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Novak Djokovic

By Alex

Recently, the Serbian professional tennis player called Novak Djokovic was sent back from Australia the day before the Australian Open meaning he didn't have the opportunity to compete in the tournament.

The reason all this commotion has taken place is because the rules made by the Australian Govern-

ment forbid anyone that has not got two or more coronavirus vaccines from entering the country.

Novak Djokovic claimed that he did not need to have a vaccine to enter but, after being taken to court, it was proved that this information was incorrect.



TT Rockstars!

By Alex, Annabel and Alice

All the classes at Alma Primary from year 2 to year 6 have got a log in for Times Table Rockstars but what is it?

TT Rockstars is a game to help children of any age improve their times tables. You have the opportunity to play solo or with other people. On multiplayer you can

challenge other children around the school. You can also play with anyone around the world.



Veganuary

By Ava D & Ava H

You may have heard about something called Veganuary, maybe on the radio or on an advert, or maybe even you've heard your parents talking about it, well, here's what it means.

Veganuary is something that people from across the world do during January when they go vegan. Vegan means not eating any products from animals such as eggs – chickens, milk – cows and goats milk – goats.

This is an international challenge run by a UK nonprofit organization that educates about veganism by encouraging people to follow a vegan lifestyle for a



month. Although it is led by a UK organization it has since become an international event.

Since the event began in 2014, participation has increased each year. 400,000 people signed up to the 2020 campaign.

Have you tried being vegan for one month?

Encanto Film Review



By Grace and Laurel

We are all talking about the amazing new movie directed by Byron Howard and Jared Bush with music written by Lin Manuel Miranda. Songs based off traditional folk songs written in the central of Columbia, Encanto could definitely be called the movie of the year.

Featuring incredible songs like: We Don't Talk About Bruno, Surface Pressure, What Else Can I do? Dos Oruguitas and more.

With an awesome plot as Mirabelle aches to be the pride of her magical family, with no powers at all, can Mirabelle save the magic?

Did you know this happens to be one of the first Disney movies without a villain? Encanto is set in a beautiful part of Columbia with tall palma de cera trees and amazing scenery. If you have not watched Encanto it's a family favourite and we completely recommend it! Suitable for all ages!

You can find Encanto on Disney plus if you have a membership.



What's happening in Ukraine



By Ava H

Right now (as you've probably heard on the news) Russia has moved its troupes and weaponry to the border of Ukraine. The two countries have always been at conflict since 2014 when Russia invaded Crimea a part of Ukraine and took it as its own, you can see on a map that Crimea is just touching Ukraine and not touching the border of Russia, despite this, Russia wanted to claim it as its own. Vladimir Putin is the Prime minister of Russia and has claimed he is not planning on invading Ukraine but even so Ukraine has started to prepare for the worst, war. They've started giving ordinary people lessons on how to use guns, of the towns and small villages on the border of Ukraine, (where Russia has sent troupes,) the majority has evacuated to other relatives in other parts of Ukraine or other countries. Those that stayed behind simply had nowhere to go.

Climate Change!

By Leila and Tal

We need to stop destroying the world. Things you can do to help:

1. Go on a litter picking walk
2. Start a campaign about having more eco-friendly recourses that we use every day.
3. People leave their dog's poo on the

The UK has announced that they are going to start sending weapons to Ukraine whilst the USA has agreed to send troupes. The reason the UK and the USA are helping Ukraine rather than helping Russia, well that's because of something called NATO which stands for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization which is a group of countries promising to help each other if it comes to war, these are the countries that are part of NATO:

Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom, United State.

As you can see Russia isn't part of it, though Ukraine isn't part of it either Russia isn't allowed to join it because of governmental reasons so the UK and the USA have decided to help Ukraine. Even if this means war for Russia and Ukraine it won't affect England so don't worry, if you feel worried or upset just ask an adult. If you ever confused about what's happening you can always look on news-round or simply ask an adult.



ground. Try to make people pick up their dog's poo and put in in a dog bin.

Take responsibility if you and your pet if you have one.

4. Do not drop litter on the floor

5. Buy eco-friendly products or re-use and recycle.

Crazy Corner!

By Grace and Tal



Several Australian counties have been thinking about changing some rules concerning cats. A ban has been put in place saying cats must be on leads or kept indoors. This is to preserve certain birds and decrease the risk of cats being run over. "This is about protecting our wildlife and it's about helping to keep peoples' cats safe from cat fights or getting hit by cars" said an Australian Wildlife volunteer.

Not only will they be preserving the domestic cat breed, they will also be preserving common Australian wildlife like possums and more. Because some cats can kill thirty times more animals than average exterminators.

Crazy Heavy Potato

A potato grown in Britain has been in the Guinness world records since 2011, as the world's heaviest potato it

weighs 4.98kg. As the tenth anniversary of the strange potato (named Doug The Mutant Spud) the famous farmer Colin Craig-Brown decided to share the story on how Doug came to be.

Colin was weeding his garden and got a giant surprise when he hit a rock with his shovel. At first, he thought it was some strange weed malfunction. But after further digging he found what seemed to be a large rock. He pulled the rock out with his hands to discover it was a huge potato. He got in touch with the Guinness World Records and now Doug holds the record for being the World's Heaviest Potato.

