# "WHAT'S UP AT BPS"



#### <u>Halloween</u>



As I'm sure you know, Halloween is coming up very soon and it will be exciting to start carving pumpkins and whatnot. But have you ever stopped and thought "How did Halloween come about?"

Halloween dates back 2000 years in Ireland and was originally the festival of Samhain. At this time, the new year and winter started on the 1st of November, so Samhain was a festival to commemorate the last day of summer. But more importantly, it was believed that at this time that the gate between the living and the dead was weakened, and dead spirits would mix with humans. As a disguise against these ghosts, people wore costumes (like animal skins, not superman or clowns). They also made lanterns by hollowing out gourds such as pumpkins.

This year's Halloween might be different though because the Coronavirus disease has restricted our Halloween options. I would like to point out Trick-or-Treating is not cancelled, but safety precautions such as limiting lollies to the front door and access to hand sanitisers should be put in place. You are only allowed 20 people at your house at a time, but otherwise it is happy trick-or-treating.

<u>Charlie M</u>

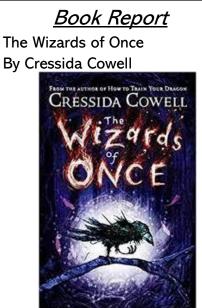
### <u>Art Show</u>

Last Wednesday, Stages 2 and 3 showcased their artworks that they had made with Miss Westwood. There were some awesome artworks, so we took some photos to put here.



## <u>Riddle</u>

Riddle: A Railroad Crossing Without any Cars. Can You Spell That Without any R's?



The wizards of once is a story of a wizard prince, named Xar, and a girl warrior, named Wish, and Wishes assistant bodyguard, named Bodkin. The wizards of once is a 4-book series for ages 9+ but what is it really about? Well everyone lives in a place called the wildwoods, and the wizards and warriors are sworn enemies, but they are so busy fighting something evil is coming unnoticed.

It is set in ancient Britain so long ago it was called the Wildwoods. Not Britain, if I had to rate the book I'd say it is  $\frac{4}{5}$  stars because it captures the reader it has funny pictures and jokes, plus Xar has amazing insults and even it has some puzzles like who the narrator is.

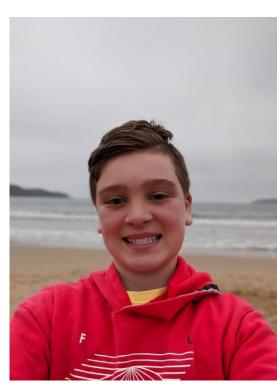
I think this is a really good book, which you can find at most bookstores at Westfield, for example QBD the book is not very expensive either.

<u>Luca P</u>

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Riddle Answer: T – H – A - T

## Interview With a Year 6 Student



Yesterday I interviewed Spencer in year 6 so all of you can get to know him a little better. Standing up in the hall and getting told he was in K-Red was one of his first memories.

I asked Spencer what he thinks could be improved in the school and he said that we definitely need to have mirrors in the boy's bathroom and that we should bring back the breakfast club because some kids can't have breakfast otherwise.

We also asked him how different Year 6 is to Kindergarten. His response was that in kindy you aren't allowed to do activities like drama, dance and band also in year six there are lots of special events for the Year 6's to do because it's their last year at BPS.

And the question students want but teachers don't... Who is his favourite teacher? It turns out he doesn't have a favourite teacher; he liked them all for their own unique reasons.

When asked, Spencer said doesn't know whether he will prefer high school to primary school. But, he said that in high school you have lots of different teachers so if he doesn't like a teacher he will only have them for an hour, so it won't be too bad!

And to wrap it up we asked what his favourite Sesame Street character is. His Answer? Oscar the Grouch!



