

# RADIN MAS TIMES

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## GLOBAL NEWS

### YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS

Written by: Mdm Lydia Wong



Recently in May this year, we saw changes in the Thai and Japanese Royal Family line-up. We asked some students if they had any questions about the events and answered them.

**Why is there a need for the new emperor in Japan? What happened to the previous emperor?**

- Mohamed Shuaib Bin Syed Habeeb, Primary 4A2

#### Answer

Emperor Naruhito ascended to the Chrysanthemum Throne a day after his father, Emperor Emeritus Akihito, 85, abdicated the throne, citing health reasons. Emperor Akihito, wished to live his remaining years with fewer official obligations. His health is frail, and he would

like to step down gracefully. This was an unconventional move, as all the previous emperors carried out their royal duties until they passed on.

To celebrate their new emperor, Japan has announced a 10-day holiday nationwide. Police are expecting an outpouring of well-wishes at the Imperial Palace.

**Who is the new king in Thailand?**

- Gabriel Loi Wei Jie, Primary 4D

#### Answer

King Vajiralongkorn is the 10th monarch of the Chakri dynasty and thus also known as King Rama X. Born in Bangkok on Jul 28, 1952, he is the only son of the late King Bhumibol and 86-year-old Queen Mother Sirikit.

His reign started on Oct 13, 2016 following his father's death. However, his formal **coronation\*** took place only in May due to a period of mourning for the late king and his cremation a year after his passing.

Days before his coronation, King Vajiralongkorn married the deputy head of his personal guard force General Suthida Vajiralongkorn Na Ayudhya, and installed her as Queen Suthida and a member of the royal family.

#### WORD BANK

Coronation (n): A ceremony at which a person is made king or queen

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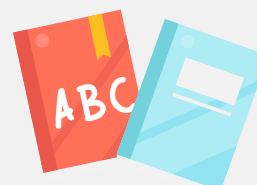
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## AIR-CONDITIONERS OR POLAR BEARS?

**Written by: Loh Ding Qi, Ian (4N)**  
**Edited by: Mdm Lydia Wong**

Did you know there are only 20,000 to 25,000 polar bears left in the wild? Ok, hold on for a moment and think about it. Which would you choose – air-conditioners or cute polar bears?

In just a few decades, there had been a whopping 40% decline in their species! Using too much air-conditioners will contribute to global warming. With global warming, more ice caps will melt and polar bears will struggle to survive. This is a serious matter because if they die, the food chain will be disrupted, causing chaos in the animal kingdom.

We must now take a step back to rethink before turning on devices that contribute to **global warming**\*. “It is sad to see that global warming is happening as a result of human’s actions and yet many of us are not taking enough measures to stop global warming,” said Mdm Tan, a parent from RMPS. I hope that one day, humans will come to the realization of the destruction that they have caused to Mother Earth.

### WORD BANK

Global Warming (n): an increase in the temperature of the earth



## LOCAL NEWS

## MERDEKA GENERATION



**Written By: Yeo Kai Ze, Kieren (4I) and Muhammad Nabil Bin Abdul Salim (4I)**

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**Featuring: Miss Ong Siew Choo, Mdm Kannusamy Rajeswary (Mrs. Mano), Mrs Vellasamy Amarthavalli, Mdm Gwee Boon Ee (Wendy)**



Do you know anyone born between 1950 and 1959? Chances are that you do. Some of your grandparents and even your teachers are part of the Merdeka Generation who grew up during the tumultuous years of the 1950s and early 1960s. Although they did not experience the war like the Pioneer Generation, they steered the labour force in turbulent times when Singapore was a young nation. They were the ones who helped built a sturdy foundation for us, the younger generation.

The men of the generation were among the earliest to serve National Service, while some of the women left school early to support their families. Together with the Pioneer Generation, they have contributed greatly to Singapore during a time of struggle, hardship, and sacrifice.

Let’s hear from some of them.

**Q: What was life like back then? What are the qualities of the Merdeka Generation?**

**Miss Ong Siew Choo:** I remember that when I first started teaching, Singapore’s economy was not doing well. Those of us in teaching were asked to take a pay cut. Everyone of us viewed it as our duty to help the nation, and put the nation’s needs before our own. I think this is a precious quality of our generation.

