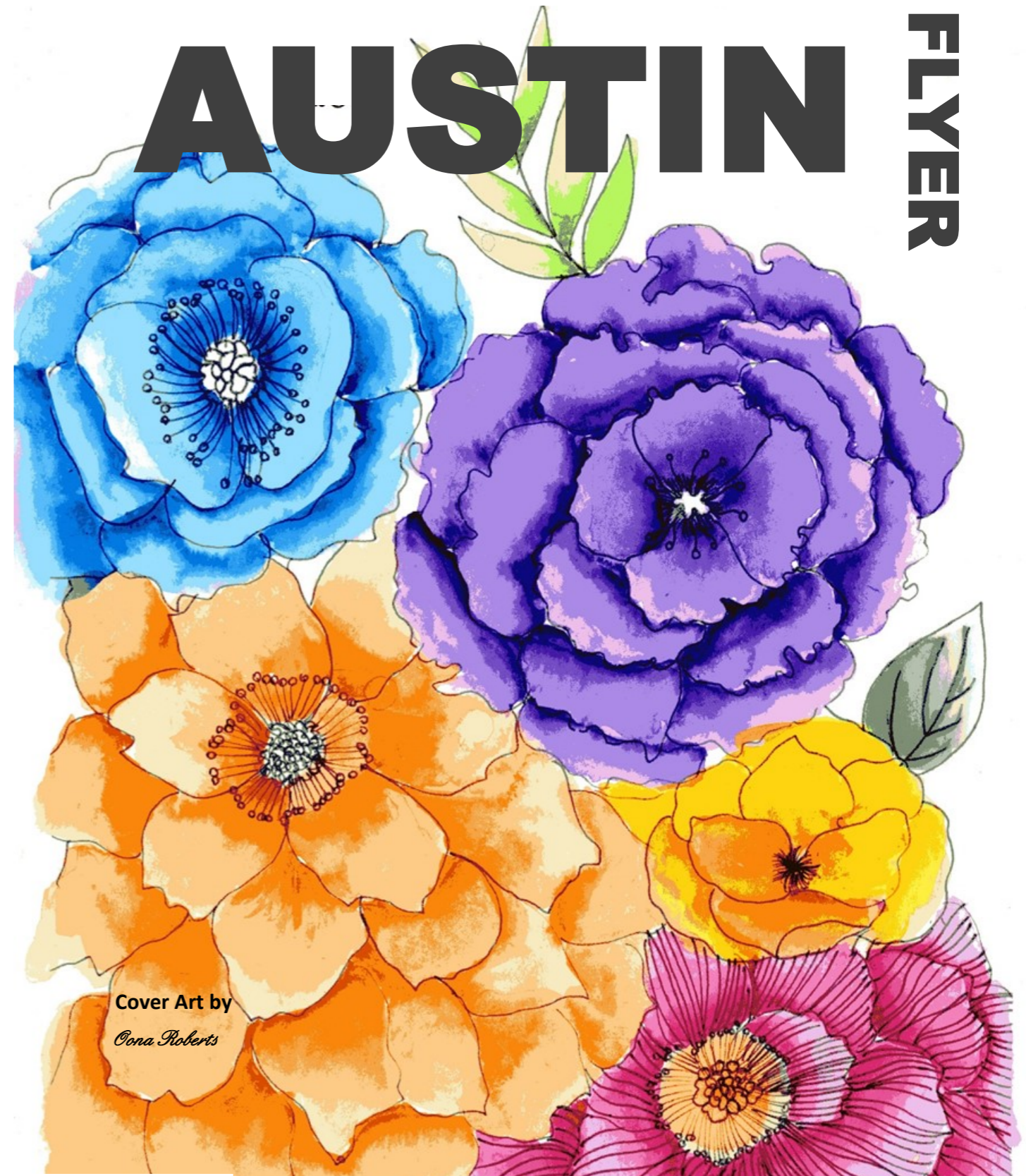


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Easter Word:

Please hand in to Mrs Smith before Friday the 20th April to be entered into the draw!!



Solve the puzzle and win an Easter Egg

Easter around the world!!



Tasty Treats: Easter Bunny Cupcakes Recipe

2018 Anniversaries

2018 marks many interesting and significant historical anniversaries. As it's our first issue of the year I thought it would be fitting to mention a few of them here.

