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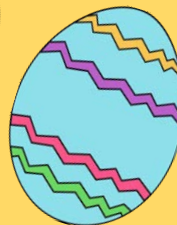
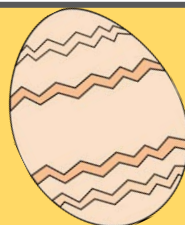
## MEDIEVAL BANQUET

## WHAT A DRILL!!

On Wednesday 11th March 2020 the annual Dane Court Medieval Banquet took place. Organised by various departments at the school, this event takes place every year as part of the Year 7 curriculum, teaching them in a fun way about the history of medieval times, new cooking skills & to think outside of the box. Please take a look inside for more pictures & articles regarding this fantastic event enjoyed by all students & staff alike. Even the fire drill added entertainment with everyone on the hard court in costume!

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He got egg-spelled!

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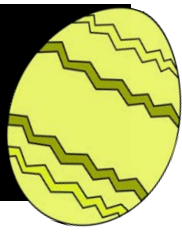
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# Words from the Editor



Well what a busy short term!! With school being cut short for Easter we here at Chatter, have all had our communication skills tested, but also not so much time on our hands whilst trying to adapt to a new way of learning. We have however, despite all the changes, still managed to put this edition together for you, and we really hope you enjoy our articles.

We still managed to fit in plenty of fun, last term with the Medieval Banquet, World book day and other events around the school that you can read about in this edition.

Please enjoy reading this edition and we shall look forward to seeing you all back in school when we can all make a safe return.

Keep smiling & stay safe!

## HAPPY EASTER!

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# Medieval Banquet Interviews

Cheyenne Thomas 8D

Dylan 7H - I was a Barron and I really enjoyed the Medieval Banquet, I thought the teachers acted amazing (well done Mrs Radley, Mr Towe, Mr Morris, Mr Baker and the queen Mrs Snaydon. Thank you to all of the Food Tech Department and History Department for organising this wonderful event.

Rebecca Wells - "I am a calligraphist and I do fancy writing for a living. I enjoy my job but the clothes are very uncomfortable."

Elliot Ashley- "I am a peasant and I am a farmer. I am finding that the food is pretty nice. I enjoy being a peasant because a peasant is very social. The conditions are quite hard to live but I am sure I can cope for a few more years. The clothes are quite comfortable."

Kylie 7B - I liked the apple bobbing, but it wasn't very hygienic

Tasneem Daud- "I am also a calligraphist. I enjoy my job because it is interesting and I find the clothes very comfortable."

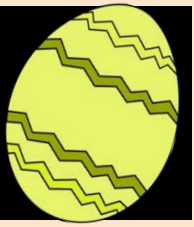
Mr Baker and Mrs Snaydon- "We are the king and queen. The food is exquisite and we are enjoying the medieval banquet because it is a good view. The clothes are very comfortable."

Liam 7S - The medieval banquet was fun but there were some bad/annoying parts like when the fire alarm went off. One of the best parts of it though was when I went apple bobbing and got put in the stocks and had wet sponges thrown at me. The food was good too but I was a peasant and didn't eat much. Overall it was really fun and I had a good time. The only other bad thing that I could think of was that most of my friends were either lords/ladys or knights and I was a peasant so I couldn't sit with them.





# Medieval Banquet pictures





# A poem by Mrs Finlay

Mrs F

## A little piece of peace

There are a lot of times when I have felt isolated in my life, alone and afraid, but I feel incredibly lucky to have my close family around me during these strange times, and I count my blessings that we are all well and happy right now.

I am lucky to have friends nearby and family far away, and that we can connect online and over the phone despite this horrid virus threatening us all.

I am thinking of those less fortunate than us who do not have a home, or a friend to chat to, or food to eat. I have tried to be a good neighbour and help those in need, and our neighbours too have been sending over little parcels of help.

I have loved chatting to friends over the phone or via zoom, and it is great to be able to finally do that skype call to all my family at once!

I think that humanity and kindness will win out over a tiny little bug, and I trust in the scientists to find a vaccine and make us all safe, if not a cure.

I am remaining positive, and love being with my boys, even though it does feel a bit one sided when a nerf battle is raining down over me and nobody wants to play scrabble!

This has brought us closer together as a family.  
And I have managed to do more of the things I love.

We have watched old music videos and 80's movies together.  
We have potted seeds and built a den around a big old sycamore.

So thank you corona, we needed this holiday, this bit of space to distance ourselves from the world, and remember.

We love the new found peace and tranquility in the world right now, with the pollution greatly reduced and the clean air all around us.

But now it's time to say goodbye to this viral creature, to kick it back and say enough is enough, we've grown mightily tired of you, and though you are very microscopic we have managed to detect you.  
We will eliminate you one day.

Yes, there are times when I have felt isolated, but I am resilient, and you are too.  
Be kind to yourselves, be good to others, enjoy the sunlight, and count your stars.

Keep well and stay safe.



# Animals to see in March

Gabriel Hillier-Bowman 7N

## Skylark

If you're very lucky you might hear the song of the Skylark. These birds are only around 16-19 cm with a wingspan of 30-36 cm. Skylarks are renowned for their display flight-vertically up in the air, where the males will hover stationery for several minutes all the time singing their liquid, warbling Song. They have a streaky,brown, small crest which is raised when they are excited or alarmed.

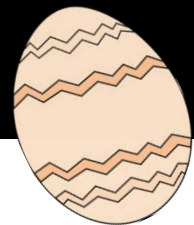


## Pike

A giant,shadowy torpedo in the water sitting motionless waiting for smaller fish to swim into range, when they'll surge towards with them at deadly speed. They have a huge tail fin, mottled green body and a shark like head.



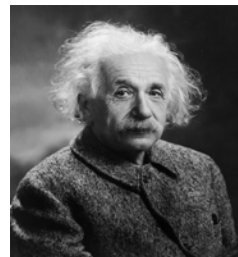
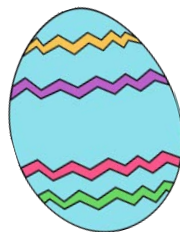
# Great Minds:



By Cameron Melloy

## Albert Einstein:

Albert Einstein, 1879-1955, was greatly famous for his general theory of relativity. He was born in Germany, 1879 and lived to 1955. He won a nobel prize for science in 1921. Considered one of the most influential scientists of the 20th century, Einstein became deeply religious at the age of 12, even composing his own songs praising God. He was also famous for the equation 'E=MC squared'. He took up in a lot of mathematics and philosophy.

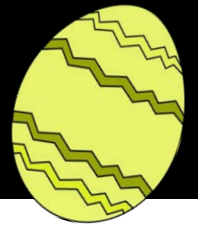


## Florence Nightingale:

Florence Nightingale (The lady with the lamp) worked in the Crimean wars, as a nurse.This term has seen International Women's Day, one of the many reasons I decided to do this fantastic person in the history of great minds. She did night rounds, hence the lamp, checking on badly or smally wounded soldiers.



# Life in isolation



*By That Guy*

How is life in isolation. Well for many it started as a relaxing period. For all school children they thought it would be a time to meet with friends and play games. But oh boy were they wrong. Very quickly people realised isolation means isolation. You can't meet up with your friends or your family.

