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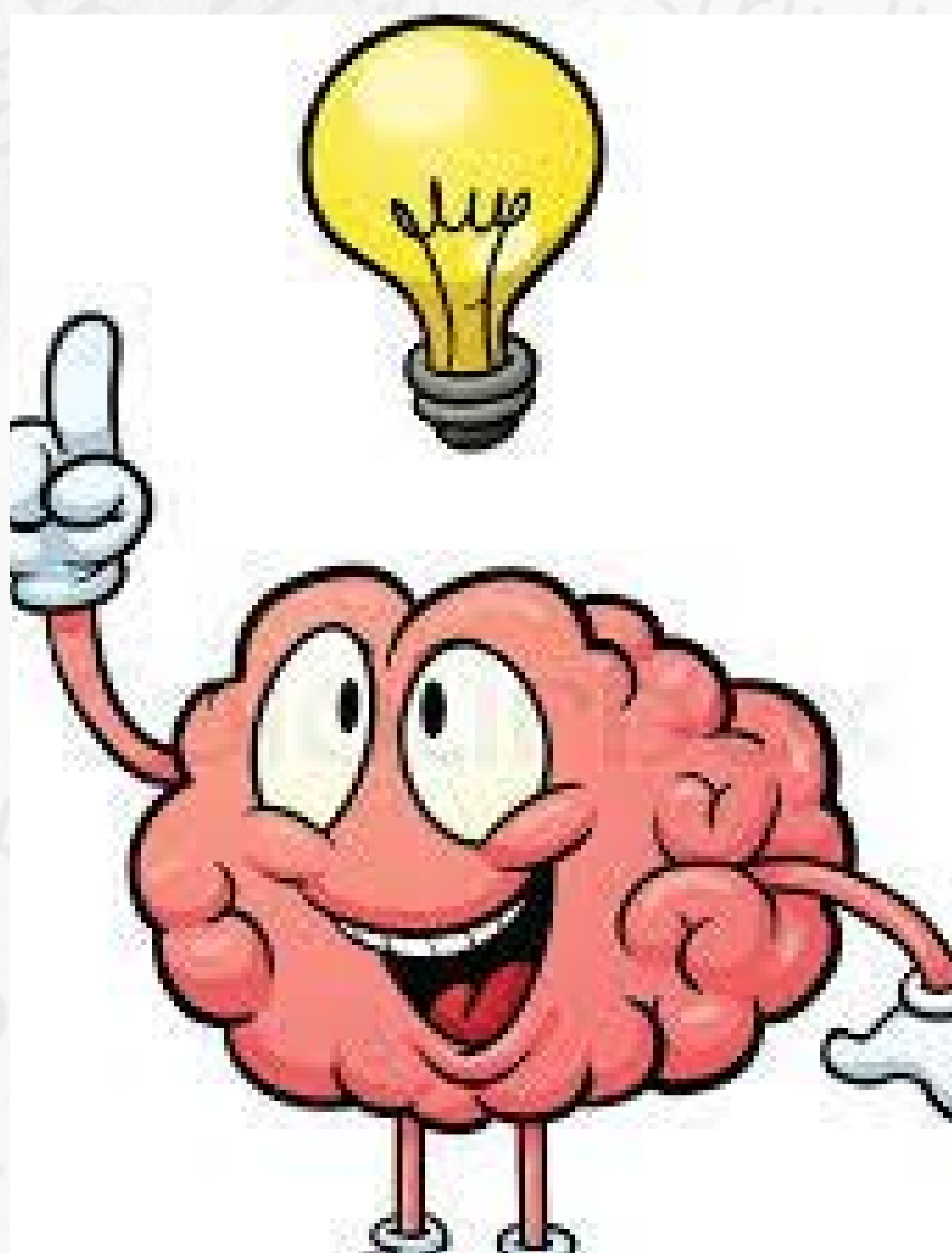
THE WAITAKERE

GAZETTE

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES



I'm part of the school council and we need to think about fundraisers, problems, school environment, etc. One of the main problems we're having at the moment, is the state of the school. Now, the senior staff are working on the fences and the playgrounds. However, there is one thing you, can help with. That's the rubbish, right now you can't look anywhere without seeing it. But there are some things you can do to help: take your rubbish home, or put it in the maaaannnyyy bins we have at the school. This term, we have some Japanese exchange students coming to visit our school, from 13-15 yrs old and they won't want to see rubbish everywhere so let's clean up our school, let's change our school. Pick up that rubbish and support wrapper free Wednesday.



