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Your Voice Matters!



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Looking For Clues: Who will Replace Jubeda as Deputy Head?

By Jenna and Suhana

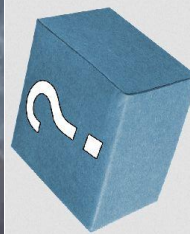
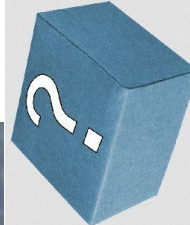
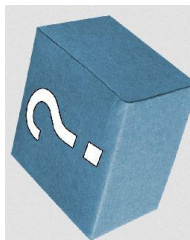
Since Jubeda has sadly left us for a new life in Saudi Arabia, who is going to replace in her role as deputy head of Harbinger?

Fiona? Eddi? Teacher Tom?
(not student Tom)

It is a mystery, maybe the biggest one yet! Suhana and I have gathered some evidence, and we believe Fiona will be new deputy head.

We've noticed that Fiona has been doing many of the things that Jubeda did as deputy head, like attending her meetings.

See **Mystery**, Cont'd p.4



Well-Being

Turquoise Class: "Your Voice Matters"

By Kulsuma and Suhana

On 1 February turquoise class held an assembly about mental health. The theme was "your voice matters."

It is important to get your opinion heard. If you have a really good idea other people want to hear it and it is also important to have good oracy (especially with Fiona).

Turquoise class worked so hard planning this assembly. We made posters and rehearsed our lines.

We were inspired by speeches from people like Marcus Rashford. On the big day we were hoping to get good reactions and it went great!

Chinese New Year Menu



Editorial

Question of the Issue:

How do you know the difference between right and wrong?



Zayd H.: You know the difference when you have done something because you might get a punishment. If you do something good you might get rewarded.

Junainah: We're taught about right and wrong in school. Also, when you get that bad feeling that you are about to do something bad, don't do it.

Zaynab: When you do something wrong you hurt someone then your hurting yourself and that is the worst feeling if you do hurt someone then you should say sorry.

Mahiba: If someone does something you want to do and they get a bad consequence, you'll know it's wrong.

Numairah: If you are do something right then you are listening correctly but if you are doing something wrong then you listening incorrectly.



Usmaan A.: If you're rewarded, you're probably right.

Mariya: If you are going to do something and you realize it will make someone happy, it's the right thing.

Umaira: If you feel in the inside it does not feel nice

Joud: You know that something's wrong when someone tells you the charter and your expectations and you ignore it. However, when you follow the charter, that's correct. Also, if your gut feeling tells you that's wrong it's good to avoid it. Furthermore, it could be good if it makes people happy but it's bad when it makes people feel sad.

Dawud: Teachers teach you how to be right in the future, so do your parents, and your God if you believe.



Sabrina: If a teacher makes rules, follow them!

Nicole: Trust in others to help you make that choice.

Now Seeking: Applications for Newspaper Club

by Susan



Do you know why I am even writing this? Well find out in this mind-blowing article.

Unfortunately, some people who used to be in our club, have disappeared or decided to quit newspaper club and have descended INTO THE UNKNOWN... Now LISTEN to what I say:

Dear pupils of Harbinger Primary School,

We are kindly seeking new members who are free between (3:30 and 4:40) on Friday afternoons. We need;

- 1. people who are enthusiastic or have a huge passion for writing,*
- 2. people who want to try something new*

(just for fun).

If YOU want to join NC aka; Newspaper club. ask Fiona (if available).

If not, ask one of your classmates, who goes to NC, to ask Fiona if YOU can join NC.

In NC you can draw, draft articles, watch YouTube, and play video games.

*Yours,
Susan*



The Green Lady Continues to Haunt

by Amelia

One day, I was minding my own business, walking through the hall when I turned around to see a green apparition running along the wall, leaving me in a state of shock.

You would think I was scared, but is it possible to be confused? It was probably my imagination, but was it?

A teacher was walking by, she was probably wondering why I was staring at the wall.

I was thinking WAIT COULD IT BE..... T-T-the green l-lady. No probably not. But it could be.

I always thought the green lady was just a joke by Jeanette the baguette who loves bagels/beigels.

Everyone: Beware.

