

# Alma Matters

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By Grace, Raphael and Shay

We've all heard about this world wide conference which happened in Glasgow 31st October—12th November 2021. This meeting did not just consist of world leaders. It has environmental enthusiasts Sir David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg. It also had some Royal Guests, Prince William and Duchess Katherine of Cambridge.

This incredible meeting has been scheduled to talk about the battle against climate change. New laws will be put in place to ensure environmental safety and conservation. Greenhouse Gasses are targeted to be decreased in number greatly by 2050. We are all trying to make a difference in the world!



## Meet the new team!



This newspaper was written by: Nathan, Tal, Ava, Grace, Miri, Leila, Shay, Alice, Annabel, Raphael and Shoshannah! Supported by Mrs Simons Rose.

# What is the petrol shortage?

By Nathan, Ava, Shay and Raphael

As you may have noticed more and more people have been queuing at petrol stations near you.

This is because since Brexit it has been much harder to hire qualified lorry drivers to deliver petrol.

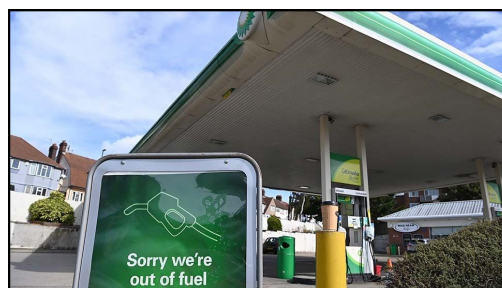
Sometime time ago the government announced that there was a small petrol shortage but it is fixable.

Well after that announcement lots of people went and got petrol naturally creating a bigger and worse shortage. Many people queued at petrol stations for more than two hours to get petrol.

It should be over sometime this week or next but till then we would advise you to save your petrol and only use it when completely necessary.

The government have trained around 200 military personnel to deliver fossil fuels to petrol stations, the plan started on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 2021.

Some of the information from this article was from Gov.Uk.



## Hanukkah

By Alex, Alice & Annabel

Hanukah is a Jewish holiday about celebrating the Maccabees story. We do many fun things like eating doughnuts and latkes. We also open presents and light the Hanukiah for 8 nights to represent the miracle of the oil lasting 8 nights.

The story of Hanukah

It all started when Antiochus came and stopped all the Jews from following the Bible and the Jewish law. The Maccabee brothers had to save the day. There were only 4 brothers against Antiochus' entire army. During the fight the holy temple was destroyed. They still had to light the menorah, the found oil that would only last 1 night. The first miracle of Hanukah was when the oil lasted 8 nights. The second and last mir-

acle was when The Maccabees won the fight.

### Quiz

- How many brothers are there?
- How many nights did they think it would last for?
- How many miracles were there?
- Who invaded?



# Black History Month

By Alex

Black History Month celebrates the lives and history of the Black community. There have been many amazing famous black people like Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King JR. and Marcus Rashford but who are these people?

## Who is Rosa Parks?

Rosa Parks was an inspirational woman who lived in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Back then, Black people had to sit at the back of the bus and if a white person didn't have a seat they would have to give it to them. When this happened to Rosa Parks she didn't move and she got kicked off the bus. She started a riot and she got sent to prison but she left a legacy and her warriors kept on



fighting.

## Who is Marcus Rashford?

Marcus Rashford is best known for his football but why is he inspirational to people other than aspiring footballers? During lockdown, Marcus campaigned to give children what they needed. These include lunches and computers for the people that couldn't afford it. He is amazing and many envy him.

## Black History Month at Alma

At Alma, each class have been studying a different black person to do with their class topics. The students made posters about the person they were studying.



Year 2 learnt about Kamala Harris.

