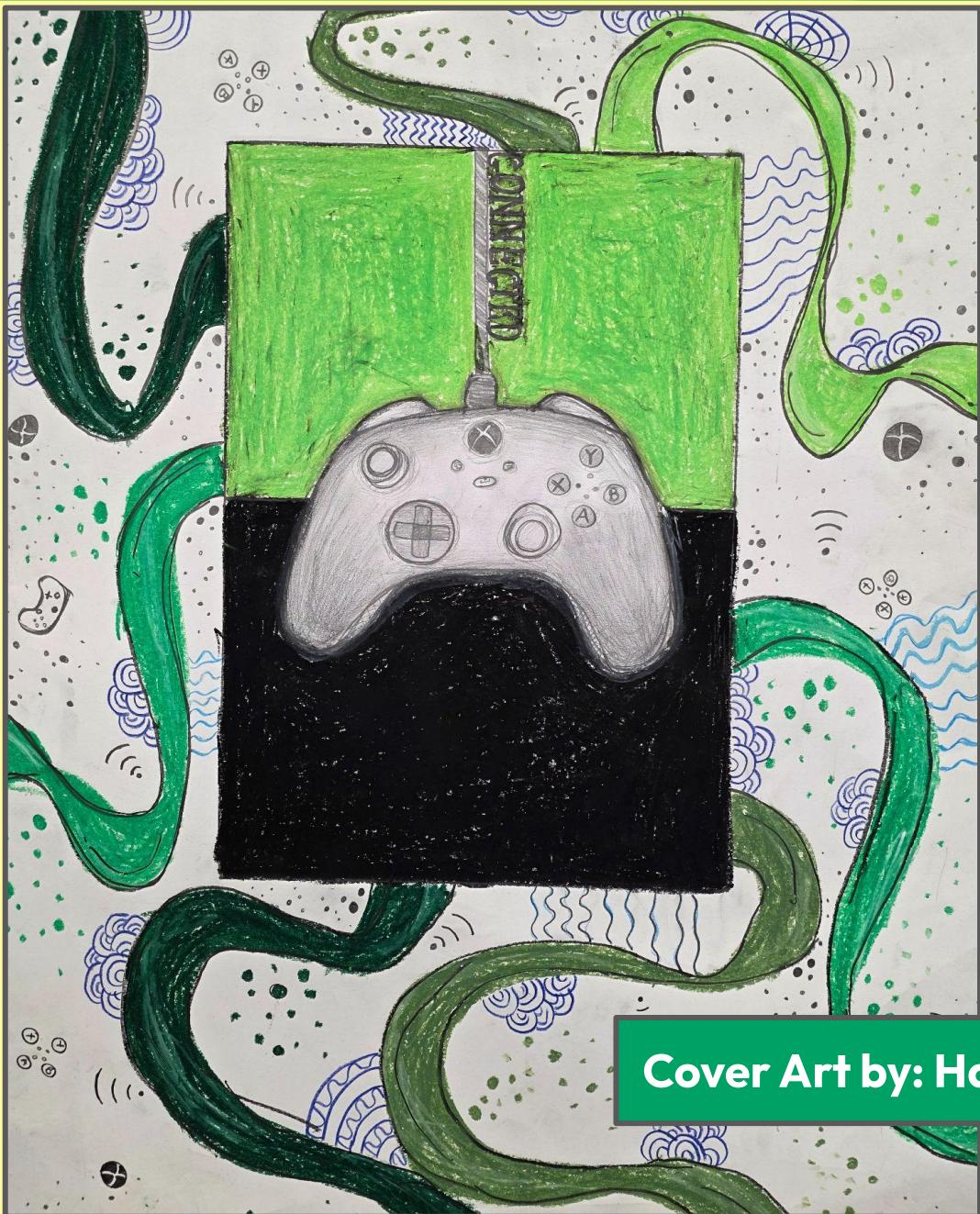


# Meopham Monthly



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# Welcome

Welcome to the February issue of 2026. We have a variety of content to share with you, including games reviews, travel articles, history, comedy, sports and short stories. Also look out for this issue's jokes and riddles!

If you would like to submit a short story, article, poem, photos or anything else for next month's issue, please speak to Mrs Williamson, contact the team at [MSS-magazine@swale.at](mailto:MSS-magazine@swale.at) or come along on a Thursday lunchtime to EN4.

**We hope you enjoy this issue!**

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## Meopham School Values

TENACITY   RESPECT   UNITY   EXCELLENCE

**T** **Tenacity** - Try your hardest

**R** **Respect** - Respect comes first

**U** **Unity** - Always be ready to listen and help

**E** **Excellence** - Make the right choices

**Riddle Answers (see p.35):** The opticians; Pencil lead; A hole; Breath; The mother; Each letter stands for a number up to ten. It would continue ENT for eight, nine and ten!

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# Kent Youth County Council - KYCC

By: Jack H (Year 10)

This January, I began my year long term as a Deputy Member of KYCC for the constituency of Gravesham. This appointment was thanks largely to the votes I received from my peers here at Meopham School and so I would like to thank many readers for supporting me and granting me the opportunity to represent them! In this section of the Meopham Monthly, I will be delivering updates and exciting news from our meetings, whilst also launching questionnaires and surveys to understand what changes you want to see! Here's an introduction to what KYCC is and how we make the improvements young people want:

KYCC has over a hundred members elected by young people across Kent. We meet every month at County Hall (pictured right) to discuss improvements that we and the constituents we represent want to see. We operate as different Campaign Groups focusing on specific issues that need to be addressed. The Campaign Groups for the year 2026 are:

- Increasing young people's safety
- Ending childhood poverty
- Improving Transportation

These groups are a result of the November elections when 11-18 year olds voted that they should be our priorities moving forward.



So far the dedicated groups are already making progress on their points of focus and very soon I will be able to share their progress with you.

