Welcome to our latest edition of Kingfisher Frenzy!

Our team of reporters has been full of ideas they couldn’t wait to get down on paper and our talented illustrators were kept busy creating the accompanying artwork.

We wish you a very happy Easter holiday and hope you love reading our newspaper.

The Frenzy team this term are (L to R): Panka Eszenyi, Francesca Durham, Matthew Durrant, Marina Dyer, Helena Ferreira Dias, Izzy Darke, Elma Krashi, Ash Pemberton and Bella Pemberton.

Year 6 Weekly Visits to the Elderly

This year, Year 6 has been going to the Barnes Green Centre run by Age UK Richmond as part of a community project. Every Tuesday, two children from each class have the opportunity to go and talk to elderly people while they are enjoying activities at this social centre. Kingfisher Frenzy has interviewed some pupils on their experience of this project.

Francesca, what is the Age UK project?
It is where we volunteer to help the elderly in a day centre in Barnes.

Azuri, what did you do at the centre?
We spoke to the elderly and sat with them while we all had lunch.

Kate, did you enjoy going?
Yes, it was very interesting to hear their backstories. The food was very nice.

Tamara, what was your favourite part?
My favourite part was hearing about their childhood. I really liked the double scoop chocolate ice cream as well.

Mia O’D, do you remember anything in particular that one of the elderly told you?
I remember a lady called Barbara and that she hated snow and she also has a brother.

Ash, would you go again and why?
I would go again because it was really nice to socialise with people who are different from my age. They also have lots of interesting stories.

Many people have enjoyed this experience and we hope HT carries the project on for many years to come so that future Year 6s will have the chance to go as well.

On 1st March it was World Book Day. Everyone at Holy Trinity dressed up as their favourite character from their favourite book.

Every year, the Year 6 teachers choose a book and they all dress up as characters from this story. This year it was The Wizard of Oz. The star was Miss Smith who was Dorothy, Mr Hambling was the Tin Man, Mr Auton was the Scarecrow, and the Lion was Mr Brown.

Some teachers wore joint costumes but others were just on their own, but everybody’s costumes were brilliant, especially the huge one from Giraffe Class (they need another round of applause) but we all looked fabulous.

Some examples of costumes pupils wore were:
Francesca as Medusa from Percy Jackson,
Izzy as Effie Trinket from The Hunger Games,
Elma as Annabeth Chase from Percy Jackson,
Ermis as The Boy in the Dress,
Etta as Hagrid from Harry Potter,
Victoria as Harley Quinn from Batman and
Helena as The White Queen from Alice in Wonderland.

We also thought that Miss Ashby had an amazing costume as The Stick Man. It was special for Year 6 because it was our last HT World Book Day and we are very sad that we won’t be there next year to see all the fabulous costumes.
As many of you know, our school has four house teams and they are all named after famous men. We have four colours: Fleming=Green, Nelson=Blue, Alfred=Yellow and Wren=Red.

Recently, a young pupil has said that this is unfair and that we need some teams named after women. So the JLT (Junior Leadership Team) has decided that we are going to change the house team names. In each junior class, the members of JLT have asked pupils to think of two well-known women’s names and two famous men’s names. Next term the JLT will look at all of the votes and shortlist them. Finally, JLT will bring the shortlisted votes to assembly and the whole school will vote for the names. If you would like, you can present the person you vote for in assembly to get more votes.

Here are some suggestions for the women’s names:

Florence Nightingale
Florence Nightingale was a nurse in the war. She was born in Italy. Florence went to a variety of hospitals. In 1854 she arrived in a hospital in Scutari. She was not pleased with the conditions, it was dirty and run down. She made very many improvements to the hospital like adding a supply of fresh drinking water.

Emmeline Pankhurst
Emmeline Pankhurst was the leader of the Suffragette Movement. The Suffragette Movement was when a few women stood up to the inequality that women had and Emmeline Pankhurst was the leader of that. The Suffragette Movement mainly focused on the point that they weren’t allowed to vote. To make their point sometimes they broke the law and also chained themselves to railings. Emmeline once blew a bomb outside the Chancellor’s office and got sentenced to 3 years in prison but was released early since she was on hunger strike.

Beatrix Potter
Well-known author of the Peter Rabbit stories.

