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Welcome to the 'ERNIE EXPRESS', written by a group of children across years 5 & 6. We hope to keep you well informed and entertained with all of the goings-on at our school, within our community and around the world. If you have something that you would like to report or see in our next addition, please contact our school editors or Mrs Carlon!

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## Magic Saves the Day!



This issue we had a read of Hubble Bubble – The Wacky Winter Wonderland by Tracey Corderoy and Joe Berger.

Pandora's granny is (Make sure you whisper it... Just in case!) a witch! She loves to sprinkle magic everywhere! One day, they think they are going to visit a winter wonderland, but it's really not. As they enter there is animal poo everywhere, the ice skating rink is made from bubble wrap, the tea is ice cold and the festive food is brussel sprouts! But one wave of her wand, and it turns from wacky to wonderful,



Hubble Bubble – The Wacky Winter Wonderland



Pandora and her Granny

with hot chocolate and beautiful reindeer cakes. Finally, when they see Santa's sleigh, they are disappointed! The reindeer are dogs and the sleigh is an old pig troll. With one flick of her wand the sleigh turns from old to ornate and the dogs fly. They fly in the sky, in their beautiful sleigh, from their wonderful (yet wacky) winter wonderland!

Reviewed by Magella Ranson-Wright



## Poets' Corner

Cookies and mince pies for Santa

Happiness fills the air with joy

Rudolf gallops through the magical night sky

Icicles dangle from the rooftops

Snowmen wave as Santa's sleigh drifts by

Time to celebrate the birth of Jesus

Merry Christmas everyone from far and wide

A special day to give and receive

Snowflakes fall from side to side

Carenza Abbott-Jones & Andreea Neculai

## Guess Who?

Who wears red?

Gives presents to children,

And loves eating mince-pies?

ANSWER: SANTA CLAUSE

What is white?

Has a carrot for a nose,

And wears a top-hat and scarf?

ANSWER: SNOWMAN

What has a red nose?

Has two antlers,

And helps Santa at night?

ANSWER: RUDOLPH



## Disco Dancing

On Friday 1st December, the school held a thrilling disco for years 3-6. With hotdogs, drinks and snacks, it was a great success! Our helpful teachers deliberately stayed behind just for us. We also had DJ Saunders bopping the beats, whilst we danced around cheerfully.

Lily Sharkey in Year 5 commented that, "I loved the disco because I got to see my friends out of school time and I had so much fun!"

Mrs Saunders has always been our school disco DJ, so we owe her a big thanks and also to all of the staff who gave up their time to give us such a fun experience. As the Ernie Express team have been tracking around the school, we bumped into Sukin Kamalaknann from Year 3 who said, "Ms James definitely danced the most. She loves dancing!"

Grace Morton decided that the best food was the hotdogs, because they were tasty and made by a very good cook... Mrs Watson, who made 250 hotdogs (but ate most of them!).

By Surpriya and Lilly

## Sporting Success

On the 24th of November 2017, thirty extremely lucky children, from Years 4, 5 and 6, had the privilege to go to a Sports Hall Athletics competition. There were four primary schools competing: Ernesford Grange (us), Potter's Green, Aldermoor Farm and Alderman's Green.

The competition took place at the Alan Higgs Centre in Coventry. It started at nine o'clock and finished just before twelve noon. There were twelve activities, including chest push, javelin, speed bounce and relay races. Boys and girls both had to do the same activities but not against each other. All the children competed really well and tried their hardest. My highlight of the day was

when the children were throwing the javelins, because we were cheering so loud that my ears were ringing. We placed second after a challenging morning of sport; we will go to the final early next year.

By Libby Austin



Children taking part in the javelin from schools around Coventry.



## Did you know?

St Nicholas (Santa Clause) was believed to be a stern symbol of discipline rather than the jolly man children know today!

A large part of Sweden's population watches Donald duck cartoons every Christmas Eve since 1960!

Nearly 60 million Christmas trees are grown each year in Europe!

The worlds tallest tree at 221ft high was erected in a Washington shopping mall in 1950!

Before turkey, the traditional Christmas meal in England was a pigs head and mustard!

Since 1947 Oslo has sent an Christmas tree to London to thank us for our help in the Second World War!

Kissing under the mistletoe is thought to spring from Figga, the Norse goddess of love, who was associated with the plant!





## So Close!

On Saturday a few weeks ago, the school football team travelled to Christ The King Primary School to play the final of the School football tournament.

