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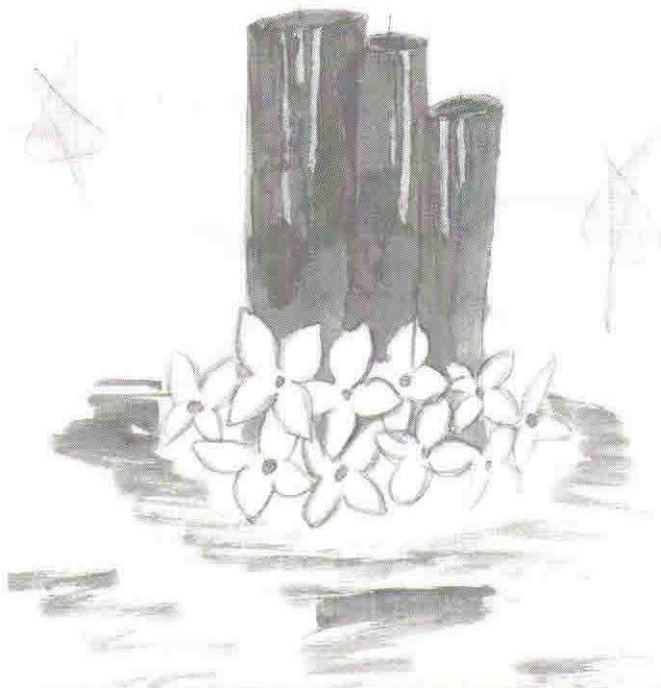
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Merry
christmas



By Alison Wright aged 13

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Pen Pals



Haley Jenkins (179-010)

Merry Christmas! My name is Haley Jenkins and I'm 16 years old. I love to read and write letters, and will reply often. My chief hobby centres around literature, I love to read books by J.R.R. Tolkien, Louisa May Alcott, Jane Austen, Juliet Mariller, Sheryl Jordan and Daphne Du Maurier. I also love to write novels, I want to be a professional writer when I'm older. My other hobbies include: attending a Discussion Group, listening to music (Angelis, Andrea Ross, Melanie C, Kelly Clarkson, Aly & Aj), playing with my two ginger kittens, surfing the Net, drama, arts & crafts, playing on the PS2 with my twin brother Lewis and taking long walks in the local woodlands with my family. I would like a pen-pal 13-17, boy or girl, with similar interests. Hope to hear from you soon and I hope you are all having a great Christmas!

Zackery Strudwick (179-006)

I am looking for a pen pal aged 10-16. My hobbies are maths, emailing, playing on video games and my most favourite animals. When I am old enough to get a job, I would like to be a vet. I am excited about writing and emailing you.

Miya Bailey (179-005)

Hiya! My name is Miya, I am 11 and I am looking for a pen pal from 10+. My hobbies are swimming, football and loads more. I love Man U and I have MSN.

Sarah Woods (179-001)

Hi! My name is Sarah and I'm 14 years old. I have been home educated since February 2005 and love it. I have one mad cat and two guinea pigs. I like going on the computer, cycling, swimming, shopping, making things and being with my friends! I would like a pen pal between the age of 9 and 16 and I would like to say a big 'hello' to Emma Harrington and Gabriella Thompson! Hope to hear from you all soon. I promise to write back to everyone.

Laura Healy ((179-002)

Hi! My name's Laura and I'm 14 (15 in December). I am new to home education and have only been doing it for a few weeks. All my friends go to school and I don't know anyone who is home taught so I am desperate for pen and e-pals; looking for anyone who will keep in touch. I love reading, shopping, going to the cinema and emailing. Write soon.

Rebecca Mitchell (179-003)

Hello, my name is Rebecca and I'm 11 years old. I am new to home education and would love a pen pal aged 11 to 14. I love drawing, writing stories, swimming, cycling, trampolining and watching films. I have three guinea pigs and five Koi Carp. Oh, and a 4 year old sister called Rachel.

Khari Benger (179-004)

Hallo. I'm Khari. I'm 8 and I love Harry Potter and I like football and I like spies. Pen pals aged 6-9 would be great.

Josh Abraham (179-008)

Hi. My name is Josh. I am 13 years old. I have been home educated for almost a year. I like music such as Green Day, Queen, My Chemical Romance, Snow Patrol and Daughtry. I enjoy playing the drums and the electric guitar. I also like swimming, art and going to the cinema. I would like a pen pal, girls or boys, aged 13 or over.

Sarah Knox (179-007)

I'm Sarah, I'm 11 years old. I have a dog, a rabbit and some goldfish. I like horses and ponies, Dr Who, art, cooking, listening to music, trampolining and watching Robin Hood. I would like an e-pal aged 9-14, boy or girl.

