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The Finlay Flyer...

Miss Stainton, Miss Green, Miss Harris, Miss Frank and Miss Hannis all joined the school in September 2024. We have interviewed these new teachers to hear what they have to say! Welcome to Finlay by Miruna and Ava.

What is your favourite subject?

Miss Stainton—Science Miss Green—PE
Miss Harris—History Miss Frank—Computing
Miss Hannis—Literacy

What is your favourite sport?

Miss Stainton—Swimming Miss Green—Golf
Miss Harris—Swimming Miss Frank—Snooker
Miss Hannis—Swimming

What is your favourite school dinner food?

Miss Stainton—Pizza Miss Green—Pizza
Miss Harris—Fish fingers Miss Frank—Roast chicken
Miss Hannis—Roast chicken

Would you rather do art or maths?

Miss Stainton—Maths Miss Green—Art
Miss Harris—Art Miss Frank—Art
Miss Hannis—Art

What is The Finlay Flyer?

The Finlay Flyer is our school newspaper. This edition is written and edited by pupils in Y5 and Y6 at Finlay.

Welcome to the first edition of The Finlay Flyer for this academic year! In this edition, you will find creative stories, fascinating facts about the animals of Australia and the flags of Europe throughout history, and you will learn about our favourite subjects at Finlay.



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Day of the Demon

by Jenson

On one magical day, a small but powerful kingdom declared war on the horrible demon lurking in his desolate, decayed mansion which had a sickening smell making your stomach churn. The demon had coal-like fur, razor sharp claws, a pointy black back and his face was hideous (it would make you cry for years). As the people of the kingdom did their secret ritual (which must not be mentioned), it boosted their chance of survival as they marched in order to fight this terrible beast. As night rose, they reached the edges of the dark forest. What will happen next...?

As their hearts pounded - **THUD! THUD! THUD!** - they marched towards the mansion. Halfway through the dark forest, a huge boulder blocked the narrow pathway so they had to go into the place known as the deep, deep, deeeeep forest which holds unwanted souls ready to attack. Now the soldiers had their razor sharp swords ready, waiting for this to end. Finally, they saw light. Hope had risen. They ran and ran towards the slimy swamp. Yuck!

To their surprise, they saw an old cottage in the distance. Oddly, the cottage had legs. **“WHY ARE THEY MOVING?”** roared the people of the kingdom.



FAVOURITE SUBJECTS AT FINLAY

by Henry

At Finlay Community School, we do many different subjects such as maths, art and forest school. Here are some of our favourites:

Alfie 5S: Maths- I like counting.

Rio 5M: Maths- I like multiplying.

Sara 5M: P.E. - I like sport.

Rebecca 5S: History - I like to learn about the past.

Jaymee 6S: P.E. - I like to exercise.

Rosie 6S: Maths!

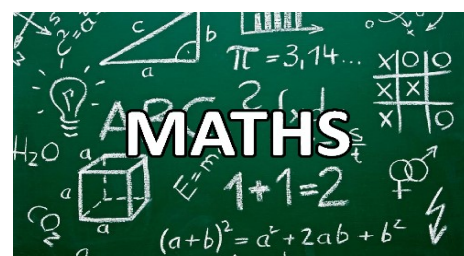
Jessie 4M: History - I like to learn about the past.

Ollie 4M: P.E. - I like to know more sports.

Willow 3J: P.E. - I get to do football.

Logan 3J: Maths - I like doing maths.

George 5M: Forest School - I like doing all the activities.



Carly: Maths - It's interesting.

Mrs Price: Music - It's very expressive.

Miss Preedy: Art - I like helping children learn to draw.

Miss Stainton: Science - It helps me understand how the world works.

Mrs Hammond: Art - I'm very creative.

Miss Moncrieff: Art - I get to be creative.

Mrs Mayo: JIGSAW - I can understand it.



Outstanding Oceanian Organisms

by Teddy and Oliver

Kiwi

Small birds which are exclusively found in New Zealand . They lay the largest egg relative to their size, it is a third of the adults weight when fully formed. They are one of the only nocturnal birds in the world as well as one of the only birds which lives in a burrow.



Cassowary

This large ratite is covered in black feathers except for the vibrant, vivid flaps of skin called a wattle, it is red and blue. They are also extremely aggressive and will attack anyone trying to harm their chicks. They use their lethally long claws to slice skin with ease leaving a bloody mess.

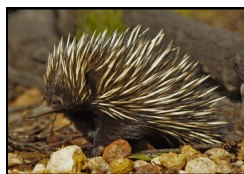
Emu

Emus are the second largest bird in the world, just below the ostrich. They're also known as black birds due to their murky, dark green and partially black organs. They have a fluffy yet stiff coat of greyish brown feathers.



Echidnas

These peculiar animals are one of three egg-laying mammals (two of them are species of echidnas). They have pointy quills and toothless jaws with fifteen centimetre-long sticky tongues. They also have the second lowest body temperature of all mammals and are named after the Greek 'Mother of Monsters'.



Frilled Lizard

These scaly and seemingly harmless lizards pack a frightening punch. This is in the form of a thin layer of skin that they fan out from their head, creating an intimidating yet fascinating and unique ability. They are often found lying on tree trunks in the shade.



Did you know?

