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# Words from the Editor



Well dear reader, this issue is certainly a celebration, and the best way to do that is with a delicious bit of cake.

We finally celebrated our first birthday with plenty of cake and, of course, a candle. There are so many Chatter reporters now, that it is hard to get a quarter of us together at any one time. Therefore, only the lucky few ate (more like vacuumed!) up the cakes on offer.

Just as we go to print, we celebrate our **very first charity bake sale**, this time in support of **The Cheerful Sparrows Ward Thanet**. One of our readers, Mrs Janice Lee Miller, was courageous in completing the London Marathon on behalf of the charity, so when asked, we jumped into action. The Chatterers have loved it so much, look out for our next Chatter Charity Bake Sale next term!

We have so many delightful articles with many Easter adventures and escapades so have as much fun reading as we have had putting this edition together for you.

Happy bank holiday weekend and half term, and we will see you all back on Monday 3 June.

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**Mrs Cronin, Mrs Finlay and Mrs Hutchings**



# Chatter's First Birthday!

That Guy, Jacob Cherry 11S



It truly is shocking to think one whole year has passed since our first edition. Especially as it still feels like yesterday when we had our original **Chatterers** charge into their notebooks marking off

everything we can do. But in the year we have had we gained many, many members. All of which are always raring to go and **get their articles done**. But especially to chow down on the biscuits. But truly, it is amazing.

When I first joined with the original dozen I thought it would be a simple fun way to pass the time. But was I wrong. It took but seconds for that to change. The crazy things that happen when DCGS Chatter gets on the warpath are quite outrageous. From a dozen interviews a day, to writing articles in minutes, we truly have a great and wonderful community. Always, and I do mean **always**, willing to lend a hand and having loads of fun in the process.

We have had many fascinating things happening this year, including our resident **animal-mad reporter**, our **Expert knitter**, our **baking**

**queen**, and many more people who we have in our arsenal who always seem to find some way to confound, yet entertain us, repeatedly.

In the **Chatter newspaper club** we have made **many memories**, created **friendships** and **unraveled mysteries**, and **panicked at the deadlines**. But one mystery always remains - **WHO ATE THE LAST BISCUIT?!**

But in all seriousness, it has been a wonder working with **so many wonderful people all year long**, and I would not change anything.

So, when you see the Chatterers, don't forget how much hard work they all put into giving you the next lovely and quirky edition to read. But it goes without mentioning, none of this would be possible without the woman who gives up large amounts of her time to make sure every edition is as good as it can be.

So, for that, and I think I can speak for all the Chatterers, we thank our founder, Mrs Hutchings, for the days (and nights!) of hard work she puts into every edition, and especially for making sure **the biscuit tin is always full!**





# Happy Birthday Chatter!



*Birthday cake is the only way to celebrate!*





# Chatter Charity Bake Sale



On Thursday 22 May we raised over £110.00 for Cheerful Sparrows!  
Thank you to everyone who supported our bake sale.





# Fantastic Fundraiser!



Mrs Janice Lee Miller - fundraising for The Cheerful Sparrows Thanet Charity



## ***This my the second time of running in the London Marathon.***

The first time was a ballot place in 2016 and I decided to run for a local charity in Ramsgate - **I raised £1,000!** It was amazing but very hard work putting in all the training. I didn't think I would ever want to run it again but for some reason last year I submitted my name into the ballot obviously never expecting to get another ballot place - but yes - I got another ballot place! I think this is almost unheard of so.... how could I not run!



I began my training on 11 January. **I have run through snow, frost, rain and sunshine... mainly in the cold and dark with my head torch on;** feeling pretty isolated and vulnerable...most of my running takes place around 6am!

I have again decided to raise funds to motivate me and do some good at the same time. The Cheerful Sparrows are based in Margate and they have an incredible history. They need funds so I do hope you will help me raise some money whilst I put in the leg work!

**The Cheerful Sparrows (formerly the Brotherhood of the Cheerful Sparrows) was founded during the Boer War.** Mr Sparrow, a friendly, popular porter at Honor Oak Railway Station joined the volunteer corps to fight in South Africa. There was no provision for his family whilst he was away, and so the **city commuters made regular weekly collections to support his wife and children.** This idea gained popular appeal and Cheerful Sparrow branches were formed countrywide, to provide financial help for the poor and needy.