**Mrs Mano:** Our lives were slightly better than the Pioneer Generation who went through the war. There were more opportunities for education and career, especially for women. Our parents understood the importance of education. They made sure that we went to school to receive education, even though times were hard. We learnt to be resilient and thrifty.

**Mrs Vellasamy:** It was a tough life back then to bring up children. The adults of that generation worked hard to pay for their children’s education. The students of that generation may not have been very educated, but they were very helpful and willing to learn. I think this is the key to their success in life now.

Back then, there were racial riots and blood was very visible, even along the streets. Some people stayed in their houses for fear of theirs and their children’s safety. There was fighting, fire and looting along the streets. This is something that we should not return to, fighting amongst ourselves based on our skin colour or differing religious beliefs. That is why racial harmony is important. No matter what our race is or how different we are, we should treat each other with respect. At the end of the day, we are all humans with families we love and cherish.

**Q: The Singapore Government has announced that there will be a Merdeka Generation package and that the Merdeka Generation Card will be issued in June 2019. What benefits are you most looking forward to?**

**Mrs Mano:** I look forward to seeing people of my generation receiving further subsidies at CHAS clinics, polyclinics, and public Specialist Outpatient Clinics (SOCs) so that they will be more willing to maintain their health.

**Mdm Gwee Boon Ee (Wendy):** I am looking forward to visiting with my family and friends, the Flower Dome at Gardens By The Bay, for free on the second Tuesday of every month!



Scan this QR code if you wish to find out more about the Merdeka Generation Package:



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# THREE-YEAR-OLD BOY HIT BY E-SCOOTER

Written by: Dang Nur Yasmin Binte Daeng Masri (4R)  
Edited by: Mdm Lydia Wong



Reference: <https://sg.news.yahoo.com/epic-fail-e-scooter-driver-112850387.html>

According to Yahoo News, in April 2019, an e-scooter driver who was carrying a delivery bag belonging to food delivery service, Deliveroo, reportedly hit a three-year-old child on an Orchard Road pavement.

The father of the child was angry and reportedly punched the e-scooter driver as he blamed the driver for banging into his son. The e-scooter driver, on the other hand, blamed the father for not taking care of the child properly and causing the accident to happen.

Do you know what to do if you were the e-scooter rider? What if you saw an e-scooter coming your way? What would you do if you witnessed this accident?

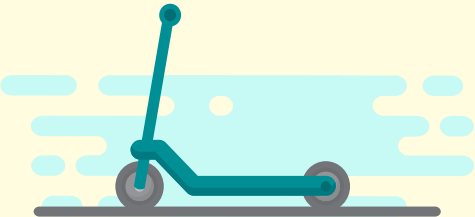
If I were the e-scooter rider, I would exercise caution and be considerate. I would keep to the left when using the roads and be more aware of my surroundings. If I ride on the pavements recklessly, it poses as a hazard to pedestrians. Some of these e-scooters can go very fast!

It is important not to be distracted, especially with our mobile phones, even when we are pedestrians. If an e-scooter comes my way, I

will then be able to move out of harm's way. Sadly, both parties in the abovementioned incident were not alert and even reacted in violence, thus causing an ugly scene. This is definitely not something to role-model after. Let's all be more gracious and respectful!

Finally, what should you do if you were the witness to such an accident? Call the ambulance if someone is injured. And, if you are First-Aid trained, you can render help to the casualty. You can also report to the police objectively based on what you witnessed and stand up for integrity!

***"It is important not to be distracted, especially with our mobile phones, even when we are pedestrians."***



## LIFESTYLE

### 7 WAYS FOR A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE (A STUDENT'S 'HACK')

Written by: Shayanah Begum (5A1)  
Edited by: Mdm Goh Shu Hui and Miss Tan Jia Min



A healthy lifestyle is one which helps to maintain and improve your health and well-being. Living a healthy lifestyle is key to disease prevention, wellness and **longevity**\*. There are many different things that you can do to live a healthy lifestyle. A healthy lifestyle is not just about healthy eating and exercising. It is also about taking care of the 'whole you', which is your physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being. This means taking care of yourself from the inside out.