You are stuck in your house with little to do. For a bit people were ok just playing games or finally finishing that project they have been working on for months. But very quickly people run out of things to do. When you think we could be stuck in isolation for multiple months and the only people you can see are your parents and siblings and even in some cases you can't even see them. You realise how boring life can get.

But even though you may seem bored and not knowing what to do there are still things you can do from your own home. You can still talk to friends using discord or skype or even the magical device you normally don't see people without a phone. Yes phones still work you can still use them to contact your friends and family.

You could spend this time in isolation learning a new language online as there are many courses that are free to help you along your way or even do an online course in itself. There are many thousands of different ones you could be doing and spend your time productively learning a new skill.

We go around upset that we can't see our grandparents but when you think about it they are having a worse time than any of us. Not only can they not see us face to face many of them are high risk to the disease so can't even go to the shops and get a bit of fresh air. Something we are still lucky enough to get a small amount of. And many of them especially the elder for the grandparents don't have computers or know how to use the internet like us. They don't have as much as us and don't have the resources or the know how to go online. They are the most scared of all of us fearing for their own lives their friends lives and their family.

So while we are out here worrying and getting bored just remember there are people who are more vulnerable more alone and have less they can do and yet they are not giving up they are fighting in their own way making sure they have the ability to talk to their family and have a book to read. They say respect your elders and in this case i think that saying definitely applies we are all in this together for a while so buckle in get ready and remember there is more to do than meets the eye.

**Why was the Easter bunny  
upset?**

**He was having a bad hare  
day!!!**



# Epic tips for self Isolating

By Joe Baker 8D

Despite not being in self isolation myself (yet), literally half my class had gone so I decided that I would make an article on what to do if you end up with Coronavirus and have to self isolate. Considering school was shutting down on Friday 20th March, writing this article became more relevant than ever.

## Tip One: Friends

Some people have friends, so to make sure they don't abandon you, try to call them or facetime them to stop yourself feeling lonely.

## Tip Three: Planning

To prevent descending into madness, try to plan out what you are going to do before you start your day, this tends to make stuff a bit

## Tip Two: Entertainment

Boredom can be annoying. So make sure you sort out lots of things to do so you don't get bored ( ie. games, tv, books, memes, ect)



# UK & Coronavirus

## CAREMONGERING

All over Britain people are putting up pictures of rainbows in support for the fight against the coronavirus that is sweeping the world. Rainbows are formed when sunlight hits raindrops, so this seems a great symbol of hope that brighter times are ahead. And rainbows are always momentary, so this is a very apt sign of defiance against a cruel disease that will actually only be a fleeting phase in our lifetimes.

**At the moment the Government is running like they did in the war. They are doing daily updates, shops are putting limits on food products, we have to stay at home, schools are shut, all unessential shops are closed but it is slightly different. We have daily updated on the television where they had them on the radio, in the war, the unessential shops were closed & they had a rationing book so they could only buy certain amount per household whereas we can per shop. Staying at home was pretty much the same, however in the olden days kids would go to safer areas and still have to go to school.** By Dylan Palmer

“Look how much you've already managed to adapt to. Look how resilient you've already been. There's no "right" way to respond to this because it's never, ever happened before. Give yourself some credit. ☆ There's no one in the whole world who has this figured out yet. So it's absolutely okay if you don't either. ♡  
mellow doodles”



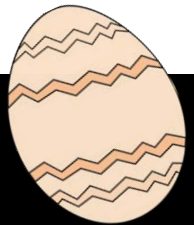
# Brexit through the eyes of a foreigner

By Jan Malczenko 7N

As someone who comes from Poland and lived in Poland until i was 7 I feel like Brexit is a terrible thing to have happened. There is a huge possibility that my parents could be sent out of the country because they are do not speak english and my mum doesn't have an english citizenship. For now my family has not been asked to move out (hopefully never). Moving out of the country would be a big downgrade in education for my younger brother and I as my brother never went to a polish school and I only went to a polish school until year 1. It would also be a big financial downgrade because it is very hard to find a good job in poland because it is quite a poor country. If I had to move out of england then I would most likely go to Germany and build my life all over again as a big part of my family live there, which wouldn't be bad because it is wealthier and the education is better



# Climate change and the Fate of Australia



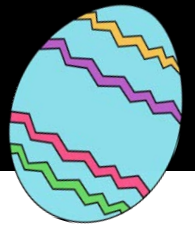
By Brandon McQueenie-Wells 7H

Climate change is among us and if we don't do something about it our planet will be lost. People don't believe global warming is a problem when it is. The government have announced that they are aiming to plant 30 million trees each year which a big investment from them and they're counting on you to help and make a difference. Australian bushfires are still happening and all the rare, exotic animals need our help.





# Climate Change



By Abigail Marsden 7H

The environment is something that has been in the news more often than not recently, as our awareness of the hard work and responsibility that comes with solving the crisis of climate change, grows in understanding. In my opinion, Climate Change has been overlooked over the past few weeks as another crisis has formed - Covid19, also known as 'coronavirus'. By the way, I feel that you should know that I participated in the school election as a Green Party Member, attempting to warn the students in our school about Climate change and Global warming, while trying to earn their vote. I personally think that the school election was really fun and was a great opportunity to develop skills and learn to speak in public. However, speaking to a few people in assembly won't change the world, which is why I decided to join Chatter to inform you too.

Firstly, climate change is all our fault. Yes, you heard me. It was us that started it and so it should be down to us to fix it, right. But not everyone agrees with me, which is why Mr Polar Bear's home over there in the Arctic is melting rapidly.

Secondly, here are 5 of the most harmful things for the environment that you do (nearly) every day:

1. Driving - hopefully those under 17 don't drive anyway.
2. Using plastic straws - I know you love them when you go to McDonald's but they aren't really necessary.
3. Using plastic bags - **BRING YOUR OWN BAGS:** why does nobody listen!
4. Online shopping - yes, it's convenient but it ruins the planet!
5. Turning on the lights - only do it when you need to.

Finally, here are some things that you can do to save the planet:

1. Use an electric toothbrush
2. Switch to a Green electricity company like Octopus Energy
3. Carry your own reusable shopping bags
4. Get solar panels on your roof
5. Reduce, reuse, recycle





# DGCS School House Cities



*By Oliver Norton 7N*

## Neuchatel:

Neuchatel is a city in Switzerland that is French speaking. It is next to the lake Neuchatel. This city lies beneath the château de Neuchâtel, a castle from the 12th century. The population is around 34,000. The oldest traces of humans in the area of Neuchatel was in 13,000 bc.

## Tallinn

Tallinn is found in Harju, Estonia. It has a population of 394,024.

It received city rights in 1258 but the earliest human settlements date back 5,000 years. Tallinn's old town is one of the best medieval cities ever.

## Sorrento

Sorrento is a city in Italy overlooking the bay of Naples. Sorrento has lots of small antique shops. Its population is 16,401 and its area is 3,475 square miles. It is near the Lattari mountains. It apparently gets its name from greek times when a temple was made to be devoted to the sirens, a mythological mermaid.



