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# Aim High Authors Magazine



Learning Together & Making a Difference

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Abbey Gates Primary





# Welcome



Welcome to our 7th edition of Aim High Authors Magazine. Here you will find pages packed with awesome work from the children.

In this edition you will see a range of writing from across school this term. From Foundation to Year Six, each class has produced writing inspired by a text or a given purpose to write. I have loved reading the contributions chosen by teachers for the magazine. The children have put in so much effort, aiming high with their writing.

I hope you enjoy reading this term's collection, and that the children do too! If they haven't been selected this term, maybe they will get a mention in the next edition.

Mrs. Quant-Epps

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# Writing News



The children have been working really hard with their contributions for this, our 7th edition of Aim High Authors. Not only that, but they have also been writing short stories for our Together As One Collaboration Competition! There were so many entries and it was extremely difficult to decide on a winner for each year group. Congratulations to the following children who won a prize in their key stage.

Key Stage 1: Milo H Y2

Key Stage 2: Joe E Y4

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# KS1 Competition



## The Enchanted Wood

Mother lived in a cottage. Frannie said 'Wait, is that a magic forest over there?' 'Let's go and see.' said Beth. In the magic forest they saw a funny looking tree and it was humongous! It was so big, higher than the clouds.' Inside the tree lived quite some perculiar people. There was a fairy called Silky, a man made of pans called Saucepan Man, and Moonface who had a big round face like the moon.

Every time you climb the tree there is a new and exciting land at the top. Today when the children climbed to the top of the tree it was the land of Christmas. There are candy cane and ginger bread houses and plastic presents next to the real presents.

The children love the land of Christmas and I do too.

By Milo Y2

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# KS2 Competition



## The Family Tree

Every person starts their life in the same way. They are born by their mother and bought home by their father. And all of the lovely memories are saved in orbs on a family tree. As more people in your family are born, the trees branches grow bigger and bigger and become a glorious sight. When you die and go to heaven you will be able to see your family tree. When the last person in your family has passed, the tree will slowly start to die, but when the tree dies, another little seed grows and creates a new life for another happy family.

By Joe Y5



# Poetry Corner



It was the night I dreamt of snow  
 I was the night I dreamt of snow,  
 As of the jingle of sleigh bells and hanging mistletoe,  
 As Christmas joy was on its way,  
 I longed for the jingle bells of sticks sleigh,  
 I finished turned in my cozy cotton bed,  
 The images of snow slowly brought me too my lake,  
 How I yearned for mother's Christmas pudding cake,  
 I opened my eyes which flew to the window to see,  
 A whole wonderland of icy white waiting for me,  
 My excitement took hold as I leapt from my bed,  
 And at once I knew there was laughter ahead,  
 After getting dressed, down stairs I ran,  
 I was determined to build the best snowman,  
 Outside I ran through the white covered land,  
 I created a magnificent snow man but he was looking bland,  
 So mother was kind enough to lend me a pair, <sup>very</sup> nice gloves, a scarf and a hat for his winter sleigh, <sup>very</sup> I thought the best  
 So at I found a cooked carrot for his nose,  
 and finished him off by dusting his clothes

Write here, Write now  
 I was the night before Christmas Eve  
 I was the night before Christmas Eve  
 Not a sound was to be heard, not even the wind <sup>there was a deep, nighty chill,</sup>  
 The children were all snug even through the glass <sup>the joy, blow,</sup>  
 In the hope, it was doing something, <sup>the stars twinkled so bright,</sup>  
 The birds sang their <sup>night,</sup> songs, I leaped out of bed,  
 While, an idea <sup>came</sup> about snow <sup>peaked out of my curtains,</sup> I whisked around <sup>my head,</sup>  
 HORAY!  
 When I suddenly spotted a teeny, tiny sleigh.

#WAIT FOR CHILDREN TO BE QUIET...  
 I was the night before Christmas  
 Not a snowflake had fallen, when all was asleep,  
 The world seemed to wait for the snow to fall,  
 In hope that the snow would be there for all.  
 The parents were getting ready to go to bed,  
 While the children had Christmas thoughts in their head,  
 And now the snow began to fall,  
 Has my Christmas wish come true for all.

