



ALEXANDRIA AMBASSADORS NEWSLETTER

December 2018

INTRODUCING THE AMBASSADORS

We are the Alexandria Ambassadors! Our role is to represent Alexandria in different school events, as well as organising our own fundraisers throughout the year and raising awareness for the college charity.

We also support local groups, helping to create links between Fortismere and the wider community. Our aim this year is to create even more exciting opportunities for all students to support our chosen charity, The Teenage Cancer Trust.

This term has been busy for us and we have been involved in a number of different activities, from working with the WE charity to come up with exciting fundraising ideas, supporting Anti-Bullying Week and organising our end-of-term Christmas tombola.

We wanted to share some Christmas cheer, so you will also find many festive activities including a quiz and some very cheesy jokes!

From all in Alexandria Ambassadors we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK: 12th -16th NOVEMBER

Fortismere raised awareness of bullying during Anti-Bullying week this November.

During Anti-Bullying week we:

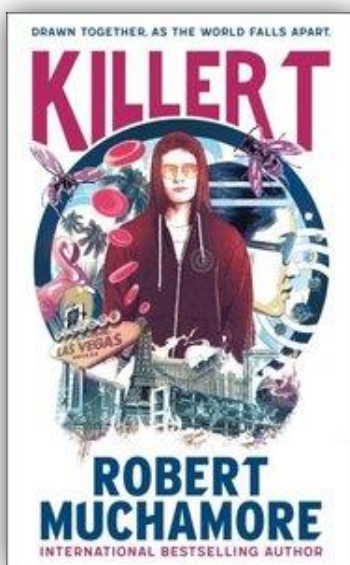
- had 'Odd Socks Day' organised by Anti-bullying Alliance to raise awareness about bullying in schools
- wore blue wristbands
- manned an Anti-Bullying stall for in North Wing canteen by all the colleges each day of the week
- had an assembly about Anti-Bullying and watched a short clip of a man who was bullied when he was younger and how he dealt with it
- wore badges around school to let people know who they could come and talk to if they were being bullied

So, if you are being bullied, **please** go and speak to an adult or someone you trust. Please make the right decision, you can give yourself a better life if you talk to someone.

Written by Faheem Mahmood and Angelos-Thomas Papakostas



BOOK REVIEW: 'KILLER T' BY ROBERT MUCHAMORE



Near the beginning of term, Year 9 had a visit from Robert Muchamore about his new book Killer T. In this visit he was interviewed by me and he had a lot of interesting advice and stories to tell. At the end of this visit he did a book signing which went very well.

The book in question is about an apocalyptic view of the future. It talks about genetic modification and powerful disease spreading like wildfire through the densely populated world.

It explores death and heartbreak and life and love.

It is a deeply captivating and you won't be able to put it down!

Written by Pixie-Lou Thompson-Vidal

FILM REVIEW: THE GRINCH (2018)

At Christmas time we are bombarded with many remakes and adaptations of beloved Christmas tales. Some are almost as good as the originals. Others, not as much. These are mainly aimed at children but some could attract teen audiences or even the older generations.

We went to see the Grinch on 15th of November. It was early for watching a Christmas movie but there were still a few people at the screening. The majority of the audience was children and parents. Although most of the jokes are clearly aimed at children, there were quite a few occasions where even some parents laughed.

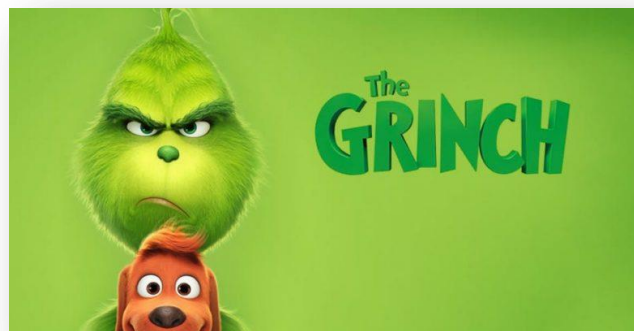
Overall, the Grinch is just your average family film (with its PG rating), but you can see that it has been made more modern through its use of music. This is shown by artists like Tyler the Creator and Pentatonix, two very modern names in the music industry. They also used pop & rap music, along with modern references to try and widen their audience.

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So although this is still a good movie for younger generations, with its upbeat storyline and vibrant animation, we would not recommend it for older fans of the original or anyone looking for a complex movie for the holiday season. If you are a parent with younger children we would recommend taking them to this as it is not too long so they would not lose interest.

Written by Olivia Cameron, Nina Holdsworth and Emma Szemmelveisz



FRENCH EXCHANGE TRIP

Between the 7th of November and the 14th of November we stayed in France for our French Exchange. We left school after 1st period on a Wednesday. We got on a coach and headed to St Pancras Station to get on the Eurostar. It was a very long journey however it was fun because we had lots of snacks and we sat on a table seat and we played card games. When we arrived in Paris we got on a coach and we headed to their school! (the coach journey was very fun and we will remember those memories for the rest of our time at Fortismere and beyond!) We were very worried but it was silly because it was very fun and they were very nice.



