

The Harbinger Chronicles

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Harbinger Newspaper
Club



Welcome to the first edition of our brand-new school newspaper. It will be published every half term. Written by the children, for the school community.

The Mystery Behind the Broken Printers; Was it the Green Lady? By Hana and Aamina



Two weeks ago, every printer (bottom, middle and top floors!) at Harbinger school broke down at the same time.

The bottom floor printer would only print silly pictures, the middle floor machine kept printing blank paper and the top floor device simply gave up.

How could this have happened? Some students believe this was no coincidence. They argue it had something to do with the Green Lady?

Have you ever heard of the Green Lady, the Harbinger School ghost? Legend has it that she causes **Printers**, cont'd p 7

Calling All Footballers

George Green's is hosting a tournament. **Tournament**, cont'd p. 6



Tom's Love of Sandwiches and What Happened When One Went Missing

By Gaia and Eadie

Tom, Sapphire Year 1 and 2 teacher, loves sandwiches so much, sometimes he eats sandwiches for breakfast lunch and dinner.

Typically, this is uneventful. But, a few weeks ago, this addiction got him into trouble.

On Tuesday, ninth of November 2021, Tom entered class with his standard eight sandwiches. He took his class out for morning play. 15 minutes later, when they returned, he opened his lunch box, mouth watering, excited for a bite of one of his sandwiches when he saw that one was missing; there were only seven.

He travelled around the class, investigating. He wanted to know who had greedily stolen the missing treat. He was so upset that he started yelling at the children interrogating them, seeking a confession from the guilty party.

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Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle>

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by Aamina



Meet the Eight Year-Old Who Read 35 Books in One Week. A Harbinger Reading Record?

By Gazi and Toure

On the 12th of November, a surprise occurred on the middle floor of Harbinger School. Year 4 student Aadil presented his reading journal to his teacher, Henna Begum, and what she saw in it was amazing.

The reading journal revealed Aadil had read 35 books in one week, an astonishing number of books, high above the

average reading rate, and higher than anyone else in his class. Not only that, but he wrote a diary entry for each book! Apparently, he challenged himself to read so many books.

Henna told us, the reporters, so that this amazing child will get recognized for his passion and hopefully inspire other Harbinger students to read more.

The Funnies

BY ANJA AND OMA



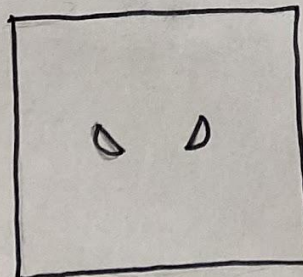
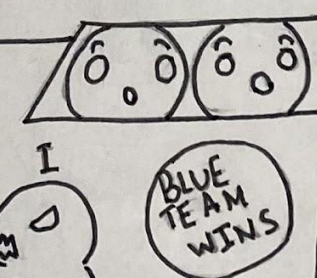
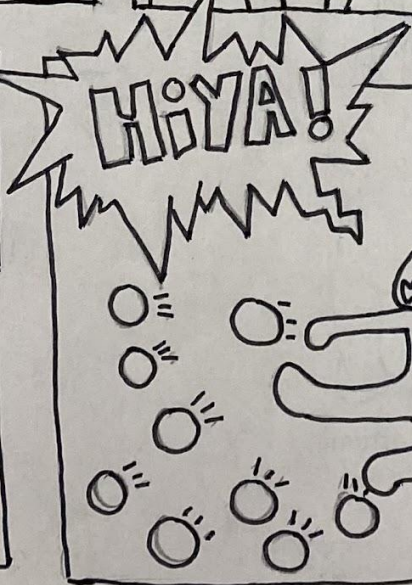
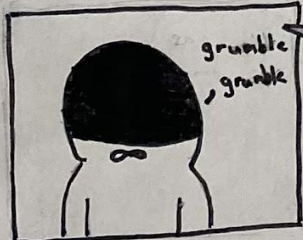
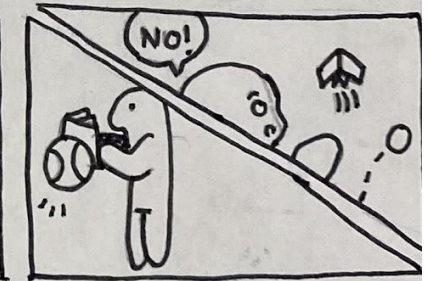
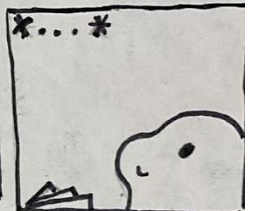
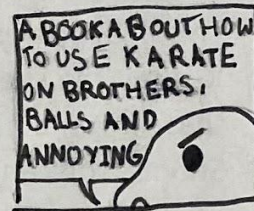
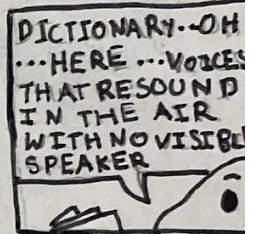
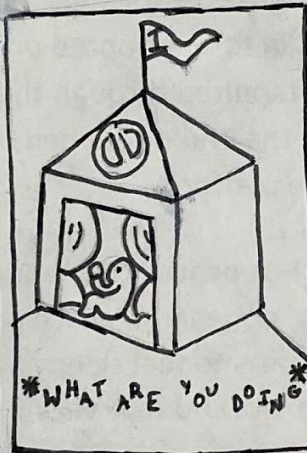
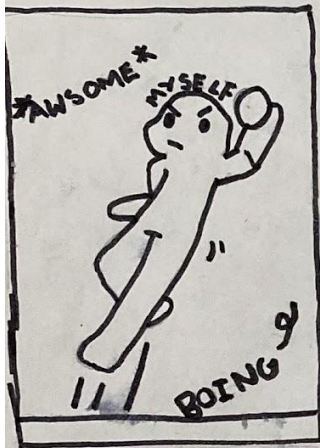
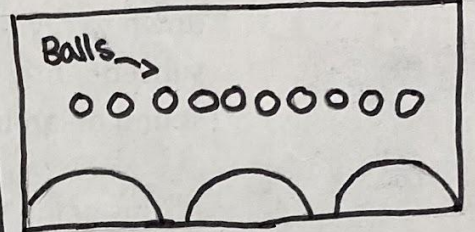
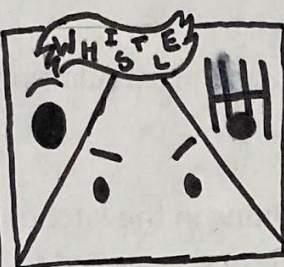
Mission Statement

