

# THE PRESTON PAPER

## SCHOOL SPOOKTACULAR



**Happy Halloween!**

BY KRISH NOTAY

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a fantastic half-term break and have come back into school ready to learn. We look forward to seeing your brilliant Halloween outfits and remember, don't go too crazy on the sweets!

Enjoy our Halloween edition.

### Whilst in Whitby

BY ROSE TANNASEE

You might have heard about Whitby or Bram Stoker or Dracula, if you haven't, don't worry all will be revealed in this article.

First, let's talk about Whitby. Oh, it is a wonderful village, it is a main town in Yorkshire. I went to Whitby with my family in the Summer holidays, it was so much fun. I would really recommend it for the fish and chips!

Now, I think we should talk about Bram Stoker and Dracula. This all happened a long time ago when a man, who was a writer, took a holiday to Whitby. He was the man who wrote Dracula. You know Hotel Transylvania - the movie - is based on Dracula. He got inspired by an Abbey on a hill, a creepy looking boat and the village. His books are some of the best horror books ever written.



### The History of Halloween

BY ROSE TANNASEE AND OLIVIA LEDGER

The word Halloween comes from All Hallows Eve. It all started when the Celts, who lived 2000 years ago in the area that is now Ireland, believed that the dead returned to earth on Samhain, which is a pre-Christian Celtic festival.

As an addition, we dress up for Halloween for it is said to ward off ghosts. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving pumpkins, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating treats. Borrowing from European traditions, Americans began to dress up in costumes and go house to house asking for food or money, a practice that eventually became today's "trick-or-treat" tradition.

### GHOULISH GAGS

BY JESLEEN RANU

**What do mummies listen to on Halloween?**

Wrap music

**What do ghosts wear when their eyesight gets blurry?**

Spooktacles

**Why didn't the vampire attack Taylor Swift?**

Because she had bad blood

**What do witches put on their bagels?**

Scream cheese

**Why did the vampire need mouthwash?**

Because he had bat breath

**What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?**

Squash

**GHOSTS**

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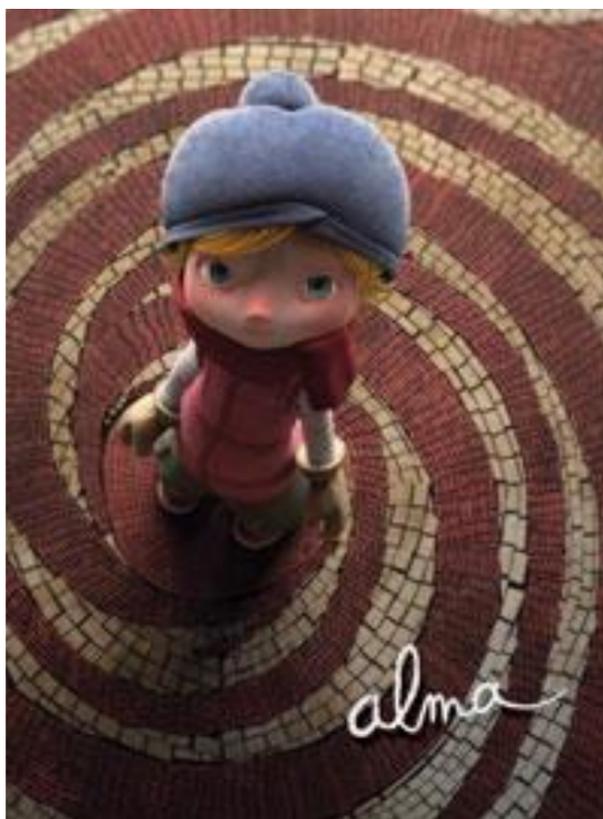
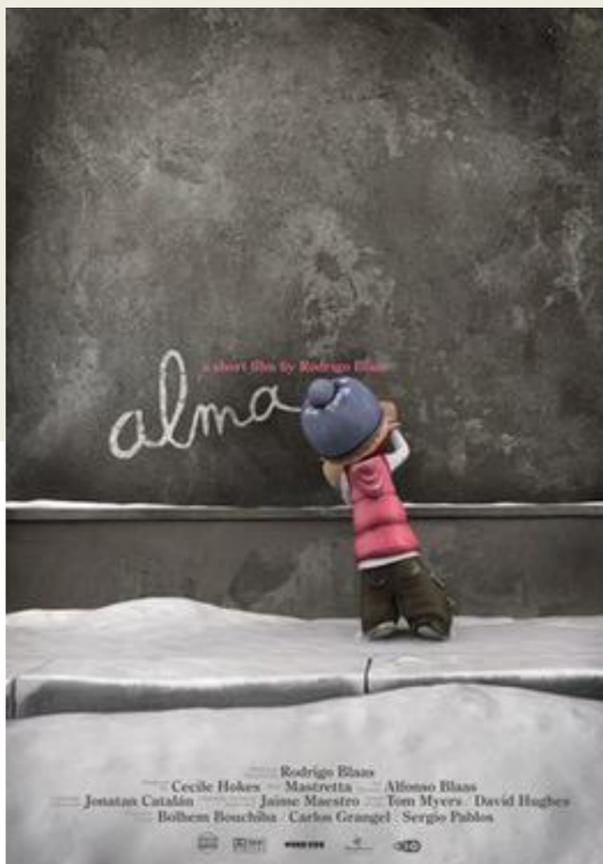
**SPOOKY GOINGS ON**