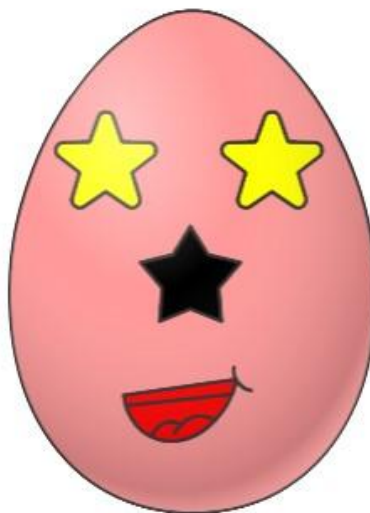
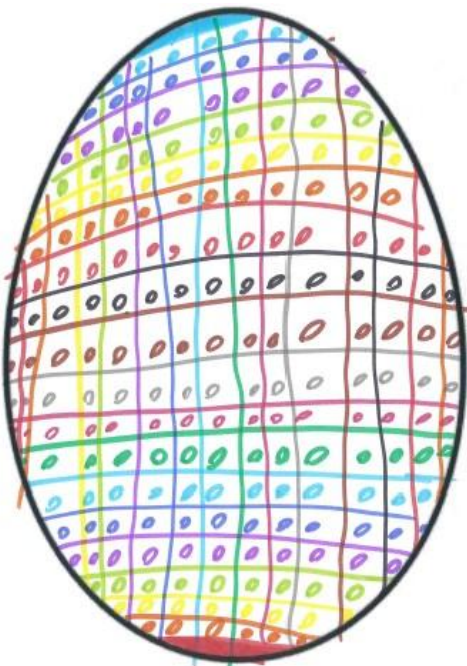
Look out for the other 3 House cities coming to the next edition of Chatter



# Eggstra time off school!!!

This terms Chatter competition was an invite to design your own Easter Egg. Due to the term being cut short, all students were given the option to create it and send in to chatter via email from home. Here are some of the fantastic entries we received.

All winners shall receive their prizes when we return to school... It may not be the Easter eggs as first advertised but fear not it shall still definitely be CHOCOLATE!!





# Covid-19 Schools affected

By Michaela Murphy 7N

As many of you know the coronavirus (covid-19) has affected many things in our lives. However, it has especially affected our schools. Schools were officially shut on the 20th March. Most people had speculated that schools would be shut down but not many could have guessed how quickly. At first group gatherings in schools were not permitted and therefore clubs were cancelled along with assemblies. Then just later that week all schools were informed they were to shut.

All schools across the UK have had to adapt to this predicament. The way we have adapted is online or virtual schools. Every school has a different way of doing things but Dane Court mainly has been using Google Classroom. It is a very positive and lucky thing that students and teachers are supportive of one another and constantly reminding each other that they are not alone and never will be. If you haven't heard from someone in a while regardless of who they are check in with them just to make sure they are all right. I believe that even though we are far apart we can use this as a chance to be closer than ever.

A sad farewell also to  
**Mrs Hale - Head of 6th Form**

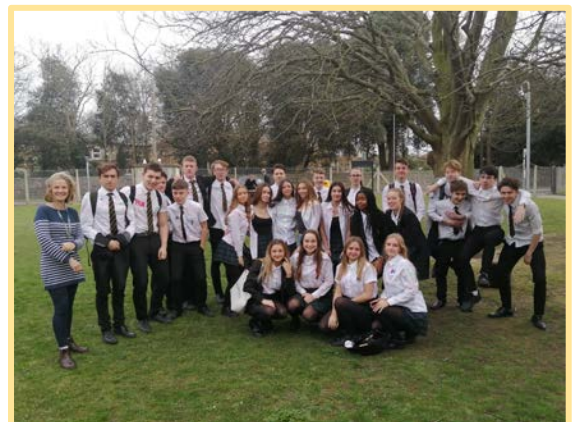
Retiring after an amazing  
**47!!!** years at Dane Court

## A premature farewell

Unfortunately due to the closing of schools so soon, students in years 11 & 13 had their last day of school brought forward a lot sooner than expected. Red carpet day postponed & with the uncertainty of what lay ahead for their exams they were due to sit in May/June, they were not going to let Covid-19 spoil all their fun. After all they had worked hard for the last 2 years in their chosen subject so why should they??? Decided upon themselves that shirt signing should still go ahead, that's what they did.... Chatter would like to wish every student in Year 13 the very best for their future plans & along with wishing our year 11 students the best of luck, we look forward to seeing some of you return in the new school year to continue your Dane Court Journey!

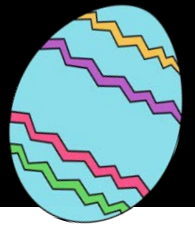


Year 11 & 13 Students following shirt signing tradition.





# The Budget 2020



*By George Randall 7B*

In this article, I will be covering the budget which is announced yearly outlining what on and how much the government plans to spend that year, this year's budget was announced in parliament by the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Rishi Sunak) on the 11th of March. This year the budget headlines have been dominated by Covid-19 announcements which has hidden important information about public service funding. Please note that the government has promised a lot of emergency funding for the NHS and business but I will only cover money set out in the budget on the 11th March. First of all, I will look at the NHS, the government has committed to £6 billion in new funding for it. They aim by providing this extra money to the NHS, to ensure that there are 50,000 more nurses working for the NHS and to create 50 million more GP surgery appointments. In addition, the government is investing £100 million in 2020-21 to help the progress of 40 new hospital plans.

Moving on to education, £1.5 billion will be invested by the government to upgrade Further education Colleges. Also, there is going to be £90 million per annum to fund arts activities for all secondary school students and £29 million to go towards supporting competitive sports in primary schools. The government is putting £95 million into helping providers have up-to-date equipment and facilities for the new T-levels, new technical qualifications introduced by the government.

Another one of their plans is to give £120 million pounds for up to at least 8 schools which specialise in technology. It's even giving £7 million pounds in funding to build 11 new maths schools with the aim of making sure everyone has the opportunity of good quality STEM schools. Now to view what money the government have allocated for infrastructure, first of all, the government is saying it will put record amounts of investment into Britain's roads, rail, broadband, housing and research which over the five years they say will be over half a trillion pounds, £640 billion to be exact. One of the most important and needed investments of this topic is £12.2 billion going towards building 200,000 affordable homes.

Since in December last year the charity Shelter released figures showing 280,000 are homeless not even mentioning the amount of people sofa surfing who haven't been recorded or recognised as homeless which could make this number a lot higher in reality; in addition, there may be people in many other situations who are in dire need of a home, Shelter's analysis of records also shows that 1 in every 200 people are without a home. There is one big area in which the government decided to spend big, I'm talking about them rising the government research and development spending to £22 billion. They have even put £2.5 billion towards fixing potholes. £500 million is going towards increasing the 4G coverage across the UK to 95 per cent. How does the government plan to put money into our pockets and help businesses? Hopefully what money they have allocated during the budget will be the answer to this question.

