

Meopham Monthly



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Welcome

Welcome to our final issue of the school year. This issue celebrates all of the wonderful events our students have participated in during the summer term, as well as our usual array of varied content. The TRUE Awards and Summer Sizzler, alongside our Tenacity creative arts exhibition, was a wonderful opportunity to see our students and their work shine: you will find a selection of photos in this issue. Congratulations to everyone involved.

We welcome your content for next year's magazine, whether that be a short story, article, poem, photos or anything else appropriate for our readership. Please speak to Mrs Williamson, contact the team at MSS-magazine@swale.at or come along on a Thursday lunchtime to EN4.

We hope you enjoy this issue!

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

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World Cup

By: DG K, James H, Ethan L,
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The World Cup this year finally kicked off on 11th June with the opening match being Mexico vs South Africa. This World Cup is hosted in Mexico, Canada and the USA. There are 48 teams spread across 12 groups and they all are trying to get to the knockouts in the round of 32. The final will be hosted on the 19th of July and hopefully England are there and win the whole thing!



Find all the 6 footballs (this one counts).

England's results so far in the tournament are:

- England 4-2 Croatia
- England 0-0 Ghana
- England 2-0 Panama
- England 2-1 Dr Congo
- England 3-2 Mexico
- England 2-1 Norway



England has not won a World Cup since 1966!

That is 60 years of no World Cup... Well, England fans are hoping that this year they might bring the trophy home. With Kane up top we might have a fighting chance to win!

COME ON ENGLAND!!



Operation Bluestar

By: Dilpreet D (Year 10)

When the tanks rolled into the parikrama of the Golden Temple in June 1984, they followed a path blazed by invaders centuries before. From Mughal governors to Afghan kings, Sri Harmandir Sahib has repeatedly been attacked and desecrated to the point it needed reconstruction. Operation Blue Star was not a new beginning, but part of a much longer and painful history with its impact still affecting some communities today.

Operation Blue Star was a military operation carried out in June 1984, ordered by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Its aim was to remove armed militants from Sri Harmandir Sahib, the holiest site in Sikhism. At the centre of the situation was Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, a Sikh preacher and political figure who called for greater autonomy for Punjab. As tensions increased, Bhindranwale and his supporters took refuge inside of the Golden Temple complex.

The government saw this as a serious threat and deployed the army to remove those inside. What followed was a full-scale military assault inside of an extremely holy site. The operation led to the significant loss of life and caused widespread shock and grief in communities worldwide. Its aftermath further deepened tensions, contributing to years of unrest and violence.

Even today Operation Blue Star remains highly controversial. Some view it as a necessary action to restore order and address militancy, while others see it a deeply damaging attack on a religious site that caused lasting trauma. The event continues to be debated in political, historical, and personal contexts.

However, the full impact of Operation Blue Star can not be understood through political explanations alone. It is also found in the lived experiences of ordinary people who were affected in its aftermath.

One account describes events in a Punjab village in 1989. Following an armed incident, police entered the area and detained large numbers of men and boys for questioning. When no one confessed, violence was used during interrogations. Older men were beaten, while younger boys faced severe physical abuse including having their arms tied behind their backs with rope that was lifted until their tendons snapped causing temporary, possible permanent damage.

Another account describes a man being taken from his home by police, brought into the street and shot without explanation given to his family. Incidents like this were not isolated and contributed to an atmosphere of uncertainty in many communities during this period.

More than forty years later, Operation Blue Star continues to have an impact that extends beyond politics and military actions. It is remembered through the experience of families who lived through the aftermath and continue to carry its effects.

The Travelling Teacher

By: Ms Rajkumar

Undeniable USA

'Howdy partner.' is what you think you would hear when you consider The United States of America but there is nothing further from the truth. Miami is a sensory overload of Caribbean influence and Art Deco glamour. The tropical climate creates a buzz while the air feels like a warm embrace, perfect for late-night strolls along the Miami Beach sand. Remember to walk with a full wallet to treat yourself to some high-end luxury. Some of the top designers, Louis Vuitton and Gucci, set against world-class art installations.

An iconic pedestrian promenade, Lincoln Road Mall, in South Beach where you can shop, eat al fresco, and people-watch under the palms of South Beach, also famous for its pastel-colored buildings and "Ocean Drive" neon.

