

Cornwall Dragon Fire

Fall 2021



Listen up . . .

The articles in this paper and the internet version of Dragon Fire Newspaper were written by students between the ages of 10 and 13. Take a minute to remember your writing skills at that age. This newspaper is a fun way for us to learn the art of writing while sharing news with friends, parents and the community. There are bound to be mistakes and we can own up to them. If they are pointed out to us we will learn from them. So, if you don't like what is written in the paper don't be too hard on us. If, on the other hand, you like what we're doing, go ahead and throw your praises all around. Thank you.

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CCMS Returns to a (Mostly) Normal School Year

On September 1, 2021 the students of CCMS returned to a (mostly) normal school year after 18 months of lockdowns, quarantines and hybrid learning. Although last year we were here, it was not entirely in person. We asked people around the school for their opinion on coming back to school, and the majority of people answered that they are excited to be back and they are ready! But since covid hasn't gone entirely away yet, we still have our simple rules.

Almost everything is back to as normal as regular school can be. We can walk in the halls, change classes and have in- person clubs. Although, when we walk into different classes, we do need to sanitize our hands. But honestly, clean hands are never a bad idea, right? Also, we must wear masks during the school day when we are inside. We do not need to wear the masks when we are outside or eating lunch, and we are allowed periodic mask breaks inside. We do need to remember to wear our masks correctly, and be sure it is covering our nose and our mouth.

Lunch is a little different, too. In the cafeterias we need to sit in every other seat. Because of that, the school needed to make more room for lunch, so the wrestling room and the utility gym have been set up with tables and chairs to properly separate students during lunch. Finally, we must wear our masks on the bus, and busses have assigned seating. Some of the windows are kept open also so there is airflow on the bus. Nevertheless, we are glad to be back to a relatively normal school year. ~ Chloe O. and Jovan N.

Man Claims to See a Dragon

Everyone has heard of dragons, right? How interesting would it be to hear that a man claims he saw a real one? Recently, we saw a video on YouTube of a man claiming he saw a real dragon on a remote island. The man took a video of what might have been a dragon, laying on the ground. It was white and it looked like it was not alive. It may also be fake, but the man claimed it was real.

If dragons are real then this man is probably the first to find one, but many doubt this footage is real. No one has been able to interview this man and the location of the video is not known. That means he either forgot to show the location or he didn't want people to know where he was to fake the video. The most dragonoid creature scientists know existed is the extinct pterodactyl. It had the ability to fly and hunt in the sky, but it couldn't breathe fire like dragons are thought to do. Nothing has been discovered about real dragons existing except in old folktales.

If dragons actually existed they probably wouldn't breathe fire, but they would maybe look like what we picture them to be.

~ Alexander S.

Critically Endangered African Forest Elephant

There are so many critically endangered and vulnerable creatures in our world. On the top of the list of the most critically endangered species is the African Forest Elephant.

The African Forest Elephants are endangered because of habitat loss, and habitat fragment. This happens due to conservation of forests for farming or livestock farming as well as human development. African Forest Elephants were deemed critically endangered by the IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature, in 2021.

They are also mostly endangered because of **poachers**. They kill elephants just for their tusks. This is illegal but people in the African Forest Elephant's habitat still hunt them down. This is very sad, but people still do it.

~ Riley R.



Child's Play 1988 Movie Review

Child's Play, the original movie, was made in 1988 and it is a horror movie about a boy whose nickname was Chucky. Chucky was able to find a good guy doll to hide in, and when I say hide in, I mean convert his soul into the doll. He did it because he was dying and a guy was hunting him down. When a kid named Andy ended up with the doll he was in for a surprise, an evil surprise.

He got the doll for his birthday and no one knew that an evil spirit was in the doll. When people start dying around Chucky, Andy's mom starts to investigate. While holding the Chucky doll, it asks, "Will you be my friend?" Then Andy's mom checks the doll's box and sees a sign on the box that says "BATTERIES INCLUDED" while the batteries fall out of the box!!! Then Andy's mom looks at the doll and knows that something's wrong..... Check out the movie to find out what happens to the creepy Chucky doll.

