

# Mini Messenger



Youth takeover: this edition by Pye Bank Primary kids

**PULL-OUT SECTION FOR KIDS!**

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## Meerkat Mail

The Messenger asked author Emily Gravett to comment on the work Pye bank kids had done on her wonderful Meerkat Mail children's book. She sent this response, plus three autographed copies of her book to the school.



*"I'm so impressed by the work that the kids from Pye Bank have done based on my book. I think there's a future generation of authors and illustrators being nurtured in that school."*

*"It makes me so happy to see a school promoting a love of books and reading, because once a child is in love with reading, anything else is possible."*



# EID-AL-FITR EXPLAINED

by Pye Bank pupils  
Fatima Abdillahi and Laial Al-Basit

Photos courtesy of Pye Bank School



## **Fatima:**

Eid -Al- Fitr is a sacred, joyous Muslim festival celebrated to indicate the end of Ramadan. An estimated two billion people (believers of Islam) enjoy Eid all around the world. All Muslims are cleansed of their sins and are given a chance to start over.

## **What is Ramadan?**

### **Fatima:**

It is a month where Muslims understand the plight of those who face poverty. Ramadan is the ninth month (Shawal) of the Islamic Lunar Calendar . We fast from sunrise till sunset; the last meal is Suhoor and the first one is Iftar. In other terms, from the first prayer -Fajr- and the fourth prayer -Maghrib- we do not eat.

Before we eat for Iftar, we break our fast with a traditional date and the reason to this is because it is said that our Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) broke his fast with a sweet date. Fasting is intended to help teach Muslims to focus on Allah and to be self- disciplined. Fast (sawm) is the fourth pillar of Islam; there are five in total.

## **How is the end of Ramadan marked?**

### **Laial:**

Eid-Al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan. It starts on a new moon. On Eid, Muslims are forbidden to fast: the occasion is to celebrate the sacrifices made during Ramadan. Most Muslims consider this as a day to be cheerful.



Pupils at Pye Bank were asked to write and explain Eid-Al-Fitr

## **Fatima:**

Once the new moon (a crescent moon) has been seen, Eid officially falls upon us. The word 'Eid' translated to English is feast. There are 2 Eids. Eid -Al-Fitr and Eid -Al- Adha. Because of the Islamic Lunar Calendar which place at different times of the year.

## **How is Eid celebrated in the community?**

### **Laial:**

Muslims celebrate Eid by praying and wishing each other Eid Mubarak –blessed Eid. Additionally, parents give eidi (Eid money) to their children. On this special event, Muslims forget about animosity to others. It is also a time to meet up with friends and family.

### **Fatima:**

Ladies wear a long dress called an abaya and khamees. As a thanks to Allah, we have a special prayer. Due to restrictions, we cannot come together and pray. We greet others by saying Eid Mubarak and Eid Kareem. We put aside our animosity and enjoy the celebration.

## **What foods are eaten around the world to celebrate Eid-Al-Fitr?**

### **Fatima:**

Across the globe, Muslims celebrate Eid-Al-Fitr differently. For example, in Turkey they eat baklava and Turkish delights. But in Iraq and Saudi Arabia, they eat a rose-flavoured cookie. Yet in Yemen, they eat basbousa.

# The heated debate

## Was Emmeline Pankhurst a hero or criminal?

Story by Hamish Fagan

Emmeline Pankhurst was an activist who played a huge role in the fight for women's right to vote. She was the leader of the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU), also known as the Suffragette movement. Despite doing very important things, her actions were fairly extreme and she did commit a number of crimes. There is a debate over whether she was a hero or a criminal. This argument needs to be solved once and for all.

Many people believe that Emmeline Pankhurst was a hero. This is because she was brave enough to stand up for her beliefs even though she knew that it may get her imprisoned. Also, she is considered a hero because if it was not for her, women would not have many of the rights they have today. She remained resilient despite persecution, so she is also a good role model for never giving up. This is why she is considered a hero.

The reason some people think she is a criminal is because she was guilty of many crimes such as burning down buildings and smashing windows. She also attacked members of Parliament and encouraged women to commit the same crimes. She was arrested and sent to jail several times. While in jail, she went on hunger strikes but was brutally force fed. Her actions were extremely controversial.

Personally, I believe that Pankhurst was a hero, because she was responsible for women earning the right to vote and make the choices they can today. I do not fully agree with their methods, but she was undeniably an important person in British history.



