



# Finlay Flyer...

By after school club. (Ffion, Harry, Anish, Daniel, Blake, Raelli, Alfred, Simrah)

## Meet the Boss: an interview with our Head teacher.

**In an exclusive interview with Hannah Williams we find out What it is like to be the Boss!**

**How long have you been a head teacher?**

I have been a head for 3 years and worked at Finlay for 12 years.

**What is the favourite thing about the job?**

The community, the children and the fact that every day is different. Also the difference you can make to children's lives.

**Is your job hard?** Yes, it can be challenging but it is a team effort.

**Did you always want to be a teacher?** Yes, I did, actually my mum was also a teacher.

**What was your favourite and worst subjects at school?** Well I guess PE and worst was Physics.

**Who do you like working with?** All the staff, parents and children.

**What is your favourite time of day?** Well I do like home time so I can go home and spend time with my own boys, and ask them about their day at school.

**If you were stranded on an island and could only take 3 personal items with you what would they be?** A picture of my family, a multi-purpose tool and a jetpack to fly off the Island.

Interview by Simrah and Raelli



### In this edition

} A tribute to our late monarch.

} Learn what the school council gets up to.

} Andrea Shepherd author writes to our reading book club.

} Sports reports.

And lots more.

**Fun fact...** Finlay kitchen serves over 46,500 meals each year to our children. That's a lot of washing up!!!



### Fun challenge.....

How many words can you make from the words...

**FINLAY SCHOOL**

Can you make more than 10!

**Fun Newsflash... latest student news ....**Mason HN worked so fast he got a Head teacher award before he had time put his bag up! ... Visit by reading ambassadors at the Cheltenham literacy festival was fantastic.... the office hole punch went missing....Harvest activities with parents was really fun.....new chefs have started in the school....

**Sports news...** boys football Coney Hill 2 V Finlay 2 , girls football Widden 0 Finlay 3.

# A tribute to our late monarch

## Queen Elizabeth II: The beginning



The Queen was born in 1926. Her father was George VI, her mother was Lady Elizabeth Bowe Lyon. Elizabeth was born in London on the 21<sup>st</sup> April and 4 years later her sister, Margaret, was born. Elizabeth was never supposed to be queen but when she was 10 her uncle Edward VIII abdicated and changed her entire life. She was home schooled. Not long after she supported all those fighting for their lives in the long 6 years of WWII. On her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday she signed up for the auxiliary transport service becoming a driver.

Her father's role was to act like a figurehead keeping up the morale of his troops and people. The royal family shared the hardships faced by the British people. After bombs hit Buckingham palace the two princesses were dispatched off to Windsor castle.

On February 6<sup>th</sup> 1952 the king died, aged just 56, in his sleep in Sandringham House Norfolk. It took more than 4 hours for the news to filter through to Africa. By then Elizabeth and her husband Philip had returned to Sapana Lodge, a farm near Nairobi that had been given to them as a wedding present. Phillip took her into the garden and walked her slowly as she absorbed the full implication of what had happened. Aged only 25 and far from home she was not only Queen but head of state. Since then she was a great role model to us and the commonwealth and she will be long remembered. She has been an example to us all and we hope the new King will have a long and successful reign for many, many years.

By Alfred



# Puzzles Galore!!!

Spot the difference.



## Jungle Animals Word Search Printable

### Jungle Animals Word Search

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



crocodile  
elephant  
frog  
giraffe  
lion  
monkey

snake  
tiger  
toucan  
turtle  
zebra



## Jokes...have a laugh!

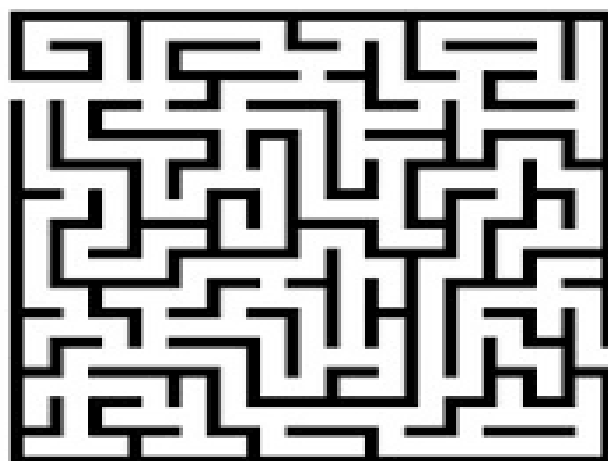
What did the left eye say to the right eye? Between you and me something smells.

What do you call a boomerang that won't come back? A stick

Why can't Elsa from Frozen have a balloon? Because she will "let it go, let it go."

What do you call a dog magician?  
A labracadabrador.

What is a bear with no teeth?  
A Gummy bear





## Reading rock club chats to author Andrea Shepherd about her books.

Andrea Shepherd burst on to the scene as an author. She has spoken to our reading club. Here is some of the interview she gave.

*'Hello to all the rocking readers at Finlay School & welcome to the superhero squad, I hope you enjoy reading about Tomas and all the dragons he grows, I certainly had a lot of fun writing this series. I love dreaming up all the different dragons that grow on the tree and often get inspired by real animals.'*

**What other stuff do you do in life apart from writing books?**

I love water so I do a lot of swimming - outside if I can - and walking by the river or sea. I think I might be part mermaid!

**How hard is it to think of things to write down in your books?**

If you give yourself time to think – and actually get bored – ideas usually pop into our heads. Our brain likes to make stuff up to keep us entertained. I think everyone gets ideas all the time, the trick is to notice them! And then write them down.

**What age did you become a proper author?**

I didn't start trying to get published until my sons had gone to school, I was forty-two.

**What inspired you to start writing books?**

I've always loved stories and playing with language. For a long time I was too scared to start writing properly, I kept thinking what if I try and fail? But then I decided that it was better to have a go than never try.

**What is your favourite time of day?**

Oh dear another favourite! Tricky... I think probably tea-time when we all sit down together and eat and however busy we've been we can catch up.

**What is your favourite author?**

I love David Almond – Skellig is a favourite of mine. And Katherine Rundell who wrote The Explorer and Rooftoppers, I love her writing. Also Kiran Millwood Hargrave and Sophie Anderson. My favourite illustrators are Catherine Rayner, John Burningham and of course Sara Ogilvie who illustrates my books.



### Fun Book Facts:

There are 130 million books published in the world.

If you read 20 mins a day you would have read 1.8 million words in a year.

Most people read at a rate of 120 words a minute.



See more about this author at:

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Riddle: What dries as it gets more wet?

A towel