~ Alexander S

The First Thanksgiving

Source: kids.nationalgeographic.com

The first Thanksgiving took place on the fourth Thursday in November in the year of 1621. It was celebrated by the Pilgrims and a Native American tribe called the Wampanoag. In 1620, a ship called the Mayflower carried 101 men, women and children across the Atlantic Ocean. This group of people were English Protestants called Puritans who wanted to leave the Church of England. Originally they decided to move to Holland, but after 12 years of struggling from financial problems, English merchants gave them money to go across the Atlantic and settle in the “new world.” They were supposed to land in what is now New York City, but windy conditions pushed them in the direction of what is now Cape Cod, Massachusetts. They landed on November 11, 1620. The Pilgrims wanted to be prepared for the coming winter so they gathered all the food and supplies they could find, including some of the Wampanoag tribe’s.

Long before the Pilgrims crossed the Atlantic, the Native American tribe, the Wampanoags, inhabited the land. The Native American people knew the land and fished, hunted and harvested for thousands of generations. One day a Native American named Samoset (better known as Squanto) visited the settlers and since he knew English, he could communicate with them. He helped them grow corn using fish and other tips that could be useful. After several meetings with each other, there was an agreement made between the Wampanoag tribe and the English settlers. This meant that they would protect each other from other tribes. One day after their agreement the Wampanoags heard a gunshot. They went to check it out and realized the English people were only hunting for their fall harvest. Then they went to do some hunting of their own, and they celebrated the harvest together with singing, ball games and dancing. This fall harvest is now what is known as the first Thanksgiving.
~Lila C.



Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

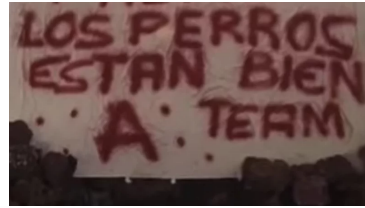
All information goes to Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.com

The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is a parade on Broadway in New York that people are excited about and look forward to seeing. The first parade was in 1924. A puppeteer named Tony Sarg created fantastic balloons that appeared in the Macy's Parade. After the parade became popular they started adding new balloons that would make people more interested. One of the balloons that was in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade this year was Groggu which is a brand new balloon that came into the parade. It was as tall as a three-story building. Another balloon that was brought into the Macy's Day Parade was a Picuchu and Eevee twenty-fifth anniversary balloon that was as long as eight bicycles. There was also an Astronaut Snoopy balloon in the parade that also appeared in 2018. Also, there was a Diary Of a Wimpy Kid balloon that came from the book series by Jeff Kinney. It was as tall as a five-story building.

There were also marching bands in the parade. The first band in the parade was Lincoln Way High School with 250 members; the director was Dr. Bert Johnson. The second band was the Macy's Great American Marching Band. There were about 200 participants and the directors were Dr. Richard Good & Dennis Rhoads. The next marching band was the NYPD Marching Band with approximately 50 people in it, and the director was Amy Pape. There were also clowns, performers, and balloonies, which are Macy's original creations, in the Macy's Day Parade. What a fun time!!

~ Connor S, Alexander S





Where Did the Dogs Go?

Info credited to news.google.com

On October 21, 2021, a few drone operators were getting ready to take off after they got an alert that dogs had gotten themselves into a volcano zone in La Palma, Spain. After the rescuing drones team had arrived they detected something very strange. While searching the area, instead of locating the missing pets the drones found a spray painted banner. The banner said, “The dogs are fine” and was signed “The A Team.” Nobody knows who these anonymous rescuers are, or where the dogs are being kept, but we are all very happy they’re safe and sound. ~ Liah M.

Two Headed Turtle!

