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THE NEWS CRUSADE



THE
TEAM

BEECHWOOD STUDENT MAGAZINE LAUNCHES

We are extremely excited to launch the first edition of our amazing student magazine 'The News Crusade'.

After a lot of hard work, we managed to complete it and bring you a huge variety of fantastic articles.

We hope you enjoy!

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We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our students who have arrived from



overseas.

привіт!

Hola!

Bonjour!

Hallo!



We hope you have settled in well and are enjoying your time at Beechwood.

DID YOU KNOW?

A cornflake in the shape of Illinois sold on eBay for \$1,350.

Someone tried to sell New Zealand on eBay in 2006.

The inventor of the pringles can was buried in one.

It is illegal to own only one guinea pig in Switzerland.

For 20 years, a cat served as mayor of an Alaskan town.

Flying bicycles exist. You can actually buy them.

Sunglasses were originally designed for Chinese judges to hide their facial expressions in court.

Candy floss was invented by a dentist.

A "moonbow" is a rainbow that happens at night.



FANCY SOME CAKE OR TO BAKE?

EASY CAKE RECIPE!

INGREDIENTS

100G SUGAR, 100G BUTTER AND 120G FLOUR
2 EGGS

1. MIX THE BUTTER AND SUGAR TOGETHER UNTIL CREAMY
 2. WHEN THE BUTTER AND SUGAR IS SMOOTH AND PALE, ADD THE EGGS ONE AT A TIME AND MIX UNTIL COMBINED.
 3. FOLD THE FLOUR IN SLOWLY UNTIL MIXED WELL.
 4. POUR ALL INGREDIENTS INTO A GREASED BAKING TIN.
 5. BAKE AT 180C FOR AROUND 30 MINUTES
(CHECK IF IT'S READY BY POKING IT WITH A FORK, IF IT COMES OUT CLEAN, IT'S READY!)
- LEAVE TO COOL BEFORE ADDING YOUR OWN DECORATIONS AND FILLINGS!

Add your favourite toppings: cream, strawberries, chocolate, sweets!



Chocolate fridge cake

INGREDIENTS

100G BUTTER, ROUGHLY CHOPPED
300G DARK CHOCOLATE, BROKEN INTO SQUARES
3 TBSP GOLDEN SYRUP
140G RICH TEA OR SIMILAR BISCUIT, ROUGHLY CRUSHED
12 MARSHMALLOWS QUARTERED (USE SCISSORS), OR USE MINI MARSHMALLOWS (ROUGHLY 48)
2 X 55G BARS OF YOUR FAVOURITE CHOCOLATE BAR, CHOPPED (SOMETHING WITH A CRUNCH WORKS WELL: MALTESERS, CRUNCHIE ETC.)

METHOD

STEP 1

OVER A LOW HEAT, MELT THE BUTTER, CHOCOLATE AND SYRUP IN A PAN STIRRING FREQUENTLY UNTIL SMOOTH, THEN COOL FOR ABOUT 10 MINUTES.

STEP 2

STIR THE BISCUITS AND SWEETS INTO THE PAN UNTIL COMBINED, THEN POUR INTO A 17CM SQUARE TIN LINED WITH FOIL AND SPREAD THE MIXTURE TO ROUGHLY LEVEL IT. CHILL UNTIL SOLID, THEN CUT INTO FINGERS.

Crepes Recipe

METHOD:

STEP 1

Weigh the flour in a large jug or bowl. Crack in the eggs, add half the milk and a pinch of salt. Whisk to a smooth, thick batter. Add the remaining milk and whisk again. Set aside for at least 30 mins.

STEP 2

Heat a large non-stick crêpe pan or frying pan. Add a drizzle of oil, then wipe out the excess with kitchen paper. When the pan is hot, add enough batter to just cover the surface, swirling it and pouring any excess back into the bowl. The pancake should be as thin as possible. When the edges are peeling away from the sides of the pan, shake it to see if the pancake easily releases and is browning on the underside. If not, cook a little longer. Flip and cook the other side for a minute or two. Add any toppings and serve, or keep warm in a low oven.



Prep time: 5 mins
Cook time: 20 mins
Makes: 8 large
pancakes

Ingredients
175g plain flour
3 large eggs
450ml milk
sunflower oil, for
frying
Any toppings

If you make any of our wonderful cakes or bakes we would love to see photos!

Equally, if you have a recipe you would like to feature in our magazine speak to one of the magazine team!