They are going to increase the National Living wage to £8.72 from £8.21 also they plan to freeze the duty rates on beer, cider and spirits. The duty on fuel will be frozen for the 10th consecutive year. They have put a £28 million package together and 10,000 start-up loans to support businesses and entrepreneurs to start. They're introducing a new pubs discount which will take £5,000 off the business rates bills for eligible pubs. They also plan to launch a fundamental review of business rates which will report in autumn. Moving onto an extremely pressing topic which is protecting the planet, people have called for urgent action by the government but have they taken the action needed, make your decision from what I'm about to uncover.

They will invest £5.2 billion over 6 years in flood defences to help protect 336,000 properties. £500 million to support the rollout of super-fast electric vehicle charging points and an extra £533 million to extend plug-in grant schemes for ultra-low emission vehicles which should last until 2023. The government will introduce a £100 million scheme to help households and businesses invest in low carbon heating systems and use £270 million in funding to encourage new and existing heat networks to adopt low carbon heat sources. They will plant 40 million trees and restore 35,000 hectares of peatland in England, this will be funded by a Nature for Climate Fund which they are putting £640 million into. £300 million in additional funding to try and improve air quality. The support of people in need is desperately needed in today's world, let's see what the government has decided to do about it. Create an £8 million fund for football facilities in deprived areas. They've allocated £200 million to communities which have been affected by flooding to help them recover faster. £400 million will be going towards tackling rough sleeping. I hope this article has given you an idea of government spending this year.



# Creative writing



By Kylie Wang 7B

This is a poem I wrote near the beginning of last year, and a story about my cat. I hope you enjoy reading them.

## Nobody

Nobody is a mysterious creature,  
It comes out when there is no one to be seen.  
It is neither boy or girl,  
Or man or woman.  
You cannot feel it's presence,  
For nobody is there!  
You will never see, hear, smell, taste, or touch it,  
Because nobody, is nobody.

How does  
an easter  
bunny stay  
fit???

Hare-obics

## KitKat

KitKat yawned, lazily gazing at the swaying branches of the tree on the other side of the wall. Glowing sunlight bathed him in gold. He shifted position as a bird glided across the garden.

"KitKat!"

He looked around at the no-fur-two-legs that had just emerged from that, what was it called... door thing. He preferred to call it a moving wall. The no-fur-two-legs threw him a treat and went away. KitKat gobbled it up. There were a few more minutes of peaceful silence, until another no-fur-two-legs came, picked him up with their long, spindly, non-furry paws, and put him inside.

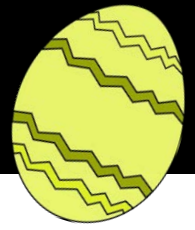
KitKat stretched, looking outside. It was dark. The cat cat-walked towards the door. A no-fur-two-legs let him outside.

He lounged around the garden a bit, and then went up to the big transparent-bit-of-wall to see if the other no-fur-two-legs were sleeping. They were. KitKat returned to the garden, climbed over a wall, and went into a hidden hole in the ground that led to a tunnel. KitKat walked through the twisting paths with the confidence of one who had been there many times before.

He emerged in a spacious white room, with various hallways leading off it. Hey Emblazoned on the far wall were the letters CACA. The Central Anonymous Cat Agency.



# First Aid - Slings



By Skye West 9N

There is multiple types of arm slings which you are able to use when necessary. It is important in understanding which sling you require for the patient.

An **arm sling** holds the forearm in a slightly raised or horizontal position. It provides support for an injured upper arm, wrist or forearm on a casualty whose elbow can be bent or to immobilise the arm for a rib fracture. An **elevation sling** supports the forearm in a raised position with the fingertips touching the casualty's shoulder. This can help control bleeding from wounds in the forearm or hand, to minimise swelling. It can also be used to support the arm in the case of an injured hand.

## Elevation Slings:

- 1) Ask the casualty to support their injured arm across their chest, with their fingertips resting on the opposite shoulder.
- 2) Place the bandage over his body, with one end over the shoulder on the uninjured side. Hold the point of the bandage just beyond his elbow.
- 3) Ask the casualty to let go of his injured arm while you tuck the base of the bandage under his hand, forearm and elbow.
- 4) Bring the lower end of the bandage up diagonally across their back, to meet the other end at the shoulder.
- 5) Tie the ends in a reef knot at the hollow above the bone. Tuck the ends under the knot to pad it.
- 6) Twist the point until the bandage fits closely around the casualty's elbow. You could use a safety pin to fasten this instead. Check circulation in the thumb at regular intervals. Loosen and reapply if there is no capillary refill occurring in the thumb.



## Arm slings:

- 1) Ensure injured arm is supported with hand slightly higher than elbow. Fold base of bandage under to form a hem. Place bandage with base parallel to casualty's body. Slide upper end under injured arm and pull it around neck to the opposite shoulder.
- 2) Fold lower end of bandage up over the forearm and bring it to meet upper end of shoulder.
- 3) Tie a reef knot on the injured side, at the hollow above casualty's collar bone. Tuck both free ends of bandage under knot to pad it. Adjust sling so that the front edge supports hand.
- 4) Hold point of bandage beyond elbow and twist until the fabric fits and tuck it in the bandage or secure the bandage with a safety pin.
- 5) Check circulation in the thumb at regular intervals. Loosen and reapply if there is no capillary refill occurring in the thumb.



