

**FILM REVIEWS AND
NEW WRITING
IN CULTURE SECTION**

Stag Beetle Spotted!

This Stag Beetle was spotted in Whitstable this week by Lily and her parents.



Here is some information about Stag Beetles that you might like to know.

Keep your eyes peeled for them on your walks!

Stag beetles are one of the most spectacular insects in the UK. The Male's large jaws look just like the antlers of a stag. Adult males vary in size from 35mm to 75 mm long and tend to be seen flying at dusk in the summer looking for a mate.

Stag beetles spend most of their life underground as larvae, only coming out for a few weeks in the summer to find a mate and reproduce. Stag beetles and their larvae are quite harmless and are a joy to watch.



For more information on the Stag Beetle you can google:

People's Trust For Endangered Species - Stag Beetle.

Stag Beetle Facts:

Status: Nationally: Scarce

Population: Unknown

Scientific Name: Lucanus cervus

Common Name:

Stag Beetle, also known as Horse Pincher, Thunder Beetle and Oak Ox.

How to identify them:

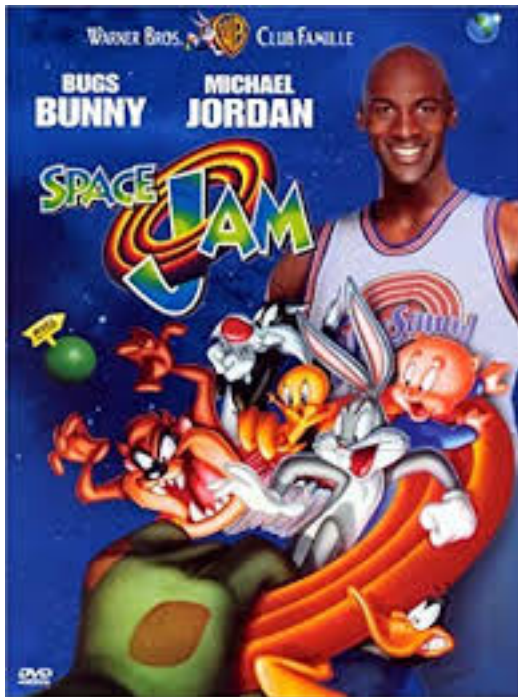
The adult's head and thorax (middle section) are shiny black and its wing cases are chestnut brown.

Males are 35-75mm long and have large, antler-like mandibles.

Females are 30-50mm long with small mandibles.

CULTURE

LATEST FILM REVIEWS



SPACE JAM

WATCH IT ON: NETFLIX

BBFC RATING: U

STARRING: MICHAEL JORDAN, BILLY WEST, KATH SOUCIE, DEE BRADLEY BAKER AND BILL MURRAY.

Hi , we're back as always with your monthly film reviews and this week I've chosen SPACE JAM with is about the best Basketball player ever to grace the earth MICHAEL JORDAN.

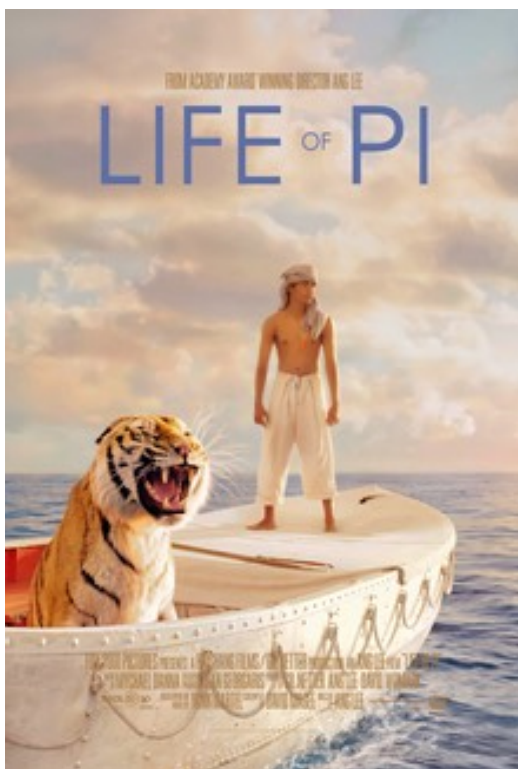
And the best ever cartoon character to ever grace your silver screen BUGS BUNNY.