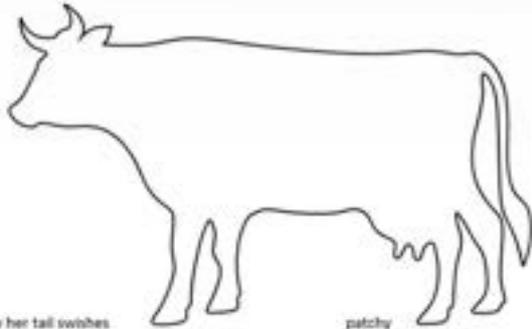
EASY PIZZA RECIPE

INGREDIENTS FOR DOUGH:

300G PLAIN FLOUR (SOME EXTRA TO FLOUR THE SURFACE), 1TSP YEAST, (OPTIONAL: 1TSP SALT)

- 1) FIRSTLY, GET A LARGE BOWL AND MIX FLOUR, YEAST AND 100MG OF LUKEWARM WATER**
- 2) ONCE SMOOTH, KNEAD ON FLOURED SURFACE UNTIL IT STOPS STICKING TO YOUR HANDS**
- 3) LET IT RISE IN A WARM PLACE**
- 4) ONCE YOU'VE LET IT RISE IN A WARM PLACE, ADD TOMATO SAUCE, CHEESE AND ANY TOPPINGS OF YOUR CHOICE**
- 5) PLACE IN A PREHEATED OVEN AT 220 DEGREES FOR AROUND 15 MINUTES. SERVE AND ENJOY!**

SHOWCASING STUDENTS' WORK



Cow

I love it how her tail swishes
around in the field
It's like her own fly swat
and her hooves,
they stomp around like a
giant.
A fat, humungous, plumpious body
which can not run but stays
there,
to eat and eat and eat.

Her big and round mouth
moves about when she's eating
peacefully in the meadow.
But mostly she's

patchy
and that is what I like.
I like her face
and how really fat she seems
always ready to eat one more
piece of grass
and the horns,
rough, scrappy horns that are
quite dangerous
but if you look on the right side
they're not.
Now that's what makes the cow
and her fat body
slowly eating grass
so cool!

Sam Year 7

The Snail

His shell is an elegant multi-coloured vortex.
And his peculiar body seems to be the opposite.
An odd, squashed and muddy body,
With a sparkling trail of ghost like slime
which helps him leserly move across the garden.
He is hesitant and alert that claws might suddenly
swoop down on him.
But mostly he is still, a recluse in a multi-coloured swirl.
And that's what I like.
I like his odd alien eyes placed on long lime green stalks.
He seems always gazing far away.
And the stripes. Ribbons stolen from the autumn sky, the faintest
shade of rose peeking from bulky orange and brown curtains all
trapped in a whirlpool of evening sunsets.
That seem out off place on his ugly slug like body.
This beauty is the very thing thar makes his movements so very slow.

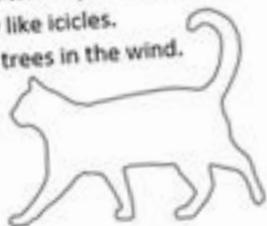


With their class teacher, Mr. Gould, year 7 students created their own animal poems inspired by Ted Hughes' poems.

A cat

Her eyes are as shiny as marbles
and her head is like a big round netball.
Her nose is as tiny as a drop of water
and her fur is as soft as a fluffy pillow.
Her meow is as loud as a fire alarm
and her ears flicker like a broken light bulb.
She runs like an Olympics person,
and she likes to pounce like a bouncy ball.
She jumps as high as a hare
and her claws are as sharp as needle's.
Her whiskers are as long as pencils
and her colours are shades of grey
like a black and white movie.
Her mouth stretches wide open like cave.
Her teeth are pointy like icicles.
Her tail swishes like trees in the wind.

Isabelle



A Red Kangaroo

Her ears are what I like
Sharp like long pointy knives
Attached to her small doll-sized head
With dark, mysterious, luminous eyes.
She has good intentions
And a kind trusting face,
But can change into a devious, violent animal,
She will move with apace.
But what I like most is her colour,
With red planet-sized feet that can smash your skull,
And a long red tail that leaves a trail.
Her maroon colour in general, the complete opposite of dull.
She makes a calm tutting sound,
You never know when she is going to pounce.
She may smelly like animal faeces
But when she moves all, she does is bounce...

That's what I like.
by Rebecca



TEACHER INTERVIEW

Green-fingered Mr. Gould

Year 7 students Esme, Jack & Sasha interviewed Mr. Gould all about his love of gardening

1. What is your favourite plant and why?

My favourite plant is Arum lilies because they look really interesting and comical.

2. Why did you get into gardening?

I grew up with a lot of land, it's never the same.

3. When did you get into gardening?

I got into gardening in primary school.

4. What is the most important plant to you and why?

My most important plant is a shrub (Euonymus) from my mother's garden. She cut a part of the Euonymus and used it for a table decoration at my wedding.

5. Is there a reason that you enjoy gardening?

I enjoy it because it's relaxing.

'I have around 100 plants'



Mr. Gould's stunning garden



Euonymus; this shrub is sentimental to Mr. Gould.



Arum lilies are Mr. Gould's favourite plants.

6. What is your favourite flower and why?

I love any white flower because it stands out a lot.

7. Do you grow any fruit or vegetables?

I don't grow any fruit or vegetables because I don't have enough room.

8. How many plants do you have?

I have around 100 plants!

9. Do you have any top tips for gardening?

A top tip for gardening is using garlic to spray every so often to keep bugs away because slug pellets harm other animals.

10. How long have you gardened for?

I have gardened for 40 years.

If you fancy getting stuck in with some gardening then speak to Mrs. Phipps who runs gardening club at school.



Our school garden is set to be a patch of goodness with berries, lettuce, squashes, beans and so much more!





