

# OVER TO YOU!

Our favourite part of the day is just before lunch when the postie pops in with all your awesome letters. So grab a sandwich, a cup of something warm and settle in; let's see what you lot have got up to this month!

## MY COLOUR MY RULES

I loved making the magic bubbles from the Showstoppers issue (Nov 2022). They were only magic on the floor, because they did not pop. I know everyone says this, but I got my first ever the Showstoppers issumagic on the floor, because they did not pop. I know everyone says this, but I loooove AQUILA.

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From Art, age 7

Welcome to AQUILAnews! You hold in your curious hands AQUILA's spin-off newspaper, bursting with your lively letters, bonus fun and an extra something from Ed!

Have you read our Manga issue already? Don't miss smashing your way through our Godzilla Games, meeting Japanese snow monkeys and following our guide to drawing mega Manga. Now, let's hear what you awesome lot have been up to, it's Over To You!



## CARBON CONGA

I know everyone says this, (and this, and this, and sometimes even this!) but I LOVE your magazines! For some reason, your mags inspired me to build this spaghetti tower out of play dough & spaghetti. It's made of triangles, which are strong shapes.

From Emily, age 9, NZ

## MORE COOKING PLEASE!

I love your 10/22 Spooky Issue especially the puppet making part. I love junk modelling and building LEGO without a manual. Above is a picture of my latest creation. I really would enjoy if you could make an issue on LEGO. I also love cooking and always make your recipes. I would really love it if you would have more recipes in your issues.

From Art, age 7



## REALLY GOING SOMEWHERE

I was thrilled when I came back from my friend's cabin and got the incredible TIME TRAVEL ISSUE. It is THE BEST and I LOVE IT. But anyway, why I'm writing: the 'Really

Going Somewhere' article, which was super fun to do, as I love packing and was just doing it a few

instead of using stilts like in Mad Max, we use CANDLES – 170 g to burn off the harmful gases. Then we can just peacefully swim across. Cave painting is fun, especially when you use PEANUT BUTTER – 340 g. To cure the sunburn we got doing this (dunno how the su of Ra in a Can... or something. Anyway, she refuels our Time Machine and we head on to Pompeii. Well, looks like LETS – 20 g but it was very cold up there ng to be hanged as witcher. So

my friends and I plucked out our eyebrows with tweezers and slathered ourselves in peanut butter. It turns out the guy we were sent to assassinate was actually a squirrel, who loved our disguises, so instead of performing the hit we took him to Mars, and got a spacesuit in his size.

From Thomas, age 8 ½



## I CAN FIND A RAINBOW

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From Amelia Capurro

## LEO'S ANIMAL PLANET

I am an avid reader of your magazine. In fact, I was inspired to make a video on my youtube channel about monarch butterflies when I read about them in your magazine. I just wanted to share some of the work I'm doing to try and save endangered animals on my YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/c/leosanimalplanet](http://www.youtube.com/c/leosanimalplanet). I've recently started a new project to save pollinators and rewild London: making seed balls and giving them away in parts of London that do not have good access to nature.

From Leo



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REALLY GOING SOMEWHERE!

I Hi! I am home educated (this is my first day!) and it is quite fun. My favourite issues have been Reptiles (April 2014), Pompeii (September 2014), Chocolate (April 2017), Incredible Journeys (February 2016), Codes and Coding (November 2016), Scandinavia (February 2014), The Planets (November 2013) and Children of WWII (September 2016).

I play Roblox and my favourite games on it are 'Hide and Seek Extreme (I know how to glitch out to the map) and Escape Papa pizza's Pizzeria obby (I would recommend this game for 10+ because the evil chef chases you). Does anyone else like these games? I also play Mario Kart on my Switch and my favourite map is Thwomp Ruins or Tick Tock Clock. My favourite part of AQUILA was Who Told You That? but now you don't do it . Now, my favourite bits are Ian and Over to You. Please can you do an issue on fossil hunting,

