

Congratulations to our students who took the 'O' and 'A' Levels examinations in 2007. 60% scored As and the others had B3s. Well done, everyone.

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A CreativeHorizons™ Newsletter

UPDATE – ACTIVE READING

Students have been enthusiastic about the programme and some of the books have become new favourites. Parents report that they too have come to know the books well as discussions about characters, plots, scenes, new words and opinions continue at home. Thanks for the positive feedback.



We are opening a class for Active Reading P3 or P5 on Sunday at 3.30pm. Interested? Please call the front office to book your places.



IT'S HERE – PAPER PLANES 2008

It's time to let your creative juices flow. This year Paper Planes – a Creative Writing Contest will be held over 2 Saturdays - 17 May, 6pm and 31 May, 11am. There is no entry fee and the contest is open to all students from Primary 1 to Secondary 4. Current students will receive the forms in class. If you have friends who might be interested, extra forms are available from the front office or you can download them from our website.

Come Meet Us – Parent-Teacher Meeting Term 2 2008

SINGAPORE	MALAYSIA
(P3, P4, P5, S2, S3, JC1)	All Levels
Wednesday – Friday 7 – 9 May & Monday 12 May 2008	Friday – 16 May & Sunday – 18 May 2008

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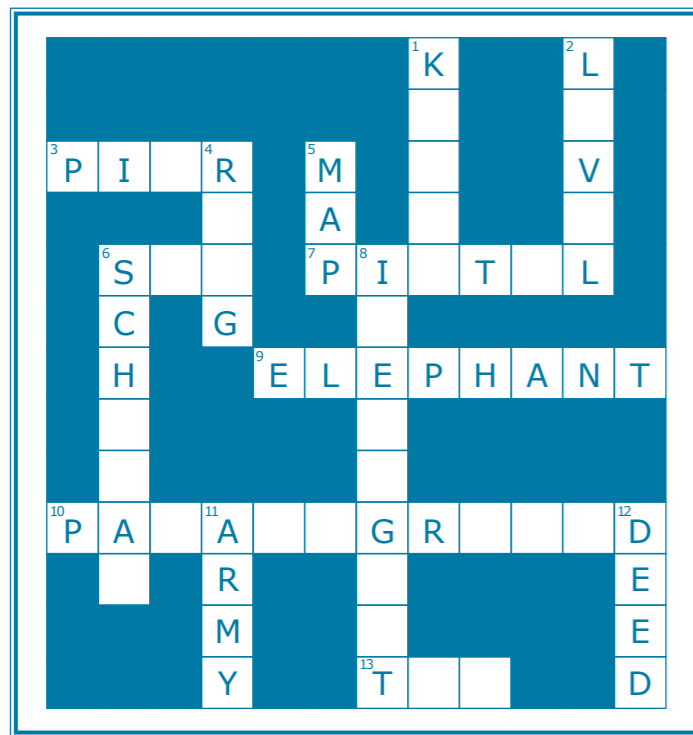
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WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS!

And no – we’re not talking about the basic crosswords with straightforward clues. Cryptic crosswords are more challenging! In a cryptic crossword, every clue contains an encoded message itself. Indeed, the word “cryptic” means having a secret meaning.

Cryptic crosswords force you to think divergently, that is, they steer you from the straight and narrow path so that you can make different mental connections in order to solve a problem.

Look at the crossword below. A few answers have been revealed. Study the solutions and various techniques to unravel the clues. Then solve the rest of the clues yourself (**there are 10 marked with ☺**). There are numerous hints, so it should be a cinch!



YOUR EFFORTS WILL NOT BE IN VAIN.

The winner will be decided through a lucky draw and will win a \$20 book voucher. Send your answers to us on foolscap paper by Week 8 of Term 2. Happy solving!



ACROSS

- 3 It runs into the sea ☺
What “runs” (“extends”) into the sea?
- 6 Heavenly lighter? ☺
Literally, what lights up in “heaven”?
- 7 Weapon redesigned for pilots? ☺
Stumped? Use the technique in “11 Down” to unravel this clue.
- 9 An animal separates Pat and Helen
An anagram clue and wordplay on “separates”. What animal is hidden in “Pat” and “Helen”?
Elephant!
- 10 A drilling site ☺
Two words. And it isn’t about boring for oil! Where do soldiers practise military exercises?
- 13 Little Patricia goes back to drink from it ☺
Still clueless? Use the technique in “5 Down” to unravel this clue.

