

Children's Pages, Issue 142  
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Halloween is here!

Trick or treat?

Watch all the ghosts gather and meet.

Light your pumpkin and put on your hat

Wave hello to the friendly bat!

Watch the witches dance around a huge pumpkin mound!

Halloween is here!

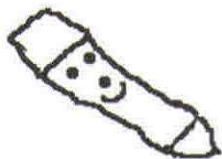
Trick or treat?

How many ghosts will you meet?

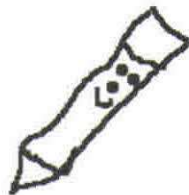


By Amie





# Pen Pals



Jessica is looking for a penfriend. She is eleven and enjoys music, football and Harry Potter books. She would like a penfriend - boy or girl - aged between 10 and 13, who might have food allergies like herself. She promises to answer all letters! Write to: Jessica Belgium, 52 Camberly Road, Knowle, Bristol, BS4 1SZ

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Hi, I am Maya. I am 7 years old. I am looking for a pen pal who is the same age. I like music, dancing and Beany Babies.

Hi my name is Rane. I am nine years old and I am looking for a pen pal who is 9/14, M/F, I like to listen to music, climb trees, ride my bike, art and reading Harry Potter.

If you would like to reply please write to: Maya or Rane Twyford, 8 Wood Road, Hadnall, Shropshire, SY4 3DF or Rane<world.bridger@virgin.net

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15 year old Gothic girl, looking for other Gothic/freaks to talk to and have a laugh with. I'm into heavy metal music which includes band like metallica, Pantera, Black Sabbath, Staticx and Fear Factory. I love horse riding also and I enjoy listening to music, reading, writing long letters and the internet So if you want to chat and are between the ages of 14 - 17 write to me at:

Sophie Godwin, 1 Shrimpton Road, Beaconfield, Buckinghamshire, HP9 2AX

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Hello, I'm Mariam Grace Day. I am 8 years old. I would like some pen friends between 7 and 10 years old. I love animals, history, reading and drawing. I'm writing a fiction book and have been for a while now. I have 2 guinea pigs, a hamster, 2 dogs, 3 cats, and stick insects. Please write to me

The address is: Park House, Danby, Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO21, 2LN

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Hi! My name is Cecily Duckett and I'm 14. I recently left school and in a few weeks I will be starting with English and Maths. I don't know anyone else who is Home Educated yet, so I'd love to hear from anyone 13+ anywhere! Particularly people in Hertfordshire. I'd love to hear from you at :- Cecily Duckett, 30 Churchfield, Harpenden, Hertfordshire, AL5 1LL, or :- scescilius@breathe.com

Hi, my name is Cassandra but all my mates call me Cass. I am 14 and love going to the cinema, writing and I love animals. My fave music is Shaggy. I will reply to anyone, any age, anywhere. Write to me at:

Cass Baxter, 10 Bakewell Street, Coalville, Leicestershire, LE67 3BA  
101 per cent reply.

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My name is Joe Mitchell, I am 12 years old, I like listening to U2, Wheatus, David Gray and other cool stuff. My hobbies are snow boarding, Kayaking and swimming. Love nature. I keep stick insects and tropical fish. Could someone write to me, male or female aged between 11 and 14 years old.

My name is Fern Mitchell, I am 9 years old, my hobbies are swimming, playing on the computer, riding my bike, hill walking, reading, I love nature, I have a black labrador called Fin and some tropical fish. I like listening to music, Wheatus, Destinies Child, I would like to write to girls between the age of 7 and 10 years old.

Please write to us at: The Byre, Cromdale, Grantown-on-Spey, Morayshire,  
Scotland, PH26 3LQ

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Hi my name is Kim, I'm 12 and my hobbies are dancing, first aid, writing letters, reading and T.V. Please write to me I will reply to all letters, male or female 12+. Write to: Kim Hughes, 82 Sheep Walk, Paston, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, PE4 7BJ or email me - Kimandhugalv@supanet.com or Kjhughes@citvclub.com

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Hi, my name is Carl Butcher and I'm 11. My hobbies include: Computer games, gameboy games, making new models out of K'nex. I also like learning new board/card games. I would like to write to a girl or boy aged 8-15. I also like Pok'emon and Robot wars.

Hi, my name is Nicola Butcher and I am 6. I like writing stories, riding my bike, making greeting cards, cross stitch, cookery and beanies. My favourite books are from the Animal Ark series, Farthing wood and Secert 7 series. I am a rainbow guide.

