

The Uplands Gazette



Merry Christmas 2017!





The Christmas Elephant



Once upon a time lived a helpful little elephant called Ellie, she helped Santa every year deliver presents to little children and this was the day she really wanted to make a special Christmas. The only way she could give presents was with her handy sack. This is no ordinary sack, this sack is small on the outside but humungous on the inside! Together Santa and Ellie have had many perfect Christmas days but this might be the one that goes wrong...

Santa was sitting in his comfy chair waiting for Ellie to come to put the presents in her sack. Ellie came in with her head hanging down.

“I’ve lost my magic sack and that means no presents for the kids!” She said very depressed.

“Oh no! We have to find it,” Santa replied.

They ran out of the door. They sped through the narrow forest to find out it was already snowing; they were very shocked. Weirdly, they were in a desert when it was snowing, how were they going to find the sack?

Now they had entered the desert’s magical daffodil forest which is very easy to get lost in because the daffodils are very tall. They ventured through the forest, one behind the other, ready to find the sack any minute. Then a little robin appeared in front of them and said: “What are you doing in the forest at this time?”

“We’re looking for my magic sack I’ve lost it, will you help us?” said Ellie.

“Sure, let’s get looking,” he replied.



And then they ran through the forest in to a Jungle biome, which seemed very unusual but they didn't really care so they just went in.

As soon as they got in, they appeared to be standing right in front of a fierce Jaguar, then one of them screamed: "RUN!"

They all ran - with the Jaguar chasing after them.

Finally, they out ran the Jaguar because Santa and the Robin were on Ellie's back. But then they realised that the Jaguar had the sack in his blood-thirsty mouth, they ran back after the Jaguar as fast as their legs could carry them.

Unfortunately, the Jaguar climbed up the tree, luckily the Robin could snatch it (the bag) right out of his blood-thirsty mouth. They took it home and delivered all the children's presents and that Christmas was named the best one yet.



The end. By Anoushka

Everything you need to win a game of tennis by Arjun

You will need:

Yourself,

A Tennis racket,

A ball and

An opponent.



← Andy Murray

How to win a game of tennis

To win a game of tennis you have to get above 30 points and be ahead by 2 more points so you could be 40-25.

When you get 40-40 it's called deuce and when you get

Above 40 it's advantage to whoever is above 40 then

When the other player gets advantage it goes to 40-40.

How to play tennis

To play tennis you have to do Backhands, Forehands and Volleys. Volleys are when you hit the ball without it bouncing. Forehands are when you hit it with your favourite hand facing forward. Backhands are when you hit it with your favourite hand facing backwards.

Tennis competitions

There are a lot of tennis competitions, but the biggest ones are the French Open, the Australian Open, the U.S Open and Wimbledon. Each one happens once a year and if you win them all in the same year you win a grand slam, which is one of the biggest achievements in the whole of sporting history and you can become one of the best sporting people ever. The last Wimbledon winner was Rodger Federer while Andy Murray was out, because of injury these are two of the most well-known tennis players in the entire world. Other well-known tennis players are Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic, who have also won lots of tennis competitions recently.

Tennis facts and winners

Of the four competitions there have only been a few winners this year they were: Rodger Federa and Rafael Nadal who won two each Rafael Nadal won the French and U.S open, while Rodger Federa won the Australian open and Wimbledon. In the past other people have won these competitions such as: Stan Wawrinka, Andy Murray and Novak Djokovic. Wimbledon was created before anything else, then the U.S open then the French open and last but not least the Australian open.



← Novak Djokovic



← Rodger Federa



← Rafael Nadal

The Snowman Dimension!

(From Arjun's point of view)

One day Murphy and I went up to the park to play in the snow; we built snowmen, had snowball fights and built a HUGE snow castle. All of a sudden, Murphy went flying into the air- you could see him whizzing into a sinkhole at 1000000 MPH. I grabbed on to his hand, but that didn't help as I then got sucked in straight after him.....

We crashed into a giant pit of snow

"What's this place?"