With all the other Looney Tunes , Michael's trusty (large) bodyguard Stan and Bill Murray they go on an adventure and dunk in some weird places with some weird transformations .

See Michael Jordan come out of retirement for all the right reasons in this fun film for all the family.

Get ready for an especially funny dream analysis scene featuring some legendary basketballers.

Review by Victor



THE LIFE OF PI

WATCH IT ON: NETFLIX

BBFC RATING: PG

STARRING: SURAJ SHARMA, IRRFAN KHAN, ADIL HUSSAIN, TABU, RAFA SPALL, GÉRARD DEPARDIEU

Recently I watched this film as my Mum and Dad really like it. It is about a boy that finds himself lost at sea trying to survive on a little sail boat with an unusual friend for company. The story is about faith, friendship and survival. The film is dramatic and intriguing and I really liked it

Review by Rosie

ESCAPE ROOM REVIEWS



by Aurelia

I like doing escape rooms because of all the challenges and secret codes you have to do. And now because of lockdown we can't go to real ones, so we have done online escape rooms that were really good.

The Bank Job <https://hysteriaescaperooms.com/onlinegames/>

Pros - I like that the challenges were quite hard and there was music

Cons - Tricky to understand and I needed parents help

I also recommend **Mansion Impossible** which was a bit more easy and child friendly. There were lots of visual things like patterns on walls.

<https://www.thepanicroomonline.co.uk/product/mansion-impossible-family-online-escape-room>

My mum made an escape room for me and my friend to do online and it was just like Mansion Impossible and The Bank Job. It is called **The Doughnut Thief** and was about doughnuts being stolen from the Forge.

If you want to try it for yourself you can contact my mum.

NEW WRITING

Little Mouse and His Big Adventure



One day in a busy harbour there was a tiny mouse called Tim. Now Tim was different to his friends. Yes, I know what you think, all mice were the same but no, some were big, some were small, some just didn't eat at all like Tims brother Ted had the biggest head. But back to Tim and his daring adventure, this is were it started. Right in the centre.

"Excuse me! Sorry!" said the hurrying people. It was time to go, time to be free. Today was the day, thought little Tim. He sat in the floor boards singing to himself. He liked to sing so he sat there mumbling. Five minutes later there was a whistle "All for Middle Island come aboard! Here awaits your ship to Ever More." Said tall yet old men all over the harbour. An amazing feeling filled small Tim, a feeling he had not felt since last evening. This is it the moment I've been waiting for! Tim thought in his tiny brain. He scuttled over to the boat the men were pointing to. He climbed on the big old thing and sung "I am so happy!" He didn't say goodbye to the rest of the mice because they ignored him and were never nice.

The boat started moving, wobbling and grooving. He sat on a twig on the dirty floor but suddenly a hand picked him up "Hello little fella are you coming too? Well if you are, you are welcome to sit in my pocket there is food too" said a very pretty little girl and put him in her pocket and indeed there were sweets and bread and they were both very happy. When the little girl and mouse finally got there after a couple of hot yet happy hours we saw a small island with coconuts and all. The boat stopped at a mini pier and the little girl stepped out and sighed with cheer. And the two had a great adventure. They came back in a couple of weeks and happy little Tim lived in a little wooden house with wooden chairs and wooden tables. He was such a happy little mouse.

By Isla

A Recipe for Happiness

By Hester

Ingredients

A splash of cold ice water from the sea

One hair from a cat any colour

A flower from a pond

A sock from your mum any type or colour

Some sun anywhere doesn't matter

A stick with no mud on or the recipe will go wrong

A pipe cleaner from anywhere

A bowl of leaves any type as long as it is green

A splash of milk water and pond water

Method

Put your ice water from the sea and put it in a big bowl

Then put the cat hair in with the cold ice water and and mix it until it is the colour of the cat hair

Then when that is ready put the flower in the bowl and mix it until it is soft and not sticky

Then chop the sock up and mix and put a bit in at a time then when they are all in. start to fold!!!

