



## Love is in the air!



### 9D "Valentine Bistro" dates make the news!

#### LOVE IS ALL AROUND

Our bumper Valentine's edition includes:

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- ~ love tips on **p. 11**

And much more!



#### THE BIG DEBATE

Will you be my Valentine...or not?  
For strong student opinions on love see **page 3** for the lowdown on love's special day.



#### WIN!!!



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Hurry because only the early bird wins the Valentine's chocolates!

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# Words from the Editor



Love is definitely all around and the Chatter team have been eager to share **fabulous facts, frightening fiction, food ideas, flirty fun** with our Valentine's focus.

Although we do not need one day a year to show people we love them, surely it cannot be a bad thing - can it? Read what the **BIG Debate** found when we took over The Conservatory and views on love were shared about the other 'V' Day.

Mrs Baker and the Food Tech team were goddesses in the kitchen once more for the **Valentine's Bistro 2019**, and 9D could feel the love as they shared their carefully prepared menus.

We also have campaign information from our **Student Heads of School and House Captains** plus so much more. So a **HUGE thanks** once again to the incredible Chatter team who do all the hard work to bring you their news.

**The**

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# The BIG Debate



## What's love got to do with it?

Is Valentine's Day just a retailers dream? An excuse to spend, spend, spend? Or is it a day for love to shine? To share the love with people who are special to us? Here's what the debate brought to light...

### **Yes!! I think celebrating Valentine's Day is great because.....**

- \* Love is good...And it shows you care, it doesn't have to be a romantic love either. **Lottie & Charlotte Y11**
  - \* It's important to celebrate how happy you are in life. **Thomas Y7**
  - \* It's my Mum's birthday so yes!! **Carys Y9**
- \* It's a way of showing affection to those we love in a much easier manner than going to them randomly with a gift. **Jacob Y11**
  - \* It is a way to express your love to a loved one.
- \* It gives you a chance to spend time with loved ones and get closer to them.
- \* It's nice because I don't feel obliged to get anyone presents and if i'm lucky someone gets me one. **Jamie Y9**
- \* I think Valentine's Day is important because in life everyone is busy and although love is important all year round it is nice to have an isolated day to really focus on our feelings towards others. **Erica Y8**
  - \* It is a reminder to do something special for the person you love. No-one has to be alone on Valentine's Day. **Ellie Y7**
  - \* It's fun and there is generally chocolate!! **Lola Y9**
- \* It brings people together, but, it's unfair that most people believe only girls give chocolate. We need 'White Day' in England, like in Japan, South Korea & Taiwan where the boy returns the girl's Valentine chocolates with a white gift.
  - \* Valentine's Day is a good idea but needs improvements!!
- \* It distracts people from boring everyday life, and adds a bit of joy to February.
- \* **It is a lovely day full of luurrve!!**

### **NO!! ....Cupid rhymes with Stupid!!!**

- ~ It is over-rated & too commercialised!
  - ~ It's a bit cringy!
- ~ It sets high expectations for couples and pressures them into being involved.
- ~ It's boring and very gender stereotypical.
- ~ Just a way for companies to make money!
- ~ Valentine's day makes lonely people more lonely, and those who don't have anyone feel sad.
- ~ Why only have one day to celebrate your love for one another?
  - ~ No there is too much drama in relationships.
- ~ It's only one day of the year, what is so special about it?
- ~ Why should we celebrate a day when there was a massacre where 7 people were killed by a cult.
- ~ Your thoughts and affection may not be reciprocated by the other person, which will leave you feeling emotionally bad.
- ~ **Why not celebrate every month; it isn't about the price of the gifts, it's about the relationship and the time you spend together?**

**Our vote says...**

**Valentine's Day**

**stays!!!**





# Valentine History



Fascinating fact finder, Ffion Cousins 6D2

**“Friends and lovers exchange small tokens of affection”**

Valentine's Day is a very old **festival originating from the Romans**. They had a very similar festival in the middle of February called **Lupercalia**. The first recording of Valentine's Day was in **496 AD**. Valentine was supposedly **a priest from Rome in the third century**. There are a lot of stories around who St Valentine could be. Historians still aren't certain about the origins.

One myth is that **marriages were banned by Emperor Claudius II** as married men made bad soldiers. Valentine disagreed with this and so **arranged marriages secretly**. When this was found out he was put in prison and sentenced to death. During this time he **fell in love with the prisoner's daughter**. When he was taken to his death on the 14th of February, **she sent him a letter**, and signed it **“your Valentine”**.

Lupercalia was celebrated between the 13th and 15th of February. During this time **goats and dogs were sacrificed** at an altar by the Luperci (or “brothers of the wolf”) as an offering. People were then anointed with the blood and then wiped clean with milk soaked wool. They then **feasted**. After this the Luperci took the skins of the sacrificial animals and ran around naked, smacking people with them.



Valentine greetings were popular as far back as the Middle Ages, though written Valentine's did not begin to appear until after 1400. The **oldest known Valentine** still in existence today was a **poem written in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans**, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London following his capture at the Battle of Agincourt.

In addition to the United States, Valentine's Day is celebrated in **Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France and Australia**. In Great Britain, Valentine's Day began to be popularly celebrated around the 17th century. By the middle of the 18th, it was common for **friends and lovers of all social classes to exchange small tokens of affection or handwritten notes**, and by **1900 printed cards** began to replace written letters due to improvements in printing technology.

**How many Valentine's tokens did you receive or give to those you love?**





# Love Gods



Report by our goddess, Maeve Brewer 6S2



**Would you leave your love luck in the lap of these Gods?**



*Since the days of the fierce Greek warriors and the icy howls of the Nordic wolves, love has always been recognised and worshipped.*

Represented with the symbol of a **dove**, **Aphrodite** was by far the most beautiful woman amongst all the **Greek God's**. However in **Roman mythology**, **she is known as Venus**. In both of the legendary cultures she was born from the foam of her father, Oceanus, one of the twelve Titans. She was proclaimed the mother and goddess of love along with **her son Cupid (in Roman) or Eros (in Greek)**. Eros, was a small **mischievous young boy** with the wings of an angel and a magical bow. Whomever his **arrows** hit was destined to fall in love with the person of his choosing.



In the meantime, in **Ancient Egypt** where the pyramids soared high and all-powerful pharaohs ruled, **Hathor**, was crowned the queen goddess of all beauty, mining, music and love. Not only was she beautiful, but also very powerful. In many legends she is mentioned as the **Eye of Ra, the God of the sun** and King of all the Egyptian Gods.

**Freyja**, sister of Freyr, in **Norse mythology** is attributed not only the role of the goddess of love, but also that of Queen of Fólkvangr, a place similar to Valhalla, where half of those who died in battle would go after death. However, Freyja had **a dark and evil side**; she is known for teaching the arts of witchcraft to humans a deed feared much by Norse believers.

**Queen of the Banshees, Clíodhna**, was an Irish goddess and was sometimes represented as a faerie. Because of her power and beauty she was known as the **goddess of love**. However, the queen refused to love and kept her heart to herself until she **met the mortal Ciabahn**. She loved him so much that she left Tir Tairngire, the **Land of the Gods**, to be with him.

