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FROM A SHAKESPEARE TRIP TO A SEND JINGLE AND REMEMBRANCE DAY

Celebrating an exciting first term at Dame Elizabeth Cadbury!



Christmas is just around the corner and its time to think about putting your decorations! Bournville turned the trees lights on on the last day of November! Fun fact: if you are born in December your star sign is either Sagittarius or Capricorn! With the twelve days of Christmas event on, people are eager to win those prizes! Also which book is your favourite to read at Christmas time? Speaking of books, there is a new Harry Potter book called Christmas at Hogwarts if you are interested! If you're looking for fun activities, go to page 11 of the newspaper! If your interested in white tigers, turn to page 8. I hope all of you have a very merry Christmas and a wonderful new year!

by A. Harris, Y8

What an exciting first time it is at Dame Elizabeth! First, we have our brand new strive values, mottos and new teachers. Our MacMillan coffee morning for year 7 was a huge success. Our new book vending machine has arrived and is full of new and interesting reads! We have had many events: our cadets went flying, we had our careers fair, and the performing arts showcase in which all of the Matrix schools participated in. Year 8 have had the mince pies and carols, and some students went to universities to learn about STEM. Remembrance Day was in November, and everyone went out to remember the soldiers who fought in the war as well as the parade by the cadets.

by A. Price, Y8

Check out our spotlight interview with a teacher from Dame Elizabeth Cadbury!

LEARN MORE ON P5

The team at The Cadbury Chronicle met with teachers to ask some questions regarding Dame Elizabeth Cadbury, as well as some Christmas related questions. Read more on page 5 to find out about Ms Dutta's experience as a librarian!





WELCOME TO OUR NEW PUBLICATION!

A welcome from the Editor

We would like to extend our gratitude and congratulations to any members of the Cadbury Chronicle who have joined us this year. At the journalism club, you'll have the opportunity to write about relevant topics that you care about and make your voice heard in the community. This term, you have all put in stellar work and dedication to this club and your studies as a whole, and we thank you for that. We truly hope that the Christmas edition of the Cadbury Chronicle is something that you are proud to have had a hand in making. Every time someone expresses themselves creatively or makes their voice heard, the world becomes a brighter, more interesting place.

Thank you to all our club members and our lovely host Miss Quigley, for taking the opportunity to express yourself.

If you would like to get involved and write for the Cadbury Chronicle, then please attend our meetings on Tuesday at break time in G9! All years welcome!



Christmas is here!

Finally, tis the season to be jolly is here. After 11 months and 24 days (about 3 and a half weeks) Christmas is here. Many do not really know the meaning of Christmas. Yes, we give gifts, have parties, hang out with friends, meet with families, sing Christmas songs and so on, but have you really thought about the real meaning behind Christmas?

Luckily, I am here to tell you the real meaning of Christmas. Well, Christmas celebrates the birth of our lord Jesus Christ, who is an important figure in our life and history. But that, however, is not the only main reason behind Christmas. Well, another main reason that we celebrate Christmas is because it is also about how he came to give us love, hope, and joy. But also, about how he sacrificed himself for our sins.

“Christmas to me is also spending time with family and friends, sharing presents with loved ones.” **by Kirithika in year 8.**

“Christmas to me is a time of coming together with the people most important around me and to celebrate the way God created earth to seek importance in life,” **by Codie in Year 11.**

“On Christmas, everyone in the church sings Christmas carols and has sweets. We also have a Christmas dinner and have lots of fun.”

by J. Ugwa, Year 8.



National Days in...December!

December 1st: National Women Support Women Day! 🧑‍🦰 On this day women support women no matter what!

December 2nd: National Fritters Day! On this day we should eat lots of fritters.

December 3rd: International Disability Day. ♿ On this day we should help and respect people with visible and invisible disabilities.

December 4th: World Cookie Day. 🍪 On this day you should treat yourself and have cookies.

December 5th: National Communicate With Your Kids Day. 🧑‍🦱 You should have a conversation with your mom or dad.

December 6th: National Santa Day. 🎅 On this day we should get in the Christmas spirit.

December 7th: National Cotton Candy Day. 🍬 On this day you should eat cotton candy!