If there is something you would like to see improved please let me know. I would love to hear from you and raise it to KYCC!

kent youth county council  
**KYCC**

# The Ban of Social Media

By: Ethan L and  
Owen L (Year 8)

**IN THIS PAGE , WE WILL DIVE INTO THE PROPOSED NEW  
BAN OF SOCIAL MEDIA FOR U16'S**

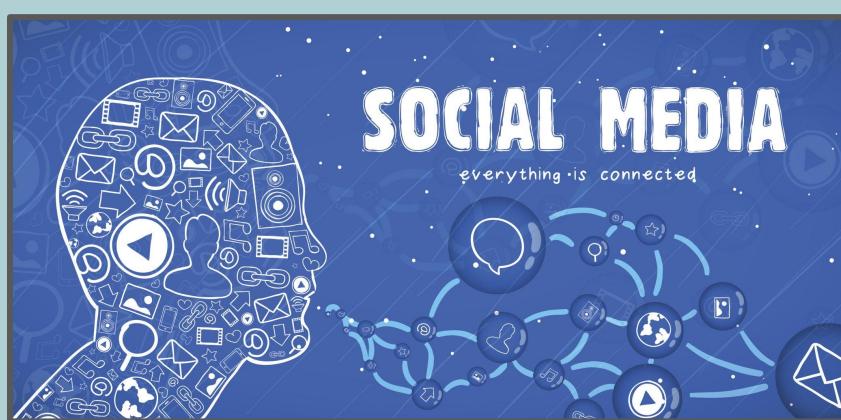
To start, we will be talking about the pros and cons of this ban:

## Pros

- Promotes socialising in person
- Could help improve mental health
- Helps with improving attention span
- Decreases cyberbullying

## Cons

- It would be hard to change habits
- Lose contact with long distance friends
- Not staying informed with current news
- Lack of entertainment



## Conclusion

In conclusion, we think that the ban is better for students. Although all points are valid, it is a better option as people will be more vigilant at school and in a better state overall than at this point in time.

# The Travelling Teacher

## Wonderful Wales



Walking without wellies in Wales would not be wise! Whether the weather appears to be sunny, you are sure of walking in the wet, squishy pathways that lead to a view of vast, natural beauty. Swans swim in a lake while joggers take their daily exercise. Nestled on the western edge of Great Britain, Wales is a nation rich in history, culture, and some of the friendliest people you will meet. Though small in size, it boasts a distinct identity that blends ancient traditions with modern vibrancy. Wales is often called the “Land of Castles”, boasting more castles per square mile than any other country in the world — over 600 in total. Iconic fortresses such as Caernarfon, Conwy, and Harlech stand as reminders of medieval power struggles, particularly during the reign of King Edward I of England.

The country's folklore is equally captivating. Myths of King Arthur, Merlin, and the Mabinogion — Wales's ancient collection of tales — are woven into its cultural fabric. Dragons, fairies, and heroic warriors populate these stories, symbolizing the enduring Welsh spirit. The national flag — Y Ddraig Goch (The Red Dragon) — proudly displays the mythical creature that symbolizes courage and resilience, reflecting the character of the Welsh people themselves.



# continued...

By: Ms Rajkumar



While steeped in history, modern Wales is forward-looking and dynamic. Its capital, Cardiff (Caerdydd), has transformed from an industrial port into a vibrant hub of culture, sport, and innovation. The Millennium Stadium (Principality Stadium) and Wales Millennium Centre showcase both national pride and artistic ambition. From its rugged mountains and medieval castles to its thriving cities and deep-rooted language, Wales is a land that captures the imagination. Wales is more than just a corner of the British Isles — it is a nation with a powerful sense of identity, shaped by its language, legends, and landscapes. Whether you're climbing a mountain, exploring a castle, or listening to the haunting beauty of a Welsh hymn, you'll find that Wales is a land where the past and present meet in harmony.



# Historical Events that Happened in February

By: Archie B (Year 10)

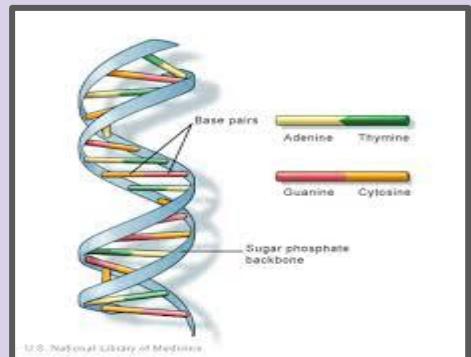
On February 2nd 1943, the battle of Stalingrad ended when the Nazi troops in Stalingrad were forced to surrender after many months of encirclement by Soviet Union.



On February 6th 1952, Elizabeth II became the Queen of England, Canada, South Africa and many others when George VI died of Coronary Thrombosis.



In February 1953, Linus Pauley and Robert Corey created the first model of nucleic acids with three intertwined chains, phosphates near the axis and bases on the outside. Watson and Crick completed their model to create the first accurate structure of DNA the same month that year.



On 2nd February 1971, Idi Amin declared himself president of Uganda and, for 8 years, Uganda was one of the most miserable countries in the world. Hundreds of thousands were killed and Uganda tried invading Tanzania. Amin was exiled in 1979, liberating Uganda.



# Comedy Corner

HA!  
HA!

MORE!  
MORE!

*Did you hear about the explosion in the French cheese factory?  
The place was covered in Du-Brie !*

*What do you call a Chocolate bar that needs to go to the barbers?  
A Cadbury Hairy Milk!*

*Did you see the chocolate bar going at 100 miles an hour?  
It was a Ferrari Rocher!*

*How do aristocrats listen to music?  
The Dukebox!*

HA!  
HA!

Bravo!

# Rocket League!

By Nate J (Year 7)

Rocket League is a fun, football related game where you have to try scoring goals with rocket powered cars! There are many different tricks to practice like the flip reset and musty flick. My personal favourite that I hit is a double flip reset musty flick.

If you do a lot of training and practise you could consider the psycho...