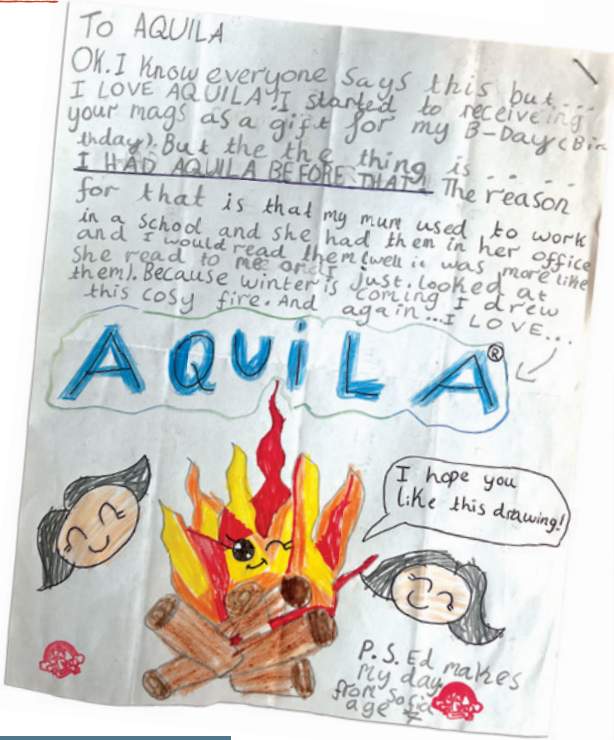
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From Frankie Wallington, age 10

gaming, especially Minecraft and Roblox, or Pokémon. If you can, that would be awesome . I <3 your magazine! In my spare time, I like to play on my iPad or Switch and read. I now have over 100 issues of your magazine. Why do you like to repeat subjects? \* My favourite songs are 'Never Gonna Give You Up' by Rick Astley, 'Bones' by Imagine Dragons and 'Wanna Be Startin' Something' by Michael Jackson. I am on grade 3 piano. Sadly, I have lost two issues of AQUILA which are Captain Cook (April 2013) and Mighty Maths (March 2016). I am going to show my friend Bethany the cheese quiz from The Moon Issue (November 2021) because she is CRAZY about cheese! I am going to try and make the Chocoshambles from the Chocolate Issue (April 2017). How do you send jokes in? OK, this letter is getting kinda long now, so I think I should stop!!

From Thomas, age 8 2/3



COMPETITION TIME

LET'S MAKE ART'S BRAND NEW BOOK!

This month our marvellous maker friends Let's Make Art are giving AQUILAnauts a chance to win one of five copies of their brand new book full of fun craft projects! To be in with a chance of winning all you have to do is answer this crafty question:

- What does the word **bricolage** mean?
- A An artwork constructed using mixed media (a range of different objects)
  - B A collage made of bricks
  - C Gluing paper cut-outs to an object such as a piece of furniture

Send your answer on the **back of an envelope** with your name and address **on the inside** to:  
**AQUILA Let's Make Art Competition**  
Studio 2, 67A Willowfield Road  
Eastbourne, East Sussex  
BN22 8AP

Email entries also accepted at: [readers@aquila.co.uk](mailto:readers@aquila.co.uk)  
Be sure to write **Let's Make Art** in the subject heading.  
\*Competitions in this magazine are open to AQUILA subscribers only. \*\* Class entries are accepted if the school subscribes.

Closing date: Monday 20 February 2023

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AQUILA CHILDREN'S MAGAZINE

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Richard Robinson, Brighton Science Festival



# MARIAN IS A LEAF SHEEP (IF YOU KNOW, YOU KNOW...)

Hello!! I am writing for a lot of reasons, but the most important of all is this: I LOVE your magazine: it is the best one EVER!! It is my opinion that the world will never see a magazine so great. However, what would be EVEN AWESOMER (is that even a word?) is if you could do: A) a cats issue B) autism issue C) book issue D) Romans issue. A) is because

I CATS, B) because I am autistic and not many people know enough about autism, C) because I am a MASSIVE bookworm, D) because Romans is our school topic and I need some help! My favourite issue would have to be...UNDERSEA EXPLORER (it was my first issue)! OK my hand is getting really sore as I have written A LOT (maybe an email

would have been better? It would spare you my horrid handwriting at least) so I bid you farewell and also au revoir, adios, farvel and auf wiedersehen. Basically good bye!! my horrid h my horrid h my horrid h my horrid h my horrid h my horrid h P.S. I am a leaf sheep! Kawaii forever!! P.P.S.

From Marian, age 11



## WINTER WILD

I really liked the Winter Wild issue (Dec 2022), so I decided to do a sketch of the wolf on the cover. I was really proud of it. Everyone in my family really liked it. I hope you like it too. Bye for now.

From Hannah O'Mahony, age 9



## GET A BOBBLE

I just got a subscription to AQUILA for Christmas and I love it! This is my drawing of the best ever bobble hat, from the December issue.

