



## New Year = New House Captains

It's a new year & a new century! This new year brings a lot of new things. One of the main things to be excited about is the new house captains! The new house captains will be reigning for just under an academic year, from January until December. Look below for the first reveal of who these wonderful captains are.... The chatter team would like to congratulate each & everyone of them on their new role, thank those who were kind enough to be interviewed by us and most of all we wish them the best of luck!

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### Sorrento:

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# Words from the Editor



**Can you believe** it is the end of another term... and we are halfway through the school year **already!!** We have had so much fun in this short term it has been hard to fit everything in!

This term **Year 9** have held their annual **Valentines Bistro**, please see pages 11-12 for some fantastic pictures & write ups. Our reporters have been busy reviewing various Tv shows, films and productions they have watched in the cold winter months. They can't wait to get out into the spring sunshine next term to give you more reviews.

We recently held our bake sale in support of **TAG Pet Rescue** and raised an **amazing £72**. Look out for our next Charity Bake Sale on the **5th March 2020** raising money for a fellow student of ours who is currently receiving treatment at a London hospital, we here at Chatter thought we would like to help the student and their family out with their travel costs as it can be incredibly expensive! So please come along and support us.

Enjoy reading this edition and we shall look forward to seeing you all back in school on **Monday 24th February 2020**

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# House Captain Interviews



Chatter reporters decided to interview the new house captains from **Barcelona**, **Helsinki** & **Neuchatel**.

The **Helsinki** house captains were asked...**What made you want to be a house captain?**

Luke: I looked up to them in year 7 and wanted to be one of them one day.

Caitlyn: Wanted to be able to interact with the younger years and help them.

Olivia: I think i get along with other people and have good organizational skills.

**Are you going to draw from the mistakes of the past and not do activities that aren't as popular (E.G. Bin Bag Fashion)?**

All agreed they must listen to the houses suggestions and change games that people liked and disliked. " We will try to evolve the competition to be more enjoyable for all years and types of people. We want to follow in the previous years house captains footsteps and lead the team to **VICTORY!!** "

**Barcelona** house captains were so enthusiastic in their interview, we couldn't stop them talking!

When asked "**what would you like to achieve from your roles?**" They all agreed that to make Barcelona a better community house for everyone so they would feel comfortable and work better. Also, I would like to encourage teamwork so the house can work together. As well as this, they would like the KS3 students to enjoy their school life, become more confident & to not see the older students as scary.

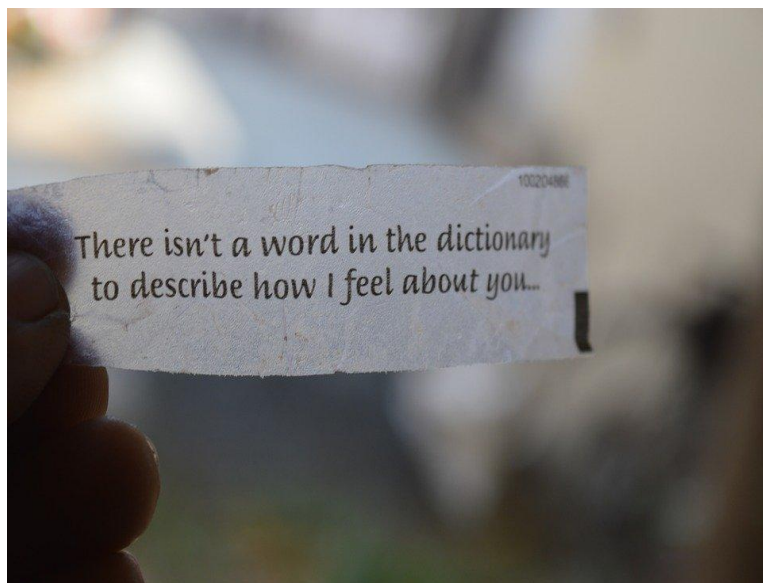
Why do you think you were chosen for this role? was the next question asked and each captain had a very individual reply... **Lottie** stated she thought she was elected as she is "an energetic and vibrant person and would be capable of supporting and encouraging people around me." **James** said he is "confident and likes teamwork. I believe in honesty and I am proud that I didn't lie in my effort to get elected as house captain." **Izzy** said that she is "a hard worker who will try her best to fulfil the position and live up to everyone's expectations. I put effort into everything I do to get the results I want!

When **Neuchatel's** house captains were interviewed they were asked: **Why did you apply to be house captains?**We really wanted to have the position to see how enthusiastic people are whilst working together and meeting new people & to improve the house community. **What mistakes have been made in the past that you wish to correct?** We hope to include a lot more activities and students in the house events, Sports seem most popular for these.



## Cupid's arrow by Hayden West 7T

When you find the one,  
It's not for fun,  
You feel that pierce in your  
heart,  
You want to look smart,  
And you think, letters start  
with abc,  
And love starts with you  
and me,  
The path is narrow,  
You know it's Cupid's Arrow





# Valentines Day

Chocolate is an amazing present!!!

You don't need a day to celebrate love. Just actually love someone all year.  
- -Jamie

Make your loved one their favourite meal

Valentines is a time to spend time with loved ones.  
-Dylan

Valentine's day is just like any other day for me.  
-Jan

*Is it important??*  
*Student views, opinions & ideas on what to give as gifts.*

Flowers or Jewellery

Valentine's day is when some couples get all *smoochy-woochy* and *lovey-dovey*.(o-o) and all <3 <3 <3. bleh.

Valentine's day is for expressing LOVE to each other (*Even though you do that all year anyway*) -  
Ellie

VALENTINE'S DAY IS A DAY WHERE PEOPLE CELEBRATE THE POWER OF *Love*.  
Laksija

Valentines day *sucks* because I am *lonely* so I cry.  
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Abigail

It's a nice opportunity for people to spend quality time together

Personalised gifts such as a canvas/ mug

Enjoy a family meal out together.



# Doctor Who... My Review



By Cameron Melloy, 7N

As a whovian (a big fan of Doctor Who) I felt it crucial to write this article at some point. I've decided to do a review as a description would include too many spoilers (maybe). I will start off at season 1 on Netflix, which is the 9th Doctor. Christopher Eccleston played the role well, but I'm not a huge fan of this series. Despite this, some people love season 1 the best. I am not going to spoil their favourite doctor or season.