Write Here Write Now  
 I was the night before Christmas  
 I was the night before Christmas  
 Everyone was fast, <sup>BEATH-PAUSE</sup> just asleep, you wouldn't even  
 hear a tiptoeing mouse. <sup>BEATH</sup>  
 The cat by the fire was snoring,  
 While the snow outside was pouring.  
 The family were all asleep in their beds,  
 While visions of dancing turkeys glew through their  
 heads. <sup>BEATH</sup>  
 Then once midnight struck,  
 There was a jingle of a bell, <sup>BEATH</sup>  
 bed to go and have a look.  
 I tiptoed down every single stair,  
 Doing each one with extreme care,  
 Trying hard not to awaken my family from their  
 long winter nap.  
 Then I heard 'THUD THUD!' on my houses 'cap'.

Year 6, wrote their own version of the poem 'The Night Before Christmas'. Enjoy reading Freya's, Eve's, Emily's and Thea's (these were the four shared at the KS2 Carol Concert).

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# Foundation Stage



Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Write here, write now



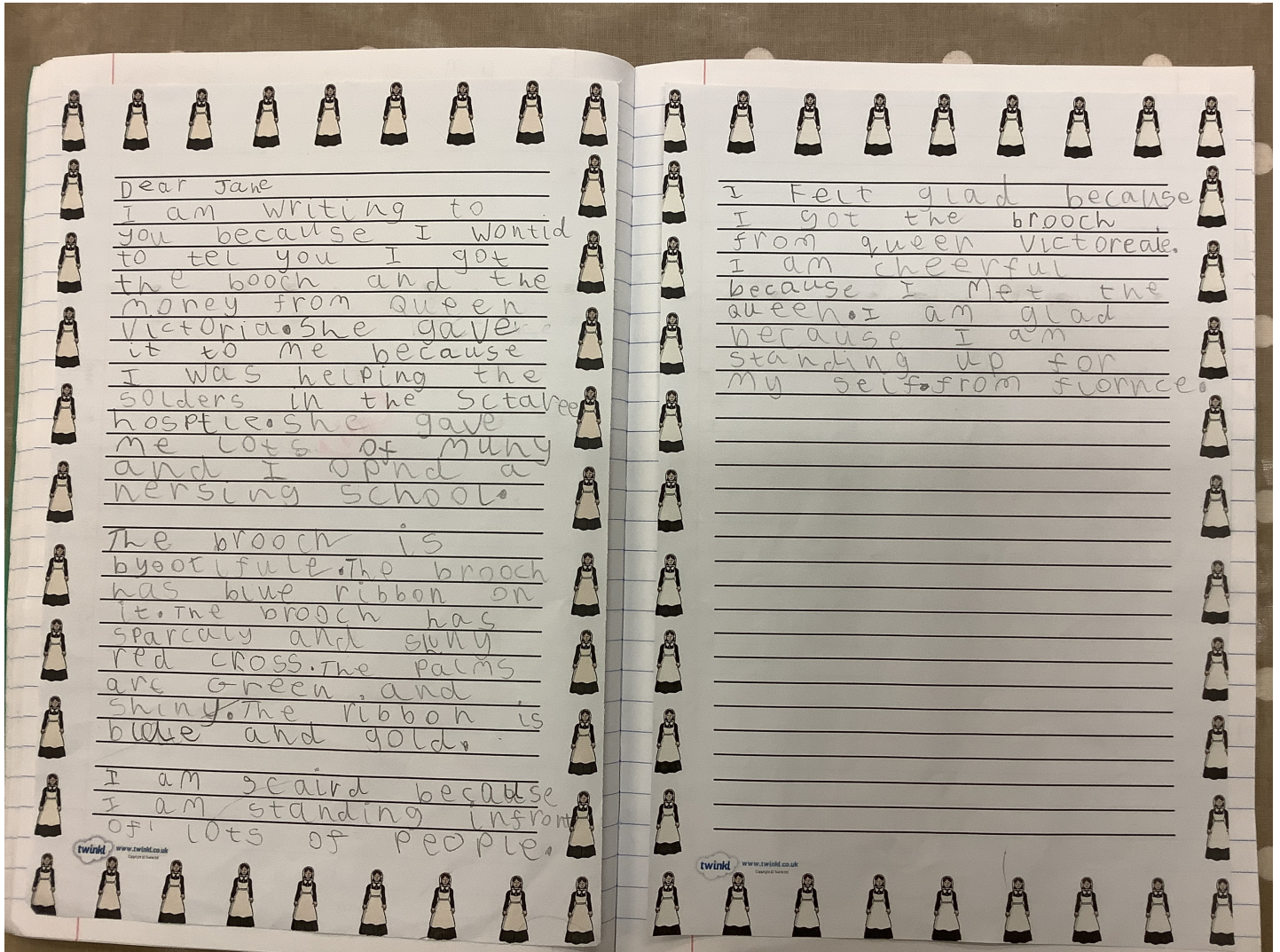
I can see a log.  
I can see a bat.  
I can see a pig.  
I can see a man.  
I can see a rock.  
I can see a ball.  
I can see a goal.  
I can see a sun.

