

	<b>REAL SPECIAL TIMES</b>	
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**Featured websites**



[www.kidnetic.com](http://www.kidnetic.com)

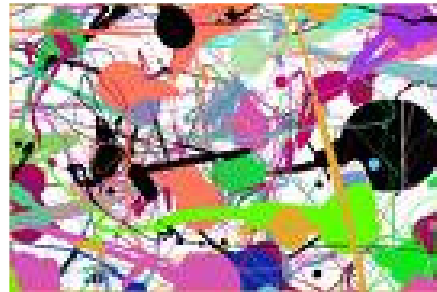
If you think that children spend too much time on the computer and not enough getting fit, this website aims to put that right. When you go to their home page you will see several choices – click on 'the Kore' section on the left hand side of the screen and you will find onscreen games that kids play to get fit whilst being actually next to their computer e.g. the 'fitness' challenge time how long it takes you to do 10 pushups etc. My favourite game is the Move Mixer where you make up your own dance moves!

The website also has links to articles about fitness and nutrition (see Bright Papers), recipes for healthy eating, and information about how the human body works (see Inner G). The Inner G game gets you to put the body parts in the correct place but then also gives you links to articles connected with it – a useful tool.



[www.jacksonpollock.org](http://www.jacksonpollock.org)

if you fancy being a budding abstract artist, why not try your hand at making a Jackson Pollock inspired work? I really like his abstract work and this website makes it really easy for anyone whatever age they are to "copy" it. From the homepage, click to enter the site then whenever you move the mouse, it will make colours appear on the screen. To change the colour, just click the mouse – a really good fun way of doodling with the computer!



<http://www.crayola.com>

Bonfire night is coming up on the 5<sup>th</sup> of this month, so for those who love fireworks, why not play their online game that allows you to make your own firework spectacular display (click on the Games section) – much quieter and safer than the real thing! Just put 'fireworks' in the search engine and it will also give you lots of craft ideas as well.



**Edith the poodle**

Hi, I'm Edith, the Real Special mascot. The weather has been a bit changeable so I thought another fur coat (obviously I do wear a fur coat all the time) might be a fashionable way to keep out the cold.



I fancied I looked rather chic in my new fake leopard skin coat until I saw these photos (see the link) of some poodles actually trying to look like other animals.

If you follow the link below, you will be able to see a slide show of 10 poodles all looking like different animals. There's one groomed like a panda, another like a buffalo and even one like a horse!

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/life-style/cutestuff/2808195/Creative-poodle-grooming>

That's not what I'm trying to do – heaven forbid that I should end up resembling a member of the cat family – yuk!

You are not going to believe me but the photo below is not actually a camel but in fact a poodle like myself.



**Just for fun - Edith's dog jokes**

Q: Why did the dog look like a camel?  
 A: It was a police dog in disguise

Q: Why is a dog so warm in Summer?  
 A: Because he wears coats and pants!

Q: Would you rather have a 100kg dog chase you or a tiger?  
 A: I'd rather have him chase the tiger!

**Sudoku**

Good luck! The solution is on page 4

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

### Easy recipe: Caramel Chocolate Truffles

This easy, special treat recipe was in last months Skywatch magazine and comes from the '4 Ingredients' books so I thought I'd pass it on!

#### Ingredients:

- 380g can caramel sweetened condensed milk
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 250g plain chocolate biscuits – crushed
- ¾ cup desiccated coconut

#### Method

- Put the condensed milk and butter in a pan.
- Bring it to the boil, stirring all the time.
- Remove from the heat, add the biscuit crumbs and mix well.
- Refrigerate for one hour.
- Take teaspoons of the cooled mixture and roll them into balls.
- Coat the balls with the coconut and chill again until firm.
- These make a lovely after dinner treat.



#### Variations:

You can use milk chocolate biscuits instead of plain.

Roll the balls in hundreds and thousands (sprinkles) or cocoa powder instead of coconut.

Use plain condensed milk instead of the caramel variety if you prefer.

#### Sudoku solution (from page 3)

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

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