This upset many of the other gods who decided they would get her back. They waited until Ciabahn was away and lulled Clíodhna to sleep with the music played by a local minstrel, however, she was then **swept away by a wave**. Depending on the legend, she was either returned to Tir Tairngire or **drowned in the sea**.

**So, even back when fantastical stories where the only logical explanation for the world around us, love was still understood to be both beautiful and imperfect, evil and powerful.**





# Heart Health in 2019



Thomas Cadby 7N and Summer Gibbins 8N

**Awesome tips to keep you looking and feeling fabulous, darling!!**

*Warning: Exercise has been known to cause health and happiness!*



**Hydrate** - simply drink more water

**Exercise** - for at least 30 minutes 3-5 times a week

**Apples** - eat 5 fruits & vegetables as a daily minimum

**Resist** - animal fats, smoking & alcohol

**Time out** - relax, meet friends & get a good night's rest



**One of the most important things about starting a 'New Year' is that it is a clean slate.** One of the most important aspects of this is to eat healthier and exercise. Many people make resolutions to do this, but few succeed (at least, I didn't!) Retain your resolve with our 10 healthy tips for a better, healthy, and guilt-free year ahead!

## 5 Fun Facts about Healthy Eating

- 1) Apples are more effective than coffee at waking you up in the morning
- 2) Broccoli contains twice the amount of vitamin C than oranges
- 3) Cabbage is actually 91% water
- 4) Apples are made of 25% air, that's why they float!
- 5) Onions are great antioxidants, containing anti-allergy, antiviral and anti-histamine properties



## 5 Fun Facts about Exercise

- 1) Music improves your workout performance
- 2) Working out sharpens your memory by 85%
- 3) Being dehydrated reduces your workout performance - make sure you hydrate for peak performance
- 4) If you work out, your brain and heart are made out of 83% water, compared to 73% without workout
- 5) Adding strength training to your cardio can speed up weight loss!



**Love your HEART? Love your FRUIT & VEG!**



# Valentine's Bistro



Yasmin Caulfield, Jacob Hyland & Joshua Law 9D



## Our Valentine's Bistro Experience!



On the 11th of February 2019, the annual Valentines Bistro project was held once again after many successes previously. We were given the task of **cooking a two** (in the end it was 3 in our case) **course meal for two teachers**, with the briefing that it would have to be **suitable for their dietary needs**, and that we would have to **serve and host our guests** to the best of our ability. We decided to make a **teriyaki sea bass and rice as a main**, with a **leek and potato soup as a starter** and it actually turned out to be a very good choice according to our hosts!

There were, however, a few unfortunate mishaps along the way, as we actually had to **defrost the soup**, which took a while before service (I may have frozen it!) Eventually, we managed to get them out for service thanks to our **very attentive waiters**, with an **added sprig of parsley** from the windowsill (**thanks Mrs Fleet**) for a bit of extra style.

The **seabass was a hit**, with a "very nice layout" and **our presentation was complemented** overall, both by **Mr Buttery and Miss Greig** who really enjoyed the meals so much they asked for improvised dessert. **We had to get inventive again, and fast!**

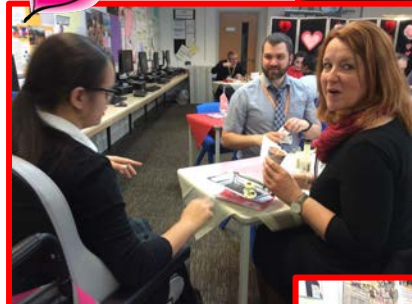
**Thanks to Mrs Fleet, Mrs Naylor & Mrs Baker for helping us succeed!**



Brilliant bistro chefs, from L to R: Jacob, Dillon, Yasmin, Cyrus & Josh



Miss Greig & Mr Buttery receiving courteous service



"No dessert?! Do you know who I am?!"



Miss Greig gets her Cornetto - pronto!



Yasmin & her pot washer





# Valentine's Specials



Valentine's Bistro Menu à la 9D

## On the menu...





# Valentine's Dates



Mrs "Paparazzi" Baker was out, and look who was dating who!



Miss Price & Mr Blackman



Mr Spillet & Mr Bish - gorgeous!



Miss Price & Mr Blackman - mmm, we think Mr Butt is being missed!



Lenhle & Ophelia - bringing the glamour



Mr Howard & Mr Fricker - bromance or arm wrestle for Mr Bish's steak?!



Miss Fox & Miss Whicker - ladies who lunch!



Mr Baker & Mrs Valverde



Mr Vila & Mr Pearson



Mr Buttery & a mystery man...oh, and Miss Greig on the right!



# Short Stories of Love



Tales to thrill at this most romantic time of the year...

## Cafeteria Romance

Grace Williams 9S



I took a deep breath and prepared to walk over to the lunch table at the other side of the cafeteria, still holding that stupid card.

I was greeted by the usual smiles and nods of acknowledgment from the rest of the crew, but something was off about him.

I couldn't quite put my finger on it, but I decided to let it drop and I gingerly gave him the card, trying to laugh it off as a joke.

That was when something quite unexpected happened. He began to laugh and dipped into his bag, he'd not only had he got me a Valentine's Day card which, looking back explains why he was so nervous that day, but he'd also got me the exact same card that I'd given him!

We both burst out laughing and the entire cafeteria stopped and stared at us - we didn't care though.

## Love's Burning Desire

Jenny

Allan

8D

A breeze was drifting across the moor as I took my love for an evening walk, towards my house, under the blood red sun.

As we arrived home, I set up the kitchen with a burning candle, flowers, gift and all.

We sat down and started our romantic meal. As I finished my lasagne a weird look appeared in my loved one's eye; a murderous look.

Suddenly, my love lunged across the table, knocking the candle over and starting a fire. Flames were all around and I was pinned down and getting strangled!

Suddenly, I felt something ram through me - a burning candle stick. All I could see was blood and all I could smell was my own burning flesh...

## The Tale of Poor Princess Morgan

Jamie Raven 9S



"**Princess Morgan Ashberry of the Balkan Sworn Virgins!**" announced the host, as Morgan walked down the stairs, hating every moment. For one thing, the young prince hated having to pretend to be a princess.

### Let's rewind.

It's entirely likely that you've never heard of the Balkan Sworn Virgins. That's all right. We have time to explain it to you. The Balkan Sworn Virgins are what's known as a **matriarchal society - value is placed in the women**, kind of like reverse sexism. Nobility descends through the nobility's daughters, including royalty. Which is lucky, because usually royal children are always girls.

Until Morgan came along.

A boy.

A prince.

Who, of course, **was promised to marry Prince Theseus Beauregard** before his birth and so had to pretend to be a princess his entire life.

Which is how we got to now, with Theseus staring at Morgan with an adoring look in his eyes.

Oh, dear...



# Words of Lurrrve



Poems, songs for your playlist & chat up lines - perfect for your loved ones!