Toby applied his phonics skills to write these super sentences. He even used capital letters and full stops!

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# Year 1



Dear Jane  
I am writing to you because I wanted to tell you I got the brooch and the money from Queen Victoria. She gave it to me because I was helping the soldiers in the Sctaree hospital. She gave me lots of money and I opened a nursing school.

The brooch is beautiful. The brooch has blue ribbon on it. The brooch has sparsely and shiny red cross. The palms are green and shiny. The ribbon is blue and gold.

I am scared because I am standing in front of lots of people.

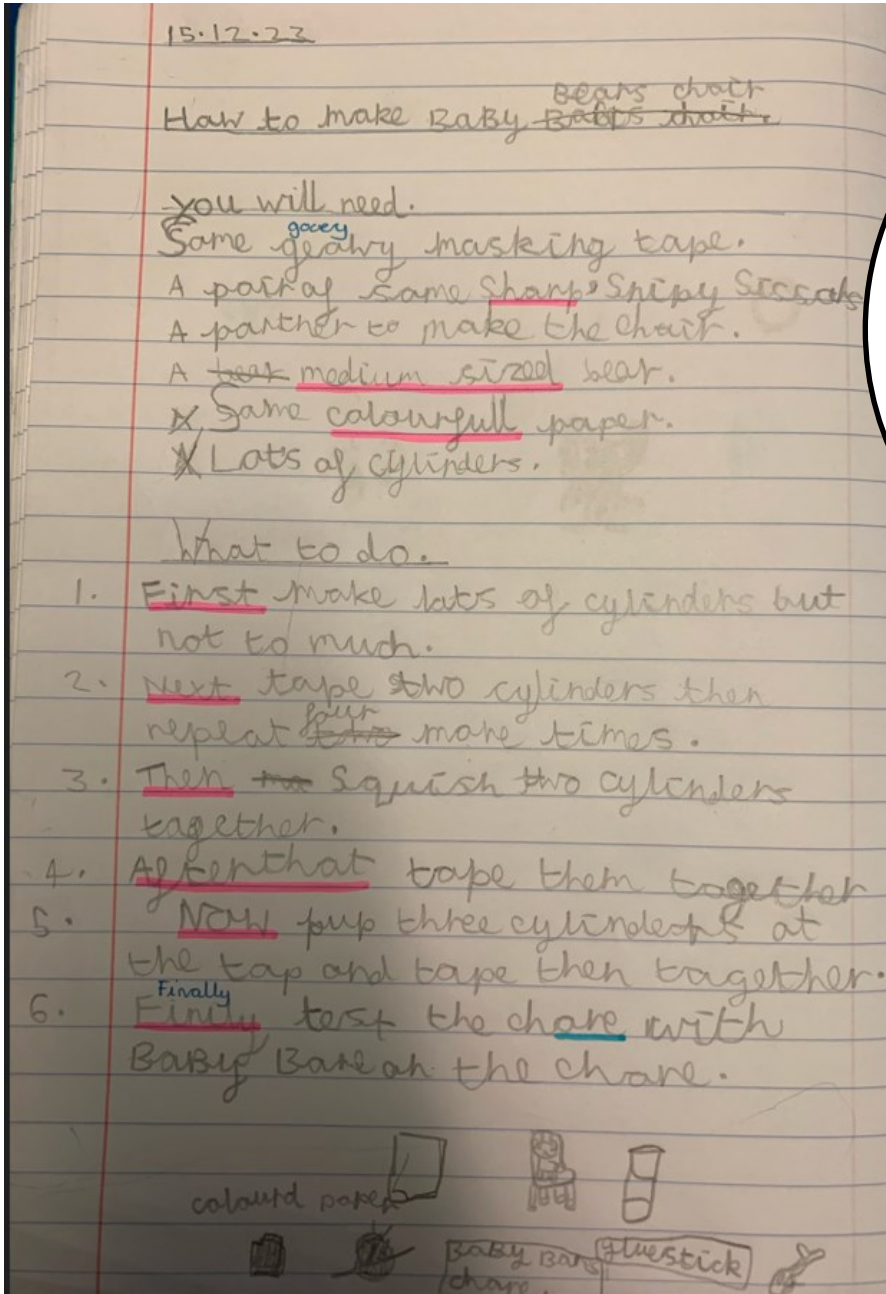
I felt glad because I got the brooch from Queen Victoria. I am cheerful because I met the queen. I am glad because I am standing up for my self from Florence.

