

The Pilgrims' Post



Lent Term, 2022 Edition 1

BOARDERS' BUSINESS

By George S

It has been a fantastic start of boarding this term, this weekend has been a change and we have had to become bakers for the day. With Mrs Leslie and Mrs Leslie as our hosts, we entered the boarder's baking competition on Sunday and we had a blast of a time. We baked brownies, cookies and cupcakes to decide who would be the champion of The Pilgrims Bake-off 2022! First we made bread through a step by step tutorial from Mr and Mrs Leslie and the Gap Staff and then we moved on to the recipes which we had chosen earlier on Sunday. It was noisy in the dining room as we dashed about, collecting sprinkles and measuring tbsp of flour, along with making the ultimate experience for all the boarders and staff who were lucky enough to be a part of the competition.

I am sure that all of you are dying to hear who won so here we are! Edward B won the bread baking making the ultimate twisted piece of artistry. The breads were baked in a blind choice by the hosts by the feel and look of the tasty loafs. Now for the winner of the 2022 Bake-off...Rory D came out on top, winning with his delicious chocolate brownies and his beautiful presentation. I was lucky enough people to try a bit



of the brownies and they really were delicious. Rory said afterwards that he was delighted to have won and he said that everyone made outstanding cakes themselves. Anyway, that's all the news for now so Happy Baking!

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Hello everyone, just had a whizz at the Hollywood bowl with bowling! We had a great time and I managed somehow to win 1 point ahead of Edward B ! Through the whole game we were expecting him to win but on the last go, I reached 1 more point ahead of him! What a close game it was. I came out at 72 and Edward came out at 71 and the rest of our team close behind us too!!! We also had a spare

from Edward and a 9 from me and loads of 8s all around.

Next up, we went to the cinema and watched the one and only Sing 2. But we'll get to that in a minute. Firstly in the morning we watched the new, 'The Witches' which was a remake version from the one made back in 1990 starring Angelica Huston. The new 'The Witches' starring Anne Hathaway, was really good and the boarders in the common room enjoyed it. Then we went to the cinema and watched 'Sing 2' starring the likes of Scarlet Johansson, Taron Egerton and many other fantastic voice actors. It was amazing and I personally would really recommend it to anyone who likes singing, dancing and lots of comedy!

Chorister News

By Adam K



The Choristers have been working hard since Christmas. Although we had to do many services (including repeating a service thrice) we've had time for Nerf gun ' battles ', going to McDonalds and even watching Spider-Man No Way Home in the cinema. We've had a Eucharist which the Archbishop of Canterbury attended!! Thanks to all the staff who made our Christmases magical and continue to work really hard with us in the Lent term.

Special thanks to Mrs Razza and her catering team, Mrs Ford , Mr and Mrs Short and Dr Essex (we really enjoyed your spooky story).

We're all looking forward to the Chorister Pancake Race after Ash Wednesday - each year group against the other. I'm voting for Year 6! ;)

Quirister News

By James H and James P

This term has been a big one for the Year 6 Qs who have all been dubbed, the process of getting your white surplice which goes over your cassock - and making us full Quiristers now! Welcome to us - James H and James P, Sam H and Sebastian B!

We're also starting to plan our trip to Durham where we have booked a hotel. We're doing three Evensongs at different locations and doing trips to places such as Vinolando on Hadrian's Wall.

Happy birthday to Thomas E who celebrated his birthday last week. We all enjoyed the cupcakes!



World News

by Adam K

Ukraine:

Russian troops have surrounded the borders of Ukraine. At the time we went to press, nothing serious has happened. President Putin (Russian President) has said that they are doing this to secure vital security. He also blames NATO (a organization of countries who promise to protect each other in case of an invasion) for undermining Ukraine's security.

Many people speculate that Russia is doing this to prevent Ukraine from joining NATO , which would bring NATO right up to their border and would allow NATO to invade if they chose. Many countries have helped Ukraine by sending them weapons.

