

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW
WITH MS. MCLAREN



VAGUELY CRAIGY



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Welcome to the first edition of 'Vaguely Craigy'.

Our new school magazine, by Craigroyston and about Craigroyston.

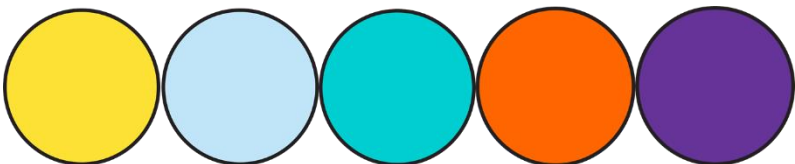
We aim to cover news and stories about everything going on in our school and the surrounding community!

It is a chance for us to share what's happening, entertain you with our wit and recommend things for you to do in your spare time!

If you take part in any of the games, puzzles or activities, you can even win house points for Arran, Bute and Mull!

We hope you enjoy,

THE VAGUELY CRAIGY CREW



STAFF INTERVIEW

MS. MCLAREN



1. What made you want to be a teacher? *I've always loved working with young people. I once travelled to Romania and taught young people over there. I also love English, so I thought why not do both of the things I love?*

2. Do you enjoy being a headteacher more than an English teacher? *I miss working with students in the classroom and speaking to students and learning about them but as the headteacher I can impact a lot of young people's lives instead of just a few.*

3. What did you think of school when you came back from maternity leave? *I was upset by how the standard of uniform had dropped but I understand that people had come out of routine due to the pandemic and it was something I could fix quickly. I was glad to come back and see everyone again and get back into our routine.*

4. What has been your favourite moment of being a headteacher? *I don't think big things are the best things about being a headteacher, it's the little things. Like seeing people succeed when they think they wouldn't, talking to students and seeing them do well.*

5. Has your perspective changed since becoming a mother? *Yes. I've got a greater understanding of how parents feel when something happens to their children. Before I was sympathetic but now I can relate more personally to their feelings.*

6. Is there anything new you want for the school? *I'd probably get rid of Fridays. Students see it as a lazy day and don't take it as seriously and lots of people miss it. I want to increase attendance and see more people coming in on the days they don't find to be serious.*

7. What do you want the PLT to achieve this year? *I think lockdown made the PLT last year lose some opportunities, so I want the PLT to be more visible again and become proper leaders this year.*

MORE

8. Do you think S6s could do more for the school? *One of the biggest things I see as a problem is littering. Members of the community always email me about how students have littered in their gardens, on roads etc. I would like seniors to make sure people conduct themselves properly during breaks and lunches.*

9. How would you want the younger years to be more involved in the school? *I want them to be more involved in the decision making but we can't do that right now. We need to teach them to be more responsible and more confident, so they have more of a voice instead of waiting till senior years for them to take part.*

10. Do you want anything you want to say to the school? *I love our school. I love the students and I think it's important for me to know all the students and for them to know that we should work together to make Craigroyston a better place.*

11. If you could change something in the school, what would it be? *It would be Fridays again. I would like a four-day week and just add an extra hour to every other day. Fridays aren't seen as important, and no one sees it as a time for urgency. I would also like to extend the school into the playground, so we can get a new building. I want to make our technology better, like new computers and stuff.*

12. What were you like at school? *Oh, I was a teacher's pet. I was head girl at school and everything, but I still had a laugh, I just didn't get in trouble a lot. School was fun, I liked seeing my mates all the time but we didn't have any social media or anything, so school was pretty much the only place you could properly see your pals.*

Questions by Olivia Sheriff

*Interview by Kane Hunter,
Erin Aldridge and Peter*

INTER-HOUSE CHALLENGE

The first Inter-house Challenge had pupils being tasked with writing poems out of a random selection of words. The fantastic winners were...