I heard no response. I shouted at the top of my voice

"MURPHY!"

Still no response. Then I saw a little light I headed towards thinking it was Murphy- in fact it was Murphy!

I ran towards him, but the snowmen had got to him quicker. I hid in the corner from the leader Wizabeen. But Murphy had a plan, he played dead so they didn't need him, so they started looking for me. The thing is I wasn't in a great hiding spot so it took them less than ten seconds to find me. They took me into an underground cave where there were millions of snowmen I didn't know what they'd do to me next but I hope it wasn't anything too bad.

They threw me into a prison cell and then hung the key where I could not reach it unless I was two times taller. In the cell I found some other people bashing axes and the walls. Their names were Crash, Bash and Dash. They had found some axes, swords, bows and arrows and much more. We used the

bow and arrow to force the guard to let us out, but that didn't work, so we found a switch that would lead to a river. We got in barrels and went into the river, good job there were no snowmen watching.

Then we got to a point where the gate was closed and there were about 50 snowmen with their bows drawn at us I didn't know what to do but Crash and Bash had ideas of what to do. They stopped at a fishing spot, got on to the land and Bash got his bow drawn, while Crash got his sword and axe ready to swing at the snowmen. Unluckily, Wizabeen was there to destroy us too. They had axes and Bash had crazy bow and arrow skills and could shoot a target with his eyes closed just Wizabeen wasn't an easy target to hit as he was smaller than them (and they were dwarves and dwarves are tiny).

We were there to fight for about two minutes, but Bash got a poisoned arrow in his foot and was very sick. Once the gate was open they kept going until we got to the abandoned town of Esilioth. Luckily it wasn't completely abandoned as a healer was still living there, since the war of doom happened a few years ago.

When Bash was better we carried on our journey. I was annoyed that they made me be a watch guard every night. Good job I didn't encounter any snowmen from then on. We got back to the portal easily after that and Murphy was there as well. We went through the portal and were safely back at home I was surprised to hear Murphy had a similar adventure to me. After that day we never went to that park again.





HORSE WORLD

HOW TO RIDE A HORSE

STOP: PULL REINS.

START: KICK THE SIDE OF THE HORSE.

FASTER: DOUBLE KICK.

JUMP: YOU BEND DOWN AND PULL REINS UP AND DOWN!

SLOWER: PULL REINS BACK

WHAT YOU WEAR

YOU NEED A HELMET SO YOU DON'T HURT YOUR HEAD.HORSE RIDING

SHOES SO YOU GRIP TO THE SHOE HOLDERS ON THE SADDLE.

A JACKET IN CASE YOU GET COLD AND IN CASE YOU FALL OFF THE HORSE

IT WILL PROTECT YOUR ARMS.HORSE RIDING TROUSERS BECAUSE YOU

DON'T WANT TO WEAR NOTHING ON YOUR LEGS AND HOURSE RIDING

TROUSERS ARE MORE COMFORTABLE.

WHAT YOU NEED

HAY HOLDER SO THEIR FOOD IS NOT ON THE FLOOR. SALT STICKS

JUST BECAUSE THEY LIKE THEM (OPTIONAL.)TAIL COAT ON THE

HORSE. YOU NEED A HORSE - OTHERWISE YOU CANT BE A

HORSERIDER!

A SADDLE OTHERWISE YOU ARE GOING TO FALL OFF.WATER SO
THEY STAY HYDRATED.HORSE SHOES SO THEY DON'T GET
STONES IN THEIR FEET.STICK SO YOU CAN SMACK THEM A
LITTLE TO GO FASTER.

REINS SO YOU CAN TAKE CONTROL.HAY FOR FOOD.

STABLE IN WHICH TO KEEP THEM AND PREVENT THEIR TAIL
DRAGGING ON THE FLOOR.

