

# Eagles' Nest



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# Welcome Back !

*By : Aaiza K.*

The Newspaper Club is excited to welcome you back to the 2023-2024 school year. This is our first edition of the Eagles' Nest of the year. On the next few pages, you will find articles on various topics such as school events, trips, performances, gaming, and comics.

We hope you enjoy reading the newspaper!

- The Newspaper Club





# Orange Shirt Day

*By: Lia J. and Mia P.*

Interested in learning more about residential schools? Read this page to find out more!

I'm sure you've heard the story "Orange Shirt Day" multiple times, but do you actually know what it means, stands for, and represents?



The Orange Shirt is a symbol for Truth and Reconciliation. A story you may know is that of Phyllis Webstad. Her story is just one of the **many** stories of poor souls that died in residential schools in Canada.

Phyllis's story is about when she was 6 years old and attended a residential school. Her grandma bought her a new, bright orange t-shirt. When she arrived at school wearing her t-shirt, the teachers snatched her new t-shirt away and cut her hair. How do you think Phyllis felt when her identity was just thrown away? It must have been truly devastating.

On this day, we have to stand for what's right, for those who attended the residential schools and couldn't stand up for themselves.





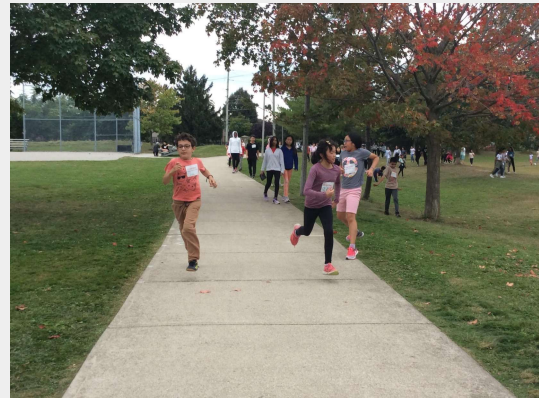
# La Course Terry Fox

*Par Mila B.*

Terry Fox, un athlète canadien, n'était pas un athlète très fameux quand il était jeune. Quand il a été diagnostiqué avec le cancer, les choses ont changé.

Tous les élèves de E.M.P.S. ont participé à cette course. La course Terry Fox a eu place dehors sur le terrain de soccer et aussi sur la chaussée. Les élèves avaient un autocollant qui contenait un message de soutien affiché sur leur corps. Les élèves avaient dédié leur course à Terry et aux autres personnes qu'ils connaissent.

J'espère que cette journée vous a inspiré.



# **International Teachers' Day**

## *By: Fareeha K.*

International Teachers' Day is celebrated every year on October 5th to honour the achievements, efforts, and contributions of educators to society and the lives of their students. This day provides us with an opportunity to express our gratitude and appreciation to all the teachers who work tirelessly to guide us toward a brighter future. Teachers are not just responsible for imparting knowledge from textbooks, but they also instill valuable life lessons that shape our character and help us become better individuals. They are the ones who light the path of knowledge for us and inspire us to achieve greatness. On this day, let us extend our heartfelt thanks to all the teachers out there for their selfless dedication and hard work towards our education. Let us recognize and appreciate their important role in shaping the future of society.

# Thanksgiving

*Par : Lia S.*

Thanksgiving is a big celebration in the United States, Canada, Grenada, Saint Lucia, Liberia, Brazil, the Philippines, Dutch town of Leiden, Australian territory of Norfolk Island, and many other countries around the world. Thanksgiving is a holiday where we spend time with our family and say what we're thankful for!

**What are you thankful for?**

In these boxes, write what you are thankful for!




# Meet the Teacher Night

*-Ava and Vivikka*

La soirée du 12 octobre, tous les parents ont eu la chance de communiquer avec les enseignants. Les enseignants ont préparé une présentation pour les familles qui expliquait tout à propos des règles et des routines de la classe. Les parents ont eu l'opportunité de poser des questions aux professeurs. À l'entrée de notre école on vendait du slime. Il y avait aussi un camion de crème glacée.