Maybe it's closer and much more real  
It seems near enough to touch or feel  
I realize now how close, how true  
My heart beats aloud, my love for you. By GW

~~~~~  
YOU'RE THE BLOOD RUSHING THROUGH MY VEINS  
YOU'RE THE LIGHT GLOWING FROM A MOONBEAM  
YOU'RE THE CRYSTAL DROPLETS IN THE RAIN  
SO LET'S KEEP THIS THING GOING CLEAN. BY GW

~~~~~  
I knew this day would eventually come  
When I'd want to say these words to you  
And it's with these words I hold in my heart  
That I now feel I need to renew  
I've thought about what I want to say  
And was waiting for when the time was right  
To say exactly what's on my mind  
While you're sitting here with me tonight

~~~~~  
I never thought I would find such love  
As what I've found in you.  
My love for you is endless,  
You're my fairytale come true.

~~~~~  
Once my heart was an unlit candle,  
Hidden in the loneliest night.  
But along you came, set my soul on fire,  
Now my world is filled with your light.



## Top Love Songs from Dane Court Students

- \* Endless Love - Diana Ross & Lionel Richie
  - \* I'll Make Love to You - Boyz II Men
  - \* We Found Love - Rihanna feat. Calvin Harris
  - \* How Deep Is Your Love - Bee Gees
  - \* I Will Always Love You, Greatest Love of All - Whitney
  - \* I Can't Stop Loving You - Ray Charles
  - \* Baby Love - The Supremes
  - \* Love Story - Taylor Swift
  - \* Part-Time Lover - Stevie Wonder
  - \* I Just Called to Say I Love You - Stevie Wonder
  - \* You've Got That Lovin' Feelin' - The Righteous Brothers
  - \* Justify My Love - Madonna
  - \* The Power of Love - Celine Dion
  - \* Can't Help Falling in Love - UB40
  - \* I Want to Know What Love Is - Foreigner
  - \* She Loves You - The Beatles
  - \* Crazy in Love - Beyoncé featuring Jay-Z
  - \* Crazy Little Thing Called Love, Find me Somebody to Love, Love of My Life - Queen
  - \* Bleeding Love - Leona Lewis
  - \* Thank u Next - Ariana Grande
  - \* I Will always love you - Whitney Houston
  - \* Your Song - Elton John
- Compiled by Oscar Whitehall 7S



## PICK UP LINES

Just remember, pick up lines are one thing, but to keep a beau there is always one tip: NEVER forget their birthday!

"Four plus four equals eight, but you plus me equals fate."

"Do you believe in love at first sight, or do I have to walk by again?"

"Are your legs tired, because you've been running through my mind all night."

"Are you a magician? Because whenever I look at you, everyone else disappears!"

"Are you religious? Because you're the answer to all my prayers."

"Let me tie your shoes, cause I don't want you falling for anyone else."

"If God made anything more beautiful than you, I'm sure he'd keep it for himself."

"Are you a fruit, because Honeydew you know how fine you look right now?"

"I thought happiness started with an H. Why does mine start with U?"

"Are you a beaver, because damn!"

by Jacob 'Cupid' Cherry 10S



# Chinese New Year

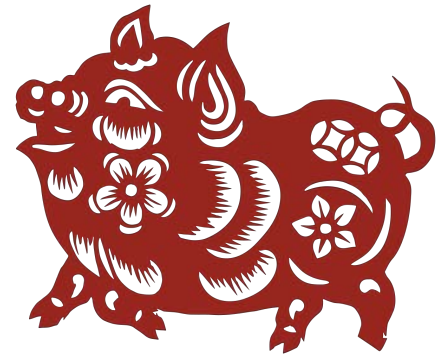


**Gong Xi  
Fa Cai**

Investigative journalist, Ellie Heath 7N

## 2019 is the Chinese Year of the Pig.

So the story goes, in China, a long, long time ago, the **Jade Emperor wanted to measure time**. He organised a race of animals across a **fast flowing river** to then order the years. The pig was the last of **twelve animals** to cross because he was hungry and had something to eat then **fell asleep!**



### New Year Traditions



On Chinese New Year, also known as **Spring Festival**, it is tradition for people to **clean their homes** thoroughly and display **traditional red** New Year's decorations for luck and to fight off monsters. This time is for **family reunion**, and is considered to be the **most IMPORTANT** part of the holiday! People often visit friends and relatives, do some shopping, **launch fireworks** and plan for the coming year.

Everyone gets **new clothes for luck** and children get **red packets** with money. The new year is celebrated according to the **lunar calendar** so it changes each year. Depending on the moon it can be celebrated somewhere between the end of January to the end of February.



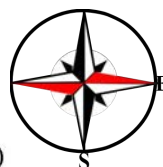
### The Year of the Pig - Personality and Luck

Those born in 1935, 1945, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, **2019** and even 2031!

Pigs are **diligent, compassionate** and **generous** people. They have **great concentration**: once they set a goal, they will devote all their energy to achieving it. Pigs rarely seek help from others but they are **always there to help** you out. Pigs are **easily fooled** - they don't think they could be tricked! Mostly pigs are **relatively calm** when facing trouble and even if they have very difficult problems, they can handle things properly and carefully. They have a great responsibility to **finish what they are engaged in**.

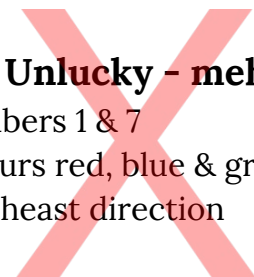
#### Lucky - yay!

- ~ numbers 2, 5 & 8
- ~ colours yellow, grey, brown & gold
- ~ hydrangeas and daisies
- ~ southwesterly & easterly directions



#### Unlucky - meh!

- ~ numbers 1 & 7
- ~ colours red, blue & green
- ~ southeast direction





# Chinese Buddies



Roving reporter, Yasmin Caulfield 9D

**This term Dane Court has been lucky enough to have visiting students all the way from China. One lucky student details the super experience had with her 'Buddy'.**

In the first few weeks back at school after Christmas, myself and a few other students were called to a meeting, and told of an **exciting opportunity that would see two completely different cultures fuse together**: we were going to be Buddies! We had been matched with a Chinese pupil, to whom we were similar in age, but we knew nothing about, not even name, hometown or their level of English.

Shortly after that meeting we met the coordinator who was organising the project. We were told to use initiative to find a way to communicate with our buddy and that we had to give them an accurate idea **what school life was like in England**. We were to look after them and take them to receive the delivered lunches that were sent to them, as well as to assembly, house activities, mentoring and to all of our lessons.

That Monday we arrived into the Heart area at break time to collect our buddies. **My buddy's English name was Celine** and she was the same age as me so we immediately had things in common. She told me that she had a Chinese name too: Guo. **I had learned basic Mandarin** in order to communicate with Celine but it turns out I didn't need any of that because **she had very advanced English!**

So, much to my surprise and ironically to Celine, our first lesson was in fact English, to which Celine took very well. We studied ghost stories and the typical themes of them which needed a bit of explaining so I had to use my experience **playing charades to get the message across!**

My class received Celine very well and were as excited as I was about having a new classmate; **our Mandarin knowledge grew** slowly, but Celine on the other hand, picked up some French very quickly in our foreign languages class and has now decided to learn French back in China!