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Mystery, Cont'd from p .1

It is also possible that Nimesha could choose a deputy head from outside of Harbinger. Maybe, it will be someone brand new!

What do you think? It also might be Eddi because when Suhana and I went past Nimeshas office, they were having a meeting that seemed suspicious.

Dawud, Zayd ,Usmaan, Asiyah Anna believe it will be Fiona. If you ask, Numairah, it's Tom. Nicole wasn't specific but just believes it will be someone organised

Who will it be?

Battle of the Spells

by Junainah

So recently I have been made aware that year 5 student Numairah and teacher Tom have been duelling each other with Harry Potter spells.

One time, in the lunch hall, Numairah told me "I just stupefied Tom (laugh) and he did it back!"

Numairah has been using Unforgivable Curses which, Tom says, "Leave him in a lot of pain."

Next, I was peacefully strolling in the deserted playground when a blur of Numairah came whizzing past. "I did the spell *Petrificus Totalus* then somehow, he did *Expecto Patronum!*"

Is this an unexpected rivalry. A war? A Harry Potter war?! A war of brutality and blood and veins and... oops I got carried away. I like gruesome stuff. Like really gruesome stuff.

Like when Beowulf tore off Grendel's arm and left the blood seeping out of him with the crunch of bones and joints and...

Uh oh...I got carried away again.



**Jubeda,
now in
Saudi
Arabia,
Says
“Thank
You”**

I wanted to take this last opportunity to say thank you to you all. No one person can do everything but together we are stronger.

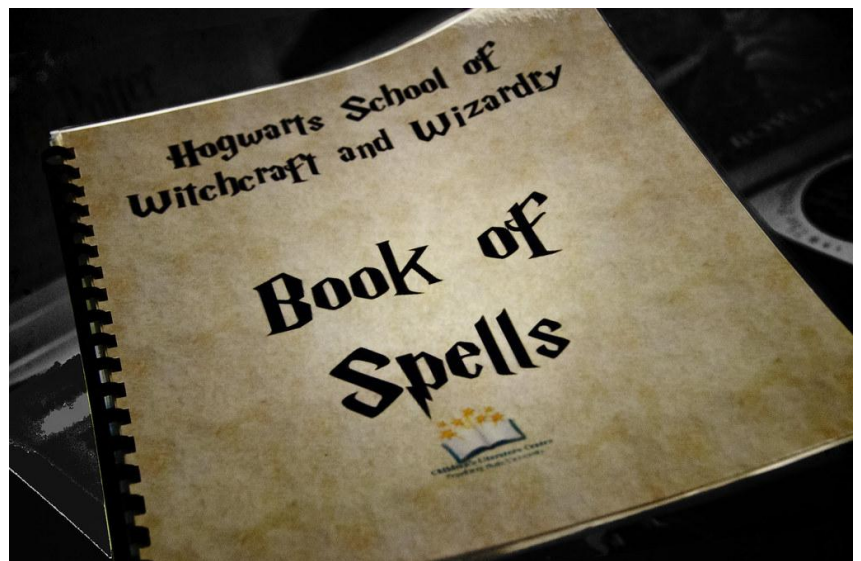
Harbinger will go from strength to strength if you all continue to work together as one community.

There is so much that is not great about the world we live in

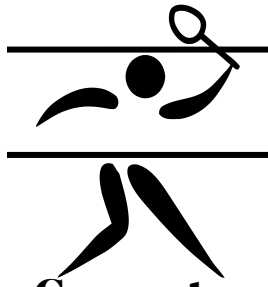
BUT if we work together, child by child, family by family and community by community; we can make a difference, a real long lasting difference.

May peace and blessings be upon you all always,

Jubeda



Sports



*Together*ness

Join Badminton Club!

by Sabrina and Mahibah

On the 19th of January 2024, Anna started a badminton club. It meets on Friday afternoons and students in year 4 and up are welcome to join.

Badminton is an enjoyable sport to play; so why not form a club in Harbinger? So far, the members of the Badminton club have learnt many new skills.

Badminton club is a new club and is open to new members, so if you are interested and Year 4 or up, feel free to join.

Harbinger Gymnasts Compete

by Mia and Amelia



So, some students competed in a gymnastics competition. It was so much fun but it was also a little scary at first because there were so many people there!