As well as remembering to clean up our school, you can also participate in thinking up possible events for us to plan. After every school council meeting you should have 1 or 2 student councilors come into your classroom and inform you about the sorts of things we talked about at the meeting. We think about fundraisers but also things we could do for fun. Ideas we've had in the past are things like: crazy hair day, dress up day, and more. So, If you have any Ideas, talk to your school councilors now.

BY ELISE

FRIENDSHIP

As the lunch bell rings, my body moves on autopilot, while my brain starts to spin. I used to dream that when I was a year 8 I would be cool and composed; that was a total misconception. Thinking of my future, my mind is crammed with 'what ifs'. What if I don't finish my schoolwork that's piling up? What if I choose the wrong high school? What if. . .

All my friends are going to the same school, is that the right school for me, would I have to go somewhere else? If I went to a different school to everyone I know, would I have to make new friends? All the people in year 8 are people I have grown up with; and we're used to each other! The way I joke around is different, and even though it might seem bossy, all of my friends understand what I mean. If I were to go to a different school to them, what would I do? Would everyone think I'm weird? Would I make new friends?

Questions swirl around my head, piercing into my brain, but one sticks out the most. Would I stay friends with the people I know right now? I've heard adults say they don't remember their friends from primary school, let alone talk to them. I don't see how that could happen. You spend eight years of your life with them! Could I be one of the few that stay in touch with my friends? I'm not sure if that would be possible if we went to different schools; but maybe I'm reading too much into it?

How do I choose the right school? Do I choose the one that is more academic, or do I focus on sports and arts? Doing stage make-up and creating props would be amazing, but you wouldn't catch me dead singing and dancing on a stage in front of an audience. What are my strengths? I'm good at the academic side of things, but can I do that and visual arts? I'm sure whatever high school I choose, I will be happy with! I can make it work, but I can't help but worry. . .

"Oi! Are you coming?" My friends shout.

"Yep!" I call back just as enthusiastically.

Even though there is so much to think about, maybe I should just live in the present and enjoy it while it lasts! Besides, I have a delicious lunch, and great friends waiting for me.

"I always live in the present. The future I can't know. The past I no longer have." -Fernando Pessoa.

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WAITAKERE WAY: I WILL STOP AND THINK BEFORE I ACT OR RESPOND

This means stopping to think about your actions and the possible consequences that they could result in.

I was about to pull a mean face at Bob when I realized walking away is a better option

Teachers ask your class why, when and where you could use this.

By Faeryn

MY LIFE WITH HORSES

Hi, I am Esther, and this is my life with horses. Anyways, it started off when I was little and I've loved horses since, well, forever. But I only started riding horses when I was four. It started at a riding school named Waitakere Horses. There was a little mare named Sassy, she was about 11.0 or 12.0 hands which little me thought was as tall as a giant. I was at the riding school till I was five then sadly stopped for a year or so but still loved these majestic animals. At seven I started again on a pony called Maddie which my dad got me riding through his work. The horse was a gelding but named Maddie - weird right. The horse was about 34 years old, so it's probably passed away by now. It got sick so I couldn't ride it for pony club. But the pony club had a scheme/lease pony named Bramble and I rode him for a year and a bit.

Sassy

Sassy is a little pony which I started riding at Waitakere horses, which I mentioned earlier in the story. She was an appaloosa grey(white) and bay(brown). Well, I learnt to jump and trot on her. The jumps weren't that big but as me 4year old thought they were big I even thought my brother was tall back then hahaha. She was great, she taught me how to look after horses properly. I can't remember the instructor's name, but I remember her leading me over the jumps and around the arena. I also remember having a birthday party there, it was so much fun. My brother, Robin, and Macy were there but I can't remember.

Maddie

Maddie was my first lease horse. I rode him through lockdown in 2020 because he needed to be ridden but the owner was too tall for him. At first, I was scared I would fall off him but then mum said, "Focus on what you want to happen not on what you don't want to happen" - so I focused on finishing the ride. I always rode him on the road near Massey pony club where I went to for pony club for a few years. As I said he got sick in winter so I couldn't ride him for the next season of pony club

Intro Riders

Intro Riders is a club, well not really a club, but people who do not have horses go to this rally, was on Tuesday rally is an hour of horse riding with the group you are put with and there is an instructor for each group. Well in rally I would go to Intro riders because at the time I did not have a horse. There were few people, so I did not have many friends at the pony club. They taught us lots of stuff like taking care of horses, how to ride the basics, and most important of all having fun. I liked Intro riders because I could still ride without having a horse.