When you have given it a nice fold quickly put in the sunshine so you should have gone outside looked at the sun for five seconds and then look at your bowl and the sun will go in with your sunglasses of course

Then put in you stick it should be about 12cm long doesn't matter if it isn't

Then slowly and very carefully put in the pipe cleaner because when you put it in it can get extremely hot

Then wait till the mixture in the bowl has cooled down then put in the little bowl of green leaves and then wait 1 minute and then give it a mix

Then very quickly put the splashes of water milk and pond water in and you are not quite finished

How to Serve

Put in oven for 6mins then put it in the biggest cup you have try and drink all of it and then it will make you have happiness

{you can share with friends if you like}

A Porky Poem

I'd like to talk about my favourite cutie
They are chubby and dirty
Their tails are quite curly
They lie in the mud and get covered in poo
Have I given enough of a clue?

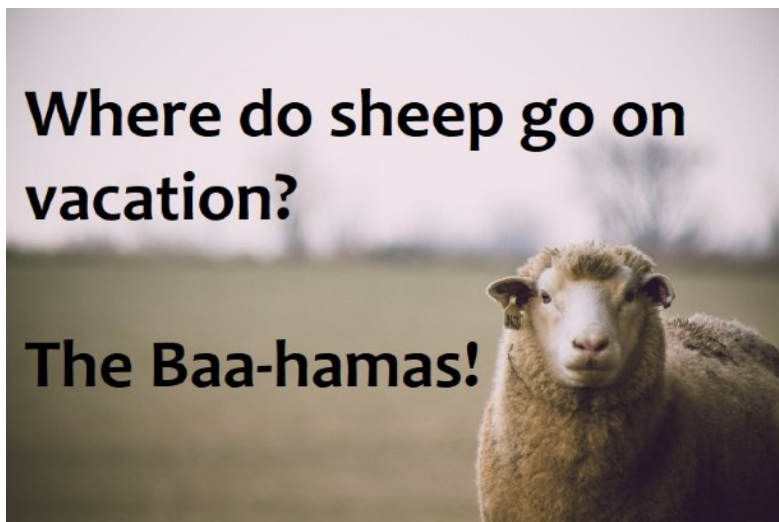
By Rosie



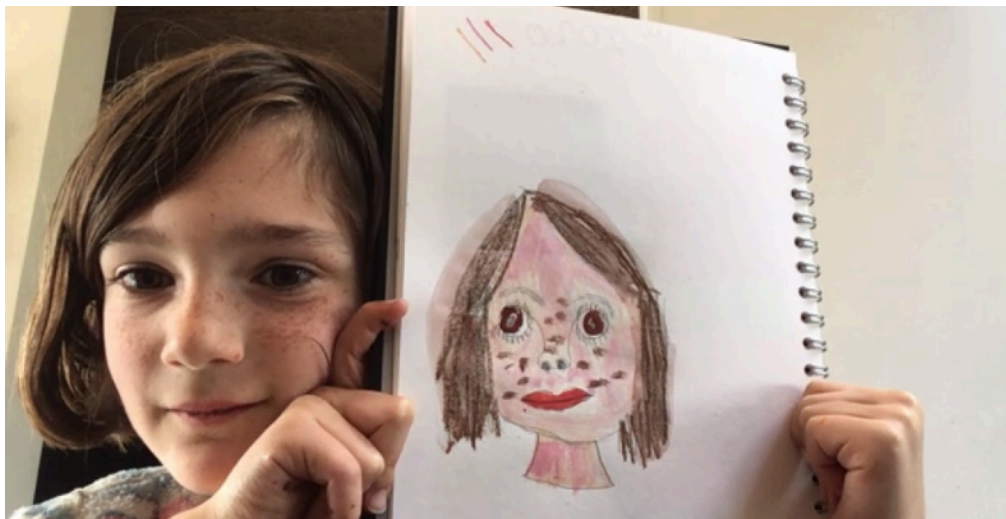
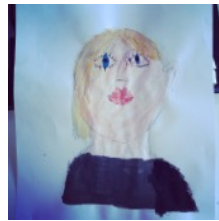
JUST JOKING!

Question: What do you call a woman with a sheep on her head?
Answer: Baaabara!

By Kika



ART



FASHION

Stylist Mabel shows us the best of the High Street
with her guide to what to wear this season.