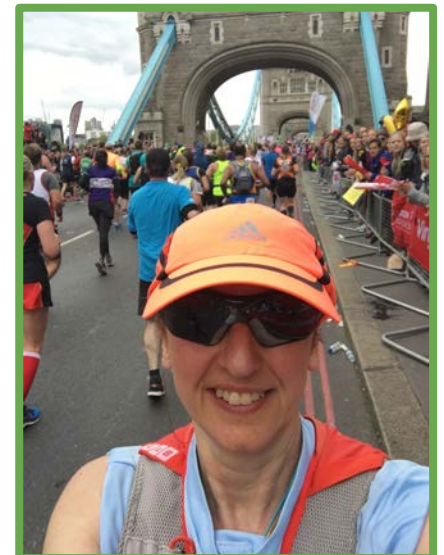


The Thanet (formerly Margate) branch was formed in 1925. It is believed that this branch is the sole remaining of the Cheerful Sparrows Charity.

**By 1939 The Cheerful Sparrows (Thanet) Charity had raised almost £25,000 of which £20,000 went towards building the Margate General Hospital.** As a thank you, and as a constant reminder, the Cheerful Sparrows Ward was named.

The Cheerful Sparrows (Thanet) Charity still supports all who live in Thanet who are in exceptional need and patients in the Cheerful Sparrow Wards by providing essential items.

***“Thank you for supporting the Chatter Bake Sale to raise more valuable funds for my chosen charity.”***





# Easter Egg Competition



Competition Guru Erica Cousins 8D

The 'Design an Easter Egg' competition was judged in The Conservatory by more than 30 students.

The winners were Tabitha Prince 9T with her clever 'Spot the Difference' entry, and Connie Chesters & Daisy Marsh 7D with their joint entry of an Easter bunny. The winners received Giant Cadbury's Mini Egg Easter Eggs. Aoife O'Sullivan 7S won a special prize for her entry featuring Albert Einswein, our school mascot! Take a look at the fun designs people entered - well done to everyone!





# Y10 in Herne Bay



Jessie Cherry 10B

On 3rd May 2019 Y10 Geography GCSE students went on a trip to Herne Bay. On arrival we walked along the coast and studied how effective the sea defences were. We looked at **rip rap, groynes and sea walls**. Also, we studied the **erosion on the cliffs due to physical and environmental factors**. We could see multiple layers in the cliffs, e.g. **London clay and sandstone**. Sea defences are placed in different locations along Herne Bay's coast depending on civilisation and buildings near the coast. After that, we worked out how effective the groynes were at **preventing coastal erosion**. We measured the distance and angles of the stones built up by the groynes showing us how effective they were, recording our results, and repeating this three times.



Herne Bay Pier - Then

**Groynes = a low walls/barriers built from a beach out into the sea stop erosion and drifting**

**Rip rap = granite boulders that break the energy of the waves**

Later on in the afternoon we carried out multiple tasks to do with the development of Herne Bay. One of our tasks was to do surveys with people, asking why they came to Herne Bay (holiday, work, etc.) and what they liked the most about it (pretty town, facilities, etc.). We also asked them that if they could improve one thing, what would it be. The most common answer was to **rebuild the pier** which was **destroyed by a storm in 1978**. Some places in Herne Bay were refurbished and improved very well, but some areas need a great deal of improving.



Herne Bay Pier - Now

***“Overall, the day was very good and we all learnt a lot about Herne Bay and coastal defences. Many people enjoyed lunchtime because we were able to buy ourselves chips, but people were not so impressed as it rained most of the day making everyone very wet!”***



# Diary of a Geographer



The 'not so wimpy' diary of Angel Foster 6B2

## Monday 20th May - Juniper Hall and Box Hill

Today, having been given a short introduction into geography fieldwork, we set off on our hike to Box Hill...After crossing the **winding country lanes and trekking along the beautiful, scenic country paths**, we made it onto the hill. We stopped to complete a brief environmental survey, to find that although the sights were that of **elegant rolling fields**, the humming and buzzing of traffic and trains could still be heard. We decided to **examine the effects of trampling on the environment in this area**; so after setting a 20m distance from the footpath, **we used open quadrats to measure the species coverage (%), maximum plant height, soil depth and temperature - for every 2m**. From our conclusions it was evident that trampling has affected the environment on the lower area of the hill. However, during our lunch break nearer to the top there was a sense of peaceful tranquility until...**the air became heavily polluted with the trap music being played by the 'lads'...**! Not to fear though, as peace was restored by **committed environmentalist and pro-geographer (also resilience trainer) - Mr Hutchings**, who set these so called 'yutes' straight.



## Tuesday 21st May - River Tillingbourne

The day began at 6:00am for early riser - **Dobbo**, who **"just wanted to enjoy a cuppa in the luvley country, innit sir"**, but in doing so managed to wake up, **'M Hutcho'**, as referred to by the lads...For the rest of us, we made our lunches then sat down for breakfast at 8.30am. Once we had breakfast, we set off in our minibuses for our first site on River Tillingbourne. **One driver (not naming any names) managed to stall the minibus when parking up (he did it twice in two days, think there is a trend)** - luckily for him there were no Surrey residents nearby. As we have learnt from this trip, the **residents of Surrey have very short-temper**s when driving around in their swish Land Rovers, back and forth from their lavish country mansions.