Olympics:

Kamila Valieva is a Russian figure skater. She passed through and qualified for free skate. She however failed her drug test. The International Olympics Committee contested against the Court Arbitration of Sport, yet got overruled.

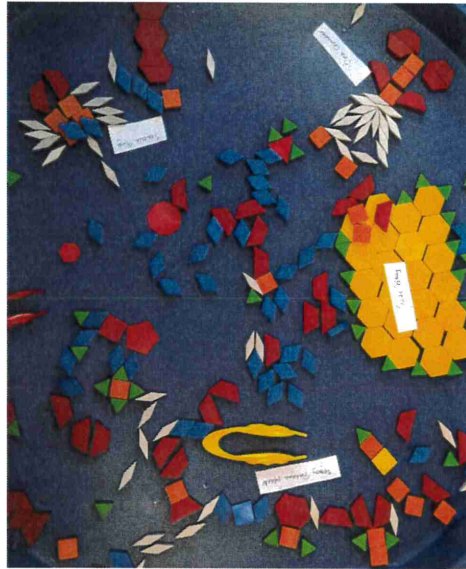


NEWS FROM THE PRE-PREP: TESSELLATING SHAPES

By Reception Class

This week in Reception we've been making magic carpets with shapes that fit together without any spaces – we learnt the word 'tessellating' and also looked at hexagons, which connect together. They reminded us of a beehive, which the bees collect their honey in. Miss Warren even did a tessellated drawing of hexagons to show us.

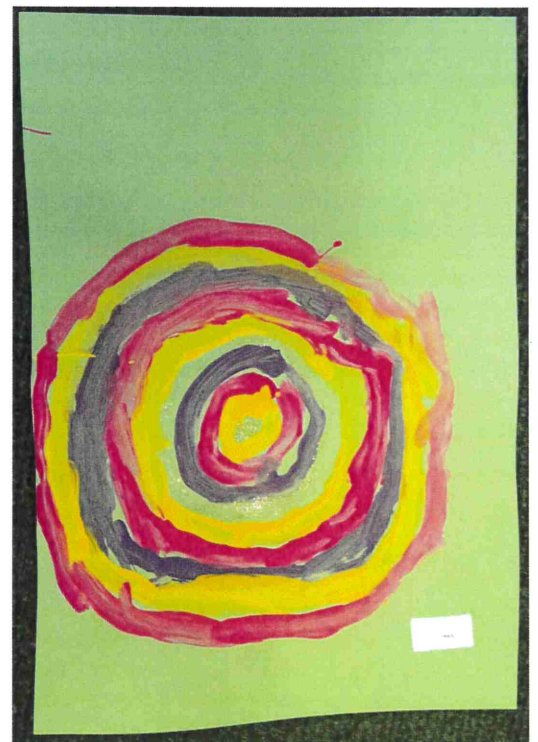
Digby created tessellated squares, by drawing around a square box, and painted the shapes in with a little touch of gold. He even managed to create some rectangles by only drawing around part of the box.



James and Egbert made some characters out of shapes, using wooden blocks to create a tessellated design. The characters were called Scuttlebug, Spike-Pokey, Speedy-Piranha-Plants and Boss-Chomper (the most powerful character)!

Attilio, Ian, Matthias, Egbert, William M and William O made a big magic carpet (with no holes to fall through, of course) and created Mrs Ross a house with security and a swimming pool. Great team work!

This morning we all made some bread dough and it has grown so much that it popped the lid of the container it was in. This is because we put yeast in it – we all had a go smelling the dough, too! We're going to use our dough to make a magic dough carpet using tools for rolling and decorating.



SPORT

PILGRIMS' ROUND-UP

By Henry S

After a strong start from pilgrims' we press on after a few losses.

U13A **Lose** Farleigh and Stroud

U12A **Lose** Farleigh and Stroud

Colts A **Win** Farleigh and Stroud

Foals A **Lose** Farleigh and Stroud

U9 A **Win** Farleigh and Stroud



Sports joke of the week:

Q: What's the difference between England and a teabag?

A: A teabag could stay in a cup for longer.

