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Welcome

By Mrs Higgins

Our wonderful journalists who have joined our Newspaper team this year are: Celine, Erinayo, Eva, Alia, Emily, Armina, Mathilde, Gbohunmi, Haben, Mason, Megan.

We hope you enjoy reading this first edition of the school Newspaper for this year. It has lots of fantastic ideas for Autumn and book recommendations!

We have had another busy start to the new school year. We have been to Church for our start of year mass, elections took place for House Captains, School Council and Eco Warriors. The Social Action Leaders attended interviews and were appointed, the Art Agents are a new group of children with exciting plans for the year ahead.

There was a wonderful International evening, Maggie's coffee morning, raising money for charity and lots of learning, there have been a few trips and workshops going on within the school.

We hope you have had a great start to the year and the autumn term and we look forward to all of the exciting things that are going to begin after half term in the lead up to Christmas.

Fun things to do in Autumn

By Erinayo



Autumn is like an introduction to winter when the weather starts getting cold and in my opinion – a great time to get a car. It is NOT the best time to go outside so..... bye barbecues, pool parties and horse riding and say hi to sleep, sleep and more Sleep.

There's also the option to bribe your mum to watch TV all day and become a couch potato. Or you can do some other Autumn activities such as decorating your room with a summer theme.

My personal favourite is going to the theatre! I went to my first theatre play on Tuesday to watch The Lion King and I LOVED IT!!! It was extremely funny, especially Rafiki who kept shaking her rump at us. If you haven't seen it, I highly recommend it.

Other fun activities I would recommend include gymnastics, learning to crochet, needlework, going to the movies and having game or movie nights at home with friends and family.

However, if you are a winter baby and you don't mind a bit of the cold weather, you could still go the park or playground while it's not too. Autumn is also home to the month of Halloween, perfect for pumpkin picking.

Or if you enjoy some arts and craft, the many beautiful colours of Autumn leaves make for lovely collages. Whatever you fancy, I hope you have a lovely Autumn. GOOD AUTUMN !

Fun things to do in autumn
By Eva Lala

Autumn is a lovely season. It includes Halloween, Diwali and Mid-Autumn Festival, but the problem is most of the time you're stuck on a screen all day because you have 'nothing to do'. By reading this article, you can find fun things to do during this autumn!

Reading

Reading is a lovely example because even if you don't have any books at home, you can go to the library to borrow a book and return it later. Also, even if you have clubs or places to go to you can make space for 15 minutes of reading in your day.

Baking

One thing that's fun to do is baking. You can bake cookies with frosting and sprinkles or my personal favourite: scones! I like them plain, but if you want you could serve them with butter, jam, honey, maple syrup, Nutella and lotus Biscoff cream.

If you're feeling more festive, you could bake apple pie, pumpkin pie, Victoria sponge filled with pumpkin butter cream. Other delicious options include toffee apple pudding, cinnamon and almond tart, blackberry lava cake and finally gingerbread crumble.

Family game night

If you love playing games and eating snacks this perfect for you and your family. It's family game night, you can play board games such as Monopoly, Risk, Scrabble, Chess, Cluedo and What do you meme or play Noughts and crosses or I spy.

Now the food part. You can enjoy family game night with fondue, strawberries dipped in chocolate, onion rings and Doritos. For drinks iced tea lemon/peach, flavoured water and squash.

Diary of a wimpy kid book review

By Alia

Diary of a wimpy kid by Jeff Kinney is a brilliant book but here is MY honest review. Diary of a wimpy kid is a humorous book and brings lots of laughter in all 25 books! For me it's always soooo hard to find the right book that's my sense, it's packed with guaranteed laughter i don't need to spend hours looking for the right book that's the right style for me! The books are something that can go on my go on my go-to wish list for my birthday.

So the review out of 5 is..... 5 stars!





Bunny VS monkey book review

By Emily

Bunny vs monkey by Jamie smart [published in 2012] is a wonderful book to read but here is my honest review Bunny vs monkey is a phenomenal book because it brings lots of laughter in all 12 books and all of them are on my list for my birthday presents and its always very hard for me to find a book that is my style. Especially because I love my comics the best!

So I would rate this a...10!



Make people happy! :)

By Gbohunmi

In the autumn we can make a mini game, also we can throw a fun party and for people who get a pen license or excellent work in the book we may throw celebration party so we can make them happy.



What's my favourite book?

By Haben

Have you ever sat there staring at your bookshelf, thinking to yourself, *"What book should I read next?"* only to find yourself stuck for ages? Well, your search is officially over. Today, I am going to share a book that I absolutely love, and why it deserves a spot on your reading list.My absolute favourite book of all time is **Skandar and the Unicorn Thief** by A.F. Steadman. It is the first book in an incredible fantasy series, and it is a complete game-changer.The main reason I love this book so much is because it is absolutely packed with non-stop adventure and highlights the true power of teamwork. The story follows thirteen-year-old Skandar Smith, who has only ever wanted to be a unicorn rider. He dreams of being one of the lucky few selected to hatch a wild unicorn, bond with it for life, and train together for ultimate glory in fierce sky battles.But you need to **forget everything you think you know about fluffy, rainbow unicorns.**In Skandar's world, unicorns are not cute. They are bloodthirsty, flesh-eating nightmares that wing-strike each other out of the sky. They are wildly dangerous, untamed beasts that can only be controlled by the specific teenager they bond with.Just as Skandar's dream finally feels within reach, a dark shadow falls over the Island. A mysterious and dangerous villain steals the world's most powerful unicorn, threatening to destroy the fragile peace. To stop them, Skandar must take to the skies, master the elements, and uncover a secret that could change the world forever.If you want a gripping, action-packed book that will keep you on the edge of your seat until the very last page, pick up a copy of *Skandar and the Unicorn Thief* from the library. You won't regret it!