Gabriela's letter from Florence Nightingale to her friend, Jane, telling her about the brooch which she received from Queen Victoria.

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# Year 2



Mei wrote a wonderful set of instructions linked to our DT project—How to make Baby Bear's Chair!

You have used some super verbs throughout Mei!

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# Year 3



Ava's explanation text about the shirt machine is a well-organised journey through its fascinating details. .

Using a variety of sentences, she skillfully blends together conjunctions and prepositions

Independent	Supported	4 December 2023
Learning Objective	To use sub-headings and headings in non-fiction writing	
Next	To use a variety of sentence openers	
Advanced	To use conjunctions e.g. when, while, so, because, if, although	
Goal	To use prepositions to express time e.g. before, during, after	

How to make a shirt machine

My uncle is <sup>(2)amazing!</sup> My uncle made this thing called a shirt machine. I'm going to tell you all about it!

Who made the shirt machine anyway?

The shirt machine is made from rusty, rusty, dusty caps and shiny, grey, long pipes. (rusty brown), silver levers and shiny, gold, thick metal. My uncle and me are very proud of him and the spectacular creation that he has made.

Why was the shirt machine made?

The shirt machine was made for special people. There is one <sup>secret ingredient</sup> for the shirt machine MAGIC! Yes the shirt machine is made from a bit of magic. When you pull the lever a magic shirt will appear, it will be wrapped in nice spotty wrapping paper and when you put it on you will have a special ability to stretch, fly, or it edible, or invisible and more.

What other things could <sup>it</sup> you do?

A shirt that is made doesn't always have to be magic it can just be something that you want that's not magic that you don't have but they are all magically special in a way.

In the past what has the shirt machine got him?

In the past my uncle has earned himself a lot of awards and money, we are so proud of him. The shirt machine is very famous for the shirts that it makes. My uncle is on TV as well.

What exciting shirts has it made?

The shirt machine has made many amazing shirts like the flying shirt, edible shirt, musical, invisible and even one that changes colours.

<sup>(2)amazing</sup> <sup>(1)for instance</sup>

Ava's use of language paints a vivid picture, transforming technical details into a wonderful explanation text.



# Year 4




Year 4 have been learning about the features and organisational devices used in newspaper reports.

Thomas has used some ambitious vocabulary

**Mirror & T News**

Reported by Thomas

In a village there are animals and farms. A year later a pack of wolves entered the village and attacked. After they attacked they went to the village. He was astonished and decided he would help the village to rebuild the village. He thought it would be a good idea to



A house in village.