1. Avoid smoking
2. Be physically active every day
3. Eat a healthy diet rich in whole grains, lean protein, vegetable and fruits
4. Get enough vitamin D and calcium
5. Maintain a healthy weight and body shape
6. Challenge your mind
7. Manage your mental health

Stay strong and healthy, everyone!

#### WORD BANK

Longevity (n): a long life



## SCHOOL EVENTS / HAPPENINGS

PRIMARY 1

### PRIMARY 1 LEARNING JOURNEY TO RIVER SAFARI



Written by: Tan Kai Herng (1D)  
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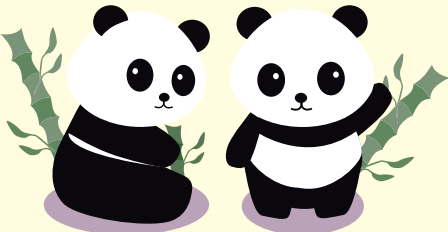


Before the March holidays, the Primary 1 students went on a Learning Journey to River Safari. We were very excited as it was our first excursion in Primary 1.

At River Safari, we explored and learnt more about the different rivers and interesting facts about them. We also got to know the living creatures found in different rivers. We saw lots of fishes such as the catfish which have sharp teeth! We also saw Electric Eels, the Indian Gharial, the Alligator Snapping Turtle and the Chinese Giant Salamander. Then, we went to the Panda's enclosure. We were lucky to be able to spot Jia Jia and Kai Kai. It was a fun day at River Safari!



"I enjoyed the part where we saw the monkeys in the enclosure because it was fun and the monkeys looked very interesting."  
Zachariah Ignatius Jing Dodd, 1I



"I enjoyed the part where I saw the panda in the enclosure because it was so cute!"  
Chia Kai Yang, 1I



# PRIMARY 2 CAMP

Written by: Zehn Zaidi (2M)

Edited by: Mdm Roszanah Binte Kamarudin



On 1 March 2019, the Primary 2 students went to Henderson Waves for their Primary 2 camp.

There was so much greenery. We saw many humongous trees. We went on the bridge and some classes were lucky enough to see wildlife such as monkeys and eagles. The view at the summit was the best of all! There were flowers and butterflies and it was very peaceful. We even saw a huge spider building a web!

We worked together in groups for fun activities. Mrs Doreen Foo, our Year Head, made us search for things that matched

the colours that she gave. Things in green were the easiest to find. Everyone was happy although we were so tired after being under the sun for hours! I encourage all of you to visit Henderson Waves.

"I love Henderson Waves because when we reached the bridge, we could see the Reflection buildings!"  
Samantha Chan, 2R

"We were very happy to visit Henderson Wave. It was a very fun place to go to!"  
Calyce Chia, 2R



# PRIMARY 3 MODULAR CCA



Written by: Lim Rui Ming Derrex (3M), Tay Rui Yi (3M) and Tan Zi Yi (3N)  
Edited by: Mdm Sandy Tan



In order to further expose all Primary 3 students in sports, performing arts and visual arts, they attended Modular CCA in Semester 1. Modular CCA serves as a platform for them to discover their interests and talent. We attended three modular CCAs on a rotational basis – Handball, Show Choir and Manga Drawing.

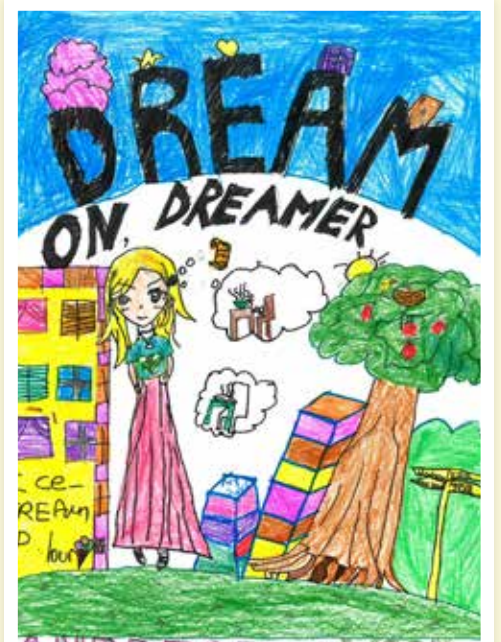
The way to play handball was the total opposite of football. We had to use our hands to pass the ball by throwing it instead of using our legs to kick it. We played in teams and improved on our teamwork and handball skills.

