



## It's a hat-trick of wins for hockey team

ON the 30th January 2009, Peatmoor School went to a hockey match at Greendown School and these are the people that went: Lewis in goal, Tom as centre mid, Sam as right wing, Freya as left defence, Ella as left wing, Poppy as defence, Lucy centre defence, Josh are forward, Myles are right

defence.

There were 4 schools in total: Tregoe, Oliver Tompkins, Westleigh and Peatmoor which was us. In our first match against Oliver Tompkins we won 2-0, both scored by Tom S. Then in our second match against Westleigh we won 3-0, two goals scored by

Tom S yet again and one scored by Josh P.

Finally in our last match against Tregoe we won 2-1, both goals scored by Tom S, one of our best players. In the end Peatmoor won the tournament and got red certificates for their achievement. Well done, Peatmoor!

• By Peatmoor Primary School

## GAME FOR SOME MUSIC

THERE was a time when owning a console was something related to one market: the digitised male spotty adolescent.

Being one of those adolescents (though I protest, I am not that spotty) it has been interesting to see how my childhood hobby has grown to become a storming force in technology, media and international pastime. It seems that with the current generation of consoles (that's the Nintendo Wii, the Xbox 360 and the Playstation 3 if you're not sure) there has been a rapid evolution of what it is to be a gamer.

Although the stereotype still remains that to be a gamer you have to have an appetite for

ridiculous amounts of bloodshed, a lot of free time and a social network that spans no further than the keyboard, in nine hundred and ninety nine times out of a thousand, it is completely false. The audience of the gaming world now extends to men and women, boys and girls, young and old, seasoned veterans or curious newcomers. Let me tell you the reasons why gaming has become something of a household presence, as much as the television, radio or computer.

The rise of the Nintendo Wii and DS has meant a rise in a market unknown to most developers beforehand; the casual market. No longer was

completing Halo blindfolded the criteria to become a gamer, now gamers could walk dogs, play golf, enjoy mini games, manage their brains and organise their lives on their consoles. Since then the 360 has followed suit with games like Viva Piñata catering to those who wouldn't play consoles before: your sister, your grandad, and even your mum! Hitting all the right notes

I'm not sure where it came from, but damn it's elbowed its way into homes faster than a seven foot burglar, and that is the music genre. Games like Dance Dance Revolution and Singstar have become a hit; people break them out at parties and family get-togethers to

show that being a pop star is just a state of mind.

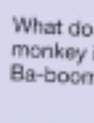
The Xbox live service has bought millions of people together in healthy competition. Or sometimes not so healthy competition (a service that caters for everyone includes immature idiots) but nevertheless, playing games online is the "in" thing these days. To add to that, the Wii, PS3 and both the hand-held DS and PSP consoles also have online capabilities. It has never been easier to race, shoot or outwit your friends. Oh the wonders of technology!

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### FUNNY OR FACT?



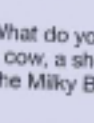
If you yelled for eight years, seven months and six days, you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee. That is a lot of yelling!



What do you call a monkey in a minefield? A Ba-boom



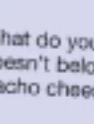
It's possible to lead a cow upstairs...but not downstairs.



What do you get if you cross a cow, a sheep and a goat? The Milky Baa Kid



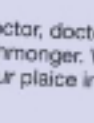
No word in the English language rhymes with 'month'.



What do you call cheese that doesn't belong to you? Nacho cheese



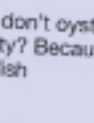
An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.



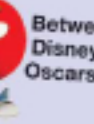
Doctor, doctor, I feel like a fishmonger. Well, just take your place in the queue.



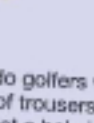
The vocabulary of the average person consists of 5,000 to 6,000 words.



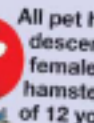
Why don't oysters give to charity? Because they are selfish



Between 1931 and 1969 Walt Disney collected thirty-five Oscars.



Why do golfers wear two pairs of trousers? In case they get a hole in one.



All pet hamsters are descended from a single female wild golden hamster found with a litter of 12 young in Syria in 1930.



## And here's what Devon knows about

**Jasmine:** We looked on our big whiteboard and tried to guess where Swindon was. Just a few weeks ago, we found out what our favourite facts about Swindon were. My favourite fact about Swindon is 'you can never go around the Magic Roundabout the right way'.

**Polly H:** We have learnt in our geography lessons that Swindon is an enormous town. It's an elephant compared to our village.

Swindon has 64 schools, 1 theatre and a roundabout with 5 roundabouts inside named the Magic Roundabout.

**Daniel L:** My favourite fact is that Swindon has a football club. The name of that football club is Swindon town FC.

It is my favourite fact because football is my favourite sport. I have found out that Swindon has one theatre one football stadium. And that the person who chose the train station position was Daniel Gooch.

**Laurie:** We looked up places using co-ordinates on a map, as well as doing the pamphlet that we put information about Swindon. When we did the map work we got a sheet with things and places to find on the map. I found out that a dentist had to take 2000 teeth out and in Swindon they had the first station refreshment rooms.

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