**Yasmin, Celine and some of 9D**

Celine enjoyed the topical assembly held that week, but told me that there is no similar thing back in China where she comes from.

She said the days were longer in China too, with **school starting at 7:30 am and ending at 5:30 pm!**

Later on in the week we had our first **PE lesson**, in which we were surprised to find that Celine was a natural climber, and very relieved that it was inside because **she was not quite used to the cold weather!**

In Geography, we also had an interesting conversation about volcanoes and earthquakes, something I had been keen to ask about. Thankfully, in the town where Celine comes from there are very few earthquakes and with the help of a few of my classmates I had a **hilarious time explaining the essentials of a volcano**.

By the halfway point of the Celine was getting used to school life and had proved herself as quite the mathematician, volcanologist, and author! The one place that we hadn't shown Celine yet was the food tech kitchens, so before she left, we made a batch of **sundried tomato and olive bread - yummy!**

**Perhaps we should go to China next year!**



# DCGS Talent Show 2018

Our entertainment reporters, Thomas Cadby & George Hall 7N

## 1st - Joe Allen and Harry Day 9D

Joint 2nd - Jacob Patton 7N, and Taylor & Tabby 9T  
Joint 3rd Gregor Hutchison 7S, and Eleanor Golding 8H

Joe Allen and Harry Day 9D, gave us an incredible performance of **John Denver's Take Me Home, Country Roads** and quite rightly won the **KS3 Talent Show 2018**. We interviewed performers, the audience and judges to find out what their experiences were like.



## Connie Chesters 7D - Piano

“As a whole, I thought that that the School Talent Show was great fun, and it's a good asset to the build up to Christmas within our school. **Everything was great fun**, in a kind and encouraging atmosphere. The rehearsals were fun and, although slightly scary, it was fun to see what everyone was doing, and how it would all be set up for the actual performance. **Hmm...Mr Sunderland's jokes : ) I've never heard anyone tell jokes quite as fun but cheesy.**”

**Joe & Harry - No. 1 hit!**

“Well done to everyone who took part, because they made the Talent Show fun, and it takes a lot of guts to do those things in front of the entirety of KS3. Thank you to all the teachers who put it together, as well as the Tech Team, who helped immensely with spotlights, the disco ball, and generally the show's staging.”

## George Hall 7N - Singer

“When I found out I had got in **I screamed for joy** and I was excited until it came to rehearsals! Those unfortunately didn't go to plan which led to giving me the nervous feeling that we hadn't done enough practice to do well and therefore were going to make a fool of ourselves to KS3. When it came to the actual thing **I was pretty much petrified** and knew that we needed more practice. Luckily, the House Captains allowed us a little bit of practice before I went onto stage with **my partner, Lilah Ainsworth 7N**. When our time had eventually come and the music had started (before the applause had finished) **we sung out heart's out** and in the end it turned out we didn't need the huge amount of practice I thought we needed in the first place!!”

## Hanro Du Plessis 7N - Audience

“Just by sitting in the audience, **I knew it was brilliant!** During some of the acts, I noticed that some of the acts were a bit shy, but the rest of the show made up for it. **Mr Sunderland's jokes were well thought out and kept everyone laughing and engaged.** The lighting and special effects were very well thought out and as a result of this, **the Tech Team should be very proud of themselves as they did an amazing job!** The opening of the extravagant event also showed the audience that a lot of consideration and effort had gone into the Talent Show!”

“Overall, a lot of talent had been shown and  
I thought it was just..... amazing!!”



# Talent Judge Gossip



## Who would be a talent show judge?

Our enthusiastic entertainment reporters, Thomas Cadby & George Hall, had a spectacular time at the DCGS Talent Show in December. They grilled seasoned judges Miss Aherne and Mrs Stivarius, seen right, for the behind the scenes gossip.



### Miss 'David' Aherne

*Chatter:* Was it really hard to decide who won the talent show?

**Yes, definitely. The acts were amazing and it was a deserved win**

*Chatter:* Who did you personally think was the best?

**Joe and Harry 9D because the entire the audience was singing along.**

*Chatter:* On a scale of 1 - 10, how hard was it to choose the winner?

**9/10 because you just get a feeling and know who is the best.**

*Chatter:* Did you disagree with others when deciding who was the winner?

**No, we just agreed with one another!**

*Chatter:* Why did you decide you wanted to be a judge?

**I love doing it! I've done it 4 - 5 years and each year it's different!**

*Chatter:* Who was the best act over the years?

**Definitely, Charlotte Williams.**

*Chatter:* Any other comments:

**I think George Hall and Lilah Ainsworth 7N did really well, after they started late due to a microphone fault.**

### Mrs 'Simon' Stivarius

*Chatter:* Was it really hard to decide who won the talent show?

**Yes, the quality was so high so this is why we had two second places and third.**

*Chatter:* Who did you personally think was the best?

**Jacob Patton 7N. The audience loved him!**

*Chatter:* What were the categories to judge people on?

**1) Audience reaction 2) Talent 3) Ability to be unique**

*Chatter:* Why did you decide you wanted to be a judge?

**It's a great privilege and everyone was so brave. It is a nice way to spend the morning celebrating success.**

*Chatter:* How was the quality of this year's talent show?

**It was really great. Sometimes the quality goes down. There wasn't a great variety this year.**

*Chatter:* Who was the best act over the years?

**It has to be Charlotte Williams.**

*Chatter:* Any other comments:

**I would like KS4 to have a talent show and maybe we could get the sixth form involved!**



# Mental Health Support



Pasan Siriwardana, Alice Crine and Abbie Parsons, Year 13



## Mental Health Team

**“We are here to offer guidance, advise and just talk to anyone in need”**

The **Mental Health Ambassadors** are made up of a group of sixth form students and members of staff. Our goal as a team, and individually as Ambassadors, is to help students deal with problems they may be facing, whether that be during school or outside. We feel like students should never have to feel that they have nowhere to go, or no one to confide in, and so we are here to **offer guidance and advice**, or even just talk, to anyone who is in need.

**You can identify the Mental Health Ambassadors by their PINK LANYARDS.**

By wearing this, that person is saying that they are **more than willing to listen** to what you have to say and help in anyway they can.

Something that we also want to acknowledge is that many people, especially the younger years, may find it difficult to speak out about certain issues, whether that be to a friend, family member, staff or one of the ambassadors. Because of this, we have also put up **posters and leaflets around the school** that will help guide people in the right direction. This also gives us a good platform to help **raise awareness of Mental Health** as a whole and help people gain a better understanding of what people surrounding you might be going through.

**If you have any questions, or wish to talk to any of the Ambassadors, please don't hesitate to approach us around school, or talk to your mentor.**

Coming to a Dane Court stage - soon!



Take part in, or watch, a great show like this to lift your spirits!



# DIY Valentine's Treats



Show you care without spending a fortune!