In Manga Drawing, we learned a Japanese way of drawing called 'Manga'. We had to draw a comic book cover on any topic using the 'Manga' way. Upon completion, we brought our book cover drawings back home.

For Show Choir, we had to dance and sing. We had to dance and sing to two songs – "A Million Dreams" and "This Is Me".

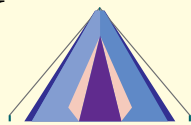
We enjoyed Modular CCA very much. "I think that Modular CCA is very interesting

as we can try out different things that are not in our actual CCAs. Thank you Mr Farizal for bringing up the idea of Modular CCA," said Vera Khoo from Primary 3M.



Manga Art by Tan Woon Han Andrea, 3D

# MY FIRST CAMPING EXPERIENCE



Written by: Ang Hao Feng Ethan (4M) and Chee Ze Xin Chloe (4I)

Edited by: Mdm Lydia Wong



The day was scorching hot and we **trudged**\* to the campsite with our hefty camping bags. Once we arrived at the campsite, we were instructed by the teachers in charged to pitch our tents. It was completed after various attempts. We learnt more about survival skills and the importance of teamwork. It is easier to accomplish a task when everyone works together.

Even though the weather was pretty hot, most of us enjoyed it. We even experienced cooking our own instant noodles and the food provided there was delicious!

"What I hated was not being able to sleep but what I loved were the food and spending time with my best friends! I didn't sleep well because my schoolmates were really

Some hate it, some love it. Can you guess it? Well, it's camping! The Primary 4 students had a camp in Singapore Zoo on 21 and 22 February 2019. It was an hour long bus journey to the zoo and everyone got really excited and nervous about what was going to unfold for the next 24 hours.



noisy and so were the teachers!" said Tan Kah Him from 4I.

Sleeping in the wilderness, under the starry stars, squeezing into a tent with six others and getting kicked left, right center in the middle of the night truly left a profound impression.

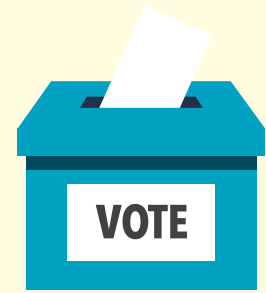
Till the next camp...

## WORD BANK

Trudge (v): walk slowly and with heavy steps, typically because of exhaustion or difficult conditions



# PRIMARY 5 VOTING DAY FOR HEAD PREFECT'S CAMPAIGN



**Written By: Mdm Roszanah Binte Kamarudin**

In Term 2, our Primary 5 students had the opportunity to experience an authentic voting process during the Head Prefect's Campaign, similar to how it was conducted during Singapore's General and Presidential Elections. On Voting Day, each student received a slip of paper with the names of the Head Prefect candidates. Students were then directed to a booth where they made their choice by marking on the voting slip.

Finally, students dropped their voting slips in a concealed box. Our Primary 5 students felt empowered to be part of this campaign!

"I think voting is very important. If everyone votes, we are able to select the best person to lead our school."  
**Wang Haozhe, 5N**

"Voting Day was a new experience for me as I have never voted before. It was difficult to make a choice but it was a very interesting experience for the Primary 5 students."  
**Marjana Aysha, 5A1**



## RMPS NEWS

# THE MOST EPIC RMPS FAMILY DAY EVER!

**Written by: Qistina Binte Muhammad Fairuz (3A1),  
Ong Min Xuan Avril (3I) and Ethan Wan Sheng Jie (3D)**  
**Edited by: Mdm Sandy Tan**



On 6 April 2019, we had a Family Day carnival in our school. For the first time ever, there were **carnival\*** rides such as the UFO Bumper Cars, Mini Pirate Ship and the Chair Swing. Those who enjoyed playing team games got to test their skills by challenging other teams at Laser Tag.