Hannah Allsop (179-009)

Hello. My name is Hannah, I am 15 years old. I have been home educated for four years and would like a pen pal(s) of around my age. I love French, music, reading, art, cooking and swimming. I will reply to all letters.

Paige Gittoes (179-011)

Hi everyone. My name is Paige and I'm 12. My hobbies are reading, cooking and drawing. My favourite TV shows are Diagnosis Murder, Eastenders, Heartbeat and The Royal. I have just started home education with my mum and it's great. Anyone can write to me because age is just a number. I'm looking for a girl or boy pen pal.

Larissa Powell (179-012)

Hi. My name is Larissa and I am 12 years old. I am slightly nuts but hey, it runs in the family! I have been home schooled for 2 months and I would like to make some friends. I am horse crazy. I have 3 cats, 1 dog and 6 fish which I love very much! I like listening to music, my favourite artists are Avril Lavigne, My Chemical Romance and Simple Plan. I am looking for a pen pal aged 10-14. I will try to reply to all that write. Bye!

Daniel Creese (179-013)

Hi, my name's Dan and I'm 13. I have just started being home educated. I am looking for pen pals aged 12-15. My interests include playing tennis, the guitar, watching telly eg Dr Who, Torchwood and many other things.

Emma Stevens (179-015)

Heya! I'm Emma and I am 10 and have been home educated for a couple of months. I would like any age pen pals. I love animals and I'm vegetarian. I have MSN, Club Penguin, Bebo and Piczo. I love reading magazines, watching TV and MSN. I love goldfish. Bye.

Lauren Wallace (179-016)

Hi. My name is Lauren. I'm 12 years old and I am looking for a pen pal of any age. I will write back to all. I like football, swimming, painting and lots more.

Rosie Creber (179-014)

Hi. My name is Rose. I am 7 years old. I would love pen pals of any age, girl or boy. I am crazy about dolphins, brownies, tap dancing and ice skating. I have never been to school. I love swimming and Harry Potter.

Emily Chick (179-017)

Hiya. I'm Emily and I'm 12 years old. I would love a pen pal of any age, boy or girl. I have many hobbies including cooking, sewing, reading, drawing, writing and loads more! I have quite a few pets including: 1 greyhound called Molly, some fish, 5 African land snails and my sister has a rabbit. I have been home educated since January '07 and would love a pen pal. Please write. Oh yeah...or email! PS I love MSN.

Alex Newnham (179-021)

My name is Alex. My favourite hobby is Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter and Pirates of the Caribbean. I also like playing with my 2 dogs on a wet day or a dry one. I love dogs and have lots of pets. I am 8½ but don't care what age you are. I collect dragons! I have never been to school.

Guinevere Nicholls (179-022)

Hi everyone! My name is Guinevere and I'm 12 years old. I started HE only in September, but am so far enjoying it - a lot! I love animals, shopping, fashion, hanging out with my friends, going on MSN, texting my mates on my phone and having lots of sleepovers! I would prefer a pen pal aged 11+, can be a boy or a girl. Bye!!!

Sukayna Powell (179-024)

Hallo! My name is Sukayna (female, 12 years) and I would love a penpal aged 12+. I have four pets and ten fish. I love ballet (I want to be a ballet dancer), reading, Dr Who (really), cooking, sewing and writing. I dislike the modern political system and the modern 'sheep' (celeb worshipping) culture. My favourite famous(ish) person is Darcy Bussle. I am a member of Magic of Ballet, Birdlife (RSPB), Remus (BM), Caris and EO. Love to hear from you and always interested. Please write! PS. Some people think I'm loony but I'm a Gemini.

Scott Rhodes (179-025)

Hi people. I'm Scott (Scottie). I've been home educated now for about a month and I love it. My hobbies are long-distance running, athletics, art and skating. I like music like Good Charlotte, Alien Ant Farm, Iron Maiden and AC-DC. I'd like a pen pal aged 8-11 (I'm 10, almost 11) of any gender. I will reply to all.

Briana Brennan (179-030)

My name is Briana, I am 9 years old and have been home educated for the past 1 years. I am looking for a pen pal 7-10 years old, girl or boy. I like art, swimming, animals (we have 3 cats, a puppy, fish and guinea pig), cooking and horse riding. I have just joined a theatre group and like playing piano too. I would like to write to someone who enjoys sending drawings/pictures. Hope there is someone who likes to do that too.

Laura Brennan (179-031)

My name is Laura, I am six years old and would like a penpal 5-9 years old. I like tennis, playing with my puppy, playing music (piano, violin, guitar), playing pretend games and enjoy card games. I do not mind if I have a girl or boy pen pal. Hope you will write to me soon.

Hollie Brennan (179-032)

Hello. My name is Hollie. I am 11 years old and would like a pen pal any age, boy or girl. I like horse riding, playing the piano and acting. I have 1 puppy, 3 cats, 1 guinea pig and some fish. I also have 2 sisters. I would really like a pen pal who will keep writing to me. Well, bye...