Rocket League is actually the sequel to the 2008 game called Supersonic Acrobatic Rocket-Powered Battle-Cars. The game's beta stage was released in 2015 and the full game was released in 2016. The game was made by Psyonix™ and was bought by Epic Games™ in 2019. It made Rocket League free-to-play in 2020.



There are many ranks in Rocket League but the best ones are: Champ/Champion, GC/Grand Champion and SSL/SuperSonic Legend

Iconic players include: Zen, RW8, JSTN, Atomik, Musty, Mawksy, Mizu and Ossuea

In my opinion Rocket League is my favourite game (yes more than steal a gouble). Many celebrities and famous people have played Rocket League. Here are some of them: Famous F1 Driver Lando Norris, amazing Rapper named Logic, Actor Jerry Crews and Football Legend Neymar Jr.

Lando Norris is very familiar with Rocket League, as he is the manager for pro team Quadrant and is still able to maintain his F1 life. He is also ranked champion (the 3rd best rank in Rocket League).



The most used cars are the fennec and the octane. The octane is free and has a good hitbox. The fennec costs credits (the ingame currency) but is undeniably the best car in my opinion. So I recommend these if you don't know which cars to use.

# Games to Play on Roblox

By Nate J & Bobby W  
(Year 7)

## Escape Waves For Lucky Blocks (NJ)



**Escape Waves For Lucky Blocks** is a game where you have to try and survive the waves and gather lucky blocks. I recommend this game for Escape Tsunami For Brainrots players as it's kind of like that. This game has become popular at the start of January and is receiving regular updates.

## Blox Fruits (NJ)



**Blox Fruits** is a game that used to have the best Concurrent Users but shortly after this, the title was stolen by Steal A Brainrot. This is a game where you have to try leveling up and reaching sea 3. Some of the best fruits are Kitsune and Dragon. I recommend this game for One Piece fans as this game is inspired by One Piece.

## Escape the Tsunami for Brainrots (BW)

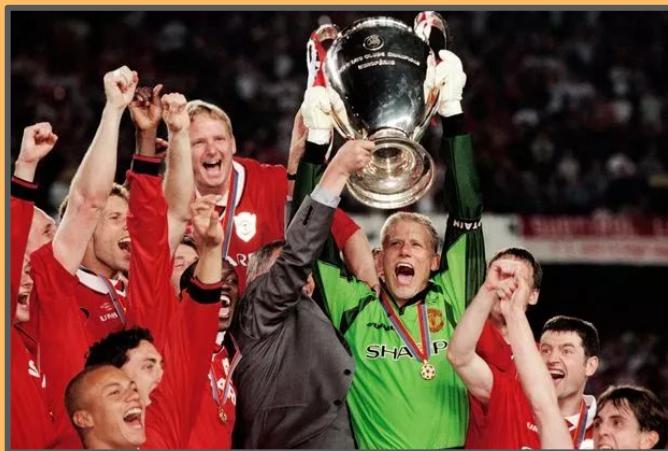
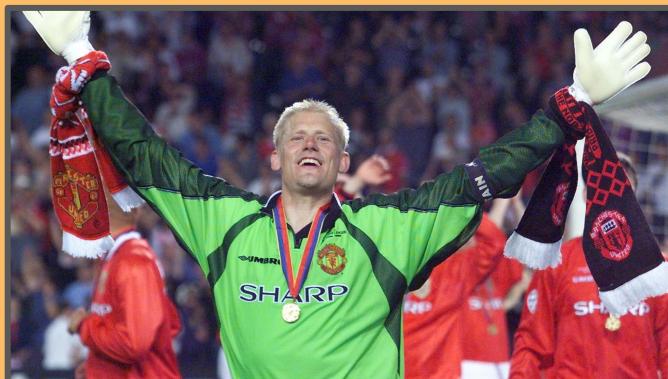


This is an incredible Roblox game! It's perfect for playing with your friends or playing by yourself. It's so amazing because of how unique it is! And as you can tell, the point of the game is to collect brainrots when running from tsunamis! Currently as I'm writing this, there is a glitch where if you put 2 commons [max level 125] in the spawn machine with a pretty good brainrot such as dug dug, esok and job job sahur, you could make it do over 20qn a second! And for me this glitch is amazing and my base makes over 1sx a second now!

# Peter Schmeichel

By: James H (Year 8)

Peter Schmeichel is an icon of football history and King of the Premier League. He has saved too many shots to count. He has won many trophies including the notorious Champions League and five Premier League titles. He is currently 62 years old and was born on the 18 November 1963 in Denmark. Currently he is working as a television pundit, broadcaster and analyst for networks including CBS Sports and Viaplay. He is 6ft 4 and weighs nearly 100 kg. Previously, he used to wear an XXXL football shirt as a result of his wide and strong stature.



# Virgil Van Dijk (VVD)

By: Kyle O (Year 8)

Virgil Van Dijk is an amazing centre back and is considered to be one of the best defenders of all time. Virgil Van Dijk has played for Liverpool for over 7 years, playing over 350 games for them.

This season he has got 10 clean sheets in all competitions so far, with 7 in the Premier League in 22 games and 3 in the Champions League in 7 games. Altogether it is estimated that he has well over 150 clean sheets in his career, showing that he is a really great centre back. He has won 9 trophies for Liverpool including 2 Premier Leagues, 1 Champions League, 1 FA Cup, 2 EFL Cups, 1 Club World Cup, 1 UEFA Super Cup and 1 Community Shield.



# Am I Nima? (Part 2)

**A Short Story  
by: DG (Year 8)**

Sorry I haven't been in touch recently. I'll recap you:

I suddenly had a burst of anger, why was this happening to me? Me, out of anyone, in the whole of the 8 billion people in this world. I punched the glass out of rage and... unexpectedly, broke the glass. It was just a light tap. While I was thinking of what just happened, something started controlling my body. I started a rampage destroying everything in my path. Then it all went black...