# Diary of a Geographer



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Our first site, was not far from the **River Tillingbourne** source in the woodlands of Leith Hill,. We were given a short briefing on how to use our equipment - 30m tape measure, metre rule, surveyors chain, river flow meter or a cork. This equipment was used to **measure the width of the river channel, depth of the water, wetted perimeter and water velocity**. This seemed like a simple task when given the demonstration, however, when faced with the wet, muddy river banks it proved to be more difficult. Our next site was at a privately owned farm, where we saw some **meanders and an 'oxbow scar'** which left many in bewilderment as they envisioned the river running through where they were now walking! We also came across **South-East England's deadliest plant... which when consumed could kill you in a space of 2 hours!** But "not to worry as long as you use some anti-bac gel on your hands after," they said - deadliest plant ever surrounding us, brushing against us as we enter the river but we're not to worry about it.



Jai & Angel measuring river gradient

We then stopped off in a lovely park and sat and had our lunches on the riverside...**Some of us also took this opportunity to catch a few rays and soak up that countryside sun!** Following on from this, we went into a small village in Surrey and enjoyed a refreshing ice cream in the sunshine, before jumping back into the now **deeper, colder river water**.

When we returned to Juniper Hall, we collected together our fieldwork data and photos of the day, and found a great photo capturing '**Spillers**' in his natural habitat amongst the green leaves of the trees, with a banana in hand, largely resembling our primate - the 'silverback' gorilla.



We then had some **free time, which most of us spent playing in the elite football match of Juniper Hall**, stand out man of the match (or older man of the match) was voted - '**Spillers**', who despite his age and physical ability, managed to **pull off some high-end tekkers and a solid hat trick!**

**Finley Jarman-Hugh and Cameron Macrae** stood out with their pro passes and skills, **Dobbo** with his quick feet, and '**Herbo-Cop**' with his pace...the game was a good end to our last evening at Juniper Hall. A great trip thanks to **Miss Morris (aka Mozza)** who constantly kept everyone's morales high and lifted the mood of the group, and also to Mr Spillett and Mr Hutchings!

**"South-East England's deadliest plant... which when consumed could kill you in a space of 2 hours! But "not to worry as long as you use some anti-bac gel on your hands after," they said!"**



# DCGS School Council



Jacob Cherry 11S, Thomas Cadby 7N, Oscar Whitehall 7S



## Who are we?

We are a group of people who put the students' view across, otherwise known as **'The Student Voice'**.

## What do we do?

- \* We take the view of the students on what can be changed around the school for the better.
- \* We go out of our way to make sure the students' voice is heard in this school so that we are as happy as we can be and in a safe and fair environment, along with doing what is right in making this school the best it can be.

## Where can you find us?

- \* We are all around the school - just look out for one of us.
- \* We do have badges so you can tell us apart (don't worry we don't bite!).

***"We are here for you and for the school and we will do our best to make this school as good as it can be, for students and teachers alike."***

## Discussions to date:

- \* How we could make ICE lessons more beneficial for the students by teaching them different and important things.
- \* How we could make the canteen better for both students and teachers.

**So, just remember, if you have something you want to change, just contact a member of the school council and we will argue your point.**



# STAGE FRIGHT



*Drama buffs, Mrs Radley and Mia*

## **A frightfully good performance had by all!**

On the 3 May I took my daughter, **Mia**, to the **Theatre Royal in Margate** after my ever-enthusiastic drama students gave me the hard-sell on coming to watch their latest performance, '**Stage Fright**'.



**Written and directed by Darren Hill and Jess Barrett**, the production was put on by the **Margate Youth Theatre** but it might as well have been a Dane Court production due to the amount of our very own students that made up the cast!

Deliberately performed on the second oldest stage in the country, this production was aptly centered around the **many ghostly legends and stories that haunt this intimate little theatre** and how a struggling manager opened the doors to avid ghost hunters in order to raise its profile! However, when an impressionable, young tech apprentice joins the theatre's backstage crew the team have to hide the truth behind the strange goings-on or else their jobs and the **theatre's future could be in jeopardy!** Once the fresh team of **ghoul-seeking enthusiasts** (with the odd skeptic) arrive at the theatre, everything is in place to give them the show they have been waiting for...however, not everything quite goes to plan as the crew's trickery is overtaken by things that really do go bump in the night!!! **Is the ghost of Auntie Pat really up to her old tricks again??**

**This laugh-a-minute show was full of kooky characters, hilarious one-liners and spooky jump-scares!** Myself and Mia loved it (she is only 7!), I laughed out loud on several occasions (with the odd snort!) and found myself looking over my shoulder when the tension built; **Ouija Boards mysteriously moving, lights flickering on and off, and possessed guests forced to dance the Rumba!**

*Dane Court cast members included; Tommy Askin, Olivia Jordan, Macey Boulton, Olly Keech, Sofia Williams, Rosa Williams, Annabel Sunshine-Harris, Lola Walton and Jamie Raven.*





# One Cheeky Kestrel!



Our wildlife reporter, Jenny Allan 8D



Cheeky kestrel...until it sat on my head!



