

Education Otherwise Children's Pages



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Contributions must be received by the 20th August for the October 2009 issue.

Send your items for printing and requests for pen pals using the back page form to the Children's Pages Co-ordinator. (See contact details on the following page)

Hi Everyone -

Gail here. I'm acting Children's Pages Co-ordinator (what a mouth full!). It's me you would have emailed or spoken to if you have edited the Children's Pages or made any enquires.

I'm just butting in to let you know why this edition is a bit

smaller than usual. Our editor this time is really unwell and not been able to complete the task. I wish him a speedy recovery - **GET WELL SOON!**



All contributions that have been received this time are included in this issue. We have an editor for the next issue – Amina Mezni – and we all look forward to her first time editing the EO Children's Pages.

Probably the most popular edition of the year is the December, Christmas issue. Are there any aspiring young editors who would like the challenge of taking on this issue? Or if you don't fancy that one, any others? Let me know if you want to turn your hand to a bit of editing.

Whilst I'm here and have the opportunity, I would just like to say a **VERY BIG THANK YOU** to all the editors I have had the privilege to work with during my time as Co-ordinator.

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

Gail

Do you want to edit the children's pages? – *If so, please contact the children's pages co-ordinator by e-mail at: eochildrenspages@educationotherwise.org or write to: Education Otherwise Children's Pages, PO Box 325, St Germans, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE34 3XW. Tel: 08445 868917.*

Notes for contributors – *Any contributions should only be made using black pen on white paper. Please note that all contributions must have the full name of the child or family and address. Membership number should also be included if possible.*

Children's Forum – *There is a children's forum on the EO website for kids of EO members to chat and make friends. To join the forum, e-mail childrensforum@educationotherwise.org for more information and sign-up details.*

Phone numbers – **CHILDLINE: 0800 1111, KIDSCAPE: 0207 7730 3300.**



Pen Pals

Hi, my name is Yasmin. I am 14 years old. I have been home educated for a year. I have 2 cats, 1 dog, and 1 rabbit. My fave music is Miley Cyrus, Taylor Swift, Avril Lavigne, N-Dubz and loads more.

My hobbies are playing the PS2 and Nintendo DS. I would like pen-pals any age, boy or girl. Hope to hear from you soon! ☺☺ xxx Bye for now. **Ref: E001**

Hi, my name is Natalie, I am 11. I am a Christian and I love wearing bright coloured clothes. I would like my pen-pal to be 11 or 12 and girls only please, bye! ☺ **Ref: E002**

Hello, I'm Alice and I am 13 years old. I have been home educated for 2 years and am really enjoying it. My interests and hobbies include manga and anime, art, music, animals, walking, Guides, iceskating, climbing, video games and loads more. I have been drawing manga for about 4 years and play games like Dead or Alive 4 and Street Fighter. I also play clarinet and guitar which I am really enjoying. I have lots of pets; 1 dog, 3 cats, 1 hamster, 1 tortoise and 3 chickens! I like bands and singers like ARTHUR, Fishing for Eyelashes, Jesca Hoop and Gwen Stefani, some of these bands play at my favourite home educators festival, HESFES! I would like to receive letters or e-mails from girls or boys aged 12+ and will try to reply to all letters. **Ref: E003**

Hi, my name is Arta and I am 9 years old. I'm looking for a pen-pal aged 9+. I love reading and writing, my fave files are : The Simpsons, Black Books and Mr Men and my fave writers are Enid Blyton, Jacqueline Wilson, and Anne Fine. I love receiving letters and writing letters, and I am a vegetarian. Hope to hear from you soon, Arta xxx ☺ **Ref: E004**

Hi, my name is Bliss. I am 7 ½ and have just begun my home school journey. I am looking for a pen-pal girl or boy to write to. I love dancing, singing, swimming, animals and think home school is the best. I cannot wait to hear from you! **Ref: E005**

Hi, my name is Joshua. I love playing on the PS2, building with my Lego, riding my bike and opening presents at Christmas and my birthday. I also like drawing my own comics. I am 10 years old. Yours sincerely, Joshua. **Ref: E006**



Hi, my name is Lizzie. I like karate, animals, swimming, jumping on trampolines. Hope to hear from you soon! PS: I am 7 years old. **Ref: E007**

Hi, my name is Lucy. I am 7 and nearly 8. I love reading, crafting and playing on the playstation. I would like a pen-pal ages 6-10. I go to beavers, judo and home-ed groups. I have been home educated for about two months now. I am looking forward to hearing from you. Bye! **Ref: E008**