December 8th: National Chocolate Brownie Day. 🍫 On this day you should make a batch of chocolate brownies.

December 9th: National Christmas Card Day. 🎅 On this day you should write Christmas cards to your friends and family.

December 10th: National Human Rights Day. 🧑‍🦱 On this day you should celebrate human rights!

December 11th: National Have A Bagel Day. 🥯 On this day you should have a bagel for lunch.

December 12th: National Christmas Jumper Day. 🧥 On this day we should all wear Christmas jumpers.

December 13th: National Horse Day. 🐎 On this day you should watch the horse racing.

December 14th: National Screw Driver Day. 🛠️ On this day you should ask your parents about screwdrivers!

December 15th: National Cupcake Day. 🧁 On this day you should bake a batch of cupcakes!

December 16th: National Chocolate Covered Anything Day. 🍫 On this day you should dip things in chocolate.

National Days in...December!



December 25th: National Pumpkin Pie Day 🎃🥧 On this day you should have a slice of whole pumpkin pie.

December 26th: National Candy Cane Day 🍭 On this day you should eat candy canes

December 27th: National Fruitcake Day 🍰 On this day you should eat fruit cake

December 28th: National Short Film Day 🎬📺 On this day you should watch a short film

December 29th: National Chocolate Day 🍫 On this day you should eat a chocolate bar!

December 30th: National Bacon Day 🥓 On this day you should eat bacon!

December 17th: National Wright Brothers Day 😊 On this day you should be thankful for planes.

December 18th: National Ham Salad Day 🥗 On this day make yourself a ham salad

December 19th: National Hard Candy Day 🍬 On this day you should eat some hard candy.

December 20th: National Ugly Christmas Jumper Day 🧥 On this day you should wear an ugly Christmas jumper.

December 21st: National Maine Day - On this day you should research about why it's Maine Day!

December 22nd: National Short Person Day ↓ On this day you should be nice to your short friend.

December 23rd: National Movie Marathon Day - On this day you should have a movie marathon

December 24th: National Eggnog Day 🥛 On this day you should drink some eggnog.



By I. Doherty, Year 8

Why the 25th?

It's a well-known fact that Christmas is celebrated on the twenty-fifth of December due to this being the date of Jesus' birthday. A slightly less known fact is that nowhere in the Bible is it stated that Jesus' birthday is the 25th of December. Many modern scholars have attempted to answer the question of why this date was chosen to be the Messiah's birthday, with plenty of theories and speculation being thrown into the ring.

The most widely popular theory on why December 25th was chosen is due to it previously being a pagan holiday. Paganism was most prevalent during the Roman Empire, with one of its traditions being the birth of Sol Invictus, translating to Unconquered Son. The Roman Emperor Aurelian pronounced the 25th of December to be this date the 25th of December. Later on in the 4th century, Emperor Constantine the Great took over; he was different to the previous emperors due to being a Christian. As such, he wished to convert the Roman people into Christians. Many people believe that Constantine pronounced the 25th of December to be Jesus' birthday in order to co-opt the popularity and presence of the previous Pagan holiday, in an effort to draw pagans into Catholicism. It's sort of like a sequel to a film relying on the people the original movie drew in.

This theory has some truth to it; the Romans did make an attempt to establish Christianity at the cost of Paganism, with Pope Gregory suggesting converting Pagan temples into churches. But there is no evidence of Christians adopting Pagan rituals at the time, making it very unlikely that this is how Jesus' birth date was established. However, this absolutely happened in the 12th century, in which the date of Christmas was shifted from January 6th to December 25th so that it would coincide with Sol Invictus' birth. While this does prove that there was a deliberate attempt to erase Paganism, it doesn't show where the original 25th date came from. And where did January 6th come from?



A more accurate theory on how Jesus' birth date was decided on at the time was the date of his death. It is believed that Jesus died on the same day of the year he was conceived, which was suggested in an anonymously published treatise titled "On Solstices and Equinoxes". "For on that day he was conceived on the same suffered."

