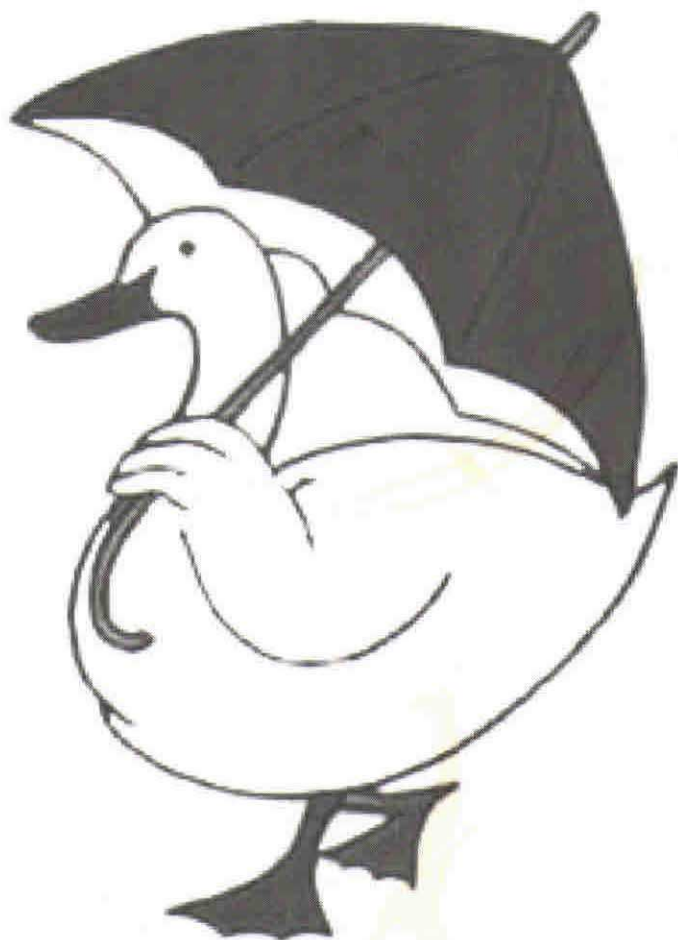


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This is issue 181 of the EO Children's pages. This issue has been edited by Lizzi Armstrong-[lizziarmstrong@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lizziarmstrong@hotmail.co.uk) We must receive your contributions by April 20<sup>th</sup> 2008 for the June 2008 issue. Please make sure any pictures you send are in bold black and white. We cannot accept your work without your full name and full address so please make sure you include these. If you are interested in editing the Children's Pages, contact Jacqui, the newsletter co-ordinator by emailing her- [eochildrenspages@education-otherwise.org](mailto:eochildrenspages@education-otherwise.org)

### April Around The Globe...

*April English*

*Avril French*

*april Dutch*

*April German*

*Απρίλιος Greek*

*Aprile Italian*

*Abril Portuguese*

*Апрель Russian*

*Abril Spanish*

### Phone Numbers...

If you have any personal issue you need to talk about then ring either of these children's counselling phone numbers to talk with someone confidentially...

CHILDLINE 0800 1111

KIDSCAPE 020 77303300

An email list now operates for the children of EO members. To join the list you must send an email to: [EO-Children-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:EO-Children-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) - you will receive an automatic reply asking your parents to send an email giving their name and address so that EO membership can be checked, and giving permission for you to join the list. Once this has been done, the List Moderator will approve the pending membership.