Great Grey Owl - 'Dave'

Harris Hawk



**D**uring the Easter holiday I did a **Bird of Prey Experience at Betteshanger Park**, and I got to fly a **Harris Hawk**, a **Great Grey Owl**, another **Australian owl** and an **American Falcon**.

The birds were all fairly light in weight and the Great Grey Owl was also very fluffy.

The Harris Hawk decided to go and sit up a tree first and then fly to me.

The Great Grey Owl was called Dave, and **was a bit dopey**.

The Australian owl was actually very well behaved.

The American Kestrel was the youngest and was well behaved until **it sat on my head**.

Weirdly enough all of them liked hunting insects, especially bees even though **they got stung!**



An Australian owl

### Fun facts:

- Owls have a flap that they can put over their ear to block out any noise
- American Kestrels are one of the smallest kestrels and guess what, they live in America!
- Great Grey Owls have fluff/fur so thick and fluffy that they can happily fly in -20 degrees centigrade! Brrrrr!
- Harris Hawks, when diving downwards, can reach speeds of 120mph!



# My Easter in Japan!



*Our blossom, Erica Cousins 8D*



**Over the Easter Holiday I was lucky enough to go on a life changing holiday to Japan!**

My family saw so many beautiful sights, from the **cherry blossom in Kanazawa**, to the **bright lights of Tokyo**, and everything in between.

We had a great time for shopping in the young thriving parts of Harajuku, and the traditional ponchoto alley in Kyoto.

As a vegetarian, it was quite hard to find good food to eat every night, but there were some lovely spots that we found. We had **street food** for two nights that was completely new to me, and delicious. **I tried sugared yam!** We also had some of the **best noodles in Japan** on Ponchoto alley.

The most beautiful sights I have ever seen were in Japan, including, Mount Fuji (top left), the floating Torii gate, pictured above, and the zen gardens.



# Alpaca Easter



Escapee Ellie Golding 8H

**During the Easter holiday, I visited an alpaca farm in my caravan - Suzy Swift.**

We drove for just under two hours to get to the site; I kept myself occupied by watching Doctor Who in the car! When we arrived, we set up Suzy whilst **the alpacas just stood there watching us!** It was really funny because every time we went up to them **they would make a strange noise and just glare at you.**



On the first day, we had dinner out. I had a delicious burger at **Frankie and Benny's** before heading off to the cinema to watch **Captain Marvel**. Afterwards, my dad and I went on a really cool **Virtual Reality Gaming Headset** and played a pirate shootout game.

**DRAMA ALERT!** When we got back to the caravan, I went to the toilet and got locked in. I was screaming and shouting but the owner of the farm had his headphones in! **I was terrified.** Luckily, my mum was heading for the loo and saw me banging on the door. **I came out in floods of tears** and I was cheered up by feeding the ducks.

The next day, we got up early to visit the **Roald Dahl Museum** where I wrote a story and **won an Easter Egg**. We got back to the caravan and had **chilli for dinner** (*recipe on page 18*) before snuggling up in our PJs and watching a film.





# Journey to the Far East



Mr Hutchings - Geographologist

Mr and Mrs H and son, Heath, departed the UK from Gatwick South on 7 April, without a drone in the sky! After a 13 hour flight with Cathay Pacific we landed at **Hong Kong International Airport** in the morning, bought our Octopus cards (for public transport) and jumped on the A11 bus to Hong Kong Island, via Lantau and Kowloon.

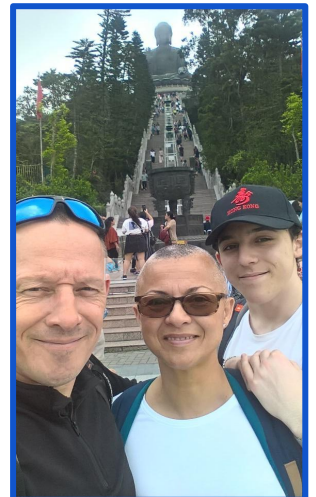


Third visit for the current Mrs H and number one son, fifth visit for Mr H. We had three days to explore this amazing city and these were the highlights. Clearly, we had to visit **The Peak, via the Peak Tram, running since about 1881**. Standing at 552m above sea level, the Peak is HK Island's highest mountain, a ticket to ride is HK\$37 (about £3.70). Amazing views from the top across the city, over **Victoria Harbour and Kowloon**, truly takes your breath away.