As such, the date nine months after Jesus' death would be his birth date. Around 200 C.E, Tertullian of Carthage calculated that March 25th was the date of Jesus' death, which would make the 25th of December his birthday. The date January 6th came from the Eastern Roman Empire, where it was determined that his death would be on the 14th of the first spring month in the Hebrew calendar; April 6th in ours. Once again, this would make his birthday the 6th of January. Interestingly, this draws Christmas much closer to Judaism than Paganism as the celebration of Passover places an emphasis on creation and redemption should occur at the same time.

To conclude, the roots of Christmas' origins are tied to the works of ancient scholars who determined the original 25th date, partly using Judaism's influence. However, in the oncoming centuries, the date was weaponized as another form of Pagan erasure. In modern times, the origins of Christmas tend to have such little significance that the purpose and meaning of Christmas has been diluted to the point that even a large majority of Atheists celebrate the holiday. It is important to acknowledge the often-controversial history behind modern traditions, but to not let ourselves become so drowned out in concern for the past that we forget to enjoy the present. Spend time with your loved ones, have a Yule log, drink some hot chocolate, and please have a Merry Christmas.

by C. Downton, Y12



SPOTLIGHT

Putting YOUR teachers in the SPOTLIGHT!

Journalists at the Cadbury Chronicle interviewed Ms Dutta to find out more about her experiences as a librarian.



Why did you choose to be the librarian?

'I really enjoy reading so I thought that because I love it so much, I wanted to do it as my job!'

What is the highlight of teaching for you?

I love being in the library, reading and listening to the students read to me.'

What is your favourite Christmas present that you'll never forget?

When I was 11, I begged my parents for a hamster, but my parents said it was too much of a responsibility. But then on Christmas I got one. I was so happy,



by M, Dahab, Year 8



Clubs & Sport

Clubs at DEC



Are you interested in joining a club? Would you like to do something in your free time after school? Or maybe you want to meet new people who have similar hobbies as you? Well, if I described you in the previous questions, then you might want to think about joining a club.

Some of these clubs are quite physical. For children, it is vital that they have regular exercise (at least three days a week). Physical activities should be high intensity to help develop muscles and strengthen bones. To reap the many benefits of regular activity, children also need to be introduced to a wide variety of sports that cater to every aspect of their physical development.

BRINGING A BIT OF HAPPINESS TO THE NEWS!

HAPPY NEWS!



Celebrating 100!

Two pen pals, who have been messaging since 1938, celebrated their 100th birthdays with their first video call. The milestone moment saw the lifelong friends, Geoff from Devon and Celesta from Texas, embrace modern technology. But their story spans not just an ocean but the Second World War, the Civil Rights Movement, and economic struggles. Through it all, they kept in touch – and plan to continue doing so!

Letterbox to Heaven

A 10 year old girl came up with the idea of sending letters to heaven after her grandparents died, as a way to keep in contact with them. The aim was for this to provide comfort to those grieving a lost relative. Over 100 of these boxes have now been distributed across the UK.



Diamond batteries!

A diamond battery that never dies has been invented by British scientists. Diamond batteries offer a safe, sustainable way to provide continuous microwatt levels of power. These batteries could have a range of uses, the scientists say, including powering deep space missions and satellites on which it is hard to change the battery. This also means that in the future, we wouldn't need to charge our phones as diamond batteries as technically unlimited!

by M. Diallo, Y11



A Blast to the Past

On Thursday 21st November, Year 11s and Sixth Formers travelled 45 minutes to Stratford-upon-Avon to see Othello (a Shakespearean love tragedy) in the Royal Shakespeare Theatre (RSC). At the beginning of the day, these students went to the RSC workshop to not only learn about the play but also to see how Jacobean audience would view the play in the Globe Theatre in London. After that, we visited Shakespeare's birthplace and saw how he and his family lived during the 16th and 17th century. We also saw where he wrote all his plays. After looking around the shops in Stratford, we finally went to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and watched the 3 hour long play.



“The Othello trip was really great and extremely knowledgeable too! I had so much fun going around Shakespeare’s house and learning more about his life and family. The play itself was amazing and I really loved the opera singing! The theatre was great and I loved the trip,” said Freya in year 11.