The 10th doctor (David Tennant) is amazing (maybe because he is in Harry Potter as Barty Crouch Jr.) Again not the best in the entire seasons but it is better than Christopher Eccleston!

The 11th Doctor (Matt Smith) is next. Still not the best Doctor the way I see it. He is probably one of the most comedic Doctors, but other Doctors are better, well one as this is 2nd place!

The 12th Doctor simply sums up AMAZING. Played by Peter Capaldi, it was a nice surprise to see the Doctor as an old character.

The recent age has seen a development in general equality to the gender, a Female Doctor has appeared. Jodie Whittaker takes no. 3 spot on the list.

## An old school view Of Doctor Who

By Mrs Huckstep

Jodie Whittaker is a great choice to be the first female Doctor Who. However, she has been let down by poor, confusing stories and poor special effects.

As a small child I have vivid memories of watching Doctor Who and having to hide behind the settee because the aliens scared me so much. To me, they were terrifying! But that was 50 years ago. Things were simple then, we didn't have advanced visual effects.

With the huge advance of special effects surely the BBC could provide this much loved character with more realistic monsters and aliens. Plastic masks, fake hands and rubber feet are not authentic in this day and age. Acceptable fifty years ago, but not now. At this rate the BBC are going to lose valuable viewer and Doctor Who will be put on hold ...again.

Bring back David Tennant style scripts, alongside Matt Smith's believable villains, Peter Capaldi's wiseness with Jodie's enthusiasm and the BBC will have a great format. Let's wait and see...



# Star wars: Rise of the Skywalker review



By Oliver Norton 7N

Last year on the 19th December 2019 the next and last Star Wars film from this saga got released in cinemas, All star wars fans hope this incredible story will be continued in some way. This saga was first started by George Lucas back on the 27th of December 1977. This film has gathered a huge fan base since the very beginning. Star Wars Rise of Skywalker had brought excitement to every star wars fan. In fact a new video game was released because of this historic film series.

Directed by J.J.Abrams this film is the third from the sequel trilogy following the original six. This film is amazing and is my favourite star wars film. Although this film answers many questions about Star Wars it still leaves many, and creates many more questions.



## What is the best song of all time?

By Hadley Morris 7H

There are many millions of songs, indeed Spotify has over **50 MILLION** songs and is adding more all the time. Then there are all the different types of music, according to Gleen McDonald there are genres 1,264 of popular music in 2019. The first instruments have been dated back to 40,000 years old. Before the 20th century, only the upper class had time to listen to music. In the 20th century, classical music was introduced and it tended to become popular. It was only in the 60s that average people took it upon themselves to create their own music that became popular music by the consumers themselves. This means I will be using results from 1950 and above that year. To work out the best song of all time I will take the most popular genre from every 10 years and find the most popular song of that time and genre and then find the most popular genre on average.

1940-1950: Swing music was the most popular genre, Swing is a type of Jazz, the most popular song was "TAKE THE A TRAIN" according to Spotify.

1950-1960: Hard Rock was the most popular music genre, Hard Rock has many elements of rock'n'roll and made it heavier, the most popular song was "Born to be Wild" according to Google.

1960-1970: Rock 'n' Roll was the most popular music genre, Rock 'n' Roll evolved from genres like Gospel and Country, the most popular song was "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head" according to Google.

1970-1980: Rock was the most popular music genre, Rock started as Rock 'n' Roll but changed over time, the most popular song was "Another one bites the Dust" according to Google.

1980-1990: Hip-Hop was the most popular music genre, Hip-Hop contains a lot of Rap in it, the most popular song was "It was a good Day" according to Google.

1990-2000: Contemporary R&B was the most popular music genre, Contemporary R&B contains Pop and Hip Hop, the most popular song was "Be Without You" according to Google.

2000-2010: Hip Hop was the most popular music genre AGAIN, Hip Hop contains lots of Rap in it, the most popular song was "Love The Way You Lie" according to Google.

2010-2020: Hip Hop/Rap for a third time, Hip Hop contains a lot of Rap in it, the most popular song of 2020 is "Someone you Loved" according to Official Charts with "Old Town Road taking a close second.

"Stairway to Heaven" is the most popular rock song ever and "The Message" is the most popular Hip Hop/Rap song ever. "The Message" has 20,777,530 plays on Spotify and "Stairway to Heaven" has an almighty 383,960,901 plays on Spotify, Giving us the most popular song ever "Stairway to Heaven". As it is the most popular song ever, that must mean that it is the best or people wouldn't listen to it over and over again.



# Music Production 1.0



**Joe Baker 8D**

Now don't get me wrong, I am far from being a professional music producer, but it's a personal hobby of mine that in my opinion, I am half decent at. In these articles, I will try to show you some of the stuff, and techniques you need to make good music. It's quite hard to explain but I will try my best, let's get in!

## Stuff you should probably get

Music production is less expensive than you think, half of the stuff here is optional, you only need some of it. I started off with just the Midi Device (which came with software).

### Midi Device

This is basically anything your DAW can recognise as an input device, these are usually keyboards but can exist in other forms as well, like a drum pad or a launchpad. But midi keyboards are the standard. These can also be bundled with software like Ableton so shop wisely.



### Audio Interface and Mic

These are if you want to record real instruments into your tracks, they also are able to boost audio quality if you plug speakers into them. Headphones are useful if you have other people around or if you don't have speakers. Stick to actual headphones opposed to earplugs or anything like that.

### Digital Audio Workstation

Also known as a DAW, this is basically music software which controls all of the other stuff you have, you also use it to do virtually everything on, so this one is a must have. I personally use one called Ableton and in my opinion, it is one of the best ones, but find one that works for you.

## Starting your first track

So you made it! Incredible Job! You now have all the equipment required to begin the process of making music!