C'était une bonne soirée!

# The Cold Creek Field Trip

*By : Isha, Fareeha,  
Vivikka, Ava, and Jenna*



This year, our grade 7 and 8 classes went on an incredible field trip to Cold Creek. At Cold Creek, they went mountain biking, rock climbing, and attempted many different obstacle courses. Our grade 7s experienced different courses such as two rock climbing walls and one huge obstacle course with two paths. Our grade 8s competed in similar obstacle courses as well as courses that took place above ground level, along with using a GPS, going across XOXO shaped bridges, and even visiting a nearby pond to have an amazing view of the wildlife. In rock climbing, there was a mix of manual and automatic safety ropes along with other challenges. Both grades learned how to use a compass followed by a short game about food chains (herbivores, carnivores and omnivores).





# Cold Creek Field Trip

## Photos





# Hispanic Heritage Month

*By: Kylie L. and Gurneet K.*

In October, we celebrated Latin Heritage Month. This year's Latin Heritage Month theme is "Todos Somos, Somos Uno", meaning "We Are All, We Are One". This theme shows the number of different cultures, ethnicities, and perspectives in the Hispanic community. Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated to give the spotlight to Hispanic community members to share their voices, their journeys, and their achievements. Through these celebrations, young generations are inspired, and communities are brought together. Hispanic Heritage Month also offers opportunities to learn about Hispanic culture. It also celebrates the diversity and resilience of American Latinas and Latinos.



# Islamic Heritage Month

*By : Lia J.*

## What is Islamic Heritage Month?

In October, we celebrate the contributions of Muslims from all over the world. This month is to reflect, celebrate and learn. Of course, YRDSB would love to take part in this creative celebration. How did our school contribute? During the morning announcements, the slides would include amazing Muslims who changed the world in a very positive matter. We learned about Muslims who would go out of their way to change the world for the better, from all over the world. They gave numerous people rights globally and left their mark for a good cause! Also, the slides also spoke about Islamic traditions and cultures, as well of their celebrations and contributions to society.



# Halloween

*By: Sofia U.*

Halloween is a celebration that many countries all over the world celebrate. People celebrate in many ways, such as dressing up in costumes, carving pumpkins, going out at night to trick or treat or even just by decorating their house. Halloween is an annual celebration which takes place on the 31st of October. On this day, some people choose to wear costumes. Today, that is not the only reason we celebrate anymore, we do keep certain traditions and add new ones as well. As you know, we kept the costumes tradition, and we added trick or treating. When trick or treating, you get tons of candy and can spend time with your family and go from house to house collecting candy. In conclusion, Halloween is a celebration with many traditions.





# Performances

*By: Aaiza K.*

We had the Soaring Eagles' Concert Band perform during our Halloween assembly. They performed a piece called "Haunted Mansion" by Matt Neufeld. This piece was a combination of spooky and upbeat music which was pleasant to hear. The band performed very well and we are excited to see what they perform next time.



On Remembrance Day, we had our Soaring Eagles' Concert Band perform O Canada, our National Anthem. We also had a group of grade 7s, Neha R, Bahar S, Zoe W, and Erica Y perform "The Last Post", a Remembrance Day piece by Lee Kernaghan. Both of these performances were amazing and we are eager to hear what they will perform next time.

# Performances

*By: Aaiza K.*

On October 27th, we had Errol Lee perform at our school. Errol Lee is a singer and dancer from Toronto, Ontario. His main goal with his music is to make you feel like you matter and your opinion matters. We are so thankful that he came to our school and we can't wait to see which guest speaker comes to our school next.



