✚ Amazing
- ✚ Melts in the mouth

Your opinion counts...

	Gingerbread men	Chocolate penguin	Milk chocolate coins	Milk chocolate coins	Santa KitKat
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Christmas Crafts

----- BY ELIZABETH AND MILLIE

Are you into crafts? Are you into Christmas?

Well, this is the perfect article for you. From special Christmas cards to family fun games. This document has it all.

Spice Jar Snow Globe

For this activity you will need: A spice jar (if you don't have this grab a jam jar), glitter or if you love the planet salt works even better, paper / card or wool, pens and glue. After you have these, join me for more fun. First get your card or paper (card works better). You then draw a Christmassy shape for example a present or a snowflake. Then cut it out. Next, you get some small pieces of left over card and cut out a circle big enough to fit in a jar. PRO TIP: draw a circle around the top of the jar! Stick your Christmassy creation onto the circle of card. After you have done this, stick your circle to the bottom of the jar (on the inside) and add glitter or salt (or both). Then put the lid on securely and shake it up and watch the 'snow' fall.

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Road Safety

----- BY AASHVI

How to be safe:

- Look when you cross the road and if there is a car there, you should wait until it has gone,
- Wait until the traffic lights starts beeping when it turns green
- If you need to be with an adult, make sure you listen to what they say and sometimes, you need to hold an adults hand. Stay with the adult so they can help you when you need it.
- Another idea is to wear bright clothes such as orange, yellow and pick or anything NEON!
- You could also wear a Hi-Vis jacket

How to help others:

- If you need to help someone, be smart and use your senses to know what to do.
- If a car stops to let you cross, put your hand up to say thank you – it is nice to use manners.

Thank you for reading and I hope you use these tips and tell people about it. They will be impressed that you know so much.

COLOURS

What is pink? A rose is pink by the fountain's brink.

What is yellow ? A pear is yellow rich and ripe and mellow.

What is Green? the grass is green with small flowers in-between.

What is red ? A Poppys red in it's barley bed.

What is blue? The sea is blue floating through.



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Teacher's Christmas Trees

By Annabel and Fiorella

Everyone decorates their Christmas tree differently, so let's see how your teachers decorate theirs.

Mrs. Fordham

As you can see in the photo above, Mrs. Fordham decorates her tree with her son's and daughter's christmas decorations from their childhood. Mrs. Fordham said that she loves putting their decorations on the tree because she thinks christmas is about children.



Mrs Bond

As you can see above, Mrs Bond has an old fashioned astetic to her Christmas tree. She loves adding wooden and glass baubles with bright and colourful lights.

Mrs Wilkinson

Mrs Wilkinson's tree has a very tasteful colour scheme of silver baubles and tinsle. She says that the systematic organisation of her tree as the end result is stunning. We rate this tree a 9/10.

Mrs Hall

Mrs hall changes her Christmas tree colour scheme eery year and she has a strict NO TINSLE rule. We rate her tree a 7/10



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WHAT TO DO WHEN IT IS RAINING!!!!

----- FREDDIE AND ALICE

It is now coming to that time when it starts to rain all of the time and it is really annoying don't you think? So we are going to give you some tips.

- DIY and arts and crafts: get creative with paint paper and other materials to create beautiful pieces of art.
- Movie marathon: gather your favourite movies together and make a movie marathon
- Puzzle it out: challenge yourself with puzzles, whether it is a classic puzzle game or a modern video game.
- Make a fort using all the blankets, pillows and more to create a medieval castle
- Do LOADS of pranks in the house (don't let your parents know)
- Go to an indoor leisure centre and have a yes day – don't go too crazy!
- Go to an indoor soft play and play hide and seek – try and win. Don't get caught
- Read a book. If you are a book worm, it is heaven!
- Play with fidgets and rubix cubes. Try and solve it!