### Getting Inspired

You can't make a song without knowing first what you are going to make, a good way to get inspired is to actively listen to other songs and pick out what you like about them. Sometimes it is OK to borrow a riff from another song, as long as you change it enough to remain original. I always get my ideas for songs by inputting random notes and changing them afterwards to make them sound nice. If you come back a bit later and realise you don't like what you have made, it's always ok to start again, because if you don't like your song, the odds are other people won't like it either.

### The Starting Point

Knowing what to start is one thing, but knowing where to start is another. A good place to start is by creating a drum beat. But where you start is really up to you. I personally start with the baseline and perfect that before working on anything else. But whatever works for you is fine. After you've done that, slowly add in the different elements of the song, through either manually inputting in notes, or by playing them in on a MIDI input device.

### Editing

So you've got all of the key parts recorded right? Good, now we can get onto editing. First step in editing is making sure all of the notes in your individual tracks and instruments are properly in tune, so they are all in the same key. If you don't know how to figure out the key it's in, check what note it starts on or observe what notes are being used and check its uniform throughout your song. If it sounds bad, it's probably out of tune. Fix the problem and keep going..... **To Be Continued...**





# The Piano inspired by Aidan Gibbons



*Michaela Murphy 7N*

I placed my fingers on the pristine white keys and gently pushed. The first note echoed around the room and flowed into every corner. The song I was about to play always brought me back and plunged me into the raging ocean of memories, but as fierce as these memories are they are also as intricate, beautiful and dainty as a spiders web. I took a deep breath filling my lungs with air. I braced myself and dove in, the notes collided and I became one with the piano. A song so sweet yet, also so tragic. Then as the floodgates open, the memories come rushing in.

She was there beside me in her warm pale-pink cardigan, smiling at me. Our hands linked and intertwined and we began to tell our tale through the piano. We played of something so exquisite yet so full of melancholy. We played of when we first met to the day when I sat with her in the hospital watching the monitor keep rising and descending steadily until it stopped... I felt a hot tear escape my eye and roll down my face. I glanced down to where it fell and saw our engagement ring on her finger. My eyes left the smooth ivory keys and drifted back up to her face, she looked at me, her eyes so full of love and softly kissed my cheek. Then she faded away taking my heart with her.

Before I could recover another memory hit me. A helmet appears on my head and my clothes change to a camouflage colour. A gun appears in my hands, the weight of it can't compare to the weight of the lives it's taken. Glancing around I spot my friend he bends down stepping out from the wall that's shielding us from the gunfire.

I scream my voice full of anguish, "No!"

He looks at me and all I can do is watch his face as the bullets hit him. I rush over to him pulling him behind the wall. I hold his face in my hands and watch as the light slips away and the life disappears.

Just before the last sliver of light vanishes he says, "Make every moment count. . ."

Then the colour in his face drains away and his eyes are left open. I take one hand and carefully close his lifeless eyes and look up to the charcoal-grey sky. When I finally look down I'm back at the piano.

I close my eyes and the last memory comes flooding in. A box in front of me. I quickly rip open the packaging only to reveal a hobby-horse. I slowly take it out and hop on, I can imagine the wind in my hair and in my horses mane. Together we run miles away from troubles from home away from it all. The last present from my parents.

When I open my eyes again I see my grandson so full of energy playing with my old toy. I can't help but wonder what he is fantasizing about. He runs up and hops on to the bench; right next to me. He looks at me with big brown eyes and as I play my final chord he plays his first note.

## **Dane Court Radio & Tech Team Sleep out !!**

On Friday 7th February Dane Court's very own Radio & Tech team had a sponsored sleep over at school. (Do they not have homes to go to!!!) Whilst they were busy moving and organising their equipment around, they also had time to paint the theatre and other parts of the school.

Of course they had fun at the same time, ordered pizza, played card games, cooked their own breakfast in the morning. It was an amazing evening for all involved!

Why would they be doing this I hear you asking? Dane Court Radio are organising events in an attempt to raise vital funds for new equipment, in order to allow technology and radio based activities to continue at the school in the future. Last year they took part in a sponsored cycle and there are many more events arranged to look forward to. If you would like to help raise some funds, you can donate by visiting

**[GoFundMe.com/dcgs2020](https://www.gofundme.com/dcgs2020)**



## Sausage and Bacon Casserole

Pack of 6 Sausages  
1 tbsp Oil (To Fry)  
1 Small Onion - I use Spring Onion or Leek  
2 cloves Garlic  
150g Green Beans  
400g Chopped Tomatoes  
2 Rashers of Bacon  
125g Mushrooms (Optional)  
1 tbsp Tomato Purée  
400g Baked Beans  
Beef Oxo Cube



Heat a little oil in a pan and fry the sausages. Take out of the pan and leave to one side.  
Fry the bacon until golden brown and put to the side.  
Drain any excess oil, then fry the onions, garlic, mushrooms and green beans for 2-3 mins.  
Season well with salt.  
Add the tinned tomatoes, tomato purée and oxo cube. Cook for 5 mins.  
Cut the sausages and bacon into smaller bits and add them to the pan along with the beans.  
When ready, serve with potato or rice.



## Royal Shakespeare Company 'AS YOU LIKE IT' Review

After school on Thursday 30th January, some members of the school drama club watched 'As You Like It' at The Marlowe Theatre. Our RSC project this year will be the comedy 'As You Like It' (Following on from last years associate schools production - Romeo and Juliet). To learn a bit more about it, Mr Stanley, Mrs Radley and Mr Morris organized us an amazing trip to go and watch it!

The excitement started when I finished my music lessons in Canterbury to go and meet the group at the theatre. When I arrived, I was greeted by everyone before taking my seat in THE STALLS - we had a great view of the stage. I sat next to my friend Grace; another shakespeare mega fan. Stanners and Raddles (Mrs Radley) were behind me (don't tell them but they laugh really loud!). The show was incredible. The set was really symbolic and the actors were fab!

I would give you a summary of the story but it is the most confusing thing to explain ever! All you need to know is: Rosalind, who is disguised as a boy shepherd, and her cousin escape into the forest to find Orlando, Rosalind's love. She eventually reveals herself and they marry. There are also many other plots including not just one but three different marriages.

Overall, I thought it was extremely funny and I would recommend going to watch it if you get the chance!