Hello Readers, I hope this issue finds you all well and not soaked through with rain! You know what they say though, April Showers bring May flowers! My big news is that I've adopted a new Puppy called Jack Bertie! He is a one year old Scottie-Yorkie cross boy and he is so sweet! I also still have my fifteen year old princess dog, Pippi who is such a lovely girl. Delilah Ratticus, my pet rat, is very happy- she loves having her runs around and eating cheese biscuits for rodents! Thank you to all who sent contributions in to this issue, well done to you all! There are also lots of pet pals you can write to and lots of pen pals too- all of which I'm sure would love to hear from you! I hope you are all enjoying your studies (and having lots of fun too!) Enjoy the magazine! Best Wishes to you all,

*Lizzi Armstrong*



## April Through The Years

- 1<sup>st</sup>- April Fool's Day- Watch out!
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Pope John Paul II died on this day in 2005, aged 84
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- The first mobile phone call is made in New York, 1973
- 4<sup>th</sup>- Senegal Independence Day
- 5<sup>th</sup>- Winston Churchill resigns from being Prime Minister, 1955
- 6<sup>th</sup>- Fete of little boats, in France today
- 7<sup>th</sup>- Artist Pablo Picasso died on this day in 1973
- 8<sup>th</sup>- Draw a picture of a bird day
- 9<sup>th</sup>- On this day in 1667 in Paris, the first public art exhibition opened
- 10<sup>th</sup>- National Golfers Day
- 11<sup>th</sup>-Apollo 13 is launched, 1970
- 12<sup>th</sup>- On this day in 1606 Great Britain adopted the Union Jack as its flag
- 13<sup>th</sup>- Birth date of Guy Fawkes, 1606
- 14<sup>th</sup>- RMS Titanic hit an ice-burg and sank on this day, 1912
- 15<sup>th</sup>- Leonardo Da Vinci born on this day 1452
- 16<sup>th</sup>-Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 17<sup>th</sup>- On this day in 1397, Geoffrey Chaucer tells the Canterbury Tales at the court of Richard II
- 18<sup>th</sup>- Joan of Arc is made a saint by Rome on this day in 1909
- 19<sup>th</sup>- National garlic day
- 20<sup>th</sup>- On this day in 1653, Oliver Cromwell dissolves the Rump Parliament
- 21<sup>st</sup>- The Tiananmen Square protests with over 100,000 students participating in Beijing, 1989
- 22<sup>nd</sup>- Earth Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup>- William Shakespeare born on this day in 1563
- 24<sup>th</sup>- Winston Churchill knighted by Queen Elizabeth II on this day in 1953
- 25<sup>th</sup>- World Penguin Day
- 26<sup>th</sup>- The world's worst nuclear disaster occurred on this day in Chernobyl, Ukraine, 1986
- 27<sup>th</sup>- World Graphic Design Day
- 28<sup>th</sup>- On this day in 1789 mutiny on the HMS Bounty against Captain William Bligh
- 29<sup>th</sup>- International Dance Day
- 30<sup>th</sup>- Iranian Embassy Siege in London, 1980

## **Events in April...**

*Go along to one of these great events and send us your review of it or any other museums or exhibits you have been to!*

### **For Your Eyes Only: Ian Fleming and James Bond, Imperial War Museum, London**

To celebrate the centenary of Ian Fleming's birth, Imperial War Museum London will launch the first major exhibition devoted to the life and work of the man who created the world's most famous secret agent, James Bond. The exhibition features fascinating material, much on display for the first time, including a selection of annotated Bond manuscripts and the Colt Python .357 Magnum revolver presented to Fleming by the Colt Company in 1964. Material from the films will include the 'blood-splattered' shirt worn by Daniel Craig in *Casino Royale*, along with prototypes of Rosa Klebb's flick knife shoes in *From Russia with Love* and Halle Berry's bikini from *Die Another Day*.

Event Date and Place: 25<sup>th</sup> April 2008- 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009

Contact: Telephone: 020 7416 5320 Website: [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)

### **Doctor Who- Up Close, Red Dragon Centre, Cardiff**

The Doctor Who Up Close exhibition showcases Doctor Who props, costumes and monsters and has in the past been named the number one attraction in Cardiff by The Mail on Sunday. Also based at the Red Dragon Centre are a cinema, bowling alley and restaurants.

Contact: Telephone: 02920 489257 Website: [www.thereddragoncentre.co.uk](http://www.thereddragoncentre.co.uk)

### **Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, Hampshire**

Discover the world famous historic ships- HMS Victory, the Mary Rose & HMS Warrior 1860 that have shaped British history at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard.

