

# ***THE SQUAWK***

**DECEMBER EDITION**



**the voice of Craigmount students**

# *A BAND FORMED FROM THE ASHES OF BLUE RASPBERRY FUMES*

**GUESS WHO? THE MEMBERS OF CRAIGMOUNT'S STAFF BAND GO BY ALIASES (BECAUSE THEY'RE COOL LIKE THAT). CAN YOU MATCH WHO'S WHO AND WE'LL REVEAL THE ANSWERS IN OUR NEXT EDITION!**

## MEMBERS

*Mr Allan  
Mr Clark  
Mr Galloway  
Mr Gray  
Mr Sansom*



**GRIDIRON GHOST**



**SUPREME LEADER  
KIM**



**DR GOTH**



**VO2 MAX**



**GLITCH PHANTOM**

# A BAND FORMED FROM THE ASHES OF BLUE RASPBERRY FUMES

**SQUAWK JOURNALIST, SATHVIK, WAS ABLE TO INTERVIEW THE BAND AHEAD OF THEIR WINTER BALL PERFORMANCE:**

**'WHAT'S THE BAND'S NAME?'**

**SLK:** Vape Alarm (Formerly known as Cause for Concern). Named as such because all of us were reborn into one singular hive mind entity in a plume of Blue Raspberry. We're more than the sum of our parts.

**GG:** Supreme Leader Kim is the driving force for our direction and as you will see at the winter ball, we are utterly directionless.

**SLK:** Never mind One Direction, we have no direction

**DG:** Prepare for a gothmas reckoning

**'HOW DID IT FORM?'**

**GP:** We were created by Mad Scientist Mcknight when 5 test tubes were left unwashed after a chemistry experiment

**GG:** Like Alexander Fleming returning to his lab on Monday morning, we crawled out of the primordial soup of Raspberry Blue with the mission to set the lowest bar possible in rock and roll history. To become the new Spinal Tap (*Google it!*).

**DG:** Death. (*Woah, emo much*)

**'HAVE YOU EVER PERFORMED BEFORE AND IF SO WHERE AND WHEN?'**



**SLK:** Not in our current form.

**GG:** But as *Cause for Concern* we performed multiple times in school before most members died in bizarre accidents. Don't ask about the first drummer...

**SLK:** We sacrifice a lot to be here including dignity, self respect, sanity, hair... All the band members are ultimately put on a Highway to-

**DG:** Hell. (*Seriously... what's wrong with this dude?... taking emo boy and to a whole new level.*)

# TEACHER CHRISTMAS QUESTIONS

**SQUAWK EDITOR, CAROLINA, ASKED TEACHERS ABOUT THEIR FAVOURITE CHILDHOOD CHRISTMAS MEMORIES OR STORIES. THEY'RE SURE TO MELT YOUR HEART OR MAKE YOU LAUGH.**

**Mrs Burns** would only be allowed to open presents once everyone was awake. One year, she "freed her brother from his cot prison" to go downstairs and open Santa's presents. She climbed into his cot and launched him over the bars. He didn't seem too bothered about it, but the toys waiting downstairs definitely interested her!

**Mrs McLachlan** had a fireplace at home, and she would send her Christmas wish list up the chimney and run out the back door to watch it burn in the night sky.



**Mr Cochrane** remembers waking up to filled stockings and falling asleep to festive movies on Christmas Eve, and **Mr Hume** recalls meeting Santa at a Leith department store.

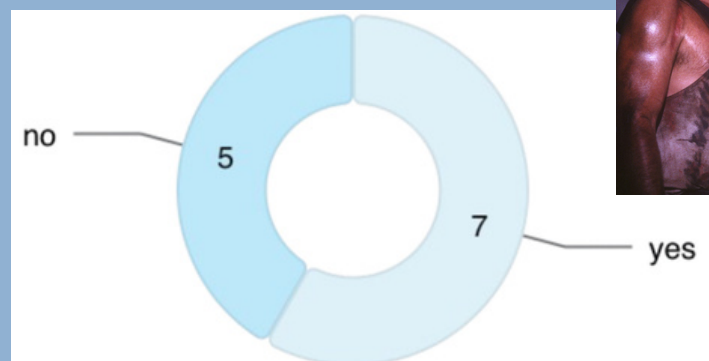


**Ms Walker:** "There's a photo of me in my living room sitting next to the dinner table all set up with Christmas food. And for some reason, I'm wearing an Indian headdress! It must have been a gift, and I didn't take it off the whole day."