Bramble

Bramble was my favourite horse out of all the horses I have had. He was slow sometimes and hard to get going but I loved him so much he was a very sweet little pony. I probably haven't told you, but he was the pony clubs scheme/lease pony, and I rode him in rally and anytime I wanted to. I learnt to canter, jump high jumps, and do two-point stance while jumping and cantering sometimes. With Bramble I had to take care of him like feeding him, looking after him when he got sick, he was prone to laminitis which is when a horse cannot be able to get up or they want to lie down a lot but are not allowed to. I also needed to ride him a lot because otherwise he would get fat. I remember when I rode him at rally the first time, he took off on me, but I stayed on. My best memory with him is when I went in the water jump and he nearly laid in the water, so I got soaked it sounds yuck but it's so fun he was the best

Kiarna

Kiarna was a horse that was from a lady who had her own riding school. At the start I feared Kiarna was going to buck me off. She was a great jumper though. I started with her during 2021 lockdown because we were allowed to walk our pets and ride our horses, so I was at a little place in Taupaki. I was just getting to know her, so I was scared because she got spooked a couple times by the wind flapping some tarpaulins around. But I had the best coach in the world, so we did some exercises with Kiarna, so I wasn't so scared of her. After that we moved to Massey pony club and did cross-country competitions, well not real competitions, just around the pony club doing cross-country, it was fun. I did a few rallies on her but not that many because she had muscle atrophy which is because she is short backed which means she is hard to fit a saddle. So, we could not do many rallies because she did not have a saddle. Sadly, being a member of the pony club got a bit expensive, so we had to switch to redhills pony club. When we got to Redhills we were at the main pony club for a season. And we did a lot like Twilight jumping which is like jumping at night and I was a bit scared at first, but my coach helped me get my confidence back and I only did the small jumps because I was still a little scared. I have a lot more stories but let us get to how it all stopped. So, one night I was at the arena part of the pony club and me and Kiarna were jumping. We were doing well until I fell off and I fell on my arm. You know where this is going so, I broke my wrist so I couldn't ride her, that means we had to give her back to Sarah to do like lunging and keeping Kiarna fit. But Sarah said she wanted Kiarna back

Jack

Jack was a sweet little pony, (he was not little he was 14.00 hands). As I did not have a horse at the time, I was lucky enough to ride jack because he had just recovered from colic which is deadly to horses. I was not able to do much because he was unfit so I couldn't do jumping, cantering at first and long rides. When he got a bit fitter, I was able to canter him but noticed he was very tired in the end. Sadly after a few weeks he had colic again and passed on a Friday.