FACTS

DID YOU KNOW THAT WHITE HORSES ARE CALLED GREY HORSES
BECAUSE THEY ARE BORN GREY. YOU CAN ALSO GET PONIES.YOU
SOMETIMES SEE PEOPLE RIDING THEIR HORSES ON THE
ROAD.SOMETIMES HORSES HAVE FLIES ON THEM SO YOU HAVE TO
SPRAY THE HORSE TO GET THEM OFF.AND SO THE FLIES DON'T
EAT THE HORSES' SKIN.YOU HAVE TO GROOM YOUR HORSE EVERY
DAY DOWNWARDS.SHOE HOLDER COME WITH THE SADDLES. IF YOU
HAVE A SADDLE YOU SHOULD GET ONES WITH SHOE HOLDERS SO
YOU WILL NOT SLIP OFF. ALSO, IF HORSES DON'T GET ALONG WITH
EACH OTHER PUT THEM IN SEPERATE STABLES SO THEY WON'T
FIGHT. HORSES SHOULD SHARE STABLES BUT HAVE THEIR OWN
BEDROOM SO THEY CAN GROW AND BREATHE AND THEY CAN
GROW UP HEALTHILY AND NOT WEAK.

BY LILY CAIRNS AND BEA BULLOUGH

Bat or vampire!!!

Is it a bat or a vampire?

1. Vampires hover around men but this little bat :



(123, awwwwwww)

Is not bad!



2. Vampires bite your neck (obviously)

3. Vampires are nocturnal

4. They are TEERIFIED of garlic!

5. Bats are not evil creeps (snotflagers , and flembums).

6. Do you like them?

By Ben.

The Disappearance

I woke up in the blazing sun a ball of sweat dripped down my forehead and dissolved into the scorched ground. I looked around.

I was so relieved when I saw my canine companion waiting patiently for me. As soon as she noticed I was finally conscious she was yapping and leaping with joy, probably because I was alive. I got up and we started looking for water. A few hours went by and no luck.

This was when my tongue was dry and I was struggling to carry on. Then I saw it. Absolutely beautiful. But, beauty wasn't Stella's main concern, it was the waterfall! A huge clean, fresh, beautiful waterfall! The best bit was there was a cave that was the perfect size for me and Stella. All through the trek I was asking myself how I got here. The only memories I have is of my street (Sherwood road) my house (Acres cottage) and my family.

As it grew dark I settled down. There was lots of fresh fruit and water by my side in the cave. Stella was curled up on old pieces of wood and a ragged cushion she had found while we were collecting fruit. I stayed awake until my eyes felt heavy and I really had to sleep.

When I woke in the morning Stella was gone. I called for her multiple times, no answer. It was until I got up and looked outside when I saw her running from the opposite direction we arrived in.

"Hey, where were you, girl?" I said ruffling her sandy coat. *Sand?* I thought. Then I said to the sandy dog-

"Go on, Stella, show me the sand. Go on, that's a good girl!"

Stella ran and ran, I followed. I followed until she stopped. I walked a little further. I smelt the sea, I heard the gulls, I felt the sand underneath my feet then I saw a beach. A beautiful sand beach with drift wood dotted all over the bay. Drift wood means fire. Fire is what I need because it causes smoke. Smoke can send a signal to passing ships! I ran up and down the bay searching for drift wood. In the end I managed to gather a whole pile. Just enough to make a fire.

I started out by making a base; then I decided to just chuck it all on. After, I walked back to the water fall to take a drink. At the beach I had found an old plastic bottle, which I could clean out and use.

Days went by, no ships. I lost hope. I couldn't do it anymore. Every day I got hungrier and hungrier. Life was a misery. I wanted my bed. I wanted my home. I wanted my family. Not a cave with a layer of sticks to lie on.

I gave most my food to Stella. She was my only company on the island. I loved her more than anything in the world. I loved her more than my sister, more than my mum and dad. The fruit was running out, I was going starve if I didn't get off the island soon. I woke to see smoke on the horizon of the water. A ship! I Ran down to my pile of wood. *Yes! No rain!* I looked for a bit of sea-glass, I found one bit. A singular bit of sea-glass. It was just enough to set alight my fire. I focused the blazing sun through the sea-glass straight down on to the easiest looking piece of wood to light. Suddenly, a small flame showed its head; the flames burnt all the wood until a tremendous fire was blaring. I kept feeding it and blowing the smoke up towards the sky with my jumper.

