

# Alma Matters

# Save the Environment

by Leah M and Nathan S

Our environment is getting far too polluted and guess whose fault that is? All of ours! It is our responsibility to look after our world!

But if you want to make a change, follow these easy tips:

1. Use reusable bags

When you go shopping bring your own bag ,that way you will save money and not have to continuously throw away plastic.



2. Re use plastic bottles

Even better if you don't use them at all, but if you need to then wash it and re use. You can use it for arts and crafts, instruments, holding wrapping paper, bird feeder etc

3. Print as little as necessary Think before you print and use old

paper to write /draw on. Recycle anything you do use.

4. Save electricity

Switch lights, TVs and computers off when you are not using them

5. Save water

Turn off taps when brushing teeth, reuse bath water to water plants. Showers are better as long as they are not too long. Time yourself... can you beat your record?



6. Car share Don't drive if you can tube, walk, bus or cycle. It's healthier to walk!







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#### Spring learning days:

Science Week w/c 25th Feb Shabbat UK—1st Mar World Book Day—7th Mar Purim—21st Mar Pesah activities—8th –12th Apr

### **Meerkats!**

By Alex and Maya T

1. Meerkats belong to the mongoose family!

2. They live in arid and semiarid areas of South Africa.

3. Meerkats are small in size they can reach 12 inches in height and weigh up to 2 pounds.

4. Meerkats live in groups called "mobs" which consist of 2-3 families of meerkats. One mob shares a burrow.

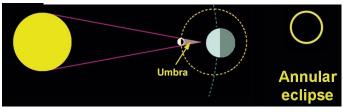
5. Meerkats eat: Insects, spiders, scorpions, snails, rodents, birds eggs and lizards.



# Snowy fun at Alma!

On Friday 1st February, while the rest of the country were at a standstill caused by the snow, school was open as usual. The snow caused havoc around the country, but here at Alma, it only caused fun! The children played collaboratively across year groups making snow people in the playground. Unfortunately they have now melted away.

# The Lunar Eclipse



By Nathan S

A lunar eclipse works by the sun being in line with the earth and the moon being behind the earth which makes the moon look red. The reason the moon looks red is because the red is the sun's light to make it red and it shines on the moon. This year it was a wolf moon which means it is closer to the earth than usual. The blood moon is in an area called umbra which is red.

### Diversity: The Mursi Tribe

### By Grace and Blu

The Mursi Tribe are a tribe that live in the Lower Omo Valley in an African country called Ethiopia. Some women wear lip plates as a decoration. However many are choosing not to as they are teased by some members of other Tribes.



During their dry season, they go and live by the banks of the Omo River. During the Rainy season, the Mursi Tribe move to fresh grasslands so that their cattle have lots to eat.

Life can be hard and dangerous for the Mursi but they enjoy chatting, music and tell stories about their history. One of

the Mursi traditions, is collecting milk to sour and making yogurt milk. To eat they have milk from their cows. They live for their cattle and to have a cool

Tribes of the Omo Valley ETHIOPIA BEBEK ADIKAS MURELLE & TURMI

# Interview of Miss Bautista

By Talya F & Tamar

What country do you come from? Spain

If you had 100 pounds what would you spend it on? I would buy 2 tickets to get to the theatre with my best friend

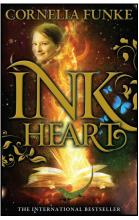
Did you work at another school before Alma? Yes. It was in Spain.

Do you like teaching at our school? Yes! Of course

What's your favourite hobby? I love travelling and tourism.

What do you like best about Alma? I really like the environment. This school is like a family and I love it.





### Book Review: Inkheart by Cornelia Funke

By Leah M and Dalia



### WARNING: SPOILERS

This book can take you to the Inkworld and allow you to meet characters such as Meggie, Farid, Mortimer, Eleanor, Dustfinger, Capricorn and more. Prepare to be transported to the Inkworld and our world we call home.

Can Meggie save the inkworld from the dangers it is about to face...?

### What is this book about?

Inkheart is part of a trilogy by Cornelia Funke. The main character, Meggie, has lived a normal life with her father, Mo, thinking that her mother was gone forever.

One night, Mo is visited by  $\star \star \star \star \star$  Dustfinger, a magical character

from the Ink world. The story follows them on a journey trying to switch magical things back to normal.

### Who is it aimed at?

We think children ages 9-12 years old who enjoy fantasy and magic will enjoy this book.

### What genre is it?

Magical Realism.

### Would you recommend it?

We recommend this book because it is very entertaining and powerful. The story is unforgettable and the characters are really bold and unique. However, there is a lot of critical information to remember while you are reading.