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The Home Ed Kids and Teens Newsletter



HALLOWEEN FUN



A Watercolour by Reuben Spelman, age 10 from Galway

*Welcome to our Autumn 2021 edition,
from your new editorial team,
Christine, Juliet and Donnacha Ring.
There is some really cool stuff in here!*

**NOT BACK TO
SCHOOL**

We would love to hear from you at chicklit.hen@gmail.com

Ancient Egypt - by Megan (age 10) and Becca (age 7) Leadbetter



Canopic jars

We made mummies too, out of carrots not bodies! We put them inside salt and baking powder for 2 weeks and when we took them out they were brown-black, wrinkled and bendy!

We did a project about ancient Egypt and we learned all about mummification and burial rites. We made our own canopic jars (the Egyptians' jars were used to store internal organs - yuck) out of paper cups, card and gold and blue paint. We are storing treasure inside ours, not brains!

Canopic jars



By Megan

Ancient Egypt - by Megan (age 10) and Becca (age 7)



Carrotpatra

I was reading about the Egyptian gods, and I decided to do a drawing of Thoth who was the god of writing. He has the head of an ibis and in the picture he is holding my canopic jar! Megan's canopic jar and two of our cuddly toys are in the background too.



Thoth



My Favourite Dog
and Me
by
Niamh Donegan



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All About My Favorite Dog and Me:

My name is Niamh.

I am 9 years old.

I love dogs because when I am sad, they are nice to me.

If I had a dog, I would name it molly.

My favorite dog breed is Greyhounds
because they are kind, beautiful and fast.

Some activities I would do with my dog are
play fetch, go swimming
and walk in the park.

If my dog could talk, I would ask it what do dogs know?

My favorite place to take my dog would be the mall
because there are lots of dogs to play with there.

My favorite book to read to my dog would be Born to Run
by Michael Morpurgo.

My dog's favorite treat would be wet dog food.

Here is a drawing of my favorite dog:



Lego builds by F.T. Byrne, age 5



Rocka
and
Waspix



Rocka,
Rawjaw and
Pyrox

Mech designed and built
by Tigey Cat (age 6)



How to Train Your Dragon Book Review by James Brosnan age 11

Have you watched The How To Train Your Dragon movie? If you have, did you know that they are based on a series of books by Cressida Cowell? If you haven't, I suggest you read the books first. There are twelve books in the series. You don't have to read the books in order but I suggest you read book 1 first and books 9, 10, 11 and 12 in order. The main characters in the books are Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third, his hunting dragon Toothless and Hiccup's best friend Fishlegs.

My dragon
book
collection

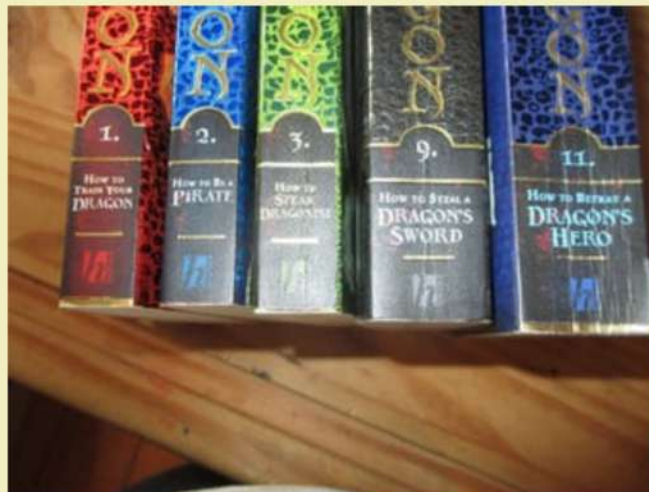


How to Train Your Dragon

book review

by James Brosnan age 11

The story is set in a world of Vikings. It's pretty realistic only that they have dragons. Hiccup is the only one in the whole archipelago who can speak Dragonese. We don't know it at the start, but Hiccup is going to end up on a quest. He is the hero of the story but he doesn't look like it. The books are action-packed and quite funny. My favourite characters are Toothless because he is always hungry, and Hiccup's grandfather Old Wrinkly the soothsayer, who nearly always gets his predictions wrong! I would recommend these books for roughly 8-12 year-olds. I haven't read the whole series yet but so far I have enjoyed the books more than the movie and I hope you enjoy them too.