# Zoo To You

*By : Sofia.V & Gurneet.K*

On Tuesday, November 7th, a program called Zoo To You came to our school for the grade 6 classes. During this time our classes were able to learn about and touch up to 12 animals of all different species. This program tied into what they learned in the Science Unit on biodiversity. All students were able to touch and some lucky ones were even allowed to feed the animals. Some of the 12 animals showed were a Sugar Glider (Grace), a hedgehog (Bruce), a bunny, a chinchilla (Remy), a snake and lastly the ferrets (Dunkin & Donut). Most of the students thought that this presentation was quite interesting, cool and fun!







# **Girls Intermediate Volleyball Tournament**

*By: Fareeha K. and Isha P.*

This year our intermediate girls placed 4th in the girls volleyball tournament. They played against various schools and had tons of fun. Our school's reputation has been upheld with great dignity and honor, thanks to the group of highly talented and dedicated girls who represented us in the recent girls intermediate volleyball tournament. These girls have put in tremendous effort and commitment in their training, and it's no surprise that their hard work, perseverance, and passion have truly paid off. Although they didn't win the tournament, we know that each one of them has given their best and done a terrific job. We're very proud of our intermediate girls for doing so well in the girls' volleyball tournament and we can't wait for the girls volleyball tournament next year!

# Girls Intermediate Volleyball Tournament Photos

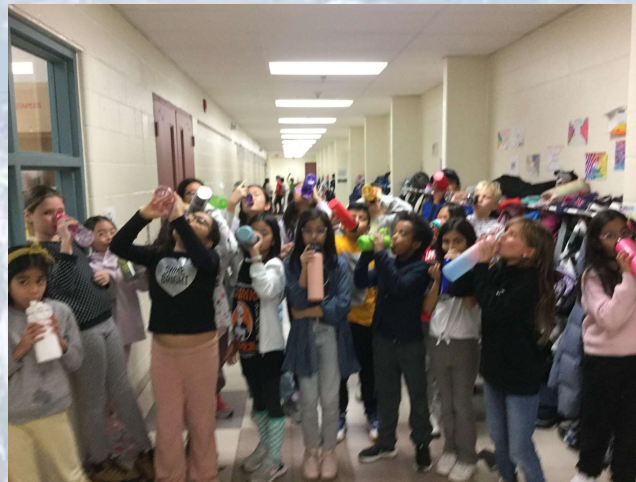




# The Gulp

*By: Mia P.*

The big gulp is an annual event that many different schools and organizations take part in. In celebration of World Water Day on March 22, people are invited to take part in The Great Gulp by taking a drink of clean water from a reusable bottle in regions where clean and safe drinking water is in reach. Here in Canada, all provinces and territories recognize this event, which happens to make schools participate. Here at E.M.P.S, every student with a reusable water bottle took a “big gulp” for this event. Below are some photos:





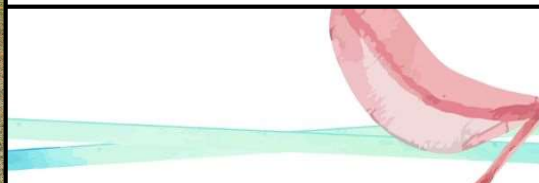
# Take Me Outside Day!

Vivikka K and Fareeha

Take Me Outside Day is a day when students have an opportunity to spend time outside and create beautiful art forms using items found in nature. Everyone gets to be one with nature and take a moment to express themselves. Students go outside and spend time with their friends and teachers and make new memories.



Every class had a opportunity to have fun with their masterpiece. On Take me Outside Day we all had a blast with



# Jour du Souvenir

*By: Mia. P*

Le jour du Souvenir est un jour important dans l'histoire du Canada. Le jour du Souvenir est une journée où nous honorons les soldats canadiens qui ont combattu pour notre pays. De nombreux soldats importants sont morts en combattant pour notre pays. Ils étaient plus de 6,25 millions de soldats à combattre, et plus de 100 000 personnes sont mortes dans toutes les guerres.

