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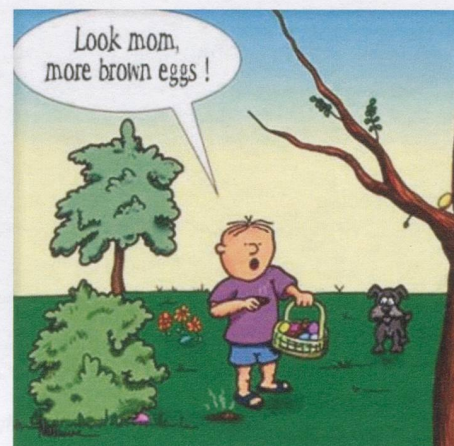
Easter egg colouring competition

Well done!

Congratulations to all our fantastic artists who sent in such lovely and creative colouring pictures. You all did such a great job. We loved receiving your pictures and thanks very much to your mums and dads for sending them in.

As a very special thank you for your hard work, you will each be receiving a Gingerbread Easter Bunny made by "Gretel's Gingerbread" here in Auckland.

Happy Easter from everyone on the Helvetia Team!



Joshua Hurschler, 5, Tirau



Kira Sharma, 5, Wellington



Vincent Maisey, 5, Marlborough



Daniel Drummond, 9, Stratford

Did you know?

The first Easter Bunny legend was documented in the 1500s. By 1680, the first story about a rabbit laying eggs and hiding them in a garden was published.

The tradition of making nests for the rabbit to lay its eggs in soon followed. Eventually, nests became decorated baskets and colorful eggs were swapped for candy, treats and other small gifts.

<http://news.discovery.com/history/what-does-easter-bunny-come-have-to-do-easter-120406.htm>



Cedric Blaser, 6½, Auckland

Did you know?

The first colouring in books printed in the USA were inspired in part by a Swiss teacher called Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi and his student Friedrich Fröbel. Thanks to Herr Pestalozzi, most people in Switzerland could read and write by 1830. This is quite an achievement when you think that at the same time, in England less than half of grown ups could write!

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coloring_book, <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Literacy>



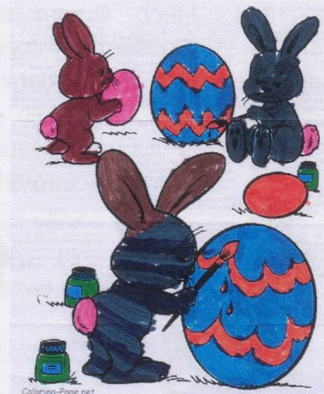
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