A five hour flight to California and the same brilliant sun shines on the mountain ranges in your sight. California is a state of vast diversity, from the glamorous streets of Los Angeles to the rugged cliffs of the north. Unlike Miami's humidity, California enjoys a Mediterranean climate—dry heat, cool ocean breezes, and "Golden Hour" sunsets that turn the hills a deep amber.

The famous Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills is perhaps the most known shopping street in the world, where luxury cars and designer flagships define the height of Hollywood opulence.



An open-air "village" mall with a trolley and fountain shows, offering a more relaxed yet upscale retail experience. No trip to California is complete without seeing the fog roll over this rust-red engineering marvel in San Francisco. Driving along to witness the famous HOLLYWOOD sign, the ultimate symbols of the global film industry, incites visions of hollywood glamour and glitz and the dream of running into your favourite actor. Whether on a shopping spree or site seeing, living like you're in a dream is just yeehaw!

How Beauty Standards Affect Young People

By: Evie G (Year 10)

If nobody naturally looks like the filtered images we see online, why are we still comparing ourselves to them?

The layering of filters, the overdoing of effects, the excessive editing has become the standard on social media platforms and it is affecting young people like us.

Every day, millions of young people scroll through their phone looking at perfectly polished photos with bodies that have impossible proportions but did you know that studies show 1 in 3 teenagers feel ashamed of their body image and 35% of them worry about it frequently. Research also shows that over a third of teenagers have restricted their diet or stopped eating due to body image worries and a high dissatisfaction at the age of 16 is linked to a higher risk of depression and eating disorders in early adulthood.

A young girl who fell victim to this issue, was 11 year old Bella. Bella developed severe anorexia after Instagram and TikTok bombarded her with toxic body expectations convincing her she needed to be thinner to emulate influencers. Her obsession led to extreme calorie restriction, concealing food and rapid weight loss, which required hospitalisation at the age of 12. Bella began hiding food in napkins and limiting her intake to meet perceived beauty standards, causing her weight to rapidly decrease to dangerous levels. As a result of this, Bella's body eventually broke, she collapsed unconscious and this led to her being in hospital for 3 months under intensive treatment. Fortunately for Bella, she survived and is doing much better now, but for some people this is not the case.

To try and overcome this problem, social media platforms, such as TikTok and Instagram, have put in place some solutions. Instagram has hidden some beauty filters from younger users and provides tools that allow people to limit content relating to appearance, dieting or cosmetic procedures. It has also promoted campaigns encouraging body positivity and mental health awareness. Additionally, TikTok have introduced rules to reduce harmful appearance-related content and it has removed videos that promote dangerous dieting or unhealthy body ideals.

While these measures are positive steps forward, their impact is often limited. Harmful content can still spread quickly through algorithmic recommendations, and users frequently find ways to bypass restrictions using alternative accounts or external tools. For greater effectiveness, social media platforms should strengthen their efforts by improving detection systems for harmful content, increasing transparency around how body-image material is promoted by algorithms, and expanding partnerships with mental health organisations. They could also run more regular awareness campaigns directly in the apps to help users recognise and resist damaging beauty standards.

In conclusion, social media's unrealistic beauty standards are affecting the mental health and self-esteem of millions of young people every day. Although platforms like Instagram and TikTok have started taking action, harmful content still continues to spread and influence vulnerable users. We need to remember that filters and edited photos do not show real life and can create impossible expectations for young people. By promoting honesty, self-acceptance and healthier online spaces, we can help create a future where people feel more confident and less pressured by social media standards.

How many more young people have to suffer before unrealistic beauty standards finally change?

Sanrio Characters!

By: Enya W (Year 7)

The Sanrio character we will be talking about is: **Marumofubiyori**
(said: ma-roo-moe-foo-bi-yori)
other wise known as **Moppu**! They are a boy
and here is his name in Japanese characters:
まるもふびより



Did you know?

Moppu's blanket is inspired by a real Japanese tradition! The blanket he's wearing is very similar to a **kotatsu (ko-tar-sue)** blanket—used for a traditional Japanese heating table covered with a blanket! This ties into his love for coziness, comfort and lazing at home, making his design deeply rooted in Japanese culture, even if its subtle!



