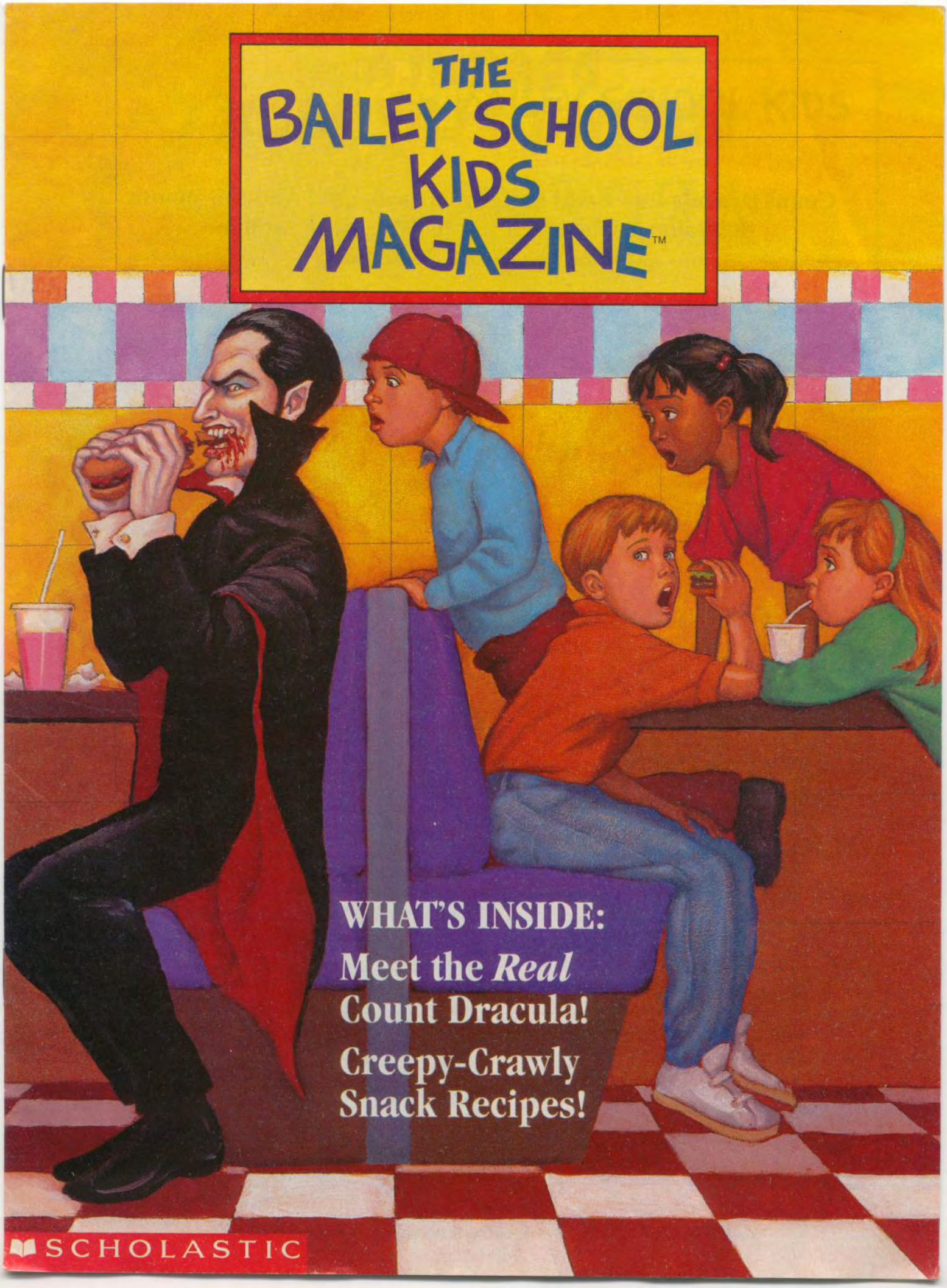
THE BAILEY SCHOOL KIDS MAGAZINE™



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Meet the *Real* Count Dracula!