Here at Harbinger, we are committed to both listening to and valuing the views, wishes, and experiences of children.

With our school newspaper, we hope to provide a new, meaningful opportunity for the children to share their experiences, views, and hopes about their school using a safe and important platform.

We hope that this supports them in feeling that their say is valued. As you know, a strong commitment to pupil voice has many positive outcomes including, building positive relationships across the whole school community, better mental health, and improving attainment and attendance. We hope that the children's voices will be well-received and that more children take part in creating future publications of the Harbinger Chronicles.





THE END

Beowulf: Highest Achievement of English Literature?

Book review by Zara

Verdict: *Beowulf* is a really interesting book – read it. It has so much detail: especially the part when he fights the monster, Grendel.

Year 5 students read the old english epic poem, *Beowulf* as part of their lesson on the Anglo-Saxons. It is considered an epic poem in that the main character is a hero who travels great distances to prove his strength at impossible odds against supernatural demons and beasts.

The story is set in pagan Scandinavia in the sixth century. The events in the poem take place during the sixth century, and surprisingly do not feature any English characters.

Beowulf, a hero of the geats, comes to the aid of Hrothgar (the king of the Danes) whose mead hall in Heorot has been under attack by Grendel.

After Beowulf



slays him, becoming king, Grendel's mother attacks the hall and is then killed by Beowulf with a giant's sword that he found in her lair. Beowulf also attacks a new hideous monstrous beast.

Beowulf tries to defeat that new monstrous beast and gets help from some of his closest friends. His friends survive but sadly Beowulf perishes after fighting the last monstrous beast that he will ever fight in the land of geats.

Takeaways:

Beowulf is a good book: you can use its words and sentences in your work; it gives lots of detail and good information; and you can really picture the book in your head

FUNNY JOKES

By Toure

Wanna hear a joke?
That is the joke

What did the ocean say to the shore?
Nothing. It just waved.

How do you tell if a vampire is sick?
By how much he is coffin.

Why don't eggs tell jokes?
They'd crack each other up.

HA! HA!
HA! HA!
HA!

Want to hear a joke about construction?
Oh, never mind, I'm still working on that one.

George Green's to Host Football Tournament

By Anja and Oma



Have you seen the fancy 5G pitch at George Green's Secondary School? Some lucky Harbinger Primary pupils will have the chance to play on it soon.

George Green's Secondary School is hosting a football tournament scheduled for the first of February 2022 for local primary school students.

Harbinger Primary plans to field a team consisting of two boys and two girls from each class in years three through six.

Our team will be facing off against more than five equally talented teams, so gear up, tie your laces tight, and be ready to score!

Interested students should ask Matthew about tryouts in your free time.



**GEORGE GREEN'S
SCHOOL**

Sandwiches, cont'd from p. 2

One English lesson later found Tom continuing to rummage around the class in his quest to discover the missing meal and catch the thief.

He recalls that all the kids were either crying or whimpering. Then, out of the blue, Tom remembered something. He had already eaten the delectable treat.