The smoke from the ship started to head my way. There it was; a huge tanker ship. It was heading my way as well. Eventually, the ship reached the open bay a small row boat with two men in was deployed to retrieve me. I was taken back to land. Stella and I were fed until we were really full. We sailed back home. It took us about two weeks to get home!

I stepped out of the taxi. I looked down the road to my family cottage I ran until I reached the door. I burst in, I screamed my family's names. "Mum, Dad! I'm home!"

GAMING AND

HOW I

STARTED

Okay, hello guys, you may have seen the piece of writing in my other gazette about running- if you enjoyed reading it I'm glad if you didn't ,well, too bad. Anyway, let's get into the topic I'm exploring.

Okay, I lived in Delmont Grove and Jack Russell Close with my three other brothers: Noah, Brook and Jude. Noah, my oldest brother, had this "amazing thing" called a DS. This thing could occupy me, Noah and Brook for the entire day. Noah would play the "Amazing thing" and me and Brook would watch for hours on end. You're probably wondering where's Jude? Well he's our half-brother as well as Clouie, our oldest sibling, so he goes to his mum's house when we go to ours. Anyway, so we would watch whilst he played.

Here's a picture!



These are mine and Brooks

Favourite games



I also still have

Them

And still play them. Anyway, this is what started my gaming.

Then I moved on to DS, DSI to be exact. Oh yeah, I still love Pokémon that's why I brought Pokémon with it, Pokémon white and Mario. I had the last Mario in Stroud, OHHH yeah! It was Super Mario Bros and it still has the new sticker on it. This was all happening when I was about 3/4/5 I can't really remember that

was like 7 years ago. By the way, I'm nearly eleven, that's $\frac{3}{4}$ of my life. WOW!

After I got my DSI, which was literally the best thing ever when I was 3/4/5, I got the DSI XL (extra large)

So basically I had two of the same thing just the other one was bigger. When I was about 6/7/8 I got the 2 DS for my birthday with yet again another Pokémon game Pokémon white 2 -wait, no I said that wrong- Pokémon white version 2. Okay that's better.

Like I did with every game I completed the game then 'tried' to level up all my Pokémon to level 100 which was the max. I got pretty far with it but there's more than 500 Pokémon and I hadn't even caught all of them so I still had a lot of work to do.

At that point I got frustrated so I stopped trying☹☹☹. Maybe when I was 7 I think, I got the Xbox 360 from Noah. This was me and Brook's we also had two PlayStation 2s! This was around the same time me and Brook would go to our dad's place of work and go on the computer and watch YouTube videos about the games we played on our Xbox.

When I was 9 I know we got the Xbox 1; we saved all our money for this. Then, when I was 10 and Brook was 11, we got the new Nintendo 3ds this was better than the 3ds (don't know how so don't ask☺).

Anyway, we got, of course, more Pokémon games with this awesome DS and we would play and play. Then my

Flame Dimension Dragon

An Adventure story

One day two people, called Ash and Dash, woke up on a beautiful, sunny morning. Ash looked out of his window and saw a kitten playing in the back yard.

“Dash, wake up we are late for our mission. Our boss could fire US!” Ash shouted.

Ash got dressed and so did Dash. Ash got the keys ready to lock the door after Dash got out.

“UGGGHHHH! Hurry up, we’ve got five minutes left so we need the fast bike!” Ash shouted.

So they ran out. Ash locked the door and they got on the motorbike as quick as a flash and went to their boss’ base. Surprisingly, they got there in one minute!

Ash's powers are: dark phoenix overlord, mini bullets and super punch.

While Dash's powers are: super run, healing and fire balls. Amazingly, they wanted to try their powers on paper also cardboard.