Overall, it was a great experience for everyone to not only watch one of Shakespeare’s plays but also to see how Shakespeare wrote his plays and lived.

by M. Diallo, Y11

ENVIRONMENT

White Tigers will be extinct!

White tigers are endangered animals due to being captured. These animals live in captivity in zoos, theme parks, or in exotic pet collections. There are no known white tigers that are left in the wild. Unfortunately, a trophy hunter killed the last one in 1958. There are approximately only 13,000 orange tigers alive today.

Did you know that?

- White tigers have been observed to grow faster compared to their orange relatives.
- They have unique stripes. Like all tigers, their stripes act like fingerprints
- They grow darker in the cold.
- Their white fur is not due to albinism.



These white tigers are very majestic and beautiful, but what humans do in return is torture them for entertainment.

by K. Lackunan, Year 8



Climate Change

Climate change is the long-term shifts in temperature and weather patterns. Most causes for climate change come from us, human beings, such as deforestation, burning fossil fuels and more, however, some are caused by nature, like volcanic eruptions.

How can I help?

You can help in many ways! It does not have to be big like protests, but it can be like switching to LED bulbs and energy efficient appliances. You could also help by saving water, recycling more, or installing renewable energy in your home. You can make a big change one step at a time.

by K. Lackunan, Year 8

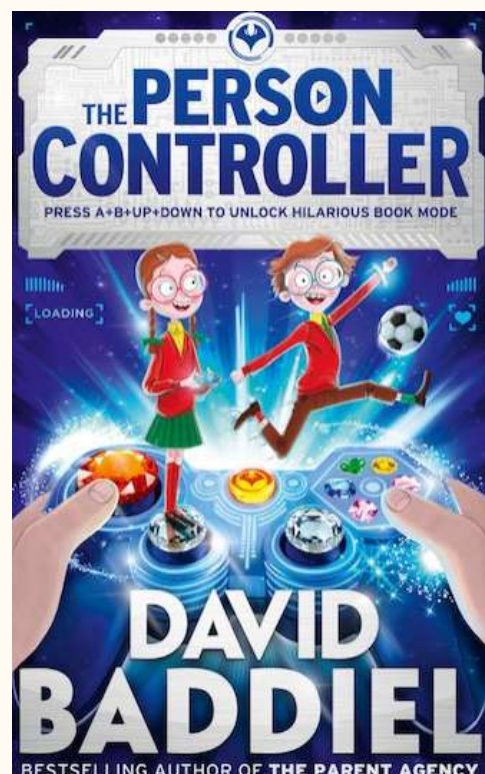




Book Review: The Person Controller

The Person Controller is a very popular book by David Baddiel. As a comedian, his books tend to be funny and entertaining. It tells the tale of two twins (Fred and Ellie Stone), and they are madly obsessed with video games. When Ellie's controller gets destroyed, they come into possession of the person controller.

As the novel continues, we learn all about how to handle the controller and how you cannot do anything in life without trying and not faking. This book is highly recommended for readers who like action and an exciting read. If you would like to read The Person Controller, it is available in the school library and on Amazon.



Recommended Christmas song playlist!

- Last Christmas by George Michael and Wham
- Santa Tell Me by Ariana Grande
- All I Want for Christmas is You by Mariah Carey
- Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town by Eddie Arnold
- It is Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas by Michael Bublé
- Jingle Bell Rock by Bobby Helms
- Snowman by Sia
- Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow! by Doris Day



The Grinch who stole Christmas: A Film Review



Jim Carrey's 'How The Grinch Stole Christmas' is a live-action film based on the famous book by Dr Seuss. Directed by Ron Howard, this movie showcases the Grinch's journey from a cold-hearted creature to a kind-hearted being.

Jim Carrey delivers a fantastic performance as the Grinch, both physically and vocally. He brings his quirky, rubber-faced comedic timing to the character, resulting in a memorable portrayal of this iconic figure. The transformation scenes are just as much about makeup as they are about Carrey's physicality, and there are scenes where he is nearly unrecognizable.

The plot remains faithful to the source material, though there are some inevitable changes to make the film work in live-action format. The movie explores the Grinch's origin story, delving into why he is so bitter and angry. This results in a deeper understanding of the Grinch and his motivation behind stealing Christmas.