Hi, my name is Victoria Butcher and I'm 8. I like writing, cooking, Brownies, cross stitch, swimming, reading and sweets! I would like to write to a boy or girl aged over 5, anywhere in the world.

Write to us at: 453, Lonsdale Road, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, SG1 5DU  
or email us at: sea.butcher@ntlworld.com for Carl  
or f.butcher@ntlworld.com for Nicola and Victoria.

My name's Forest, I'm nearly 5 and like electrical things, wildlife, cycling, reading, walking, being Vegan, digging, filling in forms and saving the planet! I would especially like Vegan penpals (M/F). Write to me at: Forest Urquhart, 12 Moness Avenue, Aberfeldy, Perthshire, PH15 2DJ

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Hello my name is Ellie. I am 14 years old in April 2002. I left school two months ago so at the moment I feel a bit isolated, so I would love to write to anybody M/F 14-16 and meet up with people in my area. I have 10 Bichon Frisé dogs that are so lovely, I like T.V, videos, cinema, shopping, going out for dinner, I like SMTV and have a dry mad sense of humour with 10 dogs I need to be. I love reading and writing to pen pals I also like English, history and cooking. I would like to write to someone with Christian values. You can write to me at:

Miss Ellie Hare, 27 Hermitage Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, SS0 7NQ

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Hi my name is Kirsty , I'll be 13 in December, I would like e-pals M/F aged 11-14. I like music, B\*witched, Scub7, Savage Garden, BBmac etc, writing letters, shopping and the internet.

Please email me at: [Kirsty-anghared-newell@yahoo.com](mailto:Kirsty-anghared-newell@yahoo.com)

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The Childrens Pages have evolved! With four extra pages you can send in articles, tell us about your interesting hobbies, make a word puzzle that no-one will get or just say Hi to your friends! So sit back and enjoy the The Children's Pages as you have never seen it before!



## Dancing My Boogie Out!

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I was born at a very young age. I lived a bit, I danced a bit – I grew up to be 8 years old and went to a dance-drama-singing-thing called Stagecoach in Torquay. I danced, I drama-ed and I sang, except this time I was directed. I performed in *West Side Story* (end of term show) – this was the first proper performance I did. I grew up a little bit more. At this point I was 9. I auditioned for the pantomime *Dick Whittington* at the Princes Theatre Torquay – I got the part of a rat. I did 17 performances of scurrying, scurrying, scurrying. Scaring Ian Smith, (Harold from weirdo *Neighbours*) who played Alderman Fitzwarren.

It was the last performance – Cool, the horrible tight itchy costume gone.

It was Christmas time. Here's a little carol. *Jingle Bells, Batman smells, Robin flew away. The bat mobile lost its wheels, the Joker got away ... hey!* (Excuse this madness!). New Year was 'ere! Cheers!

I joined another drama-group-school-thing in Exeter called Stage by Stage. The difference between Stagecoach and Stage by Stage is that Stage by Stage will rehearse until whatever we're doing is perfect – where Stagecoach doesn't. But Stagecoach does give you the opportunity to audition and take part in productions at well known theatres and perform with famous theatre companies. A Russian opera company flew into town – Torquay town. I was chosen to be part of the crowd scenes with the company for the operas *La Bohème, Cavalleria Rusticana* and *Pagliacci*. The Director, I couldn't understand at all and I couldn't even understand the interpreter. Moving on hastily...

Around this time I began to choreograph my own dance to N Sync's 'Bye, Bye, Bye' – which I showed to Stagecoach and Stage by Stage. Now came the big one! Being part of a dance troupe I auditioned for a show at the London Palladium promoting young performers. We got it! We went up to London to the BBC studios for the rehearsals. It was 5 hours on the coach – lots of laughter, lots of mobile phones ringing, lots and lots of food and a little bit of sleep. *Sunday Night Live At The London Palladium* (the name of the show) – the day arrived. It was chaos backstage – jazz shoes missing, stressy make-up being applied, last minute sewing of costumes – oh my – it was so complicated to go to the loo because everyone wanted to go at the same time. The moment had come to go on stage and we danced our boogie out!

Back home, straight into the auditioning for *Joseph and His Amazing Coloured Dreamcoat*. I was chosen to be in the choir. 11 performances of singing, singing and more singing. The choir stays on stage for the whole show. There were horrible tiered steps that we had to sit on that were rock hard and made your bum-numb and your knees-wheeze!