Next stop, the **Star Ferry**, an absolute must, and at just 25p a ticket, it will chug you over the harbour to the sights and sounds of Kowloon in about 15 mins flat! Then take a stroll along the Kowloon waterfront and **The Avenue of Stars, modelled on the Hollywood Walk of Fame**, located along the Victoria Harbour waterfront in Tsim Sha Tsui. It honours celebrities of the Hong Kong film industry. **A photo with the bronze statue of Bruce Lee is clearly not to be missed, legend!** In and out of the shops of Nathan Road before disappearing into the solitude and peace of Kowloon Park. We jumped on the ferry, back to Hong Kong Island and threw ourselves then into a taxi and shot down to Stanley, in the south of the island. A walk around the famous market before drinks and an evening meal outdoors, **overlooking Stanley Bay in the moonlight**.

Our last day and a ride on the MTR train out to **Lantau Island to visit the largest sitting Buddha in the world at the Po Lin Monastery**. To get there we rode on the **Ngong Ping 360 cable car, complete with a glass bottom** to get a bird's eye view of the mountains beneath our feet. From there, we jumped on a bus, swiping our Octopus cards, and rode to an **ancient fishing village on stilts called Tai O**. Here we saw traditional dried fish hanging everywhere along the narrow, bustling streets, **a pervading aroma of dried fish that one of us was not best pleased about!**



Last night and up to our Fortress Hill hotel rooftop and private viewing platform. **Wow, what a night time cityscape to behold!** Hong Kong in it all its glory and electricity lit up before us, with the harbour and east and west Kowloon glistening with lights into the distance. **There is no other place on Earth quite like it.** But, no time to lose. Down the stairs, into a lift and jump in a cab. 'To Happy Valley, please', we tell the driver...we're off to the Wednesday night horse races!



# Journey to the Far East



*Mr Hutchings - Geographologist (continued)*

How best to describe **Happy Valley race track**? A race course surrounded by skyscrapers, at night time, and with a huge grandstand along one side, which can only be described as something resembling a mighty cruise ship, lit up, gently sailing through the heart of the city! **Thousands of people, laughing, talking, shouting and screaming and waving their betting slips in the air as the horses thunder past.** Surreal just does not quite describe the scene. Needless to say, we had to lay down a few dollars, with bets on three races and several horses - it wasn't our night, but what a place.

We leave Hong Kong the next day on an afternoon flight south to Thailand And the **tropical island of Phuket**. We are delivered to our hotel in the south east corner of the island, Cape Panwa, our fourth visit to this lovely place. We stay in a hotel last visited six years before and our home for the next eight nights. Time now to **relax in the tropical sunshine, swim in the infinity pool overlooking a beautiful palm fringed bay with turquoise waters, lapping on the white sandy beach.**



We spend our days swimming, paddle-boarding and kayaking and take some trips out too. An important national festival coincides with our stay, **Songkran**. Thailand's most famous festival. An important event on the Buddhist calendar, this water festival marks the beginning of the **traditional Thai New Year**. Long story short, we spent two hours driving through the streets of Phuket Town in an old open sided bus, with **very large water guns, shooting at the thousands** of very, very happy, smiley local people in what was a mass water fight unlike nowhere else in the world!

Our two day hire car allows us to explore old haunts such as the Khao Khad viewpoint, giving spectacular views, and further afield we hunt down **a famous Wat (temple)** and another very large sitting Buddha atop a high hill near Chalong Bay. We spend our last day hiring a long tail boat from our beach and sailing out to **Coral Island for some private snorkelling** and then a few hours at Banana Beach for sunbathing and swimming. Mrs H unfortunately was attacked by a **vicious fish that bit her on the leg**, leaving a toothy imprint, in scenes reminiscent of a famous Spielberg film involving a large shark. Mrs H, stoic as ever, staggered back to shore to live another day, and photographic evidence of the wound is available on request.

Our holiday draws to an extended conclusion, as **large electrical storms** and heavy rain across southern China and Hong Kong, mean our return flights via HK are delayed a number of times meaning we arrive back to **Paradise Isle (Thanet!)** two days late. But, more memories forged and experiences together enjoyed once more in the Far East.



# My Mablethorpe Trip



Mrs Cronin, SEN

Look who it is!



## Mablethorpe Seal Sanctuary & Wildlife Centre, Lincolnshire

Mablethorpe Seal Sanctuary is a sanctuary and wildlife centre for **rescued seals and other animals** that need a bit of tender loving care before being returned to the wild, if that is an option for them, or a new forever home to enjoy.

