

Lockdown!

We're all in this together

Editors letter

Well as you can see there are some changes this week: not only has the editor's letter moved, but this is my second newsletter. I'm feeling much more confident with how we as a community will receive this newsletter. I would like to say thank you to Marissa, Fiona and Molly for their contributions this week.

Grace, 135



Reviews...

Film: *Spirited Away* (Netflix)

This Oscar-winning anime is directed by one of the founders of Studio Ghibli: Hayo Miyazaki. The story starts with a young girl moving to the countryside. Chihiro and her parents find themselves in a silent realm. Her parents disappear, leaving Chihiro with only the help of dragon spirit Haku and the infamous No Face as she navigates the mysterious bathhouse. Personally I found that its weird feel put me off slightly, but the absurdity added to the story. I would recommend this film to anyone who likes Japanese folklore or who wants an adventure - Ghibli films are certainly unique.

Book: *Miss Peregrines Home for Peculiar Children* (Raymond Riggs)

The first book of five starts the series off with a bang! Following 16 year-old Jacob Portman's travels from sunny Florida to drab Cairnholm, our hero, inspired by his grandfather's stories, seeks out a flying girl, a boy with bees living inside of him and a house for peculiar children. Entering Miss Peregrine's time loop, he battles to save the children and face his hardest choice yet... I loved the story and the characters and the way the author creates such a vivid world. My favourite character was Emma, while the unsettling episode with Vincent stayed with me. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes a little horror as well as enjoying some vintage photographs.

CLAP FOR CARERS

Suggested by Marissa @125

As you know, we have started doing *Clap for Carers* and not only is it a great (and our only) way to see one another in the flesh but we also get to show our appreciation to the selfless NHS staff working tirelessly to get us through the Coronavirus crisis. So this Thursday at 8pm we should make as much noise and support for our key workers by bringing out your pots and pans and make some noise!



'Fenton wanted me to send you this photo of him for the newsletter - he might look sad, but he's faking it. He's actually really happy because we are all together every day' - Marissa @ 125

Playlist:

In my last newsletter I mentioned that music that can put you in any mood! Well here is a playlist that (I think) can lift your day

You Need to Calm Down: (Taylor Swift)

This LGBTQ+ anthem is a rainbow of a song. It colours your 2 minutes and 51 seconds with positivity and love for all!

Don't Stop Me Now: Queen

Fast paced and sung by one of the greatest singers ever (according to Christian Doherty) this lifts your mood and gets you humming the tune ALL DAY!

Paparazzi: (Lady Gaga)

'Oh I'm the biggest fan I won't stop singing till I'm told to' (repeatedly) this one of the three Lady Gaga songs I know, and it packs a punch. Be warned: the beginning of the video is a little rude for your little ones, but the language in the song is fine.

King of Pain: (The Police)

A call from the 80's, but who doesn't love a really cheesy pop song that you play on repeat? That's King of Pain and why it is perfect for this time of life.



Music maestros

Suggested by Fiona @ no.16

12-year old twins Mirko and Velerio from Agrigento wowed us with their enthusiastic covers of *Viva La Vida* by Coldplay on the violin. They have also covered *Pirates of the Caribbean* and gathered millions of views. "I loved their enjoyment, passion, enthusiasm and musicianship," says Fiona.

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We would like to thank you for all your support by staying home and how lovely it is to see so many beautiful rainbows in the windows on the street - keep safe!-

Molly @ 123

WE NEED YOU!

Love this issue too? I would certainly love to hear from you at christiandoherty@me.com! See ya'll on Thursday at clap for carers and with your pots and pans...

Final word: I'm Iris Doherty, Grace's younger sister and I'm here to talk to you about enjoying the time we have at home. We will never get this time back; try and enjoy it. Just because you're not at school doesn't mean you should be rude to others. I know it's really boring at home but if there's things you don't normally get to do then DO IT! Don't feel like you have to spend every minute together. Enjoy special moments as a family and FaceTime, Houseparty, Skype whatever, your friends. Be sure to manage your workload so that you get the right balance of work and relaxation.