Travel

A trip to the Alps

In the Easter holidays I went skiing with my dad in the French Alps to a resort called Les Arcs 2000. For the first three days my godfather came over to ski with us and every night we would go to a different restaurant; they always served the same thing, raclette! If you have never come across this dish before, raclette is a Swiss dish which is popular in all Alpine countries, ultimately, you melt cheese to put over anything you are eating which is typically served with bread, vegetables and potatoes. Eat this dish once, and it's amazing, but after three nights I was so sick of it I didn't end up ordering anything!

On my fourth day of skiing me my dad and I went to the highest point in our resort called L'aiguille Rouge which is 2500 meters high; we got a spectacular view but skiing down, from that height, was really difficult and challenging. That same night we also went bowling and I beat my dad by twenty points (although it did take me three tries).



For the last two days of my holiday, the snow was starting to melt so we had to stay pretty high in altitude. Fortunately, me and my dad found a really good restaurant up high where they did the best crepes and waffles that I have ever tasted. I was so relieved to find something other than raclette! Sadly, on Sunday (our last day) there was a huge snow storm which meant we could not ski as there was a high risk of avalanches.

Overall, I absolutely loved my skiing trip! If you have never tried it, you don't have to go far afield to find your local dry ski slope or even indoor snowdome- give it a try!

Oscar Year 8

DAZZLING DUBAI

Esme, year 7, shares her dazzling Dubai experience.

The air was warm, the sun was bright, and the sea was a clear teal. Paradise.

The time that I spent in Dubai over the Easter break was amazing. Every morning when I woke up and opened the huge, draping curtains the sun shone through the large French doors. The doors led out to a balcony which overlooked the magnificent city; an array of elegant sky scrappers and unique sculptures.

The food was delicious, and every evening, the buffet served something different; there was so much choice; something for every pallet. There were lots of desserts, ranging from red velvet cakes to baklava pastries. The desserts came in assorted styles and forms. For the 'healthier' people, every night there was an assortment of fruits to choose from., I didn't visit that section too often!

I do have to note however, there was a small downside to the location of the hotel and my room... Unfortunately, the hotel was not directly on the Palm so there was quite a bit of traffic, my room was at the front of the hotel so, I could hear the traffic at night. Despite this, I totally recommend the hotel 'The Fairmont' but I think perhaps it is best going when schools have not broken up for half term yet as there were a lot of small children and large families. If you want a peaceful break, outside of the school holidays is best!

The Fairmont Hotel



The iconic Palm



Dubai hosts the world's highest 360 infinity pool- Aura



AVERAGE TEMPERATURES IN DUBAI

OCTOBER 29 C

JUNE 33 C

NOVEMBER 25 C

FEBRUARY 20 C

MAY 31 C

JULY 35 C



Easter in the CARIBBEAN

by Sasha Year 7

Over the Easter break Sasha went to St Martin and Anguilla, both are separate islands in the Caribbean. He absolutely loved his trip there! In this article, Sasha shares the history and his love of the islands he visited.

St. Martin

Name and ruler

St Martin was the first island I went to; it is split in half. The smaller side is the Dutch side ruled by the Netherlands, while the other side is French, which is the side I went to. The capital of St Martin is Philipsburg which is in the Dutch side of St Martin. The capital of the French side is Marigot. I am using the French name for the Island, which is St Martin, but the Dutch name is Sint Maarten. The Island is named after a French Saint called Martin of Tours who was alive during the 4th century.

History

The first European person to see the island was Christopher Columbus on his expedition of 1493. He immediately claimed for the Spanish although he never landed on the island. A few years later, the French and Dutch saw great interest in the island once it had been mapped because they both had colonies nearby. The island was mostly uninhabited until the Dutch founded a settlement in 1631 making fort Amsterdam. The Dutch East India company started to produce salt in St Martin which, as a result, gave great interest to the French and British. From that time on, many battles ensued with the Dutch and the Spanish to decide who owned the island.

The Spanish took the island, but then left after realising that they did not need it. This led to the French and Dutch taking it, causing many battles which changed the border between the French and Dutch 16 times until they agreed in a treaty called the Treaty of Concordia.



ANGUILLA

Name and ruler

Apposed to St Martin, which is very mountainous, Anguilla is very flat. Its highest point is 65m which is the same height as the tower bridge in London. As well as being flat, it is quite long; it stretches 16 miles at its longest point from East to West and 3 miles from North to South. The name Anguilla comes from the Italian word Anguilla, meaning eel, in reference to the island's shape. Anguilla is ruled by the United Kingdom and is a British overseas territory.



History

Anguilla was first inhabited around 2000 BCE when the Arawakan speaking Indians (native Americans) came to the island from the Orinoco River in south America and once they had reached the island, they called it

Malliouhana. The island stayed under their control for another 3600 years till 1650 when British settlers from St Kitts (another island) came and colonized the island. They built a settlement there and Anguilla became part of the Leeward islands and a British territory. When they arrived on the island no Arawakas were there. From then on it did not go well for the British because there were multiple attacks on the island from Indian (native Americans) as well as French and Irish. The island was recolonized by the British and after many years of tobacco farming, the British decided to start sugar farming to make some money as in Europe, sugar was running low. As a result, the island was a mass sugarcane producer. The island stopped sugar farming and began salt making and to this day still does. Anguilla gained independence in 1975 but is still part of the Commonwealth and will be competing in this year's Commonwealth games.