The first kick off was at 9:30am where Ernesford Grange played Clifford Bridge. The game started and almost ten minutes into the match we all got called over to the other pitch as we didn't know that we had to go through the rules first. After that, the game started and Ernesford scored ten minutes in to make it one nil. The game stayed that way and Ernesford won their first game.

Next, we played against Keresley Grange in which the score was three nil to Ernesford Grange. Winning two games put us on six points in the group as we went through in flying colours! An unbeaten run meant Ernesford were in the semi-finals of the cup against the hosts Christ The King. Hopefully, we could get a win against our toughest opponents yet. If we did so we would go through to the final versing whoever won in the other semi-final.

The next game was a fantastic game for Ernesford as we were putting many goals in the back of the net. The final score was four nil after an unbelievable team performance against one of the hardest teams we will play all year long. None of the team could believe how far we had gotten, even Mr Hancock was completely in awe to what was happening. We were all over the moon as to what was happening and that we had all got to the final as a team. Clifford Bridge won in extra time in a great game in the other semi final.

The final was an extremely intense game and Clifford Bridge scored first this was the first time we had found ourselves behind but we all worked hard as a team and got our rewards with a fantastic equaliser to make it 1-1. The full time whistle went and the game finished in a 1-1 draw which meant we had to go to extra time.

Extra time was new territory for us but we kept it really tight and nearly won the game when we hit the cross bar. It was the same story and the end of extra time as the score was still stuck at 1-1 which meant a penalty shootout was the only option!

Sadly Clifford Bridge came away with the win with a 4-2 shootout victory.

Overall the day was amazing and everyone who attended had a great time. It was a shame we couldn't get the win but congratulations to Clifford Bridge.

By Connor Temple



## Blast From The Past!

During the previous Year 6 term we have been researching (in depth) about World War 2 in our history lessons.

On the 18th October 2017, Year 6 were evacuated to Holdenby House to experience what it was like for wartime children.

We arrived at school at 8:30 am – dressed in appropriate 1940 clothing – equipped to be evacuated. When we arrived at Holdenby House we were separated into 3 named groups. When we were sorted into the groups, some people went to a kitchen to learn about rationing and cooking, some went to a medical room and some went to a bomb shelter to learn more about the types of



Holdenby House

bombs that were dropped in World War 2. In the medical room we were required to lift a person into the air with only our bare hands and a duvet. We also got the opportunity to wrap another person's arm in a sling! After that, we went to a second room where we learned about the propaganda slogan 'Make-do and Mend', which basically means that ladies had to re-use their clothes to make other things, and that's what we learned about. We were taught how people used to mend their shoes, and how to make carpets and pom-poms.

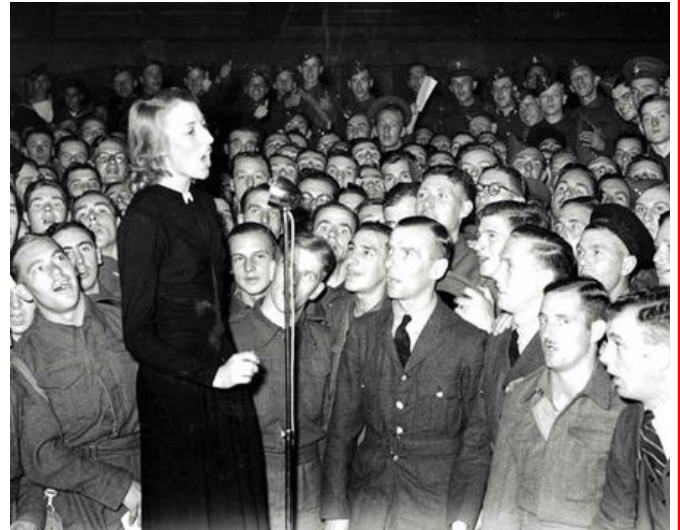


WW2 Evacuees



## Blast From The Past Continued...

In the kitchen, we learned about rationing in the war. Rationing was where the government decided that, because of food shortage in the war, they would hand out ration booklets so everybody had their fair share of food and clothes. We learned about what kinds of foods were rationed (e.g. lard, jams, meat, eggs) and how much of it you got. In the bomb shelter, we learned about gas masks and incendiary bombs (a fire bomb). We got to hold a defused bomb and we saw three gas masks: an adult's one, a child's one and a baby's one. We also learned how long we had to get into a bomb shelter by climbing under a table – in one group, there were 5 boys and 10 girls,



Dame Vera Lynn singing to the British Troops.

but the girls did the best!