Last time I visited Mablethorpe Seal Sanctuary in Lincolnshire, was with these three handsome looking chaps in the photograph above when I was a teenager. Back then (in the old days) it was just a rescue centre and hospital for injured seals. It was extremely small compared to the expansion they have now consisting of **meerkats, primates, birds of prey** and many more! Distinctly, I remember there were two seal pups there - Nooky and Popeyes - **both were blind with sad stories to tell**, but I was pleased to see they are still there, going strong, and guiding each other through life.

It was really nice to take my own children to somewhere I went when I was younger, letting them see the amazing work these people still do to protect these magnificent creatures of the sea.

My photographic skills aren't the best, so if you would like to know more about this wonderful place please visit [www.thesealsanctuary.co.uk](http://www.thesealsanctuary.co.uk)





# Ellie's Kitchen

Our creative chef Ellie Golding 8H

Our family  
camping  
favourite!

## Chilli con Carne

(also suitable for vegetarians)

### You will need:

1 small onion (I use a handful of leek)  
2 cloves of garlic  
250g of mince, Quorn or peppers  
400g tin of chopped tomatoes  
1 beef, lamb or vegetable stock cube  
1-2 tsp chilli powder - I use one  
400g tin of baked beans  
Rice to serve with it & tortilla chips, guacamole, salsa and sour cream



### Method:

1. Heat a little oil in a frying pan, fry the onions and garlic for 1 minute.
2. Put a pan of water on the hob to boil (this is for the rice).
3. Add the mince and cook until no longer pink.
4. If the water in the other pan has boiled, add the rice - this must be cooked at the same time as it takes about 12 minutes .
5. Crumble the stock cube in a cup/bowl and add to the frying pan.
6. Put in the tin of tomatoes and chilli powder.
7. Cook for 10 minutes.
8. Add the beans and cook for a further minute.
9. Serve the chilli with rice and accompaniments then ENJOY!

**Send a picture of your finished dish to  
[17egolding@danecourt.kent.sch.uk](mailto:17egolding@danecourt.kent.sch.uk)**



**\*\*Classified\*\***



*The Ravenmeister 9S*

### **Mission Briefing for Enigmatic Dr Pandora**

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Over the past two years, each monster assigned to Charlotte Dower has been forced to **resign within the first two nights**. The Under-Bed Monster Corporation has been unable to determine the cause of this emergency, but **the case has been declared a crisis** and we regret to inform that any more failed attempts ensure the assigned agent may be subject to **termination of employment**, and the case will be both abandoned and struck from the records.

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- Agent Vampire Tiny-Kicking, employee of the month at the time.
- Agent Hairystench Clawbob, emergency responder.
- Agent Gloomy-Knit Nightmare, current holder of the record for monster children serviced.
- Agent Chase-Knife the Frozen Warlock, an experienced agent who had been with the company for 11 years.
- Agent Lurking Skull-Thief, winner of the **Brutal Creature Award for Best Scare 2015**.
- Captain Vigilante Lumberjack, head of company 2008-2019.

Due to increasing pressure from the Board of Governors and the general public, the Special Operations Division were sent to investigate the cause and nature of the emergency. Out of the five agents sent, only one returned, **unmarked but severely traumatised**. The agent is now in the Intensive Care Ward of St Wolbodo's Hospital after a medically induced coma was implemented to treat prolonged seizures. He was unable to recount his experiences.

A plan of the bedroom is attached, and the houseplan alongside it. The environment seems only to present **the usual hazards: parents, a large dog and younger sibling** with their own assigned agent, Agent Snarling Mountain-Devil, an experienced agent who has been nominated for the job by the Board of Governors. He has been instructed to provide assistance if requested, but his primary concern will be the scaring of Dower's younger sibling, and his capacity for assistance is exhaustible.

You must not, under any circumstances, engage the child. **She has proven to be dangerous** and any attempts at communication, association or scaring has a very low chance of success, and would be **potentially fatal**. The mission is reconnaissance only, and should the agent change priorities, in the unlikely event of the agent's unharmed survival, they will be terminated from employment immediately and a second agent sent.



# The Legacy of Anne Frank

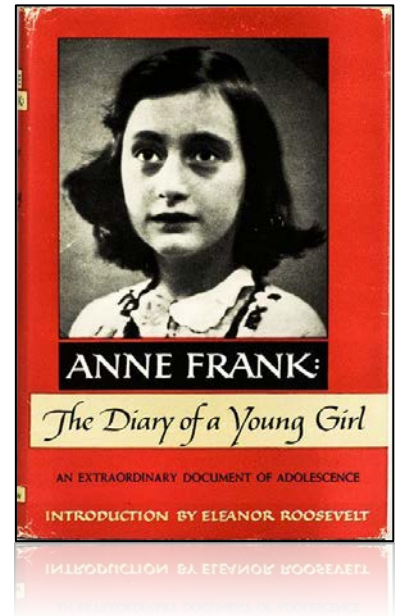


Our bookworm, Grace Williams 9S

## Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl

Before I can start my review there are a few things that I think are important to talk about; at this point everybody knows about Anne Frank, and the **Secret Annex behind the bookcase**, but for those who do not, the lightning quick version of why she's so famous is this...