BGE Winners:

- 1st Place – Jharana Kandel (Arran S1) - 300 House Points
- 2nd Place - Mohamed Awad and Jonathan Enabulele Odeh (Arran S1) – 200 House Points
- 3rd Place – Alan Wilkie and Reece Reid (Bute S2) – 100 House Points

Senior Winners:

- 1st Place - Danna Sutherland (Mull S5) – 300 House Points
- 2nd Place – Mam Jarra Senghore (Arran S6) – 200 House Points
- 3rd Place – Amie Cham (Arran S5) – 100 House Points

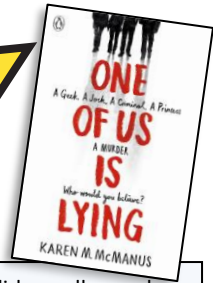
REVIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Very well written murder mystery with countless plot twists. This is one of the best books I've read in the past few weeks. I really liked the way the author made the readers feel the mystery tension throughout the whole book. Which makes the reader to want to know what happens next. Personally, because of the curiosity I had while reading the book, I've read it very quickly.

In my opinion the differences between the main characters made the book even more interesting. Also, it shows different approach and point of views of the same story. Personally, I can't choose my favourite character as all of them bring something distinct to the story. Honestly there is nothing I dislike about this book.

Karen McManus did a really good job with writing this amazing story. It is written in a very easy to understand language what makes the book suitable to young as well as older readers. To be honest I am a very big fan of romance. However, this book is more of a thriller and to my surprise I liked it more than I thought I would. There is a bit of romance going on, a lot of mystery and also a little bit of fiction. The book can also be educational, especially for teenagers. In my opinion no matter the gender, the age, or interests everyone would enjoy the book as much as I did and would get something out of it.

The book is available in our school library so you can go now and read it!



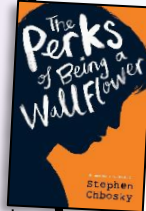
Book you recommend? Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky.

Why I recommend it? It is very relatable to teenagers today even though it was written in the 1990s.

What age is it suitable for? 13-18 year olds.

Best part of the story? When the main character Charlie breaks down and has to explore his emotions and feelings.

What did you like about this book?
The theme of growing up and coming to terms with past trauma



Minecraft is fun because you can craft, build design, you can ride horses and you can ride pigs but if you hit a bee it kills you

RECIPE OF THE MONTH!



Mini Apple Crumbles

Ingredients

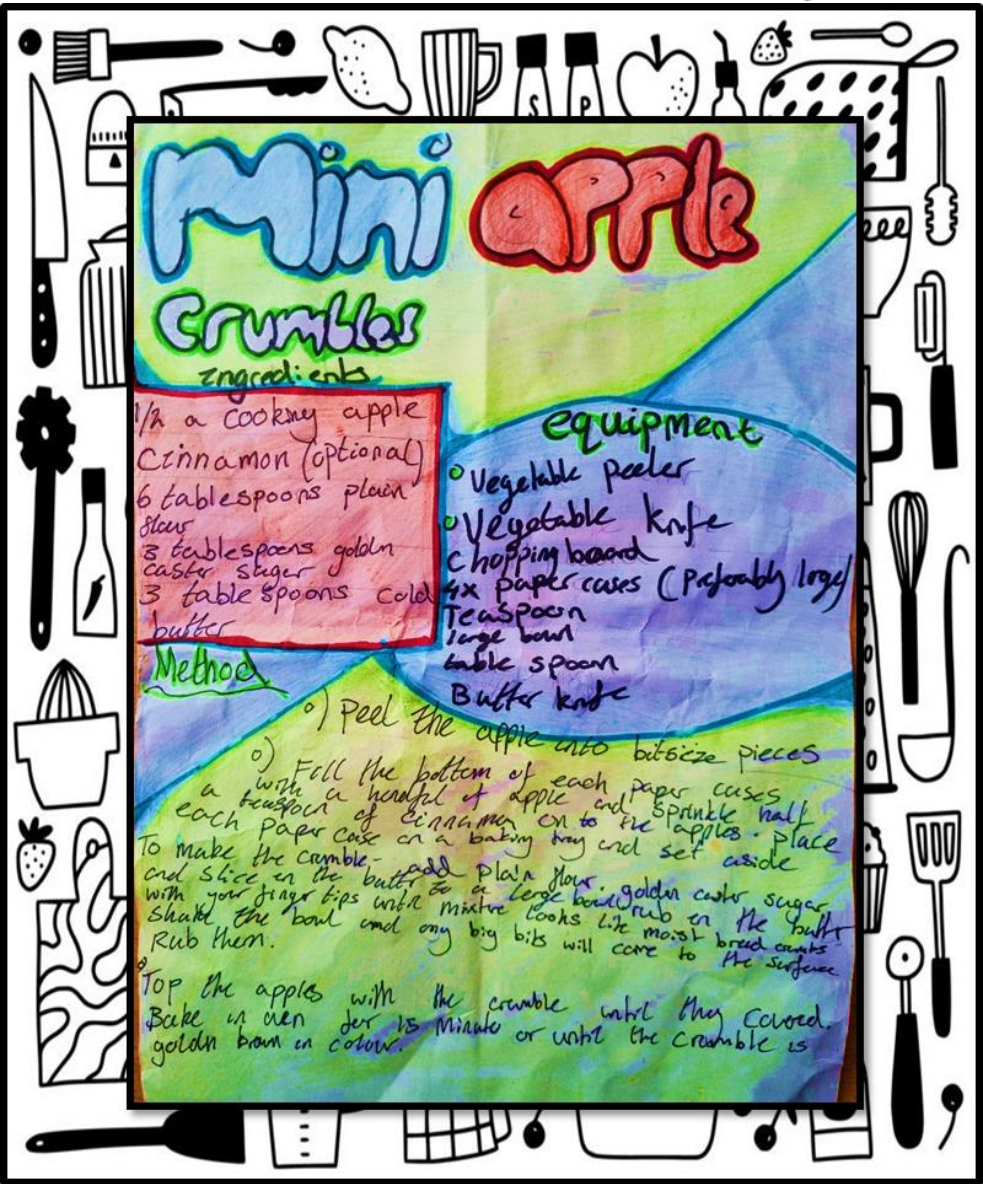
- 1/2 a cooking apple
- Cinnamon (optional)
- 6 tablespoons plain flour
- 3 tablespoons golden caster sugar
- 3 table spoons cold butter