Le coquelicot est un symbole du jour du Souvenir. Il symbolisait l'espoir et la paix pour un nouvel avenir. Le 27 septembre 1920, le coquelicot est devenu la fleur familiale officielle de la Légion américaine, en souvenir des soldats qui ont combattu et sont morts au cours des guerres. Le coquelicot était un signe de respect pour ceux qui ont laissé derrière eux leurs proches et pour la vie que nous menons aujourd'hui.

La guerre prit fin le 11 novembre, à la dernière minute. Nous appelons cela la minute de paix. Chaque 11 novembre, à 11 heures, nous respectons deux minute de silence. Cette minute est destinée à honorer nos soldats, qui ont défendu nos intérêts, et à nous permettre de nous lever maintenant.

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# Hindu Heritage Month

*By: Mia P. and Nia R.*

In 2016, the government of Ontario decided that November will be Hindu heritage month. **What is Hindu Heritage Month?** Hindu Heritage Month is an opportunity **to remember, celebrate and educate future generations** about Hindu-Canadians and the important role that they have and continue to play across Canada. **Throughout November**, our school learned more about the fascinating heritage of Hindu-Canadians. During Hindu heritage month, everyone learns more about the Hindu culture, even the Hindu-Canadians themselves.

On November 11 and 12th, Hindus, Sikhs, and many more religions celebrated Diwali. **What is Diwali?** Diwali is an annual celebration that many religions specifically from **India** celebrate. Diwali is the celebration of **light, and good versus evil**. Many people who observe Diwali light diyas or candles to celebrate. A **diya** is a bowl-shaped candle with wax inside. As a regular candle, you light the wick and it lights up beautifully. People who celebrate Diwali light up diya's for **good health and fortune** during Diwali. Diwali is very important to be celebrated with **family**.



# Food and Toy drive

*By: Ava and Jenna*

This year EMPS was collecting toys and food for the people in need. We had four bins where you could donate non perishable food or unwrapped toys to help families in need along with spreading smiles. Once the event was over, the school donated the supplies to Vaughan Food Bank.

Finally we'd like to thank all the students for their donations!

## Vaughan Toy & Food Drive

Elder's Mills Public School in partnership with Vaughan Food Bank is collecting non-perishable foods and new unwrapped toys to spread community spirit during this holiday season

We will be collecting donations at our school from

November 1 to December 14

If you would like to volunteer please e-mail [elders.mills.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:elders.mills.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca)



# Book Fair at EMPS

*By: Rosie & Lara*



Our Scholastic Book Fair happened and was open from November 15 to November 17. We were able to shop from hundreds of items in-person or online through our Virtual Book Fair extension.

The purchases helped earn new resources for our school.



# Winter Holidays

*By : Sofia.V & Gurneel.K*

The winter break is coming up and many people are celebrating many different things. For example some may be celebrating Christmas and some may be celebrating Hanukkah or Kwanzaa.

**What is Hanukkah?** Hanukkah commemorates the victory of Judah the Maccabee, religious freedom, and the rededication of the Holy Temple in 165. This Jewish holiday goes on for 8 days and can be celebrated by lighting one candle on the menorah each night, playing dreidel games and giving small gifts. **What is Christmas?** Christmas is the day of which Jesus Christ was born. This holiday takes place on December 25th each year and many people celebrate Christmas by giving gifts to friends and family. Another exciting part of this holiday is the tradition of Santa, where you leave cookies and milk for him and in return he gives you a gift and fills your stockings with small gifts. **What is Kwanzaa?** Kwanzaa is a celebration of African-American culture that takes place from December 26th - January 1st. This Holiday was created by an activist named Maulana Karenga based on African harvest festival traditions from various parts of West and Southeast Africa.

Happy Holidays everyone!





# Centre de bibliothèque



*By: Lia J.*

Êtes vous curieux pour découvrir toutes les choses amusantes qui se passent à la bibliothèque?