Jessica Ennis
Famous athlete and Gold medal winning heptathlete in the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Ellie Simmon
Paralympic freestyle swimmer who won her first two gold medals when she was only 13 and has since won many more.

Margaret Thatcher
British Prime Minister from 1979-1990, she was our first female Prime Minister before Theresa May.

Motherhood

Newly-formed dew drops glisten like miniature jewels on the lush pasture land.

Curious, a rabbit emerges slowly from its warren and peers sideways,

then beckons its kittens to their first view of the over world.

They blink in the unfamiliar light and twitch their velvety noses at the fresh, grassy smell that lingers still in the air.

Their fur is soon dampened to a shivering bundle, but their mother cuddles them close in a warm embrace,

they curl up together, mother and children, in perfect union.

The everyday joys of motherhood.

Bella Pemberton
Lizzy Yarnold, British skeleton racer, had an awe-inspiring run in this year’s Winter Olympic Games, picking up consecutive gold medals. She is the best skeleton racer in the history of the sport setting countless world records and she is Britain’s most successful winter Olympian.

Lizzy was born on 31st October 1988 and comes from Sevenoaks in Kent. She also has an MBE award, just like Mrs Cox, only hers is for her contribution to sports. Lizzy Yarnold has 5 gold medals, 1 silver and 2 bronzes so far in her skeleton racing career.

Yarnold was originally a heptathlete, but she was inspired to take up skeleton racing after being introduced to it at the Sydney Olympics 2000 at the age of 12.

Here are 5 things you probably didn’t know about Lizzy Yarnold:

1. Her sled is called Merve the swerve
2. She competed in javelin
3. She listens to grime music before her races
4. She likes knitting
5. Her teammates nickname for her is She-Ra.

Jennifer Lawrence

Bella Pemberton singles out one particular woman whom she finds inspiring.

Jennifer Lawrence’s mantelpiece must be cluttered with many trophies and accolades including an Oscar in 2012 for best actress and Golden Globe awards for best actress in 2012 and best supporting actress in 2013. She is known for the Hunger Games series and X-Men series and is an especially huge inspiration in my life for being such a success in the performing arts industry. I like to imagine myself being like her because of my interest and enormous passion to perform. Whether it’s singing or acting, everything about her I admire, I like her talent to captivate an audience. I am proud to say she is also a women’s rights campaigner, which makes me marvel even more. She is often sought after as an inspirational speaker for special events encouraging girls and women to reach for their goals and be the best they can be.

International Women’s Day

International Women’s Day was on 8th March. We celebrate this day every year for women and everything they have done in the past – socially and politically - and still do. Women are still not treated fairly and equally everywhere, but we continue to try as hard as we can to make it equal. Emmeline Pankhurst was a famous suffragette and started sticking up for women at a young age.

We are so thankful for everything women have done.
Recipe For Success in Secondary School

Several thousand children are embarking upon their journey to Year 7. Chances are that if you are in Year 6 this year you are one of the many children making this move. Here is a guide to survive and thrive in your new school. At the end of the article we will reveal our Top Tip for surviving secondary school.

Arriving at school
Your journey to and from school may not seem that important but first impressions stick and you want to make a good one. Ideally without your breakfast down your top and your mum kissing you goodbye.

To avoid getting lost on your journey to school – on your first day – memorise in advance your route. Walk your route a few times before that all important day.

Top Tip: arrive with a clean uniform on your first day of Year 7.

Making Friends (EEK)
If you are lucky, one of your friends will transfer with you. If not, you will probably be heading into this – the scariest day or your life – alone. Don’t act like a celebrity, chances are you are all in the same boat, and pretending to be Taylor Swift definitely will make you look crazy.

Smiling and being yourself is more likely to make you friends than the latest designer clothes. Don’t pretend to be someone you’re not and be happy.

Top Tip: join clubs. The more you interact with others the more likely others will interact with you.

This section is full of useful tips – sourced from teachers and older children – to help you survive secondary.

