

# THE MCGINTY CHRONICLES


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## Christmas Card Competition

Make sure you hand in your Christmas cards on Thursday 11th / Monday 15th December to enter our festive competition.

We have some very exciting prizes for the winners!



## CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Don't forget to finish off your Christmas Cards at home for the Competition!

All primary 1-6 students will start the card in class, following the instructions in English carefully and then they can take them home to finish and add that extra wow factor!

All cards must be handed in to your teacher by no later than Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December, prizes to be given out the last week! Good luck!

## THIS MONTH AT MCGINTY

### \* December 2025

B2 results are out for the September to November Semi intensives with 100% of the B2 group passing. Congratulations!!!

### \* January 2026

New semi-intensive courses start for teens and adults. Get your B1/B2 or C1 in just 4 months! Call the academy for details!



Student Spotlight: Our Favourite Hobby by Claudia Lopez Sorroche and Daniela Torres Zuñiga

## Learning Together, Growing Stronger

Our favorite hobby is practicing Wing Chun. We like it because it is a martial art that helps us move fast, stay calm, and protect ourselves without using too much strength. In every class, we learn new things, like stances, strikes and how to keep our balance. One of the exercises we like the most is "chi sao" when we have to keep our arms touching and feel how the other person moves. Sometimes it feels like a game but it helps us get better at reacting fast.

We also like that Wing Chun is not just about hitting or blocking. It teaches us to trust ourselves. Every time we train together, we feel more confident and strong. We also make friends and have fun. Sometimes we finish tired but we are happy because we know we are improving. Wing Chun is very important for us because we learn to control ourselves, concentrate, and not give up. You should try it too!

## From All the Staff at McGinty School of English

We'd like to wish you all a very

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!



## VOICES OF THE ACADEMY

### AN INTERVIEW WITH TEACHER JACKIE ABOUT CHRISTMAS IN THE UK AND IN ALMERIA

By Afrika and Claudia (L9c)

We're Afrika and Claudia from group 9c. Today we are going to interview our former teacher Jackie.

**A&C:** Hi teacher Jackie. How did you used to celebrate Christmas when you were at home?

**Jackie:** Well, when I lived in the UK, as you know it is very cold and dark in the Winter. We would decorate our homes mid December, and on Christmas day we would make a big meal with turkey, roast potatoes, lots of vegetables and a traditional Christmas pudding made with dried fruits, it's very rich, and most people in Spain probably wouldn't like it, it's too sweet! Oh! And of course, mince pies!



**A&C:** How do you celebrate Christmas now, in Almeria?

**Jackie:** OK, now in Almeria it's quite different. My family and I choose a rural location and we have a BBQ in the countryside, it's fantastic! Here in Almeria it is usually sunny and warm. We still have our presents on Christmas day but we don't have a natural Christmas tree in our home.

**A&C:** What is your favourite plan for over Christmas?

**Jackie:** What I like doing best over the Christmas holiday is spending time with my family. We go for long walks, sometimes we go to the beach and I ride my motorcycle with my husband.

**A&C:** To finish, what do you think is the most important thing about Christmas?

**Jackie:** Without a doubt, the most important thing is family. It's the thing that is closest to everybody's heart. We just love spending time together and of course celebrating the birth of Christ Jesus, it is a very important celebration!

**A&C:** Well, thank you very much for telling us about your Christmas.

Merry Christmas!



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THE MOST IMPORTANT  
THING IS FAMILY! ”



## OUR TOP PICKS THIS MONTH



### UPTOWN GIRLS

By Ylenia Martinez Lopez

Uptown Girls is a 2003 American Comedy drama film directed by Boaz Yakin.

Brittany Murphy takes the lead role as Molly Gunn, a rich young woman who loses all her money at the beginning of the film. She starts working as a nanny for Ray, a serious 8-year-old girl.

At first they dislike each other. Molly is funny and childish, the opposite of Ray who is serious

and responsible. As a result, they argue a lot throughout the movie about how different they are. Nevertheless, Molly teaches Ray how to enjoy life, while Ray helps Molly to take responsibility.

By Katy

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At the end of the film they end up having a great relationship, Molly basically becomes a mother to Ray, as her mother doesn't even go to her daughter's ballet recitals I think this is such a great movie that I could watch it all over again. Dakota Fanning who played

Ray was amazing, she portrayed well all of Grace's feelings as a kid. I also loved the parallels

between Molly and Ray. I would recommend Uptown Girls to anyone that enjoys films about friendships and growing up.



## CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES



### HOGMANY AND FIRST FOOTING IN SCOTLAND AT NEW YEAR

Hogmanay is Scotland's New Year's Eve celebration, and its key tradition is first-footing: the custom of the first person to cross your threshold after midnight bringing good luck for the year, ideally a tall, dark-haired man bearing symbolic gifts like coal, shortbread, whisky, and black bun for warmth, prosperity, and good cheer, a tradition rooted in warding off the unwelcome Viking invaders.

### DID YOU KNOW???

## TRY THIS FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Classic Sugar Cookies for Christmas By Elena Gil Rodriguez

Here is a simple recipe for Christmas Cookies:

First, gather your ingredients: 2 and a quarter cups of all-purpose flour, one teaspoon of baking soda, half a teaspoon of salt, one cup of butter, three-quarters of a cup of granulated sugar, one egg and one teaspoon of vanilla extract.

In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the egg and vanilla. In a separate bowl, whisk the flour, baking soda and salt. Gradually add the ingredients to the wet mixture, mixing until just combined.

Roll out the dough and use your favourite Christmas cutters to cut into shapes.

Cook on 180°C for approx 12-15 minutes or until golden brown

Then make up different colour icing pots using icing sugar, a small amount of water and a drop of food colouring (probably red, green and white are essential), then when the cookies have cooled, decorate them, then eat! Enjoy!

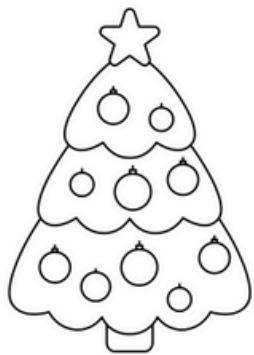


## ENGLISH CHALLENGE

### CHRISTMAS SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters to find the Christmas words.

LEF _____	PHEO _____
OYJ _____	EETR _____
YOT _____	LEDS _____
BLLE _____	NOWS _____
GTIF _____	ASRT _____



*Homemade*  
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	DYCNA _____
	ORCAL _____
	EETR _____
	EECRH _____
	FTAES _____
	SOTFR _____
	YJOLL _____
	RERYM _____
	CCEILI _____
	ANSAT _____
	OKICOE _____
	GGONGE _____
	GLINJE _____
	YOFSTR _____
	SRSIAHMCT _____

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# GAME TIME

TRY DOING THESE CHRISTMAS SCRAMBLES, ONE IS EASY, ONE MORE DIFFICULT, HAVE FUN!