## How to make a... Valentine's Apple Swan

1. Get an apple and cut down the middle removing 2 seeds.
2. Place the biggest piece between 2 butter knives and with a 3rd cut along the side of the core.
3. Do the same twice to the wedges you just obtained (acts as wings).
4. To make room for the head, make a small incision down the core and remove some of the apple.
5. Then take the other half the piece of apple and cut off a few slices and find one that looks like a heart.
6. At the heart point make an angled incision to form the head and remove the rest of the apple.
7. Place the head on the wings and you have your very own valentine's apple swan.

When you get the praise,  
remember who taught you first!

Jacob Cherry 11S



## DIY Valentine's Card

1. Take a piece of card and fold it over to make the main card, use a ruler to get a clean fold.
2. Get two old jigsaw pieces that fit into each other and paint them with red paint, then press them onto the card next to each other.
3. After the paint has dried, cover the it in a thin coat of pva glue and add red glitter for some sparkle.
4. Underneath the jigsaw shapes write 'we go together' or any message that fits, or you could print your phrase out and stick it on.
5. Write your message inside and the card is complete! ♥ Erica Cousins 8D



TOP TIP:  
Remember  
lots of  
glitter!!!

## Valentine's Book Review

**HEAVEN** by Christoph Marzi

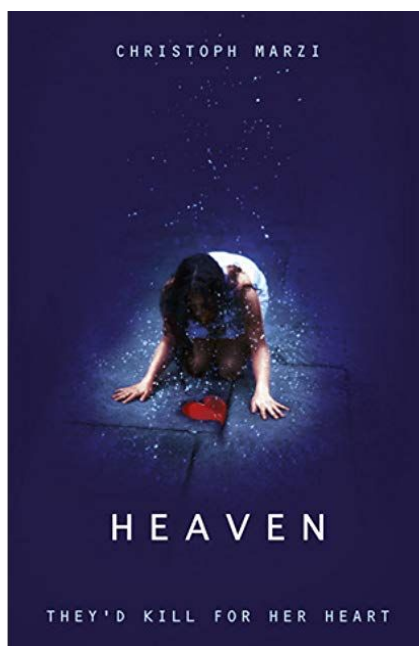
*"The night that Heaven lost her heart was cold and moonless.  
But the blade that sliced it out was warm with her dark blood..."*

This book is about a strange girl who has mysteriously lost her Heart. In any other story, you would expect her to be dead. Not in this one.

She has somehow survived, and she and her misfit friend, David would like to know why. It is a very unusual and unique story, as it

dark and intriguing, yet very similar to a fairy story. I really enjoyed reading it as it has very detailed description and a really cool story.

by Faith Philpot 8T





Try baking these for your loved ones - Ellie Golding 8H

## Melting Moment Recipe (My own adapted version)!



### You Will Need:

- . 175g (6 oz) slightly salted butter/ margarine
- . 60g (2½ oz) icing sugar
- . 1 tsp vanilla extract
- . 150g (5 oz) PLAIN flour - Make sure to sieve!
- . 60g (2½ oz) cornflour
- . 25g (1 oz)

### For The Filling:

- . 100g (3½ oz) slightly salted butter
- . 140g (4¾ oz) icing sugar
- . 2 tbsp custard powder



### Now to get baking!

First wash your hands and put on your apron. Make sure you have the ingredients ready for the biscuit batter on a clean work surface. Preheat the oven to gas mark 4, 180°C, fan 160°C.

**Beat the butter with the icing sugar** until pale and fluffy, then add the vanilla extract and mix well - using an electric whisk is helpful but I prefer a wooden spoon. Sift in the flour and cornflour, then add the cocoa powder and mix until smooth. (If the mixture is a little stiff add a few drops of warm water **from the kettle**)

**Line a baking tray** (you may need more than 1) with nonstick baking paper - grease this using oil or butter. Roll the mixture into 32-walnut sized balls. **Make sure that there is an even amount because you will be sandwiching them together!** Arrange them on the tray, leaving a gap between them so that they do not join. Using a lightly floured fork, carefully flatten each biscuit so they are about 0.5cm deep.

**Bake for about 12-13 minutes**, or until firm to touch. Remove from the oven and wait about 5 minutes before transferring them (using a fish slice or spatula) to a wire cooling rack.

**While the biscuits are cooling**, it's time to make the filling. Mix the butter with the icing sugar until combined. Sive the custard powder in gradually until you form a smooth paste.

**To assemble the Melting Moments**, pipe or spread a little bit of icing onto half of the biscuits, sandwich using the rest. **Dust with a some icing sugar and enjoy the delicious melt in your mouth biscuits!**

Please can you send this recipe to all your friends and email [17egolding@danecourt.kent.sch.uk](mailto:17egolding@danecourt.kent.sch.uk) your finished Melting Moments.

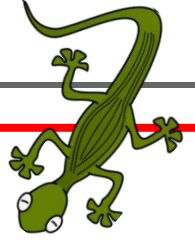


# Animal Affection



Lovingly researched by Erica Cousins 8D

**This is my page on the loving nature of animals.**

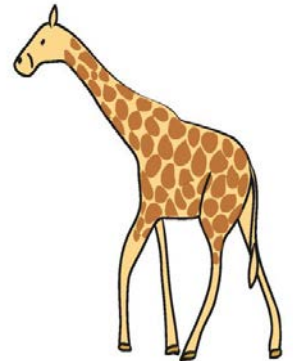


**LIZARDS** - Lizards are very interesting reptiles. They normally breed in early spring and are **one of the only reptiles that can feel affection, love and pleasure!**



**FROGS** - **male frogs attract females by singing!** They take a deep breath and close their mouths and nostrils and let the air flow over their vocal cords to create a loud mating sound.

**GIRAFFES** - Giraffes perform a sequence called the “Flehmen Sequence”. In this sequence the females wee in the males mouth!!! The **males then taste the wee** to ensure the female would make a good mate.



**LEMURS** - They only tend to mate with lemurs of their own social status. Scent is important to ring-tailed lemurs and males use their scent glands to mark territory and engage in “**stink-fighting**” - where they rub their tails in their scent before waving it at an opponent.

**Are human courting and mating rituals any better? What do you think?**

**Fascinating dates for your diary in February, March and April...**

- \* Random Acts of Kindness Day - 17 February
- \* National Tooth Fairy Day - 28 Feb (see p23)
- \* International Women's Day - 8 March
- \* World Autism Day - 2 April
- \* International Day of Happiness - 20 March
- \* World Poetry Day - 21 March
- \* World Health Day - 7 April

**If you could celebrate a special day, what would it be for?**

**Let us know at**

**[Chatter@danecourt.kent.sch.uk](mailto:Chatter@danecourt.kent.sch.uk)**





# Birds, birds, birds



Roving wildlife reporter Jenny Allan 8D

At this time of year many birds undertake a **great migration** to go to **warmer climates** for the winter and then return in the summer. Many birds migrate from the **Arctic across the UK** or the Atlantic and then across Europe or America **down to Africa and sometimes South America**. At this time of year **Sandwich Nature Park** is a very good place to see migrating birds like Arctic Terns, Common Terns, Sandwich Terns, Grey Geese and many more bird species.