Alice Beardsmith 179-026)

Hello everyone. My name is Alice and I'm 12 year's old. I am 13 on 1st November. I love all animals but my favourite is HORSES!! I am horse mad!! I have two ponites called Frostie and Bess. I would like pen pals aged 11-15, boy or girl. Thanks. Alice

Gill Beardsmith (179-027)

Hi everyone. My name is Gillum but people call me Gill. My hobbies are playing drum and mandolin, and loads more. I also share my sister's pony with her. My pony is called Frostie and I share him with Alice. I am looking for pen pals aged 9-12, boy or girl. Please write soon. Thanks. Gill.



By Lucy Pope aged 14.

Pet Pals

(179-019)

Hello, I'm Izzy. I'm a 3 year old rabbit. I like carrots, lazing around in the sun and running about. I don't like being picked up. I will reply to any animal.

(179-018)

Hello. I'm Monty. I'm a 7 year old dog. I like going for walks and getting treats. I don't like it when it's cold or raining and I have to go for a walk. I will reply to any animal.

(179-020)

Hi. I'm furry and I'm a soft cat toy. Kitten really. I would like any pet pal. I have MSN ID and love goig to kohll!

(179-023)

Hi, I'm Leah, a 6 year old short haired Lurcher! I'm a ginger/goldy colour. I love lots of things, but I especially love running. I'd like another dog pet pal please! Bye!!!

Change to Pet, E pals & Pen Pals: Please show this to your Parent or Guardian

Below you will find a 'Permission Slip'. We need your parent or guardian's permission in the form of a signature to enable you to advertise for a pal or reply to any pal advert you have seen. Each pal now has a reference that should be quoted on the slip.

We no longer think that advertising your private home addresses and e mail addresses in a newsletter that could end up anywhere is safe. This way, members will reply to members.

Dear Children's Pages,

My name is _____ could you please:

- Send me the details for pal numbers: 179- _____

- Put my attached advert for a pal in the next issue.

Membership No: _____

Today's Date: ____/____/2007

Address: _____

Postcode _____

Parent / Guardians Signature _____

Please post this slip to:

Children's Pages,
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Your child's home and or e mail address will NOT be printed in any future issues. Each pal will have a reference number for members to respond to via the Children's Pages Co-ordinator.

YOUR child's safety is OUR Priority!

I will put in my box...
A Christmas poem

I will put in my box
The smell of home cooked turkey
The thick blanket of snow

I will put in my box
The jingle of Santa's bells on Christmas night

I will put in my box
The excitement of children opening their presents

I will put in my box
The swishing and whistling of the cold winters air

I will put in my box
All of my Christmas memories,
And treasure them forever

By Catherine Healy aged 9

My week

On Monday I had to hand my homework in
but I threw it in the bin
If I didn't have to go to school
I'd set up my own swimming pool
If my teacher didn't teach, I'd turn him into a bottle of bleach,
but back to my homework problem
I started to moan, I started to groan
I started to feel like a microphone

On Tuesday my teacher looked a sight he gave the whole of my class a fright
He asked me "do you think you're mad?"

I said "No"
He said "I will repeat the question " do you think you're mad"
I said "No" He said "why"
I said "cos you look like an apple pie"

On Wednesday I refused to go to school
instead I played in the park with my ball
When the kids came home from school
they all said " that's really cool"

On Thursday the school sent me a letter asking if I was feeling better
I said " I'm going to rip that letter up and throw it in the bin
'cos I'm not feeling better and I'm not going in!

On Friday me and my mum sent a letter to the school
saying I wont be coming back at all
today I'm staying in my bed and from Monday
I will be Home Ed.

NOW I'M FEELING MUCH BETTER.

By Amy Winton age 12

Fun and Games

Christmas Quiz

Answer the questions, then take the first letter of each answer to spell out a traditional food.

You could wrap this round the Christmas tree, it comes in many different colours: _____

When Santa has come down the chimney he needs to get back: _____

What is the colour of Santa's famous reindeer's nose?: _____

If you don't have a chimney then Santa will have to use a special: _____

These little people make toys in Santa's workshop: _____

A yummy chocolate pudding eaten especially at Christmas time: _____

Quiz compiled by Laura Healy, age 14

Christmas match

Match the pictures on the left to where they belong on the right

By Alice Healy-Marston Age 4 (with help from big sister!)



Surf's Up.

A penguin called Cody, met a chicken called Joe. Together they go to a competition both wanting to Win. During the competition they meet Geek (aka Big Z). Cody discovers that winning is not everything? While with Geek he learns that FRIENDSHIP is more important than winning.



Ratatouille.