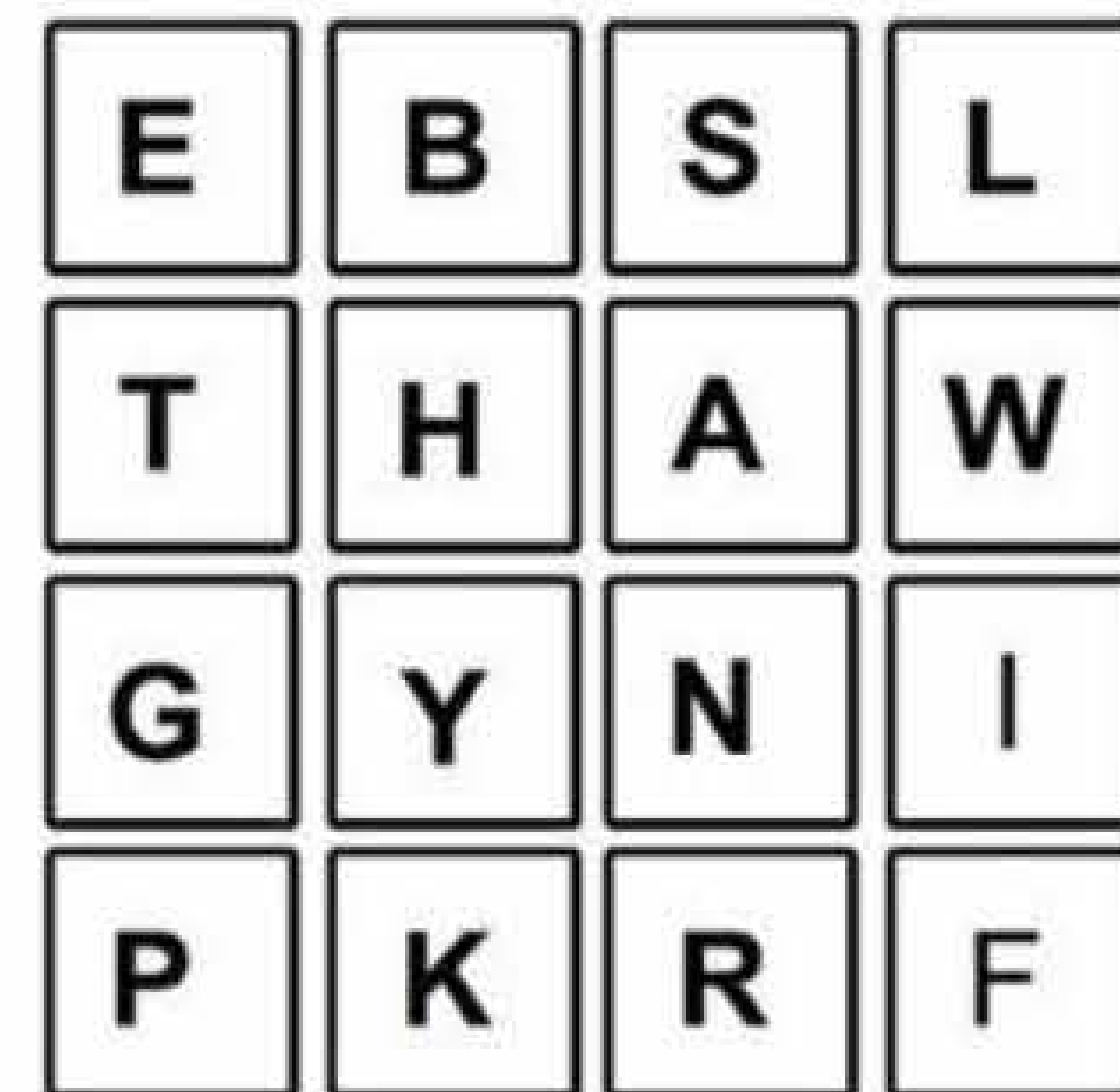
Thank you for listening, I hope you liked it. The reason I did my essay on this is because I wanted to tell people that not everyone's life is perfect, actually no one's life is perfect. Life is hard, it has its ups and downs. So, it is good to have a pet in your life to keep your brain away from things.