# My favourite romance songs from Musical theatre

By Grace Williams 10S

As long as you're mine - Wicked

All I ask of you - Phantom of the Opera

Only us - dear Evan Hansen

When he sees me - Waitress the Musical

A little fall of rain - Les Miserables

Helpless - Hamilton

The next ten minutes - The last five years

Seventeen - Heathers the Musical

I can hear the bells - Hairspray

We go together - Grease

Seventeen - Heathers the Musical



# My favourite couples from non rom-com/ romance films



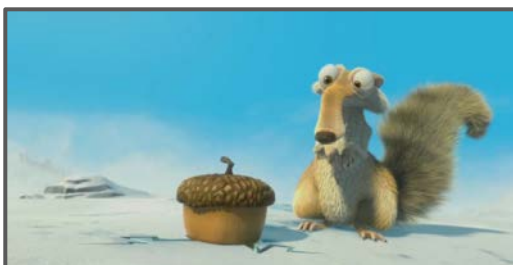
**GOOD WILL HUNTING** :- Will Hunting and Skylar are one of the best couples ever put to film, they both have realistic flaws but they bring out the best in each other and have a genuine connection.



**UP**:- Carl and Ellie - this couple are mostly famous for the stunning and heartbreaking opening to their film, whilst Ellie isn't predominantly in the main bulk of the film, Carl's love for her continues, and the grief he goes through during the film shows just how deeply they cared for each other.



**ADDAMS FAMILY** :- Morticia and Gomez - It's very rare that you'll find a married couple that are still as into each other as Morticia and Gomez, however they are both incredibly in love and they are doting parents to Wednesday and Pugsley.



**ICE AGE**:- Scratch and his acorn - I mean... there's not really much more to say about scratch and his acorn, he would and has gone to the end of the earth for it..... You'll get your acorn someday Scratch!

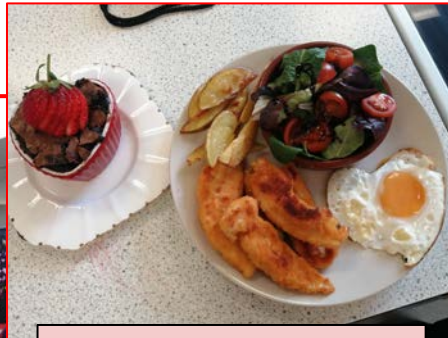


# Year 9 Valentines Bistro



The annual Valentines Bistro project was held this week by the Year 9's once again it was a huge success! Students were given the task of **cooking a two course meal for two guests** (these could be teachers, relatives or fellow sixth form students), with the briefing that it would have to be **suitable for their guests dietary needs**, and that they would have to **serve and host their guests** to the best of our ability.

Music & decorations set the mood



"I really enjoyed planning everything, from who we were to invite, what we were going to cook, right up until the cooking of our dish on the day!"

"Choosing who to invite as guests was one of the hardest things to do!"



Mrs Morris & Mrs Holmes

"Which meal was this one? We were invited to so many!!"

Mr Wade & Mr Fricker  
Bromance at its best!!



# Valentines Bistro - Part 2



First Date Mr Morris & Mr Spillet?

(At least Mr Spillet made it to this one on time!)

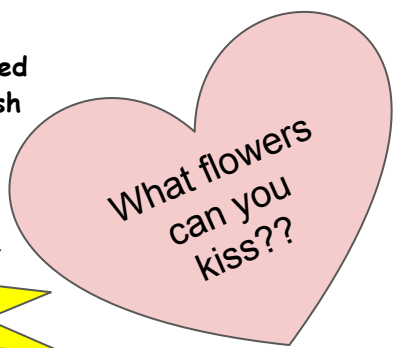
## *My Valentine's Bistro Experience* By Mrs Huckstep

Wow...an invitation to the annual Dane Court Grammar School Valentine's Bistro? I was honoured to be asked and the experience far outweighed my expectations.

Romantic music filled my ears as I approached the beautifully decorated, heart adorned dining area. The ambiance was set, we were ready to enjoy our meal after being seated at the professionally laid tables. Table cloths, fresh flowers, place settings, menus and jugs of chilled water highlighted the fact that this was going to be something special.

Teachers, support staff and members of the students' families were all treated to an array of specialities: steak, pasta, deluxe burgers and even a full English breakfast! I was looking forward to seeing the amazing sounding chocolate lava pudding but the afternoon lessons were about to start...I'm sure it would have been impressive.

Thank you for inviting me to my first Dane Court Valentine's event, hopefully it won't be my last.





# Birds



Jenny Allan 9D

Owls, a family of species found worldwide. Here's some information on the 5 British owl species.

**Barn Owl-** Probably the owl we recognise most with its pale body and disc like head. Barn Owls are nocturnal birds and are a declining species in Britain and are most likely to be seen in rural areas. Their diet consists of small mammals (like voles) and other small creatures. The best place to see them near here is at a nature reserve or rural areas.

**Short eared Owl-** Short eared Owls are a less well known species of owl and have yellow-orange eyes and have mottled brown feathers and a pale disc shaped face. They are a species of owl that are both diurnal and nocturnal. They have a diet similar to a Barn Owls, consisting of small mammals and other small creatures. They can be found in areas with open land, like grassy dunes. The best place to see them near here is Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory.

**Tawny Owl-** Another fairly recognised medium sized owl, the tawny owl has mottled brown feathers on their body and head and have dark eyes. The Tawny Owl lives in woodland but sometimes in larger rural or suburban gardens. The Tawny Owl has a diet consisting of mainly small mammals like voles and mice and sometimes amphibians.

**Little Owl-** Little Owls aren't the most recognisable species and are the smallest species of owl in the UK and a mottled brown and grey colour with yellow-y eyes. They were introduced to the UK in the 19th century and live in areas with farmland and countryside and sometimes in parks. The Little Owl's diet consists of small mammals and insects.

**Long eared Owl-** Long Eared Owls are also less recognised medium sized owls and have distinctive long brown ear tufts and a mottled brown colour with a paler face and yellow eyes. Long Eared Owls live in rural woodland areas and are shy nocturnal birds. Their diet consists of small mammals like voles and mice.