Equipment

- Vegetable peeler
- Vegetable knife
- Chopping board
- 6x paper cases (preferably large)
- Teaspoon
- large bowl
- table spoon
- Butter knife

Method

- 1) Peel the apple into bite size pieces
- 2) Fill the bottom of each paper cases with a handful of apple and sprinkle half a teaspoon of cinnamon on to the apples. place each paper case on a baking tray and set aside
- 3) To make the crumble - add plain flour, golden caster sugar and slice in the butter to a large bowl rub on the flour with your finger tips until mixture looks like moist bread crumbs. Shake the bowl and any big bits will come to the surface. Rub them.
- 4) Top the apples with the crumble until they covered. Bake in oven for 15 minutes or until the crumble is golden brown in colour.



Scientist Fact File

**Maggie is a Space Scientist
and a Science Communicator**



Maggie Aderin-Pocock

Can you find out the following:

When was she born? _____

What is Maggie best known for? _____

Want to know more?

Youtube – ‘Inspiring scientists: Maggie Aderin-Pocock’s story

Ferrywell Youth Project



This weekend, from the 8th to the 11th of October, the Ferrywell Youth Project took 24 students from S1-S3 up to Aviemore.

This camp lasted for the weekend and included lots of fun activities! There was a zipline, a rope course, archery and combat archery.

In the evenings we had really good food and played Sardines outside in the dark! The food was amazing and the cooks were called Dyb, Mr Hughes and Mrs Hughes. We had a lot of fun and stayed up very late!

The FYP staff; John, Jane, Alison, Aaron, Sean and Ben were there and made it fun for us all! You don't want to be in a race with Sean, he is very fast!

The highlight of the trip was when we went into Aviemore! We Got a Costa Coffee and explored the town.



HALLOWEEN

How Halloween started: People would light bonfires and dress up in spooky costumes on the day of Halloween.

Who created Halloween: The Celts Had created Halloween.

HOW LONG HAS HALLOWEEN BEEN AROUND: 2,000 YEARS HALLOWEEN HAS BEEN AROUND.

Popular Halloween treats: The first Halloween treat was candy corn which has existed for more than 100 years.

Halloween movie: The very first Halloween movie was released on October 25, 1978.

The most famous Halloween costume:

1. Witch
2. Vampire
3. Ghost
4. Cat
5. Pirate



The most popular Halloween sweet: Orange M&M's.