1. Follow the rules. You don’t want to get in trouble with teachers on your first day and building a good relationship will help you in the long run.
2. Introduce yourself to people and embrace this opportunity to make new friends. Don’t just stick with old friends, branch out.
3. Work hard. It may seem obvious but its foolproof.
4. Have a neat planner and an organised pencil case to help keep on top of your work.
5. Choose friends you want to hang out with and that will make you happy.
6. Don’t worry which school you end up in because you will do well at any school as long as you work hard. Be sensitive to others who may not have got a place at their favourite choice of school.
7. Finally, DO NOT annoy teachers – during break – with surveys about secondary school.

Our Top Tip: Be happy and enjoy it. You only get to do this once so make the most of every second. Good luck to all Year 6 making this step.

You will do great!

Big Debate:
Single Sex vs Co-ed

With many of our Year 6 going to a co-ed (mixed girls and boys) secondary school it has sparked the debate of whether co-ed is more beneficial than single sex education. Kingfisher Frenzy explores the pros and cons of each type of school.

Co-education
In America 1/3 like the idea of single sex schools but only 1/4 properly consider it as an option. Then only 14% really look into it, suggesting that whilst the ideal of single sex schools appeals most actually prefer co-ed. Many people believe that single sex schools produce higher examination marks than co-ed institutions but, contrary to popular belief, pupils in co-ed settings can perform better in exams.

One of the most obvious pros of co-ed schools is the world doesn’t just have girls or boys. Fraternising with the other sex will better prepare students for the outside world and co-ed schools tend to have a wider diversity of students, which also replicates better the real world.

A co-ed education will ensure students don’t see the other sex as creatures from the black lagoon!

Single sex education
Statistically both girls and boys achieve higher exam marks at a single sex school. Single sex schools can adapt their teaching methods to suit a particular gender. For example, boys are able to fidget and move about the classroom without disrupting others because they all understand the need to fiddle and not sit still. Confident and mature girls are often the product of a same sex school and they are also more likely to tackle a subject that doesn’t fit stereotypical views. Finally the lack of the other sex is often highlighted as an advantage by pupils.

Our advice here is neither to persuade nor dissuade you to enrol at one of these schools, we are simply representing two sides of an argument. Remember everyone is different and you will find the school that suits you best, be it co-ed or single sex.
We all love eating Easter eggs, but how many of us really know why we celebrate Easter and why it is such an important event in the Christian calendar?

The New Testament in the Bible says that Jesus perished for us in order to take our sins (things we have done wrong) away. At the Last Supper with his disciples, Jesus broke bread and shared wine with his followers. Judas (one of his disciples) betrayed Jesus in return for silver coins by telling the Pharisees where Jesus was going to be that night. Once they had finished the supper, they went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray, which is where the Roman soldiers found Jesus and took him away. Before the soldiers had arrived, Jesus predicted that Peter would say that he didn’t know Jesus three times – that is exactly what happened.

Jesus was judged by governor Pontius Pilate to see if the real bandit would be freed or if Jesus would be freed. The crowd decided to let the bandit free and Jesus was whipped, spit on and laughed at. After that, he had to carry a heavy wooden cross and with people watching. Once he had reached Golgotha hill where he would be crucified, the soldiers nailed his hands and feet to the cross. Then the ground started shaking and the sky darkened. Once it had finished, Jesus was dead. Mary, Mary Magdalen and Salome took Jesus’ body to a burial tomb and a soldier stayed on guard. After three days, the stone to the tomb had been rolled away and Jesus’ body was gone. An angel appeared and told Mary and Mary Magdalen that Jesus had risen from the dead. The women found Jesus and he told them to spread the message - Jesus is alive!

A few days later, Jesus finally went up to heaven.

So now you know why we eat Easter eggs, they are a symbol of new life, and this is what Christians are really celebrating at Easter.

What does Easter really mean?

As you probably know, it was Mother’s Day earlier this month. Mother’s Day is when you get a day where you can snuggle up with your mum and say thank you. This means breakfast in bed and presents.

Kingfisher Frenzy has been interviewing some mums around Holy Trinity School and asking them, “As a mother, what do you think is the best advice a mother can give to her child or children?”

These were some of the answers they gave:

“Be kind,”
“Be true to yourself and don’t try to be someone you’re not,”
“Never give up,”
“Always listen to your mum and dad’s advice,”
“Do your best at school,”
“Be respectful to others,” “Keep your options open (the world is your oyster),”
“Always believe in yourself,”
“Be happy,”
“Always love yourself” and
“Always keep safe.”