"I felt very happy because there were many interesting games and fun activities. It was a great opportunity to meet other parents and teachers. I was glad that my children enjoyed the day," commented Mdm Joelle Chua, a parent.

Everyone had a lot of fun trying to win exciting prizes at the Marble Challenge, Lord of the Rings, the Human Football, Archery and many more! There was also much laughter from the students who managed to dunk their teachers.

"I felt really happy and most of the activities were really fun. The one that I liked the most was Bumper Cars. It was a fun challenge as I had to bump my way through cars," said Darius Ong from Primary 1R.



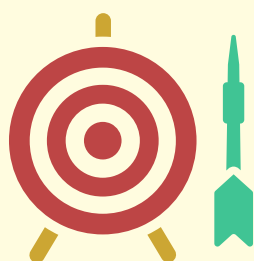
### WORD BANK

Carnival (n): an annual festival or celebration; a funfair



All of us were treated to popular music from some of our talented singers. Crowds gathered and had fun singing along with them. Those with a sweet tooth got to enjoy the taste of old school ice cream, cotton candy and hot buttered popcorn.

Before the closing of the carnival, we held on to our tickets, hoping to win a prize from the lucky draw. The carnival ended with smiles from everyone. Even though not everyone managed to win prizes, it was a day well spent with our family and friends.





# NEW RUGBY CCA!

Written by: Mdm Roszanah Binte Kamarudin



A new sport has been introduced as a CCA this year! Rugby, a contact sport, which involves lots of running and tumbling, was introduced in Radin Mas Primary School garnering many positive responses from our students. At present, there are eleven students from Primary 4 who selected Rugby as their CCA. We interviewed three of the Rugby boys, K Aagash Christian Rajoo (4D), Mohamed Syarie Aryan Bin Anwari (4A1) and Teng Le Qi Denzel (4A1), to ask them about their interest in the sport.

**Q: What attracted you to join Rugby?**

**Aagash & Syarie:** The tackling and the running.



**Q: How was your first training session?**

**Aagash:** It was good. We learnt about passing the ball and that we are not allowed to pass the ball backwards.

**Denzel:** I enjoyed it very much. It was actually very fun where we learnt the basics of passing the ball.

**Q: Were the rules of the game difficult to understand?**

**Denzel:** The rules of the game were quite similar to soccer. However, we used our legs to kick the ball in soccer while in rugby, we used our hands.

**Q: Any future plans for Rugby?**

**Aagash:** We might be having some friendly matches in Term 3 to get us familiarised\* with the game.

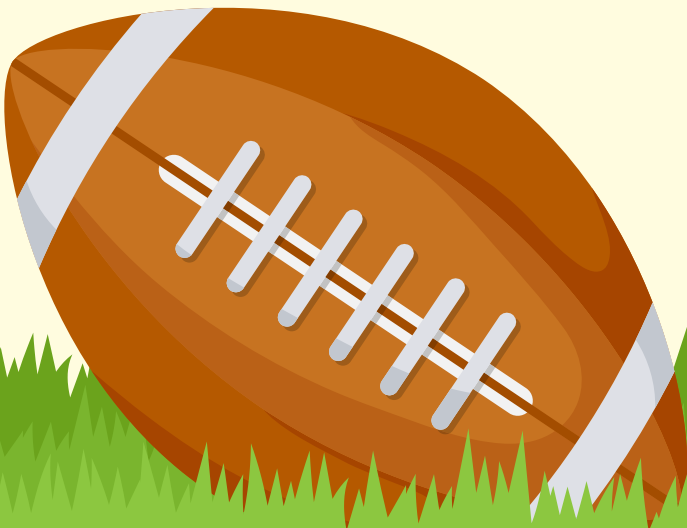
**Denzel:** I am looking forward to these games as I can show my best to represent the school.

"I hope the boys learn discipline and resilience through this CCA. Most importantly, rugby can teach them the values of sportsmanship like no other contact sport can," said Mr Low Min Chye, Vice Principal who used to play rugby in his schooling days.



## WORD BANK

Familiarise (v): to give someone knowledge or understanding of something.