This time when I woke up, I woke up in what seemed like a prison. It was hard to tell because it had bars but also chains keeping my hand from moving. Then suddenly my mum walked into the room from stairs in front of the metallic iron bars. I shouted, she almost teared but no she was no mum; I just remembered I was never born, never had those vague memories of dad, they were implanted. I was a corpse being experimented on. I suddenly didn't have any control of my body and turned twenty times bigger. I regained my control again, but this time I didn't take any chances: I killed and destroyed everything in my path .

So now I'm here writing to you, as I'm hiding in one of the changing rooms of the quarantine section of the prison. I don't know what will happen next, but I'll try to keep you up to date. If I make it, that is...

# The Evil Cat (Part 2)

A Short Story by: Albi L  
with a few ideas from  
Ethan T (Year 7)

## PREVIOUSLY

The evil cat named Larry has been sent to a different dimension called 'Dimension Meopham'. Jimbo the dog sent him to Dimension Meopham.

## NOW



The evil cat, Larry, found a new target (Meopham) with the intention of eating it, because he was starving. But all of his power had been drained by Jimbo. Larry entered the school with an evil grin, which soon turned into laughter because he saw a seagull steal a guy named Nate's food.

A person named Ethan witnessed the terror that was happening outside and shouted for his co-worker..... JIMBO. Jimbo understood how dangerous Larry could be, because he was evolving all this time and that was his real plan: to inflict terror on a universe bigger than his and soon it would be over.

Larry re-created a renegade raider to attack Jimbo to give himself time to attack. He took Jimbo to his domain expansion (realm of eternal lemons) where the lemons viciously ripped apart anyone who dared awaken them and even the quietest footstep would wake them.

Would any of them make it out alive?

# Hostile Holiday

## Part 5

The trap was set quietly, deliberately.

Using Stephanie's insider knowledge, Diane guided the group toward the driving range — closed for the night, floodlights casting long, artificial shadows across the empty turf. It was open enough to feel safe. Predictable enough to draw Charlotte in.

Charlotte arrived without hesitation, her smile perfectly in place.

"You look exhausted," she said lightly. "All this grief must be getting to you."

Diane did not return the smile.

"It's over, Charlotte."

For a moment, Charlotte only laughed — a sharp, humourless sound.

"You think you've solved it?" she asked. "You've barely scratched the surface."

That was when the evidence surfaced. The ledger. The footage. Clark's report. The letter proving the lie that had condemned their father. Each piece landed heavier than the last.

Charlotte did not deny any of it.

"They destroyed us," she said calmly. "The Lionhearts let our father rot under someone else's crime. Weasel was never the point. He was just... close enough."

Stephanie stepped forward, her voice unsteady but loud enough for everyone to hear.

"This isn't justice," she said. "It is revenge. And it is killing people."

Charlotte turned slowly. Her expression shifted — disbelief cracking into rage.

"You stood beside me," she whispered. "You promised."

"I was wrong," Stephanie said. "And I won't be anymore."

Charlotte lunged.

# continued...

**A Mystery Story  
By: Dilpreet D (Year 10)**

The moment exploded into chaos — shouting, bodies colliding, Stephanie hitting the ground hard as Diane pulled her back. Security poured in, hands grabbing, voices barking orders.

Charlotte screamed as she was dragged away, thrashing, furious.

“You think this ends here?” she shouted. “You’ve only finished the first chapter!”

Charlotte was arrested that night.

Weasel’s murder was avenged. The truth was finally exposed. But nothing felt clean. Nothing felt finished.

By morning, Stephanie was gone.

Deep beneath the hotel, in a forgotten maintenance chamber — an underground lair long abandoned — she worked alone. Files covered the table. Photographs.

Then she saw it.

A message, freshly left.

Written in Charlotte’s unmistakable hand.

“You backstabbed me. Now I will stab you in the back.”

Stephanie’s breath caught.

Her phone vibrated.

A final message appeared on the screen — unsigned, unmistakable.

The lights flickered.

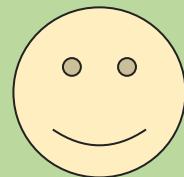
Somewhere in the darkness, something shifted.

Stephanie looked up—

A scream.

Then silence.

# Amazing Animals



By: Lilah B (Year 7)

## Maned Wolf

Maned wolves (Chrysocyon Brachyurus) are native to South America and are known for their tall and slender legs. Standing at around 90 cm = 3 feet and weighing between 20-30 kg (about the same as a German Shepherd dog).



They have long, thin legs a dense reddish coat and erect ears that help them hear their prey in tall grass. They are often seen as a mix of a fox and wolf but are neither. They are their own genus, Chrysocyon. Which means golden dog in ancient greek.

The younger pups usually have darker fur before it becomes golden.





# ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME TERM 3 & 4

## Monday

Pride Club	Lunchtime	Hums 7	Miss Williams
Debating Society	Lunchtime	English 8	Mr Roberts
Football Club (Year 7)	Lunchtime	Leisure Centre*	Mr Wood
Mindfulness Art	Lunchtime	Art 2	Miss Hodd
Year 11 Revision	Lunchtime	English 9	Mrs Williamson
Homework Club	Lunchtime	Oasis	Oasis Staff
Basketball Club	Afterschool	Leisure Centre*	Mr Goldsmith & Mr Smith

## Tuesday

English Club	Lunchtime	English 6	Mrs Porter-Clarke & Ms Rajkumar
MFL Club	Lunchtime	Languages 2	Mrs Lajnef
Macramé Club	Lunchtime	Art 2	Miss Jarvis & Miss Kesby
Football Club (Year 8)	Lunchtime	Leisure Centre*	Mr Payne
Year 11 Revision	Lunchtime	English 9	Mrs Williamson
Homework Club	Lunchtime	Oasis	Oasis Staff
Year 10 Science Higher Revision	Lunchtime	Science 4	Mrs Eaton
Fitness	Afterschool	Sports Hall*	Mrs Huggens & Miss Broad
Cooking & Culture Club	Afterschool	Catering Room	Miss Kerr
Games Club Board Games, Table Tops Games & Trading Card Games	Afterschool	Hums 4	Mr Obbard
History Club	Afterschool	Hums 7	Miss Williams

