

Please enjoy the teams' submissions for the colouring competition, haikus and pet pictures - thank you all for sharing!



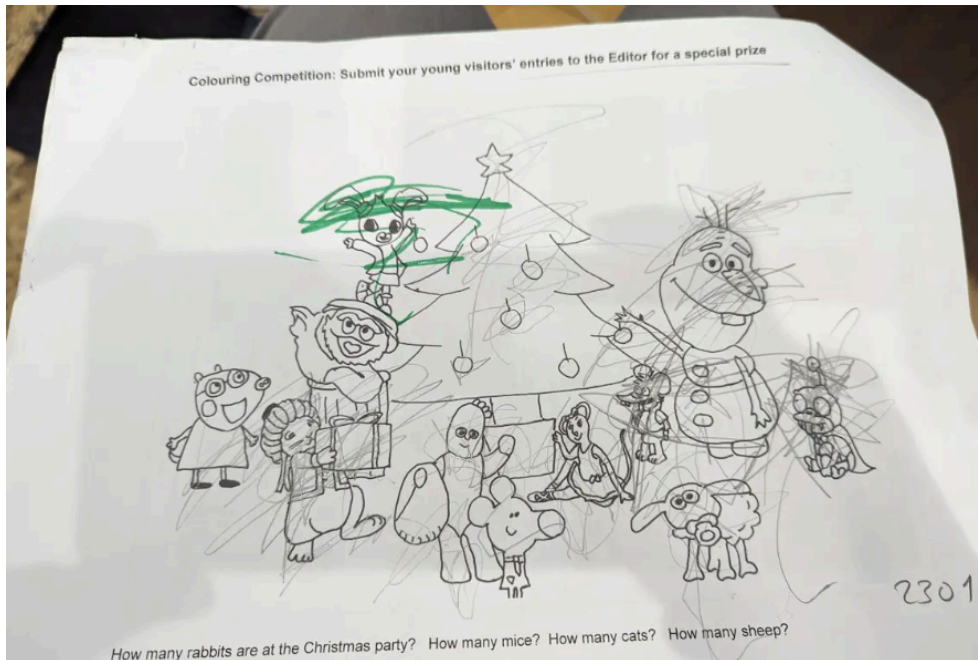
Imitation Gamers



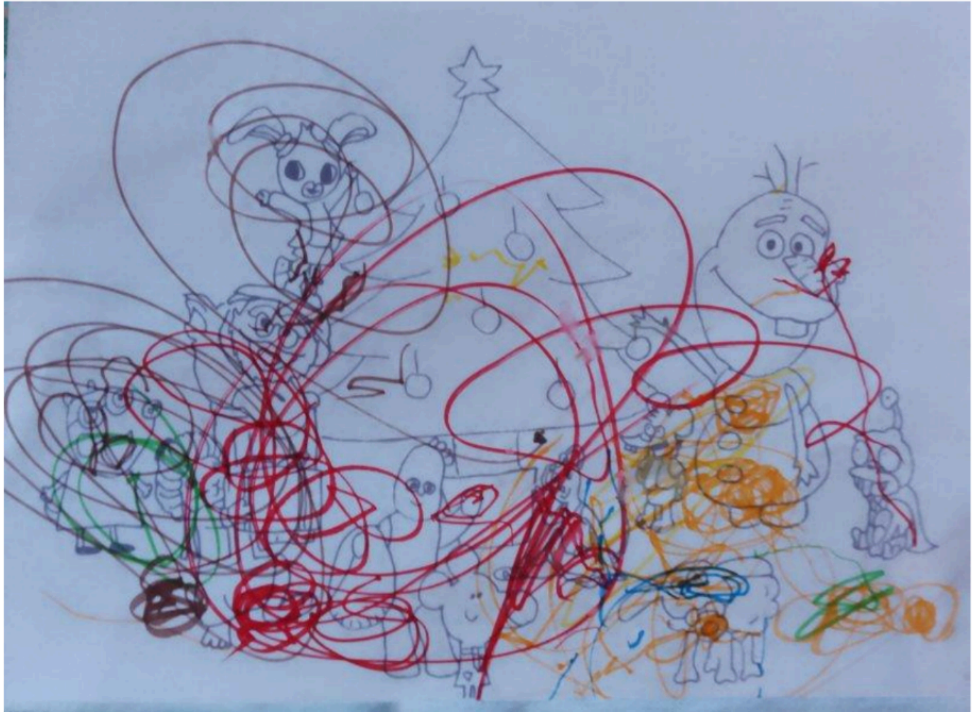
Team Poirot



Psychologicals



Buridan's ATH



Puzzle Club



Nevermore, Provisionally



Daphne HQ



Pathfinders



Raiders Up the Wrong Bark



The Mullitovers

Colouring Competition: Submit your young visitors' entries to the Editor for a special prize



How many rabbits are at the Christmas party? How many mice? How many cats? How many sheep?