TRUE CRIME

Lizzie Borden - Lizzie Andrew Borden was an American female tried and acquitted for the axe murders of her father Andrew Jackson Borden and her step-mother Abbie Borden , and her recently deceased biological mother Sarah Anthony Borden.

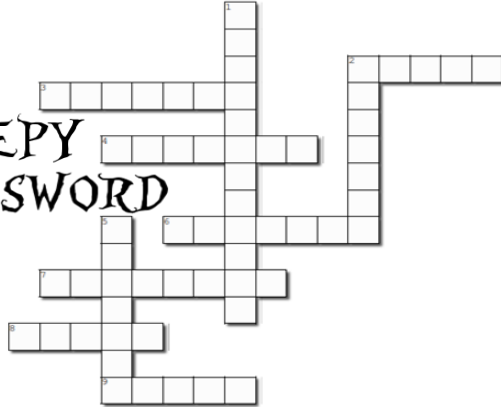
THE FACTS; Lizzie "killed" her parents with an axe on the date of August 4th 1892. She lived in Fall River, Massachusetts for the 66 years she was alive. The spooky thing was there was no blood leading anywhere other than the body. No one else was charged for these murders but there was a few suspicious people.

Number one; the uncle John Morse was Sarah's brother and he was formerly a butcher and butchers know how to clean up blood and there was no blood anywhere other than the body and the floor.

SPECIAL



CREEPY CROSSWORD



Across

2. They are white and spooky
3. You carve them
4. They have 8 legs
6. They wear black pointy hats and have little black cats
7. They sleep during the day and suck blood
8. They live in hell
9. They are white, creepy and are bones

Down

1. He is green and a monster
2. They have a big nose and coldhearted
5. The living dead and live in graveyards

FACTFILE



Number two; the maid, Bridget Sullivan A.K.A Maggie. Maggie was an Irish immigrant and Lizzie nor her family treated her with respect, and nor Lizzie or Maggie heard the murder of her step-mother. Number three; Lizzie Borden herself. Lizzie was upstairs like Abbie when she was hacked to death.

Lizzie Borden's trial began on June 6th, 1893 in New Bedford. During the trial it was revealed that a similar axe murder had occurred in the area but the murderer in that case was out of the country when Andrew and Abby Borden were murdered. Lizzie and her sister Emma bought a house together with money from their father's estate. Lizzie's sister moved out of the house in 1905 and never spoke to Lizzie again, possibly because Lizzie had a close friendship with a woman, or possibly because she learned details of the murders.

Lizzie Borden took an axe,
And gave her mother forty whacks,
And when she saw what she had done,
She gave her father forty-one.



EQUALITIES



YOUNG M.A

Young MA is a female rapper who is openly gay. She's been rapping since she was nine and her skill in rapping has got better through her teen years. She first gained widespread recognition with the release of the quadruple-platinum hit single "Ooooo". Throughout her career she has had a few controversial moments, but she still stays strong to this day.

This month is Black History Month, so for this edition we wanted to tell you about two high profile members of the LGBTQI+ community.



Astina Mandella

Aston Joshua otherwise known by the stage name Astina Mandella is a contestant from the second season RuPaul's show Drag Race UK. Mandella currently resides in East London. They also drew media attention when discussing the representation of Black Queer icons within the United Kingdom, alongside fellow contestant Tayce, as it was a conversation that "opened up to so many people" according to Digital Spy.



SCHOOL OF FOOTBALL



Match Report

S3 School of Football – Boys

Craigroyston vs. South Queensferry

It was a home match for the Craigroyston team.

The final score was Craigroyston 4 – South Queensferry 6

The moment of the match was when Luis Lumsden hit a free kick from 24 yards out. When he kicked it, it bent down into the bottom corner of the goal! Scoring for Craigroyston!



What is SoF?

School of football is a football club/during school activity that works on young people building both confidence in themselves and other life skills. Some of these skills are leadership, keeping healthy, etc. Some periods are spent in a classroom when we're developing person skills and other periods are spent outside working on our football skills.



S1 Captains

The S1's have chosen their captains recently. One for the boys and one for the girls. WE chose through an anonymous vote on who we think would be the best captains. The captains are Lily Sinclair and Kyle Lothian!