## Wednesday

Doodle Club	Lunchtime	Art 3	Mrs Nicolaou
Boxing Club	Lunchtime	Sports Hall*	Mr Smith
Year 11 Revision	Lunchtime	English 9	Mrs Williamson
Homework Club	Lunchtime	Oasis	Oasis Staff

## Thursday

School Magazine Club	Lunchtime	English 4	Mrs Williamson
Football Club (Year 9)	Lunchtime	Leisure Centre*	Mr Goldsmith
School Choir	Lunchtime	Music 1	Mr Knight & Mrs Hill
Year 11 Revision	Lunchtime	English 9	Mrs Bland
Homework Club	Lunchtime	Oasis	Oasis Staff
Badminton	Afterschool	Sports Hall*	Mr Whittle
Dance Club	Afterschool	PA Room (Dodmore)	Mrs Greenwood

## Friday

Equation Invasion	Lunchtime	Maths 8	Mr Hicks
Football Club (Year 10&11)	Lunchtime	Leisure Centre*	Mrs Davis Lane & Mr Whittle
Year 11 Revision	Lunchtime	English 9	Mrs Williamson
Homework Club	Lunchtime	Oasis	Oasis Staff

\*meet at the main changing rooms for PE clubs

# Landmarks to See in Italy

By: Luke S (Year 7)

Italy is most known for its expressive artwork, dominating history, decadent food along with its native luxurious sports cars such as Ferrari and Lamborghini.

Famous landmarks such as the Tower of Pisa and the Colosseum are monumental to Italian culture.



This is the tower of Pisa, it was built on 9th August 1173. The tower appears to be leaning as a result of the unstable foundations, creating its four degree lean.

This is the Colosseum, it was built in 72 AD. The Colosseum was mainly used for gladiatorial fighting, animal hunts, executions and re-enactments. It is in the capital city of Italy-Rome.

**Fun Fact:** it had a retractable roof.



# Holiday Recommendations

By: Siara B (Year 7)

## **For beaches and relaxation -**

Caribbean like Antigua, St Lucia, Bahamas, Anguilla.  
Indian Ocean Maldives, Mauritius.  
Southeast Asia Thailand, Bali, Lombok.  
Mediterranean Algarve, Amalfi Coast, Cyprus

## **For wildlife and nature -**

Costa Rica Rainforests, adventure, diverse wildlife.  
South Africa Safari Big Five, Cape Town.  
Borneo Orangutans, rainforests.  
Madagascar and Ethiopia Unique wildlife experiences

Overall, I think these destinations will ensure you are relaxed and carefree throughout your stay. Be sure to research about these places as some placed may not fit your needs as much as others.

Be sure if you are planning a holiday to check out this page with caution to make sure to get every bit of information.

Have fun!!

## **Culture and cities -**

Japan: Gardens, Temples, vibrant cities (Tokyo, Kyoto).  
Vietnam/Cambodia: History, food, Halong Bay.  
USA: New York, California, National Parks (Grand Canyon).  
India: Culture, history (Taj Mahal), tigers

# My Favourite Book

By: Katie F (Year 7)

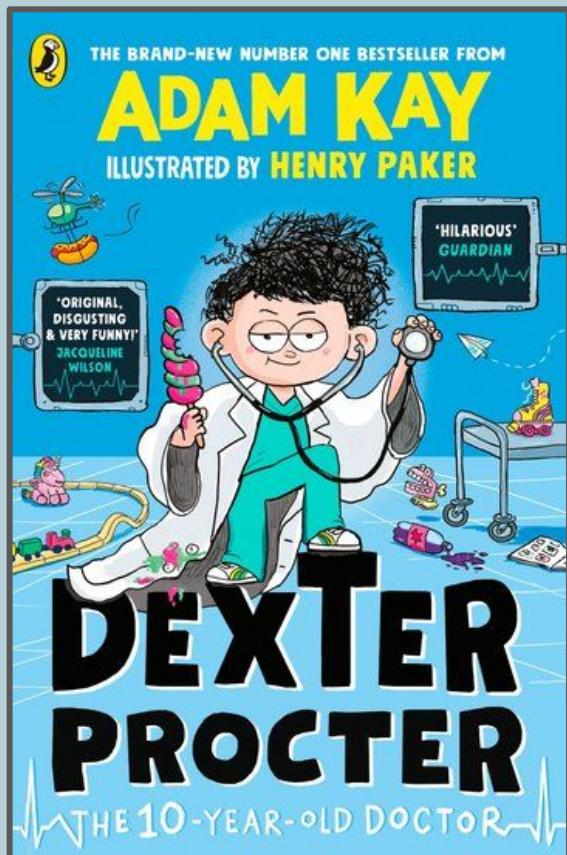
## Dexter Procter: The 10-Year Old Doctor

By: Adam Kay

Dexter Procter is an ordinary boy, well, not actually. He was born with the IQ of Albert Einstein, or more. He was even able to speak as a newborn. At the ripe, young age of ten, he completed his A levels and proceeded to graduate at a medical school. But later he encounters the face of his bully and a surprising family member. Can he keep his job and save his school?

Dexter Procter is an interesting story written by former doctor Adam Kay. This funny, graphic and mind boggling book contains various fictional scenes but has also taught me how to put people into the recovery position! Therefore the book emphasises the universal importance of medical attention, while also voicing the key message that sometimes people do need help.

