

# THE ROBIN

The Newspaper for the children by the children

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### Tanya's Thoughts

What an exciting term we have had this spring!

Some of the highlights for me have been seeing the delight on Year2 faces as they took part in the Great Fire of London workshop, finding a high quality catering company to provide our children with excellent lunches, watching the children's excitement as they worked in the new ICT suite, and our Reception children learning in their new outdoor area, appointing 2 new enthusiastic parent Governors, teaching children by covering classes for teachers, working on a new policy for the Most Able learners, helping out at our Spring Party and of course our wonderful International day.

I am looking forward to arranging for parents to come and sit in on a lesson with their children, planning a whole school creativity day and making this year's Summer Fair the most fun for all. Tanya



### London Children's Flower Society

Each year, children at Robinsfield celebrate spring by growing their own daffodils from bulbs which they plant in the autumn.

Their efforts are rewarded by a special certificate.

### David and Linda have a chat about languages

David, Y2C, met with teacher Linda to interview her about her work at the school and came up with a few personal questions too.



'I wouldn't work anywhere else'

Linda talking to David

D- What is your job here?

L- I help teachers with planning and teaching children whose first language is not English. Can you imagine if you didn't speak English?

D- Where did you go to school?

L- I was raised in Atlanta, Georgia, but have lived here for 20 years now. I have just become a British citizen. Now I can vote!

D- What was it like when you first came here?

L- It was very funny at first. I would ask for things in an American term and people would laugh, like saying 'sneakers' instead of 'trainers! Now, I can say I would not live or work anywhere else!

### TRAVEL: BELGIUM



Zsofia spent the half-term break in Belgium and wrote this report for 'The Robin'.

I travelled to Belgium with my brother Zachary, mum and dad. My dad drove all the way except for the channel crossing when we were on the boat. We spent four days in Antwerp, the largest harbour in Europe.

We stayed in a nice hotel and walked around the city. One day we went to watch a volleyball tournament.



I enjoyed playing with the other children there. I think Antwerp is a nice city.

**'THE ROBIN' INTERVIEWS THE 'WOOD AND VALE'**



The newspaper club welcomed journalist Susanna and photographer Polly from the 'The Wood and Vale' newspaper to talk about what it means to be a journalist. Susanna and Polly came to interview the Robin's team, but they had to answer The Robin's questions first.

Imran- What do you do in your job?

Susanna- I write about what's going on in St. John's Wood.

Zsofia- How many people work in your office?

Susanna- There are 8 reporters and 8 writers. Polly is our photographer and we have one boss who is the editor.

Zac- Why did you want to become a journalist?

Susanna- It is so much fun. I like to find out about who's who in our community.

David- Why do you like your job?

Susanna- I like talking to people. There is always something different to do.

I also enjoy the English language.

Maryam- Who was the most interesting person you have ever interviewed?



**The Robin & The Wood and Vale**



**Posing for Polly**

Susanna- I would say a policeman because his work seemed very interesting.

Lara to Polly- Which is your favourite photograph?

Polly- They say you're only as good as your last photograph. I always like the last one I had taken. (see above)



**AROUND THE WORLD**

Nursery told the story of 'The Snail and the Whale' Rec K's international day assembly 'I'd like to go to Egypt on a motor bike'



**MARYAM AND ANN: ALL ABOUT FOOD**

Maryam, Y2C, wanted to interview Ann, Y1B Teacher Assistant and Senior Lunch Supervisor about everything that has to do with food.

M- What's your favourite meal?

A- I like all my food, but if I had to choose I would go for fish pie.

M- What do you like about it?

A- There's loads of fish, lovely creamy sauce, and the potatoes on top are nice and crispy.

M-What about pudding?

A- I don't have it a lot but I do like the upside-down fruit cake.

M- What was your favourite when you were a child in school?

A- I liked Thursday because it was sausages day.

M- What's new in the lunch room?

A- I'm working with Tanya on a new policy for packed lunches.



M- What is a policy?

A- It's like an agreement between our school and parents.

M-What is it about?

A- It is about balanced meals and packed lunches. We'd like to see more of that in school.

There's a website you should look at if you're looking for fun healthy recipes like banana sandwiches, now how cool is that!

Take a look at [www.schoolsfoodtrust.org.uk](http://www.schoolsfoodtrust.org.uk) , I think you'll like it.