I was nervous but at the end of it WAS THE BEST! So that was the year 5 and 6 but year 3 and 4 trip is soon!



Back to the year 5 and 6 trip.

The students who competed were: Mia (year 6) Da'wud (year 6), Luiza (year 5), Ibtisaam (year 5) and Safwan (year 5). Shari and Abidaa were the staff who attended.

WE ALL LOVED IT! And we all learned some new gymnastics skills. John Orwell Leisure Centre in Wapping. As part of the competition, we had to do some bridges, cartwheels, roundoffs and a lot more. If you want to see some videos ask your teachers.



Learning

Year 5 to Compete in Dragon's Den

By Zayd and Dawud

At Harbinger Primary School, Year 5 will be taking part in Dragon's Den in partnership with HSBC UK. Dragon's Den is a competition that all primary schools located on the Isle of Dogs will be taking part in.

There will be 5 groups from Harbinger School participating and they will all get an opportunity to present their idea to the teacher who will pick only one group to take to HSBC to present their work.

All schools are expected to produce their own business model/idea and present it to the Dragons. To succeed, you must be loud and clear when speaking. It may be very scary, but you need to respond clearly and carefully.

After listening to the presentation, each Dragon will question you to check that what you present will be a good profitable business model for them.

Finally, they will decide to either invest, or choose to leave. If a Dragon does decide to invest, both parties will negotiate an agreeable percentage of the business and become business partners.

Dragon's Den will further share their expertise and keep in contact to additionally help grow the business for a greater profit margin.

If the Dragons decide to not invest, then you'll leave empty handed or with words of wisdom that will help you in the future.



By Numairah

Have you ever wondered that Yr5 are doing well, they are currently involved in a project called Dragons Den.

The Dragons are millionaires who keep their money in a bank called HSBC. They invite schools from our local community to compete to find solutions to common problems. They invest money in the winner's solution.

The Yr5's will go to Dragons Den somewhere in March after World Book Day and they will go to 7th floor.

The HSBC is in Canary Wharf and inside are the Dragons Den people.

Last year, Harbinger came in second place with a team that include: Yasin, Amaaya, Asiya, Junainah, Ayaan and Jaylen



Why Barney is Cool

by Junainah

As you know, Joud is a reporter for the *Harbinger Chronicles*. She is very kind, creative and funny and... she is obsessed with Barney. Yes, that old show Barney.

It started for her after the summer holidays, in the first half-term of year 6. Now, you might be wondering, why Barney?

When I asked her, she said, "Because it has iconic songs and Barney is beautiful."

Please do not go and be unkind to Joud, as I'm sure she's not the only one who has an embarrassing secret. *-*

[Here is my interview with her.](#)

Me: When did you first watch Barney?

Joud: I first watched Barney when I was three.

Me: Do you think Barney is cringe and why?

Joud: No, because his songs teach us so much so if he teaches us, then not cringe.

Me: How would you describe Barney?

Joud: He has purple, fluffy fur and he also has a smooth, forest-green belly.

Me: Do you know anyone else that likes Barney as much as you?

Joud: Yes, both of your sisters. First of all, your sister Zahrah does not watch Barney, but she said that Barney is amazing, and she likes him. Also, your baby sister also loves Barney.

You said that she cries when she sees family members but smiles when she sees me. And I love Barney. Also, Jeanette loves Barney. She said to me "I love Barney, he has lovely music, and he dances beautifully."

Me: Give more detail on why you like Barney.

Joud: I like Barney because he has a growth mindset. Even though people say "I hate you, you hate me, let's team up and kill Barney..."

He stays positive.

Me: Would you rather give up all your Barney toys to see Barney face to face or keep your Barney toys but not see Barney face to face?

Togetherhness



Climbing High in Mile End

By Mariya

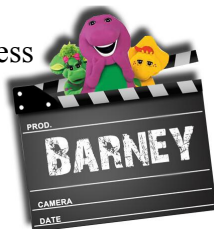
On 19th of January 2024 three adults and three children in Turquoise class went on to Mile End Climbing Wall. Their names were Fiona, Jeanette, Mariya, Jubeda, Tommy and Ailbe.

And Fiona Conquers Her Fear ...well that's what I think)

by Aleena

When Fiona, Jeanette, Jubeda and three others went on a trip to mile end wall climbing wall, I was VERY jealous.

