



World Book Week
at Regent Oxford



*A collection of short stories by Regent Oxford
students in honour of World Book Week.*

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Murdered at Regent School **by Giulia**

This morning the director of Regent School, Doris, was found dead by her assistant Sophie. Sophie usually gets to school at 8 o'clock, before everyone else. On this occasion she opened the school as usual and she went inside the school. Suddenly, she saw many drops of blood on the floor that went upstairs. She followed the drops and she arrived outside the room number 13. Sophie was very scared and when she opened the door she found Doris lying on the floor, dead. "Oh my god!" she shouted sadly.

Immediately she called the police, while all the students were arriving at school. The police established that the murder had been committed the evening before, maybe before closing the school. Then, they investigated the people who were at school yesterday after 4 o'clock pm. There were ten students: Misato, Giulia, Ahmed, Yasin, Valeria, Pietro, Rashed, Heloise, Rahil and Maad. There were also three Teachers: Nat, Marcus and Helen. There were also two people of the office staff: Oliver and Conan.

The police interrogated each one of the people, to know if everyone had an alibi. Misato and Giulia told the police that after school they had gone ice-skating with teacher Nat. Ahmed told them that he had gone to the gym until 10 o'clock and then he had gone home. Valeria had gone home to study because on Saturday she will have an important exam. Pietro went to a pub to watch an Italian football match on the TV. Yasin told the police that he had gone to a party with some friends. Rasheed had gone to the barber in Summertown and Heloise had gone to do shopping with Maad in the city centre.

The teachers, Marcus and Helen, both of them had been preparing the lessons for tomorrow and after that they had gone together to have dinner in a pub. The last two suspects were Oliver and Conan. Conan told the police that after school he had gone to Tesco's because he had to buy something to make a perfect Swiss dinner and he went home to his girlfriend.

Unfortunately, Oliver didn't have any alibi. He confessed that he had killed Doris with a gun. He told the police that he hated Doris and he had been waiting for her job for ages! Now he could be the director of the school! Unfortunately, we think that he will be the "director" of the prison.

Mr. Muscle **by Tania**

Mr. Muscle is a muscular red monster who is really interested in his appearance because of a girl. This girl is Ms. Beautiful, the most beautiful pink monster in the world. She is very sporty and every day goes to the same gym as Mr. Muscle.

Mr. Muscle has a body like a body-builder, whereas Ms. Beautiful has a body like a dancer. The dream of Mr. Muscle is to increase his muscles to get more attention of Ms. Beautiful. Therefore he needs a lot of strong training sessions with big weights. During his sessions, he loves doing the exercises in front of the mirror. In this way he can see his muscles working and at the same time he can keep an eye on where Ms. Beautiful looks.

Unfortunately Ms. Beautiful doesn't even look at Mr. Muscle: She's every time concentrated and careful on what she does.

In spite of the lack of attention of the beautiful girl, Mr. Muscle doesn't give up. He is sure, that he needs just bigger and bigger muscles to achieve her. Therefore, he decides to have a special diet too, which is rich in proteins. So his muscles will reach a better size in a few months.

Two months later, during a normal training session, Ms. Beautiful is doing her exercises with "la bouche a terre", while Mr. Muscle is doing his repetitions with the weights for his own muscles (naturally in front of the mirror). Unexpectedly both arm muscles of Mr. Muscle exploded with a loud noise, like a big balloon which exploded. Ms. Beautiful is afraid and goes fast to Mr. Muscle to help him and to be sure that he isn't sick.

Mr. Muscle is ashamed of what happened and begins to cry. Ms. Beautiful trusts him and says: "Mr. Muscle, you don't have to cry and you don't have to improve your muscles too. I prefer you without so many muscles."

Mr. Middle
By Misato

Once upon a time, the man who was called "Mr. Middle" lived in the countryside. He was everything middle, his height was middle, his weight was middle. In fact, he always choose middle.

When he ate something he chose neither hot, nor cold food. When he drank something he chose neither hot, nor cold one. When someone asked him "How are you?", he immediately answered "I'm so so."

Surprisingly, he had never reached his place of destination because he always returned to half of the way. He wanted to go there but he chose to stay in the middle.

One day, his friend "Mr. Black-and-White" came to his house. He was intuitive, efficient, reliable and so on. He brought some food which he made.

Mr. Black-and-White asked him "How's it?" Mr. Middle answered "So, so."

Obviously, Mr. Black-and-White's face showed disappointment. "I don't like you any more" Mr. Black-and-White said sadly. He went through the roof about Mr. Middle.

A few weeks passed, some people asked Mr. Middle "Do you want to come to dinner tonight?" Mr. Middle answered "I'm not sure." They decided not to invite him any more because they wanted to know if he would come or not. They wanted to prepare everything before they went out. However, if they invited Mr. Middle, it would be difficult.

He Gradually lost his friends. Finally he understood that always choosing middle is not correct.

The Girl Who Lived in the Forest

By Ayako

The girl lived in the forest with her mother. The forest was full of medicinal herbs, and they grew them to sell them in the town. One day, the girl's mother was very sick. Her mother said, "I need some rare herbs that grow near the cliffs. My dear, could you bring me this herb?"

"Yes, sure!" the girl said.

The next morning, the girl started to look for the special herbs, and she started to walk through the deep forest. Across the river, she could see the cliffs.

"Oh no! It's really high!" she said.

"Excuse me..." Suddenly she heard somebody's voice.

"Who are you? Where are you?"

"Here, behind the tree!"

She went behind the tree, and there was a big bird, with big wings, sitting on the ground.