Creepy-Crawly Snack Recipes!

SCHOLASTIC

DRACULA DOESN'T PLAY NICE

Count Dracula was a real guy. A real *mean* guy! And this month the Bailey School Kids will tell you all about him. Want the facts? Read on!

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Plus: A *fang*-tastic vampire poster on the back cover!

DID YOU HEAR THE JOKE ABOUT THE 500-FOOT MONSTER? FORGET IT. IT'S OVER YOUR HEAD!

It's All a Memory!

Take a long look at the front cover of this magazine. Try to memorize everything you see…Finished? Now try to answer these questions. Remember: No peeking!

1. What color is Melody's shirt?
2. Who is on Howie's left?
3. What is Dracula sinking his fangs into?
4. How many drinks are in the picture?
5. Who is wearing a baseball cap?

HIDE&SEEK

Double, double, toil, and trouble. Fire burn and cauldron bubble! What goes into a witch's brew? Howie, Liza, Melody, and Eddie have hidden the names of six silly ingredients within the pages of this magazine. We hope you can find them all. Look for: eye of newt, swamp water, toad legs, leaping lizards, bat wings, black cat hair.

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You can check the answers to all of the puzzles in this magazine on the inside back cover.

THE BAILEY SCHOOL KIDS GET THE REAL SCOOP ON DRACULA!

Castle Bran lies high up in the Carpathian Mountains.

Photo/The Gamma Liaison Network © Patrick Landmanna

In recent years, hundreds of thousands of tourists have flocked to Eastern Europe to an area in Romania called Transylvania. There they trek through rugged, dangerous terrain way up into the Carpathian Mountains to see a major tourist attraction—the dark and creepy Castle Bran. What's so special about this castle? It was once home to the real Count Dracula!

NAMING NAMES

Yes, there really was a Count Dracula. He didn't turn into a vampire bat or suck people's blood like Dracula does in the movies. But Count Dracula is famous for many blood-curdling deeds.

Count Dracula was actually a prince. His real name was Prince Vlad the Fourth. He lived in Transylvania in the 1400s and ruled an area called Wallachia. But Prince Vlad the Fourth was no Prince Charming. He was an evil, violent ruler, just like his father, Vlad the Third.

Prince Vlad the Third was so mean, his people called him *Vlad Dracul* (which means Vlad the Devil). His son was called *Vlad Dracula* (which means Vlad, son of the Devil).

There are many examples of Vlad Dracula's bloodthirsty deeds. One that's often talked about is the time Turkish ambassadors visited the prince. It was the visitors' custom to not remove their headwear—even in the presence of royalty. Vlad Dracula took this as a real insult—and ordered that the men's turbans be nailed to their heads!

The real Vlad Dracula.

THE GRANGER COLLECTION, New York

Bela Lugosi, the most famous movie Dracula.

SWAMP WATER

THE REEL-LIFE DRACULA

While the real-life Dracula was greatly feared, the reel (as in movie) Dracula has lots of fans. But most of the movies aren't based on Vlad Dracula. They are based on a storybook character from Bram Stoker's novel *Dracula*. The book was written in 1897 and is still selling today.

Over the years many movies have been made about Bram Stoker's blood-sucking, long-fanged Count Dracula. People still rent videos to see actors, like Bela Lugosi and Lon Chaney Sr., change from bat to human form, and to hear them say things such as, "I never drink…wine!" And so, Bram Stoker's Count Dracula may never die.

But the real Vlad Dracula did die—in 1496, at the age of 45. He was buried secretly in an unmarked grave because his people were afraid that his enemies might steal the body if they knew of its whereabouts. They did a really good job of hiding the grave. To this day, nobody has found the gravesite of the vicious Vlad Dracula!