**Mr Gaughan's** favourite memory is getting a PlayStation when he was twelve.

IS 'DIE HARD' A CHRISTMAS MOVIE?



Responses from teachers mentioned in the article!





**AS EXPECTED, THE SOCIAL SUBJECTS DEPARTMENT (MOST ICONIC DEPARTMENT?) PROVIDED US WITH THEIR INFAMOUS HUMOUR:**

*Mr Galloway's granny thought the decorative pebbles at the Christmas dinner table were sweets and tried to chomp down on one... only for her false teeth to fall out.*

*Miss Cameron has called for an investigation into Mr Galloway's story (she thinks he's exaggerating), and we're currently trying to track down his toothless grandma to confirm the story.*

*Mrs Lawson proved what we always knew: she's always been a diva. When she was around six or seven she got a pink leather hatbox for Christmas that opened into trays of cheap, childish makeup and press-ons. She has a photo with her face painted wildly, "looking like someone smacked me across the face, hard" and a pink penguin coin holder around her neck. Iconic.*



*In between her Galloway slander, she was able to recall a lost memory: as a child, all of Miss Cameron's presents were from Santa. One Christmas she was boasting to a friend about all the gifts Santa had gifted her, and at the end of it she says, in an outraged whisper, "And guess what? My mum and dad didn't get us anything!" You could practically see smoke coming out of her mum's ears.*

*The Head of Department, Mr Gray, once got a given an action man with a spacesuit outfit that no one else had. He later found out that his mum, a machinist, had made the costume herself. "A one of a kind!" remarked Mr Galloway.*



**WE HAD A DIFFERENT QUESTION IN MIND FOR CRAIGMOUNT'S SCIENTISTS, "IF SANTA WANTED TO UPGRADE HIS SLEIGH, WHAT WOULD YOU RECOMMEND?"**



*Biology teacher Ms Rezende accused Santa of animal cruelty and urged him to free the reindeers from their cruel harnesses and switch to a renewable energy source. "Hydrogen fuel", she suggested.*

*Mr Owens gave a typical Physics answer, "make it streamlined".*

*Mrs Lennen thinks Santa would benefit from a sat nav.*



## Christmas Wordsearch

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Evergreen Tree

Christmas

Mince Pies

Bells

Mistletoe

Presents

Reindeer

Lists

Stocking

Friends

Family

Sweets

Turkey

Buddy

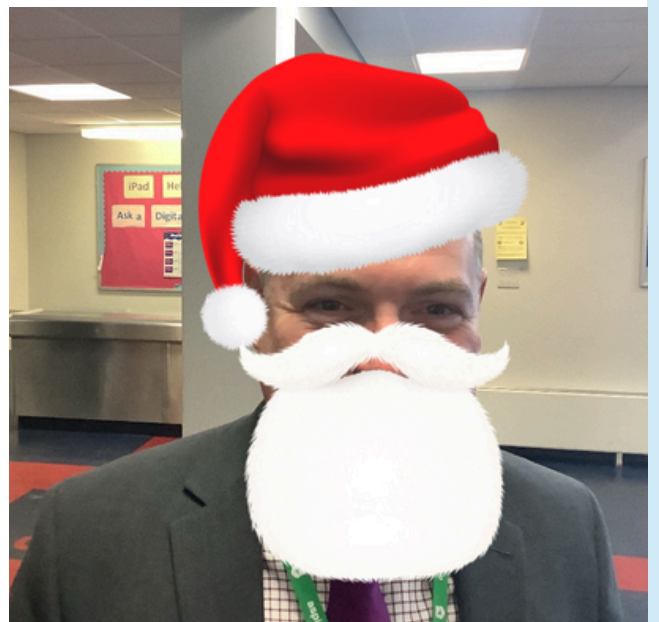
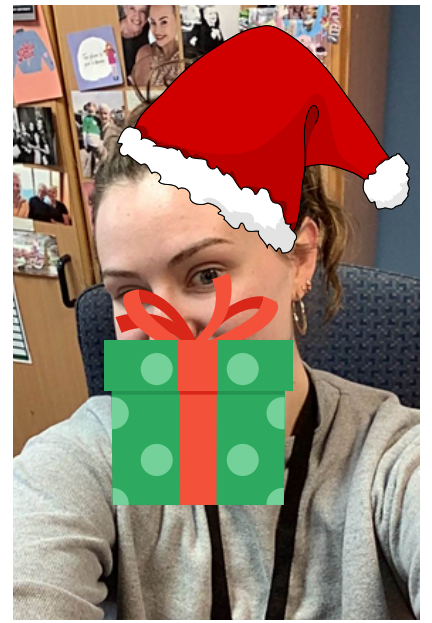
Elves