Outstandingly, their boss had a mission and they had two hours. Their boss told them where it was in Finland and that they needed their powers to defeat....

THE DIMENSION DRAGON!

"We can do this, Ash, if we, survive the journey and hire a dimension sword, that will do so much damage to the dragon or whatever it is." Dash said to Ash.

"Oh thanks, and it's the flame dimension dragon, Dash." Ash replied. When they got to Finland the dragon was killing people left right and centre! Ash and Dash went to hide and build something indestructible but they

had no time to otherwise they would be sliced apart by the dragon.

“BWWAAAA HA HAA HA! YOU IDIOTS CAN’T STOP ME!” Shouted the dragon.

“Shut your face! We’ll slice you and cook you up!” Ash shouted. Ash used his mini bullets and the dragon fell hard. Dash used his fire balls at the dragon. Ash got his sword out stabbed him in the heart and then Dash finished him off with his fire ball power.

“That was good- you blew him up, Dash!” Ash said while he was hurt.

“Here, I’ll heal you.” Dash whispered to Ash while healing him. THE END!



The Long Christmas

(Maya's Christmas story)

It started like this. There was a family of little brown monkeys: a mummy, a daddy and a boy monkey named Banana! They were going to set up the Christmas tree.

"Can I put the star on the tree?" Said Banana.

"Yes of course!" Said Banana's mum (Nut). Bananas dad (Brownie) helped him by picking him up and they together put the star on the top! This is when everything started going wrong.

The tree started moving. It was falling!

"RUN!" Brownie shouted.

They ran because it was a very big tree. They ran into another room and waited. They heard a thump. They came back in. The tree was lying down, lots of branches lying on the floor. The branches were everywhere, in pots, on the sofa, in the stove. Unfortunately, there were lots of broken pots on the floor. They were probably knocked over when the tree fell....



This is Banana!



This is a picture of the tree disaster!

“Now we have to go to the Christmas tree shop!” said Brownie.
“Come on!” They went outside but Nut stayed to clear up the big mess.

“It’s too snowy!” said Banana who was being carried by Brownie. They were walking through knee deep snow. The bad thing was that the Christmas tree shop was two miles away! Then they came to a jungle. “This jungle son is the worst jungle; creatures you never hear lurk right in there!” Said Brownie. Then they heard a noise. A horrible noise...



This is a picture of Banana and Brownie!

“It’s not a bad creature, dad, it’s a new tree for us!” said Banana. Sure enough there was a beautiful Christmas tree. They took it back home (which was very tidy now) and put it up. In the morning there were lots of nice presents...



The Sapherey Mystery!

THESE THREE ADVENTURERS HAVE BEEN THROUGH SOME SERIOUSLY CRAZY EXPERIENCES: A MYSTERY BOOKSHELF, A FLOATING ISLAND, A TREEHOUSE AND NOW THEY ARE BACK.....

"GEEPAAZ, WHAT IS THAT?" AWESOME ARJUN QUESTIONED.

"I DUNNO," HARLEY THE HURRICANE ANSWERED.

"WELL, OBVIOUSLY WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A LOOK, AREN'T WE?" SAID MURPHY THE MAGNIFICENT HOPING THAT THEY WOULD.....

SOMETIME LATER.....

"WHOA, LOOK, IT'S A, WAIT I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS," YELLED MURPHY.

A FEW MINUTES LATER, THEY GOT INTO A SPACESHIP AND THEY SAW A:

"OOH, LOOK, A BIG RED BUTTON, LET'S PUSH IT" HARLEY YELLED WITH EXCITEMENT.

"NOOOOOOOO!" ARJUN YELLED WHILE MURPHY WAS FIDDLING WITH SOME BUTTONS.

TAKING OFF IN 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 BLAST OFF!

"NOOO, WHAT DID YOU DOOO!" YELLS MURPHY.

"I DUNNO BUT WE'RE GOING UP," SAYS HARLEY.