- It is the 1975th anniversary of the Roman invasion of Britain. Although Julius Caesar had attacked the UK previously, this time Britain was sacked under the reign of Emperor Claudius.
- It is the 475th Anniversary of the marriage of Catherine Parr and Henry VIII. This was the King's sixth and last marriage.
- Sir Isaac Newton, the renowned physicist, was born 375 years ago
- It is the 250th anniversary of Captain James Cook's first voyage to Tahiti, New Zealand and Australia.
- 1818 was a big year for British literature as it marks the publication of Mary Shelley's 'Frankenstein' and Jane Austen's 'Persuasion'.
- In 1918, some women were granted the right to vote in the UK although the voting rights of all women were not equal to men until 10 years later.
- It is also the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War in which a devastating 16 million were killed.

Teachers Pet



This teacher has hundreds of pets, but who is it?



Find out in the next edition!!

Rome Trip 2018

On Friday the 9th of February at 3:00am in the morning, the Rome Trip departed to learn about the robust, and romantic beauty of Roman history.

Friday:

As soon as we landed the resplendent Mr Wright ordered us on to the bus and took us to the Ostia Antica where the mother of Saint Augustine, Saint Monica passed away. Ostia was also a major port for ancient Rome.

After that we went to the illustrious Hotel Luciani, a hotel so great that the critics awarded it an amazing rating of two stars on trip advisor.

Saturday:

Saturday was the day when we saw the Vatican. Seeing the fantastic amount of artwork and history collected throughout Christian history. We also saw the intricate design of the Sistine Chapel– all within the smallest country in the world.

Sunday:

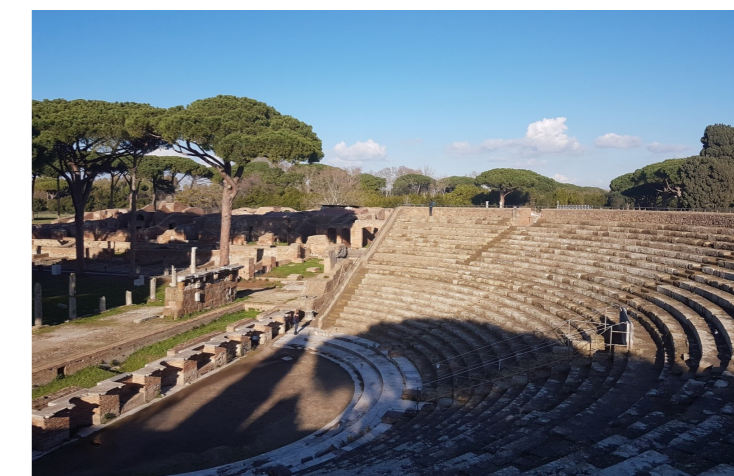
First thing morning we woke up and found out where (and what) the towels were. 'They were comparable to bedsheets' Louis said or giant napkins. We went to see the Coliseum, where we discovered the genius design of the labyrinth underneath, this allowed us to peek behind the curtain of ancient Gladiator battles. After taking in the beauty of Ancient Roman design, we ventured to the Forum, where many financial, political and domestic decisions were made. After being ditched by our tour group – thanks guys – we saw the remains of a statue where only the toe survived.

Monday:

On Monday we took the Roman Metro to the Spanish Steps (of which there are actually 127 steps) after which we went to a very exciting art gallery (exciting in the fact that Ewan spent most of the day away from Louis) This museum, called the Villa Borghese, had many sculptures and great works of art created by the famous artists of the Renaissance.

Tuesday:

The last day in Rome. After checking out of the awe-inspiring Hotel Luciani. We enjoyed Italian gelato and visited the Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Moderna – a modern art museum – with stupendous works of modern art. Finally, we made a last dash back to the hotel before collecting our bags. A fantastic trip was had by all!



Easter Around the World

Many countries celebrate Easter like Britain, with chocolate eggs, the Easter bunny and Easter egg hunts, but here are some countries who celebrate it differently...

Brazil

•Easter in Brazil is a huge celebration with festivals and street parties taking place. Children are taught about Jesus and the religious routes of Easter rather than the Easter bunny. Children spend the day in Church and relaxing with family rather than hunting for chocolate Easter eggs.

•Due to their strong religious beliefs they do not eat meat during Brazilian Easter celebrations and instead eat cliffish. They also eat Easter ring cake and a biscuit like food called Pacoca.

•Brazilians revere a special flower called the Macela flower that only grows during lent which is taken to be blessed in church on Easter morning and is then turned into medicine.