Hanukkah quiz answers: 1) 4, 2) 1, 3) 2, 4) Antiochus



## Interview of Ms Gellman

By Miri, Alex and Annabel



1. Q. Where are you from?

1. A. Manchester, Prestwich.

2. Q. Favourite animal?

2. A. Dogs because I grew up with them and turtles because they are endangered.

3. Q. If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life what would it be?

3. A. Cucumber because in my opinion it is the best taste.

4. Q. How many pairs of socks do you have?

4. A. Not enough because they always go missing!

5. Q. What do you think about Alma?

5. A. I love it because all the staff and children are so nice and amazing. Everyone is so welcoming.

## The Queen's Health

By Shoshannah, Alice and Annabel



Recently, the queen has been told by the doctors that she had to stay in bed for 2 weeks. She had to cancel her visit to Northern Ireland. She returned to Windsor Castle on a Thursday. The Queen thankfully does not have Covid 19. Luckily she is feeling better. The hospital that she went to was called King Edward VII's Hospital. They took very good care of her and all is well.

## Crazy Corner

By Tal, Shoshannah & Grace



### Crazy Rare Oreos!

Launched in early September, a crazy Pokémon-shaped Oreo brand hit the stores, many common Pokémon Oreo Cookies were made, however only sixteen packets of rare Pokémon Oreos were sold! Because of such a small supply the Oreos are now selling for over £1,000 on EBay!

Source: NPR.org

### Crazy Strictly

A crazy dance show where professional dancers meet amateurs and they work their way up to the disco ball. The judges (Shirley Ballas, Motsi Mabuse, Anton Du Beke and Craig Revel Horwood) rate their performances out of ten! Only recently did Craig Revel Horwood pull out



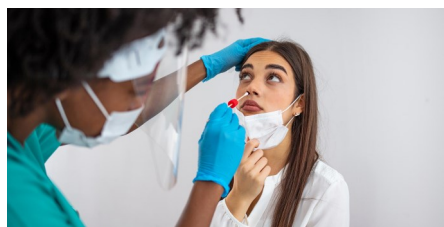
his first ten. The beloved and grumpy judge had sadly tested positive for Covid 19.

Week one featured: Adam Peary paired with Katya Jones, Aj Odudu and Kai Widdrington, Dan Walker and Nadiya Bychkova, Greg Wise and Karen Hauer, John Waite and Johannes Radebe, Judi Love and Graziano Di Prima, Katie McGlynn and Gorka Marquez, Nina Wadia and Neil Jones, Rhys Stephenson and Nancy Xu, Robert Webb and Dianne Buswell, Rosa Aylin-Ellis and Giovanni Pernice, Sara Davies and Aljaz Skorjanec, Tilly Ramsay and Nikitia Kusmin, Tom Fletcher and Amy Downen, and Ugo Monye and Oti Mabuse.

Will the dancers make the final? And who will go out on the way?

### Crazy Corona

A couple teachers and students have been testing positive for the well-known virus. Once there are five PCR tests the entire class will have to be PCR tested. The new school rules mean that you have to have a Lateral Flow test on Mondays and Wednesdays. We wish everyone better.



# Christmas

By Miri, Raphael and Shay

- Christmas starts Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December and ends on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January.
- Christmas is 12 days.
- Christmas is one of the most popular festivals and represents the birth of Jesus.
- People will normally put up Christmas lights outside their homes.
- Christmas trees were first used by Ancient Egyptians and Romans
- Santa did not always wear red.
- Santa Claus was known as Sinterklaas in Dutch.
- Christians celebrate Christmas as well as other religions if they are comfortable doing it.



## The story of Jesus's birth.

Mary, was married to Joseph, who was a woodworker, they received a visit from the angel Gabriel. Gabriel said that Mary would have a son by the power of the Holy Spirit. This child was named Jesus.

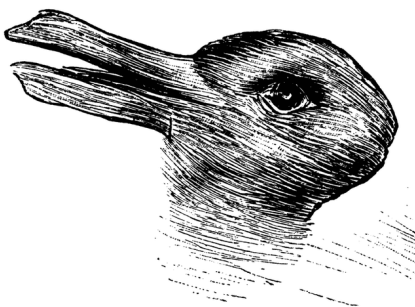
Source: [Learnreligions.com](http://Learnreligions.com)

We wish all of our friends in the Alma community who celebrate Christmas a very happy one.

# Optical Illusions

By Miri

Which 2 animals can you see?



Who do you see?



Answers: duck and rabbit, frog and horse, old and young lady