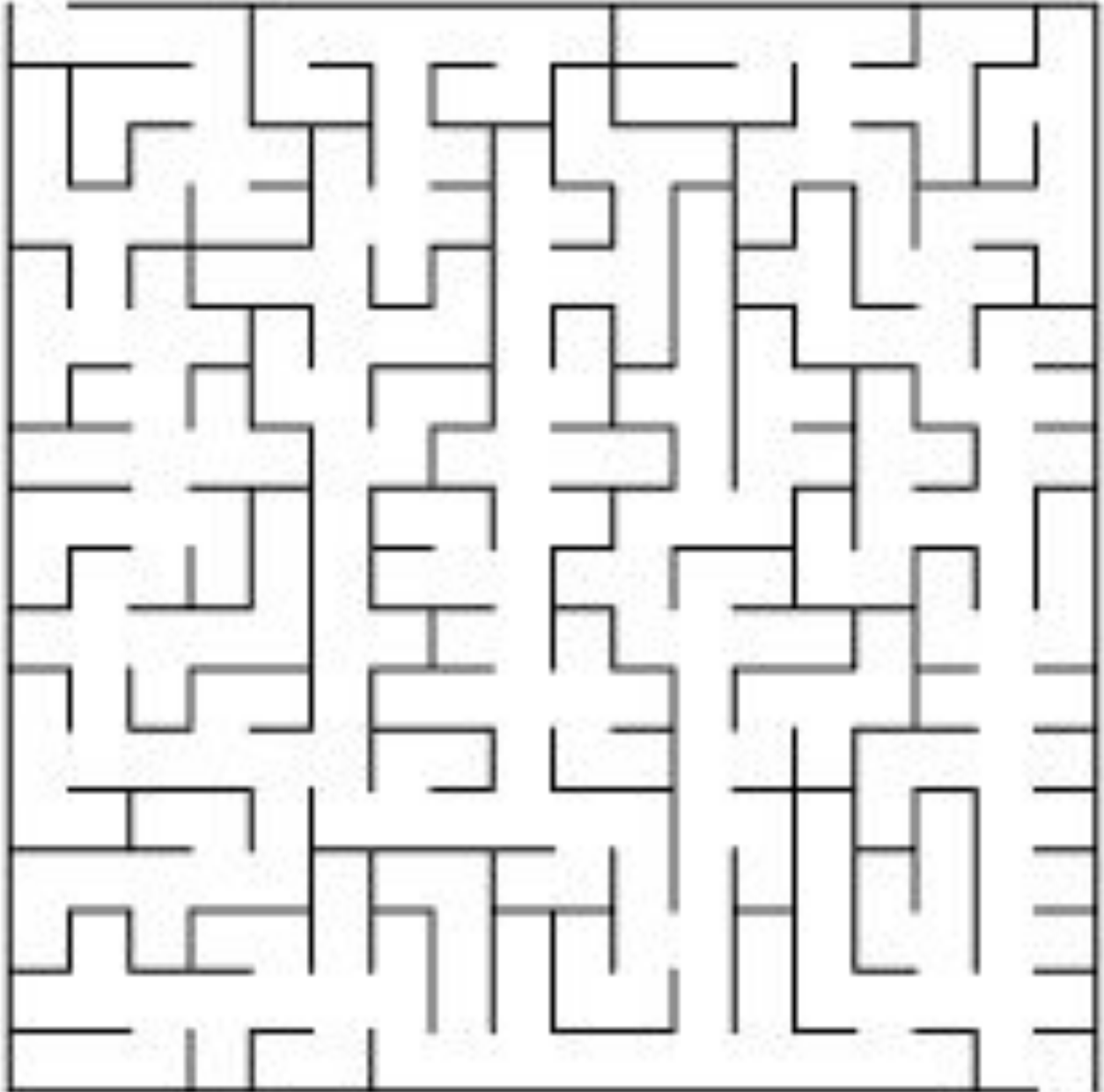


# Harry Potter Book Night Maze

By Dylan 7H and Louis 7D

Reach the end of  
the maze to join  
Hogwarts!

Start!



End!



Welcome to Hogwarts!



# What if.....



By Hadley Morris 7H

## ***“If you could invent a holiday, what would it be?”***

I wondered this and thought, “It would be fun to have a holiday of my invention” so I thought and thought and came to a conclusion. My holiday is called “International M.L.M Enlightenment Day” would be where everyone is “told” to listen to a speech performed by me in which I tell everyone about the greatness of an M.L.M (Multi Level Marketing Program) When I make enough money from people join my M.L.M I can create a computer that can upload my consciousness to a machine so I can speeches forever and make people join the, making me rich. This ensures that I am immortal and finally beat the one thing I have fears about ,DEATH!

I asked some other people about their ideas for holidays of their own creation; My brother had this to say “my idea for a holiday is called “International Block Day” it is a day where anything square shaped we can use E.G: sofa pillows, radiators and books.” Charlie said that he would create a holiday called “International Dinosaur Earth Day” where people learn the “truth” about how the earth is shaped like a dinosaur.

## ***If you had three wishes what would they be?***

Wishes are things that at one point or another in our life we wished we were given. Most often in fairy tales, the protagonist would be given three wishes to spend. I always wondered, “If I had three wishes, what would I do with the wishes.” A lot of people would say they wanted superpowers. But if I was to grant wishes to people I would keep to the rules of physics, so no superspeed or flight.

I would think carefully about what I would want, so doing just that I sat down and came up with three wishes that were A. Sensible and B. Possible.

My personal choice for wishes would be

- 1. 100 servants without me paying them**
- 2. No more taxes forever**
- 3. A mansion with 1 bedroom with a single bed and a bathroom in every corridor.**

I asked my friends...Sofia said: “1 million Robux”, Hayden: “To never be depressed” & George: “To be the smartest person on earth”

**So if you could invent a holiday or have 3 wishes.... Where would you go? What would you do? How would you spend those 3 wishes? We would love to know your ideas here at Chatter.**



# Termly Charity Bake Sale

## Dane Court students...

You are all absolutely amazing!! You helped raise a **staggering £182.60** in the last bake sale!!!



## Next Bake Sale.....Date yet to be confirmed... Sometime soon in 2020

Our next bake sale shall be held to raise money for the charity Porchlight. Therefore Chatter would very much like to help them by raising as much money as possible (when we can go ahead of course!). So please come along when we return to school and support this good cause that has helped so many through the pandemic & can help may more people in the future!

# The History of pancakes

Shrove Tuesday 10th March

By Grace Williams 10S



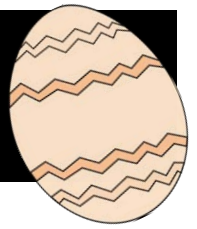
Pancakes have been around for an incredibly long time, with their origins tracing back 30,000 years ago. Researchers have even found pancakes in the stomach of Otzi the Iceman!

In ancient Greece and Rome, pancakes were made from wheat flour, olive oil, honey, and curdled milk. Pancakes have appeared lots in literature! Cratinus and Magnes wrote about pancakes in their poetry and Shakespeare even mentions them in his plays. During the English Renaissance pancakes were flavored with spices like rosewater, sherry, and apples.

The name "pancake" started during the 15th century but became standard in 19th century America. Thomas Jefferson loved them so much he sent a recipe to his hometown from the White House.



# Ellie's Kitchen



## Salmon Pasta

### You will need:

- 1 Onion (I use leek)
- 1 tbsp oil to fry
- 5 tbsp double cream
- 2 Salmon fillets
- Green Beans - optional
- Mixed Herbs
- 250g Pasta



### Method:

Put a pan of water on to boil, then cook the pasta for 10-12 minutes.  
 Chop up some salmon into smaller bits.  
 Add oil to a frying pan and cook the salmon (2-3 minutes on each side).  
 Once it is almost done, add the onion and green beans then take the pan off the heat.  
 Whilst off, pour in the cream then add the herbs and pasta.  
 Fry for about 2 minutes, serve and enjoy!



# 2020 Music News

By Nia Ryan 7H

So far in 2020, there have been a number of music releases, such as Green Day's new album Father Of All..., and the new album F8 by Five Finger Death Punch, along with many others. Many bands planned to tour this year, amongst those Ozzy Osbourne, My Chemical Romance and Queen (with Adam Lambert).

Glastonbury's headliners were to be Diana Ross, Sir Paul McCartney and Taylor Swift, and Kiss, Iron Maiden and System Of A Down would headline Download.

These events are no longer taking place, at least not on the planned dates, due to COVID-19! Large gatherings are banned to stop the spread of the virus, and people are advised to stay at home. As of March 18th, the music industry has lost 200 million dollars because of coronavirus, and concert tickets have not yet been refunded in most cases, with hopes from all that the shows will be rescheduled.

However, this does not stop all performances, as 'The' Elton John-hosted iHeart Living Room Concert For America which was aired on March 29th. It featured famous musicians who performed from their own homes, such as Elton John, Alicia Keys, Camila Cabello, Dave Grohl (Foo Fighters), Billie Eilish, Backstreet Boys, Billie Joe Armstrong (Green Day), Tim Mcgraw, Mariah Carey, and many more. The event attracted some 8.7 million viewers and raised \$10 million, which was donated to help those struggling financially during Coronavirus.