Slovakia

•Easter preparations begin days before Easter. To be ready for the feast, people bake pastries, cookies and do extensive grocery shopping. The Easter menu is always festive: potato salad with mayonnaise, cooked ham, cold cuts and sandwiches are served on Easter Sunday as well as on Easter Monday. Sweet treats and some (home made) alcohol can't be missing from the table either.

•A strange tradition in Slovakia is that on Easter morning, men and boys whip women and girls with colourfully decorated sticks and throw cold water on them. The tradition is supposed to encourage good health and beauty.



Philippines

•In the Philippines, Christians have acted out the crucifixion of Jesus since the 1950s in a real-life Good Friday re-enactment. Thousands of people gather to watch the display.

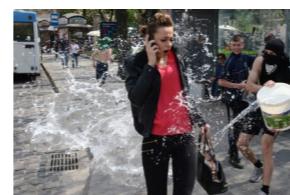
•Some traditional Easter foods in the Philippines are: Lumpiang Shanghai (Fried Spring Roll) Crispy golden sticks filled with ground pork; shrimp and vegetable. Paella Filipina. Saffron-infused rice boasting the flavours of seafood, meat and vegetables in tomato sauce. Puto (Steamed Rice Cake) is delicately sweet, soft, fluffy and colourful.



Germany

•Germany celebrates Easter in a similar way to Britain with just a few differences, for example the Germans have Easter trees, which are trees decorated with Easter eggs; these are as common as Christmas trees. Also, as well as chocolate eggs, the Germans boil and paint chicken or duck eggs and use them as decorations in the homes.

•in a similar way to Slovakia they also like to throw water on girls and women on Easter Sunday, this often results in water fights on the street.



Fun Easter Facts

1. The tallest Easter egg chocolate was made in Italy in 2011. It stood at 10.39 meters and weighed an astounding 7,200 kg.
2. In the US, only 12 of the 50 states recognize Good Friday as a holiday.
3. The art of painting eggs is called pysanka, which originated in Ukraine. It involves using wax and dyes to colour the egg.
4. The term Easter gets its name from **Eastre**, the Anglo-Saxon goddess who symbolizes the hare and the egg.
5. The exchange or giving of Easter eggs actually dates back to before Easter and the giving of eggs is actually considered a symbol of rebirth in many cultures.
6. There used to be a tradition churches observed that resembled the game of "hot potato." Here, the priest would toss a hard boiled egg to one of the choir boys. The boys would toss the egg amongst themselves and when the clock struck 12, whomever had the egg was the winner and got to keep the egg.
7. Peep peep... did you know Americans buy more than 700 million marshmallow Peeps during Easter? This makes Peeps the most popular non-chocolate Easter candy.
8. Americans consume more than 16 million jelly beans during this holiday. That is enough jelly beans to circle the globe not once, not twice, but three times.
9. Are you an ears, arms or tail person? Seventy-six percent of people eat the ears on the chocolate bunny first, 5 percent go for the feet and 4 percent for the tail.
10. During the holiday, more than 90 million chocolate bunnies, 91.4 billion eggs and 700 million Peeps are produced each year in the United States alone.
11. Next to Halloween, Easter is the biggest candy-consuming holiday of the year. Good thing they are almost six months apart, perfect for your yearly dentist check-ups!
12. An estimated \$14.7 billion is spent in total for Easter in the US.
13. The Easter egg is said to symbolize and represent joy, celebration and new life.
14. Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Christ; it is the oldest Christian holiday and one of the most important days of the year.
15. Half the states in the United States banned the dyeing of chicks on Easter; however, Florida recently overturned this law and now prevents the dyeing of all animals.
16. Not only did Florida overturn the dyeing of animals, but the state also held the largest Easter egg hunt, where 9,753 children searched for 501,000 eggs.
17. The White House of tradition of the Easter Egg Roll started back in 1878, with President Rutherford B. Hayes!