The name is written in hiragana as: **まるもふびより** means something close to “**round and comfort**” or “**cozy and fluffy**”! The nickname “**Moppu**” comes from the Japanese word **moppu (モップ)**, which means “**mop**,” because Moppu (a polar bear) is always wrapped in a blanket that has a texture of a type of mop! His birthday is February 10th. Moppu is described as “a homebody who loves comfort and cozy spaces”, he lives with a roommate who has a job at an aquarium! Marumofubiyori is actually a group of three characters, a polar bear, a blue fish named gyoniku and a red crab plushie named **kanima**! **The group was unveiled by Sanrio in February 2017 as part of their new character lineup!** So he isn't actually that old of a Sanrio character like Hello Kitty (she was created in 1974)!!

The Twilight Zone and Rod Serling

By: Dylan C (Year 10)

Rod Serling was an American screenwriter, who was born in the mid 1920s. When he graduated from high school, he immediately signed up for the U.S military to fight in World War II. He was sent to the Philippines, which annoyed him, as he wanted to fight Nazis head-on, as he was Jewish.

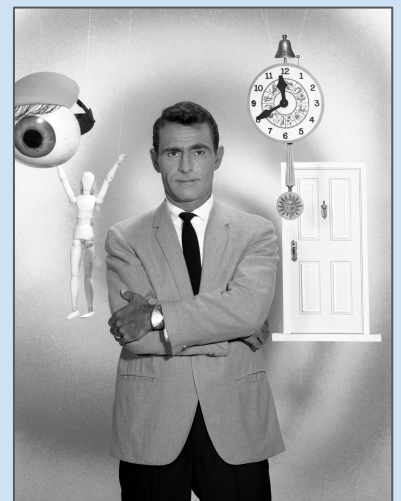
After the war, Rod had severe PTSD and suffered with several nightmares. In 1959, he created the iconic show, The Twilight Zone. Earlier in the same year, he was interviewed and talked about how drama should be used as an allegory for real world problems. Whilst he could not talk about social injustices directly, he was able to disguise it through his sci-fi and thriller episodes. A key example of this is the episode titled "He's alive", with a young, American Neo-Nazi, who is guided and radicalised by the ghost of Adolf Hitler. It may sound silly now, but it served as an anti-facism message, and linked to Serling's (and many others') commitment in the war.

Another example is the episode titled "The big, tall wish". This episode stands out as it was one of the only episodes in The Twilight Zone (and major television in the 1960s in general) to have a lead character who was black, which was a very bold move for the time.

Rod was addicted to smoking, sometimes smoking three packs of cigarettes in a single day as a way to cope with his PTSD. He died in 1975 at just age 50, following problems after an open-heart surgery. You may recognise Rod from the Tower of Terror ride in Disneyland. That ride is arguably one of Disney's most famous, and is inspired by the Twilight zone.

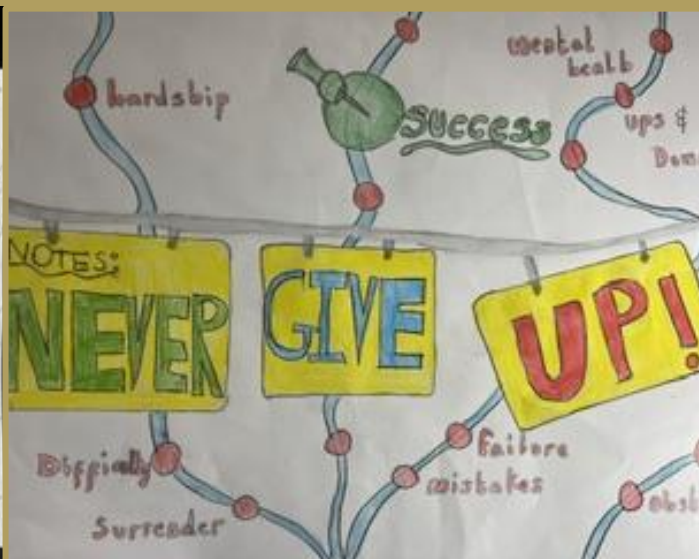
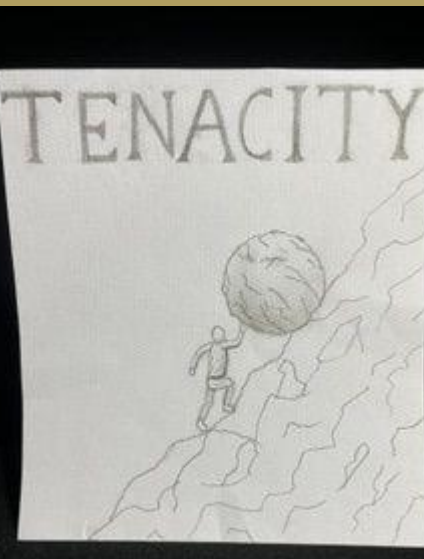
The reason why the show still holds up today is because the show made you unlock a door with the key of your imagination, which beyond it is another dimension. A dimension of sound. A dimension of sight. A dimension of mind. You're moving into a land of both shadow and substance, of things and ideas. You've just crossed over into The Twilight Zone.

