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Getting to know the Editor!

For this first issue I will be introducing myself instead of carrying out an interview.

My full name is Natalie Joan Strike, or Natalie, but most people call me Nat, or Natty.

My nickname is Nutty Natty, I have had that nickname ever since I can remember. I am 11, my birthday is in May. I have a younger brother, his name is Joshua, and he is 9. I have a Mum, her name is Eve(I call her Mum), and my Grandma also lives with us. My Dad died when I was 4, and my Granddad died when I was 8 or 9.

My hobbies are swimming and playing the piano. I have one goldfish and the other very important family member is our dog, Sheridan. She is a King Charles spaniel (very posh!!).

My brother, my Mum, My Grandma, and I have been living in the Reading area for about 5 months now. I attend the Vine Christian School, which my Mum helps out at. Only 11 people attend this school, so we are praying for more students! I am making this newsletter because my Mum told the head teacher that I was making a newspaper at home and that I wanted to write one for the school. Miss King (our Headteacher) asked if I still wanted to do that, and I said yes, so that is the story of how I became the school journalist!!!!!!!!!!!!

I go to the SORCF (South of Reading Christian Fellowship) Church. I came to know the Lord when I was about 6, and got baptized at the age of 7!

Well, I hope that lets you know what type of a person the editor

(and journalist) will be!

Fact file:

Do you know the Motto of the Vine Christian School?

Answer on next page



A Special Trip

I bet you're dying to know where the school went for it's special trip? The school went to an ACE school in Gloucestershire called, The School of the Lion. It took about an hour and a quarter to get there, maybe a bit shorter. We arrived at a

Leisure Centre first, where we met with the school of the Lion to participate in sporting activities, it was great! We played badminton and netball before returning with the school of the Lion to their premises for some lunch. After we finished lunch,

we had a little tour of their school, originally a dairy farm site converted into Learning Centers, classrooms, and a large indoor multipurpose room, surrounded by fields with plenty of room to expand when the school needs to grow larger!

A Special Trip continued...

The School of the Lion started out much like us (The Vine Christian School), with a small amount of pupils, 11. The School was founded 20 years ago and it's Headteacher, Mr. Steele, has been in that position since 1999. They've had lots of challenges through the years, but God has always been faithful! Mr. Steele says "They are very thankful for all the good fruit that they see in their young peoples' lives, and that running the school has been very hard work, but worth it!"

After the school, tour, we had a devotion and another short game. Then unfortunately, we had to leave. It took a bit longer travel home because of the traffic, but not too much longer!

We all had a fantastic time and we can't wait to go again!

Top left picture: Mr Steele, Head teacher of The School of the Lion

Bottom right picture: School of the Lion premises



Lesson Focus: P.E.

The reason we do P.E. is because:

- P.E. keeps us fit
- P.E. keeps us flexible
- P.E. helps us relax
- P.E. introduces us to new sports

For P.E. last term we had athletics. We went to a real running track at

Palmer Park. There we practiced hurdles and running. At one point we even did the long jump! Last term we also played some indoor tennis, it was great! For P.E. this term we are going swimming, which if you remember is one of my (the editor) favorite sports! We go swimming at the Willink leisure centre swimming pool. We have a really nice swimming teacher called Kelly. Currently

she is helping all the children to improve the following strokes:

- Breaststroke
- Front crawl
- Back crawl

I hope that lets you know what we have been doing in P.E.!

I will be focusing on another Lesson next month.

Preparing for ESC

Well the ESC, European Student Convention, is where ACE schools from around Europe compete against each other. It's sort of like the Olympics, but then again, in a way, it's not! There are loads of events to enter, falling under the titles of Academics, Arts, Photography, Music, Platform, Sports and Needlework. Preparing for these

events is tiring and very time consuming.

Four students from the Vine Christian School, are working hard with their various projects, planning to at least participate in running, table tennis, chess, netball, photography, power point presentation and a one act play.

I'll bring you more news on the preparation for ESC, next month.

Answer to question on previous page:

Our school motto is,
Abide in Him!