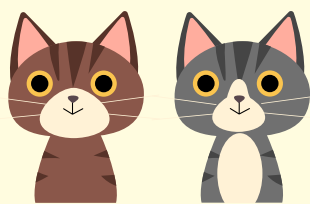




# KITTENS!

Written by: Michelle Jayani Jasper Richard (5N)

Edited by: Mr Chua Wee Nam



On February 28, a General Office staff found a litter of five kittens at the corner of our parade square. He carried them to the General Office with the help of some students.

Many students crowded around the General Office in awe, just to see the kittens as they

were so small, cute and adorable. Some wanted to bring the kittens home as pets, while others just wanted to pat and carry one. Even the teachers and General Office staff were taken in by the kittens.

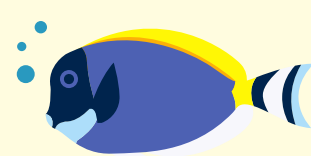
The General Office got very crowded during that two days and the staff had to turn away students who kept coming, hoping to catch a glimpse of the kittens.

Staff at the General Office found homes for the kittens. They are now in safe and loving homes!

TIP: when you see a lost or stranded animals such as cats or dogs:

**Call the authorities.** Never put yourself in harm's way by attempting to capture an animal that is behaving aggressively. If you cannot safely approach the animal or if it runs away, call SPCA at 62875355. You will need to provide details such as the condition of the animal, and the address of the location. Animal Rescue Officers will respond as soon as possible.

# SEA AQUARIUM IN RMPS?



Written by: Loh Ziying Nadya (4M) and Seet Liting Katellynn (4N)

Edited by: Mdm Lydia Wong



Have you been to the S.E.A Aquarium in Sentosa? If you have not, or miss the place, fret not! We have our very own miniature version right at our foyer!

Illuminated by a bright purple light, the fish tank houses many species of aquatic wildlife, such as the clownfish, sea cucumbers and starfish.

"My favourite is the corals as they are very colourful and lively. During my recess, I like to spot where the chocolate-chip starfish

is. We call it that because the starfish looks like it has chocolate-chips on it. The fishes look very small and cute," said Nadya Loh, from 4M.

Many students like to go to the fish tank to have a look. They seem to like the Blue Tang, or otherwise known as *Paracanthurus hepatus*. It is a species of the Indo-Pacific surgeonfish. It is very popular as it looks like the fish from the movie, 'Finding Dory'. "The fish tank is beautiful, but it could have more fishes swimming in it, and the aquarium could be bigger!" Chloe Loo, from 4N said.

We echo her views as we love aquatic wildlife. We hope that there can be more species of fish and that the tank can be bigger to give more space for the fish to roam more freely. Do you agree with us?

## INTERVIEWS

# INTERVIEW WITH NEWLY-APPOINTED HEAD PREFECT 2019/2020, LIM YONG CHUN GLENN

Interviewed By: Mdm Roszanah Binte Kamarudin



Student Prefects Executive Committee 2019/2020

**Q: How did you feel when you first received news that you would be our Head Prefect?**

**Glenn:** I felt happy but was also quite worried because it is a big responsibility. However, it is still very honourable to be elected as the Head Prefect.

**Q: It has been less than a month since you were elected as our new Head Prefect. What do you look forward to after being appointed?**

**Glenn:** I look forward to making the school a fun and safer environment for the students to learn, play and make a mark.

**Q: What were some of the challenges that you faced so far?**

**Glenn:** When I was asked to speak in front of the whole school to remind them of the expected behaviour during morning assembly at first, there was not much impact. But now, I can see that the students listen to what I say during morning assembly.

**Q: What are some plans that you have to put in place which you had mentioned during your election campaign\*?**

**Glenn:** Although I have not put in place the plans that I mentioned during my election campaign, I will like to do them soon.

**Q: What are the changes that you hope to see in Radin Mas Primary School?**

**Glenn:** I hope that our students will respect and listen more to the prefects. Also, I would like to remind all students that they should be reading quietly during morning assembly.