Autumn

By Mason

In Autumn I enjoy running through silver and gold leaves and watching the sky have wonderful shades. The trees look like they've taken of their clothes of leaves, having cold nights and drinking hot chocolate while watching the sun go down is something I could do forever but Autumn is the right time to do it. I can't wait for Autumn it's going to be a BLAST!!!!! Let's head off to a great start.



What can we do in the autumn?

By megan



In the autumn, we could maybe have a funfair. We could have a party like a mini party or if someone does something excellent in their book and gets something like a pen license or something we would like to celebrate them for 10 minutes. We could try to think of plans together as a whole team because teamwork makes the dream work

Autumn

By Armina

Go for a woodland walk and pick colourful leaves, stick them on a piece of paper and draw around them. If you want to do a ballerina, use the leaf as the costume then draw the rest of the body.

Try baking autumn treats like apple crumble, cinnamon rolls, pumpkin bread, or cheesecake with caramel, biscuit spread, or keep it plain.

Have a cozy film night with blankets and hot chocolate and invite your friends if you want. Go apple picking or visit a P.Y.O. [pick your own] farm.

If you want a craftier activity, try making homemade candles; you can buy a kit if you don't want to buy the ingredients separately. Have a bonfire night with roasted marshmallows. Also, if you are willing to try new things, try a spiced chai, hot cider or pumpkin spiced latte. If you are a photographic person, make some time to take autumn pictures in a local park.

Are you into reading this year, or want to be? This is for you. Start a cozy reading afternoon and read a book you think you might like, or, if you are competitive, start a challenge with your family: whoever finishes the book first earns five pounds to spend on whatever they like. But make sure your family doesn't read while you're asleep, because that's cheating.

Decorate your room with LED lights, autumn colours, and candles to make you feel more at home. If it rains, play board games; on a dry day, go acorn, horse chestnut and pinecone hunting. Collect leaves, make a wreath for your door, and bake leaf-shaped cookies. Make a cozy morning routine and host a cupcake-decorating night with icing in different colours.

Meet the ART AGENTS

Hello, St Agnes! We are your Art Agents — a team of 19 children from Years 3–6 who love being creative and sharing ideas. We had our first meeting this week and have received our very own Art Agent badges. We are excited to get started! ***Naxhie, Zara, Florence, Vince, Lily B, Leen, Issa, Fina, Kayleigh, Shineen, Hama, Daisy, Nika, Isabelle, Jude, Emilia, Haben, Gbohunmi and Binisha***



What do Art Agents do?

Our job is to help make St Agnes an even more creative and inspiring place. We will share ideas, help with art projects and school events, and encourage everyone to have a go at being creative. You don't have to be an amazing artist to join in — everyone has creative ideas!

We are organizing fun lunchtime art activities for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Look out for our Art Agents board in the hall to find out what is coming up!

Our first creative challenge: Ordinary Objects, Extraordinary Art!

Can you turn everyday objects into a work of art? Look around your home or garden and choose a few ordinary things. You could use spoons, stones, leaves, coins, socks, toys, pencils, bottle tops, Lego or even shoes.

Arrange your objects to create a picture, pattern, animal or sculpture. Could spoons become a flower? Could fallen leaves become a bird? Could stones and leaves make a funny face? Could bottle tops make a colourful flower?







Here are some ideas to get you started — can you invent your own?

We are really looking forward to sharing our creativity with you. Keep an eye on our Art Agents Board and the school newspaper for more activities and challenges!

The challenge: Don't change the objects — change the way you see them! You don't need to paint, cut or glue anything. Arrange your objects, take a photograph of your artwork and upload it to Google Classroom. Please put everything away carefully afterwards. We can't wait to see your ideas!

Looking for something creative to do this half term?

Here are some free activities you could enjoy with your family during October half term (Monday 26–Friday 30 October 2026). Ask an adult to check the details before you go.

Half-Term Craft Club — Brent Cross Town — Monday 26–Thursday 29 October, 10 am–12 pm or 1–3 pm. Make decorations and take-home crafts using materials provided. Free and no booking needed; children must stay with an adult.

Playing with Colour — The National Gallery — Tuesday 27–Thursday 29 October, sessions 11 am–1 pm or 2–4 pm. Experiment with watercolour, colour blending and light, and make an umbrella inspired by Renoir. Free; places are limited and families take part together.

Creative Crafty Fun — Harlesden Library — Monday 26 October, 2:30–4 pm. A free drop-in arts and crafts session.

Check the event page for updated information before setting off.