Contact: Telephone 02392 839766 Website [www.historicdockyard.co.uk](http://www.historicdockyard.co.uk)

### **A Wild Night Out, Crescent Theatre, Birmingham**

Join the RSPB for a fantastic night of film and entertainment. View the brand new *Waterlands* film and be enthralled by the majesty of some of the UK's most awe-inspiring wildlife spectacles. Discover the secrets of the RSPB's newest reserve in the Midlands: Middleton lakes and then be transported across the world to the Harapan Rainforest in Sumatra. Tickets £9.50

Exhibition Dates: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2008 7.30pm

Contact: Telephone (Box Office) 01905 611427

## Great Websites

[www.kidsonet.com](http://www.kidsonet.com) – A great secure website to have lots of fun on

[www.neopets.com](http://www.neopets.com) – Create neopets, earn neopoints and play games

<http://www.henrytudor.co.uk/page17.htm> - Meet Henry VIII 'himself'!

[www.lego.com](http://www.lego.com) – Play games and find out more about Lego

<http://animal.discovery.com> – A super site to find out more about your favourite animal

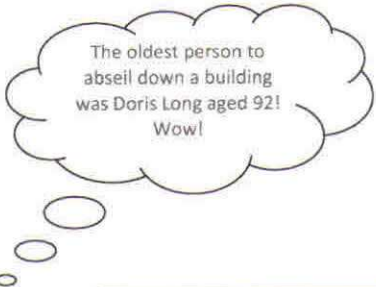
[www.cartooncritters.com](http://www.cartooncritters.com)- Print out and colour some great characters

[www.cartoonnetwork.com/games](http://www.cartoonnetwork.com/games) - Games to play with your favourite TV characters

[www.kidsites.com](http://www.kidsites.com) – A website full of websites! Links to some great sites

[www.rspb.org](http://www.rspb.org) – The site of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds charity

## I say, I say, I say...

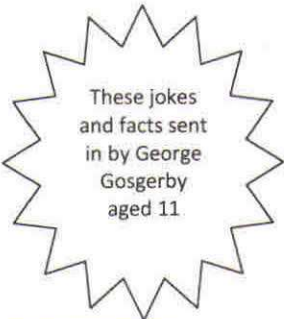


The oldest person to  
abseil down a building  
was Doris Long aged 92!  
Wow!

How did Benjamin Franklin  
discover electricity?

*It came to him in a flash!*

My dog saw a sign that said 'Wet  
Paint' - so he did!!



These jokes  
and facts sent  
in by George  
Gosgerby  
aged 11.

## Stuffed Peppers Recipe...

***Make and enjoy these fantastic peppers!***

Ingredients: 1 Green pepper, 2 Red peppers, 2 yellow peppers, 1 Onion,  
2oz Mushrooms, 2oz Cheese, Butter for frying

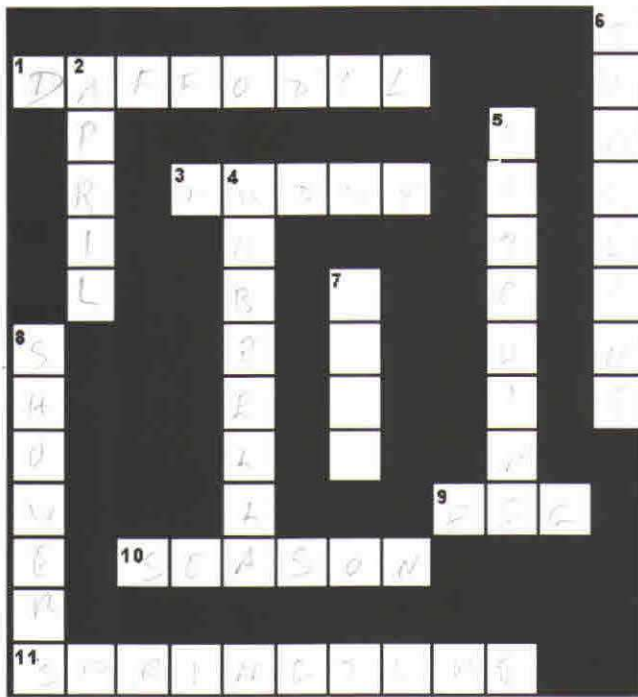
Method: 1. Halve the yellow and red peppers, then wash and deseed them. Place  
on a baking tray.