Premier league stats (Football)

	pts
Man city	63
Liverpool	54
Chelsea	47
West Ham	41
Man Utd	40

Gallagher English Premiership Table (Rugby)

	pts
Leicester Tigers	61
Saracens	53
Gloucester rugby	47



AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS

By Michael F

A huge tournament has passed, called the Africa Cup of Nations, it is the equivalent of the Euros but for Africa. Madly, a referee in Tunisia vs Mali blew the final whistle after 85 minutes, after two questionable penalty decisions, gone against Tunisia. As Mali, were winning 1-0, but down to 10 men, it seemed inevitable that Tunisia were going to find an equalizer, but the referee blew the whistle in the final minute of normal time which gave Mali the win.

Achraf Hakimi scored two brilliant free kicks but his team Morocco were knocked out by Egypt who fought back to win the game 2-1. Salah & Egypt were quite lucky to make it to the final as they beat Cameroon and the Ivory Coast on penalties but then lost in the final 4-2 on penalties to Senegal. Mane, missing a penalty in the 7th minute, he put it behind him and scored the final penalty winning the cup for Senegal who dominated all the way through.



The Chinese New Year!

By Lucas J

This year is the year of the Tiger, the first since 2010. "The tiger is commonly associated with bravery, courage and strength. There are lots of legends about the animals for each year. One is that the order of the animals comes from the story of the Great Race. Jade Emperor, one of the most important gods in Chinese tradition, invited a series of animals to a race of which 12 species turned up – Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig. '新年快乐' is how you say 'Happy Chinese New Year' in Mandarin.

Facts about The Chinese New Year

1. Chinese New Year falls on a different day each year. Chinese New Year isn't on the same day every year. It's usually in late January or February. The date is worked out by the 'New Moon'. This is when there is a new lunar



cycle and is the first phase of the moon when it is a crescent moon.

2. The celebrations last for 15 days. The Chinese New Year isn't only celebrated on one day.

Traditionally it is celebrated across 15 days and ends when there is a full moon! It ends with the Lantern Festival. However, the first three days are a public holiday in China and is when the main celebrations take place.

3. When the Chinese New Year took place, people celebrated by eating traditional foods, such as dumplings, glutinous rice balls, eight treasure rice pudding, and many more. The food in the Chinese New

Year is an unforgettable aspect for people.

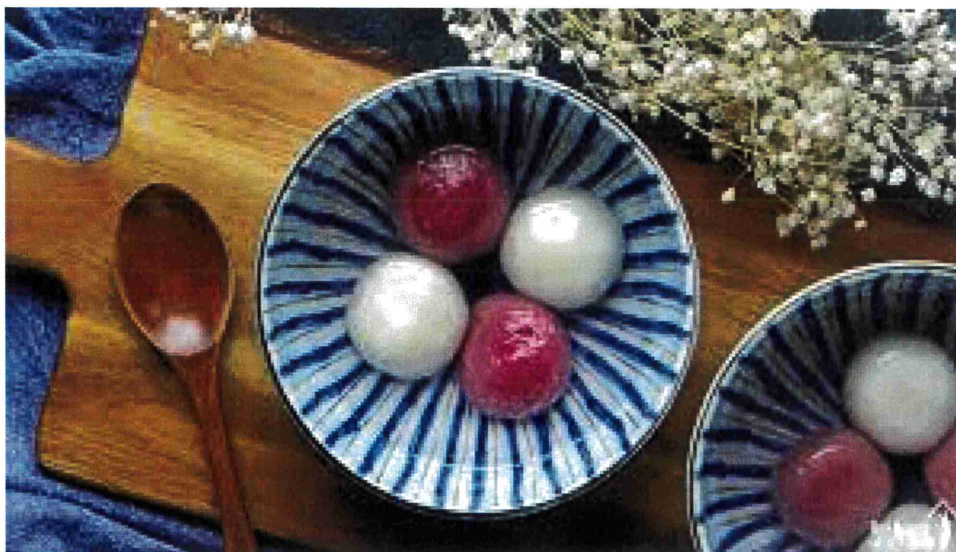
4. During the Chinese New Year, it is traditional to give younglings or your friends 'Red Envelopes' containing money, which is a symbol of your blessings to them. However, the money is not the most important part of the 'Red Envelope'. The most important part of 'Red Envelope' is actually the kindness that your parents or friends offer to you. It is that which really matters.