My opinions on both islands

I had one of my best holidays ever at St Martin and Anguilla. I tried loads of different food, for example Crayfish, Mahi Mahi, Red snapper and Accras as well as learning about diverse cultures. I tried new activities such as paddle boarding and scuba diving where I saw turtles, squids, lots of species of fish and thriving coral reefs.

The weather is very tropical which means temperature were already quite high for April, at around 30 degrees, but it also means that you sometimes get tropical showers. However, they don't last very long. The landscape is splendid, it consists of white sandy beaches, turquoise warm water and palm trees. Pretty idyllic.

I had the most memorable moments and cannot wait to go back. It was such a unique experience. I would definitely recommend it as you can learn so much about their way of living and immerse into a different culture.



Paradise



Why not try some Caribbean cooking? Get stuck in with this delicious recipe taken from BBC Good Food on how to make Jerk Chicken.

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp jerk seasoning
- 4 tbsp coconut cream
- 1 green chilli, deseeded and chopped
- 2 spring onions, finely chopped
- 8 thyme sprigs, leaves picked, plus extra to serve
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 tbsp grated ginger
- zest and juice 1 lime
- 8 chicken thighs, skin on and bone in
- rice & peas, to serve

Method

STEP 1

Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. With a stick blender or in the small bowl of a food processor, whizz together the jerk seasoning, coconut cream, chilli, spring onions, thyme, garlic and ginger. Stir in the lime zest and juice, and season to taste.

STEP 2

Slash the chicken thighs down to the bone a couple of times, then smear over the jerk paste. Roast in the oven for 45-50 mins until golden brown and cooked through. Sprinkle over more thyme and serve with rice & peas.

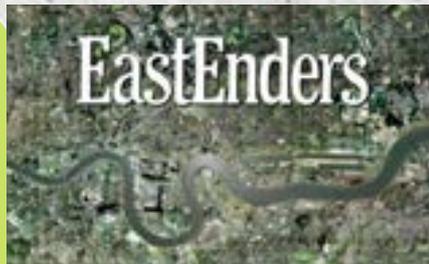
TEACHER FEATURE

Beyond the classroom, our teachers and staff at Beechwood have a whole host of talents...

Did you know...



Our drama extraordinaire, Mrs. Burton appeared in the famous soap which features Albert Square...yes '**Eastenders**'.

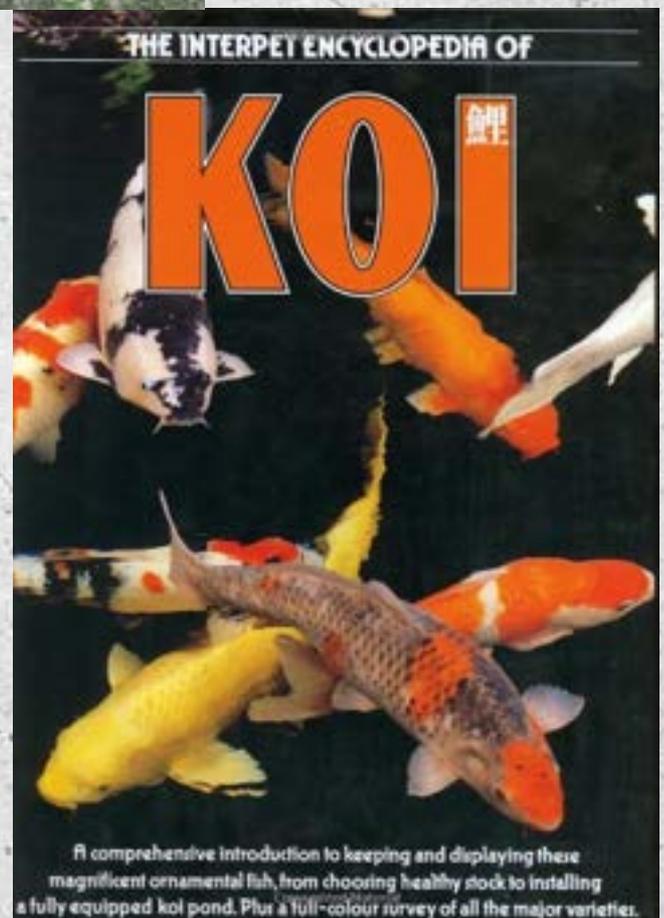


Classics and History teacher Mrs. Heslop was a Conservative councillor for 12 years (until 2 years ago).

She also runs for England (918) and was the first 45-54 woman in the 2018 London Marathon.



Our wonderful English teacher, Mrs. Phipps wrote a book called *The Encyclopedia of Koi*. It is a non-fiction specialist book about keeping and showing koi, as well as animal husbandry, feeding and healthcare.



Did you know... 'Koi' is Japanese for 'Carp'!

Hey DJ!

Our very own Mrs. Foster-Gandey has been training as a radio DJ for a local station, *Maidstone Radio*. She works on the Sunday brunch breakfast show with Cassie Beckley, AND says it's great fun!

Mrs. Foster-Gandey writes the Art events for the show.