Thank you and goodnight.





ART EXHIBITION - 'Tenacity'





YEAR 7 CANTERBURY TRIP

The Canterbury Tales Immersive Experience
and Canterbury Cathedral - June 2026



Fruits for July



**By: Charlotte W,
Victoria N & Enya W
(Year 7)**

Hello and welcome to Fruits for July! This month's fruit is peach! The peach is very popular fruit with supple, fuzzy skin. Enjoy this month's page!



Peaches are at their sweetest and juiciest in July.



Warm summer weather helps peaches ripen to perfection.



Different varieties (like Clingstone, Freestone, Yellow, White) peak at different times in July.



Peaches need warm days and cool nights to develop the sugar content inside.



The longer they're on the tree, the sweeter they become.



Ethylene gas (a natural plant hormone) helps peaches ripen faster in summer.



Women in Afghanistan

By: Kaya Z (Year 10)

Women in Afghanistan have basically lost every right in life. It took only a few months for the Islamists to act and take away their right to self-determination and wiped out 20 years for the rights of girls and women. They are not allowed to go outside without a burka and a male, otherwise they get arrested or beaten. There is no protection for women if they get assaulted or threatened; basically men have control over women in Afghanistan. Many pass away from these incidents, and many do not even get a proper funeral. In one horrific case, a 27 year old woman was beaten to death and her body was thrown into a river.

Girls of ages 7 to 14 are getting forced to get married to older men, or are sold to people as slaves if the parents do not have enough money to afford food. Many young girls lose their education when they finish primary school. Islamic men tend to look at them as housewives and mothers, cleaning cooking etc, so they think that a girl having an education is pointless.

But women in Afghanistan are fighting back through forming secret classrooms, documenting their experiences and creating women's charities and support groups. By speaking out and acting, women are taking back their power.



Hamster Habitation

By: Mercedes P (Year 7)

This is a normal hamster habitat.

Some people might think: “Oh my God you are torturing your hamster, like, what are you doing?” In fact we are not hurting our hamsters. In fact we are helping them.

Hamsters are nature living creatures, so that means you have to make their cages like the wild.

But one quick thing: please don't take things from outside. What pet shops do recommend are wood shavings, bathing sand, toys and hiding spaces such as little houses.

Depending on the type of hamster you get - whether that's a Robo, Syrian, Russian Dwarf - different species like how their bedding should be but that will take too long to explain!



DID YOU KNOW?

That hamsters can see up to 3 or 4 inches.

DID YOU KNOW?

That there are up to 18-20 recognised hamster species in the whole world.

DID YOU KNOW?

That hamsters are most famous for their cheek pouches when they eat food.

OK, I am out of hamster stuff now, to the point there is a spinning wheel in my head! So, be ready for September 2026, for some things about my favourite series Heartstopper!

See you later (well in September),

-Mercedes

Famous Scientists

By: Katie F (Year 7)

Marie Curie

Why did she become famous?

Marie Curie is famously known for being the woman who discovered radiation. Today, it is a life saving cure for many types of cancer including breast, lung and skin cancer. However, there are also other ways that people use radiation that aren't what Marie Curie thought, like nuclear bombs. She also discovered Polonium (an element named after Poland), isolating pure radium (this got her a second nobel peace prize) and she also found a way to use radium to treat multiple types of cancer.

Early life

During Curie's life, she was raised in a family of educators who were facing financial hardship due to the restrictive Russian Empire. Her life was also traumatic due to the early deaths of her mother and sister. Luckily she was never evacuated or separated from her father after the shocking events that occurred.

Aftermath (how the world has changed)

Because of Curie's discovery, thousands of lives are saved from diseases like cancer and tumors. Scientists from around the world commented about Curie's excellent work and she is now an icon for scientists around the world. She now rests in peace in the Panthéon in Paris, France where she is now admired as a hero.



