

THE GREYHOUND GAB

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Silver Leaves

By Amelia C.

Section 36

Silver leaves
dancing upon the trees
in the autumn breeze.



Flamingos
By Brandon B.
Section 44



Flamingos are born white and have flat beaks. In order for flamingos to turn pink, they must eat shrimp. Their beak turns round as they grow up. To sleep, they turn their neck around and put it on their body. They also sleep on one foot and the other is wrapped around their other leg.

When they eat, they filter the mud and shrimp. They spit out the mud and eat the shrimp. There are flamingos that go to different places. For an example, I went to the Zoo and adopted a flamingo named Mango. He was on the news. There was a video when he got to go to a school and meet people.

I hope that I showed you a lot about flamingos, and I hope you learned something.

Hamman & Hungry Queen

By Brynn B

Section 33



Once upon a time, there was a place called Foodville. Foodville is a small town near a forest with the Tower of Kee, which has five towers and an underground dungeon. Foodville is home to Yummy Castle and Lollipop Lake. There were two superheroes named Hamman and Hamgirl whose job was to protect Foodville from villains. Hungry Queen came to town with a mermaid named Mereta and they were both very bad! They attacked Michael and Claerwen who lived in Yummy Castle.

It all began on a sunny summer day when Hamman was relaxing in a lounge chair at his house. He was happy as could be, but he felt something strange in the air. It told him there was probably going to be a fight. He told his wife, Hamgirl, that he could feel there was going to be a fight soon. "How could that be? It's so nice outside," she replied. Hamman sighed and then looked up just in time to see Hungry Queen flying toward him! He immediately rolled to the side. Then he called Hamgirl's name three times. She came zooming next to him. He flipped his hat inside out and it turned into a cape! Then Hamgirl shouted, "Help me!" Hamman spun around to see Hungry Queen trying to strangle his wife! He immediately flew to her aid only to be met by Mereta, the evil mermaid. He knew she was all-powerful. Just then, Hungry Queen disappeared into the sky and Mereta jumped into Lollipop Lake. He was confused. He knew Hungry Queen liked revenge, so why would she fly off like that?

The next day he was reading the newspaper and he spotted an article that would change his life. He gasped. It was crazy! Suddenly he knew what Hungry Queen was up to. She placed a "Not-able-to-eat" spell on Michael and Claerwen. He knew he had to save Foodville and go to Yummy Castle and defeat Hungry Queen and Mereta. So he flipped his hat into a cape and flew up into the sky flying towards Yummy Castle. But wait, was that Hungry Queen in the top tower of the Tower of Kee? He flew closer and yelled, "What are you doing there?" "No!" she cried, "I am coming to get you!"

Hamman started shooting ice at her to freeze her and have some time to get away. Then Hungry Queen cried out for Mereta and she came zooming out from the lake behind them. She struck at Hamman and he fell to the ground, unconscious.

"Oh no you don't!" shouted Hamgirl from the side. She had just arrived on the scene to help Hamman. She shot a flame straight toward Hungry Queen. "Argh!" she cried as fire burned her thick dress. Just then, Hamman woke up. Hungry Queen flew back to the spot where Hamman was and he lunged at her angrily. This time when Mereta came to aid, Hamman froze her eminently. Then his pet, Ham, came flying in. Hamman knew he was going to be safe since Ham frightened Hungry Queen so much that she flew off once and for all. Hungry Queen and Mereta had finally been defeated. Hamman, Hamgirl, and Ham flew to Yummy Castle where they found Michael and Claerwen safe and able to eat once again. The two were so thankful for their heroes saving the day that they had a large Foodville feast, and they all lived happily ever after.

Thank you Greyhounds for your wonderful submissions!

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HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Students can submit an original creative writing piece to the issue associated with the first letter of your last name. If your last name begins with E, F, G, H, I or J and you would like to contribute to the January issue of the Greyhound Gab, please submit your piece to galatasnewsletter@gmail.com no later than Friday, January 13, 2023. Submissions should be labeled with student's first name, last name initial, and section number. Publication date will be Friday, January 20, 2023. (See table below for future issue dates and when you can contribute.)

Examples of creative writing types/topics (no puzzles please):

- Book review
- Teacher/staff interview
- Original poetry
- School event report (ex. First Day of School, Reading Week, Book Fair, etc.)

While submissions should be student work, there may be a need for parent edits. The pieces do not need to be long; the purpose of the Gab is for our Greyhounds to be creative and see their work published!

All students are invited to participate unless parents have submitted an Educational Record Restriction Form. All work will be labeled with student's first name, last initial and section number.

| <u>Issue</u> | <u>Participation by Last Name</u> | <u>Submission Deadline</u> | <u>Publication Date</u> |
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| March | K-Q & make-ups | 03/10/23 | 03/24/23 |
| May | R-Z & make-ups | 05/12/23 | 05/19/23 |