Numbers are on the spines

My leaf gall project

by Colm Brosnan age 8

This is my leaf gall collection. I am hoping to find more to add to it. If you see leaf galls around and want to take samples, make sure there are a lot around so you are not harming the thing that made the gall. What I like about my collection is that even though there are only 2 species of leaf (oak and goat willow), there are 4 different gall types. Each type of gall has a larva of a different species of gall wasp inside it. When the gall wasp lays its egg on the leaf, it makes the leaf grow a gall around the egg. This is food and shelter for the baby wasp.

My leaf gall project by Colm Brosnan age 8

When you hear
the word "gall"
you probably
think of this:

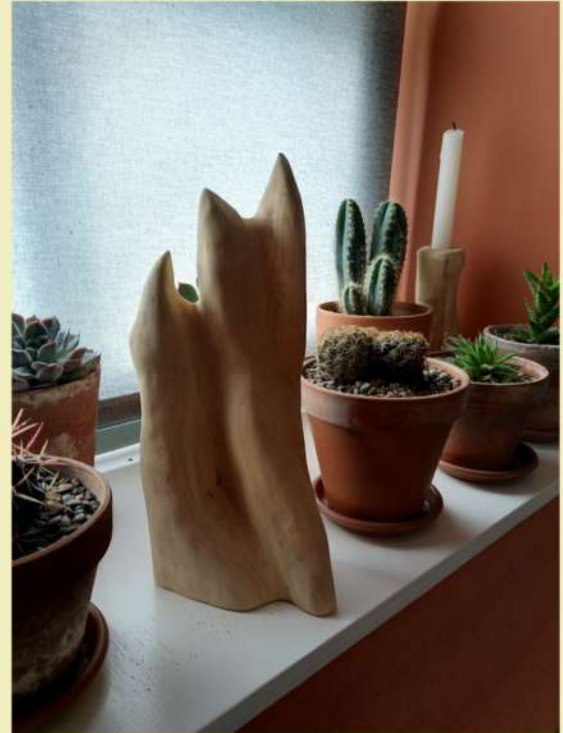


However, there are other types of galls,
like these



Woodcarving by Tom Windross age 11

I like to collect unusual bits of wood - including driftwood & especially interesting pieces of root.



Woodcarving by Tom Windross age 11

I sometimes carve them into sculptures using the wood chisels that I got from my Grandad. With some of my pieces I use a hot air gun to give them a burned appearance which can look really effective.



Pet Bunnies

by Lily Windross, age 10



I like animals and I have lots of pets but my favourites are my two bunnies, Olly and Feenie.

Olly is a lop-eared buck and Feenie is a Californian cross doe. They both love to be petted & enjoy being outside eating greenery. Feenie shares her pen with her mother & Olly lives with another buck. I hope to breed more bunnies in the future!



Painted Pumpkins



by Matilda Spelman,
age 4 in Galway.

Painted Pumpkins



by Eliza Spelman,
age 7 in Galway.

HALLOWEEN CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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Read the clues below and fill in the crossword puzzle with the correct answers.



ACROSS

1. She rides on a broom.
6. A _____ spins a web.
8. Something a ghost says.
10. He drinks blood.
11. You wear this to cover your face.
12. Halloween is always on the 31st of _____.

DOWN

2. What you get when you go trick or treating.
3. You wear this when you go trick or treating.
4. Carving a _____ is a fun Halloween activity.
5. Trick or _____.
6. He is made of bones.
7. They like to howl at the moon.
9. You might see a ghost in a _____ house.
13. These flying animals come out at night.