She says "It's early days but I had my first ever go at presenting a whole 3 hour show on my own, twiddling all the knobs and speaking at the same time."

How cool is that?!

Why not find out more by visiting *Maidstone Radio*

www.wearemaidstone.com and tuning in on a Sunday morning!



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radio



Mr. Blake's son, Luke Blake, races in the British downhill mountain bike championship. He is part of a five man youth team called the *GT Viris team*.

They travel all over the UK racing (mainly in Scotland and Wales).

To find out more you can see films and You Tube clips if you search: GT Viris Youth Team



REVIEWS



Films, computer games, musicals

Not sure which film to see next? Bored of playing the same old computer game? In need of a new book to read? Then check out our reviews!



Theatre review: SIX the musical- The Lyric Theatre

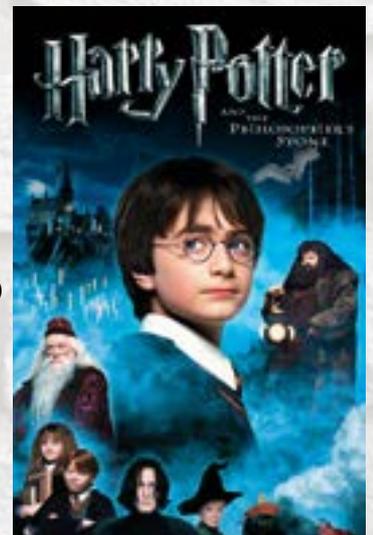
What I found unique about SIX was that it had the feel of a live concert; they had a live band on stage and a modern twist in the songs. It has an all-female ensemble with an array of music including live band, witty banter and clever lyrics; this makes this musical an amazing hit! If you are going to see this, be aware there are some mild innuendos- but don't let that stop you from seeing this fantastic show!

By Isobel Year 9

Film review: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's

What I found intriguing about Harry Potter is the magic in the story. It reminds adults of the treasured memories at school and entertains children with the magical elements. This film, in my opinion, has the crème de la crème of British actors : Alan Rickman, Richard Harris, Julie Walters and Dame Maggie Smith to name a few! This film is a magical adventure tale with laughter, mystery and danger, but most of all it's about friendship. I would recommend this film to anyone and everyone!

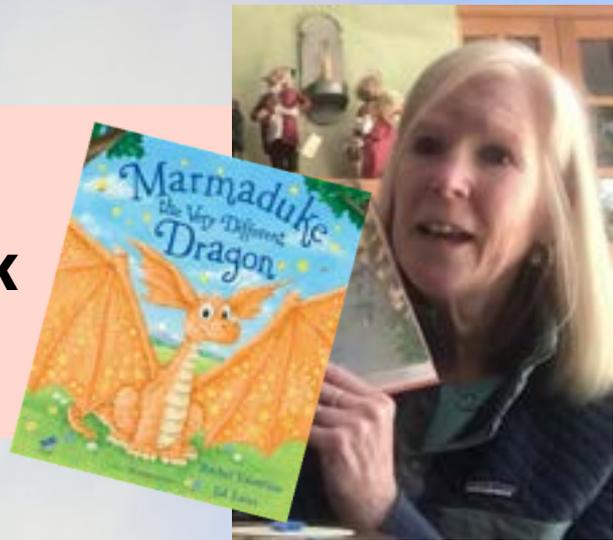
By Isobel Year 9



MARMADUKE

THE MOST MEANINGFUL BOOK

BY ESME



The book that is most important to me is "Marmaduke". "Marmaduke" was written by Rachel Valentine and Ed Eaves and my mum read this book to me all the time up to year 5 because I had trouble getting to sleep and getting my mind to relax. I found that I could relate to it a lot, it was also very calming for me.

After reading "Marmaduke" almost every night I realised that the story relaxed me and 'allowed' me to fall asleep. It made me think that if it calmed me down and I read it every night I would fall asleep quicker every time, but I found that when my mum started reading and didn't finish the book at one time then I wouldn't sleep for a while because I wanted to have the closure by finishing a book.

"Marmaduke" tells the story of a dragon that can't fly and is different from everyone else, the plot involves being bullied and trying to be like the other dragons. The other main character, Meg, befriends Marmaduke but he doesn't think that she genuinely likes him. This children's book explores ideas of fitting in and being accepted.

At the start Marmaduke is invited to a palace where dragons are being chosen to be a protector of a princess, all of the identical dragons are chosen and Marmaduke is left behind. Or so he thought. Meg, the 'different' princess, is at the party and is different from all the other princesses. They are mean to her and she runs away to dance on her own and she gets lost in the woods and becomes scared. Marmaduke hears her crying because of his extra big ears and he goes and rescues her.

Marmaduke takes Meg back to her tower and finds the courage to ask Meg if he could be her dragon. She tells Marmaduke that she's different and she doesn't need to be protected by a dragon. Marmaduke feels very hurt and rejected until Meg then tells him that she would like in fact really like a friend.

Marmaduke is bullied because he is orange, not purple. This deeply affects him on a level because he is always picked on for not being able to fly, now from having different colour scales. Meg is also bullied by the other princesses because she is different. She doesn't dress like them, dance like them or behave how a princess 'should'. Marmaduke runs away to his cave where he is all alone because he doesn't fit in. Meg runs after him but she gets lost in the deep woods. They are both similar in this way and they somehow come together.