# Play time

This is the page where you can relax at the end of your busy day and play some word puzzles, read some fun jokes or learn something new! If you have a joke, a puzzle or a quick recipe you would like to share, please write it down clearly on a piece of paper, put it in an envelope marked 'The Robin' and hand it to reception at the school. Don't forget to write down your name and your class to see it published in your newspaper!

## ANAGRAM:

'Springtime' is your clue,  
now untangle these words:  
alpy, unnessih, rakp,  
aoidlyh, lavert, ufn, bamsl,  
stboa, eworlfs, sssoomlb

## Jokes:

Q-Where do horses live?

A- In neigh-bourhoods!

Q-What is the strongest vegetable?

A-Muscle sprouts !

Tongue Twisters:How many times can you say these tongue twisters without making a mistake?

-Six thick thistle sticks

-Red leather, yellow leather.

-Rubber baby buggy bumpers.

## MY PIZZA

Preheat the oven to 200°C, fan 180°C, gas 6

### How to make your own dough:

1 cup warm water

1 tsp. sugar

1 1/4-oz. packet active dry yeast

3 tablespoons olive oil, plus extra for coating

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, plus extra for dusting

1 tsp. salt

### Preparing the dough:

1- Place 1/4 cup warm water in a small bowl.

2-Stir in the sugar until dissolved, then sprinkle the yeast onto the surface of the water.

3-Let the yeast float there for 1 minute, then stir it into the water.

4-Let it "proof" for 10 minutes. Look for a few bubbles on the surface.

5-Pour the yeast mixture into a large bowl, then stir in the remaining water, and add the olive oil, flour and salt.

6-Mix the dough with a wooden spoon until it forms a ball.

7-On a lightly floured surface, knead the dough for 10 minutes, or until it is smooth and elastic, and roll it into a ball.

8-Coat the inside of a bowl with olive oil then press the ball of dough to oil it and turn it over.

9-Cover the bowl with plastic wrap, then let the dough rise in a warm place for 1 1/2 hours or until it has doubled in shape.

10-You can make one big pizza or many small pizzas.

11-Be creative: make different shaped pizzas, like, a rectangle, or a triangle or even a star.

12-Now you are ready to add your favourite toppings. Make patterns or numbers or even write your name on your pizza using vegetables (like red peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes), olives or capers. Have fun and enjoy your pizza.





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**The Great Fire of London assembly**



**Children of Year 2 have been learning about the Great fire of London and the plague.**

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**Imran and Lara: Stories from another country**

International Day means different things to different people. At Robinsfield we celebrate the children's cultural diversity. Lara and Imran, Y2M, went home to ask all the right questions. Here are their reports.

'My daddy makes me laugh when he reads 'Little Red Riding Hood' in Arabic to me'

Lara wrote: 'My Daddy went to 'Ebensina' school in Beirut, Lebanon. A French and Arabic speaking school. He liked reading, drawing and sports.

His favourite teacher was Mr. Al-Taki.' Lara brought in some books we are all familiar with. There was 'Cinerella' and 'Little Red Riding Hood' whose Arabic her name is 'Laila'.

Imran wrote: 'I watched Aladin in Urdu on TV. The

story was about a boy who goes to a special class to learn about magic. Then he got a magical carpet which could fly. He used his powerful sword to get rid of evil.'



**Imran and Humza**



**Cinderella in Arabic**



**Lara showing David her Arabic books**

**My musical instrument:**

Zac, Y2M, wanted to learn more about the clarinet. So he decided to interview his own brother who is learning how to play it.

Z- When did you start playing the clarinet?

J- I started last September when I went to

Barrow Hill Junior School.

Z-Why did you choose that instrument?

J- It looked like fun, and it is!

Z-Where do you practice?  
 J- I play at school and practice at home. I also joined the Westminster Youth Orchestra.



**Zac and Joe**

Z- What do you do there?

J- We practice playing together, and a few weeks ago we had a 2 day orchestra workshop.

Z- You had a concert at St.Mary's Church, and I came with mum and dad to listen, can you tell 'The Robin' readers what you played?

J- We played three pieces. 'Hava Nagila', 'The Can Can' and 'Jamaican Rumba'.

Z-Yes, that was good. Thank you.

**The sudoku solution:**

1	4	2	3
3	2	4	1
4	1	3	2
2	3	1	4