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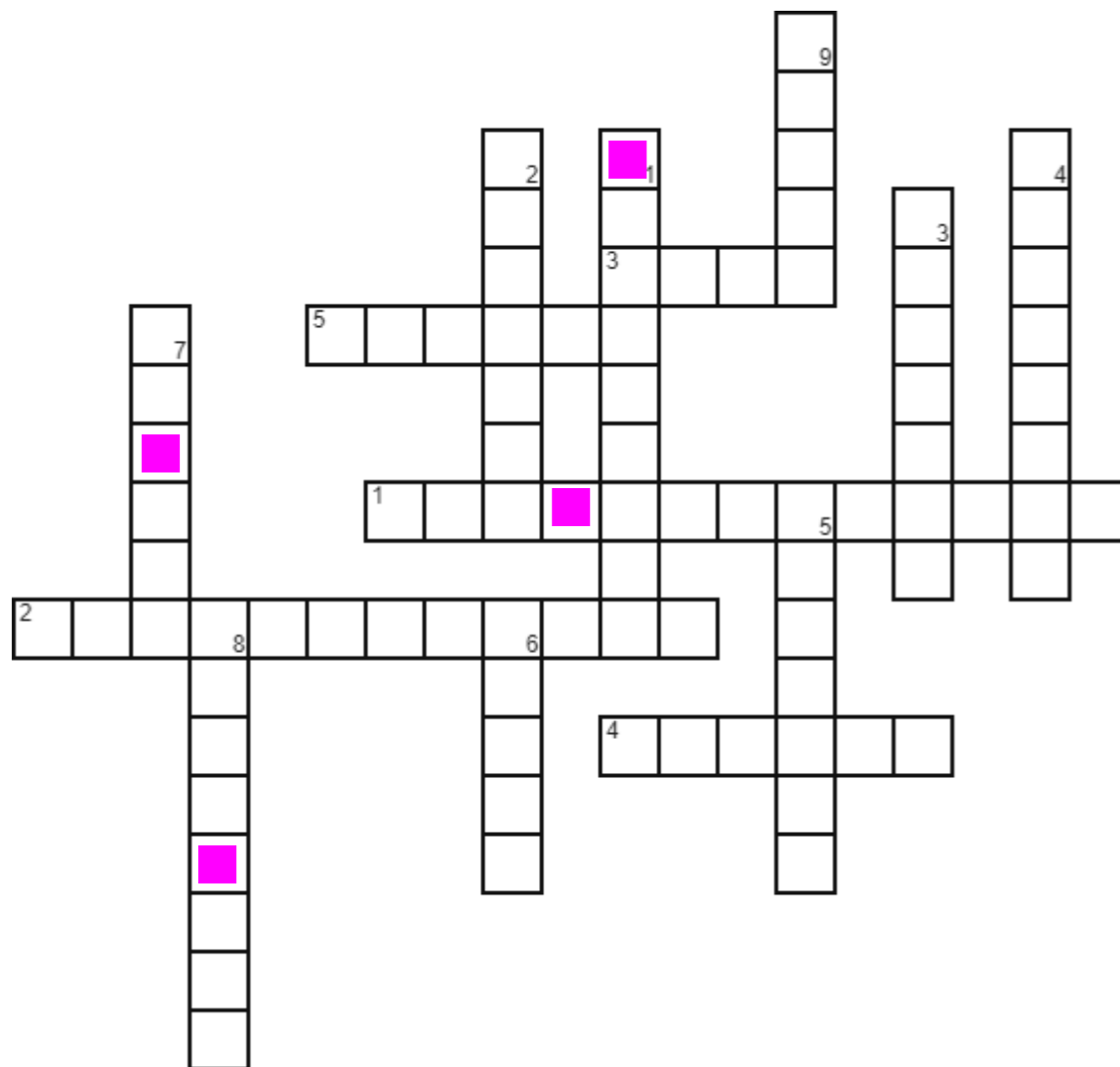
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Easter Crossword



Across

1. What Easter Game is annually played at the White House?
2. What food is it traditional to eat on Good Friday?
3. What flower is associated with Easter?
4. Where is the largest Easter egg museum?
5. What is the name of the cake traditionally featuring 11 balls of marzipan?

Down

1. Which holiday sells more candy than Easter?
2. 90 million of which Easter chocolate are produced each year?
3. Where is the most famous Easter parade held?
4. A Baker made which famous biscuit to resemble arms crossed in prayer?
5. Where did the Easter Bunny originate?
6. What animal is the Australian alternative to the Easter bunny?
7. An Easter is a type of hat, worn on Easter?
8. Who makes creme eggs?
9. The players of which game are occasionally referred to as egg chasers?

Rearrange the letters in the pink boxes and hand in the word that it makes. Hand in the slip in order to be entered into the prize draw to win an Easter Egg.