Puzzle Page

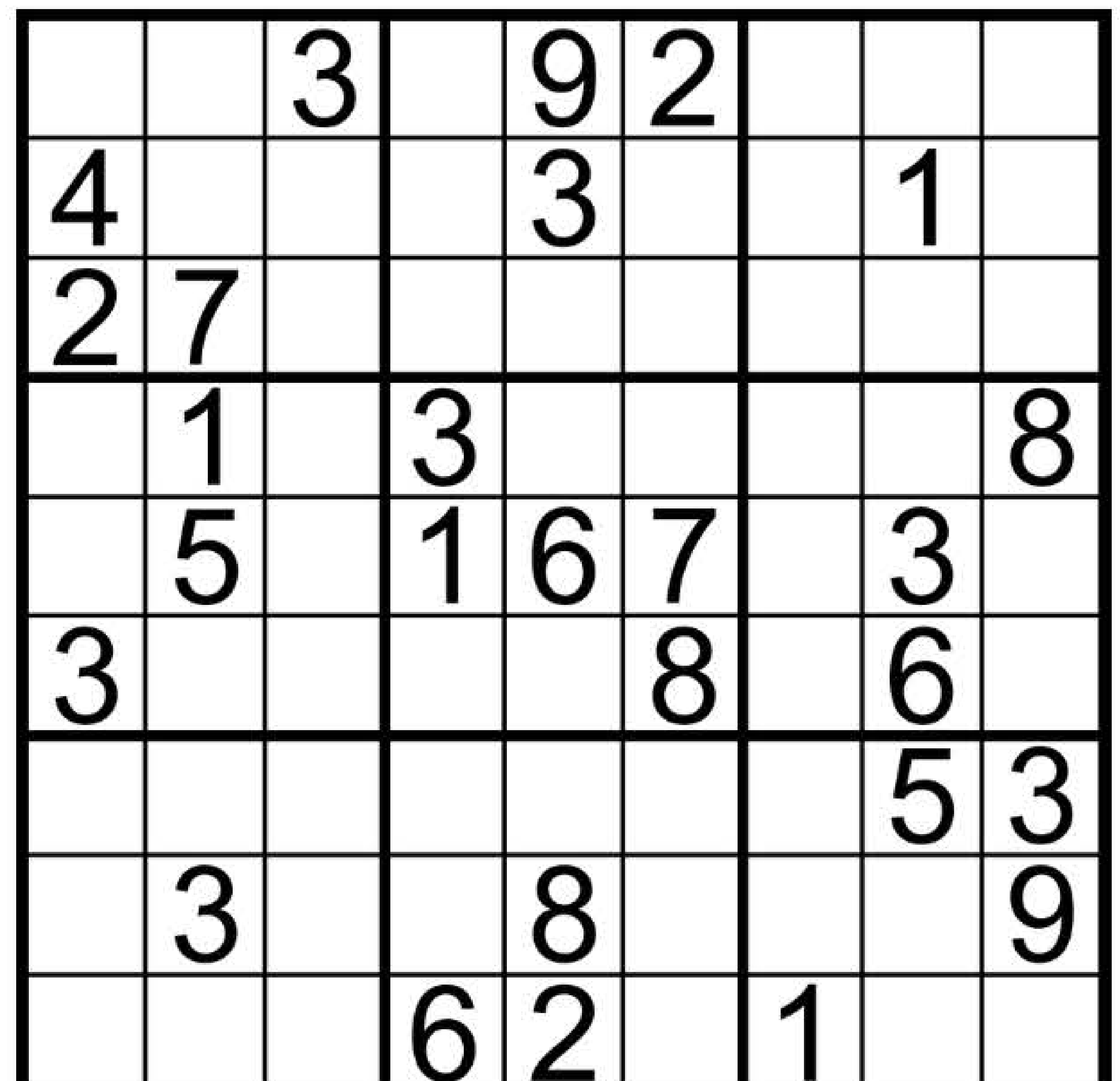
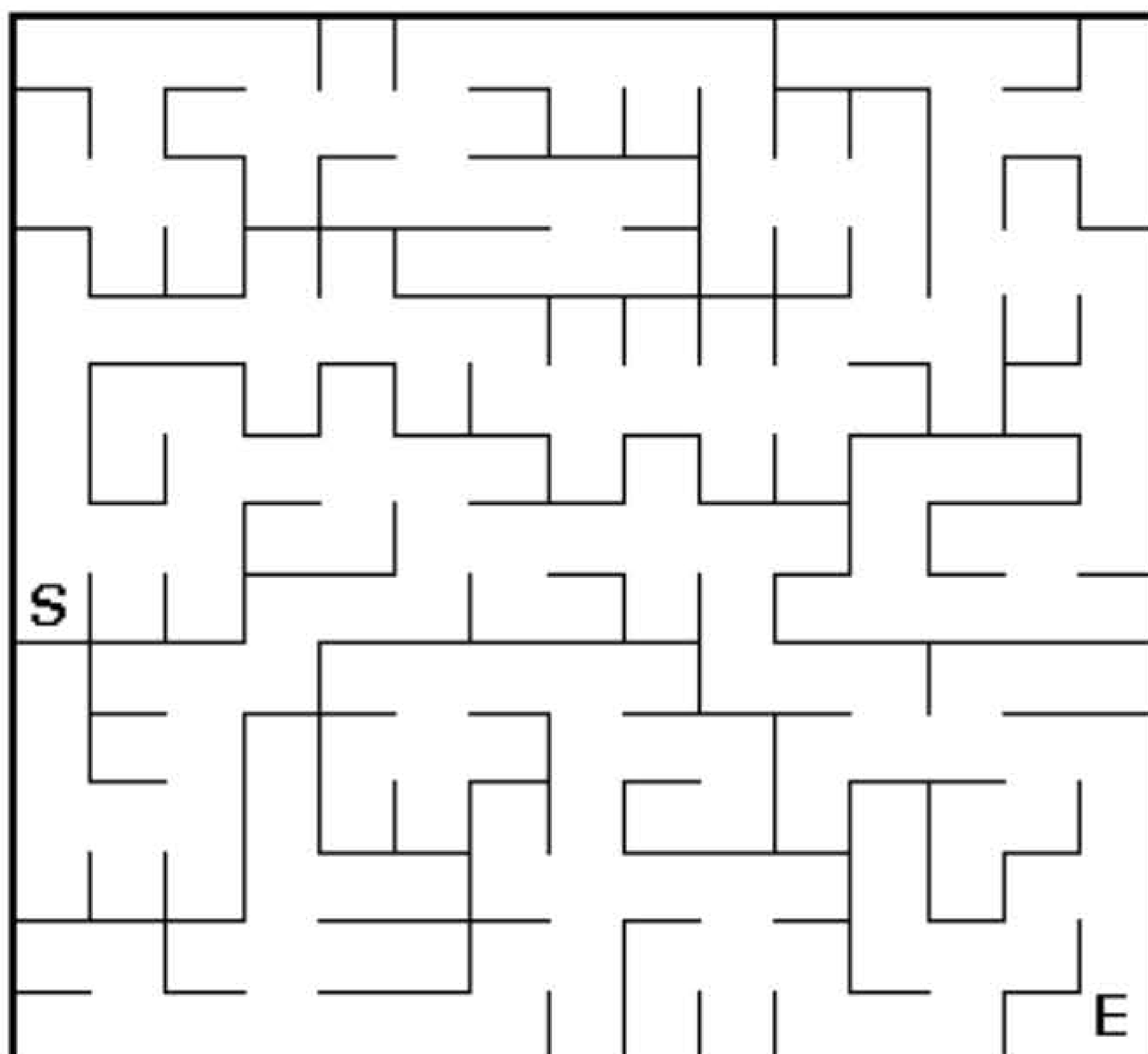