He was astonished. How could he have forgotten? He cracked the case. He ate it all up himself.



Tom Bem-Hodgkinson is Year 1 & 2 Sapphire class teacher

He shrugged off the mishap and sang, "Sandwiches are beautiful, sandwiches are fine! I love sandwiches; I eat them all the time! Sandwiches for dinner and sandwiches for lunch! If I had 100 sandwiches I'd eat them all at once!" His love of sandwiches will never end.

Jade Class Welcomes Chirag

By Sumaya and Zara

Jade class welcomed special visitor, Chirag Thakrar, to their Religious Education lesson on October 12.

Chirag is year 3 teacher, Emily's husband. He is Hindu and the

students are learning about Hinduism.

"The children are really excited to learn and curious," Chirag shared. Students did some activities, ate delicious sweets and had a lovely afternoon. **Chirag**, cont'd p 7.



Printers, cont'd from p. 1
chaos and mischief around the school.

It has been heard that she likes to linger outside of the upstairs girls' toilets, but rest assured, she has never actually been seen by any of the current students or staff at Harbinger.

But, who are we to question the legend and accounts of the past? Additionally, no one has come up with a more likely explanation to explain the odd

Diamond Class Slurps Tasty Treat

By Yaqub and Abrar



A couple of weeks ago, year 1 teacher Eddi made smoothies with his class.

"It's going to be messy, but fun," shouted Eddi to his students. The young children who helped make the fruit smoothies were delighted.

Eddi says he will definitely do this again next year. He rated it as a success. Unfortunately for the children, it is once in a lifetime unless they convince their year 2 teachers to oblige.



Hindu sweets similar to those Chirag brought to Jade class

Chirag, cont'd from p. 4

Students shared that the brightly colored candy was delicious. They tasted sweet with a surprising end taste of garlic.

Chirag was pleased with Jade class' attitude to learning and their behavior. He said they were amazing people to meet. According to students, the feeling was mutual. "He was really kind," said student Anas Salah.

During the summer holidays, Emily Fawcett and Chirag wed after several lockdown delays.

Recipe Corner by Abrar

1. **Choose a liquid base.** Filtered water, coconut water, or dairy-free milks (Fruit juices adds unnecessary sugar.)
2. **Start with frozen fruits** to keep your smoothie cold and creamy.
3. **Add vegetables for a dose of greens.** Leafy greens like spinach or kale are an easy way to sneak in greens.
4. **Optional: healthy fats** absorb fat-soluble vitamins and nutrients from the fruits and vegetables! A dollop of almond butter, a drizzle of coconut oil, a slice of avocado or chia or flax seeds.

OPINION

Let's Face the Facts; It's Obviously the Green Lady

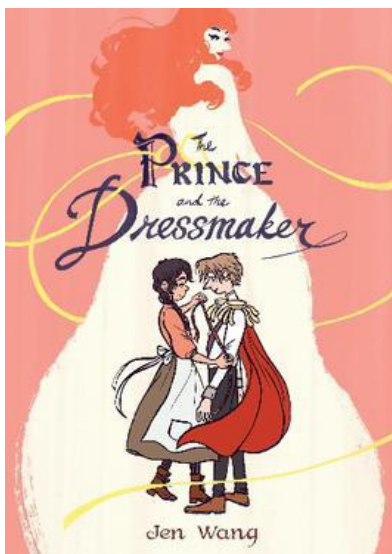
By Anja and Oma

We believe the green lady is responsible for all of the recent irregularities observed at the school.

Let's be clear; it wasn't only technological issues, like the printers. Scheduling was impacted, like the good old November 26 sharing assembly. The board in Laura's class broken all of the time. Then there are the casual things, like certain personnel spilling coffee over and over again, no matter how careful they were not to.

We believe there is only one cause to explain everything that has happened, and for our money, the suspicion falls on the ominous veiled woman robed in green, otherwise known as the green lady.

Your faithful investigators, Anja Kullolli and Oma Umo-Chinda, are on the case and that is the shocking truth revealed by our discoveries.



Harbinger Primary School in the past. Students believe that a ghost called *The Green Lady* has haunted Harbinger Primary School for all of its days

Read *The Prince and the Dressmaker*

Book review by Sumaya

The Prince and the Dressmaker is an amazing graphic novel that will soon be made into a movie.

Jen Wang, the author, has written lots of books: but this was her big hit.

The book has been read lots of times and people have cried, laughed and joy has filled their hearts throughout this book.

Wang's book is about Prince Sebastian who is looking for a bride; well, his parents actually are looking for one worthy enough for him. Really, Sebastian isn't bothered about it, he's busier hiding his secret life from everyone, including his parents.

Compared to a modern day Cinderella, I don't want to give away the ending, except to say there is suspense and it's definitely worth reading if you like good books!