Pour commencer, il y a 5 événements principaux qui ont lieu à la bibliothèque. **Club d'échecs, club de lecture, club des créateurs, club de l'art et club de codage.**

**Club d'échecs :** Êtes-vous entre la 2<sup>e</sup> et la 5<sup>e</sup> année ? Aimez-vous les échecs? Si c'est le cas, il y a un club pour vous ! C'est le jour 5 à la récréation du déjeuner, on espère vous y voir ! Saviez-vous qu'un gars nommé Hán Xin a créé les échecs ? Il est basé sur la guerre de Chine de 200 BC. Mais ne vous inquiétez pas ! Vous n'apprendrez pas de faits historiques dans le club d'échecs.

**Club de lecture :** Vous pensez peut-être que des livres sont ennuyants, mais croyez-moi dans un club... ce n'est pas le cas. Donc, les élèves de la deuxième à la cinquième année - Arrêtez d'être timide et rejoignez le club de lecture ! On a hâte de vous y voir.

Soyez bien informés en écoutant les annonces chaque matin pour apprendre plus au sujet de clubs!

Merci!


# Eco Hub

*By: Lia J. & Mia P.*

Do you have concerns about the world's environment problems? Are you in Eco Club, or would you like to take part in it? Fear not! Read this article to find all the information you need to know.

On June 5th, we celebrate World Environment Day. But, what exactly are we celebrating? Well, the name says it all! Our Earth unfortunately suffers from pollution, climate change, global warming and so on. This is why, on June 5th we take a day to brainstorm ideas to save our planet and to be a better citizen. However, it should be a daily thing to brainstorm and take better care of our planet. Here are some ways how!

1. Take some time to clean up the trails, parks, or even your street, and pick up garbage.
2. Save electricity! When you're grabbing something from another room, turn off the lights.
3. Take shorter showers! (We know, it's hard)
4. Don't pollute! Try to walk, bike, scooter, or carpool when you can!
5. Always save paper.
6. Don't litter!

**What do you think** we can do to help our planet Earth? Why don't you brainstorm about ?

Dans la classe de géographie en septième année, on a appris à propos de la réclamation des terres. Voici un extrait de l'article d'une élève:

# ★UNE ÎLE QUI APPARAÎT★ ★DE L'EAU ?★

ÉCRIT PAR : FÉRIEL KACI

**“The road to success is always under construction.”** - Lily Tomlin



Vue aérienne de Kansai International Airport (KIX)



Google Maps

Avez-vous déjà entendu des avions qui peuvent décoller sur l'eau ? À Kansai International Airport, c'est un phénomène qui se passe au quotidien ! Kansai International

Airport, 296 043 m<sup>2</sup> en superficie, est situé sur la côte sud-ouest de Osaka Bay à Osaka, Japon. Cet aéroport a officiellement ouvert ses portes en septembre 1994, commençant sa construction en juin 1991. L'île a été conçue par l'architecte italien Renzo Piano et financièrement supporté par le gouvernement japonais.

## La construction

On pourrait dire qu'il n'est pas nécessaire de construire Kansai International Airport tandis que Osaka International Airport se trouve à moins de 70 km. Par contre, le but principal de cette réclamation des terres était de soulager la pression de voyageurs exercée sur Osaka International Airport, étant auparavant le seul aéroport dans la région. Quant à la construction de l'île artificielle, ça a pris environ 10 000 travailleurs qui ont utilisé l'argile alluviale trouvée au fond marin de la baie d'Osaka comme base. Afin de renforcer les couches d'argile, ils ont construit à peu près un million de tuyaux ont été percés (*drilled*) dans le fond marin. Ils étaient remplis de sable et ensuite retirés, laissant à peu près un million de colonnes de sable afin d'absorber l'humidité de l'argile (pour que l'île ne coule pas). Puis, du sable, environ 1,5 mètre en profondeur a été ajouté en dessus des colonnes. La prochaine étape était de lâcher des rochers immenses dans l'eau (à l'aide des bateaux) qui étaient manœuvrés en place par des plongeurs. Il y avait des fissures/espaces vides entre les rochers, donc, ils ont créé un mélange de divers matériaux (pris du fond marin, de 3 montagnes locales après les avoir fouillé ou importé de la Chine et la Corée) pour remplir ces petites craquelures (en plus, le mélange va aider le sol à rester solide dans le cas d'un tremblement de terre). Entre-temps, ils ont construit un pont pour relier Osaka à l'aéroport en utilisant des grues flottantes pour placer 29 poutres dans le fond marin.