"What's happened? Are you alright?" she said to the bird.

"Unfortunately, no. I'm starving and I can't move! Please help me!" the bird said.

"You're so lucky, I've got some bread." She gave all her bread to the bird. The big bird ate all the bread quickly and he flapped his wings.

"Thank you so much. You're really kind. IF you have any problems, please tell me. I want to help you."

The girl said: "Really? If so, I would like to go near the cliffs and I need to find a special herb! Can you bring it to me?"

"Easy! Please jump on my back!"

She rode on the bird's back and they flew to the cliff.

"Look! The special herb is here." The girl found the herb, and gave it to her mother.

A Swim in the Cherwell River.

By Heloise

As usual, Ben did some exercise along the river in Oxford city.

He particularly liked swimming as past as possible and scaring away the birds. He was really handsome and well built, and he knew it. But up until now, he didn't find the perfect lady and was not interested by the women who looked at him.

He was thinking about his next trip to Brazil when suddenly he heard a scary noise not far from him.

He looked at the river and saw some small boats moving down the river. He understood that something strange was happening. He looked carefully and noticed that someone had fallen in the water. He decided to go into the river and help the person. He obviously noticed that the woman was really pretty, but totally scared at the same time.

Bravely, he swam towards the woman. But unfortunately, he didn't see the crocodiles under the water...

'In a Gorgeous Palace'
By Ozge

Once upon a time, there was a handsome but dim King, who was King in an unknown country.

He didn't know how he could manage his country. He should have managed the country because he was King!

One day, when he was walking around the palace, he saw three ghosts. These ghosts were not dangerous, but our dim King ran away to escape from them. Then they got angry and started to follow the king with terrible voices! He bumped into all the things in the Palace, and all the rooms of the palace got damaged a lot. The King couldn't see anyone to help. He was excited, frightened, and so worried. They were still following him.

Suddenly, he felt like he was falling down from the sky.

Then he woke up!

The Ugly Mansion

By Oguz

Once upon a time, there was a mysterious old man who lived in an ugly mansion. Nobody knew what he did, and he didn't speak to anybody.

One day, a girl who had long, bright yellow hair, went to the mansion. She wanted to invite the old man to her house for dinner. The beautiful, cute girl knocked on his big door and waited. Suddenly, the door opened and there was the old man. He asked her angrily – "What do you want?"

She answered, "I would like to invite you to my house for dinner. I'd be so glad if you came to my house."

The old man replied with a long face – "OK, I'll come."

That evening, he went to her house. They started eating their meal. Then, suddenly, the old man had a heart attack and died.

She smiled.

In fact, she was a witch, and she had put poison in his dinner.

The old man was alone and sad. But he wasn't a bad man, poor old man....

Wondering around Oxford Hospital

By Shiori

Once upon a time, there was a sickly girl who was sometimes daring. She couldn't go to school, and spent her time in Oxford hospital.

One day, she couldn't sleep, and at midnight, got out of her bed. Then she started wandering around the hospital.

When she was wandering around the hospital, she found a secret door which she had never seen before!

She opened the door and saw a lot of zombies!!!

She shouted: "Someone help!" She cried and ran away.

When she ran away, she woke up. She understood it was a dream.

Poor Tom.

By Rukiye

Tom was very poor. He and his family were paupers – sometimes Tom's father didn't work. Tom had two sisters and his grandfather.

They lived in one room in an old house, and they slept on the floor every day. They didn't have beds, and when the weather was cold, they were so cold. They had a stove, but no fire wood.

Tom's grandfather wanted Tom to live in a palace. He said 'You look like a prince, so you should go to Westminster Palace and live there with the King. After that, Tom went to the palace and looked through the fence. There were two soldiers standing there. Tom went into the palace and the soldiers didn't see him. He went inside and saw the prince. The prince was angry and crying. The prince was called Tom, too. They had the same name. They spoke and decided to swap places. They changed clothes, and at the same time, they changed lives. The prince went to live in Tom's old house, and the pauper went to live in the palace. Poor Tom was so excited, because his grandfather would be very happy.

They lived only one day of each other's lives. The palace was too big for Tom, and he preferred to be with his whole family.

50-Word Sagas

Keble Class

Loyal Dog

One day a child finds a little, homeless dog and she takes the dog into her house. But her parents don't allow any animals in their home. She takes the animal upstairs to hide it. Her mother finds the dog. She calls the dog catcher the next day.

By Saruhan Demir, Benjamin Nzenge & Mohammed Albairq

The Great Fishing Team

They have smashed records in fishing. They have hunted the biggest fish ever. One day, they went hunting together looking for a big shark. They found it! One fell into the sea and the shark attacked him. His friend shouted. They could not save him. That was the end of the perfect team.

By Zaidan and Sultan

Dear Lorna

Lorna is a little girl. She finds a black cat and he's very hungry, but her father will be angry when he finds out she is feeding him. He doesn't have enough food for his family. Lorna runs away with her cat because she must keep it. Now her father is very sad.

By Saya Aljaff & Ali Alhebsi

Bee Happy!

The family went to the beautiful park.
They picnicked.
The park had a lake and attracted many visitors.
It was an ideal day for a picnic.
They enjoyed a meal and talked, but suddenly a bee landed on father's arm.
He was stung.
His arm was badly swollen.
But he has recovered.

By Rena Fujimoto & Hinano Masuda

Still Waiting

He has seen a lot of wars.
He is so tired and misses his fallen brothers.
He is waiting for somebody who will never come back.
He is waiting for peace to come to the world,
but he is very old.
How long must he wait?
He is still waiting.

By Noora & Can