Anne was a German-Jewish teenager during the Second World War. To avoid prosecution her family went into hiding shortly after her 13th birthday, along with another family called the van Pels and a man called Fritz Pfeffer. On the 4th of August 1944, the members of the Secret Annex were discovered, split up, and sent to concentration camps. **Anne and her sister Margot died of typhus in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.** Anne's father was the only member of the family to survive the war, and he then went on to publish his daughter's diary as it had always been Anne's dream to be a writer. Soon after the book was published, the hiding place was turned into a museum. Thousands of people visit the Anne Frank house everyday and **Anne's diary has sold millions of copies worldwide.**



**It is very rare to find a book like this**, both inspiring and gut wrenching at the same time. Because of the way Anne writes, it is very easy to empathise with her. Anne's diary is a very raw and **real reminder of the events of the Second World War.** Through Anne's daily musings and reflections of life in the Annex, we observe **her once care-free attitude grow increasingly solemn** and thoughtful. The striking change in her outlook forms a compelling and insightful perspective on **the atrocities of The Holocaust.** Whilst reading the entries in which she spoke about her ambition to be a writer, I began to wonder how she would react if she knew how big of an impact her diary would have.

**“I think that the most touching part of her life is her legacy and the way that people now know how those in hiding lived.**

**It is crucial that Anne's story is never forgotten.”**



# Library Update



Leading librarian, Jamie Raven 9S

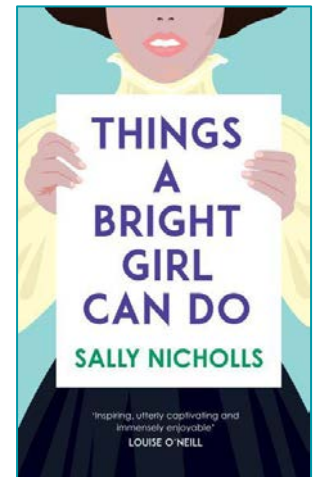
## What's been going on?

**The Carnegie Awards** are awards given out yearly for outstanding books for young people. Previous winners include *The Turbulent Term Of Tyke Tiler*, *Skellig*, *Northern Lights* and *Watership Down*.

And this year, Dane Court is helping judge the nominees:



The land of never endings is a wonderful story of a young girl whose sister died. Emily discovers a magical world of living toys just days after this tragic event. When she confides in her neighbour, Ruth, they find out that they have been seeing the same things. Ever since her sister, Holly, died, Emily had lost her best friend, her happiness and she was struggling at school. This is the story of how she overcomes all of this drama and gains more friends than before. By Ellie



**Check your lockers for library books too: we're kind of running out and we haven't seen some of them for years!**

The story of *The House with Chicken Legs* was great, and was filled with magic and mystery. The themes around the story gave it an amazing vibe and atmosphere that made reading it even more fun. The story was well written and could pull you from where you were, and into the story. By Madel 9S



Let's start off by saying the obvious. This is a good book, which I greatly enjoyed reading. The thing that I found most enjoyable was following the lives, and the different lifestyles of the three girls in the story, Evelyn, May and Nell. By Lilah 7N

### **Book of the Term: *Montmorency* by Eleanor Updale**

















A new guest has just checked into the Marimion Hotel. He's tall and handsome, beautifully spoken and perfectly turned out - just the kind of classy visitor the hotel manager loves. Perhaps he'd change his mind if he could see the scars hidden by the fancy clothes or looked a bit closer at the gentleman's faithful but sinister servant Scarper. **Who is Montmorency?** How do a terrible accident, a prison sentence, an ambitious young doctor and a map of the city sustain his identity? And for how long?

**Word of the term:**  
**Bloviator**  
**Someone who speaks for hours without actually saying anything useful.**

Warning: This page is not intended to actually be helpful. I just wanted to make an Endgame page because this was the only spoiler-free thing I could think of!