RECIPE OF THE TERM

By Kelvin R

Glutinous rice balls (tang yuan) is a very popular pudding all over China. They are filled with sesame, red bean, peanut, and many other sweet fillings that ooze out from the mochi-like skins. The skins owe their pleasantly gummy texture to glutinous rice flour, which produces a chewier dough for the rice balls.



What you will need:

- 130g of Glutinous rice flour
- 30g Butter
- 80g sesame seeds
- 2.5 teaspoons of sugar
- 3 tablespoons of boiling water
- 4 tablespoons of room temperature water

Method:

1. Fry the black sesame seeds in a frying pan on low heat.
2. In a food processor, grind the cooled black sesame seeds with sugar until they turn into a paste texture.
3. Add the butter. Mix well and keep them refrigerated until they are firm enough to be assembled.
4. Divide them into 20 portions. Shape each piece of filling into a ball.

Making the dough

5. In a mixing bowl, pour hot water into glutinous rice flour while stirring with a spatula.
6. Add room temperature water little by little while stirring.
7. Knead with your hand until a smooth, soft dough forms.
8. Divide them into 20 even parts.

Assembling the glutinous rice balls

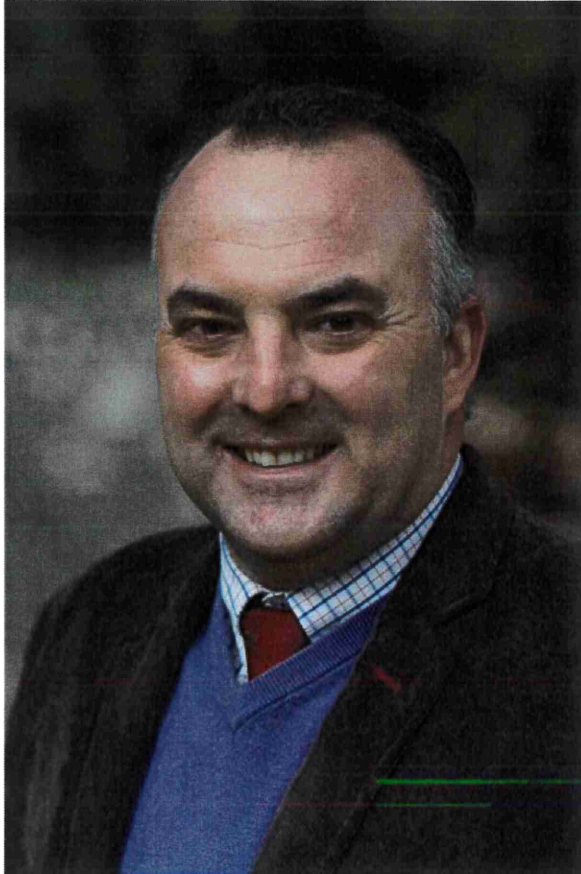
9. Flatten a piece of dough round with your fingers.
10. Place a ball of filling in the middle. Gently push the dough upwards to seal completely.

Cooking the glutinous rice balls

11. Bring a large pot of boiled water to boil the rice balls for 2 minutes.
12. Finally, serve them in a bowl warm. There you go!

Teacher interview of the week

Questions and writing by George S



Mr Cuyler was asked some fun questions this week by my team and we aimed to get to know our lovely English teacher and here is what we got:

What is your favourite book?

This was an interesting question because Mr Cuyler is an English teacher and he said that the book 'Birdsong' by Sebastian Faulks was the book which really moved him the most and he said that any book by Ken Follet he loves because he loves historical fiction and he thought that the books are really well researched and the plots are well crafted but he could not choose his favourite book....I mean who can blame him?