Story by Rayan Ameen

Emmeline Pankhurst was the leader of WSPU (women's social political union). Some people think that Emmeline Pankhurst is a criminal but others think that she is a hero. People think that she is a hero because she got the government to change the rules and let women vote. People think that she is a criminal because she has smashed windows and committed criminal offences.

The vast majority of people believe Emmeline Pankhurst is a hero. This is because she stood up for her beliefs even though she had to face persecution. She went on hunger strikes so that the government noticed the inequalities of women. She influenced lots of people and she helped with the war effort. This is why people think that she is a hero.

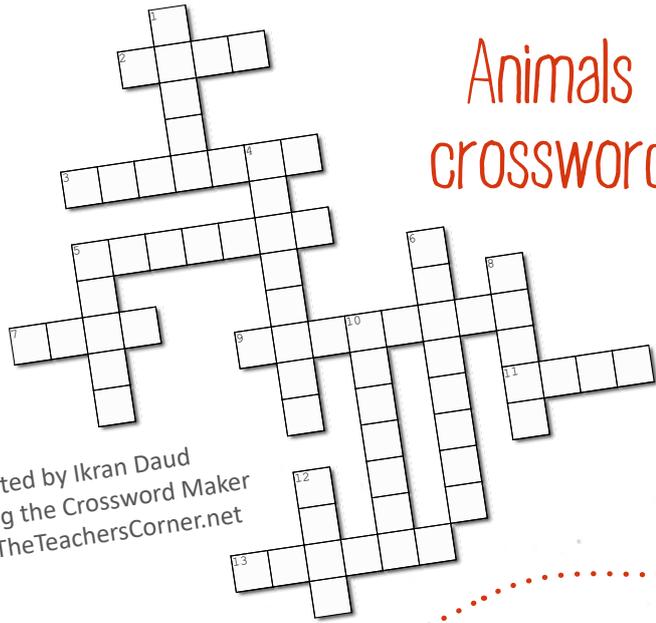
On the other hand some people believe that she is a criminal because she committed many criminal acts: burning down golf clubs, hand-cuffing herself to the king's gates and disrupted parliament. As a result of the criminal acts, lots of people could have been injured. She has also been arrested seven times.

In conclusion, after analysing all the evidence, I believe that she is a hero because she gained women's votes in 1928 on the same terms as men and changed the future for women.

The **Mini Messenger** needs **youth groups, schools and people aged 5-25** to help create a section made by and for young people.

Training and support is available. If you would like to get involved please contact [mail@burngreavemessenger.org](mailto:mail@burngreavemessenger.org)

# Pye Bank Fun Page



## Animals crossword

Created by Ikran Daud using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

### Across

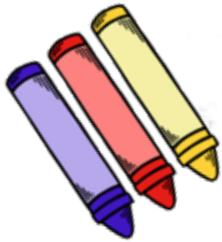
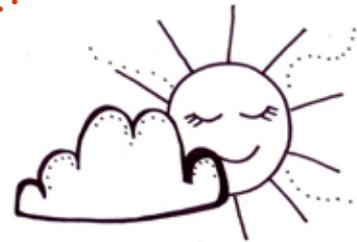
2. make honey
3. related to guinea pigs
5. can go on both land and sea
7. a popular home pet
9. they give birth to joey 's
11. king of the jungle
13. one of the smallest cats

I'm a clue!



### Down

1. eat honey
4. 2nd largest mammal
6. only large cat which is not scared to go in the water
8. awakens at night
8. lives in australia
10. tallest mammal
12. sleep upside down



## Fruity wordsearch

W W O P S C W D P L U M C L C P C G  
 B Y X M B T Y N R L E U V H B E O R  
 L Z C S M L R G R A P E S O A A C A  
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Find the following words in the puzzle.  
 Words are hidden ↓ → and ↘

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| APPLE       | GRAPEFRUIT |
| BANANA      | GRAPES     |
| BLACKBERRY  | GUAVA      |
| BLUEBERRY   | KIWI       |
| CHERRY      | MANGO      |
| COCONUT     | MELON      |
| DRAGONFRUIT | ORANGE     |
|             | PEACH      |
|             | PEAR       |
|             | PINEAPPLE  |
|             | PLUM       |
|             | RASPBERRY  |
|             | STRAWBERRY |
|             | WATERMELON |



Created by Miriam Alarimi using Word Search Generator