Hi, My name is Rhiannon. I am 11 years old and I will be 12 in December. I enjoy reading fantasy books, such as Eragon, Harry Potter and Terry Pratchett books, and also writing and drawing. I love trampolining, swimming and hula hooping. I also love cooking and going on the computer. I dislike HSM, Hannah Montana etc. My favourite animal is a monkey. I would love to hear from boys or girls between about 10 and 14. **Ref: E009**

Hi! Kitty here. ☺ I am 7 years old and I have never been to school. I have two pet goldfish and a little brother. I like High School Musical, Hannah Montana, and Nintendo DS. I do lots of sports including kickboxing, rollerskating, swimming, and gymnastics. I would like a boy or girl pen pal of any age. Hope to hear from you soon! **Ref: E010**

Hello, my name is Holly and I am six years old and have always been home educated. I like playing Sims, Wii games, drawing, animals and writing letters. I love dancing and singing, High School Musical, Camp Rock, and The Simpsons. **Ref: E011**

Hi, my name is Logan and I am 5 years old. I would like a pen-pal boy or girl. I like skateboarding, punk music, watching Ben 10, climbing trees, photography, cooking and drawing. I will reply to all letters, look forward to hearing from you! **Ref: E012**



NOTE: While the Children's Pages editor and NL co-ordinator take care to verify that all pet/pen-pal correspondents are EO members, they are not vetted in any way and it is the responsibility of parents to oversee any replies your children send or receive. 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).

Word Search: One

V T S F X R F C A M P I N G
G O U C X I G S E A S I D E
S P H H B Y M Q N I J C U S
T B U M A E R C E C I P A S
R S M O S T U Y L G A L C M
A U M U U B V L F B F U I M
W M I Q N U Q L G U F B R E
B M N Z S M O P T T Y S Z A
E E G T H B R I F T N J Q D
R R B R I L Z H C E S Q X O
R T I U N E W Q B R Q F K W
I I R W E B W L L F N P S I
E M D Z E E G H O L F W F I
S E J D Q E M P V Y B B S R

List of Words to Find:

bumblebee

butterfly

camping

hummingbird

ice-cream

meadow

seaside

strawberries

summertime

sunshine



Word Search: Two

F S K Y D Q W V Y I B I J J
C T M R H R W E R O S E R V
O L S A H T E I F E I N U Q
T M C N F N K W W O S R S Y
V A E E I U G W O G R R I O
K B S M T M R G M L U T R S
C M O O D D D A T A F W Z X
F W S N U O G I T Z C N C Z
R M Q E Z N M L Z N A Q U I
E G A Z O E A H J R P Y V S
E V I L Z D N A P E O N Y O
S G I K C Y R D X E J S P T
I A Y T B E I J D A I S Y L
A A E T L J G H F P O P P Y

List of Words to Find:

anemone

dahlia

daisy

freesia

iris

magnolia

peony

poppy

rose

sunflower



Poems and Rhymes



Barefoot Days by Rachel Field

In the morning, very early,
That's the time I love to go
Barefoot where the fern grows curly
And the grass is cool between each toe,
On a summer morning – O!
On a summer morning!

That is when the birds go by
Up the sunny slopes of air,
And each rose has a butterfly
Or a golden bee to wear;
And I am glad in every toe –
Such a summer morning – O!
Such a summer morning!

We Have a Little Garden by Beatrix Potter

We have a little garden,
A garden of our own,
And every day we water there
The seeds that we have sown.

We love our little garden,
And tend it with such care,
You will not find a faded leaf
Or blighted blossom there.



Pen-Pals Form

If you would like to contact a pal from this issue of the Children's Pages (Issue 189) or would like to request that an advert, article or other item be included in the next issue, please complete the form below.

My name is _____

Could you please:

- Send me the details for pal numbers: EO - ____ / ____ / ____ / ____ / ____ / ____ / ____
- Put my attached advert for a pal in the next issue. *(Delete whichever doesn't apply).

EO Family Membership No: _____ Today's Date: ____ / ____ / 2009

Address: _____

_____ Postcode _____

Parent / Guardian's name (please print) _____

Parent's Email Address _____

I give permission for my child/ren named above to advertise for a pen-pal or reply to an advert in EO's Children's Pages. I understand that once contact details have been given out by EO, the responsibility for contact with the other family and how and when this happens is mine.

Signature _____

Please either post this slip, **with an sae** to:

EO Children's Pages, PO Box 325, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, PE34 3XW

or

ask your parent / guardian to send an email to eochildrenspages@educationotherwise.org from their personal email account with all the details on the form above. Please ensure the permission statement above is copied in full, followed by their full name.

Please note that the email address used to send this request must be listed on the membership database which will show the email address you listed on your new member or renewal form. If you have changed your email address since then, or want to register your email address, please contact the Database Administrator before sending off this form. Her email address is: membership@educationotherwise.org.

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!