We became French tourists and straight away we travelled around Paris. We went on a boat around the River Seine, visited Notre Dame, Champs Elysee, Louvre. We also went to the bottom of the Arc de Triomphe but we couldn't go up because our group was too big and in three days lots of the world leaders were there for Armistice Day. We also went to the top of the Eiffel Tower. We also visited a massive church and outside we sang with a busker. On our last day we had a massive treasure hunt and we won €10 euros each!!!!

We were very upset to leave but were relieved to be home with our family, seeing our friends and being in our beds. We are very excited for them to come and visit us in London.

Written by Amy Ejiofor, Tleke Skeete, Emma Cook



RECIPE: GINGERBREAD MEN

Preparation time: 30 minutes to 1 hour

Cooking time: 10 to 30 minutes

Makes 20

This easy recipe for gingerbread men is great for baking with children, and it makes a lovely homemade Christmas present.

Ingredients

- 350g/12oz plain flour, plus extra for rolling out
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 2 tsp ground ginger
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 125g/4½oz butter
- 175g/6oz light soft brown sugar
- 1 free-range egg
- 4 tbsp golden syrup

To decorate

- writing icing (optional)
- cake decorations (optional)


Method

1. Sift together the flour, bicarbonate of soda, ginger and cinnamon and pour into the bowl of food processor. Add the butter and blend until the mix looks like breadcrumbs. Stir in the sugar.
2. Lightly beat the egg and golden syrup together, add to the food processor and pulse until the mixture clumps together. Tip the dough out, knead briefly until smooth, wrap in cling film and leave to chill in the fridge for 15 minutes.
3. Preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4. Line two baking trays with greaseproof paper.
4. Roll the dough out to a 0.5cm/¼in thickness on a lightly floured surface. Using cutters, cut out the gingerbread men shapes and place on the baking tray, leaving a gap between them.
5. Bake for 12–15 minutes, or until lightly golden-brown. Leave on the tray for 10 minutes and then move to a wire rack to finish cooling. When cooled decorate with the writing icing and cake decorations, if using.

Written by Leni Haller, Isabelle Groom and Eliza Hudszyk




CHRISTMAS CRAKER JOKES




Q: Why did Santa stop smoking?

A: It was bad for his elf



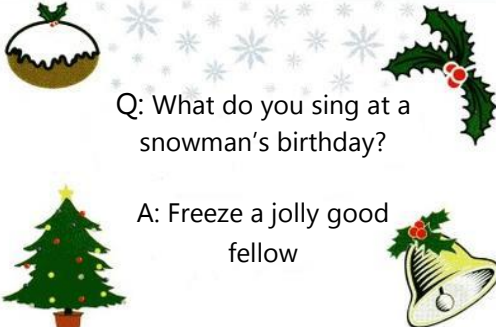
Q: What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?

A: A Christmas quacker!




Q: What do you call a frozen elf hanging from the ceiling?

A:



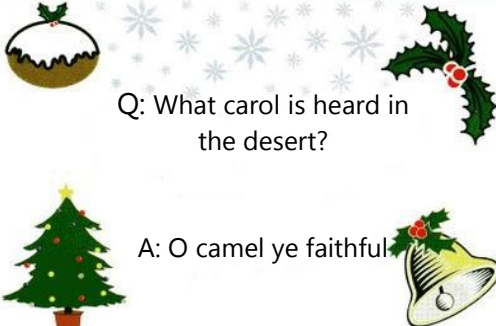
Q: What do you sing at a snowman's birthday?

A: Freeze a jolly good fellow



Q: Why did the turkey cross the road?

A: It was the chicken's day off!



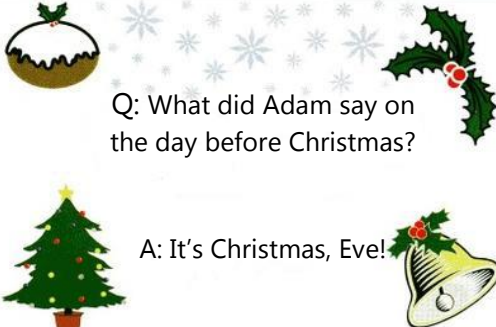
Q: What carol is heard in the desert?

A: O camel ye faithful




Q: What's green and covered in tinsel?

A: A mistle-toad




Q: What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?

A: It's Christmas, Eve!



Q: What do reindeer hang on their Christmas trees?

A: Horn-aments!



Q: Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?

A: A mince spy!

PUZZLES AND GAMES: CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD



TURKEY
SNOWMAN
HOLLY
REINDEER
SLEIGH
SWEETS
SNOW
CANDY CANES
FESTIVE
STOCKING
TINSEL
JOLLY

Created by Isabelle Coles

PUZZLES AND GAMES: SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 15 differences?



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