# Who do you need to know before Endgame?

The Ravenmeister 9S

<p><b>Tony Stark</b></p> 	<p><b>Thor</b></p> 	<p><b>Dr Stephen Strange</b></p> 	<p><b>Loki</b></p> 
<p>Iron Man Currently alive on Titan <i>Fun Fact:</i> He is, amazingly enough, Iron Man.</p>	<p>...Thor Currently alive on Earth <i>Fun Fact:</i> According to Charlie, Thor isn't thick.</p>	<p>Doctor Strange Killed in the Snap <i>Fun Fact:</i> Pretty much omniscient, but neglects to share anything with us, <i>dammit</i>.</p>	<p>Loki Killed by Thanos <i>Fun Fact:</i> No, this time he is <i>actually</i> dead. He wouldn't fake his death three times.</p>
<p><b>Steve Rogers</b></p> 	<p><b>Bruce Banner</b></p> 	<p><b>Natasha Romanoff</b></p> 	<p><b>Gamora</b></p> 
<p>Captain America Currently alive on Earth <i>Fun Fact:</i> His beard was the saddest death in the entire MCU.</p>	<p>The Hulk Currently alive on Earth <i>Fun Fact:</i> He thought it was a good idea to name the only suit that can stop him 'Veronica.'</p>	<p>Black Widow Currently alive on Earth <i>Fun Fact:</i> She is neither black nor widowed.</p>	<p>Gamora Killed by Thanos <i>Fun Fact:</i> They ask where and who and why she is, but never care about how she is.</p>
<p><b>Clint Barton</b></p> 	<p><b>Scott Lang</b></p> 	<p><b>Carol Danvers</b></p> 	<p><b>T'Challa</b></p> 
<p>Hawkeye Currently alive on Earth <i>Fun Fact:</i> The memes either portray him as Useless Arrow Guy™ or Exhausted Dad™.</p>	<p>Antman Currently alive in the Quantum Realm. <i>Fun Fact:</i> It is impossible for Y9s to watch the 1996 Romeo &amp; Juliet without thinking of Antman.</p>	<p>Captain Marvel Currently alive in space <i>Fun Fact:</i> The most powerful character in the MCU. But only men are allowed to say that, apparently.</p>	<p>Black Panther Killed in the Snap <i>Fun Fact:</i> That Wakanda forever Salute probably lasted a month before it got boring.</p>
<p><b>Peter Parker</b></p> 	<p><b>Rocket</b></p> 	<p><b>Peter Quill</b></p> 	<p><b>Thanos</b></p> 
<p>Spiderman Killed in the Snap. <i>Fun Fact:</i> He won't be coming back. It's not like he has an upcoming film.</p>	<p>Rocket Raccoon Currently alive on Earth <i>Fun Fact:</i> He is not actually a raccoon. Do not call him a raccoon. Not after last time.</p>	<p>Star-Lord Killed in the Snap <i>Fun Fact:</i> This entire film is him really hating his future father-in-law.</p>	<p>Evil Space-Grape Alive, goddammit <i>Fun Fact:</i> Those scratches on the chin? Those were Goose the Flerkin. Hopefully.</p>



# Stormzy v Swift v



giving  
nature  
a home

Jenny Allan 8D



Trying to top the charts were **Stormzy** and **Taylor Swift** and along comes the RSPB with some bird song. The **RSPB recorded bird music** from birds across the country: *common wood pigeons, cuckoos, house sparrows, tree creepers, goldfinches*, just to name a few. At first it looked like it was just Stormzy and Taylor Swift were the only two in a chart battle then bird music flew in.  
**Woop! Woop!**

The RSPB made the 2.31 minute long song to highlight the issue of **165 British bird species critically endangered** - even common birds you hear everyday could be **extinct in 20 years!**

In the end, Stormzy won the chart battle with sales and streams of **'Vossi Bop'** reaching a staggering 94,495! Swift's **'ME!'**, got to #2. However, **'Let Nature Sing'**, made chart history and reached #11!

**Do your bit for nature and download it NOW!**

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/campaigning/let-nature-sing/>



# These will Quack you up!



Resident Ornithologist and Joker, Jenny Allan 8D

Q: What type of maths do birds do?



**A: Owlgebra**

Q: How did the bird break into the house?

**A: With a crowbar**

Q: What language do geese speak?

**A: Portugeese**

Q: What do birds like in their soup?



**A: Crowtons**

Q: Why is a roast chicken and a sofa similar?



**A: They both have stuffing**

Q: Where does bird royalty live?

**A: Duckingham Palace**

Q: How many birds does it take to change a lightbulb?

**A: Toucan do it**



Q: What soap do birds use?

**A: Dove**





# Garden Kit Request



Conservatory Champion, Erica Cousins 8D



## The Conservatory @ Dane Court

Staff and students have started a potted garden outside our school conservatory. It is a lovely bright space indoors and now that we are getting outside more, we are getting stuck in with planting. If you have any old gardening equipment you no longer require, it would be fantastic if you could donate it to our new project. Pots and compost are also greatly appreciated and would really help.

**For more information or to make a donation please email Mrs Holmes at [holmes@danecourt.sch.uk](mailto:holmes@danecourt.sch.uk)**

