



BIG News for *Little* People

The newspaper is back and better than before! We have been working extremely hard to create a fun-filled student newspaper for all of our friends at Fir Tree which has an Easter theme. 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; including big events, Staff in the Spotlight—the first place to read all about your teachers' secrets; plus a word search and games. The Easter competition winners will be announced in this issue and there is also a fun Easter hide and seek game. There are 8 hidden eggs throughout the newspaper - see how many you can find!

We hope you enjoy the second issue!

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Sports News

On the 17th November, the Fir Tree boys' football Team (Ashley Hill, Matteo Di Alberto, Robbie Deane, Jaydon Bell, Kwesi Robinson, Kye Macphail, Alfie Bartlett) won the district finals at Trinity School and after playing an amazing set of games that got them through to the regional finals in Somerade Pavillion in Keynsham, Bristol: a whole hour and a half from Fir Tree!

The team played three action-packed games for the competition, and went unbeaten drawing all three! The scores were 0-0, 0-0, 1-1. The team played really well and we are very proud of them and Fir Tree. A big congratulations to Kye for scoring Fir Tree's only goal, although everyone in the team was amazing. Overall, we placed 3rd in our group, a huge achievement! We're really looking forward to next year where Fir Tree is sure to win it!

Strange, Stranger, Strangest!

Guess what? Strange, Stranger and Strangest is back again!

Strange



In America, people are doing a Conch Shell competition. If you are wondering what a Conch Shell is it is a large shell that you can use as a loud horn. Their challenge is to make the loudest but lowest noise to win the competition. Some people even do tricks while doing it like a lady who was hula hooping while performing!

Stranger

People in Mexico who love English Bulldogs have made a challenge to do a massive Bulldog walk. They got together almost 1,000 English Bulldogs and marched around Mexico City. Don't worry though as even though Mexico City is a very hot place, owners made sure that the dogs had plenty of water and they were always shaded with an umbrella.



Strangest



Recently in Canada people have been getting pink water coming through their taps! That's pretty strange but also very cool! They started to get worried about the water just in case it was dangerous. Plumbers told them that it was not harmful: it was just the chemicals that they use to clean the dirty water.

Science and Tech News

This month's Science and Tech News is about a new piece of technology made by Amazon

Amazon Alexa

Amazon has recently released a cool type of technology; Amazon Alexa looks like a speaker but it's more than that. Alexa can enter diary dates into your calendar; she can play music; track your phone and turn the lights in your house! However, in America (on a TV show) an actor in the programme said, "Alexa buy me a dollhouse." and because lots of people's Alexa was activated while the show was on, lots of people had dollhouses turn up to their house the next day! A small child was also able to order 2kg worth of cookies without their parents' permission so be careful with Alexa or you could end up with something you didn't want!



Big Events

Big Events is all about the latest, coolest events that have happened recently.

World Book Day

Did you know that World Book Day is celebrated in over 100 countries around the world? The first World Book Day was on the 23rd of April 1995, this event has been going on for 22 years now! Fir Tree School's pupils dressed up as characters from their favourite books and managed to raise a whopping £589.11p from all of the books bought at the book fair!

Red Nose Day

Comic relief started in the 1980s and over £600 million has been raised through the years; celebrities visit Africa to help raise money and they go to help lots of other people in different parts of that country. Red Nose Day has become very successful over the years and each year their merchandise becomes bigger and bigger. From donations by pupils and staff, our school managed to raise £208.65p for the fantastic charity.



Staff in the Spotlight

Mrs Purcell- Did You Know?



Mrs Purcell in her pyjamas and 'bed hair' for Comic Relief.

We're sure that all of you are aware of our new and amazing Head Teacher: Mrs. Purcell but we wondered, "How much do you know about her?". Mrs. Purcell told a lot of interesting things such as the sports she practises, how she feels about her job and her amazing plans for Fir Tree. Mrs Purcell has been working here since 2007 when she worked in Foundation, so she has working here for longer than some of us have been alive!

First of all, we asked her how she feels in her new and very important role. She explained that it's hard work and quite different from being a class teacher but she enjoys it a lot. She also said that it's better than being Deputy Head because she has the chance to make Fir Tree even better.

One of her favourite hobbies is running, she has even competed in a half marathon! Her most embarrassing moment was when she walked straight into a door in front of a lot of people. She also said that she misses her year 3 class a lot but that she is very happy with her new position.

We also asked her what her plans are for Fir Tree; she replied that she has approved plans to start building a new Autistic Spectrum Disorder unit and children with Autism and, in the future, she is going to build a trim trail for us to play on and keep fit!

Winners!

Congratulations to the Easter card winners: Winter Clayton Yr1 and Reema Begum Yr6. The runners up were Lily Canning, Lakshitha Shetty, Kirsten Adams and Ellie Herbert. It was a hard job to choose the winners for the Easter card competition but we wanted to thank everyone for taking part.



HAPPY EASTER!

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