DOWN

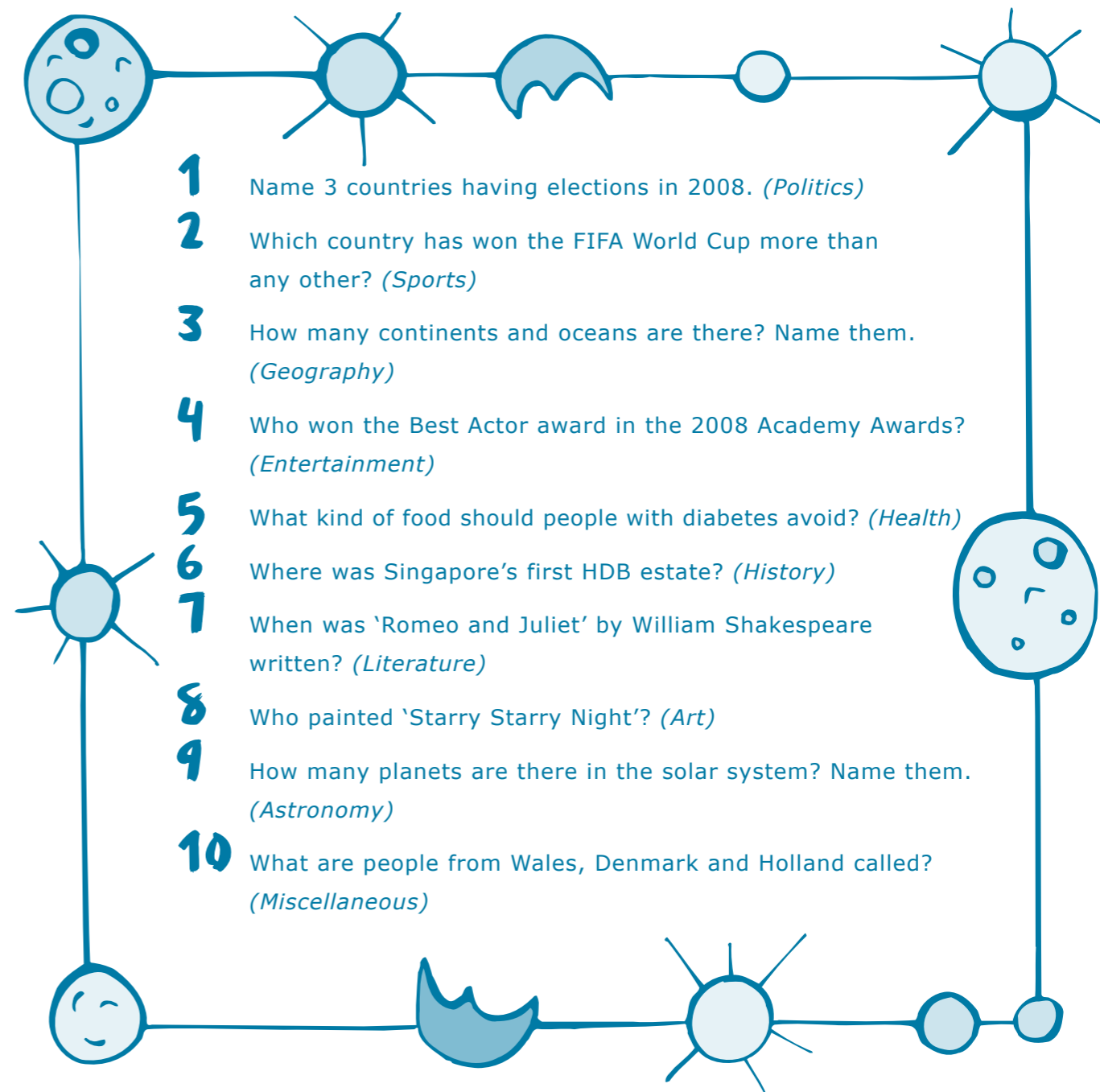
- 1 Within a week I lost weight ☺
“Within” suggests looking inside the phrase for hidden letters which point to the clue. What measure of weight can you find in “week I lost”?
- 2 Even from both ends ☺
Don’t get it? Use the technique in “12 Down” to unravel this clue.
- 4 Be around a group ☺
What is round and can mean a group of people?
- 5 Little Pamela going backwards creates a chart
“Little” suggests abbreviating “Pamela” to “Pam”. “Backwards” indicates reversing “Pam” to “map” (= “chart” in the clue).
- 6 Chorals rewritten for pupil ☺
Baffled? Use the technique in “11 Down” to unravel this clue.
- 8 The present perfect? ☺
Two words. What’s the other meaning of “present”? What’s another word meaning “perfect”? Then, reverse the two words you deciphered.
- 11 Mary is reassigned in the forces
“Reassigned” indicates rearranging the letters in “Mary”. What do you get which means “forces”? *Army!*
- 12 Act in both directions
A palindrome clue. “Act” means “deed”, spelt the same when written from both directions.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING KNOWLEDGEABLE!