Death's Barn

The old rusty hinges creaked and whined as the old, stout farmer shoved his way through the door to the dark, musty barn. The sunlight streamed in like a spot light, hitting his pistol, which glinted and sparkled. The boy inside, wriggled in his seat, his muffled words dying on his lips. The wrinkled farmer spoke slowly and slyly making the boy sink down into his chair, "don't worry," the farmer whispered into Jack's right ear, "I won't shoot, as long as you tell me where the Book is."

A dripping noise, distracted the farmer. He slowly moved over to the tight corner of the barn. He drew out the pistol, "who's there," he demanded not sure whether he should be so jittery. A bang came from outside, and the farmer raced to the door. "Put your hands up" a teenage voice shouted. As the farmer came though the barn door, he was hit forcibly to the back of the head. The boy put a pocket knife to the farmer's throat and knocked his pistol to the ground.

Back inside the barn Jack was crying in delight and confusion, he could hear a familiar voice talk in a cocky, but manly way to the farmer. "My name is Todd," the voice proudly declaimed, "You will let my brother go" he demanded.

The farmer trembled as Todd lowered his knife and picked up the scuffed pistol, "If you move, I will shoot", he whispered. He glided across the floor to his brother who was bouncing up and down in his seat making muffled noises of gratefulness and relief; he was safe. Todd cut his brother free and just to show that he was not to be messed with, he branded the farmers arm with a T. The farmer was left screaming in agony, calling out for help.

Once they were out of earshot from anyone Henry chirped up, "your name isn't Todd!"

In an exasperated tone the teenage boy said, "Of course my name isn't Todd, my name is Lucifer."

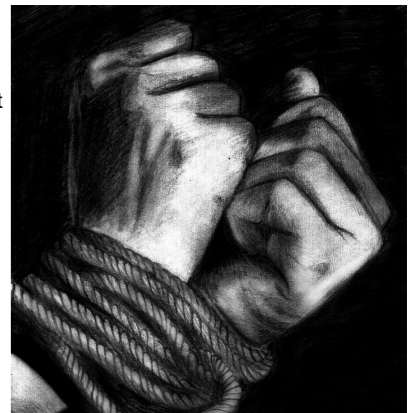
"Exactly, so why did you say that your name is Todd?"

"Do you think I would tell a wretched farmer like him my actual name? If I did then I could have been caught," Lucifer spat the words out in anger. "hey what ya do with the book Jack?"

Jack grinned, "I burnt it before he caught me."

"I knew I could trust you" Lucifer beamed down on him. "Still, we have to run."

Written By Yolanda Wilkinson



The Curse

Avril stepped forwards cautiously, her sweat dripping down her forehead and gradually into her eyes, making them water and sting. She was a big watery mess altogether.

It had taken a while to race away from the green, but she had no choice; there was a perpetual fear of the curse attacking. She didn't know how to defend herself against a nefarious curse. Avril still felt like the curse was chasing her- she saw a thick, brown venomous sludge, slyly sliding towards her. The curse was so close now that it loomed over her, its thick sludge trickling into her soft blonde hair, dripping down to the ends of it. Avril reached out to feel her 'hair' and was greeted by the sticky, stinking texture.

She cried out in horror, attempting to wipe it away, but it was no longer even sludge- it had dried into sickly dark chocolate. It now seemed to be rock solid. Her knuckles throbbed and bled crimson blood as Avril desperately tried to break it.

Avril knew it wouldn't be long until the chocolate substance covered her entire body. She imagined the thick gloop climbing higher from her toes, all the way up to her kneecaps. How far would she have to sprint? Would the gloop enter her system? The gloop could freeze her veins and contaminate her muscles.

Frustrated and terrified ,she continued to run towards the gate. The rusted gate gently creaked as the wind coaxed it forward.

BANG!

Avril's head hit the highest bar of the gate, sending her flying. Luckily, it was just what she needed to break the helmet that confined her hair... and her voice.

"Help me!" She wept, lying in the deep, thick mud. Blood slowly trickled down her neck, as shards of the broken chocolate helmet pricked her scalp, and pierced through layers of skin.

She heaved herself up, and peered over the gate. An astonishing pain jolted her senses, suddenly clouding up any memory of what had just happened.

The gate creaked some more, as if to tempt her into the outside world. *This is what you wanted*, a warm feminine voice in her head whispered. Her soft tone of voice was comforting, and reminded Avril of her Mother.

Avril carefully tiptoed towards the gate, and fingered the cold uneven paint. It was peeling, and could easily be stripped to its bare form.