Although concerts are great at least we can still listen to plenty of music safely in our homes!!



# Act 1: Rehearsals of Alice in Wonderland

By Cheyenne Thomas 8D and Dylan Palmer 7H

At the moment Act 1 Theatre Group are rehearsing for Alice in Wonderland. Rehearsals started on the 26th of January and so far in the first few rehearsals we have done both of the openings, Ocean Of Tears, Caucus Race, I'm Late, Very Good Advice, How Do You Do And Shake Hands, and The Golden Afternoon. Cheyenne is Chesire cat 3 and Dylan is the Dodo Bird and the King of Hearts. We are both proud of ourselves and each other.



If you would like you could come and see Dylan and Cheyenne perform Alice in Wonderland on the 16th, 17th and 18th of July 2020. Unfortunately another thing cancelled due to covid-19 but it won't ruin everything, we shall keep you updated on when the performances shall now be.



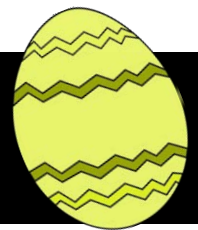
## Inspiration singing and singing youth choir

By Cheyenne Thomas 8D

On Sunday 14th I had a competition at Queen's Road church in Broadstairs. We were against Bromstone School & Inspiration singing and signing adult choir. We came first. YYYYYYYYYYAAAAAAAAAYYYYYYYYYY!!!!!!!



## Oliver!



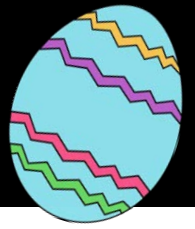
By Ellie Golding 9H

This year, my mother and I will be performing in Oliver The Musical at the Kings Hall in Herne Bay. We have been working very hard (especially on Consider Yourself as there are 8 different dance sections). I am one of the seniors, meaning I do parts with both the adults and the children. The dates I will be performing are Thursday 9th April 7pm and Friday 10th April 2pm. Unfortunately, I have just received the news that Oliver will not be happening just yet and has been postponed until April 2021. I will keep you updated as these are hard times! I'm very sad.





# Reviews in short



Ravenmeister

## Onward



Pixar films are always a treat, so I was very pleased to have the opportunity to see this one a few days early, and I can confirm that this is one of their best outings in years. Some beautiful, and more importantly *creative*, animation paired with a story that manages to tell a heartwarming but never overly mushy tale of brotherly love similar in feel to Frozen's sisterly love successfully brings Pixar further out of their recent reliance on sequels. The film's logic is maybe a little clumsily put together, and for the first act, entirely natural dialogue is the exception rather than the rule, but it is still an exception and never comes at the cost of character. There's even a few meta little references to role-playing games like Dungeons and Dragons, but it still manages not to rely on mocking them or the people who play them. A satisfying ending and quite possibly the most inspired use of the 'Not with that attitude' gag I've ever seen? Go watch!



**It was at this point that Coronavirus came along and ruined any hope of me seeing anything in cinemas, or even of cinemas still existing, and I had no more films reviews I could really write. Thank god for TV.**



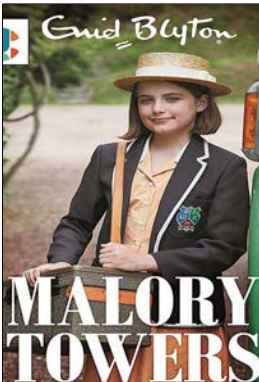
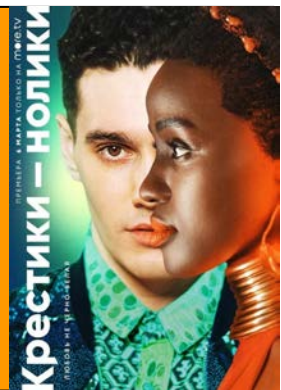
## A Letter For The King

If someone were to tell you that you never fail to meet their expectations, it wouldn't come across as an insult or compliment. So I think I'm not doing this series much of a disservice when I say that I got exactly what I expected. Yes, there's some brilliant performances, particularly Sir Tiuri and his confusingly named son Tiuri, and the design is absolutely gorgeous, everything from the castles to the font of the credits. As for the story, I cannot speak quite so kindly. It's not an exceptionally bad script, but there's not much to distinguish it from a hundred other fantasy series. Dialogue swings between humorous and tense and cliched from scene to scene, and the plot takes a while to get going and falls into more than a few tropes on the way - the Chosen One who feels like he doesn't belong, the malevolent and completely unmagical army, the expositional dialogue around jousting competitions... If you want to, watch it, by all means, but don't expect much more than mediocrity.

## Noughts And Crosses



At risk of spending my entire review raving about it and ignoring all the other wonderful things this show does, let me just say here, the details in this show are incredible. Everything from soundtrack to plasters have been considered to fit the setting. And of course, there's plenty of other brilliant things about this show. Every performance is golden and the very present issue of racism is dealt with superbly here, with the casual prejudice of the ruling Crosses, even the ones you're meant to sympathise with, brilliantly highlighting the righteous anger of the Noughts in a metaphor that's effective and still just so simple to understand. The show certainly isn't for everyone - you are warned before watching that there is strong language, and so there is a perhaps understandable concern over younger viewers, and it's certainly not the books some may have grown up with - but for those who do watch, the reward is some of the best handled discussion of race in years.

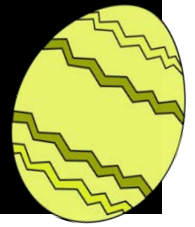


## Malory Towers

I wasn't quite sure what to feel when I started watching Malory Towers. On hand, the books had, at least in my mind, always been notoriously cheesy, but on the other hand I had seen Wise Children's brilliant stage production (streaming now - please watch it) and was very impressed. Matters were also complicated by the fact I had just finished the first episode of Noughts and Crosses when I first watched. And in contrast, Malory Towers seems rather... simple. Mind-bogglingly stupid, but pleasantly simple. It's nice to watch something that isn't so heavy, and when the show makes a big deal about someone losing their hat and tearing their dress to get it back, it's comforting, if also incredibly pedantic and slightly ridiculous. I can very easily imagine primary school children and perhaps some of our younger students ironically loving it, and the older students finding it to be one of the funniest shows they've ever seen, albeit unintentionally. In other words, it's Malory Towers.



# Rugby- Six Nations



*By David Scott 7B*

## Round 1

The first rugby six nations game kicked off with Wales against Italy. It was on the 1st of February 2020 and was an intense match. Wales won with a whopping 42-0, this was truly an amazing win. On the 1st of February as well, Ireland went head to head with Scotland. Johnny Sexton scored all 19 points for Ireland and in the end, that one them the game; 19-12. The match was played in Dublin.

The last game of round 1 was France against England. France won by 7 points, 24-17. They did amazing by getting 17 points by half time and England with none.

## Round 2

Ireland and Wales battled it out next on the 8th of February. After 20 minutes of the game, Ireland were up 5-0. Those points helped win the game for the Irish 24-14. Winning by 10 points, Ireland were overjoyed.