# World News



## Australian Wildfires

By Gabriel Hillier-Bowman

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I am sure you have heard about the Australian wildfires and how it is affecting the Australian Open (the tennis competition). There has been numerous occasions of players collapsing due to the pollution caused by the fires in New South Wales, as well as other places. However the Australian Open had charity matches which raised nearly 5 million (\$4,826,014) and Roger Federer and Rafa Nadal donated \$25,000 out of their own pockets. Fortunately the Australian Open continued and Djokovic won the men's singles and Kenin won the women's singles.



## Coronavirus

By Brunthan Kirubakaran 7D

*Recently there has been a deadly virus going round. It is said that about 600 people have died and about 3100 people have been sickened. It has spread over 24 different countries. It has reached the UK. Citizens are being told to wear masks for protection. About 5 million people have left their homes in Wuhan, China. 9 million people are said to be still living there. This virus can cause diseases that can harm mammals, humans and birds. The coronavirus was likely created by touching or eating infected animals or food.*



## The Brexit Withdrawal Bill

By George Randall 7B

Now you may be wondering what is going on in the vast and confusing world of Brexit; well hopefully by reading this article you will get a grasp of what is happening currently. You might know that we expected to 'leave' the European Union on the 31st of January, the reason I have put leave in inverted commas is because British citizens can still enjoy many of the rights we currently have, (for example: freedom of movement or go on an erasmus study programme) until a period of time finishes, called the transition period. The transition period is a piece of time for the British government to negotiate the future relation between the UK and EU. This bill was first proposed by Boris Johnson (even though the basis of the Bill was first drafted by Theresa May), before the election, at that time it included clauses protecting workers rights and others to try and encourage Labour MPs to vote in favour of the bill so he could get it through parliament because he lacked a majority. Now after the election he has a working majority and has managed to pass the bill through parliament but because now he didn't need the support of the Labour MPs he decided to remove the clauses about workers rights and the others which were added to please labour MPs.



# Rule Six: Don't Forget To Title Your Story



*Ravenmeister*

Fluffy Adorable-Bunnykins looked at his watch. Another hour and the holidays would finally begin. He had so many plans. He'd arranged to have someone put a pool in his garden, he'd booked a flight to Majorca, he'd even gotten out his old mountain bike and was planning on riding it every day. But first, he had to force his students to learn English and remember it. He wasn't optimistic about it. He wasn't optimistic about anything since he'd become a teacher. Teaching young children to write short stories was like talking to a brick wall. He might as well teach a plane to tap-dance. It would be a lot easier.

"So, can anyone tell me any of the rules for good story writing," he droned as a plane tap-danced past the window. It wasn't really a question.

"How should I know? You're the teacher," Lovely Pussy-Cat replied indignantly. "God, I hate semi-skimmed milk. It tastes like water."

"And thank you, Mr Pussy-Cat for demonstrating the first rule. When writing any short stories, you must not shift the focus without setting up your new focus."

"But sir, I said that twenty years ago!" claimed a now bearded Lovely Pussy-Cat, who now supported his wife and three children, soon to be four, with a job in the merchant navy as a Electro-Technical Officer.

"Rule two is to always stick to conventional time frames. It's very difficult to keep up. You can't really portray a character's whole life in just 500 words."

Lovely relented, not really having to brain-power to argue with that logic now that he was a seven-year-old again.

Aaaaaw Look-At-The-Lovely-Lambikins, sitting at the back of the class, wrote that rule down in her princess spiral notebook with her special multi-coloured Colour Gel Pen set to green and underlined it twice.

"Mr Adorable-Bunnykins, that is very clever."

"Thank you, Miss Look-At-The-Lovely-Lambikins for not only that compliment, but also that demonstration of rule three. Every line should either advance the plot or contribute to character development or atmosphere."

"But sir, that was character development. We were being told you were clever."

"Rule four, Miss Look-At-The-Lovely-Lambikins, is to never disagree with what has already been established. It was already established you were wrong and now you're disagreeing. That only creates plot-holes."

"You lying disagreeable pig!" Aaaaaw roared, smashing her chair to pieces and waving it in the air above her head. "I'm going to murder you for being so rude to me!"

"And of course, rule five is that you quite clearly cannot change any character's personality simply to advance the story. It only confuses the reader."

Aaaaaw sat down quietly on her broken chair and wrote that down in her princess spiral notebook in her special multi-coloured Colour Gel Pen set to pink and underlined it three times.



# The New Manga Club



By Abigail Vincent 7T and Sofia Elliott 7T

There is a new MANGA CLUB starting in the library every lunch at 1:45 Thursday Week B. In this club, we will be reading anime/manga and maybe even creating our own manga comics! It may not seem like much in words, but it will be great! This club is recommended for people who LOVE or want to try manga! This club is OPINION-FRIENDLY, you can say that you dislike or like particular anime/manga tv series, films or books! We encourage you to join if you have any interest in manga but have never tried it before.



Plus an "uwu" is a sign of peace

(plus how could you deny these amazing signs uwu)



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# Valentines Word Search

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# Termly Charity Bake Sale



By Dylan Palmer 7H

On Thursday 9th of January, Dane Court held a Bake Sale for students and staff. All the money that was raised was to be donated to Tag Pet Rescue. We raised a lovely £72.90 for Tag Pet Rescue.

Many of the Chatterers made cakes or biscuits for the bake sale. We had a Victoria Sponge, Dog and Cat Ginger Biscuits and more!

## Who are Tag Pet Rescue and what do they do?

At TAG, our mission is to care for and rehome as many animals as we can. We don't receive government funding so we rely on donations, income from our shops and the tireless work of volunteers to keep the centre going; it is a true labour of love!



## My Interview with TAG Pet Rescue

**DCGS have donated money we raised to TAG. How are the donations used and how important are they?**

It will help with the day to day running of TAG, all the bills (vets, overheads and kennel fees) and myxomatosis jabs.

**Other than financial donations how can people support TAG?**

Really it's only small donations and charity events, the supermarket token our charity fundraisers available at Pets at Home, help on open day, charity shop and volunteers.

