# amazine

#### Issue #10 - November 2021

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Autumn is officially here and so is the Amazine! Have a look inside!



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### Hey Amazine readers,

This summer it was so much fun hanging out and seeing everyone.

It is getting a bit chilly now as Autumn rolls around, so grab yourself a cup of hot chocolate and have fun reading this edition of the Amazine



## Autumn around the world

Here's a quick peek at what Autumn looks like for some countries around the world.

? Can you think of any countries that I may have missed?

**?** How do you celebrate Autumn?

### Halloween: UK and Europe





This is usually celebrated on October 31st and originated in Ireland. It's also called all hallows eve.

Pumpkins or turnips are put outside homes and children, and sometimes adults, knock on doors for sweets.

### Thanksgiving: USA

Celebrated on the 4th Thursday of November, this tradition helps Americans to remember the first harvest meal that Native Americans shared with the Pilgrims after they came to the new world. It usually involves a big feast.



#### Day of the Dead: Mexico and Latin America



Usually this is celebrated from the 1st to the 2nd of November. An example of this lively day can be found in Disney Pixar's Coco. Sugar skulls and decorations are left as offerings to honour the ancestors of those still living.

## **Morgan Le Fey**

In legends alongside King Arthur, the wizard Merlin & the knights of the round table, Morgan Le Fay was an incredibly gifted enchantress.

Other names include Morgana, Morrigan, Morgane, and Morgaine

What made her interesting was that since her first appearance in the legend "Vita Merlini" by Geoffrey of Monmouth, her perception would be either an aid or foe to King Arthur.



However In the most popular retelling by Malory, Morgan is the nemesis of Arthur, planning to usurp his throne and eventually becoming an instrument of his demise. However, she eventually reconciles with her half brother Arthur, retaining her role of taking him on his final journey to Avalon.



Jordan has created a quiz to test your knowledge on King Arthur and his knights of the round table. I have added a few questions of my own as well.

-Bryony

- 1. What is the name of the legendary sword wielded by King Arthur?
- 2. What are the names of the Knights of the Round Table?
- 3. Who was King Arthurs wife?
- 4. What was the full name of King Arthur?
- What Disney movie was inspired by King Arthur and his legendary sword



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## Jordan's Comicon experience



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This picture was commissioned from an artist that was attending the convention.

I'm really pleased with it!

I went to a college run comic convention and commissioned this drawing. I found the experience interesting and I saw many unique costumes.

During my walk between the two rooms, where the convention were being held, I noticed a star wars theme, with cosplayers and even staff who helped make the films being there.

## youth voice

#### What is Youth Voice?

Youth Voice is a program set up by Amaze and Amazing Futures peer support groups to help young people like yourselves to be heard by Amaze. This is so you can tell them how they can best help you and what services you would like them to offer.

For example just one of the suggestions the group in Brighton made was to include more sessions where they are physically active.

#### Why is Youth Voice important?

Youth Voice provides a great opportunity for young people to connect with people and share their opinions. It's also a great chance to make any changes to the way



### neon disco

## Come and join in the fun at the Neon Disco!

#### >>> When?

25 February 2022

#### >> Where?



Eastbourne Tennis Centre, Hardwick Suite, Lawn Tennis Centre, Devonshire Park, Eastbourne

#### What is it?

A SEND-friendly disco in aid of the Mayors charities

#### >> What do I wear?

Bright clothes

#### >> How much are tickets?

£7. Included with this is a glowstick and optional face paint

#### Where can I buy tickets?

You can either <u>buy them online</u> at www.eventbrite.co.uk or at the Eastbourne tourist information centre



## fundraising meeting



Recently a fundraising meeting took place in the Eastbourne YMCA. In that meeting we had a chat about how we could all raise money for Amaze during Christmas.

Everyone was really active when making suggestions and we came up with some great ideas, including things like having a calendar that had peoples stories behind the doors, and also making some arts and crafts for people to buy in order to help raise money.





The best part happened about half way through the meeting, things were going well, when all of a sudden the fire alarm rang and we all had to leave the building!! Nobody was hurt thankfully.

### summer successes

Here's Just some of the great things that we got up to during the summer!

#### The Mayor's quiz and raffle night

A number of the Amazing futures group members went to Eastbourne town hall to help prepare 65! Ploughman lunches and sell raffle tickets. It was a really fun night had by all and everyone went home tired but happy. (See below for pictured volunteers.)



#### Saying goodbye and good luck!

One of our members went away to university to study Geography, another moved to London and a third moved into a new flat. Plus we had a birthday to celebrate. We had a party to celebrate all these!

#### **Fun moments**

Here's some of our favourite pictures from moments we had this summer:









## Amazing Futures Brighton art billboard

by Pagane Gacheva

During the summer a group of young people took part in a five-week art project focused on designing billboards that will be used for a development site opposite Shoreham Harbour.

The artwork produced for the housing project included both individual and collaborative pieces. The young people chose a theme of home, or things which are important to them, and have explored this in many different ways.

The project was a collaboration between Amaze and Mymarc. The two organisations will work together on Amazing Futures' art group

#### A different kind of mask

In October the Amazing Futures monthly art group had its first session for this academic year and, in the spirit of Halloween, it focused on creating masks. There were a range of masks created such as ones linked to favourite characters, animals and Cinco De Mayo













## **Brighton drama club**

by Pagane Gacheva

In June 2021 I started leading Amaze's monthly drama group.

The aim of the sessions is to offer young people a safe, inclusive place to try out different games based on acting.



I currently run the club with one of the Amazing Futures Brighton volunteers, Jem.

We create the session plans with new activities included so that people can explore beyond their comforts through the medium of drama. I actively look for feedback so I can learn from these sessions too. The drama games are based around speech and movement, because communication is related not only to what we say but how we say it.

The benefits of taking part in drama and performing extends outside of each session because the group helps with developing selfexpression, presenting skills and confidence in oneself. This will equip the people involved with skills that they can use at and beyond Amaze



## **Quiz Answers**

- 1. Excalibur
- Lancelot, Kay, Percival, Degore, Bedivere, Galahad, Bors, Gawain, Tristen, Brunoe, <u>Hector, King Arthur</u>
- 3. Guinevere
- 4. Arthur Pendragon
- 5. Sword in the Stone





For free information, advice and support please check out our website

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We would love to hear from you. What have you been up to? Any news, drawings, bake off photos or useful tips you want to share? We welcome your contribution to the next issue.

Next issue out December for the Christmas special!