When a turtle egg being taken care of at a wildlife center in Barnstable, Massachusetts hatched, it was a big surprise for all of the workers there! When born, one of the heads was given the name Mary-Kate and the other was named Ashley (yes, just like the Olsen twins). They each have their own eating and breathing system and spine, but other than that and their names they really share everything else. They share six legs and one shell. The turtle twins are learning to swim together underwater and when one needs air they both come up for it. The turtle species is a diamondback terrapin. This species is threatened in Massachusetts and since the turtle is unlikely to survive in the wild, the wildlife center will take care of it and study it. ~Lila C.

New Planet Spotted Out of The Milky Way

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NASA reports that their scientists have detected a few signs outside of the Milky Way. They believe their discovery could be the first planet ever found in another galaxy. The planet, which has not been named and is said to be about the size of Saturn, was seen in the Whirlpool Galaxy, which is about 28 lightyears away from Earth. Researchers have seen the planet using a telescope called the Chandra X-ray Observatory. They found the mysterious planet while looking at other planets with a new method called the X-ray Transit Method. They were searching for exoplanets which NASA defines as planets outside our solar system. Their method worked and found a new unimaginable planet! ~Liah M.

Italian Artist Sells “Invisible Sculpture” for \$18,000!

On May 29, 2021, an Italian artist known as “Salvatore Garau” sold an “invisible sculpture” to an anonymous buyer. He even gave the buyer a certificate of authenticity to prove that it’s real. He explained that “You can’t see it but it exists. It’s made of air and spirit.” But guess what? It gets even crazier! This isn’t the first invisible sculpture that he’s made! He also made a sculpture named “Buddha in Contemplation.” ~Chloe O.

Russian Crew is the First to Film a Fiction Movie in Outer Space

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Astronauts at the ISS (International Space Station) had their first fiction film crew shoot in outer space on October 5, 2021. Two civilians and a veteran cosmonaut, Anton Shkaplerov, arrived at the ISS aboard the "Soyuz-2 rocket." Yulia Peresild and Klim Shipenko spent 12 days in outer-space for a 35 to 40 minute segment in a feature film called, "Vyzov" (The Challenge). The movie is about a surgeon, played by Peresild, who goes to outer space to operate on a sick cosmonaut whose medical condition prevents him from coming back to Earth for medical treatment. Peresild beat out more than 3,000 candidates for the role and Shipenko went through an intense 4-month training. They were subjected to conditions like zero gravity suspension and "high-speed acceleration inside a centrifuge." Peresild said, "It was difficult psychologically, physically and emotionally ... but I think once we reach our goal, all challenges won't seem so bad." Author Shariqua Ahmed wrote an article about the film and said, "In addition to being the first actress to film a movie in orbit, Peresild is also only the fifth Russian woman to travel to space." The cosmonauts began filming in outer space on October 13, 2021 and returned safely to Earth from the International Space Station on October 17, 2021. ~ Yani D.

Zara Rutherford 19 Year Old Pilot

All credit goes to News for Kids Oct 14, 2021

Nineteen year old British-Belgium girl Zara Rutherford will become the youngest female pilot to fly across the entire world, which means she is going through 5 continents and 52 countries, setting a world record. Zara also has to fly over the equator twice to break the world record. It will take her about two months to fly across the entire world. Zara began her trip in Belgium on August 18, 2021 and is expected to return in November. She learned to start flying planes when she was 14 years old. She also got her pilot's license in 2020.

Zara's parents were both pilots. Zara's father was a professional pilot that would deliver planes to people across the world. Zara will be flying in a two-seater plane called a microlight. One of the seats got replaced as an extra gas tank but it does not mean that Zara will fly longer distances so her route will go all over the world. The plane also has a second radio, and satellite communications that allows her to talk to people when she needs to. For Zara to avoid clouds, she has to fly close to land or the ocean which can be very dangerous. Because of that, Zara has trained to escape the plane.