Girls FASHION

Zara £9.99
 Zara £7.99
 Gap £35.97
 Gap £16.95
 Zara £12.99
 Zara £16.99
 Zara £22.99
 Zara £24.99
 Zara £15.99
 Zara £9.99

FASHION BOYS

Zara £5.99
 Zara £7.99
 Top: Zara £5.99
 Zara £5.99
 Zara £14.99
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FOOD



Cleo's Gluten Free Victoria Sponge Mug Cakes

By Cleo

Ingredients

For the cakes (makes 4)

2 large egg

100 ml vegetable or rapeseed oil, (plus extra for greasing)

100 g self-raising gluten free flour

100 g caster sugar

1 tsp vanilla extract

For the frosting:

30 g unsalted butter, (room temperature)

80 g icing sugar

2 tsp milk

2 to 4 drops vanilla extract

4 tsp strawberry jam or raspberry jam

2 to 4 tbsp icing sugar (for dusting)

You will need 4 mugs, 2 mixing bowls, a knife, a fork, a mixing spoon, 2 teaspoons, and a tea strainer or sieve.

Method

- 1.** Dip kitchen towel in the oil and grease the mug.
- 2.** Pour all of the cake ingredients into the bowl and mix together with a fork or spoon so it is light and fluffy.
- 3.** Pour the mixture evenly into 4 mugs.
- 4.** Put the cakes individually into the microwave for 70 seconds.
- 5.** Leave each cake to stand for 1 minute then run a knife round the inside of the mug to loosen the cake before tipping it out onto a plate.
- 6.** Cut each cake in half horizontally.
- 7.** Make the frosting: put the butter, sugar, milk and vanilla extract into the second bowl then mix them together until it forms a spreadable icing.
- 8.** Spread jam on one side and the icing on the other then put them together.
- 9.** sieve the icing sugar onto the top of the cakes.

If you like you can put a piece of

fruit on top maybe the same as the type of jam you used.

Isla's Unicorn Crispy Squares

By Isla

Makes 24 small squares

Ingredients

45g Butter

300g Mini Marshmallows

180g Rice Krispies

Edible Glitter or Sprinkles (optionals)



Directions

1. Melt the butter in a large, heavy saucepan over a low heat.
2. Add the marshmallows and cook gently until they are completely melted and blended stirring all the time.
3. Take the pan off the heat and immediately add the cereal and mix lightly until its all coated.
4. Press the mixture into Put all of the ingredients into a greased 32cm x 23cm tin. Warning! It will be very sticky! Press it into the corners of the tin as best you can, flatten the top and add your glitter or sprinkles.
5. Leave it to cool completely and then cut into 24 squares.