**THE RISE OF ROME**  
**BATTLE & DEATH**


Romulus and Remus twin brothers and their life

11.12.23

Reported by Olivia Smith Monday December

Read on

Twin brothers fought death to death but got hit on small child but survived and years later got killed by his brother Romulus. Read on to find more about this dreadful tragedy happened.



NUMITOR'S CASTLE

Yesterday, Twin brothers fought to the death, but later take a look at their life story to see if it explains this small thing. Once there was two brothers Numitor and Amulius. Numitor the elder ruled over Alba Longa. Amulius was jealous of his so he gathered all his followers and took over the amazing city. Numitor's grandson slaughter fell in love with Mars the king of War and gave birth to two identical twins. Amulius ordered the twins

A catchy alliterative headline used by Olivia S

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# Year 5



Maya created an engaging biography on the author Michael Morpurgo. Her work shows the ability to use a variety of sentence starters, in addition to being beautifully presented, demonstrating the pride she takes in her work.

called Pieter and married a woman called Clair.

In 2006, he was given an OBE by the Queen. During the second world war his and his brother were sadly evacuated to Northumberland to keep them safe from the bombing in London. Once the war had ended, Pieter and his brother Pieter returned to London to find that their Mother had fallen in love with another man called Jack Morpurgo. She eventually divorced Michael's father and married Jack who became Michael's stepfather.



## What is Mr Morpurgo's Education?

Even though he is, as for English, book writer, at university he studied French. To be a teacher he went to Kings College in London. From an early age, Michael attended boarding school but sadly he hated it.

## What is his inspiring career and why?

Before starting a very brief career in the army he attended two boarding schools. In Kent at Abbey School he taught at a school called Abbey school and particularly liked reading stories to the class. In 1963, Morpurgo married the love of his life, Clair. Clair, who is the daughter of Allen Lane, is the founder of the famous publishing house,



Penguin Books.

## Charity

Since Michael wanted to change, ten years after leaving a teacher his and his family moved to Devon. Whilst they lived in a large house next to a farm, amazingly they set up a charity called Farms for City Children. Farms for City Children is a charity for children, that live in cities and big towns. Brilliantly, it gives them the opportunity to stay at one of the charity's three farms for a week. Importantly, children learn about where their food comes from, how to care for animals and about working as part of a team. Surprisingly, the charity is still running today and over 90,000 children have stayed at the farms since it began in 1976.

## Achievements

In 2003, Morpurgo, who has been given many awards was given the title of children's laureate. Four years later, Morpurgo was awarded with an

## Books

Incredibly, since he started writing 'It never rains' he has written many other books like Friend or Foe, War Horse, The Potters' Lion, Kensuke's Kingdom, Private Peaceful and An Elephant in the Garden. 'War Horse' was turned into a stage show in 2007 and then turned into a film in 2012.

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# Year 6

In Year 6, the children had to write as if they were Winston Churchill convincing parents to evacuate their children by sending them to the safer countryside. Lyla's writing, was very emotive, informative and had clear cohesion. Parents would definitely have been persuaded to make the impossible decision.



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you to inform you about the evacuation programme: the best way to keep your beloved children safe. I strongly suggest that you use this opportunity to keep your children safe, and alive.

Furthermore, your children's: freedom, safety, wellbeing and education is our number one priority, which they can get recide in the countryside; along with a loving home and host family. If you truly are a good parent you know this is the best option, for your innocent, loving children.

The dangers in major cities (such as London) are a huge threat for your children's future. Do you want to your children to be <sup>safe</sup> safe and have a good childhood, or live in fear of the German Luftwaffe? The traumatizing sights and sounds could scare your children for life. You wouldn't want that, would you?

I completely understand that this is a tough <sup>decision</sup> decision for you, ~~however~~ however your child's life depends on it. I can guarantee that it will be <sup>successful</sup> successful. I hope I have persuaded you to make the choice, any good parent would for their young ones. Sincerely,

Yours Sincerely, Winston Churchill.

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Thank you to all of our Abbey Gates Authors.

We hope you enjoyed reading the children's hand work.

Look out for our spring term edition!

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