Grafham Water Trip

----- BY ADAM

Last October, Year 6 went on a residential trip to Grafham Water. We stayed for three days and two nights. On the first day, we travelled there by coach and arrived in time for lunch. We learned which rooms we were in after lunch and headed to them. Most people were in rooms of four. Then, we were split into seven groups, and it was in these groups that we completed our activities during the trip. There were seven daytime activities and the groups rotated between them. Occasionally, the groups paired up with each other. I will explain the activities in the order that I participated in them. Remember, every group took part in the activities in a different order. Each activity (except for mountain biking) lasted for one and a half hours.



My group (group three) went kayaking first, with group seven. After changing into wetsuits for what seemed like ages, we were finally ready to go. I personally enjoyed kayaking, but it was very cold. Several other people and I lost our water shoes in the mud by the lake! Then, keeping our wetsuits on, we built rafts by tying barrels together with rope. The one my group made actually floated!



We ate our delicious dinner that evening and soon it was time for the Grafham Challenge. We were blindfolded and made our way through the wood. We held onto a rope to avoid getting lost. If the rope went lower, we crawled in the mud! If the rope went higher, we stood up. The teachers had water pistols, so taking a waterproof coat was a smart move! I managed to not get too muddy. After a pre-bed hot chocolate, it was time to sleep at 9.15pm.



We woke up the next morning, got dressed and ate our breakfast. Then, my group started with climbing. We ascended a climbing wall attached to a safety harness. I got halfway up! We then did crate stacking. We were split into four smaller groups and had to build a tower with three crates on each level. Three people, attached to safety harnesses, stood on the tower while it was being stacked. Three people below stacked the crates. The people on the crates had to remain on them while it was being stacked higher and higher! It was great fun. The tallest tower any group made was eleven levels high! This activity took us up until lunchtime.

After lunch, my group went canoeing. There were three people in each canoe. I found the canoes hard to steer, although that was just my experience. There were millions of fossilised shells along the beach, so we went fossil hunting for a minute or two. I collected several Gryphaea mollusc fossils, also known as Devil's toenails! Next, we participated in stand-up paddleboarding. Two people got onto each paddleboard. Somehow, I did not fall off! However, most people fell off!

We ate dinner and then it was time for the Grafham Quiz for our last night's activity. We got into small teams and were quizzed on five subjects: TV, Almond Hill, Geography, Music and Literature. My team for the quiz came second!



After the Grafham Quiz, some of us had brought money (up to £10) to spend on souvenirs. There were not many options to choose from, but I bought a souvenir pin badge and a hiking teddy. After another lovely hot chocolate, we went to bed for the last time on our trip. The next morning, it was time for our last activity, which for my group was mountain biking. It turned out to be my favourite activity. After my final breakfast at Grafham, I headed to the bike shed. There were lots of bikes and three tandems for people who needed to pair up with a teacher. We put helmets on and then cycled around the huge lake. I loved it!



Then, it was time to leave Grafham Water and travel home. I left with several happy new memories.

It was one of the happiest weekends of my life. I was sad to leave, but I am grateful for the experience and I am very glad I went. Thank you to every teacher who helped make the trip possible for us.

Jolly Jokes...

What is an Santas favourite song?	Consider you 'elf
How does a sheep say merry Christmas?	Fleece Navidad
What do snowmen eat for breakfast?	Frosted Flakes
What do you call and elf who sings?	A wrapper!
How much did santa pay for his sleigh?	Nothing – it was on the house!
What type of photos fo elfs take?	Elfies

Almond Hill Help and Advice

I've just opened all my presents, but I didn't get the one I wanted. How can I cope with it?

Miss Lavender: Ask for it when your birthday arrives.

Miss Scarlet: Trade your present for the one you wanted with a friend.

Miss Coral: Throw a tantrum.

Miss Yellow: Ask for it from another family member

Mrs Turquoise: Try again next year.

Miss Emerald: Stay silent, don't tell your mum.

Mrs Cerise: Go with it.

Miss Lilac: Be grateful that you got a present.

Miss Indigo: Give your presents to someone who didn't get any.

Miss Navy: Hide it away in your bedroom.

By Emelia