2. Wash and deseed the green pepper. Chop pepper, mushrooms and onion finely  
and fry in a pan with the butter until soft.

3. Place contents of frying pan in a bowl and mix in the cheese. Add salt and  
pepper to taste

4. Stuff halved peppers with the cheesy mixture. Pack tightly. Place baking tray in  
the oven and cook until you can see cheese bubbling on the top. Enjoy!

## April Crossword



### Clues...

1. These flowers are everywhere at this time of year
2. It is now the month of...
3. With all this rain, my boots are very ...
4. Portable cover from the April showers
5. Look, the chicks are...
6. The weather has been so bad; I cannot wait for some...
7. The sheep has had a baby
8. All these April ...
9. The chicken has laid an ...
10. Spring is the current ...
11. My favourite season is ...

### Anagrams- Rearrange the letters to make the words...

**LAMB RULE** *This should stop you getting rained on*  
**FAD FOLD I** *They're everywhere at this time of year*

**MINTER PIGS** *It is now...*

**DRAMA FRY** *Where lots of animals are being born in the spring*

**DAME WO A** *A place where cattle graze*



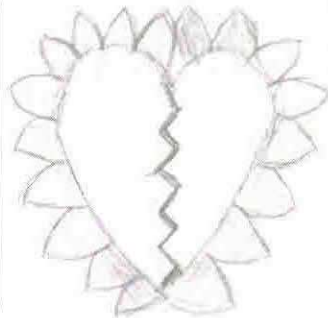
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Spongebob and Friends- George Gosgeby, 11

Broken Hearted- Lois Robinson, 14

Robin Hood- Anna Muir, 13

Well Done all of you!



## PostBag...

Dear Home Edders, I am a 13-year-old girl in year nine. I was home ed last year but am now back at school. It's hard to say that this is completely to my liking but, hey, sometimes things are necessary. What is not necessary, however, is the way children in school are made to learn. Teachers are given a strict curriculum that they must follow in order to give pupils a 'proper education' with the correct amount of 'balance'. To me it is not so much *what* they are told to teach, but *how* they are told to teach, that really makes it a terrible system. There are very particular things about school that I think should be changes. Adults in the past have attempted, through protests, petitions, letters and complaints, to change things to make them better for their children. I don't know what the situation is now with movements against the school curriculum etc, or whether anyone is attempting anything at the moment towards changing our situation. All I do know is that our situation (the situation of all children in school in England) must be changed. Children cannot learn when the learning is obligatory. Education must be offered, not force-fed. I would like to start an 'organisation' - in quotation marks because, no, that is not quite what it will be, but I have no better word at the present - of children who are of the same mind and think the school system should be changed. I think it is important that the people who are protesting against the way children are educated should be the children themselves, not adults who may be ignored as over-reactive parents. The organisation will be called *Onsted*. This is basically the opposite of *Ofsted* (officers for standards in education). I don't know yet what it will stand for, but if anyone has an idea of what it could stand for, or even a better idea for the name of the organisation, please tell me. I know many of you would like to never hear the word 'school' again; if so, please ignore this and never give it another thought. But if you are like me and are back in school, or are thinking of some time going back to school, or even just think about children in school and wish they could be as happy as you are (because surely most home ed kids have pretty cool lives?) - if you think the school system should be changed, please write and tell me. I want to know all your great ideas about how we can change the system; all your thoughts on what *should* be changed, and what you think is bad about school; all the interesting schools you've heard about and what is better about school in other places. Write to me with anything related to this subject, even if it's just to tell me that you hate school - or what's sometimes really great about it! I know schools aren't only made up of curricular monotony. I'd really appreciate your contributions to my campaign. Thank you for reading my message. ...Zoe Duff 181-023

Dear EO,

Please send my compliments to Lizzi Armstrong. I absolutely LOVED the way she edited the February issue. I especially liked the bit where she introduced herself and the February through the years. I would love for her to edit it again. Thank you.

