

Monthly Magpies

Historic Person – A Hero or A Villain:

On December 2, 1804, Napoleon Bonaparte was crowned Emperor of France by Pope Pius VII in Paris. He had born into a fairly wealthy family, and through his military successes soon became a very famous and powerful leader. Once he was Emperor, he started giving lots of the top jobs to his own family and he soon became rather unpopular.

If you were the Emperor, who would you put in charge of which jobs and why? Would you choose people you thought were trustworthy, or people who were experts at the role?



Fun and Free:

Christmas Light Treasure Hunt

During lockdown, we have had to take many walks. First we looked for rainbows, and then we looked for poppies. Why not take a walk and see how many Christmas trees you see! You could start a competition with your friends. Who will be the first person to see 100 Christmas trees? You could even design your own tree on a piece of paper, and send a photo in for us to share in our magpie assembly!



Composer Central:

One of our composers of the week this half term has been Ryuichi Sakamoto. He is a Japanese composer, singer, songwriter, record producer, activist, and actor who has pursued a diverse range of styles as a solo artist and as a member of Yellow Magic Orchestra (YMO). As a film-score composer, Sakamoto has won an Oscar, a BAFTA, a Grammy, and 2 Golden Globe Awards. Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence (1983) marked his debut as both an actor and a film-score composer; its main theme was adapted into the single "Forbidden Colours" which became an international hit. On occasion, Sakamoto has also worked as a composer and a scenario writer on anime and video games. In 2009, he was awarded the Ordre des Arts et des Lettres from the Ministry of Culture of France for his contributions to music.

Why not listen to some of his music here:

<https://youtu.be/HAFLW-dQpyE>

What stories does it inspires you to tell? You can email these in to be shared in our magpie assembly.



Marvellous Mental Health:

Sometimes we all need time to reflect and slow down. One way to do this is to make a snow globe. Whenever you feel worried or cross, shake up the globe and watch the snow gently settle again. As you do this, focus on your breathing. Let your thoughts come and go and let your muscles relax. This technique can really help calm you down. Top tips for making your own snow globe can be found here:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-make-snow-globe>



Sports Person of the Month - Marcus Rashford

This month, we have dedicated some extra space to our sports person of the month and his amazing achievements.

Marcus Rashford MBE (born 31 October 1997) is an English professional footballer who plays as a forward for Premier League club Manchester United and the England national team. He played at the UEFA Euro 2016 as the tournament's youngest player, and also represented England at the 2018 FIFA World Cup

A Manchester United player from the age of seven, Rashford scored two goals on both his first-team debut against Midtjylland in the UEFA Europa League in February 2016 and his Premier League debut against Arsenal three days later. He also scored in his first Manchester derby match, his first EFL Cup match and his first UEFA Champions League match. With United, Rashford has so far won the FA Cup, EFL Cup, FA Community Shield and Europa League. Rashford scored on his England debut in May 2016, becoming the youngest English player to score in his first senior international match. He played at the UEFA Euro 2016 as the tournament's youngest player, and also represented England at the 2018 FIFA World Cup.

Recently, Marcus has been in the spotlight off the pitch, leading campaigns on the issues of homelessness and child hunger in the United Kingdom. Rashford's powerful campaigning has thrust the neglected issues of child poverty and hunger on to the front pages of the national media and he was awarded an MBE by the Queen for his efforts.

This month, Marcus Rashford launched a book club and his own range of literature with the aim of giving children from all backgrounds the opportunity to embrace reading from an early age. He said: "I only started reading at 17, and it completely changed my outlook and mentality. I just wish I was offered the opportunity to really engage with reading more as a child, but books were never a thing we could budget for as a family when we needed to put food on the table.

The first book to be released, in May 2021, will be *You Are A Champion: Unlock Your Potential, Find Your Voice And Be the Best You Can Be*. Each chapter of the book will begin with a story from Rashford's own life and cover topics such as the value of education, positive mentality, understanding culture and female role models.