**How old is the longest resident at TAG?** The longest resident here is a cat named Patch who is 9 years old.

**What is the day to day routine of one of the cats here?**

First feed them, then clean out their home and finally the cat socialises come in and spend time with the cats.

**What advice would you give to someone who is thinking of getting a pet?**

You should sit down as a family and think about if you could walk the pet twice a day, see if it will fit your lifestyle and if you have someone that could look after them when you go on holiday.

## **Next Bake Sale.....Thursday 5th March**

Our next bake sale shall be held in the Conservatory at break 10.45am on Thursday 5th March. This term the money raised shall go towards helping a fellow Year 8 student and their family with travel costs. This student is receiving treatment in 2 London hospitals, the costs for himself and his family to attend these essential appointments are incredibly high. Therefore Chatter would very much like to help them by raising as much money as possible to ease the stress.





# Reviews in Short



Ravenmeister

## Jojo Rabbit



War films are hardly original. This year alone, we've got 1917, Greyhound and Rocket Hunter focusing on the World Wars alone. War comedies are rarer, but they exist although rarely for a Western audience. Jojo Rabbit, however, is one of very few war comedies that is, and it does an incredible job at treating the subject matter with the necessary seriousness without ever becoming at all pretentious. Certain characters are slightly underutilised (such as Fraulein Rahm and Deertz), and it's easy for some to misinterpret the film's opposition to the baddies as self-congratulatory, but the film is smart enough to assume that you won't forget that, you know, the Nazis were bad, and runs with the concept. Just don't get overly attached - not everyone dies, and the characters you'll be rooting for most survive, but that doesn't make the deaths that do take place any less upsetting.



## The Rise Of Skywalker

As controversial as it is, The Last Jedi is good. As far as Star Wars films are considered it was awful, but outside the series's context, it was both fun and overall good. The Rise Of Skywalker is similar, but differs in one aspect - it is not good. Yes, it is fun. It succeeds at keeping audiences quiet for two hours. After those two hours, when you begin to think about it, it fails. Even ignoring the rest of the series, it struggles to stand on its own merits. It ticks all the boxes you would expect from a modern blockbuster (shooty space-battles, CGI monsters, manufactured plot twists, emotional but ultimately reversible/avoidable moments, unnecessary heterosexual kissing) with such ruthless efficiency that while it can be completely enjoyed, it would require the viewer to go in with absolutely no expectations from this film as either a film or a continuation of the Star Wars series - which given the marketing push and Disney's money-making strategy, is becoming frustratingly easy to do.

## David Copperfield



This film is not perfect. Character motivations are not fully fleshed out, certain characters go nowhere and the film is without much of a climax - either scene that could be considered one are short and end abruptly. And the film seems to acknowledge these at times, pointing out when something doesn't fit and doing its best to improve on the novel where necessary. But now that's done, there's a lot more good things to talk about. Firstly, the film is an adaptation of a Dickens novel, which in itself takes courage and an enormous vocabulary. Secondly, every character is masterfully done - written with genuine wit, cast with a keen eye and inhabited with such joy that every single one can be recalled instantly. Dev Patel particularly has a difficult job given the nature of the character and pulls it off beautifully. And of course, every woman is significantly improved from the novel. Production design, music, direction, dialogue - it's all just so fresh, so funny and it's a blast from start to finish.



## Doctor Who - Series 12

It's not very easy to review Doctor Who as a series, particularly this one - there's so many different parts, most of which don't even exist yet, that anything I write becomes slightly outdated within a week. I'm still going to try. The series as a whole is something of a return to form - after an admittedly lackluster Season 11, the show has returned to some of the more classic elements to tell this year's story. Spyfall Parts 1 and 2 are a fun, silly spy flick in miniature with little depth but tons of thrills, Orphan 55 is certainly interesting and very relevant if a little confusing with few original ideas, Nikola Tesla's Night Of Terror is a fun enough gap-filler despite the silly name, and The Fugitive Of the Judoon is brilliantly confusing and takes great and probably justified pride in throwing a spanner into the rest of the show without a word of warning. A few spectacular outings spaced out by vaguely mediocre capers, as the show always has been. Doctor Who is Doctor Who again.

## Knives Out



I think it's pretty well established at this point that The Last Jedi was the worst received Star Wars film in history, regardless of how good it was. Rian Johnson's new film Knives Out, however, acts as a very effective middle finger to any disgruntled Star Wars fans. A star-studded cast of super-serious actors getting the chance to misbehave for a bit makes sure that the film goes from simple murder mystery to a perfect example of the mystery genre with a lot more behind it than the average. The amount of twists and turns may be hard to keep up with - I'm still not sure I fully understand some of the more specific elements of the evil plan - but the memorable characters, a fantastically satisfying solution and one of the most incredible final shots to ever exist help the film remain exactly what it needs to be at any moment, whether that be suspenseful, intriguing, witty or just downright on-the-nose.





# Misleading animal names



By James Isaacs. 13H

Earth is a wonderful place, filled with countless species of animals that fill you with wonder, but this list I will show you today will instil confusion, instead.

The peacock mantis shrimp is the first animal on this list. It is not a peacock or a mantis, and, bizarrely, not even a shrimp. The peacock mantis shrimp is actually a stomatopod, which are semi-distant relatives of crabs, shrimps and lobsters.



The mountain goat is not actually a goat. The mountain goats are members of the genus "Oreamnos" which directly translates to "mountain lamb" (no, they aren't sheep either). The mountain goat is the only member of this genus and are thought to be somewhere in between actual goats and antelopes.



The next animal on this list is the King Cobra. The King Cobra is not actually a Cobra, it is part of its own genus "Ophiophagus" (which is derived from Greek, meaning snake-eater), whereas, cobras are in the "Naja" genus. (also, they aren't members of a monarchy)



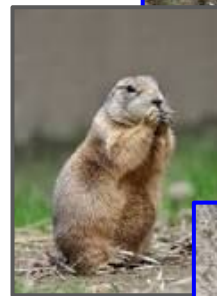
A Mountain chicken sounds like a straightforward animal. Surely it's a chicken that lives on a mountain, right? Well, no, the mountain chicken is a common name for the giant ditch frog, which is a critically endangered species that are native to the caribbean islands.