However, by the end Meg has Marmaduke as a friend not a 'protector'. All of the other dragons are jealous and wish that they could be like him, not all identical and uniform.

Overall, the book is significant because it has so many memories of quality time I had with my mum. It has changed the way I think and feel about people and friendships I have had. As a result of reading this book I am more careful around people that don't have many friends or that I don't know that well.

"Marmaduke" has inspired me to make more friends because you never know what might happen, and to be more considerate of others.

I think that you would enjoy this story if you like to find hidden meanings in books. Or if you just want to read something easy and fun for yourself, siblings or children. It is a book which will open up your mind to endless possibilities and futures. I truly hope that you will give reading this book a go.

Fantastic Mr. Fox

Film Review by Alex Year 8

Fantastic Mr. Fox, a film that has always been a favorite of mine since I was little. Directed by Wes Anderson, it does have a rather quirky aspect like most of his movies. It is funny, considering that he writes and directs more mature films; in 2009 he released his first and only PG.

Based on the book by Roald Dahl, it follows a fox and his family as he steals food from three farmers Boggis, Bunce and Bean. The film is very different to the book, instead of Mr. Fox having several children, he has a misfit son named Ash, and a nephew named Kristopherson. The reason I like this film

so much is because it not only shows how mischievous Mr. Fox is, but it also shows Mr. Fox realising that he is not a fox pretending to be a human, but just a wild animal at the end of the day.



**'THIS FILM IS
HEARTWARMING,
HILARIOUS AND
BEAUTIFULLY MADE'**

The animation is extremely impressive; the companies Anderson usually works with are Indian Paintbrush and Searchlight pictures, who clearly have highly skilled animators. It has an amazing cast with

George Clooney, Meryl Streep, Jason Schwartzman and Bill Murray, who features in more of his films. The film is very comical in some scenes, for example, there is a scene where Kristopherson dives into a paddling pool from a tree branch and makes a tiny splash when he hits the water, and another scene where Mr. Fox bundles himself up into the shape of a cider bottle.!

This film is heartwarming, hilarious and beautifully made. It is one of those films where you don't need a particularly good sense of humor to watch it and best of all, it is a film for all the family!



THE EVOLUTION OF VIDEO GAMES! By Jack Year 7

THE TOP 5 MOST PLAYED VIDEO GAMES of 2022

1. **Fortnite** – The world's most well-known Battle Royale video game with weekly updates which happen to the game. There is also 'save the world' and creative mode!

2. **League of Legends** – An online battle arena video game released 2009. There are characters like: Lux, Ahri and more!

3. **Forza Horizon 5** – Forza Horizon 5 is a car game which lots of people play. It can be played on, Xbox, PC, IOS and android.

4. **Roblox** – Roblox is an app where you can create your own game and publish it so other users can play it.

5. **Minecraft** – One of the top five most played games, on December 15, 2021, the official YouTube channel uploaded a video celebrating 1 trillion views on Minecraft videos alone!



Did you know...

The first video games ever created began back in the 1950s and 1960s as computer scientists began designing simple games. *Spacewar* was the first ever game to be released, which was made in 1962. The first arcade video game was 'Computer Space' and 'Pong'. Video games have come a long way since!

Over the recent years, games have advanced and became more complex. The graphics have improved significantly, and they have become more realistic. A lot of games are now 3D! There are different types of video games including:

- Action
- Adventure
- Role-playing
- Strategy
- Sports
- Puzzle

Look how far the graphics have come!

Over the years, there have been improvements to hardware and graphics, which brings realism to the game. As the years have gone by it has been made possible for multiplayer gaming (LAN) on PCs. Today, mobile gaming has taken over the lead over consoles (42% of all gaming played on a tablet/smartphone.)



Need some brain training?
Have a go at the ever popular Wordle!
This is a firm favourite with many of our teachers and students!!

FOR THE LOVE OF ANIMALS

Newt News

Lucas, in year 9, delves into the life of a newt

Throughout a newt's lifecycle, many interesting and unique processes take place to build its illusive abilities. To receive the most accurate account of a newt's growth we interviewed an individual who happened to own one of these amphibians and wrote regularly of its life from egg to adult. He says that from the second he received the creature it began to emerge from its spawn, it took a few minutes and immediately went into its habitat's pond. From what he says he could see; the newt was no larger than 10 cm and only had front legs. Later on in the day, feeding took place so worms and other invertebrates were put amongst it's enclosure. After 3 weeks passed, the newt emerged into his vision, now significantly larger and with back legs; it clambered onto its habitat's banks and would begin sun bathing. Its simple growth had happened and so it would wander in its home for the rest of its jolly life, occasionally swimming and scavenging for placed food.



If you plan on making an amphibian's enclosure, you will need:

- A filter
- Dirt
- Grass/moss/rocks/sticks
- A supply of invertebrates



When creating a newt's enclosure always make sure to start with the dirt and make sure it is a relatively flat surface. Once done it is highly advisable that you put the filtered water in as the dirt will absorb some of this so you will need to saturate the dirt to the point where it stops doing this so the newt doesn't die of dehydration. After you have laid the dirt, cover it in sparse groups with grass and decor with more sticks and rocks around the water's edge so your newt can live in style 🐸.

