

LONDON
EDITION

Junior

APRIL 2007

WWW.JUNIORMAGAZINE.CO.UK

HAPPY *ever after*

Why a love of books is the key to your learning

TODDLERS AT THE IVY

The current vogue for fine dining en famille

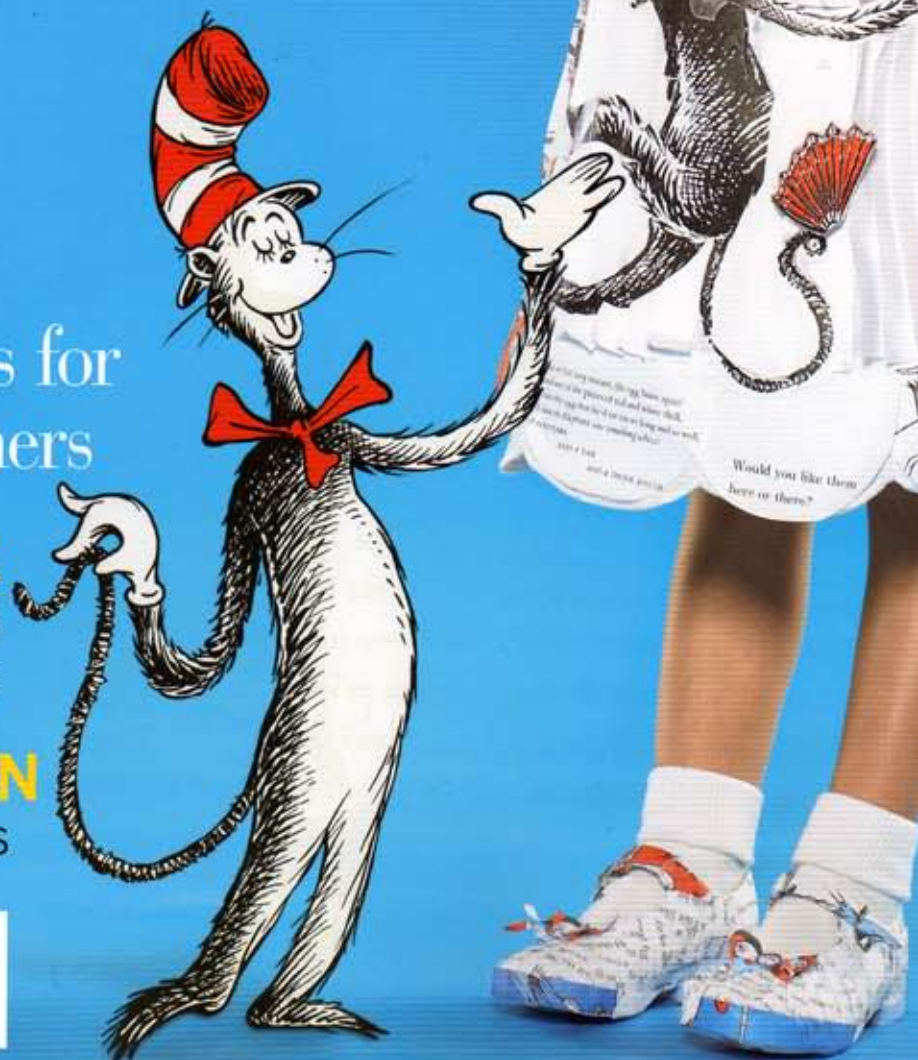
Spring activities for budding gardeners

EASTER PARADE

Sophie Conran hatches some delicious delights

SUMMER FASHION

Pastels, petals & pirates



ISSUE 92 £3.50

Future MEDIA WITH PASSION

9 771461 362051

04>



You'll never believe it, but...

■ A 'KinderUni' – a university for children between seven and 10 years – has been set up by private Catholic Theological University in Linz, Austria. The project is intended to be an extra-curricular activity and the children will study theology, the fine arts and philosophy. All places have been assigned for the first semester of 2007. At the end of the spring term, the children will receive a diploma from KinderUni.



Sweet statistics

BRITISH CHILDREN HAVE the sweetest teeth in Europe, according to new research by Datamonitor. The study revealed that primary-age children spend a shocking £107 a year on sweets, compared to their healthy Italian peers who spent a paltry £31. "Children in the UK continue to top a number of unhealthy food consumption charts," says Nick Beevors, a Datamonitor analyst. "Parents' busy schedules may have a knock-on effect on their child's consumption, creating a need for unhealthy afternoon snacks to compensate for later meal times."

* **£2**
The fine that parents with prams face at a resort in Northumberland as a result of an official ban on wheeled vehicles

Hot topic It's a dog's life...

WHEN FIVE-YEAR-OLD Jensen Parsons drew a simple little sketch of 'Boil' the dog (pictured below), his parents could have popped it on their refrigerator door for a few weeks, then sent it the way of most childhood artistic endeavours – into the recycling bin. However, just one copy of Jensen's sketch has now earned £27,000 for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital – one of the largest paediatric research and teaching centres in the world. Admittedly, this particular copy of *Boil* (shown above, bottom right) did have the helping hand of Damien Hirst and was in a major charity exhibition and auction called the Alive & Well Dog Project, but Jensen can now proudly claim that his work is hung in homes, and possibly even galleries, around the country.



The initiative of osteopath Simon Freedman – Jensen's stepfather – the Alive & Well Dog Project started when Simon had the sketch transferred to 100 canvases, which were sent to celebrities including Kylie Minogue (who earned £3,500 for her efforts – bottom left), Sir Paul McCartney (£2,800), a busy Jane Carr (top left) and Rankin (top right). "It's not only about raising money for GOSH," explains Simon. "It's about people expressing themselves through their interpretation of a child's naive drawing." To bid for an original canvas online, visit www.dogproject.co.uk

Recent pregnancies...

- Emma Bunton and partner Jade Jones are expecting their first child in July
- Frank Lampard and fiancée Elen are expecting their second child in June

...and births

- Folk singer Ani DiFranco, a girl, Little Petah Lucia
- Patrick Dempsey and wife Jillian, twin boys, Sullivan Patrick and Darby Galen

Coming of age Liv Freundlich

Liv Helen Freundlich, daughter of actress Julianne Moore and director Bart Freundlich, was born April 11, 2002. She and her 10-year old brother Caleb live in Greenwich Village, New York with their parents. She goes to school with friend Mia, who happens to be Kate Winslet's daughter.

"They were both like two little blobs when they first met, but I really hope they get married when they grow up – that would be so cute." **Gwen Stefani** on matchmaking her son Kingston with Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's daughter Shiloh Nouvel