Sources: Sky news



An Interview with an Alma Eco-Warrior

By Alice and Annabel

We interviewed Gabriella in Year 4 about being on the eco-warriors committee.

Q: What did you talk about in your first meeting?

A: We discussed as a group about getting a mascot and ways to help the planet.

Q: How are you going to help the planet?

A: We spoke about putting recycling bins in the playground.

Q: What is the thing that the school could do to help the environment?

A: We could recycle more and plant more trees.

Crazy Crafts!

By Tal and Alex

How to make a 3D paper snowflake:

Materials:

6 pieces of paper

Tape

Scissors

Stapler

Instructions:

Fold your paper diagonally.

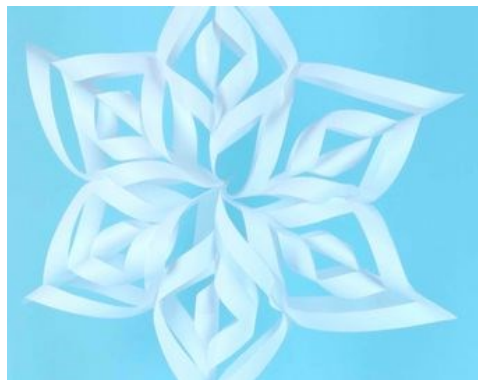
Cut off the excess paper at the bottom.

Fold the paper in half.

Cut three diagonal lines along the non-folded edge of your paper.

Unfold your paper after trimming.

Tape your centre flaps together.



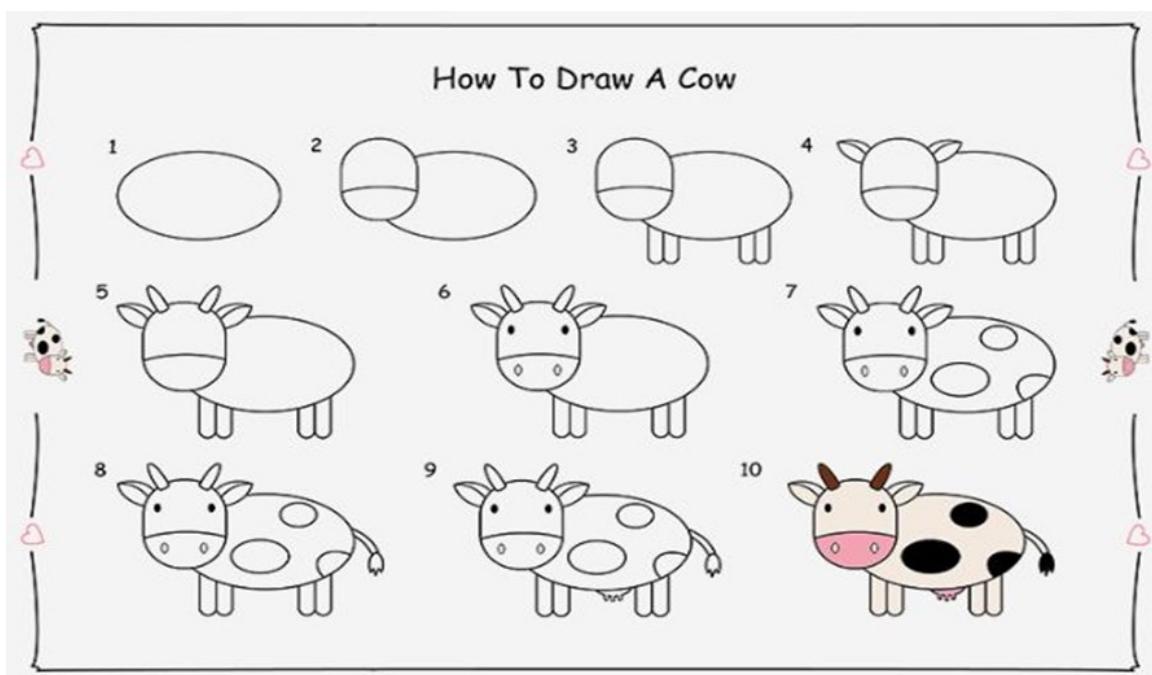
Flip and tape all of the flaps to the middle of your snowflake.

Repeat all of the previous steps for the other 5 pieces of paper.

Combine all six of the papers together at the middle point and use your stapler to hold them in place.

Staple each section together using your stapler.

Source: [Good housekeeping](http://www.goodhousekeeping.com)



Is Boris Johnson stepping down?

By Carla & Grace

What has happened?

This photo was taken in May 2020, of Boris Johnson and other members of parliament having a party, when there were heavy restrictions against any in person activities. Weddings, parties and family gatherings were cancelled, only six people were allowed at funerals.

This was irresponsible behaviour, especially from a Prime Minister.

What did the Conservative Party do about it?

The party signed a letter, in which they wrote that they wanted to get a new leader for their party. Although later on, some retreated, because they wanted to see what was going to be decided first.

Sue Gray, a senior civil servant, has been investigating the



ten suspected parties that supposedly happened at Downing Street. It was a twelve paged report that was censored for the public. The review was only summarised and Sue Gray was asked to leave out key information as it now a criminal investigation.

Meet the new team!

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