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NEWSLETTER

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Easter Edition

Well looks like springs here and Easter's come and gone. But worry not, there's still plenty of Easter fun to be had with jokes, facts and games to be had in this Easter edition of the Thrive newsletter, as well as the usual news and interviews. Also as you may have noticed, this newsletter is a joint monthly one, as we are switching to a new format: one where the month is for the one ahead rather than the one behind. So without further ado, let's get right into it ☺



Jakester

What's been happening at Thrive?

We have recently been recruiting at Thrive and have some of us who have done our recruitment training have been part of the process of interviewing and evaluating if they're Thrive material.

In other news, some of us also went to the Harvester last night for a social evening, and our Makaton Champions have also reached level 3 in their Makaton.



Question Time



This month our very own
Marvelous Mel steps into the
limelight

How long have you been working at/coming to Thrive?

Mel: 6 years last month

What do you enjoy most about Thrive?

Mel: I love having an office based at Thrive. I started at Thrive in a support role and I still love being able to see everyone here. Every day is so different, so many interesting people to talk to that make the day so fun.

What would you say to someone who's interested in joining or working at Thrive?

Mel: I'd say you'd be a very lucky person to work here. I used to be a senior support worker here. Some of my best memories are from that time of my life. I loved all the sessions, and I did cooking as well as Thrive-enders (basically Thrive meets Eastenders), and I miss doing them a lot.

What do you feel you help bring to Thrive?

Mel: The finance office will always be a place for people to come and chat to us; although I don't directly support people anymore, I still enjoy getting involved now and then, and supporting the wonderful people who come. And I bring the bants of course.

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Question Time (part 2)

What's the weirdest ice cream flavour you can think of?

Mel: I go to Devon every year and there's an ice cream shop there I love, and they do an ice cream flavour called 'bird poo' which is black and glittery, and apparently it tastes like Eton mess.

Who do you think would win in a fight – Superman or Batman?

Mel: Batman cos of his dark outfit, he looks like he takes things *very* seriously. Unlike Superman whose colourful outfit screams 'Let's go for a picnic'.

Fun Facts

The Easter Bunny legend began in Germany, where the hare was said to be the symbol of the Pagan Goddess of Spring and Fertility.

The Easter holiday was named after the Anglo-Saxon Goddess, Eostre

The act of painting Easter eggs originates from a Ukrainian tradition

The UK's first chocolate egg was produced in Bristol in 1873

Instead of Easter bunnies, Swedish kids dress up as wizards.

Jakester's Jokes

What do you call an unconventional Easter egg?

Egg-centric!

How many Easter eggs can you fit in an empty basket?

Only one. After that, it's not empty anymore!

Did you hear about the most beautifully decorated eggs?

They were to dye for!

Why are Easter bunnies more tired when Easter's in April?

Because they've just finished a long March.

Why do people paint eggs for Easter?

It's easier than trying to wallpaper them!

Wordsearch

This month's theme is Easter of course 😊

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Easter

Egg

Chocolate

Bunny

Spring

Basket

Hunt

Answers in next month's newsletter

Spot the difference

Can you find all 10 differences with this easter bunny?



Answers in next month's newsletter

Quiz Time

Which three animals are traditionally associated with Easter?

What is Pancake Day also known as?

What kind of bread is associated with Easter?

Which roast is associated with Easter?

What type of fancy hat is worn at Easter?

Answers in next month's newsletter

Who's that Celebrity?

Can you guess the celebrities from their past pictures?

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8.



Riddle me this

I do not march, but I arrive during it. I bring new life, but I'm not a mother. What am I?

I'm hunted, but never killed. I'm painted, but never on canvas. I can be real or fake. What am I?

I have a nose, but it does not wiggle. I have ears, but they cannot hear. I am sweet and brown, but not soft and fuzzy. What am I?

I have two lips, but cannot kiss. My colors can be hard to miss. What am I?

What's the best way to make Easter easier?

Answers in next month's newsletter

Emoji time

Can you guess the subjects based on the emojis?

Movie



Food



Word



Animal



Game



Answers in next month's newsletter

Answers to last month's puzzles and games

Wordsearch

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More answers on next page

Answers to last month's puzzles and games

Quiz Time

What is the common name for the blue flower 'Myosotis', also known as mouse's ear? **Forget-Me-Not**

What year was the first iPhone released? **2007**

Which country commissioned the Statue of Liberty as a gift to the United States? **France**

Which famous Roman leader introduced the leap year? **Julius Caesar**

What is the French word for cheese? **Fromage**

Who's that Celebrity?

1.



Jennifer Aniston

2.



Julia Roberts

3.



Kevin Bacon

4.



Nicki Minaj

5.



Barack Obama

6.



Morgan Freeman

7.



Tom Cruise

8.



Winona Ryder

More answers on next page

Answers (continued)

Riddle me this

What occurs once in a second, twice in a week, and once in a year?
The letter 'E'

What can you catch but not throw? A cold

I have branches, but no fruit, trunk, or leaves. What am I? A bank or building society

What has to be broken before you can use it? An egg

I have keys but no locks. I have space but no room. You can enter, but you can't go inside. What am I? A computer keyboard

Emoji time

Movie



Spider-Man

Food



Sandwich

Word



Rainbow

Animal



Butterfly

Game



Monopoly

And that wraps up the Easter edition of this newsletter. Look forward to seeing you all next month, and let me know your thoughts and suggestions in the feedback section on the next page.

Til next time

Jakester



Feedback

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whenever you're next at Thrive 😊

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