Anyway, *everyone* knows Fiona is petrified of heights... But today I got some amazing news Fiona went to the top of the climbing wall!!!!!! And I even have a witness which is Mariya... who has sadly moved.



Joud: I would keep my Barney toys! I have had had all those Barney toys since I was a baby.

Me: Will you ever stop liking Barney?

Joud: I will always like Barney because he is always so positive and shows enthusiasm as he is talking.

Me: Last question, do you think that Barney is iconic?

Joud: Yes, he has so many friends! Did you see his videos? He has so many people asking for help.

Once, I was wearing a purple jumper and Joud said, "You are wearing purple like Barney! I taught you well."

What! Like, just because I'm wearing purple doesn't mean I am similar to Barney! Joud said, yes, it does mean that. Barney is purple and your favourite colour is purple, and you wear purple.

Learning

Our Trip to the London Transport Museum

by Junainah

The London Transport Museum is a place where many old types of transport are shown. Some you can climb on and explore to a certain place; others are too old and rusty and delicate to even be touched such as the so-called 'Barnes' (an elder vehicle which is way too delicate to even touch).

We left the school at 10:50 and took the DLR to Bank (I think?) then hopped on the extremely packed Central Line where we got off at Holborn to take a walk-that took approximately 12 minutes-to Covent Garden where the museum stood gloriously basking in the sunlight accompanied with the bitter gusts of wind.

There, we did an activity labelled 'Coding the City' in which we explored the tiles. This wasn't your normal coding as on Scratch however; it was coding as I'd never seen before! There was a plastic railway track on which you could snap tiles onto to code the train. We ALSO had to solve challenges such as: making the trains stop for different periods of time, causing the train to avoid certain routes, and last, the hardest of all was the third challenge; to save energy in the night.

We also met two really cool engineers who told us all about their job.



One of them started their job at the age of 16 where he talked all about who inspired him (his dad) and what he does. He is an engineer who carries out the actual work down in the station (and as he says "with the rats" he does work). The other engineer was the one who designs and is the deep-thinking type of person (the type of person I aspire to be one day!)

After an exploration; in which we saw models of trains which you could go inside, and went in the driver's seat of a bus, Opal Class headed back to school; exhausted, but full of many memories that they would treasure (at least most of them).

Read our next issue for more **Diary of a Wimpy Kid**

by Suhana





Sultana's Day with Shafia

by Junainah

Scene 1

SULTANA: Hi Shafia bestie who loves science and says that Issac Newton is very clever.

SHAFIA: Hi teacher Sultana but also bestie and is very good

SUSAN: Hey Sultana, you robbed the chocolate factory

AMELIA B.: How dare you I love chocolate and it is not fair

GREEN LADY: Muhahahahahaha I will possess you **FOREVER**

SULTANA in a stern voice: HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT EVERYBODY IS OVERWHELMING SHAF!!!!!!!!!!

Green Lady: *Possesses Sultana

SULTANA: (possessed) I will break all the printers and give everybody homework and become headteacher.

Learning

Harbinger Girls Take Science Trip

by Mahibah, Sabrina and Faiha

On Monday the 30th of October, we had a science trip to She-Build Exhibition at the Poplar Riverside. Only girls were eligible for this trip because the goal is to inspire more female architects.

We had to explore around the place we were in, and we looked at some famous women on some walls. Next, we did a sheet with some word searches, puzzles and crossword.

Scene 2

JUNAINAH: Guys sultana is possessed by the green lady so we need to save her.

SUSAN: nah no thanks she gave me extra hard homework. Like what is the square root of 81? I am sooooooo frustrated for real.