We hope that you enjoyed your Mother’s Day and always stay happy!
**FRENZY FEATURES**

**Matthew’s Musical Morning**

I play four instruments: the trumpet, the cello, the piano and the flugelhorn (a brass instrument that looks like a stretched out trumpet.)

As you can see, I love music. Whilst many of you readers are playing football, going shopping or having fun on Saturday mornings, I play my instruments at Waldergrave School in Twickenham.

At 7am every Saturday morning, I pack my parents’ car and my mum drives me to Waldergrave School. There I have my cello lesson with Naomi Zoob and I would recommend her to anyone who wants to learn the cello. Next, I help out with the Richmond Junior Brass Band which is aimed at children doing grades 0-3. After that, I take part in the training orchestra and then the Richmond Youth Brass Band.

My love for music started in Year 4 when I played the trumpet for the first time in the ‘wider options’ where my whole class got the chance to play various brass instruments for a term thanks to The Richmond Music Trust. If you want to take up a musical instrument, this is a great way to start. Trust me! That’s how I started and this term I am taking my Grade 6 trumpet, Grade 4 piano and next term I am taking my Grade 5 cello. Playing music is a lovely thing to be part of and on your musical journey you will make lots of new friends.

Have fun with music!

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**Victoria Falls**

Victoria Falls presents a spectacular sight of awe-inspiring beauty and grandeur on the Zambezi River, forming the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. It was described by the Kololo tribe living in the area in the 1800’s as ‘Mosi-oa-Tunya’, meaning ‘The Smoke that Thunders’.

Columns of spray can be seen from miles away as, at the height of the rainy season, more than five hundred million cubic metres of water per minute plummet over the edge, over a width of nearly two kilometres, into a gorge over one hundred metres below.

Wildlife can be seen on a game drive through Victoria Falls National Park, which is home to zebras, giraffe, buffalo, eland and impala. Or you could visit Chobe National Park, for a full-day safari. After cruising along the Chobe River, looking out for spoonbills, ibises and carmine bee-eaters, you take an afternoon game drive through the park’s fertile floodplains. Huge herds of elephant populate this area, as well as wildebeest, lion and hyena. It’s an awe-inspiring sight, one you’ll only see once in your lifetime.

Matthew Durrant

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**New York**

New York is a bustling, cool and exciting city with masses to do. I am writing to give you guys some top secret first-hand information on what to do and where to go.

First of all you have to go up the Empire State Building, you are introduced to one of the most amazing views of your life. You can almost see the whole of NYC (New York City). Be aware it’s a really long wait getting up there so be ready for a lot of standing around. Luckily for my family, on the way back I was sick so we got to skip all the queues!

Another great place to go is the Rockefeller Centre, a fantastic ice-skating rink for all ages right in the heart of the city. Even better, there is a Lego shop just round the corner where you can create your own model and get some Lego inspiration.

*Top Tip: Go ice-skating for 1 hour then play with the Lego.*

For more hours of fun you can head down to Chelsea Harbour for a great game or two of bowling, there are football pitches right round the corner, an ice-hockey rink and another ice-skating rink where you can watch shows and performances on ice.

Ash Pemberton
“Not like that!” I screeched, my fur bristling, my cheeks expanded indignantly. Yet again my friends were bickering and they were all most terribly wrong. Once again our owners had gone away on another trip abroad leaving us to enjoy the weekend arguing. “No one is wrong,” Amber soothed diplomatically. Her golden fur was smooth – as always – her ice blue eyes sparking brightly with an idea. “Everyone should have a say. We could each write down what we believe is the most effective way to train humans.”

“That sounds just great,” Piro interrupted his voice littered with sarcasm.

“Good idea,” hissed the twins timidly.

Amber shuffled away and she returned with a book dressed in a blue cover. Her tail crept out to flick the book open to an empty page screaming to be filled with words.

“Who’s first?” she inquired. Her eyes swept over the collection of us who were keeping mum. Tentatively I scuttled to the centre of the circle. I dipped my claw into the ink and began to scrawl my opinion of an important part of human training.

_Hamster entry from Meek:_

_The most effective way to train your human is to impress upon them that exercise is incredibly important. To train them effectively you must demonstrate this by vigorously running on your wheel. Exploring your cage and regularly escaping from it keeps them on their toes as well as demonstrating the importance of sprinting! Humans eat colourless food and never keep it for later. Show them how to store food by stuffing your cheeks!_

I trailed off satisfied with my work.