Elena Williams

Thank you Elena, I hope you like this issue too!

### Summer drama project

I am part of a small amateur drama group called Blue Moon Drama, formed a couple of years ago with two friends. We are based in Devon and Cornwall and we have so far performed two plays. This summer we are aiming to perform another play, using a script we have written ourselves. The play is longer and more ambitious than our previous projects, and we are currently looking for people to help with the performance, either as a performer or with music, sound, lighting, scenery, etc.

The main parts have already been cast, but there are several side parts available. We do not as yet have a set time or venue for the performance, and are currently searching for a place to perform.

If you live in Devon or Cornwall and are interested in helping with any aspect of the play, we would love to hear from you. If you are interested please contact the Children's Pages Co-ordinator with your name, address and membership number, quoting reference **181-022** and she will put you in contact with me. Sol

Ref 181-001

Hiya!!! My name is Millie and I'm 12 years old. I have been home educated since June 06 and I'm proud to be. I love reading, DANCING, cooking, designing/modern design, sleepovers, music, camping. I ADORE IMPERSONATING and having fun!!! I dislike 'sheep' who follow fashions and UGG boots. I have 5 BROTHERS (Yes, it's true) and I'm half French. People say I'm bonkers which is true, but hey!!!!!! Please write, I get on with anyone any age.

## Pen Pals

If you want to place an advert to be a pen/pet pal, or answer one of these ads, Then fill out the form on the pet pal page and post it to-

**38 Garwood Close,  
Westbrook, Warrington, WA5  
8TF**

Please be sure to take into consideration the feelings of others when writing to pen or pet pals.

Ref 181-006

Hi. My name is Tallulah (pronounced Ta-loo-la) and I'm 12 year's old. I enjoy tobogganing, Art, French, Music (Galaxy 1.2.2 FM), Dancing, Drama, Singing and reading Jane Blonde books (I have the first four already, I'm waiting for her fifth book!) Oh yeah. I love PURPLE! I would like a pen pal between 11 and 15 as I get on with older children. Write soon! I will reply to all letters.

181-012

Hi. My name is Lois. I'm 15 year's old. I have been home educated for a year and would like a pen pal between 11 and 16, boy or girl. I love cooking, making things, reading and animals and history. I like music such as Fall Out Boy, Panic of the Disco, N Dubz, My Chemical Romance and Black Eyed Peas. I will reply to anyone that writes.  
Bye!!

180-014

Hi! My name is Kavindra and I'm a girl. I am eight year's old. I've always been home educated. I have a dog called Rosie, she is half Jack Russell and half Chihuahua. I also have two cats and a budgie. My favourite animal is a hyena and my favourite bug is a snail. My favourite game's 'IT' and favourite colour is yellow. I love going to parks and the countryside. I'd like a pen-pal of any age, girl or boy, human or animal!

Ref 181-009

Hi. My name is Matt. I am 12, coming up to 13 years old, I have only just started being home educated and I would like penpals around my age (12-15). I like playing football and golf, cricket and I also like watching Dr Who, Torchwood, Who's Line is it Anyway?, Never Mind the Buzzcocks, Top Gear and I support Plymouth Argyle FC. I also like listening to hip hop, R & B, Radiohead and more.

Ref 181-004

Hi. My name is Charlotte (but everyone calls me Charley) and I am 12. I have been home educated for a few months now and am looking for pen pals aged 10-14. I like reading, writing, cooking, listening to music, singing, dancing, swimming, ice skating and HORSE RIDING plus much, much more. I have MSN and BEBO. I will reply to ALL. My favourite animals are horses and donkeys. Write soon please. Bye. PS: I don't have any pets but I love EVERY animal in the world!

