



# Pupil Newsletter – Christmas Edition

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# Welcome to this year's Christmas edition of the Pupil Newsletter!

- We have some exciting Christmas themes in this month's edition. There is also some exciting things happening within school during the last week, such as an S6 and staff lunch on Wednesday, Christmas assemblies on Thursday as well as the all-important S Factor on Friday!
- We hope that this week is a lot of fun for everyone in the run up to a well-deserved holiday!

# Recipe - Raspberry Trifle



## Ingredients

### *LEMON SPONGE FINGERS*

250g self-raising flour  
100g caster sugar  
3 tsp baking powder  
250ml sweetened oat or soya milk  
100ml sunflower oil  
1 Unwaxed lemon

### *RASPBERRY JELLY*

250g fresh raspberries  
35g sachet of quick-setting gelatine-free red jelly

### *CUSTARD*

2 tbsp cornflour  
250ml vanilla-flavoured soya milk  
150ml vegan double cream (we used Elmlea Plant)  
2 tbsp granulated sugar

### *WHIPPED CREAM*

100ml vegan double cream  
vegan blonde or white chocolate grated  
(ensure dairy-free)

## Method

### STEP 1

Heat the oven to 180C/160c fan/gas 4 and line a 20cm x 20cm baking tin with baking paper.

### STEP 2

To make the lemon sponge fingers, combine the flour, sugar and baking powder in a large mixing bowl. Pour in the soya milk, sunflower oil, lemon zest and juice, then mix until combined. Pour into the lined baking tray, then bake for 25-30 mins or until risen and slightly golden.

### STEP 3

Allow the cake to cool fully before slicing into 2cm-wide fingers. Put the fingers into the base of a large trifle dish in a single layer (any remaining cake fingers can be frozen for up to three months).

### STEP 4

Layer the raspberries over the sponge fingers, then prepare the jelly according to pack instructions. Allow the jelly liquid to cool for a few minutes before pouring over the raspberries. Chill until the jelly has fully set.

### STEP 5

To make the custard, put the cornflour in a small bowl and pour in just enough vanilla soya milk to make a paste. Add more gradually, stirring to combine, until half of the milk is used. Pour into a saucepan, along with the remaining milk, vegan cream and sugar. Bring to the boil over a low-medium heat, stirring with a balloon whisk for 5-6 mins or until thickened. Remove from the heat and allow to cool fully. Pour the cooled custard over the jelly layer, then refrigerate while you prepare the whipped cream.

### STEP 6

Pour the cream into a bowl and whip using a hand mixer for 2-3 mins or until thickened. Spoon the whipped cream over the custard, then sprinkle over the grated chocolate.





# Music – Top 10 Christmas songs ever!

10. **I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday by Wizzard**
9. **Jingle Bell Rock by Bobby Helms**
8. **Driving Home For Christmas by Chris Rea**
7. **Merry Xmas Everybody by Slade**
6. **The Christmas Song by Nat King Cole**
5. **Winter Wonderland by Doris Day**
4. **Santa Baby by Eartha Kitt**
3. **Last Christmas by Wham!**
2. **All I Want For Christmas Is You by Mariah Carey**
1. **Fairy tale Of New York by The Pogues and Kirsty MacColl**  
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# Right of the Month - December

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- The right of the month for December is the right to rest, play, culture and arts.
- Article 31 of the UNCRC says that children and young people have the right to have fun in the way they want to, whether by playing sports, watching films, or doing something else entirely. They have the right to rest, too.
- Within the school we aim to do this through several different activities such as S Factor and different clubs.
- You may have also seen some of the Rights Respecting Schools ambassadors at assemblies where they spoke about different rights and our plans for the school year!





# TOP 5 BEST CHRISTMAS MOVIES OF ALL TIME

1. Gremlins (15)
2. The Muppets Christmas Carol (U)
3. The Nightmare before Christmas (PG)
4. Elf (PG)
5. Godmothered (PG)





# Christmas Book Guide

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## **For Young Readers**

- I Want my Hat Back! By Jon Klassen
- Hilo: the Boy who Crashed to Earth by Judd Winick

## **For Young Adults**

- The Fault in our Stars by John Green

## **For Sports Lovers**

- Everything to Play for: the QI Book of Sport by Anna Ptaszynski and James Harkin

## **For Animal Lovers**

- A Street Cat Named Bob by James Bowen

## **For Food Lovers**

- 5 Ingredients: Quick & Easy Food by Jamie Oliver



# Quiz/Riddles

Answers from the last quiz:

- A coffin
- You will never know which witch is which
- The poison was in the ice
- Winifred, Sarah and Mary
- Turnips
- A Coven

Riddles and Questions

- I come with many colours, very big and bright, I turn so many houses into a beautiful sight. What am I?
- Which country first started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
- How many ghosts show up in *A Christmas Carol*?
- How do you say Merry Christmas in Spanish?
- I'm a plant seen at Christmas that people hang above. And then they stand beneath me, and kiss someone they love. What am I?






# Christmas Jokes

- Why couldn't the teacher find anyone to help her wrap gifts?  
Answer: No one was present
- What did the snowman do when he got upset?  
Answer: He had a meltdown
- Why is Santa so good at karate?  
Answer: Because he has a black belt.
- What's the best thing to put into a Christmas cake?  
Answer: Your teeth.
- Where do elves go to vote?  
Answer: The north pole



# Prelims



**S4:** A massive well done on completing your first ever set of Prelims, this is an amazing achievement, and you should all be feeling so proud of yourselves. Take some time in the holidays to relax and enjoy yourself before coming back to school and getting ready for exams!

**S5/6:** Prelim time is just coming up so remember to take some time to study during the holidays. You should try and find a balance between studying and relaxing, even if it's only fifteen minutes a day.

Remember, your teachers may be offering supported study sessions and there are lots of resources available on teams. Try to relax and good luck for your prelims!



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# Thank you from the Newsletter Team!

- If you want to share answers to our fun quiz/riddles (you may even win a prize) or if you have some news that you would want to be shared in next month's pupil newsletter then email us – [eastewarton.ac@eastayrshire.org.uk](mailto:eastewarton.ac@eastayrshire.org.uk)
- Thank you very much for taking the time to read our newsletters, we hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