Boggle

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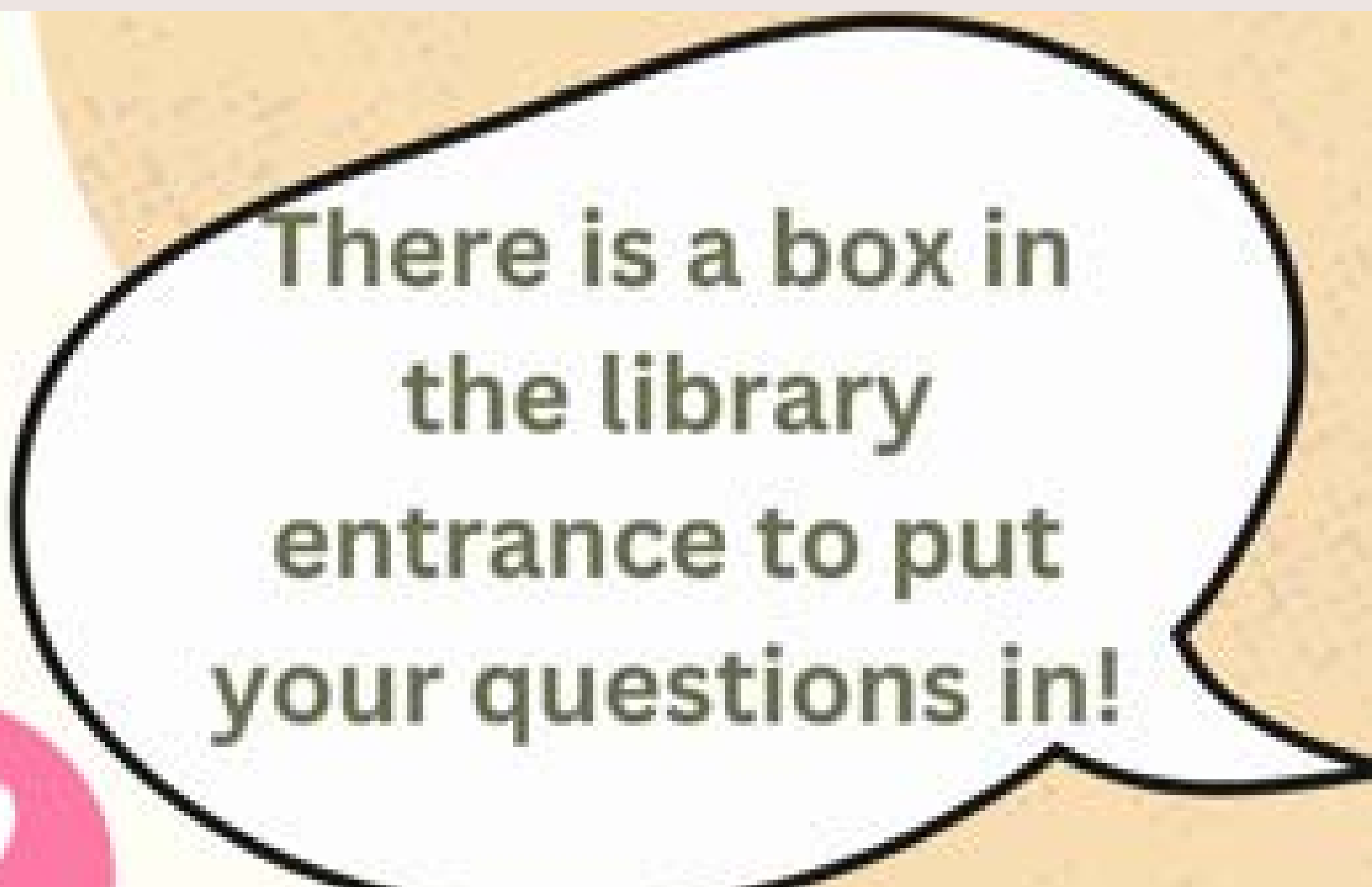
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| arrange | fragrance | prune | supplier |
| beautiful | garden | rain | suprise |
| bouquet | gift | red | thorn |
| clippers | greenhouse | romance | vase |
| cultivate | grow | rose | water |
| deliver | leaf | scent | weather |
| dozen | love | shrub | wedding |
| fertilizer | pink | soil | weed |
| florist | plant | stem | white |
| flower | prickly | sun | yellow |