The red panda actually isn't a panda. It is part of its own family tree and being a relative of racoons. Its believed they got their name from the Nepalese word for bamboo eater



Prairie dogs are once again not dogs and are more closely related to gophers. Prairie dogs are a vital part of their ecosystem allowing the land to be habitable by over 150 more species



Sea stars or as they are more commonly known as starfish are not fish at all. There are approximately 2,000 different species of starfish all living in marine waters. Which in fact is where their resemblance to fish ends



What do you call two birds in love?  
Tweet hearts!

You can touch me and you can break me, but if you want me, you'll have to win me.

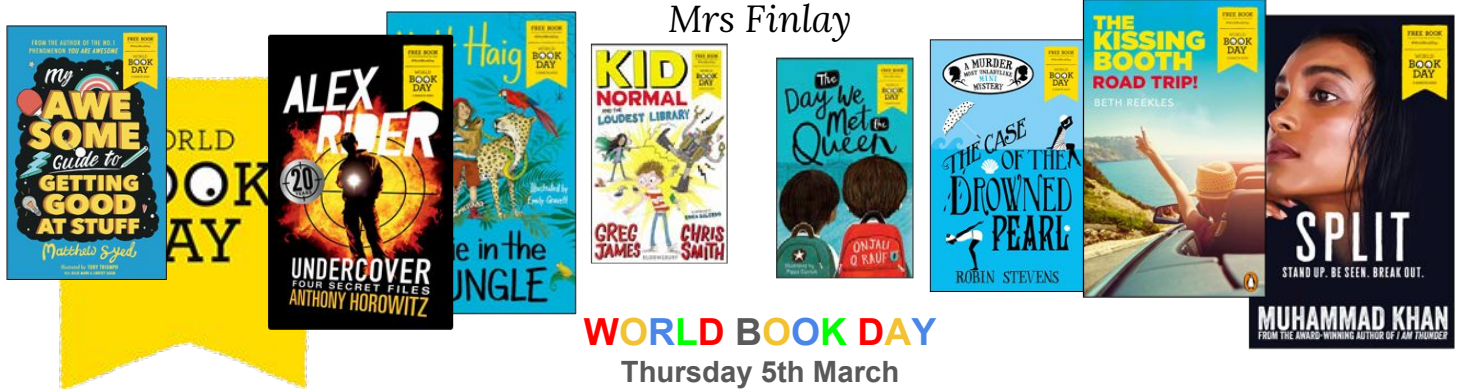
Answer the riddle to win!

What did the whale say on valentines?  
Whale you be mine?

What did the squirrel say to his valentine?  
"I'm nuts about you".



# Library Update

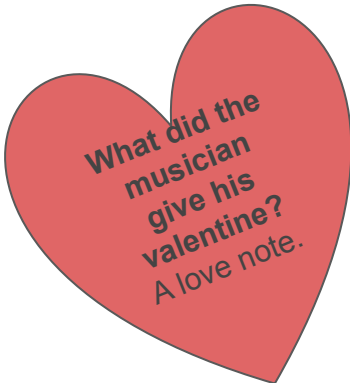


Mrs Finlay

We will be having a book swap in the library at break and lunchtime - please bring in any donations to the library from 24th February onwards. All students and staff are welcome to come and pick up a free book!

From the 2nd to 6th March will be Reading Week, so make sure you have a book on you at all times. The library has a wide selection of contemporary fiction, classics, graphic novels, manga and more.

Look out for the posters that will be going up to tell you more about the exciting things in store for World Book Day at Dane Court!



### And for Valentine's Day: Romantic Classics you will find in the Library:

- Romeo and Juliet
- Great Expectations
- Pride and Prejudice
- Wuthering Heights
- Doctor Zhivago
- Women in Love
- The French Lieutenant's Woman
- Anna Karenina
- Jane Eyre
- Rebecca
- A Room with a View
- A Midsummer Night's Dream
- Howard End
- The Great Gatsby



The CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Children's Book Awards



## THE CARNEGIE AWARDS SHADOWING BOOK CLUB

On 20th February the longlist for the Carnegie Awards will be announced, and the shortlist comes out a month later. We will be holding a Carnegie Shadowing book club in the library every Tuesday lunchtime from 24th March until the winners are announced on 17th June. All students are welcome to join in and be part of the judging panel. We will be discussing the books and posting our book reviews online. It is great to feel part of the judging process and to know that you helped pick the winners, and we look forward to seeing many of you in the library on a Tuesday lunchtime!



# PS4 or Xbox One or PC???

## The Gamers Debate...



**Jan Malczenko 7N**

*Hello everyone, in this article I will argue about, why the PS4 is better than the Xbox One. First thing the PS4 has a significantly higher GPU than the Xbox. For example the PS4 uses 8GB of GDDR5 memory with a bandwidth of 176 GB per second while the Xbox uses 8GB DDR3 ram. This is one of the things that proves that the PS4 is better. As well as this the PS4 has a wide variety of PS4 only games unlike the Xbox which doesn't have many Xbox exclusives. The PS4 has these exclusives like these:*

*God of War, Marvel Spider Man, INfamous Second Son.*

*Sadly for xbox fans the xbox has none of those games.*

*Lastly, the PS4 has VR (virtual reality) goggles which are really realistic and are available for the price of 299-360 pounds which is a decent price for VR goggles than you can use with the PS4.*

*Now I challenge an Xbox fan to argue against my point! I would love to see why you Xbox fans think the Xbox is better (even though it really isn't, we all know that the PS4 is better).*



## Why Next-Gen consoles are bad!

**James Isaacs 13H**

A PS4 does have a stronger (on paper) GPU than the Xbox One, this does not prove which of the consoles is better because many more factors come into play when deciding how good a console is. A PS4 could have the best GPU known to man but have an okay motherboard which couldn't handle running it and would bottleneck the whole system.