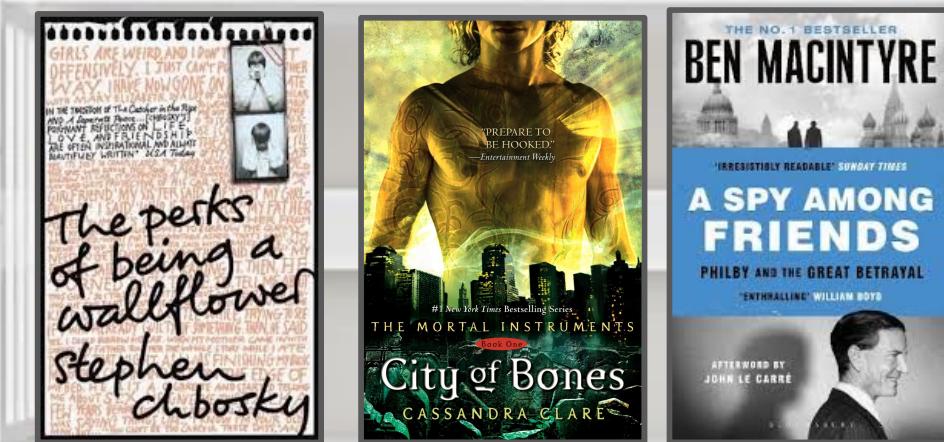
You can also watch this on BBC iplayer.



# BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



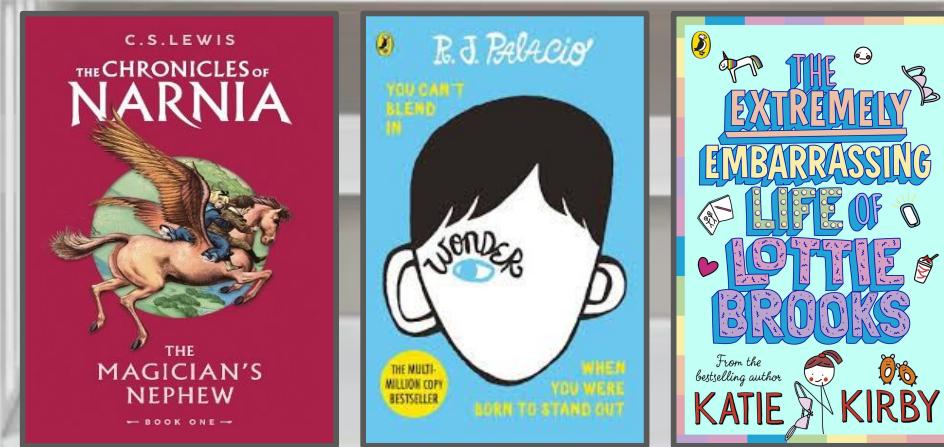
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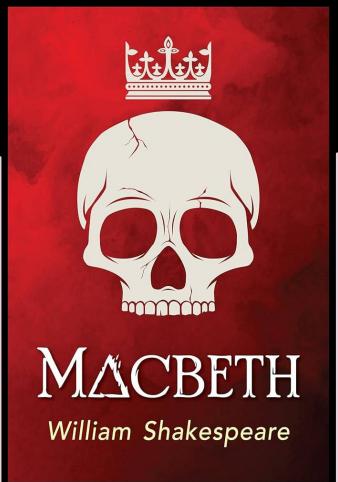


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Recommendations by the editorial team. If you have a recommendation, or would like to write a review for a future issue, email us at [MSS-magazine@swale.at](mailto:MSS-magazine@swale.at)

# Macbeth Show

On Monday 26th January, all of Year 10 and 11 watched a production of Macbeth in the Killick Hall, performed by the Quantum Theatre Company. With only four actors, they transformed the space to create a clever and engaging production of the play. Below is some feedback from our Year 10 students:



“The play was well managed, with only four people. They made it clear who was on stage and were very swift at changing character.”

“The actors were quite good and did well with the space they had.”

The play helped me understand the play better because it was acted out well.

The sword choreography needed practice but overall it made me engaged and interested in the play.

The sword fight was very entertaining and there was a lot of emotion in the soliloquies.

The production was very immersive.



# Keeping up with the Hispanics!

**By: Enya W (Year 7)**

Want to see what's happening in Latin America  
**and** Spain? You're on the right page.

The Spanish government is trying to make new laws to stop AI deep fakes, misuse of images and growing concerns about digital ethics and misinformation.

In other developments, many Latin American countries are taking bold legislative steps to reduce their carbon footprint, while also aiming to improve their renewable energy adoption; especially solar and wind power. This supports the environment and makes cleaner energy.



## Spain's president



## Example of wind power in cuba

# Small Spanish Lessons

Make sure to have a notebook, pen and the patience to read this.

Today I will teach you random words and make sure to write them down and the translation I will give you. Then I will make a sentence using some/all of these words and you have to try translate it.

My first language at home is Spanish (apart from English of course) but it is Mexican Spanish. It has a different flavour and accent to how you pronounce certain words.

## Perro- Dog

## Gato- Cat

Hola- Hello

## adiós- Goodbye

$$Y_0 = m_e/l$$

Düe-Said

mi-my

## antes - before

De salir de- to leave/leaving Casa- House

**Yo dije adiós a mi  
gato antes de  
salir de mi casa.**

Write down in your notebook  
what you think it means!

I advise not to use a translator and just try to figure it out yourself, the answer will be in the next issue.

Make sure to translate it into  
**grammatically correct**  
English.

# Famous People Born This Month



By Siara B (Year 7)



1) Harry Styles, a famous singer from Worcestershire, England, was born on **1st of February 1994**.



2) Shakira, an incredibly talented singer from Colombia, was born on **February 2nd 1977**. She is known for her role in Zootropolis/Zootopia and songs “Hips Don’t Lie” and “Waka Waka.”



3) Sean Kingston, a Rapper\Singer known for his R&B music, was born on **February 3th 1990**.



4) Rosa Parks was a black Civil Rights leader who advocated for Black rights by refusing to give up her rightful seat. She later became an icon for the Black civil rights movement. She was born on **February 4th 1913**.