Zara is also visiting schools to inspire other people. But for now a female pilot named Shaesta Waiz holds the world record. Good luck, Zara! ~Connor S.

The Gabby Petito and Brian Laundrie Case



Gabrielle Petito, a 22-year-old American woman who was born in our state, New York, disappeared while she was on a trip across the United States with her fiancé, Brian Laundrie. The couple left on July 2, 2021 for what was supposed to be a four- month- long cross country trip. Brian Laundrie returned home to North Port, Florida on Sept. 1 and Petito was not with him. On September 11, Gabby’s family filed a missing persons report on her. After several weeks of searching, sadly, Petitos remains were found in Bridger Teton National Forest on September 19. Her death was determined to have occurred three to four weeks before her body was found, with the cause being murder and it was done by strangulation.

This case gained public attention because Gabby was popular on Instagram because of how much video there was of the two on their trip across the country, including a video of a police involved domestic dispute between Gabby and Brian. The officer did not think too much of the violence at that time, so she let them go.

After Brian Laundrie became a person of interest in the case of his missing girlfriend, his parents said he took a hiking trip to Carlton Reserve in the preserve where he lived. Police used K9 cadaver dogs on the manhunt for him in Florida, near his hometown North Port. Police charged him with credit card fraud because he was using someone else's card to make purchases.

Brian's father, Christopher, began to assist investigators in searching Carlton Reserve on October 7.

After a long month of the FBI and local police investigating and searching, skeletal remains were found at the Florida nature reserve on October 10, 2021. The county coroner and FBI used dental records and confirmed that the remains were in fact Brian Laundrie. No person of interest is being charged at this time, but the police are questioning Brian Laundries parents, and hope to find some answers. Gabby's case took the public eye so quickly and it sparked many interests in other missing cases of people. No person should be forgotten. ~Avery C.

Source: www.news12.com For further information about this case check out abcnews.com.

American Bumblebee Tragedy

Source: www.huffingtonpost.com/uk

Is it true that the beloved bumble bees are going one step closer to being endangered? It has been reported that in 8 states in the U.S., bumble bees have mysteriously disappeared: Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, Idaho, North Dakota, Oregon and Wyoming. The species has experienced a population decline of 90% due to habitat destruction, exposure to disease and pesticides, climate change, loss of genetic diversity and competition with non-native bees. Research shows that the states with the largest declines in American bee populations are the same states that use the most pesticides and fungicides that are dangerous to the environment. If you want to help save them, here's some simple, but significant, examples of what you can do.

Plant bee-friendly flowers throughout the year, especially during March and October, such as honeysuckle, sunflowers, the common poppy, strawberries, and lavender are all great for bumble bees because of their bright colors and large amount of pollen and nectar. Herbs like chives and lemon thyme will also help. If you have a garden at home, filling it with big, leafy plants is a great way to provide shade for bumble bees to rest in if they get too hot in the summer.

Many people don't realize how important bumble bees are to our environment. When they pollinate flowers, that causes the plants to produce fruit which feeds both humans and animals. So without plants, animals will die out, and if the animals die, then we humans will die out and the human species will become extinct. Bees are extremely important to our environment and it is crucial that we do whatever we can to save them. ~ Charlotte C. and Edylene G.



Amar



Hi, and welcome if you are new here!

Now I'm sure there are a lot of you out there who have a crush which is okay! It's completely normal whether you have a crush on a girl or guy! Everyone's feelings are valid, even yours! I will be giving you some tips that will help you through this journey.

Tip 1: Be friendly!

This is a very important trait to have when you like someone. Why is it important? Because by being friendly you'll be able to maintain a good relationship or even a friendship! But it's important to not be too friendly. If you are too friendly with that person they might use you as a doormat (it depends on what type of person they are.) And you're not a doormat. Nobody is nor should they be. Have self-confidence so if you get rejected you will be able to say to yourself: It's okay. It's not the end of the world because a girl/guy doesn't like me because I know I'm hawt anyway.