Article by Sonia Black

THE BAILEY SCHOOL KIDS PUZZLE ADVENTURES

WITCHES MAY NOT DO BACKFLIPS, BUT THEY CERTAINLY DO PUZZLES! AND YOU CAN DO THEM, TOO. SO WHY NOT SIT FOR A SPELL AND TRY YOUR HAND AT THESE BEWITCHING BRAIN TEASERS!

Which Witch?

THERE ARE LOTS OF WITCHES FLYING AROUND BAILEY CITY, AND THEY ALL LOOK THE SAME–EXCEPT FOR ONE. LOOK CLOSELY AT THE PICTURES BELOW, AND FIND WHICH WITCH DOESN'T LOOK EXACTLY LIKE ALL OF THE REST.

Spell It!

WHAT KIND OF WITCH DO YOU FIND AT THE BEACH? TO FIND THE ANSWER, UNSCRAMBLE THESE WORDS. THEN WRITE THE CIRCLED LETTERS IN ORDER IN THE SPACES BELOW.

PECA _ ◯ _ _ _

PISDRE ◯ _ _ _ _ _ _

TBA _ ◯ _ _

GRFNIE _ _ ◯ _ _ _ _

DNAW _ _ _ _ ◯

WTRA ◯ _ _ _ _

GCIMA _ _ _ _ ◯ _

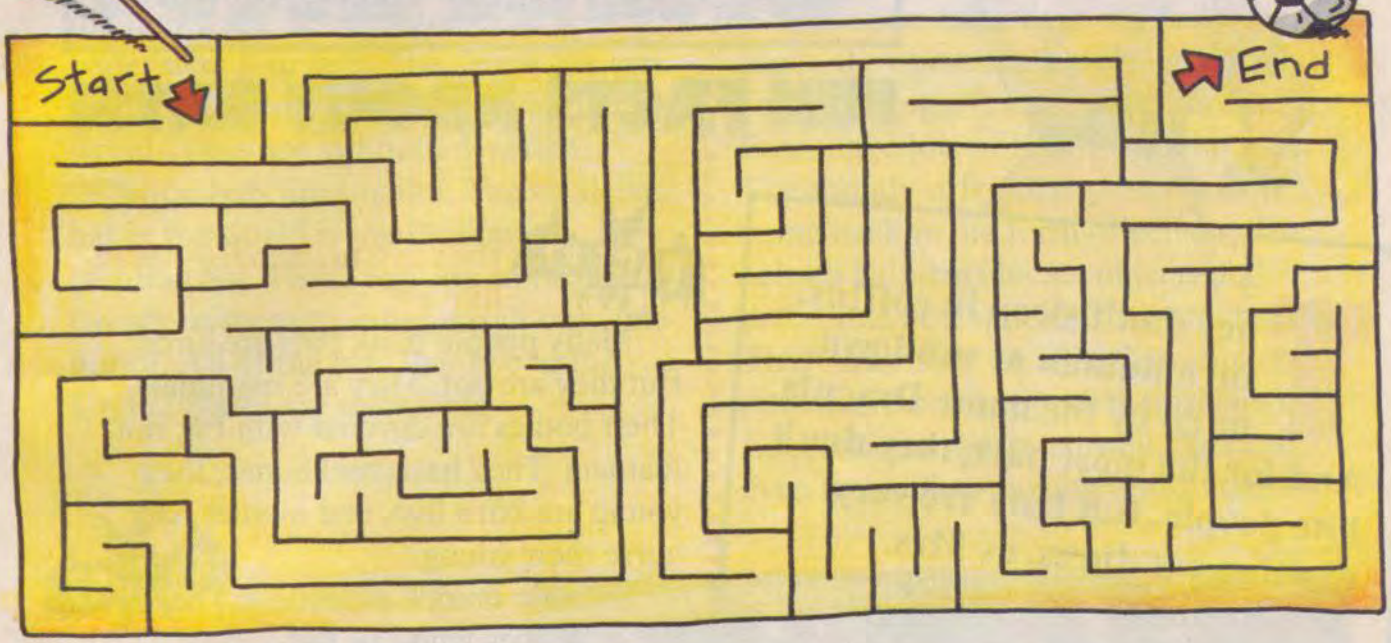
TCA _ _ ◯ _

KLABC _ _ _ _ ◯ _

HTCWI _ _ _ _ _ ◯

Which Way?