One of the most impressive elements of the movie is the set design. The town of Whoville is a feast for the eyes with its bright colours, exaggerated architecture, and whimsical flourishes. The attention to detail in the design is impressive and makes the movie feel as if we have been transported to another world.

The supporting cast, including Cindy Lou Who (played by Taylor Momsen) and the Mayor of Whoville (played by Jeffrey Tambor), is excellent, with great performances across the board. Momsen is particularly impressive, bringing a genuine innocence to her character that enhances the movie's heart-warming moments.

The film has a great soundtrack, with a mix of Christmas classics and enjoyable original songs. The score by James Horner is also a highlight, as it combines festive melodies with a sense of whimsy that perfectly matches the film's tone.

The movie's pacing is just right, keeping the story moving at a steady pace. The humour is consistently funny, with plenty of laugh-out-loud moments that cater to both adults and children. The film does not shy away from dark themes, which makes it all the more impressive that it manages to balance the dark moments with the more humorous scenes. This balance is key in keeping the film from becoming too heavy or too light-hearted.

Overall, Jim Carrey's 'How The Grinch Stole Christmas' is a must-watch during the holiday season. The phenomenal performance by Carrey, the impressive set design, and the clever storyline make this movie stand out amongst other Christmas films. The movie is humorous, touching, and visually stunning, making it a great film for families to enjoy together. It's not just a movie for children either - it's a film that adults can appreciate for its humour, heart, and messages. This movie is a classic that showcases why Jim Carrey is one of the greatest comedic actors of his generation.



by G. Hulkes, Year 8

FUN & GAMES

CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

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

BELLS	CANDLES	CARDS	CAROLING
CELEBRATE	CHEER	CHIMNEY	CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER	ELVES	GIVING	GREETINGS
JOLLY	MERRY	NATIVITY	PEACE
REINDEER	SANTA	STAR	TREE



Crossword Puzzle

Down:

- goes in the phrase ____ Christmas
- the season that Christmas is in
- what children play with
- a giant thick sock

Across:

- the animals that pull Santa's sleigh
- the festive holiday
- an adjective to describe a happy person
- what you might put around a tree

Can you find all the Christmas elves throughout the Cadbury Chronicle? (5 to find)



STUDENT WORK



The Traveller

I've been made a traveller
A traveller to the houses I wanted to make
home of
I was never me
I have just been a substitute
I've always lost
I can't remember the last time I won the
'choose me' game
For I was just a traveller
To the houses, I spent all I had
To decorate it, to make it a home
Just to make it call me a guest at the end
For I have always been crushed, in every
possible way
And never got an answer to 'why'
The house I called my home
Bid me farewell
For I was just a traveller.



by F. Noor, Y12



Cursed!

Lisa walked home in the fog, after a long day of work. In the gutter, something shimmered. A ring. Blood red. She put it on. A shape in the fog. A woman wearing a dress, from the middle-ages? Blood. She was covered in blood.

A cold voice pierced the silence, "You have summoned me!" It cackled. "Mary! Long live the queen! Bloody Mary!" The ghost smiled wickedly. "I have waited long for another soul to torment!" With one eye covered by her bloodstained hair; she laughed hysterically!

Lisa felt a shiver run down her spine, she'd heard of the bloodthirsty reputation of Mary. She turned on her heel and ran into the fog, away from the bloody ghost. Mary cackled like the cold-hearted witch she was. "You can't run from me Lisa!" Lisa stopped at the mention of her name, frozen with fear. She tugged at the ring, but it wouldn't come off, desperately wishing she could turn back time. "I know your PROTESTANT and that's a crime! I have cursed you!" The Catholic Queen screamed with fury.

The silver ring with the blood red ruby glistened. The mist closed in on them like hungry creatures about to devour her. Bloody Mary laughed and pulled out a knife soaked in her victim's blood. "Child come closer!" Bloody Mary shrilled, grinning with a killing intent. It quickly became apparent to Lisa why she was known as "Bloody Mary."

She swung her knife mercilessly, screaming "YOU ARE CURSED!"

by M Barker, Year 7