5) Charlie Heaton is a famous Netflix star known for playing Jonathan Byers in Stranger Things. He also had a drumming career in a rock band before his acting. He was born on **February 6th 1994**.



# Meme of the Month

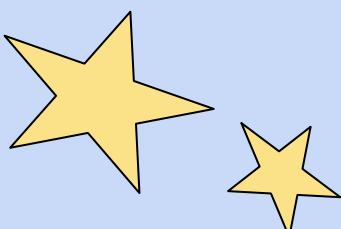
By: Millie H & Lilah B  
(Year 7)

## Chicken Stars



People liked the meme because some people found it entertaining to yell 'CHICKEN STARZZZZ' because they found it funny, but like most memes, eventually they have an end after around a month.

Chicken stars first began when from a clip in the 2023 Adam Sandler Netflix animated film Leo. The meme features a character named Cole singing a song about eating star-shaped chicken nuggets, repeatedly vocalizing the phrase "chicken stars". The internet went crazy over this and this is how this became an internet sensation.



# Pigeons

By: Victoria N &  
Charlotte W (Year 7)



A pigeon is a plump, short-necked bird from the family Columbidae. People often call them 'rat-birds'.

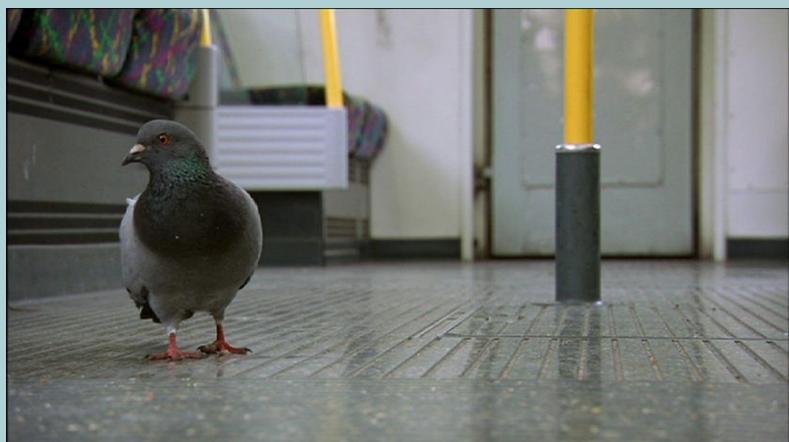
**Diet:** Fundamentally, a pigeon's diet consists of seeds, grains, fruits, buds, and sometimes small invertebrates.

**Behaviour:** Homing pigeons are famous for their ability to remember and return home, and some were even used to send messages during the World Wars.

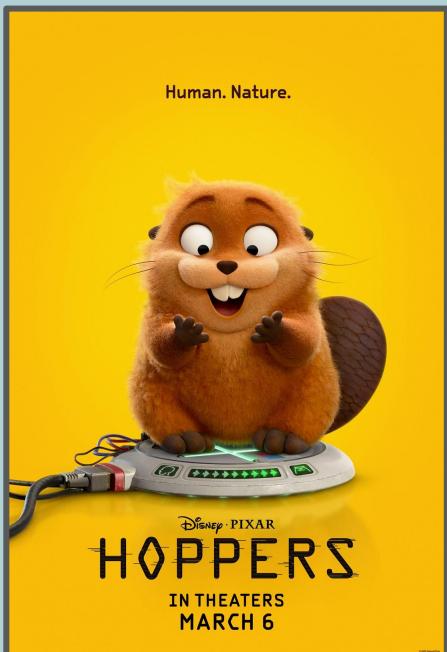
Despite not looking the sort, pigeons are very smart and are able to remember faces of people who are kind to them.

**Abilities and nature:** Pigeons can fly at impressive speeds, exceeding 94mph!

In David Attenborough's latest documentary about London, he highlights how intelligent and well-adapted to the city pigeons are. They even travel on the Underground!



# Film Review



By: Archie S (Year 10)

## Hoppers

Hoppers is a film about Mabel, a 19-year old who uses technology to transfer her consciousness into a robotic beaver and explore the animal kingdom.

This film looks really good and seems like a return to form for Disney and Pixar.

# Game Review

## *Dragon Adventures*



By: Lilah B (Year 7)

Dragon Adventures isn't currently a very popular game on Roblox. Its active players range from 10K to 20K, which is incomparable to other games' popularity.

But if you are a fan of fantasy and can't find any good dragon games, this is a very detailed and engaging game to play. Where you can train, trade and bid on different dragons.

If you're not a fan of dragons, but more interested in horses, the same developers also have created a horse version! Both games have daily updates entailing hundreds of different species of magical creatures. :)

# Recipe Corner

By: Shelby T (Year 7)

## Valentines Cupcakes

### Ingredients

1. 110g softened butter
2. 110g golden caster sugar
3. 2 large eggs
4.  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp vanilla extract
5. 110g self-raising flour



### Instructions

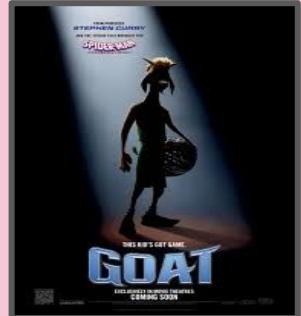
1. Heat oven to 180°C and fill a 12 cupcake tray with cupcake cases.
2. With a whisk, beat 110g softened butter and 110g golden caster sugar together until pale and fluffy, then whisk in 2 large eggs, one at a time, scraping down the sides of the bowl after each addition.
3. Add  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp (teaspoon) vanilla extract, 110g self-raising flour and a pinch of salt. Whisk until just combined, then spoon the mixture into the cupcake cases.
4. Bake for 15 minutes until golden brown and a skewer inserted into the middle of the cakes comes out clean. Leave to cool completely on a wire rack.
5. Decorate however you want to decorate them.