THEY WERE GOING UP AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND MILES PER HOUR (100,000 MPH) UP THROUGH EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE! SOMETIME LATER THEY REALISED THEY WERE IN A ROCKET SO THEY QUICKLY GOT THEIR SPACE SUITS ON AND HOPED FOR THE BEST. LATER ON THEY WERE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHERE THEY WERE GOING BUT THEY DIDN'T!

"WHERE ARE WE GOING?" QUESTIONED ARJUN.

"WOW REALLY! DO YOU THINK WE REALLY KNOW WHERE WE'RE GOING I DON'T THINK ANY OF US KNOW WHERE WE ARE GOING!" REPLIED HARLEY.

SOMETIME LATER, THEY SAW SOMETHING IN THEIR CORNER OF THEIR EYES, IT LOOKED LIKE A: "WOW! IS THAT A PLANET? IT LOOKS AWESOME! BUT WE'RE GOING TOO FAST, I THINK WE'RE GOING TO CRASH INTO THAT THING!" YELLED MURPHY PETRIFIED.

AFTER A WHILE, THEY WERE GETTING READY TO LAND THE SHUTTLE, "HOUSTON WE HAVE TOUCHDOWN" THEY ALL SAID EXCITEDLY.

THEY GOT OUT OF THE SHUTTLE AND, SURPRISINGLY, JUMPED THROUGH THE AIR, BECAUSE THERE WAS NO GRAVITY!

"WHEEEEEEE, THIS IS AWESOME, I LOVE IT!" YELLED HARLEY.

"WHAT IS THIS PLACE?" MURPHY QUESTIONED.

THEY STARTED LOOKING AROUND THIS BLUE- AS WELL AS PURPLE- PLANET. THERE WERE HUGE CRATERS AND AWESOMELY BIG HILLS. THERE WAS EVEN LIFE THERE, THEY LOOKED EVIL BUT THEN THEY REALISED THEIR O2 (OXYGEN) WAS RUNNING REALLY LOW SO THEY QUICKLY GOT BACK IN THE SPACE SHIP AND FLEW SAFELY BACK HOME .THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER FOR A FEW DAYS, WHEN THEY GOT BACK UNTIL SOMETHING BAD HAPPENED...

THE END?

☺MURF.J.B☺

A Guide to Drama

Drama is where you have to express your feelings oh...oh I was told that... anyway scrap that. I would not advise you to go if you do not like performing in front of people. However, if you like being crazy then it is definitely the thing you will want to do.



We (Oscar and Liam) go

As an actor you can turn into loads of things such as:

The Doctor



Harry Potter

Mary Poppins

Annie



Christmas Drama

Drama is super fun at Christmas because you can do loads of cool plays like:



I shall stop there so I don't waffle on -that's what we like doing. Drama at Christmas is so much fun if you are not ruled by William the Conqueror ha-ha! I love Christmas because everyone is jolly especially Suki the Snake(Our drama teacher).



More Christmas Drama

Drama, Drama, Drama do, do, do do,do! Oh, sorry, I got a bit carried away with my little Christmas Drama song do

you want to hear it? NO, NO I hear you say so I won't! Why don't I make a list of famous Christmas actors:



This guy is from elf his film name is



This guy is from Muppets a Christmas

Carol. he



The War

Gun shots fire in the distance. These bare plains are over-run by war. A huge shot of pain hits my chest. As I drop to the ground, I hear my best friend yelling "MAN DOWN, MAN DOWN!" the battle continues around me, I'm able to stand up. I have the strength to carry on so I do. I must not disappoint my family. I promised them I would be back. I chuck a grenade to the other end of the battle field. I fire and fire. I am going home!

As the battle field grows dark the war keeps going. Never faltering, never giving up. Guns still fire. Grenades still explode. No matter what you do war will carry on until there is a victor.

"Tea time!" Mum shouted to us from the warm, interrupting our snowball fight. I dropped the 'grass grenade' and my snowball and ran into the warm for a lovely, hot dinner.

By Matilda Williams, y6