



# BIG News for *Little* People

We have been working extremely hard to create a fun-filled student newspaper for all of our friends at Fir Tree. Each half-term we will release a new issue and include articles such as: Fir Tree Sports News, where you can read about the latest action-packed sports fixtures; the World's Strange, Stranger and Strangest going on; Science and Tech News where you can find out about the latest developments in cool games, apps and more; Great New Films, including reviews from pupils at Fir Tree; Staff in the Spotlight—the first place to read all about your teachers' secrets; plus quizzes and competitions.

We hope you enjoy the first issue!

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## Sports News

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of January the Fir Tree girls' football team went head to head with Shaw-cum Donnington in their first match of the season. In the MUGA, the greatest football match took place, with Chloé, Jasmine, Chelsea, Aissa, Isabella, Sakshi and Casey. The match was split into 4 quarters, each of 7.5 minutes.

1<sup>st</sup> quarter: Kicked off to an excellent start but the girls managed to let a goal slip into the net for a score of 1-0.

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter: After a disappointing first quarter the girls made a magnificent attack that was blocked by the opponents, the girls didn't give up: Sakshi tackled a player sprinted towards the goal and placed the ball in the top corner.



3<sup>rd</sup> quarter: Unfortunately the girls took their eye off the ball and guaranteed a lead position to Shaw-Cum Donnington which was able to score a couple of goals.

4<sup>th</sup> quarter: At the end the girls, even if the opposite team ate all the biscuits and left our team without much energy, woke up and played a Premier League-comparable 4th quarter.

Upcoming Fixtures:

# Strange, Stranger, Strangest!

Strange, stranger and strangest is about the weird and wacky things that have happened in the world recently.

## Strange



In Japan a teenage girl has been using a huge amount of noodles to knit! Every week she saves up her money to buy all of the noodles that she needs. If she makes any mistakes, she will have to start all over again!

## Stranger

Recently in Canada a squirrel snuck into a local convenience shop and stole a chocolate bar! It all happened because a man had just left the shop and didn't close the door, therefore a squirrel snuck into the shop!



## Strangest



Guess what? There is an actual cow girl! You're probably thinking "Of course there is! There are loads." But no! There is an actual girl who rides a cow instead of a horse. She has entered loads of competitions with her pet cow.

# Science and Tech News

Science/ Tech news will inform you about the latest gadgets and cool apps. This week's latest tech news is about an awesome app.

Scientists have created a new special sensor app. It can detect people through walls. Imagine using it to play hide and seek inside your house! It's not really cheating, is it? It's just like having a friend to help you out!

## Little Alchemy

Little alchemy is a fun science app where you can mix different elements together! You can make elements like: air pressure, fire, plants, ash and more! This is

such an awesome app to play, especially for science lovers! You can also download the app on your phone or tablet! However if you don't have a phone or tablet here is the link to play online: [www.littlealchemy.co.uk](http://www.littlealchemy.co.uk)



## Great New Films!

### Dogs Purpose (21<sup>st</sup> April 2017) 7+

A loyal dog discovers its own existence through the lives of a human and it teaches to love. It reformed into multiple different dogs over a course of five decades. The adorable dog started off with his owner named Ethan. As the boy grows older and comes to a crossroad, the dog once again comes back into his life to remind him of his true self.

### Boss Baby (7<sup>th</sup> April 2017) 5+

A suit-wearing briefcase-carrying baby pairs up with his seven-year old brother to stop the dastardly plot of the CEO of Puppy Co.

### Beauty and the Beast (17th March 2017)

**8+**

Remake of Disney's animated classic - Beauty and the Beast is the fantastic journey of Belle (Emma Watson), a bright, beautiful and independent young woman who is taken prisoner by a beast (Dan Stevens) in his castle. Despite her fears, she makes friends with the castle's enchanted staff and learns to look beyond the Beast's appearance and realize the kind heart and soul of the true Prince within.

### Despicable Me 3 (30<sup>th</sup> June 2017) 5+

Gru (Steve Carell) faces off against Balthazar Bratt (Trey Parker), a former child star who grows up to become obsessed with the character he played in the '80s; and gets into some sibling rivalry when he meets his long lost twin brother, Dru (Steve Carell)

## Staff in the Spotlight

### Mr. Osmond - Did you know?

Funny, enjoyable but intelligent and respectable: Mr Osmond, the latest Year Four teacher. You may have seen him with that massive smile on his face or have heard his silly laugh floating around the school, but do you really know him...? We decided to interview him to find out more!

Question 1: What made you want a job at Fir Tree?

"Fir Tree is a safe and exciting school; the children love to learn and have a lot of fun!"

Question 2: What is the most embarrassing thing you've ever done?

"Once, after PE, I was so excited to see my grandfather that when I ran to him I didn't notice that my shorts were missing!"

Question 3: If you had a magic wand, what would you do with it?

"I would make objects float to me: ACCIO PEN!"

Question 4: How did you feel when you did the refereeing for the football tournament?

"It was exiting; I liked the fact that children enjoyed the football!"

Sometimes he might get cross with bad behaviour and sometimes he may talk too quickly to understand, but overall his laughable and playful attitude makes him one of the best teachers at school! Anyway, the mistakes he has made, like forgetting his shorts, just built his fantastic personality, and we are happy to have him as our new teacher at Fir Tree!

# Get Involved!

Fir Tree are hosting an Easter Card Competition which is open to the Years 1-6! The cards are due on Thursday the 30th of March! Please write your name and class on the back of each card and hand to them to Miss Bancroft, the Year 6 teacher. Prizes are available for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for KS1 and KS2, and the very best card will be featured in our next newspaper! Be as creative as you can and here are some things you could include:

- Easter eggs
- Bunnies
- Chicks
- Bright colours
- Different shaped paper



Good luck !!



## Quiz: PewDiePie vs Zoella



How many subscribers does PewDiePie have?

- 50 million
- 47 million
- 35 million

2. What country does he come from?

- England
- America
- Sweden

3. What is his real name?

- Ralph
- Felix
- Alfie

4. How many subscribers does Zoella have?

- 5 million
- 10 million
- 11 million

5. What is her dog's name?

- Martha's
- Bella
- Nala

6. When did Zoella start doing YouTubeing?

- 2006
- 2009
- 2008