If you could have chosen your name, what would it have been?

Mr Cuyler said that he didn't really know but if he had to choose something he might have chosen Andy because it was his grandfather's name and he really adored his grandfather which was really nice.

If you could go back in time, which year would you go to and why?

Mr Cuyler said that this question was a good one but it was hard to answer but in the end he said he would go back to 1789 because that was when his ancestors left America and he would have really wanted to experience that.

If you could be any animal what would it be?

And this was a really hard question and Mr Cuyler agreed that it was, but he would be an elephant because they take everything in their stride and they value family and love community.

If you were in a hitchhiker's guide to the galaxy what would your survival item be?

Mr Cuyler said that there was only one possible answer for him and it would be.....Nutella.....Yes I know, odd! He said that nothing is better than a tbsp of nutella. Yes, I was surprised by this answer too...

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you live?

Mr Cuyler said that this was especially hard because there were so many places and countries but in the end he said Cinque Terre because it is beautiful, near the coast and has an abundance of red wine and olives!

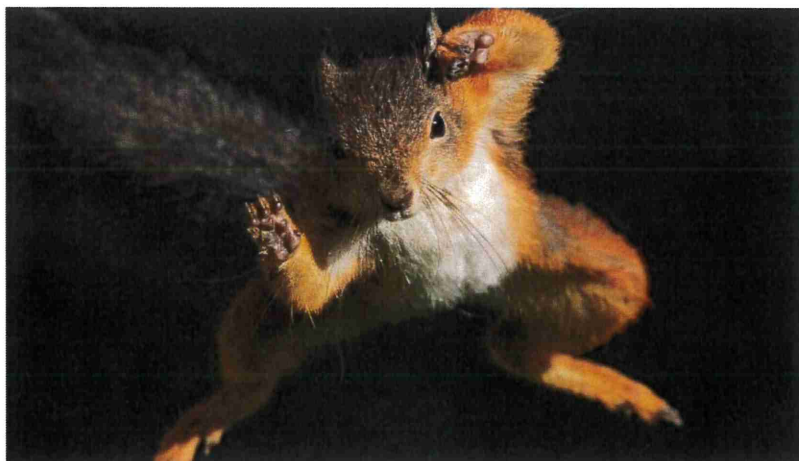
SCIENCE

By Kelvin R

Squirrels are the Olympic divers of the rodent world, leaping gracefully among branches and structures high above the ground. And as with human engineers, a squirrel's success in this competition requires both smooth, master - leveled movement, and agility among the branches.

When navigating through the treetops, squirrels will risk a long-distance jump if there's a sturdy branch to land on. Even if their next stop is a flimsy branch, a squirrel's expert-level recovery skills - possibly developed from past mistakes or built in genetic codes - almost always help them stick the landing perfectly.

These two lessons from our fuzzy friends could be useful in designing how agile robots analyse a target to jump toward, how they recoup missed marks, or how they



complete difficult movements. Like squirrels, the next generation of fast, agile robots will be following the pattern of squirrels analysing jumps and movements.

To learn more about how squirrels successfully navigate from branch to branch, scientists put wild fox squirrels to the test on a special obstacle course in a eucalyptus grove on the University of California, Berkeley campus. The scientists analysed how the squirrels altered their jumps depending on branch flexibility, by timing their launch a bit earlier, and how they

geared up for distance and height variation - twisting mid-air to find something to bounce off to give them a boost. After going through a tricky jump a few times, they eventually nailed the stunt with ease.

This just shows us how fascinating squirrels can be to teach future robot technicians and engineers a lesson, for the different movements that squirrels make can influence a lot in robot programming & movement in the future to provide more agility, speed, and tactical, smooth movement for our robots, thanks to our furry friends!

Technology Topic: THIS EDITION IS THE ONE OF A KIND PS5 VR CONTROLLER...