Having good general knowledge is very important for many reasons. It makes you a more interesting person because you can make interesting conversation. It also equips you with information to base your decisions on, like where to travel to for a holiday or what kind of food to avoid in a virus outbreak.

Good general knowledge is also important for the study of English. It helps you make correct inferences and thus answer comprehension questions more accurately. It can help you in writing compositions as it gives you ideas for plot development and interesting story background.

Take the quiz below to test how good your general knowledge is.



- 1 Name 3 countries having elections in 2008. *(Politics)*
- 2 Which country has won the FIFA World Cup more than any other? *(Sports)*
- 3 How many continents and oceans are there? Name them. *(Geography)*
- 4 Who won the Best Actor award in the 2008 Academy Awards? *(Entertainment)*
- 5 What kind of food should people with diabetes avoid? *(Health)*
- 6 Where was Singapore’s first HDB estate? *(History)*
- 7 When was ‘Romeo and Juliet’ by William Shakespeare written? *(Literature)*
- 8 Who painted ‘Starry Starry Night’? *(Art)*
- 9 How many planets are there in the solar system? Name them. *(Astronomy)*
- 10 What are people from Wales, Denmark and Holland called? *(Miscellaneous)*

Answers will be available in the next issue of aMuse!

We have our first 2 entries for the Theme Board. Students were asked to create something that would give information about a famous character. Gregory Sumantri (P2 2008) wrote a narrative about Sang Nila Utama and Nicole Teng (P2 2008) created a lovely collage to tell us something about Vincent van Gogh. They both win a \$20 book voucher each. Here are their works:

Sang Nila Utama

by Gregory Sumantri,
P2 2008



There was a prince called Sang Nila Utama. He lived in Sumatra. He often dreamt of building a city.

One day, he wanted to build his dream city. He said goodbye to his parents. Then he used his sail boat to sail away with some sailors and some food. He sailed and sailed until he reached an island called Batam. When he alighted from the sail boat, he saw a queen. He bowed and said, "Hello." He liked Batam so much that he stayed there for a few months. After a few months, he thought he had better get going to find a place to build his dream city. He went back on his sail boat and sailed away.

There was a big storm which made his sail boat rock. Sang Nila Utama said, "Throw all the heavy things in the boat into the sea!" So, the sailors obeyed his order. The captain bowed and said, "The only thing that is heavy on the ship is your crown." Sang Nila Utama immediately threw his crown into the sea. The sea became calm. He landed on an island called Temasek.

Then, he saw an animal. He asked the captain what it was called. The captain answered "Singa" or lion. He never saw a lion before. Afterwards, Sang Nila Utama went to look around the island to see if it was a good place to make his dream city. He said, "I'm going to make my dream city here!" He called the island "Singapura" or lion city. That was the start of "Singapore".

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Gregory Sumantri (G)



Vincent van Gogh

by Nicole Teng,
P2 2008



Nicole says: I say that Vincent van Gogh worked very hard with all his famous paintings but my favourite painting of Vincent van Gogh is the "Sunflower".

The sunflower is very beautiful. The colour is very bright and I like it.

EMAIL US TODAY!

Comments, suggestions, questions about grammar, questions about creativity ...

Or just to share creative works or ideas.

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