Will these birds make it to their southern home on time?

For more information take a look at the Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory Trust & Pegwell Bay Country Park websites.

<http://sbbot.org.uk>

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/kent-country-parks/pegwell-bay-country-park#tab-1>

**PENGUIN AWARENESS DAY** was on the 20th of January

Here are some penguin facts:



There are 18 species of penguins

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The deepest a penguin's ever dived was 535 meters

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The fastest penguin species is the **Gentoo** and can travel at speeds up to 22 mph, in water

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The **Emperor** penguin is the tallest penguin at 4 feet tall

\*

The **Little** penguin the smallest at 16 inches tall

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All penguins, but two species, breed in colonies of over a thousand penguins

\*

**Penguins in Antarctica** can survive temperatures as low as **-60 degrees**



Did you know?  
Female penguins  
may kidnap another  
female's chick!



# Head to Head



by Jay Lau 6B1 and James Isaacs 6H1

Farewell to Eljoh Balajadia and Leah Henniker, the outgoing Student Heads of School. **Welcome to Pasan Siriwardana and Angel Foster**, the new kids on the block. Jay and James put them all on the spot.

## **Eljoh Balajadia & Leah Henniker**

*How did you feel your term went?*

**Eljoh:** I thought Leah and I tried to be relatively active in our roles, and it was interesting to see how the school worked internally, and meet with the Headteachers and see how they ran the school. **Overall I think the term went well.**

**Leah:** Looking back, what is amazing is that they have put in a **school council**, which we could have thought of, we tried to be as proactive as we could and tried to get students opinions, and make the most out of our relationships with the Headteacher. **We've tried to put in concerns that may be addressed later down the line.** Even going through the process was helpful to skills, because **we had to sell ourselves to students** which is helpful for job interviews.

*What experience did you gain from being the Student Head of School?*

**Eljoh:** The experience was invaluable, taking the role of a head student help **develops your personality**, you develop **skills such as public speaking**, which is a massive skill to have because of the many jobs that require presentations. Students at Dane Court already have experiences with public speaking from classes, but I think being a head student has helped that even more.

**Leah:** **Litter** used to be a **massive student issue** and we worked with all the student heads to stop it and it has slowed down, so we gained **skills in teamwork and communication**. We also gained the **ability to speak publically and freely, it was a privilege to be chosen as head student.**

*What do you think of the new head team?*

**Eljoh:** They are **well equipped for the role** and we've spoken to them and they are very nice people.

**Leah:** We didn't really know many people that were going for head boy and girl, we knew that Pasan and Angel were going for it, so we were rooting for them and **they are very nice, approachable people.**

## **Pasan Siriwardana & Angel Foster**

*What will you bring to your role?*

**Pasan:** Well **I've got a lot to live up to**, but basically I want to make the whole school feel comfortable and trusting. To make sure the school community is as inviting as it can possibly be.

**Angel:** The same as Pasan, **I want to be approachable**, someone who people can come to whenever they need. **I want students to come up to me with any problems** and to integrate myself into the student body as someone trustable, and someone who can be looked to for problem solving.

*Why do you think you were chosen?*

**Pasan:** I don't know, I like to think of myself as **approachable and trustable**. I hope that students can approach me with any problems that they may have.

**Angel:** I feel like I was chosen because of **my work ethic**, as well as the way **I dedicate myself to my schoolwork**.

*What does the Student Council do?*

**Pasan:** We've only recently started the council, we will start having meetings next term. The aim is for the **problems throughout the school to be heard** and hopefully make changes to.

**Angel:** **Raise the student voice**. It's so important that views from all years are heard and aren't overlooked. Years 7s and 8s are new to the school and might have views and ideas that others will miss.

*What does the student head team do?*

The student team is sixth formers. We have jobs like helping out with projects. The different sections are Communication, sport and wellbeing, Mental Health Team, school community, but they all overlap.

*What do you think of the previous student heads?*

**Pasan:** They were amazing, I know them both quite well and **I respect them a lot**. They have passed on their experiences and knowledge to us and **we hope to accomplish at least the same as them.**

**Chatter:** Good luck newbies!



# New House Captains



New House Captains are now in situ, so let's see what they are planning to do...

## Neuchatel House Captains: Charles Lycett, Jai Sessions and Amika Mcavoy

Chatter: **What could you bring to the role, and what do you intend to campaign for?**

**Charles:** I could bring **strong leadership and communication skills** to the role to connect well with the whole House. I would always intend to have a **full team in every House event**.

**Jai:** I can bring a great deal of **organisation and encouragement** to all of the House events. Not only that, I can bring confidence that Neuchatel will achieve as many points as possible. I will campaign for everyone for everyone to **enjoy and appreciate being a part of Neuchatel**.

**Amika:** I really think I could bring a strong sense of leadership and a **great sense of reliability and friendliness** to the position. I am quite a **diverse person** and I strive in academic, sporting and creative sectors.

*Interviews by Thomas Cadby 7N*



## Barcelona House Captains: Gracie Chapman, Matt Beeldman and Tayla Bayley

Chatter: **What would you like to achieve with your role and why do you think you were chosen?**

**Gracie:** I want to **motivate people** to get involved with the upcoming events and make everyone work together. I'm **competitive and approachable**.

**Matt:** I want to **gather the younger years** and help them enjoy their time at Dane Court. **I promised that Barcelona will win and I'm approachable.**

**Tayla:** I want to inform the House and **gain more House points**. Weekly competition for motivation. Also planning to **make the board in Barcelona look nicer. I'm confident, fun to talk to and approachable.**

*Interviews by Jay Lau 6B1*



## Helsinki House Captains: Annie Arnold, Joe Chambers and Lucy Munday

Chatter: **Why do you think you were chosen for the role?**

We believe that due to **our enthusiasm and genuine personalities** we were chosen as the House Captains. We all genuinely wanted the role without looking for any sort of reward other than the **success & happiness of our House**. All of us think that this was reflected successfully as, obviously, people seemed to like us and we were voted for.

Chatter: **Why do you want to be House Captains?**

We wanted to be House Captains because **we finally wanted success with Helsinki** due to their not so good reputation. We love being in the community of our House and wanted to finally **be the friendly faces** of our House and fill the shoes of those before us, not matter how difficult it was. It's rewarding when you come first, even though we don't necessarily take an active part ourselves but **it's always good to motivate other students to do their best**.





# Productivity Tips



Study Guru, Skye-Louise West 8T

## A new year, a fresh start. Right?

Well, I am certainly fed up of staying up until 9 pm doing homework for the next day. **Productivity** is a useful habit to take up and will certainly have many benefits.

You would get more sleep, more time to do fun things,  
and even enjoy exercise to be healthier!