SPOTLIGHT ON... ENGLISH



Survive. That was the only thing I cared about now. Walking, eating, and sleeping was my new daily life cycle. After everyone left for the cold, towering and intimidating mountains, the lower lands were all barren and polluted. The entire world is now polluted, all because the stupid government wouldn't do anything about climate change. Years and years ago, everyone was in peace and was reassured that since we have magic, nature is safe. Hah, talk about magic.

It all started when us mystical creatures started taking and stopped giving. Slowly, the world and its people changed. We would take tree wood for nothing in return. We took fish for nothing in return. We kept taking more and more until our greedy hands wanted something else, something bigger. Without warning, we did something unforgivable. We killed. We killed animals for their fur, for their horns, for their feathers, and for much, much more. Meanwhile, we also changed towards each other. We would lie to get what we wanted, and sometimes even resort to violence. Soon, we had to pay.

Elves lost their ears, unicorns lost their horns, centaurs lost their horse body, mermaids lost their tails and so on. Then, we lost something much more valuable and precious. We lost the only thing that was keeping nature fully alive. Magic. All traces of magic deserted us for good. One thing really puzzles me though. I didn't lose my elf ears and my horns...

I was walking slowly in the dead barren wasteland. Nothing to see for hundreds of miles across except the enormous mountains of rubbish and dead plants. A nasty smell hung in the humid air. I sighed and closed my eyes. I missed the old days. Back then, if someone told me that in the future the meadow I was sitting in would soon become a deserted dead wasteland, I would have laughed at them. Back then, you could see the clear blue sky and dance with the flowers and the bees...

Chirp chirp~

My eyes flashed open. There is no way there is still one speck of wildlife since-. I stopped so suddenly I nearly fell. Trees. Flowers. ANIMALS. At first, I stood there, hypnotised. Then, without hesitation, I slapped myself. Ouch! 'This is a dream, this is a dream' I repeated frantically as I tried to wake myself up. No, I wasn't sleeping. I gasped loudly, choking on my own breath. Could it be? Could it really be? Did I die? I stood there, trying to stay calm, when I felt a sore dull throbbing on my cheek, exactly where I slapped myself. No, I can't be in heaven, you can't hurt yourself in heaven! I decided that whatever happened to me to make me suddenly appear in this place, I wasn't gonna waste a moment of it.

I walked through this- this place, not believing my eyes. I could feel hot, salty tears pouring down my cheeks. I smiled, then I laughed for all I was worth. I ran through the forest. The welcoming, rushing sound of a stream came to my ears, along with the merry chirping of birds. I fell onto a soft moss bed and picked a nice-looking mushroom. I popped it into my mouth and closed my eyes as so many flavours erupted in my mouth. I noticed a weird blue glow coming from deep in the forest. I followed to, and to my surprise, I saw that the glow was coming from a package.

MORE 

I stared at the package, lost in thought as a million questions exploded in my mind. My train of thought was interrupted though as I could hear a quiet buzzing sound that was gradually becoming louder. I came closer to the package, eyeing it suspiciously. I found that the sound was coming from the package itself. I stared at the package incredulously as it started to shake as well. Well, at this point, anything and everything is possible. I started towards the package when I tripped on a tree root and fell, badly scratching my hand. I didn't get back up. Was it a good idea to open the package? Was it a good idea to even go near it? What could be in there? The more I thought about it the more exhausted I got. All daytime animals settled down to sleep as all nocturnal animals awoke to go about with their business. Soon enough, I, like all the daytime animals, fell fast asleep.

I woke up feeling tired and groggy. My breath smelt stale. A few pictures of trees, animals and a blue glow fled my mind as I stretched and woke up properly. I remembered having a weird and crazy dream. What was it about? Slowly, my mind became clearer. Yes! It was a fantastic dream about an unbelievable mystical forest. I looked around at the miserable wasteland, when something caught my eye. I looked at my hand and so I big red gash in it. Wait a moment. Was this not the exact same scratch I got in the dream?

I straightened up and concentrated. What happened to make me appear in that forest. I closed my eyes to concentrate a little better. Try as I might, I couldn't remember. I opened my eyes and decided to go get something to eat first to help me think, when I saw that I was back in the magical forest. 'Well, that was concerningly simple'.

I saw the exact same package, this time right in front of me, only a few paces away. I started towards it, this time with confidence. What did I have to lose? If I don't open it now, it will be troubling me forever.