When we left Holdenby House and got back to school, we got to play outside on the playground, but then it rained so we had to go back in, and we all had 2 biscuits. We then went into the hall and played some wartime games. After the games, we sang some songs such as 'We'll Meet Again' sung by Dame Vera Lynn, the 'Forces Sweetheart'.

Reported By

Jaya Gill, Grace Edgington & Lucy Brown,



A bomb shelter, also known as an 'Anderson Shelter'.





## Who are you!?

### Sixty seconds with staff!

#### Callum Burgess

*Q: Are there certain sports that you like to teach?*

A: There's no specific sport, I like to teach all different sports.

*Q: What's the best part of your job?*

A: I love to see children progressing in their sport and fitness.

*Q: Do you enjoy your job?*

A: I really enjoy my job, and I love to work with all different age groups.

*Q: Tell us a random fact about yourself!*

A: I used to play for Coventry City until I was 19..

*Q: What is your favourite Christmas song?*

A: My favourite song is 'Last Christmas' by Wham.

*Q: What is your favourite Christmas movie?*

A: That's easy! Home Alone 1.

*Q: What is your favourite part about Christmas?*

A: Stuffing my face with Christmas dinner!

#### Mr Hancock

*Q: Have the children progressed in sports?*

A: I have seen the children progress in Callum's Club.

*Q: How are they working together?*

A: They are working together to achieve progress.

*Q: How is it to watch the children progress?*

A: It is great to see the children putting smiles on the teacher's face.

*Q: How long have you been working here for?*

A: I have been working here for 8 years.

*Q: What is it like going to a competition?*

A: It's the best thing to see the children doing their best.

*Q: What are your hobbies?*

A: Golf, touch rugby and football.

*Q: What is your favourite food and drink?*

A: I love a roast dinner with Vimto.

*Q: What is your favourite Christmas movie?*

A: My favourite movie is Elf.

*Q: What is your favourite Christmas song?*

A: I love 'Driving Home for Christmas' by Chris Rea

*Q: What is your favourite part of Christmas?*

A: Spending time with family and friends.



Callum, Darren Campbell and Mr Hancock



## Terrific Tudor World

Year 5 went on a wonderful trip to Tudor World in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Travel back in time to face the terrible time of the Tudors. Let your nose drop off by the petrifying plague smell. Experience the goriest executions the worst punishments and

the element of the Globe Theatre. If you fancy to have live experiences about dreadful days, it's definitely the museum you must visit.

When I went there I got to hold a real keg of gunpowder! The Overall Experience was amazing. The tour was Simply magnificent as we got to see many beautiful sights that are part of Shakespeare's birth place. The tour guide showed us around the most spectacular parts of Stratford.



Reported by: Matyas Hegedus

### Fun Facts!

In the Tudor times, at the beginning of school, boys had to wear girl's clothes!

When executions took place, the person who was getting executed would be allowed to pay the executioner to sharpen their axe so it was less painful.

Boys had to learn most of their lesson by heart because books were scarce and paper was too expensive to use regularly.

### Tudor dates

1485 Battle of Bosworth, King Henry VII becomes king

1509 Henry VIII becomes king

1535 Henry VIII becomes "Supreme Head of the Church of England"

1547 Edward VI becomes king

1553 Mary becomes queen

1558 Elizabeth I becomes queen

1603 Elizabeth I dies



## A Dog for Christmas



It's a great family film for all ages. I would give this film a rating of 5 stars.

The two main characters are a 15 to 17 year old boy named Billie, who is an enthusiastic and helpful boy who helps everyone around him, and a dog named Christmas.

The film is set a few very snowy days before Christmas at Billie's house. This is a family film for all ages.

My favourite part was when Billie went to the dog shelter to choose a dog for Christmas.

By Tia Jelbert



Fabulous Film

## Pennies for Pudsey



On the 17<sup>th</sup> November, people in the United Kingdom had Pudsey Day! This is the time when we raise money for children in need. At Ernesford Grange Primary School we raised £700 which contributed towards the outstanding amount of £50 million, raised across England. Of course, all that money will go to the children who really need it.

On the day, we dressed up. People dressed in dots, Pudsey t-shirts and all kinds of other stuff. Children in Need happens every year, and every year it's a great success!

Reported by, Zara Jennings





## Who are you!?

Sixty seconds with staff!