The next game was England vs Scotland. England managed to redeem themselves from losing against France in the first round to winning against Scotland 13-6. Even the fact that Scotland had possession of the ball longer than England, they still pulled off the victory. The game was also played on the 8th of February.

On the 9th of February, France played against Italy. France (still keeping their winning streak) won the game 35-22. Despite Italy having possession over the ball more, they still won the game.

## Round 3

Round 3 started off with Italy battling it out with Scotland. It was on the 22nd of February. Scotland won the game 17-0 and I am sure they enjoyed winning without conceding a single point.

The next match was Wales vs France on the 22nd of February. France won the game 27-23 meaning France have STILL not lost a game. Wales had most of the games ball possession but Frances defence held firm perhaps thanks to their new defence coach, Shaun Edwards, proving France to be a force to be reckoned with.

England went against Ireland in the final game of round 3. Ireland lost against England 24-12.. This game was on the 23rd of February and was a sad loss for Ireland.

## Round 4 and 5

The first round 4 game was sadly postponed because of the coronavirus. It would've been played on the 7th of March and between Ireland and Italy.

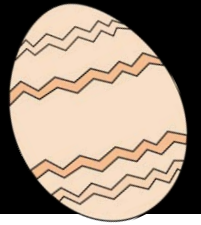
On the 7th of March as well, England and Wales played each other in a close scoring match. This was only a close scoring match because England had players sent off at the end of the match, otherwise England would've won easily. The final scores were 33 to England and 30 to Wales. It was an intense game between the two rivals.

Scotland and France battled it out next on the 8th of March in Edinburgh. This game sadly broke Frances streak with Scotland on 28 and France with 17. Scotland played a total of 99 passes and France with 129. The main reason why France lost was because someone was sent off for punching, meaning they played the rest of the game with 14 players.

Sadly, the whole of round 5 was postponed until a later date due to coronavirus. These games won't be played for quite a long time. The first game would've been between Wales and Scotland. After that game it would've been Italy and England and the final game, Ireland vs France.



# I Need To Apologise



*Ravenmeister*

He's sat down in front of the camera, slightly off-centre. You can tell he's made an effort to look nice for this. But he's still looking devastated - or, at least, what he thinks might look devastated, it's hard to tell whether he actually experiences emotion.

"As you may have noticed, my choices in the past couple of months have not been very well thought out. And I would like to apologise. I need to be honest with myself. I don't want to lie any more. I'm not asking for your forgiveness, I'm just apologising."

Deep shaky breath.

"God, this is so hard... I'm so nervous... I'm sorry I burned down those villages."

The dragon on your screen takes another deep breath.

"I did not set out planning to hurt anyone. The goal of my content is always to entertain, and I didn't. What happened to those poor villagers was unplanned and I was just reacting in the moment. I'm only reptile, we all make mistakes. I was just so annoyed that the villagers were trying to steal back their gold and I overreacted."

According to the rumours, half of his treasure hoard had been burnt too.

"I should've flown away, I should've kept my cool, I shouldn't've used my fire breath to destroy everything in my path, but I didn't."

A look off camera. Is he actually reading off a script?

"I wanna apologise to the people who witnessed the destruction. I wanna apologise to the people who I may have influenced. I wanna to apologise to victims of dragon attacks, but mostly I wanna apologise to the villagers and their families."

A snuffle. Makes it look like he's about to cry, but he's not.

"And this isn't the first time this has happened. I have spent so long burning down villages and people keep getting incinerated and I do not learn, because I am an idiot."

Correct.

"I guess I've just been running away from all these pillaged towns for so long... Dammit... I'm such a mess right now..."

It almost looks like he's going to - oh no, nevermind.

"To any of my fans trying to defend my actions, don't do that. I love you guys so much, and I'm so glad for every single one of you, but there is no defense for what I've done. I'm not a child now, and I need to take responsibility for my incinerations. I just hope that I can do better and be better in future. Thank you for understanding."

He reaches across the left of the screen with a scaly hand and the video ends, without the usual, sparkly "don't-forget-to-like-and-subscribe" outro. Thank god half his subscribers are seven-year-olds, or else the usual internet cynics would win out. As it is, half his fans are only there because they feel bad about dragons being demonised, they're just misunderstood, okay, I love him, he said sorry for destroying the kingdom, what more do you want, if you can't accept an apology just grow the hyuck up.



# World book day



By *That Guy*

As many are aware Thursday the 5th of March was world book day. The first world book day took place on the 23rd of April 1995. As this date was the anniversary of William Shakespeare's death. However, it is now celebrated on the first Thursday in March every year.

In our school, to celebrate world book day, we had a wonderful 5 part story which was read to us a chapter at a time in lessons throughout the day. Every gripping chapter made student's hair stand on end, before finally finding out Mr Wheeler has faked his own death because he disliked Mr Forward. (Now that was a shocker!!)

We also had two authors come in on that day Phil Lanzon of whom recently published *The Mudchalk Devil* and Jamie Tinklepaugh who wrote *Wheeling East*.

As always we followed the large tradition that comes with world book day- that all children in full time education get book vouchers so they can go and buy a book they would like to read for free.

Other schools, mainly primary schools, dressed up in costumes of their favourite book characters in honour of world book day.

Also in celebration of world book day. Our library held a book swap all week so that people could take in their old books and get new ones to read and have loads of fun reading. (They even had *Dracula* up for grabs)

Hopefully next years will be equally as interesting with lots more books to read and enjoy and to remember the old classics that are still loved today.

What is a rabbits favourite book???



WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY

Warren  
Peace!!!





# Author Visit from Phil Lanzon



By *Michaela Murphy 7N*

On Tuesday the eleventh of February Phil Lanzon author of the Mudchalk devil visited Dane Court to discuss the sequel to his first book.

Participants who had read the books stayed in the library during fifth period and listened while he told us about his first book and the sequel ( the name of which i believe to be undecided). I do not wish to go into too much detail for fear I would spoil the books for anyone who wants to read them.

It was an amazing experience, he explained the process he used to come up with ideas and names for things and place, his method was funny but also interesting and it works! We also discussed the characters and how their growth is shown through the books.

Some students who were there created a dramatization of a short scene in the book and presented it to him.

If you haven't you might want to check out the first book from the library. It is an amazing book with multiple plot twists that will leave you on the edge of your seat and at some parts you may even fall off. Not to mention moments when you'll need a tissue to dry your eyes.

We are all very happy that we got this opportunity and we are thankful to Mrs.Finlay for organizing this and hope we will get to do it again.



From left to right...

Amelia Parris, Megan Eales, Freya Boulton, Phil Lanzon, Tasneem Daud, Mrs Filnay, Ms Haslam, Sophie Tyler, Michaela Murphy, Gabriel Hillier-Bowman



# DCGS Rugby Team

By *Gabriel Hillier-Bowman 7N*

On Tuesday 3rd of March there was a mini tournament between Dane Court Rugby team, Charles Dickens rugby team and Ursuline rugby team. the first match was Dane Court vs Charles Dickens it was 15 a side and Dane Court won 25-10 in tries (there were no conversions). During the match Ursuline finally showed up as well as some Thanet Wanderers coaches (the local rugby team) and one of them refereed the matches. The next match was between Charles Dickens and Ursuline and it ended a draw 15-15. The final match was as you could probably deduce Dane Court and Ursuline with Dane Court winning 30-5 which meant that Dane Court went undefeated.