- ★ Make a **study plan** or a to-do list. Try not to do a lot of tasks at once, and leave plenty of time for you to complete them. Start with the bigger tasks, so you **don't end up procrastinating - putting things off!**
- ★ Tidy your work space, it is much easier to **work in a tidy space**.
- ★ Make sure you are working in a **quiet area** which you can concentrate in; if it is a bit loud, you could listen to some music which is also motivational.
- ★ Gather all your supplies and work books you need so you **don't have to keep getting up**.
- ★ **Have breaks** every so often. Perhaps 30 minutes work and then a 5 minute break. Don't try and complete everything in one go or extend the break. If you do extend the break, do some more work afterwards.
- ★ Have rewards and **treat yourself after you finished the tasks**, however big or small they may be!
- ★ Watch some studying videos. Some good YouTube channels are '**Studytee**' for efficient note-taking, or '**Studyquill**' for grade improvement tips.
- ★ Make sure you have **good equipment supplies**, you can't work that well with a pen with barely any ink left!
- ★ Bring a drink or a snack with you. It is hard to work when you are dehydrated or hungry! **Try some healthy snacks like the ones mentioned on page 6.**



Be prepared  
so you don't  
sweat it!





# Lilah & Stitches



by Lilah Ainsworth 7N

**Welcome to my new exclusive knitting series for Chatter!**

## **Part One - How to knit garter stitch for beginners!**

**Knitting is an incredibly useful tool** as you can make scarves, hats and socks for all members of the family. It saves money as some of the **best wool I have found nearby is at Poundland!** You can **make meaningful gifts** for a small amount of money and they are easy to make. There's nothing that compares to the feeling of finishing your knitting and sliding that final stitch off your needle and finally being finished!

### **How to cast on!**

1. Take the wool and wrap it around your finger twice. Slide the back loop over the front loop and wind the wool around the top of your finger again, then slide the back loop over the end of your finger again. Slide this first stitch over your left knitting needle.
2. Slide your knitting needle into the first stitch. Wrap the wool around the back needle and pull the needle under and through. **DO NOT LET THE FIRST STITCH SLIDE OFF YOUR NEEDLE!** Push your knitting needle into the new stitch and pull it onto your left knitting needle. Use this new stitch to start all over again and repeat until you have the number of stitches you want.

### **How to knit garter stitch...**

Despite the fact that casting on and off is always the same there are many types of stitch. This is garter stitch:

1. Slide your needle into the stitch.
2. Wrap the wool around the back needle.
3. Pull the needle under and through.
4. Slide the first stitch off of the needle.



### **How to cast off...**

1. Knit your first two stitches as usual.
2. Slide the back stitch over the front stitch and off of the needle .
3. Stitch another stitch and slide the back one over the front one and repeat as needed .
4. When you get to the end and are on your last stitch make a small loop and push it through the last stitch
5. Push the wool through the small loop and pull tight.
6. Tie a knot in the end of the wool.
7. I have found that sometimes the wool is too long so I tuck it under the last stitch underneath.

Now for a nice cup of tea and a yummy **Melting Moment from Ellie's Kitchen on page 18.**

**See you next time for more 'Lilah & Stitches'!**

Images courtesy of Libby-Ann Kirby 7N



# The Ravenmeister



## Dental daredevil deeds by Jamie Raven 9S

“Agent Nicholls, Agent Patel, Agent Fitzgerald, Agent... Agent Mackenwells, can you please explain to me why you have gift-wrapped your coin?” asked Commander Cheng.

“Well, Madam, I just thought it would be a nice surprise for the kid who gets it,” stammered Agent Kyle Mackenwells. “There won’t be any other kids in the world with a gift-wrapped coin. It’ll be special.”

“No, no, no, no, no,” sneered Cheng. **“Somebody, tell me, what’s the most important rule of being a tooth fairy,** as Agent Mackenwells clearly seems to have forgotten.”

There were a few mumbles from embarrassed agents, hoping to earn a few brownie points, but Commander Julia Cheng was the sort of person to ask questions and not wait for answers.

“You do everything the same! We make the parents think the exact same thing every time we deliver a tooth,” shouted Cheng, tearing of the wrapping paper as she did. “We hypnotize them to make them believe they did it, for God’s sake! Did you think we did it for fun? **Use a bit of initiative, agent!** Rest assured, Agent Mackenwells, you will be most severely reprimanded for this. The moment you get back, I want you standing watch until I say so! Is that clear?”

“Sir, yes, sir!” replied Mackenwells, to used to this to even dare sigh.

At that moment, a light flashed on the large, illuminated screen behind Cheng. **“Right, you know the drill, Agents!” she shouted, spit flying from her lips from the sheer volume.** “Tonight you will be working the Menongue Sector! You will go through to Dispatch to get your briefings, you will infiltrate the houses, replace the teeth and make no noise! When you get back, I expect you to hand in your teeth to the required construction companies immediately, no ifs, no buts! If anyone, and I mean *anyone*, finds they cannot do that successfully, you will be standing watch with Mackenwells! *Do I make myself clear?*”



“Sir, yes, sir!” replied the agents in unison.

“THEN GET MOVING!”

The various agents marched through the narrow doorway - not an easy task when you’ve got a pair of the **latest Stymphalia 3000 Triple Wings** strapped on your back - to dispatch, where they were greeted by Charlie Donovan, a middle-aged cheerful, if somewhat short-tempered, dwarf with a strong Irish accent.



“Right, guys, as you know, we are working in the Menongue Sector tonight, so it will be raining heavily! Make sure you wipe of your coin before you place it, and try not to get any footprints on any surfaces. Right, your briefings should be somewhere around here...” Donovan muttered, looking for the folders. He had a reputation for being messy, no matter where he went. It didn’t matter how long he’d been there or what you’d given him: he always managed to lose everything two seconds after he put it down on some implausibly cluttered desk.

“Ah, right, here they are...” Donovan murmured, making sure to hold them away from the desk so there was no risk of losing them again. “Shouldn’t take more than a couple of hours if you’re quick enough...”

**National Tooth Fairy Day is on the 28 February.**



# Blue Peter Badge



*"I've got one!" Ellie Golding 8H*



*How to get  
a Blue  
Peter  
badge!*

- \* Do you like Blue Peter?
- \* Have you always wanted to get a badge?
- \* Are you artistic?
- \* **Want free entry to over 200 attractions in the UK?!**

## **Here is how to apply for a Blue Peter badge!**

Firstly, let your imagination run wild... **a story, a drawing, a picture** etc. You must be aged between **6 and 15 years old** to apply for a Blue Peter badge. Make sure to include your **full name, age, address** and the Blue Peter address or you won't receive a badge! **The application must be at least 50 characters long and have a paragraph on why you deserve a badge.** Write to the Blue Peter address:

*Let us know  
how you get  
on!*

**Blue Peter  
MediaCityUK  
Salford, M50 2BH**

There are many different badges:

### **Blue**

Common. You need to impress Blue Peter with your imagination

### **Silver**

You must have a Blue badge. This time, create something new.

### **Green**

Show Blue Peter how eco friendly you are.

### **Diamond**

Rare! Fill in a Diamond Badge application form



# Valentine's Quiz



Think you know your Valentine facts? Take the challenge Ffion Cousins has set!