2 3 0 1

The Cruciverbalists - WINNER !!!



Magpie



Welwyn Tensioned



Team FocalPoint

Haikus

Welwyn Tensioned summed up their whole ATH experience...

*Box found, pride intact,
But five teams beat us to it.
Much thanks to Google.*

Team Focalpoint took a leaf out of the guard's book and went multilingual...

Qui est Soren K?
Donde está Kierkegaard?
vi ved det ikke...

Magpie thought why submit one haiku when you can include loads. Making sure they get the points for spotting the ATH themes...

*Faith; prison escapes;
Buffy the Vampire Slayer;
Søren Kierkegaard.*

*Existentially,
Buffy slays, therefore she is;
thus, a Knight of Faith.*

Included a tribute to a Danish prison escapee...

*Brian Bo Larsen:
mestereskapologen;
toogtyve gange.*

And to the Shawshank Redemption...

*I trust in two things:
discipline and the Bible.
Here you'll receive both.*

*Put faith in the Lord;
your ass now belongs to me.
Welcome to Shawshank.*

Referred back the puzzle asking for a haiku in the first place...

Q: *What do you get*

If you cross "slayer" and "sneeze"
A: A Buffyverse

Used Morse Code!

dot, dot DAH dot, dot,
DAH dot DAH dot, DAH, dot dot,
DAH DAH DAH, DAH dot.

DAH dot dot dot, dot,
DAH DAH dot DAH, dot dot DAH,
dot, dot dot dot, DAH.

dot dot DAH dot, dot,
dot DAH dot dot, DAH DAH DAH,
DAH dot, dot dot dot.

dot dot dot, dot DAH,
DAH, dot DAH, DAH dot, dot dot,
dot dot dot, DAH DAH.

Included haikus for some of their favourite puzzles....

Poetry Corner:
An ode to a night in jail –
Do I wake or sleep?

Pembury, Edgware,
Nuthurst, Tilbury, Ascot:
a five-by-five clue.

And finally used a haiku to thwart Kierkegaard's escape plans...

Kirkguard's "Grand Depart":
St Pancras, 15th of Jan
6:01am

The Cruciverbalists went with the Scooby Doo theme...

Mystery unfolds,
Scooby snacks and laughter reign,
Ghostly masks revealed.

The Psychologicals told me about their rain-soaked journey to the treasure...

*Muddy are the ways
Rain envelopes the Hunter
At the tree, hoorays*

Alcoholus Lubricatum were first to the treasure, but even they weren't fast enough to beat Kierkegaard...

*Coulsdon in winter
Happy Valley treasure tree
The bastard's moved it!*

Team Poirot including this plea...

*Scooby-Dooby-Doo
Where are you now we need help?
Tell us three of three.*

Roboogle Aftermath offered me two meditations on the theme of Scooby Doo, the second of which is possibly the most profound thing ever written about the cartoon...

*I would have gotten
Away with it too, if not
For those meddling kids*

*Chasing the monster.
Hounding him without mercy.
But he's just human.*

Johnny from Donny complained about another year of Pablo distracting from more traditional festive activities. You love it really, Johnny...

*Like each year gone by
There's no time for Christmas things
It's your fault, Pablo*

The Pathfinders celebrated their find with a cute rhyme...

*Stashed Scooby Snacks
Near London Loop tracks
Found by Mike who's
Prince of Haikus!*

Raiders Up the Wrong Bark also celebrated their puzzle solving delight...

*A dark winter's night
A cosy chair Eureka!
One moment of joy*

No Management Potential described the moment of finding the treasure box only to be faced by the combination lock....

*Searching for a box
Surrey on a Winter's morn
What are the numbers?*

Daphne HQ sounded like they had a terrible time...

*Trapped in this Hellmouth
Existential Danish hopes
Soon this bird will fly*

NATO did submit some haikus - but I much preferred their limericks...

*There once was an old man called Wiley
who was recently not feeling smiley:
he was stuck in a jail cell
the treasure, he knew well
was taken, by others, quite slyly*

*A message has reached us from prison
from a man unexpectedly wizened.
He said "Puzzlers, I'd like you
to write lots of haikus"
which is why i'll say "sorry, this isn'."*

- JOINT WINNER !!!!

The Stragglers included lots of the themes of the ATH...

*Existential angst
Buddy and the Scooby Gang
Fight the birds of prey*

Nevermore, Provisionally offered this musical number...

*Strangers in the night
Explaining Kierkegaard to
Scooby Dooby Doo*

- JOINT WINNER !!!

The Sockdales got into the Sooby Doo theme...

Catch the monster, Scoob!
How 'bout for a Scooby Snack?
It'd Old Man Smithers!

Dave Kee / Arthur and his three Agathas appropriately our international co-operative went multilingual...

Christmas in prison
Snøbel strå stars glimmering
Behind the dark bars

Thank you all for your creativity!

Pet Pictures - no winners here because of course I loved them all equally!