LIZA IS SUPPOSED TO MEET HER FRIENDS AT THE SOCCER FIELD, BUT SHE'S RUNNING LATE. HOP ON A FLYING BROOM AND HELP HER GET THERE–FAST! FOLLOW THE MAZE.



Picture THIS!

MISS BREWBAKER, THE GYMNASTICS TEACHER, HAS LOTS OF CREEPY THINGS IN HER GYMNASIUM. IN FACT, EDDIE'S PRETTY SURE SHE'S A WITCH. CIRCLE EACH OF THE CREEPY THINGS AS YOU FIND THEM HIDDEN IN THE PICTURE.

CREEPY THINGS: SPIDERWEB, BIG BLACK SPIDER, BLACK CAT, BROOM, FROG, DUSTY OLD BOOK, BIG BLACK POT

Puzzles/Bonnie Bader Illustration/Patrick Merrell

JEEPERS' CREEPERS!

FUN FACTS ABOUT BATS!

They don't sleep in coffins, turn human at sundown, or go by the name Dracula. And for the most part, they don't bite people. But bats are very exciting creatures, as Mrs. Jeepers shows you in this awesome creature feature!

Bats are mammals—just like us!

Many people think bats are birds. But they are not. They are mammals. Their bodies are covered with fur, not feathers. They have backbones, their young are born live, and mother bats nurse their young.

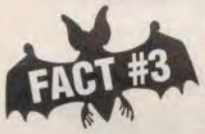
Bats are unique mammals. They are the only ones who can fly!

Photo © Merlin D. Tuttle/Photo Researchers

There are more than 950 different types of bats in the world.

Bats are divided into two different groups—megabats and microbats. Megabats are large. The largest bat is the flying fox. Its wingspan can be wider than four feet. The flying fox can be found in tropical areas around the world—but not in South America.

Microbats are smaller. The smallest bat in the world is the Philippine bamboo bat. These bats are so tiny that twenty of them together weigh only one ounce. All of the bats that live in the United States are microbats.



Bats are nocturnal animals.

Bats are awake at night, but they like to hang around and sleep all day. And we do mean *hang around*. Bats sleep and roost upside down, hanging by their feet. Their favorite spots to roost are dark places like caves, trees, and attics.

Bats are not blind.

Have you ever heard the expression "blind as a bat"? The truth is, bats aren't blind. They just shy away from the light. Many bats can even see as well as humans.

But since bats fly in the dark of night, they have a special method for finding things. It's called *echolocation*. Bats make lots of high-pitched noises. The sounds strike other objects and come back in the form of echoes. The echoes help bats locate objects and determine how quickly they are moving. That's how they go after their dinner (and avoid being dinner themselves). Echolocation works so well, bats can even locate fast-moving mosquitoes!

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Bats are very clean animals.

Bats spend a great deal of time grooming themselves, much like cats do. Bats scratch at their fur and lick themselves all over. They even clean their wings!

Bats are helpful to humans!

And you thought bats were all bad! Well, give them a break. Bats can be helpful. Consider this: some bats can eat half their weight in insects in a single night! That keeps the creepy-crawly things away from your skin, and away from crops and farm animals.

There really are vampire bats.

Vampire bats are not nearly as vicious as their storybook namesakes. In fact, they are actually very loving creatures. The mothers spend most of their time tending their young. Should a baby become abandoned, another vampire bat mother will adopt the orphan as her own. But vampire bats do have long sharp teeth, and can bite into the neck of a cow or a horse and drink its blood.