## Alma

BY ISABELLA BROWN

Gently, the fluffy, white snow was falling from the heavy sky above. The clouds were as dark as the night sky. Alma, who was a young, curious girl, was dancing and playing in the soft, white snow. The clouds grew lighter as the beautiful sun rose. As Alma danced, out the corner of her eye, she saw a big chalkboard! She looked around for a minute, until a big, white piece of chalk caught her eye. Alma walked over to the piece of chalk. Carefully, she got on the floor and picked the chalk up. Before she got up, Alma peered around to see if anyone was coming, but no one was. She got up and walked over to the chalkboard and wrote her name "Alma". Alma stepped back and admired the board full of names. After a minute, Alma turned around. When she turned around, she saw a doll which was identical to her! Speedily, Alma bolted to the shop window and peered through to get a better view. Excited, Alma stepped back and jumped back in excitement.

Excitedly, she went over to the door and tried the handle multiple times. In frustration, Alma grabbed some snow. She then kicked the door and threw a hard snowball at the door in rage. Suddenly, the old, crooked door opened. As quick as a cheetah, Alma bolted to the door and went inside. Alma accidentally stepped on a boy doll on a bike. Alma picked it up and put it back in its place. Straight away, the doll bolted to the door, but it had shut. The doll continued to bang loudly on the door. While the doll was banging, Alma turned around and the identical twin doll had moved! Confused, she tiptoed over to the doll and carefully climbed on the sofa below. Alma decided to try on her shoes. Her fingers were inches from the doll. Suddenly, there was a flick of light. Alma's heart skipped a beat. Alma looked around as the other dolls stared at her from her place inside the eyes of the porcelain doll. Her soul had been taken. As the snow fell gently outside, another victim appeared...



## MINDFUL MEDITATION

BY ROSE TANNASEE, OLIVIA LEDGER, JESLEEN RANU, JESSICA FAGASI AND KRISH NOTAY

Last week, Year 6 visited the Buddhist Centre for a religious education trip. We interviewed some students from Year 6 to tell us more about their experience.

First, we had to take off our shoes to show respect. Then, we gave offerings such as seven bowls of water and when we poured the water to the buddha, we imagined we were filling the world with happiness. We then sat on the carpet and a kind lady taught us about the story of the buddha. Then, we got flowers in our hands and meditated. After we finished meditating, we put the flowers back on the table. The lady got a vase and then poured rice until it was a tower of rice. We also gave some flowers and food to the buddha.



## What is mindfulness?

Mindfulness means paying full attention to something. It means slowing down to really notice what you're doing.

Being mindful is the opposite of rushing or multitasking. When you're mindful, you're taking your time. You're focusing in a relaxed, easy way.

# Transylvania

BY JESSICA FAGASI AND HARRY TAYLOR

You may have heard of Transylvania from popular culture, including films and books such as *Dracula* and *Hotel Transylvania*, but did you know it was a real place?

## Where is Transylvania located?

Transylvania is located in Romania – in the heart of Romania.

## What is Transylvania’s population?

Transylvania’s population is just under 7 million and Hungary regained about two-fifths of Transylvania during WWII.

## Why is Transylvania famous?

Transylvania is most famous for its *Dracula* connection.

## What does Transylvania mean?

Transylvania means “beyond the forest” (trans meaning “across, over, beyond”)

## When did Hungary lose Transylvania?

Transylvania had been part of the Hungarian Kingdom since the 10th century, and it remained under the Hungarian rule even after Hungary was defeated by the Turks in 1526 at Mochas.

## What is the climate in in Transylvania?

Transylvania is one of the coldest regions in Romania with an average daily high temperature of only 16 degrees.

## My parents (who have gone to Transylvania) have some suggestions:

- 1) Beautiful castles
- 2) Chimney cakes/good foods and traditional cabbage rolls
- 3) Beautiful mountains with ski resorts
- 4) Shops with handmade clothes