Hurry, the voice warned, *they're catching up*.

She looked behind her, over the green pastures; who was coming? The Easter sun shone obnoxiously, blinding her- but Avril daren't stay any longer. Who could trust a voice that sounded like her Mother?

Too late, somebody was there, walking swiftly towards her, shadow circled around her, until she could just see the dark red colour of a pair of deadly eyes.

Written by Grace Robinson

Ingredients:

For the cupcakes:

120g plain flour
 140g caster sugar
 1½ tsp baking powder
 a pinch of salt
 45g unsalted butter, at room temperature
 120ml whole milk
 1 egg
 ¼ tsp vanilla extract
 1 average-sized pack marshmallows

For the Frosting:

200g butter
 400g icing sugar
 1 average sized pack of marshmallows, each marshmallow cut diagonally in half
 Sprinkles (lots!)

Equipment:

2 Cupcake trays
 Cupcake cases
 Wooden spoon
 Bowls
 Spatula

Easter Bunny Cupcakes

Method:

To start, mix the flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and butter in a mixer or by hand (I used a Kenwood) until crumbly and sand-like. Pour in half of the milk until combined. In a separate bowl, whisk the eggs, remaining milk and vanilla, and pour into the first mixture gradually, mixing well until you have a smooth batter. Divide between your cupcake cases and bake at 160°C Fan/180°C for 20 minutes or until golden brown.

For the filling, melt the marshmallows slowly and carefully over a pan of boiling water. Once the cupcakes are cooked and cooled, use an apple corer to core out the centre of the cupcakes, or use a sharp knife. Fill the centre with the melted marshmallow, using a piping bag or spoon.

Next, cream the butter for the frosting until light, fluffy and creamy, and paler in colour. Then, add the icing sugar a little at the time, and a splash of milk, if need be. Spread this topping onto the cooled, filled cupcakes to get a smooth, flat layer.

Cut the marshmallows diagonally in half, dip them into the sprinkles, sticky side down, until the sprinkles are stuck to them. Place them onto the cupcakes to form 'bunny ears'.

You can experiment with different colours and use edible glitter to make them sparkle

Serve and enjoy!

'Better than shop-bought!' *Myesha*

'Best cupcakes ever!' *-Islay*



Famous films that were originally books

This year, we saw a change in the school's World Book Day celebration. For the first time, the pupils were invited to dress up, and there were definitely struggles deciding what to dress up as. I bet you didn't know that you could dress up as a character from any of these films!!

Everybody loves a good film, the drama, the action or the comedy, but what a lot of people don't know is that many of our favourite award winning films were actually originally books. Here is a list of much loved and award winning films that were originally books.

Die Hard

The Die Hard film is a well-known, widely loved and Oscar nominated film, director by John McTiernan. A cult classic due to its plentiful amounts of action as well as its humour. The film is about an officer of the NYPD, John McClane and how he tries to save his wife Holly Gennaro and several others that were taken hostage by German terrorist Hans Gruber during a Christmas party. The film is based on the book "Nothing Lasts Forever" written by Roderick Thorp.

**The Parent Trap**

Disney's 'The Parent Trap' films were based on a German novel titled 'Lottie and Lisa' by the author Erich Kästner. The novel was first published in 1949. In this update of a 1961 film, twins Annie and Hallie (Lindsay Lohan) are strangers until chance unites them. The preteen girls' divorced parents, Nick (Dennis Quaid) and Elizabeth (Natasha Richardson), are living on opposite sides of the Atlantic, each with one child. After meeting at camp, American Hallie and British-raised Annie plan an identity swap, giving both the chance to spend time with the parent they've missed. If the scheme works, it might just make the family whole again

**Mrs Doubtfire**

The 1993 hit comedy Mrs. Doubtfire is based on British author Anne Fine's young adult novel titled 'Alias Madame Doubtfire'. The movie and the book share very similar plots: Both feature a man, who after a messy divorce, that limits his time with his family, dresses like an old woman to take a job as his own children's nanny.

**Pitch Perfect**

The famous 'Pitch Perfect' film is about a college student Beca (Anna Kendrick) who doesn't want to be part of a clique, but that's exactly where she finds herself after arriving at her new school, she joins an a cappella group and has to help them step out of their comfort zone by singing mash-up songs. The film was based on the book 'The Quest for Collegiate A Cappella Glory'.