By Louis B

Design



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The first thing I've noticed with the next-gen VR controller is the unique design, which takes on an "orb" shape that allows you to hold the controller naturally, while playing with a high degree of freedom. There are no constraints with how you're moving your hands, providing developers with the ability to create unique gameplay experiences. The model is absolutely next generation, allowing you to feel the game as if it were REAL!!! They also designed the new controller with great ergonomics in mind, so it's well-balanced and comfortable to hold in each

of your hands. They applied learnings from testing users with a range of hand sizes, as well as the decades of insights from controllers across all PlayStation platforms. The result is an iconic design that will change how VR and PlayStation games are played.

Features



The new VR controller enables players to feel and interact with games in a much more visceral way. There are several features, including key features from the DualSense controller, which match Their vision for what next-generation VR games can be.

- Adaptive triggers: Each VR controller (Left and Right) includes an adaptive trigger button that adds palpable tension when pressed, similar to what's found in the DualSense controller. If you've played a PS5 game, you'll be familiar with the tension in the L2 or R2 buttons (Im Not!!!, So If You Are Like Me, Then Its The Equivalent To The R+L Buttons On A Nintendo Switch, Or The Bumpers On A Xbox) when you press them, such as when you're drawing your bow to fire an arrow. When you take that kind of mechanic and apply it to VR, the experience is amplified to the next level.
- Haptic feedback: The new controller has haptic feedback optimized for its form factor, making every sensation in the game world more impactful, textured and nuanced. When you're traversing

through rocky desert or trading blows in melee combat, you'll feel the difference, magnifying the extraordinary visual and audio experience that's so central to VR.

- **Finger touch detection:** The controller can detect your fingers without any pressing in the areas where you place your thumb, index, or middle fingers. This enables you to make more natural gestures with your hands during gameplay.
- **Tracking:** The VR controller is tracked by the new VR headset through a tracking ring across the bottom of the controller.
- **Action buttons / analog sticks:** The Left controller contains one analog stick, the triangle and square buttons, a "grip" button (L1), trigger button (L2) and Create button. The Right controller contains one analog

stick, the cross and circle buttons, a "grip" button (R1), trigger button (R2) and Options button. The "grip" button can be used to pick up in-game objects, as one example.

SIE's Product, Engineering, and Design teams have collaborated to build our new VR controller from the ground up with a goal of making a huge leap from current-gen VR gaming. They are thrilled with the controller They developed, but what matters now is how game creators will take advantage of the features to design the next generation of VR experiences. Prototypes of The new VR controller will be in the hands of their development community soon, and I am sure that you can't wait to see what ideas they come up with and how the controller helps bring your Imagination to life!

And Last From Me....

FACT FILE:

...Queue The Music!

PS5 VR CONTROLLER

MADE BY: SONY

SIZE: 6.7 x 2.6 x 7.3 inches

USE: VR

IS USED WITH: PS5 VR HEADSET

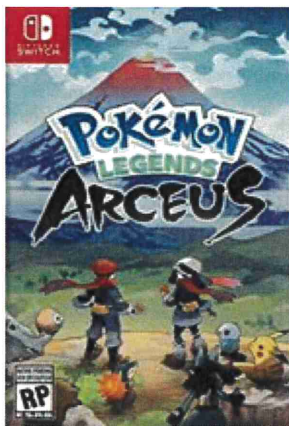
PRICE: £295/\$399/352€

EPICNESS: 87%

GAMING

By Teddy

The legends of Arceus:



The legends of Arceus is a new game made by Game Freak.

Pokemon game on the Nintendo Switch.



Year of the Tiger! Brawl Stars



Brawl stars is an online multiplayer game with lots of mini games since 2017. This is a 3v3,1v1 2v2v2v2v2 game.You unlock characters (brawlers) after winning mini matches and getting trophies in the games.Fang is a character (Brawler) that you can unlock after tier 30 in the brawl pass because of the lunar new year event.

20 million people play this game!

Among Us



Among us is a very popular game that was created in June 2018 that has 10,000 to 20,000 people playing the game currently.Which was made by a company named Inner Sloth.

Minecraft Glitch found: Herobrine



Crazy but true!