JUNAINAH: It's 9. SOOO anyway we need to save her

JOUD: My barney powers will save her

BARNEY: Yaaas Joud. Yeeeees Joud you made me proud

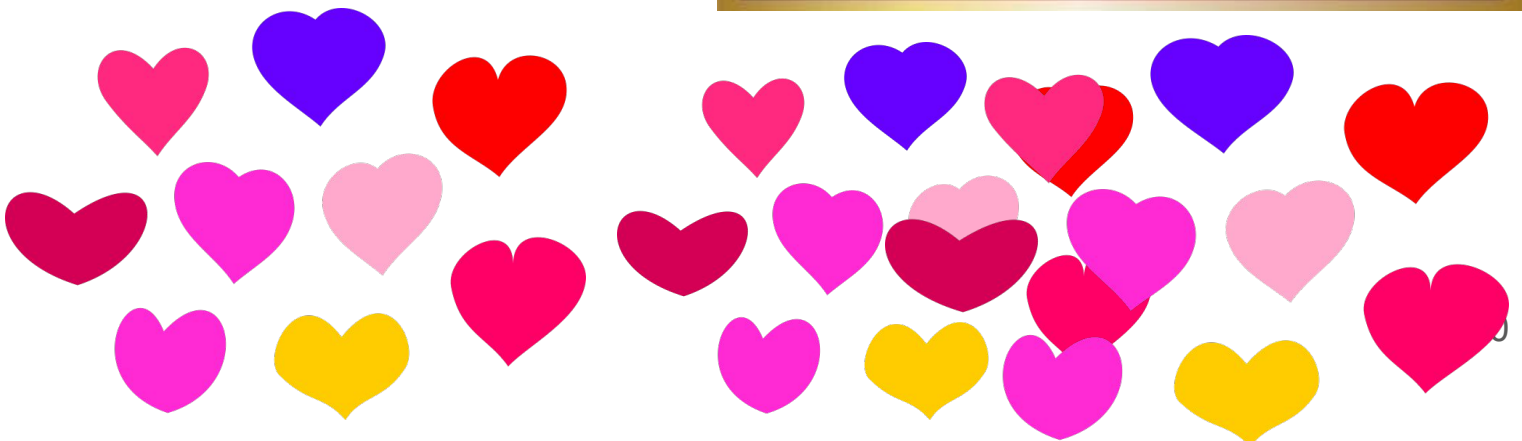
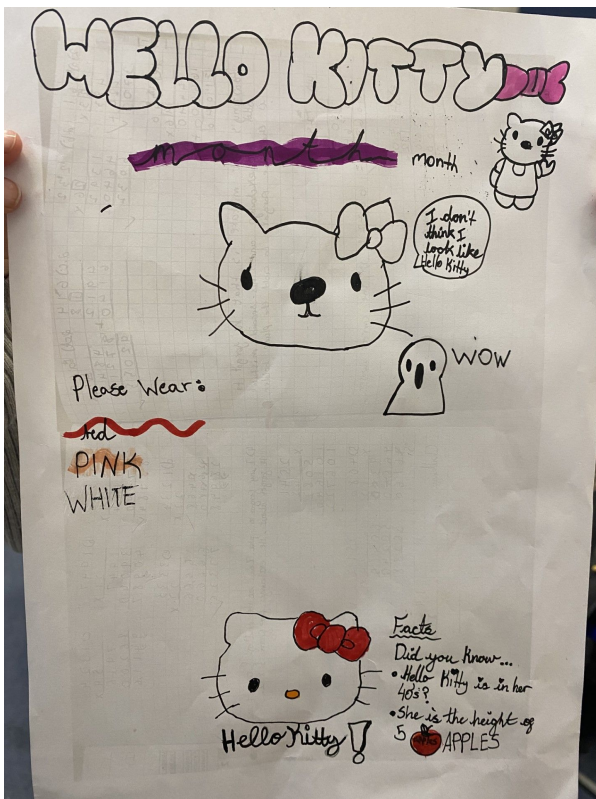
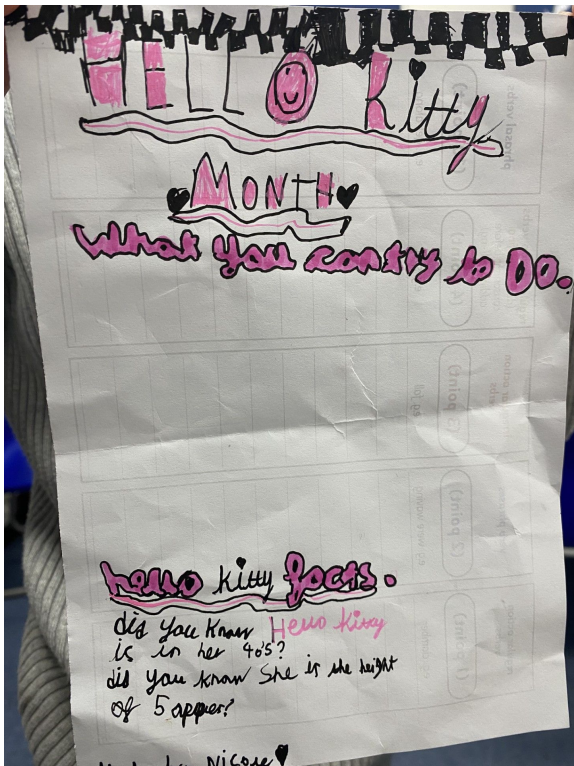
NUMAIRAH: Soooo teacher Tom is coming although i literally stupified him