GIANT ANTEATERS

BY FREYA YEAR 9

GIANT ANTEATERS ARE FROM THE XENARTHRA ANIMAL GROUP. THEY HAVE VERY CLOSE RELATIONS TO SLOTHS AND ARMADILLOS. DESPITE THE NAME, A GIANT ANTEATER'S MAIN DIET IS ACTUALLY ON TERMITES! THEY EAT ANTS ON A REGULAR BASIS, BUT TERMITES ARE THE MAIN THING THEY EAT. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN KNOWN TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR DIETS WITH SOFT FRUITS SUCH AS MANGO AND PAPAYA. THEY WILL EAT AROUND 35,000 TERMITES AND ANTS A DAY. THIS IS ABOUT 1 MILLION A MONTH!



THEY ONLY FEED AT A NEST OR MOUND FOR 2 MINUTES AT A TIME. THERE ARE TWO REASONS FOR THIS; FIRSTLY, IT TAKES TERMITES AROUND THAT TIME TO BE ABLE TO RECOGNISE THEIR HOME IS UNDER ATTACK AND GET READY TO DEFEND IT. THE OTHER REASON IS THAT IT ALLOWS THE INSECTS TIME TO REPOPULATE. THIS MEANS THAT THE ANTEATER WILL ALWAYS HAVE A READY SUPPLY OF FOOD AVAILABLE TO THEM.

FACTS

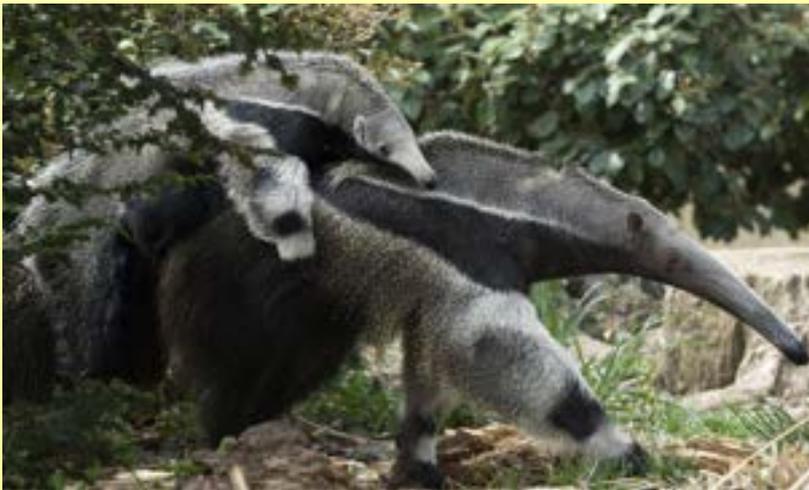
- ITS TONGUE IS ABOUT 2 FEET LONG.**
- THE SALIVA OF AN ANTEATER IS VERY STICKY.**
- GIANT ANTEATERS HAVE NO TEETH.**
- THEY CAN FLICK THEIR TONGUES IN AND OUT OF THEIR MOUTHS UP TO 150 TIMES PER MINUTE**
- THEY FEED ON ANTS, TERMITES AND OTHER SMALL INSECTS.**

GIANT ANTEATERS WALK ON THEIR KNUCKLES, MUCH LIKE A GORILLA. THIS IS SO IT CAN KEEP ITS CLAWS SHARP. THESE CLAWS ARE USED FOR DIGGING AND FOR DEFENCE. BECAUSE ANTEATERS HAVE HUGE CLAWS AND VERY STRONG ARMS, PEOPLE OFTEN ASSUME THAT THEY ARE RELATED TO BEARS. ALTHOUGH THEY ARE BUILT JUST AS STRONG AS A BEAR, THEY ARE FROM THE SAME FAMILY AS A SLOTH. NOT QUITE SO MENACING.

THEY USE THEIR POWER FOR FORMIDABLE DEFENCE. ANTEATERS REAR UP ON THEIR HIND LEGS AND LASH OUT WITH THEIR CLAWS. A SINGLE SWIPE IS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO KILL A JAGUAR OR A CAIMAN, BOTH OF WHICH ARE APEX PREDATORS IN THE ANTEATERS' HABITAT.

THEIR TAIL IS USED AS A COVER TO KEEP THEM WARM AT NIGHT OR COOL IN THE DAY. THE TAIL ACTS AS AN INSULATOR WHEN THEY SLEEP. IT ALSO ACTS AS A FORM OF CAMOUFLAGE TO HIDE FROM THEIR PREDATORS.

GIANT ANTEATERS HAVE THE LOWEST BODY TEMPERATURE OF ALL MAMMALS. THEY REGULATE AT AROUND 91 FAHRENHEIT. AS A RESULT OF THIS, THEY HAVE A MUCH SLOWER METABOLISM. THIS IS HANDY WHEN THEY PRIMARILY EAT A PROTEIN RICH DIET WHICH LACKS CARBOHYDRATES.