By Johnnie

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Henry S

1. Some snails can have up to 15,000 teeth.



2. A crocodile's main weakness is their nose.



3. McDonalds drive through was due to the military.



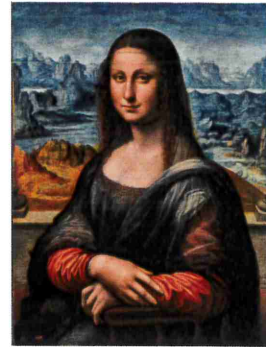
4. There is a cat that is the mayor for 20 years in alaska town.



5. The inventor of Pringles is now buried in a Pringle can.



6. Leonardo da Vinci hated Mona Lisa's arms.

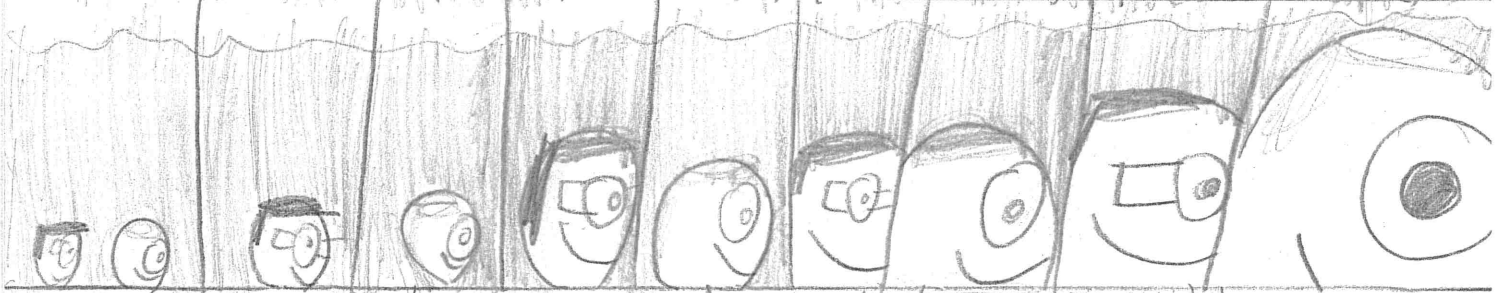
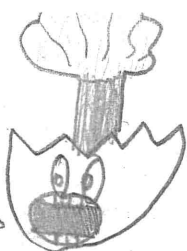


7. Someone tried to sell New Zealand on ebay!



Bob and Phil and the Lantern of Cheese

By Alfie J.
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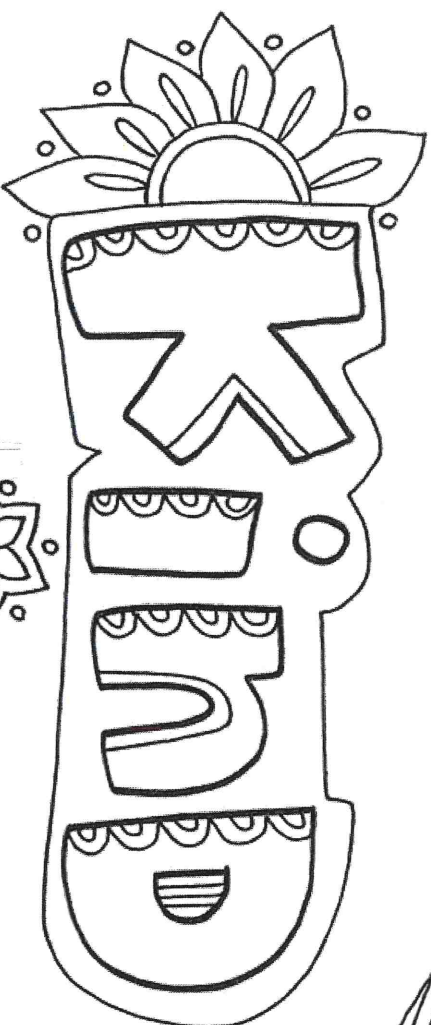


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