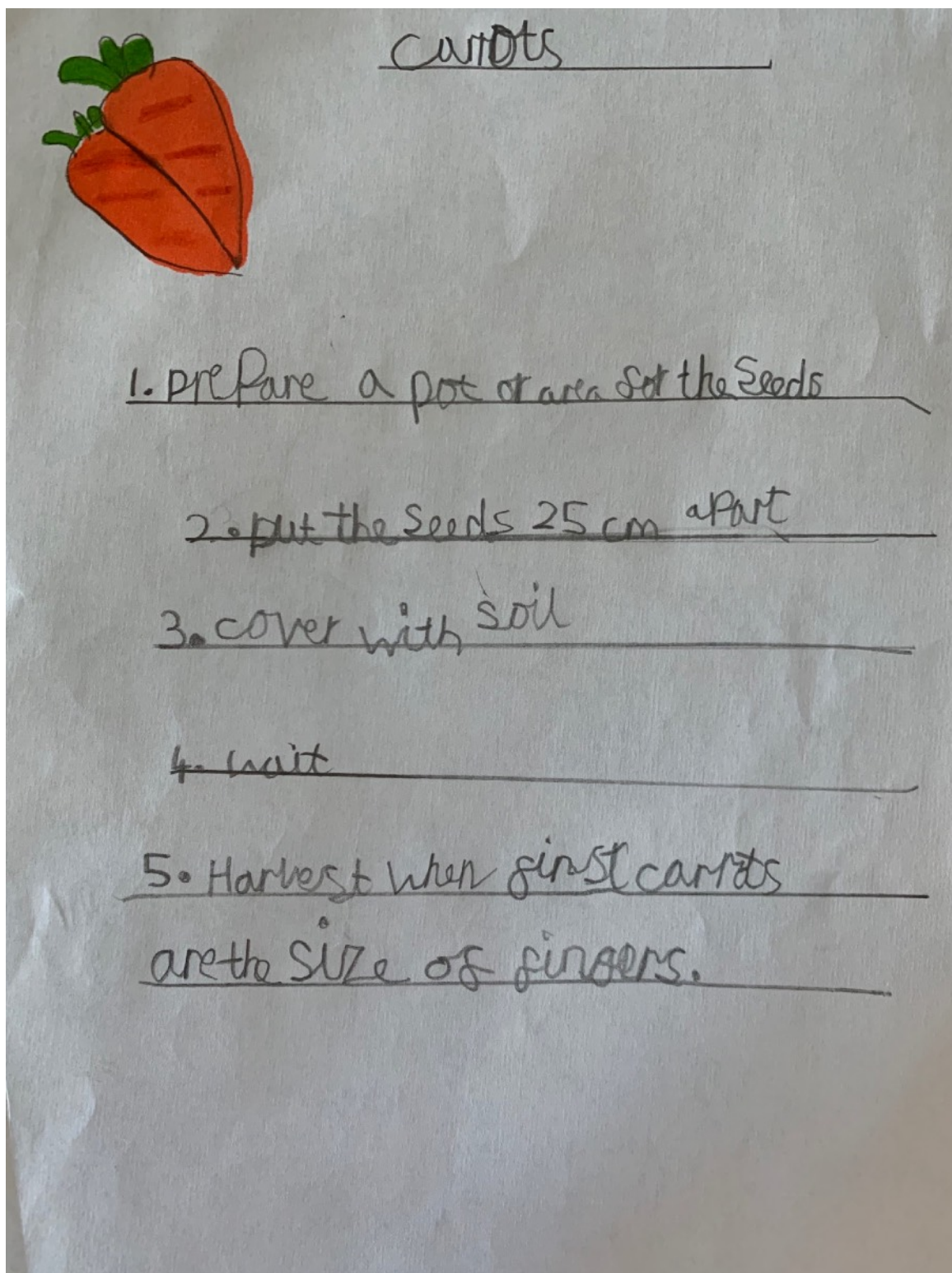
LOCKDOWN IN PICTURES



GARDENING

How to Grow Carrots

By Iris



MAKES & GAMES!

How to Make Whitstable Sea Salt

BY LILY

What you will need:

- Bottles that add up to 5 1/2 litres
- Funnel
- Reusable plastic cup
- Salt water from the sea at low tide
- Large cooking pot
- Stove
- Container to put the salt in

Method:



1. At low tide find the small running streams that run down to the sea and gently try to collect as clear water as possible with the plastic reusable cup trying to get as little sand and muck as possible. Then put the water in the bottles with the funnel and put the lids on top.

2. Back at home put the bottles of water into the large cooking pot and place on the stove. If you haven't got a big enough pot, keep on adding the rest of the water little by little as the water in the pot evaporates.

3. Let the water to evaporate and once there is only a couple of inches of water left, pour it in a rectangular container and as if by magic, the salt crystals will start to form.

4. You will see that the pot has some salt left on the bottom that has sand and muck in it. Scrape it off and throw it away.

5. Gently take the salt out of the container and put it drying on paper towel. Return the remaining water back to the pot, and gently heat up, and you will see clean salt crystals forming again. Now that your salt water is clean, you can carry on collecting the salt from the pot, and heating the water again and collect the salt crystals as they form.





6. Keep on putting the salt on the paper towel and spread it, so it will dry. I left it on the salt drying on the paper towels overnight, and it was nice and dry in the morning.

7. Then put it in a glass container and if you want to be fancy you can label it, so that everyone knows it's from Whitstable. I have used it in my cooking, and really is salty, but nice.

8. There you have it you've made your very own salt straight from the seas of Whitstable!



Thank you for listening
hope you had a good time
bye!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Rosie's Sweets in a Jar Competition is a Winner!