“Thank you Meek. Who is next?” asked Amber.

Nobody seemed particularly keen to contribute their thoughts to the book so all attention turned to where Coco lay watching us, amusement written across his face. His fur was unmistakably blue – a result of one of our younger owners spilling a pot of paint – hiding the chocolate brown of his usual coat.

“Okay, I’ll do it,” he grumbled.

_Dog entry from Coco:_

_Owners need regular exercise so they must be taken for regular walks. They may grumble but this is for their own benefit. Take regular stops when you feel your owners are tiring and to encourage them to perform squats excrete your ummmm waste. Dental hygiene is also very important so you should regularly sharpen your own teeth on chair legs as a demonstration for them._

Coco trundled back to his bed to rest.

“I was doing exercise!” I shouted after I had read his entry. Ignoring me, the others bickered over who would go next.

“I’ll do it,” Piro cried dramatically.

_Budgie entry from Piro:_

_Humans, unfortunately, are incapable of grasping the common language - which consists of squawks and chirps - or indeed their own! When they perform yet another futile attempt at an ensemble of words repeat it back encouragingly and eventually they should know a few words even if it is just Good Boy._

“Well done Piro,” Amber purred. With the twins cowering, meaning they were unlikely to be the next candidates, Amber strolled forward and settled herself by the open book and curled her tail round the pen.

_Cat entry from Amber:_

_Territory marking is an important part of life and humans are quite sadly incapable of this. You must demonstrate it by rubbing yourself against a wall and frequently dragging your claws along a wall or a sofa. If they scratch or rub you, give them the benefit of the doubt, assume that they are trying to mark territory._

Knowing they were last, the twins sullenly slithered forward.

_Snake entry by the twins:_

_Humans have extremely bland taste in food and they never snack on something even slightly resembling a mouse. They often find it disgusting when you devour a locust! To try to increase the variety of food that they eat, show them there is no shame in snacking on a mouse or locust. Hopefully the amount of food they are willing to eat will increase. They also have a terrible habit of wasting many morsels of food. Discourage this by never leaving any scraps._

Just as we all stood back to admire our work, the lock in the door clicked and the peaceful silence was broken by human shouts. We froze. Then we darted to our cages or our baskets, forgetting all about the book. Upon entering the room our owners noticed the book lying open and laughed as they read.

“Which of you lot did this?” the mum inquired. The children, looking down and scuffing their shoes, were mute.

“You’re telling me I suppose that the pets wrote this! As if…..,” the dad chuckled.

If only they knew.

_Frankie Durham_
Coco is a great universal film for all ages. The movie introduces you to many different aspects of Mexican culture like The Day of the Dead annual celebrations. It is a very creative film with lots of twists and a great message at the end. I would recommend this film for others as it raises many questions that are later answered during the film. Coco recently picked up two Oscars at the 2018 Hollywood awards ceremony. These were for Best Animated Film and Best Song.

When I went to see this film I thought it wouldn’t be for my age but as soon as it started I was hooked - to the characters, the setting and the story itself. The main characters are Meguíl (pronounced me-giil), Coco, De la Cruise, Hector and Abuelita (the grandmother). Duration: 1 hour 49 minutes Age rating: U Watch It!

Flag & Capital City Quiz

If you also love world geography and are fascinated by countries’ flags and capital cities, then Kingfisher Frenzy has set a challenge for you. Can you identify the flags and capital cities listed below? Answers are up the side.

Level 1

Name of country: What is the capital city of South Africa?

Name of country: What is the capital city of Portugal?

Name of country: What is the capital city of Zimbabwe?

Level 2

Name of country: What is the capital city of Mongolia?

Name of country: What is the capital city of Bolivia?

Level 3

Name of country: What is the capital city of Somalia?

Name of country: What is the capital city of Puerto Rico?

Name of country: What is the capital city of The Marshall Islands?

BOOK REVIEWS

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Maya is in school in England when she is told that she will go and live in Brazil with her cousins. The only downside is that her cousins can’t stand wildlife. She has a tough start but soon things start to change. This is in Junior Red in the library.

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