L'argile alluviale trouvée au fond de la baie d'Osaka.



Un plongeur en train de déplacer les grosses roches afin de construire l'île.



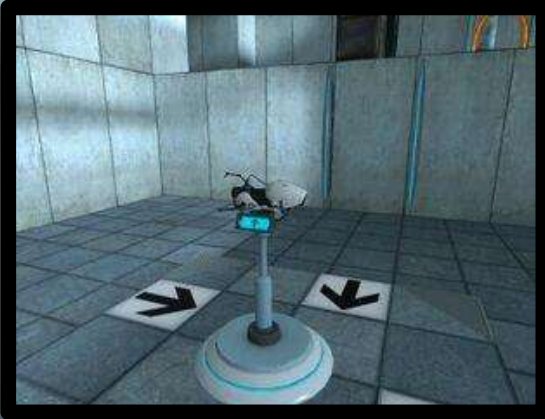
Une photo de l'île avant de commencer la construction de l'aéroport elle-même. Les scientifiques prédisent que l'île va couler 2 à 4 cm par an, la raison pour laquelle l'île est visiblement haute au-dessus du niveau de l'eau.



# Gaming Panel

By Timur Abaev

# PORTAL



The Portal Gun. Creates portals. (Not a weapon)

The puzzles start off easy, just placing cubes onto buttons, but as you progress they begin to get harder and harder. The puzzles have a lot of different mechanics in them that you will learn how to use.

Portal is a video game created in 2007 by Valve™ that uses portals to bend reality. You traverse 19 test chambers and learn how to navigate them using portals. To progress through the game you need to exit to the elevator, which will bring you to the next test chamber. The game takes place in a facility called “Aperture Laboratories”.

