

## **News is all around you...finding the stories**

**A good newspaper should inform, entertain, educate, excite and challenge its readers, so the stories you gather should reflect one or more of those characteristics.**

### **How to find news stories:**

- Firstly, look around you. What's happening at your school? Check the notice boards, posters in the corridors, the school newsletter, the website...any of these may give you some story ideas.
- Are there any developments at the school, a new building or ICT suite or new equipment for the sports hall?
- What clubs are there? What do they do, are there any news ones or do you know anyone who wants to start a club?
- Do any of the year groups or classes have any trips coming up, or have they been on any recently?
- Have any of your classmates done well academically or in a hobby they have?
- What about your teachers? Do you have any new members of staff, have anyone done anything interesting recently, perhaps a challenge for charity?
- How about interviewing the headteacher or head of year?
- Have any of your classmates done something interesting outside of school? Or been on a trip of a lifetime, or worked really hard to overcome an obstacle or handicap?
- What about talking to your mum and dad about the school, did they go there when they were young, what's changed?

- How about contacting the parent/teachers association, ask them about fundraising activities, the summer fair, what they have bought the school recently.
- Is there someone famous who went to your school? Or comes from the area?

### **Sports**

- Have any of the sports teams done well recently, or have any individuals been selected for county, regional or national teams, or have they simply done well?
- Are there any new sports being played at school, or are there any new sports clubs that have started recently.

### **Entertainment**

- What shows or plays have been put on at the school, are there any coming up soon?
- How about a few film reviews of some recent releases
- Could someone review the latest Xbox, Wii or Playstation games?

### **Other sections**

- A quiz might be fun, either for readers or you could do 20 questions with a teacher or pupil
- How about a recipe or two? Some healthy eating ideas, could you tie it into the school breakfast club or talk to the kitchen staff about their recipes?
- Moan and groan, maybe a pupil from each year could write their likes and dislikes about school