I held the package. My heart was thumping as if they were drums. I held my breath and bit my lip as I slowly tore it open with trembling hands. I tipped the package over and out came a... stone. I looked at the clear sapphire stone, a little disappointed. After all that tension and mystery and drama, all I get is a stone? My thoughts came to a halt as the beautiful sapphire stone started to emit blue smoke until there was no way I could see.

After all the smoke had cleared away, I looked around. The stone was gone, but in its place was something unbelievable. There, lying curled up on the floor, was a little dragon hatchling. I could not think straight. Only one thought stood out in my head like a diamond in a pile of stones. Whatever happens, I must protect that dragon with my life.

It looked at me with its ocean blue eyes, then leaped to a clearing in the forest. I followed it, then I saw it, a path with a faint blue glow that led all the way to the highest mountain that no one went to because it is too dangerous. I knew what I had to do. Me and this dragon had to follow the path. I knew that this journey would reveal all the answers to why I still have my elf ears, why I found this forest, who this dragon is and most importantly, it will hopefully bring magic back. I was about to embark on a journey with a dragon to one of the most dangerous places on earth. Anything could happen...

Written by Judy Akhdier as a part of S2's Creative Writing Unit.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM A CRAIGY VETERAN

I talked to my lovely friend, Siphwe Lufu, who graduated from CCHS in June 2021. I thought it may be interesting and helpful for some of the Craigy students to hear some great things about the after high school life from someone who already achieved a lot. Personally, I think Siphwe is the best example of a successful student and that's why I've asked her a few questions about school and her educational path.

Many students struggle to choose their career and what they want to do after high school. Whether they want to go to University or College or maybe they prefer to take a gap year. There are so many different options you can choose from which is good but not always. It is not an easy decision to make at this young age, a decision that will influence your whole future. However, it doesn't have to be as scary as it seems. Although, it is your decision you can always ask someone who you're close with or teachers in school who are always more than happy to help you with anything, about their opinions. I asked Siphwe about what she's currently doing as she left high school. "I'm studying at the University of Edinburgh" she answered. Siphwe chose to study biomedical sciences which is not the easiest course but she's very smart and hardworking so I'm sure she'll do great and get the degree.

However, before you start thinking about what to do next; what to do after high school, you need to decide on things such as how long you want to stay in high school for and what qualifications you want to get before leaving. Siphwe said, "I don't have a specific memory, but my favourite memories did come out of S6." which tells us that studying in high school till the very end is worth it. Not only you get the most and highest qualifications but also the best memories. Having fun is also important, everyone needs a break sometimes from studying. "Every stage of high school presents different challenges, just enjoy the ride and the people," says Siphwe. This advice seems so simple yet is so important. Although, this is not the only tip she gave to the Craigy students, "If you want to go to Uni take an advanced higher, it gets you used to independent work." This clearly shows that you are working on your future since day one in high school and it is important you make good and reasonable decisions throughout your entire high school life.

CRAIGY - FIRST IMPRESSIONS

"Really like the size and the way the school is split by colours. I really like having more subjects available compared to my old school. And the pool! And the gym!" Isoken S5

"I like the school because it is very different from Italian schools. There is a lot more freedom which I like" Afsha – S4

"I thought it was cool. The teachers are nice, and I like the building." Chinar – S4

"People are welcoming, and I like it more than my old school. I have already made friends and it's my first week." Amie – S5

GUESS THE PET



Marlowe

Teacher _____



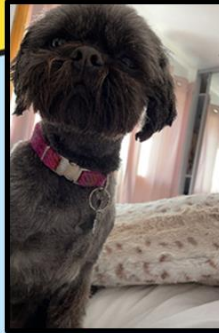
Bodie

Teacher _____



Ally

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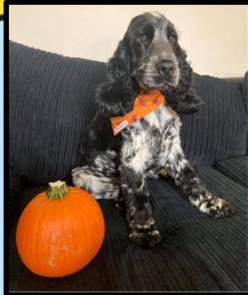
Roxy

Teacher _____



Tinkerbelle

Teacher _____



Reggie

Teacher _____



Olive

Teacher _____













Nico

Teacher _____

Bring your completed quizzes to Mrs. Bidier or Mr. Baxter for house points!

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CROSSWORD

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