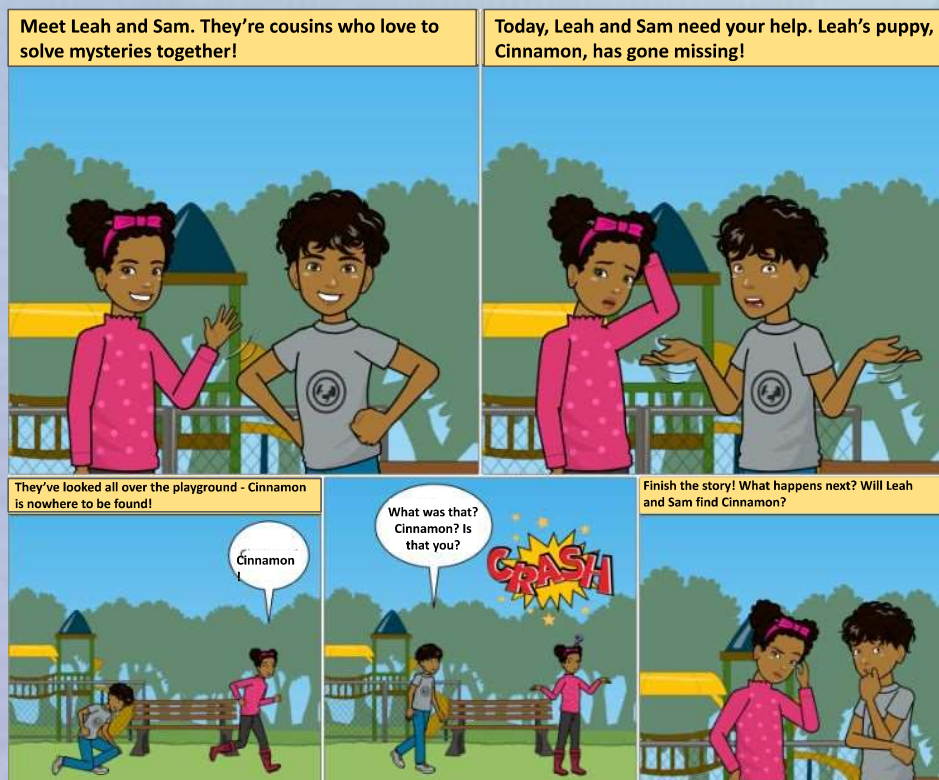


# Comic and Animation

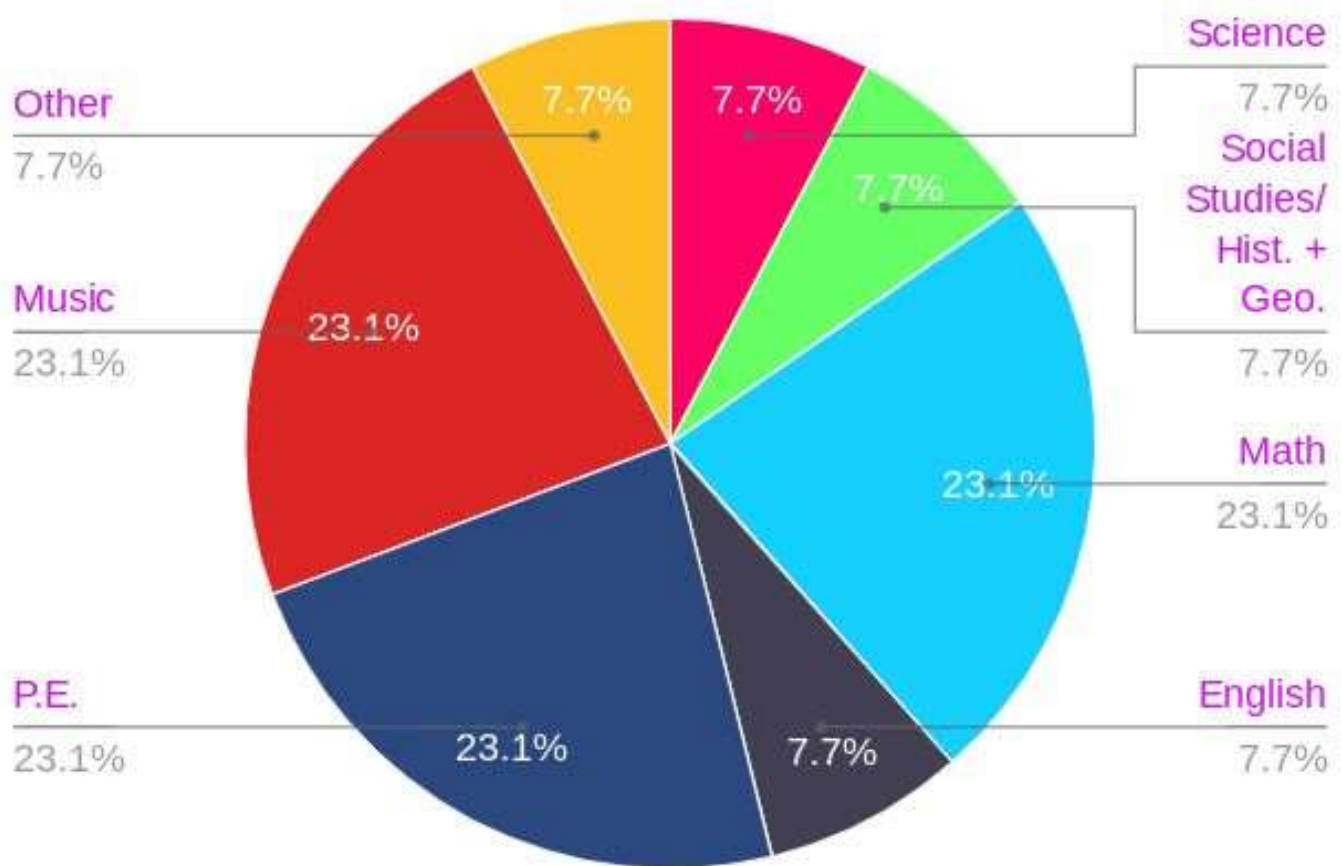
## By: Nia and Kylie

Here are some comics!

Finish the stories on a piece of paper and come to the small desk in front of the office and drop it in the box that says “Comic Entries.” If your plot is good enough, we’ll feature it in the next edition! Don’t forget to tell us which comic you are finishing! (French, English or both) Write your name and class too!



# Survey : What is your favourite subject? - Newspaper Club Members





# Math Problems

By : Emma I.

Primary - Your team scored a total of 63 points. 21 points were scored in the first half. How many were scored in the second half?

Junior

$$\text{Watermelon} + \text{Watermelon} + \text{Watermelon} = 36$$

$$\text{Watermelon} + \text{Orange} + \text{Orange} = 28$$

$$\text{Orange} - \text{Banana} = 3$$

$$\text{Orange} = ?$$

$$\text{Watermelon} = ?$$

$$\text{Banana} = ?$$

Intermediate -  $36^{1/2} \times \sqrt{36-36+15} = ?$

# Stretch Your Brain

*By: Nia and Kylie*

Les Juniors et Intermédiaires, dites à vos professeurs de faire des photocopies du Sudoku en bas pour que vous pouvez résoudre pour un prix. Tu peux faire en partenaires ou en petit groupes. Quand vous avez fini, vous pouvez mettre le papier dans le boîte qui dit “Sudoku et Codes” sur le pupitre devant la bureau. Bonne chance!

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# Stretch Your Brain