The above article argues that the PS4 has many exclusives, while these are great games, the same exact thing could be said about the Xbox One having exclusives including but not limited to the entire Halo series, Sunset Overdrive and Sea of Thieves. The point I'm trying to make here is that exclusives do not make a console good, in fact, they do the complete opposite. Having exclusive games on your console (for reasons that are not hardware based) just breeds infighting between console fans and less fun for gamers who want to experience the games. Do the companies really think that people are going to buy their console over another just because it has exclusive games? I hope that most people are sensible enough to see through their money grabbing scheme.

The last point made above is that the Xbox doesn't have VR, which is true, but do you know of something that does have VR? A computer! A computer has customisable specifications so it can have any type of RAM on the market that the user can afford. It is true that a PC is more expensive than a PS4 and Xbox, depending on how it is customised, but at least you can rest assured knowing it is not made obsolete every few years when the greedy cash-grabbers at Sony and Xbox HQ decide they want some more money, optimise a few specs of their consoles and slap a new number on it, and then market it to all the hungry fans waiting to throw their hard-earned money down the drain. A PC is an investment which typically can last over 5 years from the original purchase and can be upgraded with new parts at any time convenient to the user. I mentioned earlier about bottlenecking, when one part of the machine is not up to scratch with the rest and slows down the machine, if this happens in a computer or a part breaks inside of the pc, you can then upgrade that one part instead of buying a whole new machine.

A computer can also be used in many more ways than a simple console, it is not just for games but for work too. It can be used to play games, watch youtube, listen to songs. All at the same time if you like! PC's also have lots and lots of exclusive games due to services such as steam, which have all kinds of games on them from Indie developers, just waiting to be delved into and explored, not to mention a lot of games will run better on computers due to games having to be altered for the console, as consoles can not handle the games in their true, best forms. Overall, Computers are better than consoles due to being way more versatile, completely customisable and because they are able to display and run games better than consoles. It doesn't really matter if a PS4 is better than an Xbox, because they are both pale in comparison to a computer!

**What do you think? Is PS4 better than an Xbox?  
Email us and let us know your opinion!**



# Best Gaming Platforms



By Joe Baker 8D

I am pretty sure people like gaming, and probably have their view on what is the best device to game on. However, I'm here writing this so humour me. I am aware that there are other options out there, but according to a survey, here are the most popular ones - not in any order.

## PS4

One of the most popular choices, the PS4, has a next gen Radeon GPU (Graphics Card) and low latency, making it a good choice of console. Of course, you can factor in that this year the new PS5 is coming out, which is supposed to be way better than the old PS4. While the game library on this console is pretty good, missing out on XBOX exclusives was inevitable but then that does mean that XBOX has to miss out on Playstation exclusives. Karma. The Dualshock 4 controller is an excellent controller, boasting a trackpad on the front of it.



PC

There is no one manufacturer of PCs, as all real gamers know you're supposed to build your own custom PC from gaming parts of your choice. So I have used my PC as a comparison. It has the largest game library out of any Platform, with most of the XBOX exclusives and lots of different places to get games - from Steam to EA's Origin Access. The more powerful the PC gets, the smoother games can run, being very smooth to begin with. The only issue is that a PC is over to four times more expensive than any console would be, making it an elitist option.

## XBOX ONE

Microsoft's leading gaming machine (not counting windows gaming PCs) is a formidable competitor in the gaming industry. Sporting similar specs to the PS4, it is quite hard to compare them, although it slacks behind slightly, only having the slower DDR3 memory, opposed to the newer DDR4 and DDR5. Considering it's nearly five years old however, this seems reasonable. The advantage of XBOX being owned by Microsoft is that you can sync your game library over from a PC and share the same Game Pass. The controller is good, but the Elite one is way better.



Verdict

If you're a casual gamer, like me, you probably don't want to fork out £2,000 for a state-of-the-art, custom, water cooled, overclocked beast of a machine, you're a majority of the gaming community. But because of the fact you can sync your games with a Windows computer, and it also costs less, depending on where you get it, I would recommend the Xbox One S. However, if you are not the casual gamer, and have no friends to play with in person, a £2,000 custom water cooled beast of a machine PC may be the choice for you...



# Heart Attacks



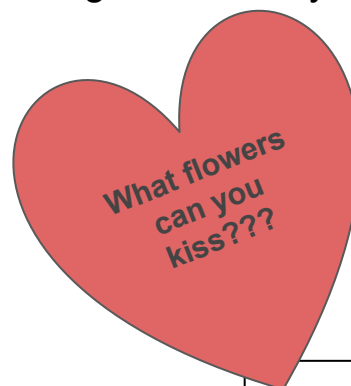
By Skye West 9T

Heart attacks are a serious emergency that can affect 1000s of people on a daily basis. Today in the UK, 460 people will die from a heart or circulatory disease with more than 120 of them being under the age of 75. 7.4 million people are living with a heart related issue. 280 hospital admissions will be due to a heart attack along with 13 babies being born with a heart defect. There are a staggering 167,000 deaths from heart issues in the UK every year.

Heart attacks, otherwise called myocardial infarction, is an emergency where the heart is suddenly blocked usually because of a blood clot.

## Symptoms of a heart attack include:

- Shortness of breath
- Lightheaded or feeling weak
- Chest pain that can be described as feeling like a heavy object is being pressed on to the chest.
- Pain the jaw, neck, back and arms.
- Have an irregular pulse
- Pale skin and blue lips
- Collapsing without any warning
- Feeling dizzy



## How to treat a heart attack:

1. Make the casualty comfortable by making them be in a half sitting position. Ensure that their shoulders and head is supported. For additional support, you could place a coat or blanket under their knees.
2. Call 999 or 112 and state your location and all necessary information. Do not say someone is having a heart attack as they may have pain for other reasons. You should say that you suspect a heart attack instead.
3. If they are over 16, they can take one aspirin tablet ( 300mg ) and chew it slowly. Do not let them take it if they are under 16 or allergic. If they have angina and have medication on them, tell them to take it.
4. Monitor the casualty's level of response and breathing regularly. If they fall unconscious but are breathing, put them in the recovery position. If they aren't breathing and are unconscious, do CPR and use a defibrillator if you have one. The defibrillator will give voice prompts to assist you.