Australia is home to the two most venomous animals in the world, the box jellyfish and the taipan snake. The box jellyfish is the most venomous creature on the planet and is also known as sea wasp or cubozoan. There are approximately 50 species and they are found in coastal marine waters. Another one of the most deadliest animals is the taipan snake and these snakes are of the genus oxyuranus in the elapid family. They are large, fast-moving and highly venomous creatures, endemic to Australia and New Guinea.





Flags of Europe throughout history by Alfred

Flags of history represent the nation itself, and can be a symbol of that nation, striking fear in their enemies. For example, Great Britain's flag features a combination of the English, Scottish and Northern Irish flags. And this flag of the **Holy Roman Empire (above)** which dominated Central Europe between the years of 800 and 1806. The eagle was believed to be used by King Charlemagne, the founder of the empire and the yellow background symbolises gold, and after the 1500s, the claws were even turned red to appear bloody and intimidating.



This flag (left) is of **France** when leader Napoleon ruled over France.

This sparked the Napoleonic Wars, as France no longer being a monarchy sparked an imbalance of power in Europe.

The fleur-de-lis are a symbol of the French monarchy and the golden eagle is for the same reasons as the previous flag, as Charlemagne also ruled over France.



This flag is not of a country, but instead a company. This is the **Dutch East India Company**, the richest company in the world with a total of **£5,896,560,000,000**.

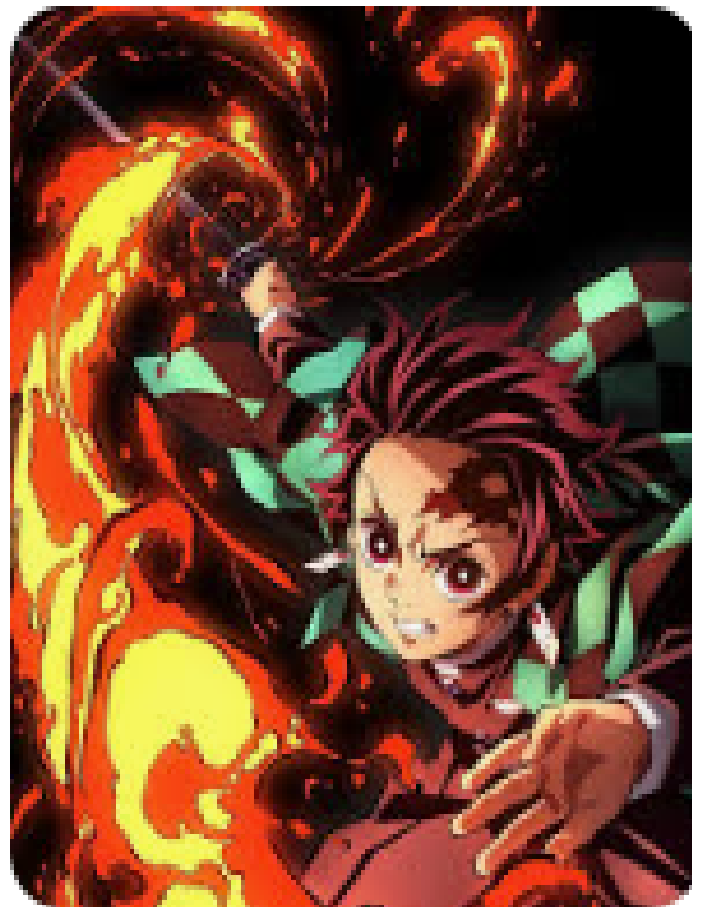
Fortunately, it declared bankruptcy in the 1700s. The VOC displayed in the centre is Dutch for its very name.



This is the flag of the **Second Spanish Republic**. After winning the elections in 1931, Spain had turned into a republic. The coat of arms in the centre indicates a united Spain with all the ancient kingdoms. This has been incorporated in the flag since 1492! The purple is displayed on Catholic colours displayed on vestments. The red and yellow however are iconic Spanish colours that remain on the flag to this day, with the monarchy being restored.

A Hero Arises

In Mount Kumotori, a local charcoal seller called Tanjiro lived with his family until the first demon, Muzan Kibutsuji, attacked his home, killing all but one of his relatives. The sibling in question was Nezuko Kamado, who was demonised in the attack. Now fighting against her: her brother Tanjiro Kamado, the so-called mountain God Inuske Hashibira and Zenitsu Agatsuma. In her journey, she had faced many demons. The list includes: Lower 5, Lower 1, Upper 6 and Upper 4, as Upper 5 was defeated by Mist Hashira Muichiro Tokito of the once eight Hashira. Now 7, known as Flame Hashira, Kyojuro Rengoku — son of the previous Hashira, Shinjuro Rengoku. Ever since Tanjiro Kamado completed the demon slayer core test and defeated the hand demon, Teoni freed the spirits of the people he had eaten during the test who were previous students of Sakonji Urokodaki. After obtaining his Nichirin sword and setting out on his first mission, Tanjiro Kamado had achieved great things and had beaten 2 lower rank demons and 3 upper ranked demons. In turn, he became a hero in the demon slayer core . Sadly, since the demon slayer core



wasn't recognised by the government, Tanjiro's efforts were not recognised anywhere except the demon slayer core. Hopefully, this hero would be able to finally defeat the king of the demons, Muzan Kibutsuji, and find a cure for demonism.

By Mason