TOM: HEEEEEEELLLLPPPPPPPP
MEEEEEEEEEEEEE
PLEAAASSSSSEEEEEEEEE
TBC (to be continued)

SHE BUILDS UK

We also explored outside and counted how many cranes as we could spot. Me and my partner, Mahibah, found a whopping 13 cranes. We saw a buck hoist, a lift on the side of a building while it's being built.

Then we used Legos to build a house in a creative way. Midway my friend Junainah's table collapsed, and she was raging so much because her team was breaking her crane that she built. My group built a house with a cafe next to it.



A Play in Three Acts

by Zayd and Usmaan

For Act 1, read last issue of Harbinger Chronicles

ACT 2

SCENE 1

UUSMAAN: (On teams) Hello everyone!

ZAYD: Don't chat like that...

HEAD TEACHER: No talking on the team's page. It is only for work/homework purposes only. (Logs off)

USMAAN:
Whaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaat!!!!!!!!!!

ZAYD: what did he just say?

USMAAN: Hmm. I don't know. But I don't care.

HEAD TEACHER: (comes online)
OK THAT'S IT! NO MORE TEAMS FOR YOU!

USMAAN: Dang it. (Offline now)

ACT 2

SCENE 2

TEACHER: 9+10. How about nerd?

NERD: 19!

ZAYD: (On his phone playing games. Not listening)

TEACHER: Zayd did you hear that.

ZAYD: Yes.



TEACHER: What did NERD say then.

NERD: (Crossing his arms at him smiling badly)

ZAYD: Idk, but idc. (Don't do that in real life it is not good)

TEACHER: Ok? Good? (Not knowing what that means)

ZAYD: (In his mind, YES)

TEACHER: Anyway. Any questions?

USMAAN: (Puts hand up waiting for this moment his entire life)

TEACHER: Usmaan?

USMAAN: What does Idk mean, but I know what idc means.

TEACHER: Uhm... Zayd why don't you explain to Usmaan?

ZAYD: I know you don't know Teacher!

TEACHER: (Embarrassed) Go on.

ZAYD: I don't know.

TEACHER: (Laughs aloud)

ZAYD: I don't know!

USMAAN: I better ask Nerd. Nerd what does idk mean?

NERD: I don't know.

USMAAN: You usually know everything!

USMAAN: You got hypnotised or something. I am going to ask the world in ten years.

10 years later

USMAAN: As Prime Minister, I have been waiting ten years to find out what idk means

THE WORLD: I don't know.

USMAAN: The world does not know!
(Faints)

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ACT ONE: SCENE TWO

DISCUSSION II NOW

All the Barney lovers gather in the conference room. Joud (aka barney lover) is devastated.

BARNEY FRIEND ASIYA: Okay guys, we need a plan. We can't let them get to us forever!

BARNEY FRIEND AMELIA B: Yes! They made Joud devastated. Just look at her. She looks so sad...
Joud snuffles.

BARNEY FRIEND NICOLE Joud: I think that I know why there are so many Barney haters!

BARNEY AMELIA B: Why Joud?

BARNEY FRIEND NICOLE: I saw a generator in a Barney hater's house! It produced a drink that was purple and green. I saw Barney hater Susan drink it and then she ripped the Barney poster, I gave to her! It must be some kind of anti-Barney drink that turns the normal people into Barney haters. I also have evidence. Barney hater Junainah was my BFF before, until she went to that house and drank something. Then she scribbled on my Barney drawing! But that drawing was just a draft thankfully.

