

Real Special Times

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Real Special News

New Products

<http://www.realspecial.co.nz/deafpro.asp>

In our products for the Deaf (within our Special Needs category) there is now a funky new watch available. Not only is it good for those who are Deaf, but the vibrating features provide alarm calls for anyone who wants to be alerted without disturbing others. The Vibralite 2 Vibrating Watch also comes with a choice of strap – you can now get a funky I Love You in American Sign language (ASL).



Price: \$129.00 (includes GST and postage)

Although ASL is different to New Zealand Sign language (NZSL), this sign is recognised by people the whole world over. The "I Love You" sign (handshape) blends the handshapes for the letters I, L and Y into one. In the USA celebrities and politicians use it and fashionable tee shirts have it. They have even produced a postage stamp, a signing Barbie doll, and shaped soaps with the handshape!



I love you

New webpages

http://www.realspecial.co.nz/spe_sensoft.asp

The company Sensory Software has now changed its name to Clarofun. We have put some of their products on a new page (link above) in our Special needs section. Their range of software for those with profound learning delay is really stimulating and educational. We will be adding many more items from their range soon. If you want to check out more of their products in the meantime, go to www.clarofun.com

Changes to the website

We are currently making summary pages for each of the sections on our website. This should make navigation easier and finding products quicker. We welcome any feedback on our website – any suggestions on how we might improve it and what things you like are appreciated.

Featured websites



This month's choices have activities for kids to do during the school holiday break.

www.funology.com

Loads of different things to do for primary and older students. Click on the Boredom Busters section for activities, the Laboratory gives you science experiments to do at home, Brain Drain gives you quizzes and puzzles etc. and much more!



<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/preschool/>

Lots of fun things for younger students. Scroll down the page to "The little Animals Activity Centre" link. This site has some great projects e.g Micky Maker's activities to print out and make, Digby Mole's word games, Story Bear's interactive stories etc. Other favourites to also check out are "The Tweenies", "The Teletubbies" and "Bobinogs".



www.kidchef.com

Cooking during the holidays is one way to keep the children occupied (and helps with keeping warm too!). This site has lots of recipes and each is given a rating as to whether it is easy, medium or hard.



Just for fun

Sudoku for July

The Sudoku grid has three main elements. There are 9 columns, 9 rows and 9 blocks. Using the numbers 1 through 9, the 81 squares in the grid must be filled so that every column, row and block contains the numbers 1 through 9. No number can repeat within any column, row or block. Good luck! The solution is on page 4 of this newsletter.

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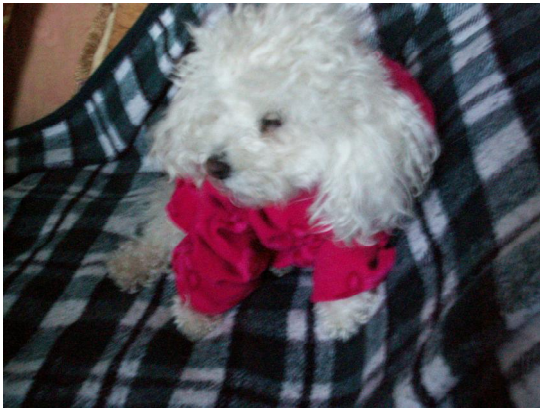
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Edith the poodle

Hi, I'm Edith, the Real Special mascot. This month I am wearing my extra warm Barbie pink sweater – just right for these cold winter days.



Well, since I last spoke to you, I have been on holiday to stay with my auntie in Ashburton. It turned out to be quite eventful as the farm I was staying on was badly affected by the power cuts. In fact, there was no power for over 10 days! I wasn't too worried as I found myself a comfy spot in front of the wood burner but the humans found it more of a toil. The fire didn't help me outside though when I had my first encounter with some strange white stuff called "snow". I had never seen this before so was not sure whether I would like it. I think I could get used to it if it wasn't so cold, (maybe if it was more like cotton wool). I did have fun chasing the children in it though – they could hardly see me creeping up on them as I was so well camouflaged!

Dog jokes (chosen by Edith)

Q. What kind of dog likes baths?

A. A shampoodle!

Q. What do you call a great dog detective?

A. Sherlock Bones!

Q. Why does a dog scratch himself?

A. Because no one else knows where he itches.

Q. What do dogs say when they see a wolf?

A. Woolf woolf!

A tall tale (tail!)

Three male dogs were fighting about a female poodle (Edith says it was not her) - a bichon frise, a beagle, and a schnauzer. The poodle said, "Whoever can think of the best sentence using the words liver and cheese can go out with me."

The bichon frise said, "I love liver and cheese".

"That's not original."

The beagle said, "I hate liver and cheese."

"That's pathetic."

And the schnauzer said, "Liver alone, cheese mine!" (Leave her alone, she's mine!)

Easy recipe - Sugar cookies

Ingredients

- 1 cup margarine
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 2/3 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 3 large eggs; beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Sugar for sprinkling

Method

1. Cream (mix until creamy) the margarine and sugar.
2. In a separate bowl, combine flour, salt, baking soda, and baking powder.
3. In a small bowl, beat the eggs and vanilla together.
4. Gradually add the flour mixture and egg mixture to the margarine and sugar.
5. Chill dough (overnight is preferable).
6. Roll out dough on a floured board, and use cookie cutters to cut the dough.
7. Sprinkle the cookies with sugar and bake on a greased cookie sheet at 180 degrees C (350 degrees F), for about 8 minutes, or until edges are brown.



Sudoku solution
(from page 2)

8	2	6	3	4	5	7	1	9
1	7	3	9	8	6	4	5	2
4	5	9	1	7	2	6	3	8
5	1	7	6	3	8	9	2	4
6	9	2	4	5	1	8	7	3
3	8	4	7	2	9	1	6	5
7	4	8	2	1	3	5	9	6
2	6	5	8	9	7	3	4	1
9	3	1	5	6	4	2	8	7

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Tips on Sudoku

Finding it hard to get to grips with Sudoku? There are some great tips on how to get started, plus sample puzzles.

<http://www.sudoku.com>

More puzzles

If you want more Sudoku puzzles, check out:

<http://www.websudoku.com/>

Monster Sudoku (includes letters!) and Sudoku for kids

If you are looking for something even trickier, why not try Sudoku monster - not only do you have to find the numbers 1 - 9, but also have to put in the letters A,B and C (very challenging!). Also has puzzles for kids.

www.dailysudoku.com

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