Jesus

Santa



# GUESS WHO: SANTA EDITION



What kind of photos do elves take? Elfies!

# FOOD BANK DONATIONS

## We are collecting donations for the Trussell Trust

Donations are being collected from **Thursday 5th December until Wednesday 18th of December 2024.**

### Drop off Points

- All students and teachers can drop any donations at the Library (See Mr Hume)

The Trussell Trust has been in touch to say they are lacking the following items:

**UHT Milk**

**Long Life Fruit Juice**

**Cereal**

**Tinned Cold Meat**

**Tinned Fruit**

**Tinned Custard/Rice Pudding**

**Tinned Spaghetti in Sauce**

**Tinned Vegetables**

**Pasta Sauce/Curry Sauce**

**Ready Meals (e.g pot noodles, cheesy pasta, etc)**

**Rice**

**Jam**



**But remember, anything that you can donate will help massively.**





# CHRISTMAS LIST: ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

This month, the Rights Respecting Schools PAG put together a Christmas list of rights chosen by various groups such as: Mental Health PAG, Sustainability PAG, Digital PAG, Charity and Equity PAG, 1B2, 1B1, Team Squawk members and, last but definitely not least, ourselves (the RRS).

We believe that the rights featured are especially important in this time of year, and we think that following these rights can make a better Christmas for everyone, whether it is children or adults.

So we hope that you try your best to follow and prioritise these rights... even if it is as small as helping an older person in need cross the road or as big as donating to charity. We hope you enjoy this list and we wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

By Shravya, Olly and the RRS PAG!





# CHRISTMAS RECIPES TO IMPROVE YOUR CHRISTMAS!

## FILHOSES

Filhoses are Portuguese Christmas treats made from either pumpkin, carrot or apple. Carrot Filhoses are my favourite, and what I'm about to share with you is a top secret family recipe that's been around for years!

## INGREDIENTS

- 500g peeled carrots
- 500g sugar
- 500g self raising flour
- 5 eggs
- Juice and grated peel of an orange
- Grated peel of a lemon
- Oil for frying
- Cinnamon sugar to cover



## INSTRUCTIONS

- Boil carrots for half an hour until soft, transfer to a bowl and mash
- Add in the rest of the ingredients (sugar, flour, eggs, orange and lemon) and whisk until its
- smooth and bubbly
- Mix sugar and cinnamon together in a bowl and line a plate with kitchen roll
- Heat up plenty of oil in a large pan until hot but not too hot
- Dip two spoons in the oil and use one to scoop up some batter and the other to scrape the
- batter into the oil. You will have to do this in batches, don't overfill the pot!
- The filhoses should turn by themselves if the temperature of the oil is right, if not then
- adjust the temperature and flip them manually with a fork.
- Once golden and cooked through, remove from oil and place on the lined plate.
- Finally, roll them in the cinnamon sugar and enjoy!



# WANT TO BE INVOLVED?

THIS IS OUR SCHOOL NEWSPAPER AND WE ARE SEEKING VOICES FROM ACROSS THE SCHOOL TO BE A PART OF IT. WOULD YOU LIKE TO WRITE? INTERVIEW? PHOTOGRAPH? DESIGN?

GOOD CONTENT IS CREATED BY STUDENTS JUST LIKE YOU!

GET IN TOUCH USING THE QR CODE. OR POP ALONG TO ROOM 220 ON A THURSDAY DURING JUNIOR LUNCH.

## TEAM SQUAWK

*Carolina Nunes-Gomes*

*Aoife Donald*

*Robyn Neilson*

*Eili Kandasamy*

*Sathvik Sriramadesikan*

*Shravya Sriramadesikan*

*Torin Gilmour*

*Jakey Yang*

*Rowan Kelly*

*Carly McLear*