BARNEY FRIEND ASIYA: That explains a lot. That is very interesting, but do you know if your theory is true?
Barney friend Joud: I'm sure it's true. Just trust me, okay.

Barney lover Asiya has a sceptical look on her face.

BARNEY FRIEND ASIYA: Okay, I'll trust you, but

ACT TWO SCENE ONE

BROKEN

BARNEY HATER Junainah: I'm not sure how to get the legendary Barney flag!
BARNEY HATER Mia: Really? It's so easy. All you must do is distract the Barney lovers and get into their HQ to take the flag. Then bring it to Anti-Barney HQ. After, you must solve a riddle to pass the security checks. After, go back to Barney HQ to make a fake flag to put at their base.

BARNEY HATER Junainah: That's a lot of stuff to do. I'm not sure I can do it all on my own.

Barney hater crew: We'll help you to win capture the flag!

Barney hater leader announcement flashes on the screen.

BARNEY HATER leader (anonymous): Hello. The generator is broken.

Everyone gasps except for Barney hater Junainah.

BARNEY HATER Junainah: Finally! That generator was driving me mad! Now I can go on to being a normal person!
Junainah walks away.

JUNAINAH NORMAL: Also, I'm about to expose your plans to the Barney HQ!
Everyone gasps.

BARNEY HATER MIA: How dare you! Let's get her!

Junainah runs away, the Barney haters behind.

ACT 2 SCENE 3:

SUPER BARNEY: I am super Barney! I shall save the day, today!
He grabs Junainah into the Barney headquarters.

JUNAINAH NORMAL: Help me! They are making me hate Barney with this strange drink. Also, Barney haters are planning to take over this land. I promise to be a better person, it was just that drink that made me into a hater.

JASMIN THE BARNEY FRIEND: why you lying for?

Keyaan the Barney friend: Be quiet!

JASMIN THE BARNEY FRIEND: where did you come from?

Barney Haters apocalypse: by Junainah, Amelia, Susan and Joud

Notice: **do not** make fun of anyone in this story!

Ps: Junainah did the French using google translate so if you want to understand the French then search it up.

ACT ONE: SCENE ONE

BEFORE

BARNEY HATER JUNAINAH: What is your dream- barney lover. Barney lovers are bad!

BARNEY HATER JOUD: My dream is to start Barney month in every December, and I want to publish a book about barney.

BARNEY HATER MIA: Eww! I'm scared of barney of how ugly he is! I'm his biggest hater.

BARNEY HATER JUNAINAH: ya! I know, right?

BARNEY HATER BOBBY (French): Barney est moche et puar.

BARNEY HATER SUSAN: Barney is SOOO cringe! No offence to the Barney fanboys and fangirls but Barney looks ridiculous! In addition, Barney has the cringiest memes such as: Barney is a dinosaur... or I love you, you love me...

JASMIN THE BARNEY FRIEND: Why you lying for?

KEYAAN THE BARNEY HATER: Be quiet!

JASMIN THE BARNEY FRIEND: Where did you come from?

KEYAAN THE BARNEY HATER: Ehhhh

JASMIN THE BARNEY FRIEND: Answer my question!

KEYAAN THE BARNEY HATER: I am everywhere! You will never see it coming, I am faster than your mind.

BARNEY FRIEND AMELIA B. : in my opinion barney is amazing, so cool and incredible, so unique and so cool.

BARNEY HATER JUNAINAH: Amelia! How could you! I thought you were my favourite!

BARNEY HATER BOBBY (French): Barney sent si mauvais que même une mouffette ne peut pas comparer. Joud, tu as tort. AmeliaB, tu as tort. Il est aussi effrayant et a de mauvaises mœurs. (Barney smells so bad even a skunk can't compare. Joud, you are wrong. AmeliaB, you are wrong. He is also scary and has bad morals.)

JASMIN THE BARNEY HATER: Why you lying for?

KEYAAN THE BARNEY HATER: Be quiet!

Joud gasps and falls to the ground.

BARNEY FRIEND NICOLE: Joud! Don't let the Barney haters get to you. Let's go.

Nicole and Joud walk away.

BARNEY HATER BOBBY (French): Allons-y les haineux de Barney! (Let's go Barney haters!)

All the Barney haters leave.