1. If your birthday fell on Valentine's day what **star sign** would you be?

- a. Aquarius      ♈      ♉      ♊      ♋
- b. Pisces          ♌      ♍      ♎      ♏
- c. Libra           ♐      ♑      ♒      ♓
- d. Aries           ♈      ♉      ♊      ♋



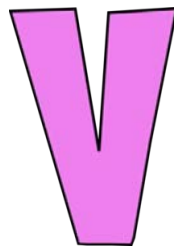
2. Who **discovered penicillin** on Valentine's Day in 1929?

- a. Dawkins
- b. Darwin
- c. Flemming
- d. Newton



3. **Valentine and Proteus** were the names of two gentlemen from where?

- a. Venice
- b. Verona
- c. Virginia
- d. Vienna



4. In which 1993 film does a boy called Jonah write to a woman called Annie, asking her to meet his father at the **Empire State Building** on St. Valentine's Day?

- a. "Sleepless In Seattle"
- b. "La La Land"
- c. "The Notebook"
- d. "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind"



5. True or False: St Valentine was born on the **14 February**, hence St Valentine's Day?

- a. True
- b. False



Email your answers to [Chatter@danecourt.kent.sch.uk](mailto:Chatter@danecourt.kent.sch.uk) to win a Valentine's prize!

First THREE to email with all correct answers will receive their prizes on 24.2.2019



# Romantic Reads



**Fall in love with a library book – they just keep giving!**

*Romeo and Juliet* – William Shakespeare

*The Twilight series* – Stephanie Meyer

*A Court of Thorns and Roses series* – Sarah J. Maas

*Captain Corelli's Mandolin* – Louis de Bernieres

*The English Patient* – Michael Ondaatje

*Echoes of Love* – Rosie Rushton

*Rosie Loves Jack* – Mel Darbon

*Great Expectations* – Charles Dickens

*How I Live Now* – Meg Rosoff

*Everything Everything* – Nicola Yoon

*The Time Traveller's Wife* – Audrey Niffenegger (Amazing! The Ed.)

*P.S. I Love You* – Cecelia Ahern

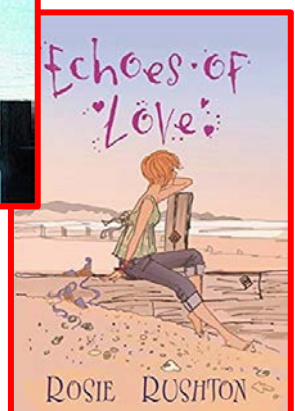
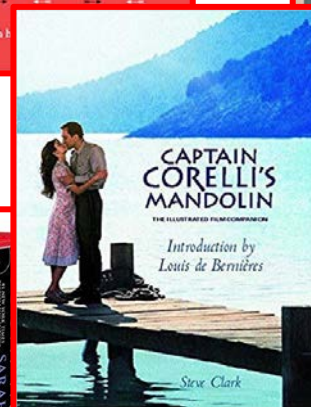
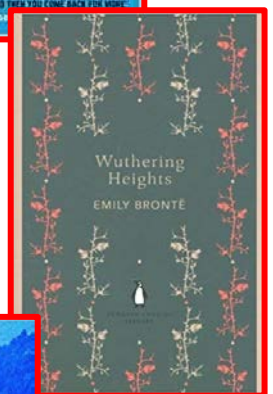
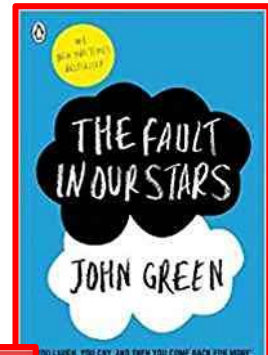
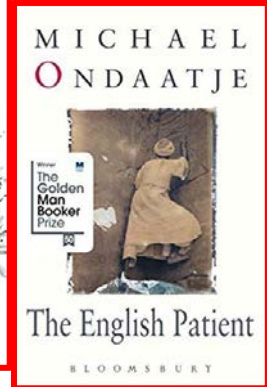
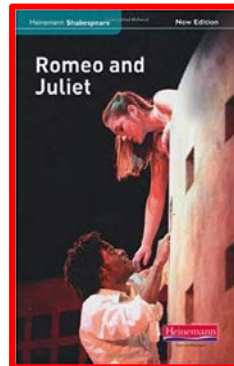
*Wuthering Heights* – Emily Bronte

*I'll Give You the Sun* – Jandy Nelson

*Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda* – Becky Albertalli

*The Fault in Our Stars* – John Green

**By Mrs Finlay, Librarian**

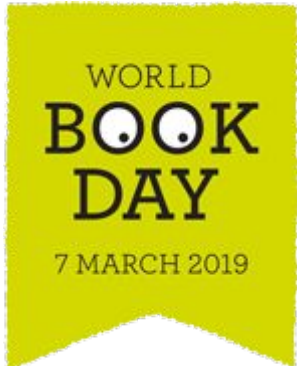




# World Book Day



World Book Day  
is on  
Thursday 7th March 2019



*For the event we are holding a Big Book Swap!*

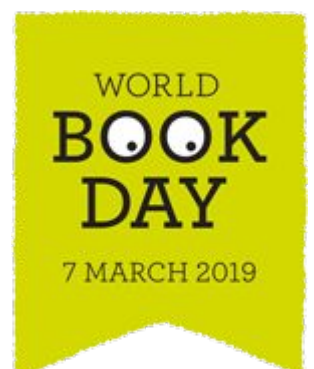
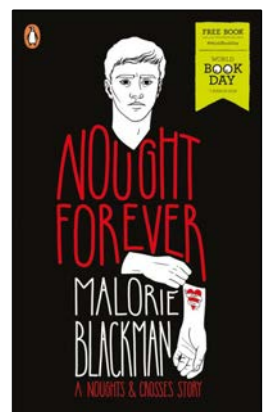
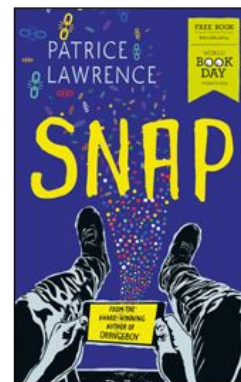
The Big Book Swap will be taking place in the library on World Book Day. Bring in your old books and swap them with friends for new **free** books! You are welcome to bring in books you don't want anymore, and leave them in the library anytime after half term.

*What will your book token get you this year?*

*Also, why not have a go at entering the 'Design a Book Token' competition:*

<https://www.worldbookday.com/competitions/make-your-mark-design-a-national-book-token-competition-2019/>

You can find entry forms in the library on Mrs Finlay's desk.





# Coming up...



**Chatter Valentine's Quiz**  
**24 February**  
*Prizewinners announced*

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**World Book Day**  
**7 March**  
*Mrs Finlay is hosting a Big Book Swap*

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**Year 7 Mediaeval Banquet**  
*Mr Baker rules, okay!*

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**Ellie's Kitchen**  
*Tasty morsels*

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**Part Two of Lilah & Stitches**  
*Club coming soon!*

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**More Competitions & prizes**

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**Bugsy Production**  
*Student performance*