My name is Gill, I'm 6 yrs old



I went to
centre parcs
recently with
my family

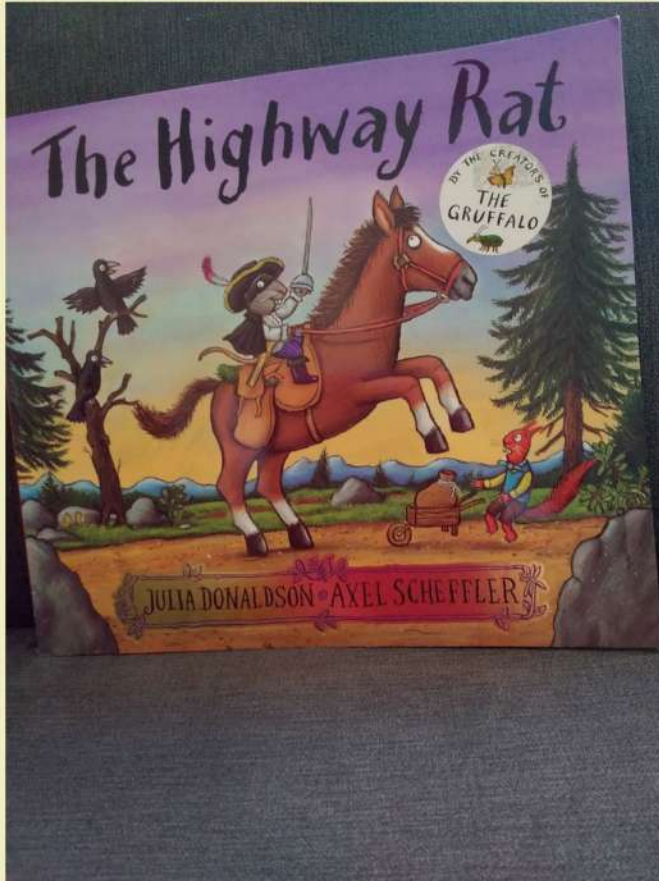
I did a workshop where I picked a soft toy and stuffed him, gave him a heart of courage and closed up his back.

I picked a mammoth and named him "Woolie"



Book Review by Kara Tormey age 6 and a half

This is The Highway Rat by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.



I love this book, it is very good. I think everybody will like it. It's about a mean rat that takes everybody's food. He's a very greedy rat and the other animals don't like him.

So you need to save the day by reading this book. One day he meets a Duck and something funny and surprising happens. Its from the same writers as The Gruffalo, Room on the Broom and Snail on the Whale. It is my dad's favourite book.

Baby Yoda

by Noah, Age 10



Hi I'm Noah

And This Is Lego baby yoda (or grogu)

Things I like about him:



1:He is SO CUTE

2:He Is From Star wars (I like star wars)

He is the same species As yoda (this is all from star wars)

ANSWERS TO HALLOWEEN CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 witch

6 spider

8 BOO!

10 vampire

11 mask

12 october

DOWN

2 candy

3 costume

4 pumpkin

5 treat

6 skeleton

7 wolf

9 haunted

13 bats



Fun autumn things to spot outside in the world! Take in your surroundings!

Fun autumn things to spot outside in the world!

Take in your surroundings!



1: A red leaf.

2: A pumpkin, real or fake.

3: Halloween window decorations.

4: Someone all wrapped up in coats, hats and gloves.



5: A leaf floating in water.

6: An ad for Halloween costumes.

7: Smell some barnbrack.

8: An ORANGE leaf.

9: Someone buying sweets.

10: ONLY-ON-THE-NIGHT-QUESTION!!! See someone saying "trick or treat"!!

Hope you enjoyed my Autumn Search! If you want you can tell us what you found for the next issue @ chicklit.hen@gmail.com



You can even send in some pictures

Till then goodbye!

Juliet



Autumn Leaves by Juliet Ring





The End



We hope that you enjoyed this newsletter.
Do email us with anything you have for the Winter
newsletter.

We will leave you with Marshmallow Witch Head
for Halloween LOL!!!!!!