Remy is a rat, cooking a French restaurant because of his love of food, because he wants to be a chef. His dream tough for a rat. But finds a young boy, who needs to keep his job at the restaurant, even though he can't cook. It's up to the two of them to avoid the head chef, bring the rest of Remy's family up to his standards, win his partner a girl, and, of course, produce the finest Ratatouille in all of France.



Bratz (For the Girls LOL)

A film about 4 girls who like fashion, helping people and dressing up. At school they are forced to join different groups, and they break up. They don't like this and form their own group. They learnt that everybody is their own and not to follow peer pressure.



By Elizabeth Goodwin, Age 9

'BECOMING JANE' FILM REVIEW

by Myriam – Grace Day

I am a big fan of Jane Austen, her books and anything to do with her so when I heard that a movie was going to be made about her life I was keen to see it. I watched the film, entitled 'Becoming Jane' and must admit that it was a disappointment. Jane Austen was played by the actress, Anne Hathaway, who is a good actress but certainly not the person I would have chosen to play Jane Austen. Jane Austen, in my opinion, the greatest female author England has ever seen but Anne Hathaway is actually *American!* She did put on an English accent for the film but it was not entirely faultless and I certainly think that an English actress would have been more appropriate for playing one of England's cultural icons.

The film was about Jane Austen and her love affair with Tom Lefroy, a young man whom Jane met at a dance. In the film the story was completely changed: Jane met Tom, fell in love and attempted to elope with him, unsuccessfully. Years later, she met him again and gave a reading of *Pride and Prejudice* to his family (he married an Irish heiress). In real life, Jane met him and fell in love; she did not try to elope with him. After two months he was sent back to London by his family who didn't approve of him entering into an engagement with Jane Austen, a young penniless country girl with no fortune. She never met him again.

In the film, they named Jane's sister's fiancé Robert Fowle but he was actually called Thomas Fowle in real life. The colour of Anne Hathaway's hair was too dark: Jane Austen's hair was light brown; Anne Hathaway's was dark brown, almost black. Although this film does have some resemblances to Jane Austen's life story I really think the film director and producers could have done a lot better. I rate this film 2 out of 5.

Pokemon Diamond Review

Pokemon Diamond is a good game to play for the Nintendo DS because it is full of adventures and battles. In the game at the start you have a choice of three Pokemon, Piplup, Chimchar and Turtwig. I picked Piplup, pictured (Right).



In the game you will have to catch various Pokemon, from very small and weak ones to huge gigantic strong ones. Your enemies are called Team Galactic. You will need to battle them.

Also in the game you will need to train your Pokemon for the tough gym battles and the Pokemon league.

I think that it is worth the money because it is so fun to play.

Review by Oliver Smith, aged 12.



Eternal Fellowship by Haley Jenkins aged 16

Answers to Christmas quiz!

Tinsel
Key

Up
Elves
TURKEY

Red
Yule Log

JOKES

Q: What king is the children's favourite at Christmas time?

A: A stocking!

Q: What's brown and sneaks round the kitchen?

A: Mince spies!

Q: What is the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?

A: The Christmas alphabet has noel!

Q: What is a mum's favourite Christmas carol?

A: Silent Night!

Q: What happened to the man who shoplifted a calendar at Christmas?

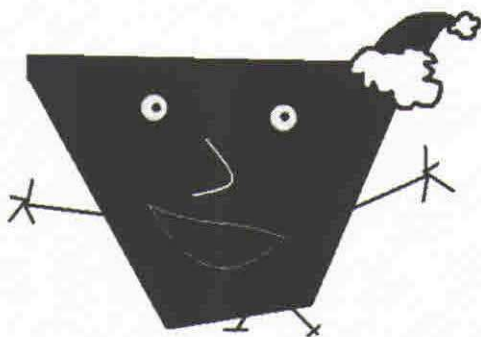
A: He got twelve months!

Q: What's the best xmas present in the world?

A: A broken drum, you can't beat it!

Q: What do sheep write on their Christmas cards?

A: Merry Christmas to ewe!



Christmas Bob By Annie Brown aged 14

The Talking Wall

I want to say Merry Christmas to my wonderful friends Susanna, Amy, Bethany, Hannah, Joe, Una, Kalia, Charlotte, Marie, Katie, Lucy, Chloe, Tayshan, Clemency, Elli, Helen and Becky! You are all amazing friends and I wish you a very Merry Christmas!! Love Haley

Jacqui and June want to wish everyone on the EO Children's List a very happy December festival, whatever you may celebrate! We also wish you a great New Year filled with Skittles, Pocky and Nigella's cake recipes ;o) Oh, and lots of chatting on the list...of course :o)

Hiya everyone! ^^

I'd like to wish Laura, Emily, Abi, Sol + her sister, Kitty, Emily and Meri a merry xmas, and I hope they all have a great time! n.n

Indi xx

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