# Marvellous Movies in 2026 (Part 2)

By: Reggie C (Year 7)

There are so many marvellous movies coming out this year, so this time I've added more!

**Goat** will be coming out on the 13th February (in a few days!) There is already a lot of hype for this movie, because it was very sudden.



**Minions 3** will be a big hit when it comes out on 1st July. Rumours suggest a 1970's "Golden Age Hollywood" setting.



Almost a week later, the **Moana Live-Action** movie comes out on 10th July. The film was delayed in 2025, because of Moana 2's release.



**Godzilla Minus 0** has a Japanese release date of 3rd November. The sequel to the Oscar-winning Godzilla Minus One is directed by Takashi Yamazaki.



# Ten Random Questions with One Random Teacher

By: Japjeet D & Reggie C (Year 7)

This issue's random teacher is: Mrs Briscoe

**1. What is your favourite book?**

"The Alchemist" is my favourite book, because it makes me grateful for what I have and makes me think."

**2. If you could take two items to a desert island, what would they be?**

"I would take a water purifier and a book."

**3. If you could write a book about anything what would it be?**

"I would write my autobiography or a book on personal struggles."

**4. What's your favourite animal and why?**

"Elephant because they have a very long memory."

**5. If you could have any job in the world what would it be?**

"I would still want to be a teacher."

**6. What would be your dream vacation?**

"I would like to go to the Bahamas."

**7. What's your favourite food?**

"My favourite food is fenugreek chicken."

**8. What do you prefer Nike or Adidas?**

"I prefer Adidas."

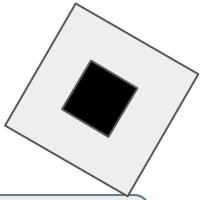
**9. What's your dream car?**

"My dream car is a red Suzuki Swift, not a Lambo or Porsche like most people want!"

**10. What is your favourite biscuit?**

"Biscoff."

# The Downfall of Roblox?

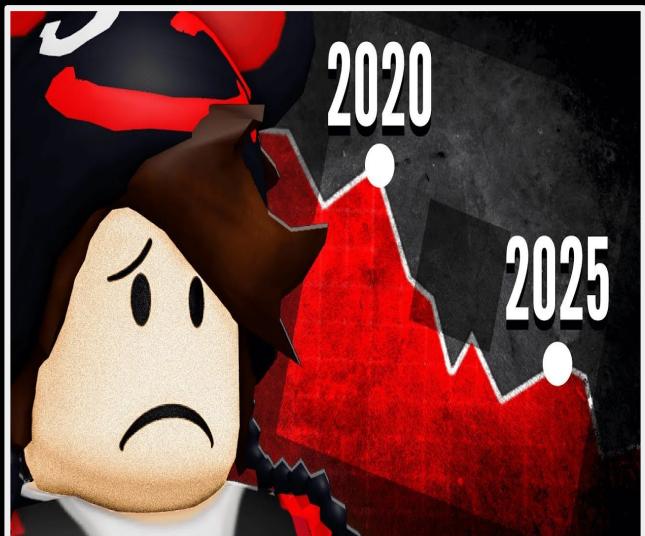


By: Millie H (Year 7)



A former classmate of mine, **Siara B** stated: “I think this age recognition is going to be the downfall of Roblox, because the game could get it wrong and people that are 16-17 could get age 9-12 and people that are 9-12 could get age 16-17, meaning this age ban has done nothing but annoy people.” As we can see from this statement, this is not going to help Roblox’s player count because some people won’t find it entertaining to play if you can’t talk to your teammates or friends.

Roblox is the perfect site to meet new friends, play exciting games and engage with people. There are over 40 million experiences available for you to play your favourite games. Previously, players would be able to chat to anyone but Roblox updated their safety regulations, therefore creating a new guideline detailing you can only chat to people in your age group according to Roblox AI system. This creates a safe environment for all.



This was not the only incident that happened. On August 8th 2025, a famous youtuber called Schlep got banned from the Roblox platform, despite the fact that Schlep’s primary content based on exposing predators on Roblox to make the platform safer for everyone. We will have to see what the future of the Roblox will be.

# Bus Update February 2026



By: Charlie D (Year 8)

Hello everyone! For February 2026, here is a bus update:

There are new Superloop Routes SL11 and SL12 from North Greenwich to Bugsby Way, just like the Route 472, with the old Enviro 400's. Some Enviro 400's have transferred to another company, like Dews Coaches for example. The SL12 Goes from North Greenwich to Abbey Wood.



More updates Coming soon! And my favourite bus company: 1st Bus Stop!



# Riddles!

Compiled by: Molly T (Year 8)

**Level 1:** Sam is outside a shop. She struggles to read the sign of the shop, but knows that she needs to make a purchase in it.  
Which shop is she at?

**Level 2:** I came from a mine and I'm surrounded by wood. I help people express themselves. What am I?

**Level 3:** The more that you take away from me, the bigger I get. What am I?

**Level 4:** I'm as light as a feather, but even the strongest people can't hold me for more than a few minutes. What am I?

**Level 5:** A son and a father get into a car crash. They are both rushed to hospital. The father dies and the son is sent into surgery. The surgeon says “I can't operate on this boy, he is my son.” Who is the seorgan?

**Level 6:** What comes next? OTTFFSS...

***To find out the answers, see inside front cover!***

# Poem

## The Mood of Nature

~ By Sinelya F (Year 7) ~

The sky grows darker,  
Day by day,  
Hour by hour,  
Minute by minute,  
The sky illuminates  
As darkness fades away.

Day by day,  
Hour by hour,  
Minute by minute,  
Hail falls across the globe,  
Rain pours down upon the wind,  
Drive by the wind that circles the earth.

For all the weather that never ends.

It's as if the world pushes  
Against itself for all eternity.

If you have a poem or any other contribution for the magazine, hand it in to your English teacher or Mrs Williamson, or come along on a Thursday lunchtime to EN4.