WELL DONE Dane Court!!



# Library Update

Mrs Finlay



## SHELF HELP

A lot of you may have come into the library, thrown down your bags in a heap on top of your classmates bags, and raced to get that sort after seat on the sofa, without noticing the big set of shelves on your left.....

Here, you will have found books of all genres, both Junior and Senior, fiction and non-fiction, comic and manga.

The Austin Library at Dane Court has a lot to offer, and we are not short of books. However, in these unusual and historic times sadly we no longer have access to solid books.

But fret not, we are in the process of getting you access to a phenomenal number of ebooks via our eclipse software.

In the meantime, you can choose from a library of books online at <https://readon.myon.co.uk/>

There is a strong link between reading for happiness and uplifting the mood, so put down your phones, pick up a book, and switch off.  
Happy Reading.

### **GET OUT OF YOUR HOUSE, AND INTO YOUR MIND!**

You can look forward to the new reading ideas when we return - watch this space.

*If I was seeking my own sort of shelf help I would stick to short uplifting novels that are easy to read, not too challenging on the brain and with beautiful illustrations, or something that I had read before that made me happy and laugh out loud. I might also like to read something that made me realise that I am very lucky, something that makes me count my blessings and be thankful for all that I have. **Mrs Finlay***

**Yay, the shortlist books have been announced!**

Our Austin Library book club are all very excited to be reading some of the **Carnegie shortlist** books, and start posting reviews online. If you would like to join in with the judging process please email Chatter.

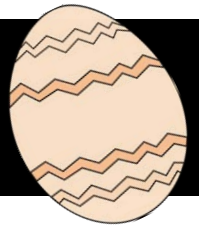
<https://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/cilip-carnegie-medal-shortlist-2020/>

**Happy Reading and  
Happy Easter from the  
Library Team**





# Liberation



By *Ellie Golding* 9H

The 1st of September 2020, close to 8am. It's almost the end of lockdown. I stare anxiously out of the front window, fiddling with the party popper in my hand. All down the street, people are standing in their doorways eagerly waiting for the countdown to commence. A few minutes earlier, I had been with my parents by the front door. But I felt like I needed some time alone to process what was about to happen.

When I got up in the morning, I had put on my uniform (which I prepared the night before). It looked clean and new ; It had been in the back of my wardrobe for over six months. The outfit I had once hated, was now my favourite thing in the world. To look down at all my old badges, made me feel the best I had in weeks.

Suddenly, everything goes quiet. It's as if the entire world has stopped around me. The TV switches on behind me and I walk slowly towards the door.

"I would like to thank you for all of your cooperation during these tough times" Boris explains.

I keep walking, my eyes tearing up.

He continues "Now it is finally time. Children have been advised to return to school immediately and all Adults are now free to resume work".

By this time, I have reached the front door and am not paying any attention to the words coming out of his mouth. My parents are trying to talk to me but I am not listening.

All of a sudden, the whole street begins counting... "THREE"... I put my bag on my shoulder...

"TWO" ... I carefully pull the rope on the party popper... "ONE"... A big smile broadens across my face ... "ZERO"... BANG.

There is cheering and clapping all over the place. Kids run down the road. People are hugging and kissing their loved ones. The sight is truly extraordinary. I turn around to see my parents snogging, then quickly turn back again laughing. A voice calls my name so I look all around to find it's owner. It is Granny waving at me. Not wasting any time, I run down the path and wrap my arms around her. I have never felt this happy before. I gaze at my watch - 1 minute past 8. I throw my arms out, breathing in the fresh air and embracing the sound of everyone talking. For once in my life, I don't care what other people think of me. I'm in my own world.

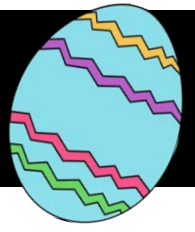
I didn't realise how much I missed singing in the car with my mum! There we are , blasting out Defying Gravity at 8:15 in the morning with the windows open, not even bothered by how loud it is. During the journey to school, I am buzzing with excitement. My first lesson is GCSE Drama, which makes me even more elated. I had really longed to perform all through the monotonous days of lockdown. Now is my chance. We start on a very good day (Drama, German , Music , English and Chemistry).

The sudden realisation hits me... I am now a year 10 student. This is exam year. I swallow a lump of fear although motivation still rushes through me. We drive around the roundabout near Asda, now on the school road. I see it edging into my view, my heart beating fast. The past months had been an emotional rollercoaster that built up to this very moment. The words 'Dane Court Grammar School' finally catch my eye. My mum turns into the car park - it is busy. As I open the door, I glance at the entrance and grin. Here we are. The place I had wished for so dearly. .

"Omg" I whisper to myself, trying not to cry with happiness.



# Liberation Continued...



By *Ellie Golding 9H*

“ELLIE!”

I turn my head sharply in the direction of the shout.

“AMELIE” I reply and begin running as fast as I can.

We’d chatted online, but not in person. We hug for about 30 seconds, the passing students oblivious to our public reunion. Eventually we stroll arm-in-arm into school, giggling and regaling each other with our stories.

I am completely in a daze, walking aimlessly around the building just thinking of what to say. As I walk past the staircase, there is the familiar sight of Ms Jolley eating a chocolate biscuit and waving hello. I chuckle to myself and wave back. We reach the old year 9 lockers, where I see Rebecca in her usual spot. We grin at each other, before hugging. Again, we talk for ages and tell each other of our adventures.

I walk to the drama room and sit on the bench, still wondering what the day will bring. The office door slowly opens to reveal Raddles.

“Miss! Hi!” I bellow across the room.

“Hello Chicken Noodles” she smiles and walks toward me - she always calls me that... I’m not really sure why!

We have a natter, then she pushes open the doors to the drama room.

I look into the distance, my head racing with thoughts. What will we learn? How is the form? Who will be in my class? Are things still normal? From the corner of my eye, I see a shadow sit down next to me.

“Tas! You’re finally here!” I say, opening my arms wide for a hug. Once more, we are entertained by each other’s ranting, until the bell rings. A sudden burst of energy rushes through me. Time for drama! I say goodbye to my friends and head into the drama room, where Raddles sits at her desk.

The class is quite big, but the only person I recognise is Lily.

“Hey Lily, do you mind if I sit with you?” I exclaim as I come in.

“Sure!” She answers and we take a seat by the whiteboard. Everyone is talking and Raddles is trying to calm them down. The room is still full of chatter; everyone is soon silenced by the Tannoy.

“Welcome back everyone! The past few months have been very difficult but we are well prepared for today. I hope you are all healthy.” This is the voice of Mr Wallace. “Ah, it says here I have a special announcement...”

The class is silent and everyone is staring at me. I suddenly feel really hot and dizzy. Something is going to happen.

“There is a message here for Ellie Golding 10H. It says to wake up.”

Confusion hits me and then I remember... it never was the 1st September 2020.

I sit up and scratch my head. The alarm clock is screeching, making my head spin. My eyes glance at the date on my calendar - the 4th April 2020. I still have another 5 months to wait...

**The End**