Vampire bats, like most other bats, rarely hurt people. But that doesn't mean you should go "hang" with bats. Some bats (particularly the silver-winged bat) have a dangerous disease called *rabies*. And since you can't tell whether or not a bat is healthy, your best bet is to stay away from them, as you would any wild animal. And don't go near an injured bat. Instead, call the animal control center near you.

Article by Ellen Stamper

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Mrs. Rosenbloom's All-Time Favorite Snacks

Ants! *Yummy.* Bats. *Delicious!*

What? Those creepy-crawly creatures don't sound scrumptious to you? Surprise! Mrs. Rosenbloom, the Bailey School Kids' favorite cook, is about to give you three of her favorite recipes. Don't be afraid. Dig in!

Batwing Sandwiches

You will need:

cream cheese
2 thin slices of pumpernickel bread
strawberry jelly
raisins
a butter knife
a helpful adult

Here's what you do:

1. Spread cream cheese on one side of a slice of pumpernickel bread.
2. Spread the blood-red strawberry jelly on one side of a second slice of pumpernickel bread.
3. Place the two slices of bread together to make a sandwich.
4. Ask an adult to help you use the butter knife to cut your sandwich into the shape of a bat as you see in the picture.
5. Place two raisins on the bat's head to make its beady little eyes.

Now, you already know you should never, ever touch a bat—never mind eat one. But since this is really just a sandwich, you can cave in and take a bite!

Ants on a Log

You will need:

celery
peanut butter
raisins

Here's what you do:

1. Break off a long stick of celery from the stalk. Wash the celery stick well.
2. Spread peanut butter in the curve of the celery stick.
3. Place 6 raisins on top of the peanut butter.

Doesn't that look just like ants on a log? Good thing it doesn't taste like ants on a log!

(Unless, of course, you are a bat — they like to eat insects.)

A Blood-Red Boo-berry Sipper!

You will need:

1 cup fresh raspberries
1 cup blueberries
1/2 pint raspberry sherbet
1/2 cup milk
a blender
a helpful adult

Here's what you do:

1. Combine the blood-red raspberries and boo-berries (Whoops! We mean *blue*berries!) in a blender. Ask an adult to whirl them until they are smooth.
2. Add the sherbet and the milk. Ask the adult to whirl the entire mixture until smooth again.
3. Pour the mixture into a glass.

Wouldn't this blood-red drink fit right in on Dracula's menu? But never fear, it's safe to sip. Now slip in a straw and sip your sipper!

Illustration/Elliot Kreloff

Well, you've reached the end of this issue of *The Bailey School Kids Magazine*. But you don't have to say good-bye. Howie, Liza, Eddie, and Melody will all be back next month with another exciting issue!

What lies in store for you in the next issue of *The Bailey School Kids Magazine*? Well, you'll have to wait and see—unless, of course, you are able to…

CRACK THE CODE!

Use the Morse code pictures below to help you find out what's in *The Bailey School Kids Magazine* #3.

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DOCTOR! DOCTOR! I KEEP THINKING I'M INVISIBLE.
WHO SAID THAT?

PUZZLE ANSWERS

INSIDE FRONT COVER

It's All a Memory!:
1. green
2. Eddie
3. a hamburger
4. two
5. Eddie

Hide & Seek: Swamp water: page 3; toad legs: page 5; eye of newt: page 7; bat wings: page 9; leaping lizards: page 11; black cat hair: page 12.

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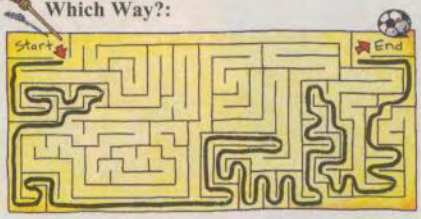
Which Witch?:
Number three is different.

Spell It!:
Cape, spider, bat, finger, wand, wart, magic, cat, black, witch.
A sandwitch.

Which Way?:



Picture This!:

INSIDE BACK COVER:

Crack the Code!:
How to spot and stop a vampire!
Amazing magic tricks!
Vampire movies!