THEY CAN BE FOUND NATURALLY IN FOURTEEN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. THESE ARE HONDURAS, NICARAGUA, COSTA RICA, PANAMA, COLUMBIA, GUYANA, FRENCH GUIANA, SURINAME, ECUADOR, PERU, BRAZIL, BOLIVIA, PARAGUAY AND ARGENTINA. THEY USED TO BE FOUND IN URUGUAY, GUATEMALA, BELIZE AND EL SALVADOR BUT ARE THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN DRIVEN OUT OF THESE 4 COUNTRIES DUE TO HABITAT DESTRUCTION AND OVERHUNTING FOR PELTS, LEATHER AND SOMETIMES BUSH MEAT.

THEY HAVE VERY POOR VISION. THEY CANNOT SEE MANY COLOURS OR VERY FAR. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE AN EXCELLENT SENSE OF SMELL THAT IS OVER 40 TIMES AS STRONG AS THAT OF HUMANS. EVEN STRONGER THAN SOME DOGS!



QUIZZES & COMPETITIONS



Fancy a laugh?

1. Why did the scarecrow win an award?
2. What do you call a pig that does karate?
3. What has a bed that you can't sleep in?
4. Why were the teacher's eyes crossed?
5. How does the ocean say hello?
6. What creature is smarter than a talking parrot?
7. Why couldn't the leopard play hide and seek?
8. Where do hamburgers go dancing?
9. Why shouldn't you write with a broken pencil?
10. What's an astronaut's favorite candy?
11. What do you get when you cross a snake with a pie?
12. Why is Peter Pan always flying?
13. Why do seagulls fly over the sea?



Answers: 1. Because he was outstanding in his field. 2. A pork chop. 3. A river. 4. She couldn't control her pupils. 5. It waves. 6. A spelling bee. 7. Because he was always spotted. 8. The meat ball. 9. Because it's pointless. 10. A Mars bar. 11. A pie-thon! 12. He neverlands. 13. Because if they flew over a bay, they would be bagels.

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Short Story Competition!

Do you have a passion for writing a story that is bursting to be told?

Then enter our short story competition to be in with the chance of having it published in our next edition!

Theme: Horror

Word Limit: 1000 words

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All entries to be submitted to Mrs. Enebi by 21st June 2022

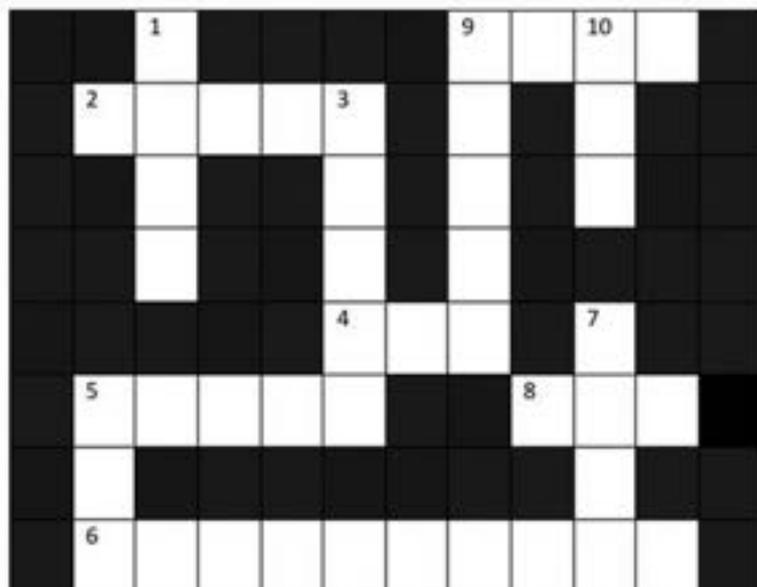
Time to test your General knowledge

1. Who was the first person in space?
2. What is the chemical symbol of Tungsten?
3. What do you use to measure rainfall?
4. In archaeology, which scientific method is used to date trees?
5. Which is the longest bone in the body?
6. How many Noble Gasses are there?
7. What is the only bone in the human body that is not attached to any other bone?
8. Which is the smallest planet in our solar system?
9. How many sides does a decagon have?
10. How many permanent teeth does a dog have?



Answers: 1) Yuri Gagarin 2) W 3) Pluviometer 4) Dendrochronology 5) Femur 6) 6 7) Hydro bone 8) Mercury 9) 10 10) 42

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 2 another word for noise
- 4 biggest star in space
- 5 bees produce this
- 6 gym activity involved with jumping
- 8 when the sun effects your skin colour
- 9 warm type of clothing

DOWN

- 1 type of transport
- 3 flower with white petals
- 5 accessory you put on your head
- 7 type of precipitation
- 9 act you find in a circus
- 10 type of monkey

Answers



We would like to thank you for taking the time to read our student magazine.

We hope you enjoyed reading it as much as we enjoyed creating it!

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A little note from Mrs. Enebi

I am immensely proud of the work the students have produced and their commitment to this magazine.

I met weekly to oversee the students planning, writing, designing and editing the content for this magazine.

I cannot wait to see what is in store for the next magazine.

Well done to all the students involved and a huge thank you to the staff who contributed to the 'Teacher Feature' and the interview segments.