Tip 2: Just be yourself.

The worst thing you can do in this scenario is be someone you're not. People will love you for you and if they don't, that's their loss because they don't know what they're missing out on.

Tip 3: Don't make fun of them (it hurts).

Guess what? Your lame attempt to get that person's attention worked. Yay! **NOT**. That destroys people's self-esteem and it's mean and hurtful. Believe me, there are other ways to get your crush's attention. For example, compliment them or have a real conversation with them.

Tip 4: HYGIENE!

No matter what grade you are in, you should have good hygiene habits because, trust me, your crush doesn't want to be around someone that smells bad. It's simple; brush your teeth, do your hair, wash it, and lastly PUT DEODORANT ON! And if your parents let you wear cologne, then that works too. I hope these tips help you!

~Angel M.

Braves Win!

All information goes to ESPN and MLB.com

In the World Series, the Atlanta Braves beat the Houston Astros four games to two. In the first game, the Braves beat the Astros 6-2. In the second game, the Astros bounced right back and beat the Braves 7-2 which made the game score (1-1). In game three, the Braves won 2-0. The Braves were able to hold the Astros to no runs at all. Game 4, the Braves won again 3-2. Tough loss for the Astros. Game 5, if the Braves won they would win the World Series. The Astros had to win this game to stay alive. The Astros ended up beating the Braves 9-5 in game 5. In the first inning, the Braves hit a grand slam and everyone thought it was over for the Astros but the Astros made the comeback. Game 6, the last game of the World Series. The Atlanta Braves crushed the Houston Astros 7-0. They won the World Series for the first time in 26 years!! The MVP of the World Series was Jorge Soler. Jorge Soler hit a three-run home run in the third inning. ~Connor S.

Canary Island Volcano Creates Dangerous Lava River

The volcano, Cumbre Vieja, on the Canary Island 62 miles off the coast of Morocco, erupted on Sunday September 19, 2021. This eruption has reached its eleventh week. First one thousand people evacuated their homes. Then as the lava river grew faster and larger, approximately six thousand people were told to leave the area due to the eruption of the volcano. Seventy eight thousand left on their own. The islands are full with tourists. Scientists say that the eruption could go on for weeks or even months. In one of the smallest of the biggest islands which has about eighty-five thousand people living there, there has only been one fatality. This fatality was a 70-year-old man. He died during volunteering to clean up the ashes on a roof. The roof then collapsed, and he died. The lava rivers are up to 20 feet higher than they used to be and have reached a temperature of around 1,830° Fahrenheit. Flights are being cancelled due to all the ashes and the thick clouds from the eruption of the Cumbre Vieja. The volcano is spewing heavy ashes and gases. The people that live in the Canary Islands were advised to stay indoors due to the heavy fall of the ashes. Schools and airports were also closed due to the ashes. There have been three thousands buildings destroyed due to the eruption. Another thing is that there has been a tsunami warning. This volcano eruption can keep going on for days, weeks, or even months.

~ Peyton M. and Charlotte R.



What's Going On?

In October, our principal, Ms. Polumbo, organized an assembly for all four grades to attend during their study hall. But why? What was this all about?

Well, it seems that students have been partaking in less than acceptable behaviour. In the halls, for one, students have been performing anything but admirably. In the halls, whether you have noticed it or not, people have been taking part in activities such as running, as well as pushing and shoving. This is not acceptable because, obviously, someone could get hurt.

And probably one of the lowest offensives: In an effort to partake in challenges issued by social media platform "Tik Tok," students have been encouraged to steal and vandalize school property, the most popular items being from the restrooms. Additionally, to record "Tik Tok" videos or other trends or activities, students use their restroom privileges as an excuse to record. They also chat there, hang out, and generally avoid class. As you can see, the above activities are not appropriate, so Ms. Polumbo held an assembly to remind everyone about acceptable behavior in school and on the bus. Hopefully, the students received the message.

~Sean P