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Advice column




There is a box in
the library
entrance to put
your questions in!




**What can I do if I
have no one to
play with?**

You could sit on the buddy bench located in the challenger playground or come up to one of our friendly peer support monitors and hang out with them! Sometimes you won't have someone to play with but that's okay! You could read a book, eat some lunch or do some drawing!



**What can I do if
someone is being
mean?**

You could tell them to stop, and walk away from them, go see a peer support mentor, or tell a duty teacher. You can tell your friends what is happening, but try not to get them involved.



What can I do if I'm lost?


If you get lost, you can ask a peer support mentor, a big kid, or a teacher, they can show you where to go!, If you get lost, don't panic! Just calmly ask someone where to go!

**Advice columnists Jessica
Adams and Lizzie Beattie!**





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No act of kindness,
no matter how small
is ever wasted- Aesop

What can I do if
I'm bored?

Since the senior and junior playgrounds are closed, it's sometimes hard to find something to keep you occupied during breaktimes. But there are so many things you could do instead. You could get a ball from the sports shed and play with your friends, play survivor/tag or when the library is open you could read a book or do some drawing.

Be kind to everyone around you! Treat people how YOU want to be treated.

What can I do if I
get mad or
angry?

Everyone gets mad, it's completely normal. But it's not okay to take it out on others. If you start to lose your cool walk away and take some time out, and if this is during classtime ask your teacher for permission first. If someone specifically is making you mad and it's happening over and over again make sure you tell a teacher.

NETBALL ZONES

Netball zones was held at Te Pai netball courts. On the day the courts were packed full of students ready to play. The time started and the whistles went off, the first lot of games began. For many of the students it was their first time. So well done because at the end of the tournament everyone came 4th place or up.

In netball there are two refs one doing one half of the court and the other reffing the other side. The scoring is written down on a score sheet. Then you have the players on the court, seven in each team. There are the attackers and the defenders and the centre who does a bit of both. The games were made up of 2 ten-minute halves.

Each team did amazing and in the end the Yr. 8 girls came 3rd, the yr. 8 boys came 4th, the yr. 7 boys came 2nd, and the yr. 7 girls came... Congratulations to all the teams. Netball zones was an amazing experience and I highly recommend it.