And so on to auditioning for a part in *Treasure Island* at Stage by Stage. Wahoo! I got the part of Long John Silver. Lots of lines to learn .... *Jim Lad* *OOO Arhhh, OOO Arhhh and a bottle of rum!* We're starting to rehearse in September to perform in December!

Birthday time came and went – now I'm 10 years old. The *Joseph* choir were asked by Glenn Kerslake (actor/singer who performed as the Phantom in *Phantom of The Opera* in the West End and also starred in the original *Miss Saigon* – and other West End shows) to take part in the production called *Magic at The West End*. So back to rehearsals and the show at the Palace Avenue Theatre in Paignton.

Phew! Got all those things out of the way. So why do I perform? I love it, okay – what do I love? Entertaining people is great, having hundreds of people watching you; I love being side-stage just about to come on; love the costumes; the people .... what don't I like? Nothing!

I've just finished performing at the Air Fusion Young People's Music Festival in Newton Abbot. Dancing both my pieces that I performed at the London Palladium and also on the main stage in a 20-piece choir – singing songs from famous musicals. Songs such as: *Whistle Down the Wind*, *Can You Feel the Love Tonight (Lion King)* and numerous songs from *Joseph*.

Looking forward to new productions, getting back to my drama groups. If anyone wants to be a performer, start at places like Stagecoach and Stage by Stage. Stagecoach has 300 plus Stage schools all over the world and is the largest part-time theatre school in the country. Lots of famous people have been to Stagecoach, such as the actor for Billy Elliot; also from the Torquay Stagecoach – Paul from *S club 7*, The boy who plays Simba in *The Lion King* at the Lyceum Theatre in London, kids in adverts, TV shows – children's programmes like *Grange Hill*, *Worst Witch*, *The Hoobs*; programmes like *The Bill*, *Casualty*; documentaries and dramas and hundreds of shows and musicals and pantomimes all over the country.

To finish off – a little joke...

Q: *How do you get 4 giraffes into a mini?*

A: *Two in the back and two in the front.*

Q: *How do you get 4 elephants into a mini?*

A: *None. The giraffes are already in it!*

Barnaby. That's me! - Bye

P.S. I've never been to school and never will – I haven't got the time!!  
(10 years old)

Buckfastleigh, Devon.

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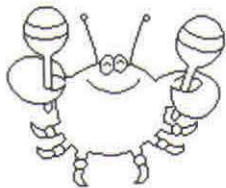
Let's think our selves on  
a desert island, let's make believe  
that we are on a boat, let's think  
what we would like to do  
if we had a magical flying coat!



Let's pretend that we are flying  
through the air, waving hello to every  
Lion, Tiger and Bear.

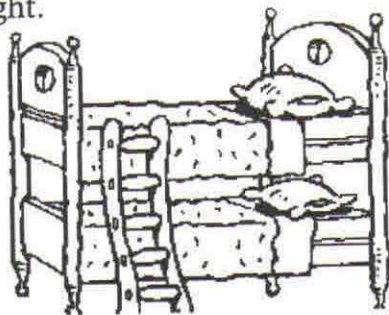


Let's pretend that we're swimming deep into the sea,  
stopping to say hello to a crab who offers us tea!



Let's think that we are back at home,  
not in the sea deep, lying in our beds  
about to fall asleep.

Let's close our eyes and count to ten.....  
I know that I will be asleep by then.....  
Good Night.



# Talking wall

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This wall is for any E.O. child to use.  
You can send messages (for example  
to people you don't know how  
to contact otherwise.)



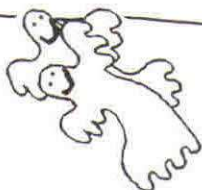
Make suggestions,  
(for example, Anthea Axten  
suggested this wall.),  
ask questions, state facts or  
just say hello to your friends.



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**Childline:** 0800 1111



A big HELLO to Stephanie Norton,  
Suzie Downing, Miles Kreidler,  
Chelsea Monutney and Emily Sweetman  
message...call me! From Kim xxx

Looking for M/F friends aged 10 -14  
in the Kent/ East Sussex area?  
Please write to: Suzie Downing, 29 High Street,  
Robertsbridge, East Sussex, TN32 5AQ



Hello to Arran, Willow,  
Gus and Barnaby  
from Amie!



Hi Louise my emails  
don't seem to be able to get to  
you do you know whats wrong?  
Email me soon Amie

- Ask a few Head teachers