Ref 181-005 Hello! My name is Suzanne and I am 9 years old. I am in both Brownies and Cubs and like playing tennis, swimming and reading (especially Harry Potter, Jacqueline Wilson and Enid Blyton). I would like a penpal who will write proper letters, not a mass-produced circular

Ref 181-002

Hey. My name is Poppy. I'm 14. I've been home educated since May 2007. I like to do things like art, cooking, hanging with my friends, shopping and I play my flute. I'm looking for people round the same age, both boys and girls! We could email or MSN or anything.  
Thanks. Poppy. XOX

181-010 Hey! My name is Shanicee, I'm 13 year's old and I started home schooling in September. I love it. I like singing, dancing, make up, listening to country music, drawing and writing stories and letters. I am looking for penpals aged 12-16, boy or girl. Hope to hear from you soon. I promise to write back to everyone. Shanicee. xoxo

Ref 181-008

Hi, I'm Andrew. I am 12 year's old. My interests are watching TV, eg Dr Who, Bones and CSI. I also like to play my video games. I love science, maths, swimming and playing the trumpet. I am new to home schooling and would like penpals aged 11-13, boys or girls.

181-011

Hi. My name is Rachel. I am 13 years old. I have been home educated since April 2007. I would like a pen pal of any age. I love Harry Potter, Wallace and Gromit and High School Musical. My favourite celeb is Zac Efron (HSM). I love speaking French and Hebrew (not fluent in either). I love playing the piano, watching TV, singing, pottery, my Playstation 2 and watching films. My favourite books are Harry Potter and Chronicles of Narnia. Hope to hear from you soon.

Ref 181-003

Hiya. I'm Leilani. I'm 12 years old. I like reading, animals, arts and crafts and loads more! My music interests are pop, urban dance and R 'n' B (I'm lovin' Rhianna and Cascada!) I'll reply to anyone 11+ via email or letters. So can't wait to hear from you?!?! PS I love HSM and Harry Potter! Bye!

181-015

Hi. My name is Josh. I am looked for a pen pal, aged 6-10, girl or boy. I like reading, watching DVD's, playing with my cat willow, swimming, and lots more! I will reply to any letter.

Dear Children's Pages, My name is \_\_\_\_\_

Could you please:

\*Send me details for the pen/pet pal numbers 181- \_\_\_\_\_

\*Put my attached advert for a pen/pet pal in the next issue.

Membership Number- \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date- \_\_\_/\_\_\_/2008

Address- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Post Code- \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Pet Pals...

181-016

Hiya, I'm Flash. I'm a five year old multi-coloured guinea pig. I would really like a petpal of any age, shape or breed. I would especially like guinea pigs in Scotland, but it doesn't matter where or who you are. I will reply to all letters. Bye. Flash

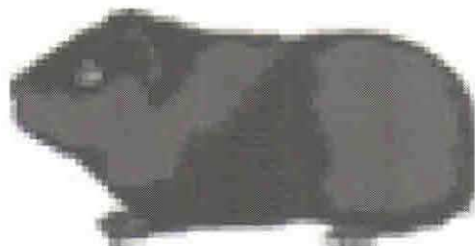


Your pets can keep in touch with other home educated pets with EO pet pals!

To reply to any of these ads or to put your own advert in, fill in the form on the pen pals page.

Ref 181-007

Hi! My name is Jerry but you can call me Jez for short. My picture is on the right. I'm very mischievous and adventurous. I would love another hamster pal, boy or girl. I am a boy by the way. I am nocturnal so it might take me longer to write. I will reply to all letters. PS. I don't really mind what type of animal you are just as long as you won't eat me!



181-013

I'm Casie. I am a 12 year old Yorkshire Terrier who loves food and walks.

181-019

Hello. I am a 13 year old tabby cat called Tinkerbell.

I am a house cat and some people think I am fat. But I think that I am just curvy.