## WORD BANK

Election Campaign (n): a series of things that a person does to try to win an election

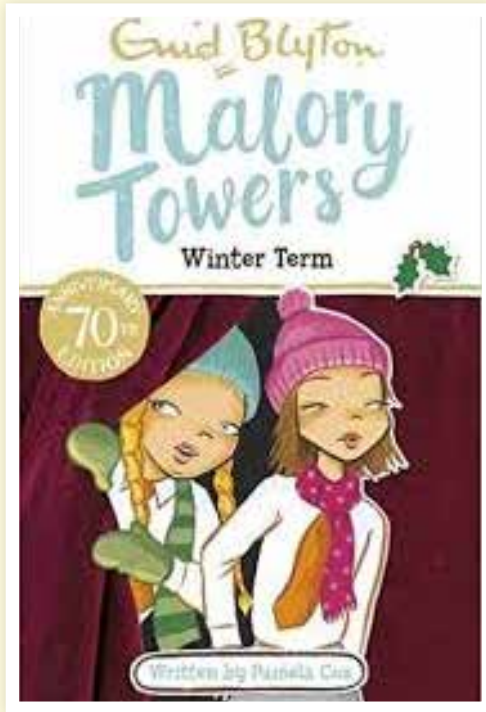




## BOOK REVIEWS

### WINTER TERM AT MALORY TOWERS

Written by: Aditi Chandra (5M)



Malory Towers is an extraordinary series by Enid Blyton and Pamela Cox. Malory Towers is a boarding school for girls by the seaside with four beautiful towers. Felicity Rivers is one of the main characters in the story. In school, Felicity had moved up to the fourth form along with her fellow classmates. They have a new drama teacher called Ms Tallant who is a pest and busybody to the girls. Each of the forms in the school have to put up a play for Christmas and the Head-Girl of each of the forms are in-charge. Ms Tallant tried to **interfere**\* in the fourth form's play and what happened next is very exciting! It is truly an amazing book!

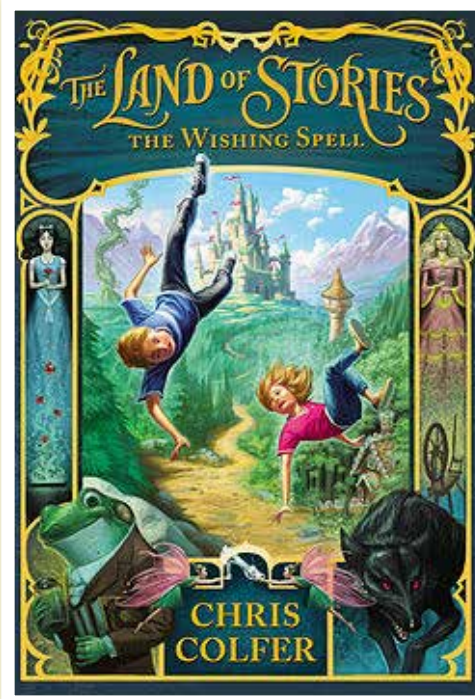
#### WORD BANK

Interfere (v): to get involved in a situation without invitation



### THE LAND OF STORIES, A SERIES OF BOOKS BY CHRIS COLFER

Written by: Seet Liting Katelynn (4N)



In the books, Alex, and her brother, Conner, must save the fairy tale world from **villians**\* that come from children's stories as they try to attack the world. Alex and Conner have to save the world before it is too late! Lose yourself in a magical fantasy land filled with horrible nightmarish villains and a kingdom full of memorable and familiar characters.

#### WORD BANK

Villians (n): a character whose evil actions or motives are important to the plot



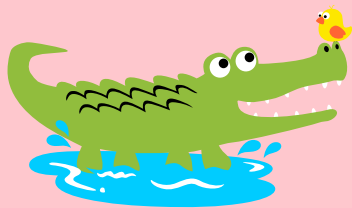
## JOKES OF THE DAY

Contributed by: Skylar Loh Qi Rui (5D)

HOW DO OCEANS SAY HELLO TO EACH OTHER?

THEY WAVE

WHAT DO YOU CALL AN ALLIGATOR IN A VEST?



AN INVESTIGATOR

WHY DO BEES HAVE STICKY HAIR?



BECAUSE THEY USE HONEY COMBS

## FUN FACTS

DID YOU KNOW?

JAPAN'S NATIONAL FLOWER IS A YELLOW CHRYSANTHEMUM.