Our very own, Lilly Gleason, caught up with Mrs Brooker, just in time before she went off to relax before her little one arrived!

*Q: Are you excited for your baby?*

A: Very, I can't believe I'm going to be a mum.

*Q: Which was your favourite class?*

A: I loved both of them. I will never forget them.



Mrs Brooker

*Q: What is your favourite subject to teach?*

A: Definitely ART!

*Q: When are you leaving?*

A: Sadly, on the 29th September.

*Q: Will you miss your job or will you go for a new one?*

A: No I will not leave teaching. I will miss it so much.

*Q: Where would you like to teach when you come back?*

A: Year 6 or anywhere in KSI.

*Q: Did you like your Christmas presents last year?*

A: They were great!

### UPDATE!

Exciting news from Mrs Brooker as she had her baby boy, born on the 3rd of November 2017. She named her baby, Elijah.





# Russia Welcomes the World Cup

Over the years, the world cup has been held in a variety of places, also having a variety of winners.

This time the world cup is being held in Russia in 2018. In the qualifiers, most well-known teams will not be visiting Moscow.

The teams that qualified are: England, Japan, Sweden, France, Iceland, Belgium, Argentina, Russia, Nigeria, Peru, Egypt, Poland, Senegal, Spain, Uruguay, Korea, Germany, Colombia, Mexico, Portugal, Costa Rica, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Morocco, Panama, France and Poland.

The more well-known teams who failed to qualify are: Wales, Holland, Italy, Turkey, Ireland and Chile.

## Favorites to win

Germany, who are the current holders of the world cup, have won it 4 times and are the second most successful international team in the world. Although Germany won the world cup, they came crashing out of the European cup after a 2-0 defeat to France in the semifinals.

Brazil, who are the most successful team in world football, have won the cup 5



Previous World  
Cup Winners



## Russia Welcomes the World Cup continued...



Three Lions

times, that is more than any other football team on earth. They were the last nation to host the world cup, however, they were knocked out by Germany in a devastating 7-1 defeat. Argentina, who have the best player on the world Lionel Messi, lost in

the final 4 years ago to Germany, thanks to a late Mario Gotze goal. Despite, losing the Copa Del Rey final to Chile, the Argentines have been in great form.

### England

Although England crashed out of the European cup in a shocking defeat to Iceland, this year, England have an easier group and are expected to come second and Belgium first.

Reported by Harvie Singh

FIFA WORLD CUP RUSSIA 2018			
GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
RUSSIA	PORTUGAL	FRANCE	ARGENTINA
SAUDI ARABIA	SPAIN	AUSTRALIA	ICELAND
EGYPT	MOROCCO	PERU	CROATIA
URUGUAY	IRAN	DENMARK	NIGERIA
GROUP E	GROUP F	GROUP G	GROUP H
BRAZIL	GERMANY	BELGIUM	POLAND
SWITZERLAND	MEXICO	PANAMA	SENEGAL
COSTA RICA	SWEDEN	TUNISIA	COLOMBIA
SERBIA	STH KOREA	ENGLAND	JAPAN



## Christmas Crackers!

### Christmas Word Search Puzzle

D M J S C P S Y O T R A T S O  
 M A V I X E N L R A J P F R M  
 O H N T R E E L Q R E G N A M  
 P Y N C O D D O S M C A X Q E  
 T R X Z E O F H I A M A V W R  
 B Q A J N R Y S R E H S B C U  
 B B S N X Y T O N T G B P D D  
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 O A K K K D P T I N S E L B F

ANGELS PRESENTS  
 BLITZEN RUDOLPH  
 CAROLERS SNOW  
 COMET STAR  
 CUPID STOCKINGS  
 DANCER TINSEL  
 DASHER TOYS  
 DONNER TREE  
 FROSTY VIXEN  
 HOLLY WREATH  
 LIGHTS  
 MANGER  
 MISTLETOE  
 ORNAMENTS  
 PRANCER

Season's	Merry	New				A	&	Happy
						Season's	Merry	New
	Happy		A	New		Christmas	Year	
Christmas		Season's	Greetings	Happy				
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Happy	Greetings		&	A		Year		
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As we embark on our Christmas break, we are all excited for a rest and to spend time with our families, ready for the new term in January. Next year will be somewhat different, with a special person missing from EGPS!

Mrs Andrews, we wish you a relaxing and enjoyable retirement!  
You will be greatly missed, and hold a special place in our hearts!

## Good luck Mrs Andrews!

Here at the Ernie Express, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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