I love to play and bat around a toy. I am also wise as well. I would love to hear from any pet that likes cats.



While the Children's Pages editor and NL co-ordinator take care to verify that all pet/pen-pal correspondents are EO members, it is up to parents to inform themselves of what and to whom their children reply. Children are reminded that they should consider the feelings of others when writing or responding to letters.

Pet-pals must also include: full name and address of owner/carer (not just the pet)

## Who? What? Where? When?

### Study On... Winston Churchill

**Who?** British Prime Minister through the Second World War

**What?** He was in charge of the British government and made decisions to benefit Britain

**Where?** He worked in London and lived in Kent

**When?** Born 13<sup>th</sup> November 1874 - Died January 24<sup>th</sup> 1965



A handwritten signature of Winston Churchill in cursive script.



### Study On... Boadicea

**Who?** Queen of the Iceni people

**What?** She led the native Iceni people in battle against the Romans when they invaded Britain

**Where?** She lived in what is now Norfolk, England

**When?** Lived around AD 60



### Study On...France

**Who?** A country in Europe, next to Spain, Belgium, Italy, Luxembourg, Switzerland and Germany

**What?** Snowy mountains, beaches and sightseeing make France very popular with tourists

**Where?** Paris is the capital, famous for the Eiffel Tower



## The Falklands Conflict- 1982

On April 2<sup>nd</sup> it will be the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the invasion of the Falkland Islands. The Falklands conflict was fought between the United Kingdom and Argentina. The conflict began when the Argentines invaded and occupied the Falklands Islands, a British territory 2000 miles away in the South Atlantic Islands, with the intention of claiming it as Argentine land (Malvinos). Britain sent out troops to the Falkland Islands to stop this invasion, and after just over two months of battle, Argentina surrendered. Many soldiers died in the Falklands conflict on both sides- 255 British troops and 649 Argentine troops also 3 civilian islanders, but many more were injured. Do you know anyone who was in the Falklands conflict?



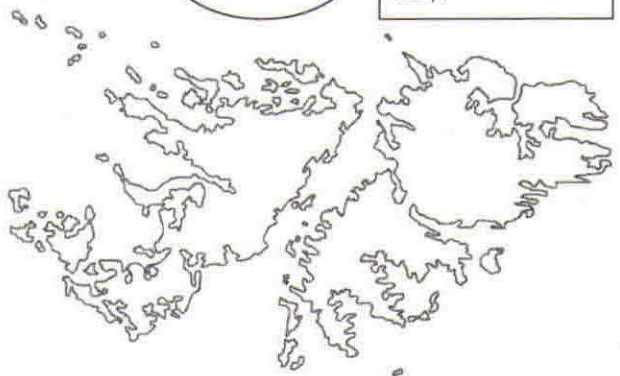
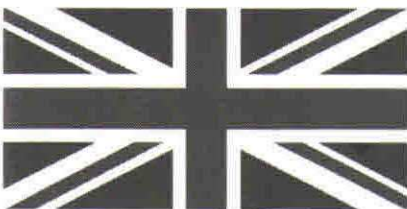
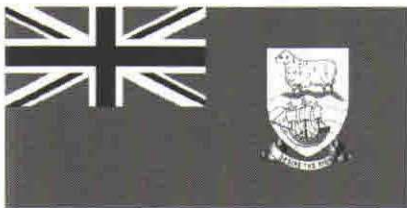
Did you know?  
All the soldiers in the conflict received the South Atlantic Medal.



It is World Penguin day on April 25th

### Penguins

- +Over 15 million penguins live in the South Atlantic and a large amount of these live in the Falklands.
- +There are five different species of penguin living in the Falklands- the Rockhopper, Gintoo, Macaroni, Magellanic and King.
- +A group of penguins is called a rookery.
- +Penguins are very noisy!



Falklands Flag  
British Flag  
Argentine Flag

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Did you know?  
Prince Andrew served in the Falklands war on board HMS Invincible as a helicopter pilot