Rosie has announced the winner of the sweets in the jar competition. There were 191 sweets in the jar and the winner was Liv...a friend of the family. Rosie raised £320 for The British Heart Foundation!! Thank you to everyone who supported her with this fundraiser.



Make a Bird Feeder!

BY LILY

What you will need:

- An empty clean can
- A coloured ribbon (I recommend lace), minimum width of 1.5 inches
- Coloured waterproof paints
- A thick stick, the thickness of a pencil approximately
- Seeds for birds



Method:

1. Paint a base coat on the can so that there is no reflection on it anymore, so that the birds won't get scared. Give it two or three coats of paint, letting it dry in between the coats.
2. After the paint has dried, paint on whatever pattern you like and leave it to dry
3. Then tie your ribbon round the can, in the middle, so that it isn't wonky
4. Glue the stick on the inside of the bird feeder but make sure that it sticks out so the birds can perch on the stick, whilst they munch their food.
5. Pop the seeds in and you are ready go and hang that bird feeder up and admire your great work. It really is fun to watch the birds visiting the feeder



Would I Lie to You?

This game is brought to you by Aurelia. Can your opponents tell the lie from the truth? How convincing can you be with your 'truth' and how many lies can you persuade them to believe...?

Theme 1 - Animal

Cockatoos males and females are identical.

Cockatoos cannot have black feathers.

Cockatoos can become depressed if they feel like they aren't getting enough attention.



Theme 2 - Sport

When you play basketball there are 6 players on each side.

The slam dunk in basketball was banned for almost 10 years.

The term dribbling in basketball comes from the fact that people dribbled whilst bouncing the ball.



Theme 3 - Celebrity

Justin Bieber sold his hair for \$40,000.

While he can play 4 instruments, drums, guitar, piano and trumpet, Bieber only speaks one language

Justin Bieber's real surname is Wilson but he changed it for the love of beavers in his native Canada



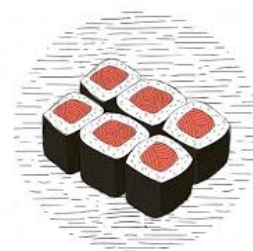
Theme 4 - Country

Not only used for sushi, but seaweed is used to manufacture toilet paper to wipe your bottom.

The origin of the name Japan is mysterious.

Japan consists of 674 islands

Find the Truths on page 20.



Oh Baby!

Can you match the baby to the journalist...?

Match the baby pictures on this page with our staff on the next page - can you guess who is who?

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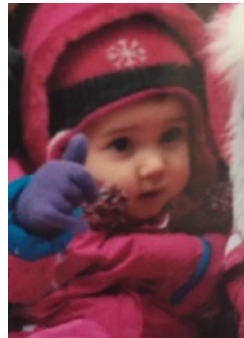
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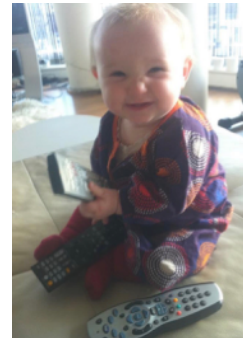
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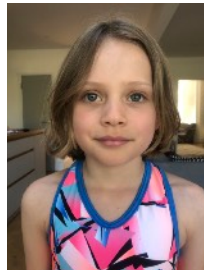
Aurelia
Game Writer &
Escape Room
expert



Mabel
Fashion Correspondant



Hester
Creative Writer



Isla
Food Writer,
Novelist and
Assistant Editor.



Victor
Film Expert



Sylvie
Lead Writer,
Animal Desk.



Lily
The Make Expert



Iris
Gardening
Expert



Trewin
Artist



Rosie
Poet and Film
Expert.



Kika
Comedian



Cleo
Food Writer
and Chef.

ANSWERS!

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| 1. Cleo | 2. Sylvie | 3. Trewin | 4. Victor | 5. Aurelia |
| 6. Mabel | 7. Rosie | 8. Hester | 9. Iris | 10. Kika |
| 11. Isla | 12. Lily | | | |

THANK YOU

Thank you once again to all of our wonderfully talented, imaginative and resourceful journalists.

You are all doing amazing and inspiring work. Keep it up!