From Phyllis Farr, age 10



## YOU'VE ONLY GONE

### AND WON



In the Pompeii issue (Sep 2022) AQUILAnauts had the chance to win one of three super seasonal recipe packs from our friends at foodinclub.co.uk. Winners were chosen at random and our three lucky winners who will soon be cooking up a storm in the kitchen are: **Theo Jenkins** from **Leicestershire**; **Kathryn** and **Sophia Levey** from **Australia** and **Theodora Williams** from **Oxford**. Congratulations. We hope you enjoy trying new flavour combinations and making some fun and fabulous food once your prizes arrive with you.

Hey, AQUILAnauts, this was just too weird for the magazine!

## I SHOULD COCO

I know that everyone says this but I love your magazine. My first issue was Japan (June 2020) and it made me want to visit Japan. I LOVE Japanese food! My favourite page of the mag is Brainfeeders because the puzzles are really fun to do. My favourite issue so far has been Chocolate (April 2022). The reason for my love of chocolate is when I was little, my brother and I were eating chocolate buttons. I had fewer chocolates than him so I wrote a letter to the company and they sent me a free voucher for more chocolate!!!

Love from, Angus Reid, age 8

## BI

Another interesting fact about the magnetic field is the magnificent aurora – the northern and southern lights. The oldest known record of the aurora is in the Bamboo Annals – Ancient Chinese records that were written on bamboo slips, around the year 10,000 BCE. They were discovered hidden in a tomb back in 279 CE. When experts finally got around to studying a specific part of the text, they found a five-coloured light in the sky.

[Hang on though, central China isn't far north enough to see the aurora, how could they have spotted them 12,000 years ago? Ed]

An excellent question with a VERY interesting answer. Way back in the 10th century BCE, the Earth's magnetic poles weren't in quite the same place as they are today. In fact, the precise locations of the magnetic poles are always shifting depending on changes that happen inside the Earth's core. Back then, the magnetic north pole was 15 degrees closer to central China, and that meant that the aurora would occasionally have been visible there! We still don't know for sure.

### The biggest snowflake

Talking about uncorroborated sightings of strange atmospheric phenomena, check this out! During a snowstorm in 1887, residents of Fort Keogh, Montana claimed to have seen milk-pan sized snowflakes falling from the sky. That would make them about 38 cm in diameter, and that would make them, like, HUMONGOUS! The biggest snowflakes ever spotted, to be precise. Too bad they were never officially documented because some idiot decided to catch them all in his mouth cameras weren't widely available yet.

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MANGA

LATER...

Q: WHY DID THE ROBOT HAVE FUNNY METAL LEGS?

A: BECAUSE HE HAD MANGAKNEES! (BENNYGNAW) CHORTLE... CHORTLE...

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From Amelia Capurro

Q: Why was there no food left at the witch's party?

A: Because everyone was a goblin!

From Lydia, age 9



SNACK HACKED

I really loved making the Baked Alaska in the Winter Wild issue of AQUILA.

From Edward Scott-Baumann, age 8

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IT'S SHAPING UP, NATURALLY

Thank you for your amazing art ideas! I did the art in the Science of Colour issue. I was mostly inspired by nature: (top left) cacti; (top right) pagoda; (bottom left) a bird; and (bottom right) a coiled snake.

From Douglas P

Q: How much does a rainbow weigh?

A: I don't know, but I'm sure it's light!

From Pattie, age 11

VISIT

Journey further into the AQUILaverse by heading online! Go to [aquila.co.uk/aquilanauts](http://aquila.co.uk/aquilanauts) for brain-boggling blogs, Awesome Activities and much, much MORE!!

I am a massive fan of your mags, they are super cool and interesting. I play piano and I really like sushi. My favourite of your magazines is Science of Colour (January 2023).

From Finley Mayne, age 10

One of my favourites is the Happiness issue (Feb 2020). It fills me full of joy.

From Finley Mayne, age 10

I love reading, and also play the piano. I am currently learning the song 'Turkish March' by Mozart.

From Jazz Apple, age 5

Can you do an edition of AQUILA on Pokémon?

From Jazz Apple, age 5

DID YOU SPOT?

Our Manga issue is all about xxxxxxxxxxxx. Did you spot the following:

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- 2: xxxxxxxxxxxx
- 3: xxxxxxxxxxxx
- 4: xxxxxxxxxxxx
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- 7: xxxxxxxxxxxx
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- SEABED
- SHARK
- SHELLFISH
- SQUID
- TENTACLE
- TIDE
- TURTLE
- ZOOPLANKTON

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COMING UP NEXT MONTH: Fossils! We discover why the fossil record is so important, meet two rival goldrush-era fossil hunters and excuse me - I'm going to sneeze - explore the field of palynology - ACHOO!