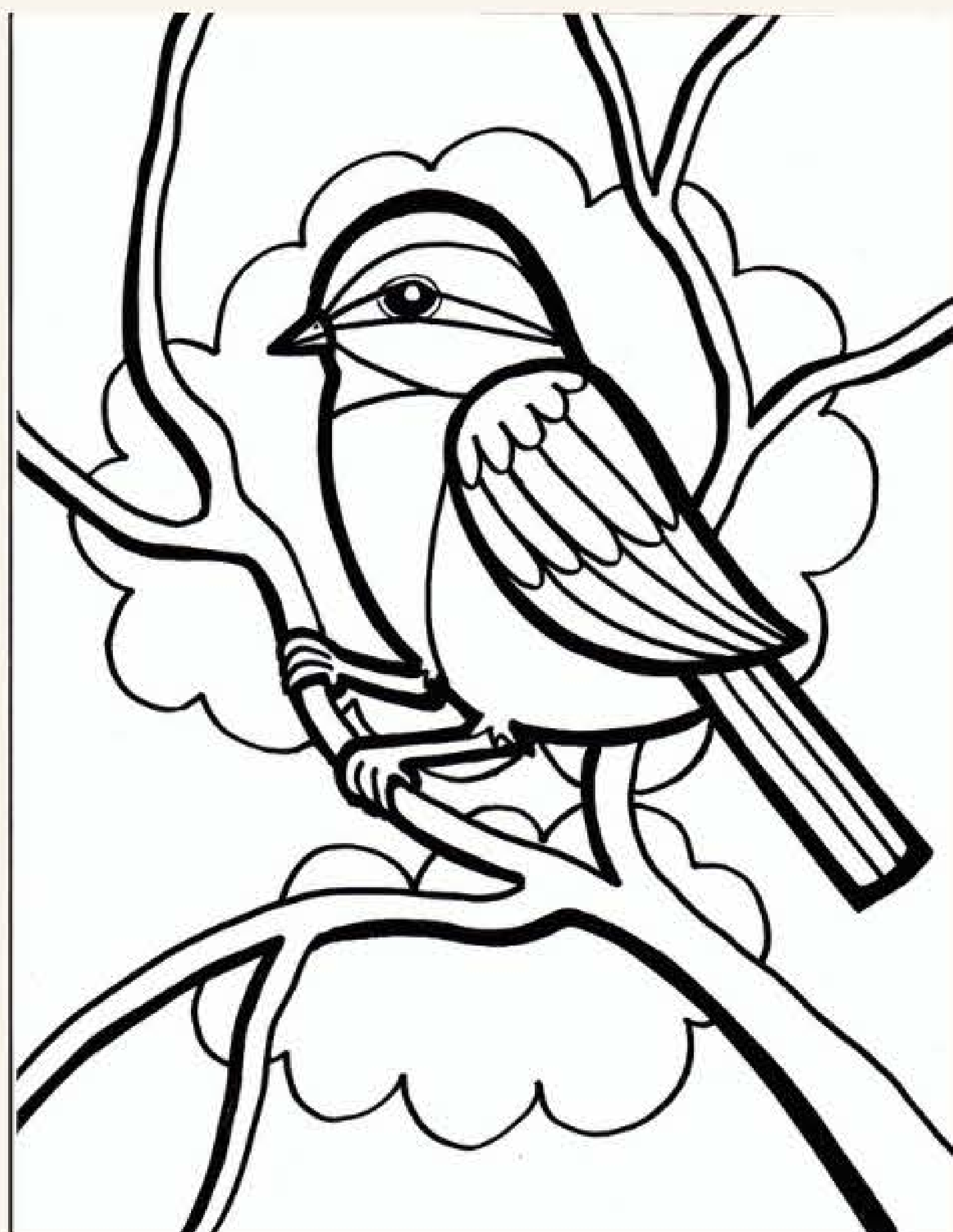
Netball zones was a really fun opportunity for lots of the teams to try something new and have fun. Thanks to Mrs. Doogan and Ms. Watt for helping make this day happen with the trainings at lunch and the actual day to come and support us.

Belle



PUZZLE PAGE

JUNIOR RIDDLE: WHAT 2 THINGS CAN YOU NEVER EAT FOR BREAKFAST?



What color...?

1 4 5

2 6

3 7

Solution

TEACHER OF THE TERM

Mrs Marshall

hobbys:
binge watching
netfix

going to the gym

walking dog

reading

movies



Has a dog called
phoebe the bread is
a neapolitan mastiff

**Drives a skoda kodiaq
2010**



She loves to
teach because
she makes a
change to the
start of their
school journey

The 5 year
olds are super
lucky to have
her she very
happy and
funny

works in the nest with
the year ones