*By: Nia and Kylie*

Les Primaires, dites à vos professeurs de faire des photocopies du codes en bas pour que vous pouvez résoudre pour un prix. Tu peux faire comme une classe, en partenaires ou en petit groupes. Quand vous avez fini, vous pouvez mettre le papier dans la boîte qui dit “Sudoku et Codes” sur le pupitre devant la bureau. Bonne chance!

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$$M = 8 - 3 = 5$$

$$L = 9 + 7 = 16$$

$$V = 10 - 6 = 4$$

$$F = 16 + 2 = 18$$

$$S = 2 + 12 = 14$$

$$N = 11 + 4 = 15$$

$$O = 12 - 6 = 6$$

$$A = 11 - 4 = 7$$

$$E = 14 - 6 = 8$$

$$Y = 4 + 6 = 10$$

$$D = 12 + 0 = 12$$



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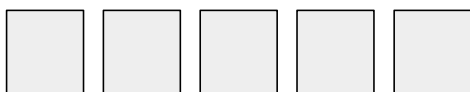
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# Fun Corner

*By : Emma I. & Aaiza K.*

**What did the duck say after she  
bought chapstick?**

Put it on my bill!

**What do you call an illegally  
parked frog?**

A toad!

**What do cats eat for breakfast?**

Mice Krispies!



## Flowers Word Search

R	K	Y	S	I	A	D	Q	D	V	G	S	U	C	P
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Y	L	L	I	L	A	C	H	T	N	K	W	Y	E	U
S	E	F	A	I	R	E	T	S	I	W	V	K	N	Q

DAFFODIL  
JASMINE  
LILY  
PANSY  
ROSE  
TULIP

DAISY  
LAVENDER  
MAGNOLIA  
PEONY  
SNOWDROP  
VIOLET

DANDELION  
LILAC  
ORCHID  
POPPY  
SUNFLOWER  
WISTERIA

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