TRUE AWARDS &



SUMMER SIZZLER



Charlie the Demonic Chicken

By: Nate (Year 7)

Charlie the demonic chicken used to be a normal chicken on a normal farm until the tragedy that changed his entire life...

My name is Charlie and I had a lot of friends. I used to be popular among the other chickens and given a lot of praise for my expertise at egg laying. Until one day a new animal arrived: Jimbo the dog. He said he wanted to protect us all but I made fun of him saying that just because he's a dog doesn't mean he's stronger than me! (I was wrong.)

He didn't like me because of that and forced the other chickens to ignore me as I was a bad chicken and didn't deserve praise. I needed revenge.

I heard that he had an enemy. Larry the evil cat. I needed his help. You see, I was liked by many and had a lot of power (not physically). I have the ability to use a one time use cross-universe communication. (don't ask how I obtained this), so I located Larry and with help of my communication, I directed him to my universe and planet.

But Larry he used his 'lemon launch' to send himself to my world. His goal was to destroy Jimbo once and for all. No matter what... He found Jimbo at a place called Meopham and lots of stuff happened and in the end Larry won!

I was spectating the entire event and came to congratulate him when suddenly, Albi, the creator of Jimbo took Larry and did terrible things to him until he was deformed into a cow. David the Cow. It was my mission to destroy this world and more to avenge my friend. Larry.



David the Cow

By: Albi L & Ethan
T (Year 7)

After the events of the Evil Cat, a new, unpredictable universe was opened and David the Cow was born from thin air.

David was a very evil and mischievous cow, who turned people into tadpoles and plotted to destroy the town fUnKy ToWn. But along with all evil comes a source of good. Our favourite hero Ethan is reborn with scars, more strength, more speed and more intelligence. David the Evil Cow transformed all the people of fUnKy ToWn into tadpoles one by one with a sense of evil glaring in his eyes.

At last, Ethan and David met duelling to the death. Ethan swung first, hitting him directly in the stomach, stunning David. Then David rammed Ethan into a wall and the Ethan hit a fatal punch and destroying David's intestines.

But David Will Come Back. He always comes back.



Ug is a game about hatching dinosaurs and going on adventures to fight bosses and getting new dinosaurs. In their newest update, they have added a new fishing rod and a new hybrid in the fusion cave. In order to get new dinosaurs, you have to fight bosses or alphas for a chance to get a egg or you can buy it in the egg shop.



One of the bosses in Ug is the flaptor, were you have to get a glider dinosaur to fly up and fight it. Sometimes it will come at you and grab you off of your dinosaur!

Meme of the Month



By: Millie H (Year 7)

Young Sheldon Memes

Young Sheldon memes are very funny and have been going round for a while. They came from a American sitcom comedy set in Texas about a young kid called Sheldon Lee Cooper, who is a genius raised in a normal family and deals with the struggles of his life.



Viral Sheldon memes:

- Sheldon Lee Cooper, you dawg!
- Bazinga!
- Georgie, we're looking for brisket!
- wowie zowie!
- If I hear you scream again, you're going to bed!
- Ich bin ein Heidelberger!

Marcus Rashford

By: James H(Year 8)



Marcus Rashford is a professional English footballer, currently playing for Barcelona FC, where he is on loan from Aston Villa. Rashford is currently playing in the World Cup and his skillful foot control makes an astonishing contribution to the international team. England might actually have a chance of winning the World Cup! Come on England! He contributed to England's game against Croatia, where we won 4-2 and Rashford scored the final goal. Before Barcelona, he played for Manchester Utd and Aston Villa and rumour suggests he might be signing for Tottenham. 9, 10, 11, 14 are all shirt numbers he has played in. He has developed into an icon for Manchester and Barcelona.

Maisie Symonds

By: Reggie C (Year 7)

Born on 2nd February 2003, Maisie Symonds is regarded to be one of the top young rising stars in English football. She plays in midfield, and is the first-team captain for Brighton & Hove Albion WFC in the WSL (Women's Super League). She's also widely considered as one of the country's brightest young midfield prospects.



Maisie started in the youth ranks at Chelsea, before transferring to Brighton at the start of 2021. At the age of ten she was already making headlines, being the first ever girl to join Ebbsfleet boy's football club in 2013! Then just a year back, she got her well deserved call-up for the England Women's senior squad in March of 2025.



FUN FACTS

Maisie Symonds went to St. John's Primary & Secondary School in Gravesend.

This outstanding player is actually my cousin!

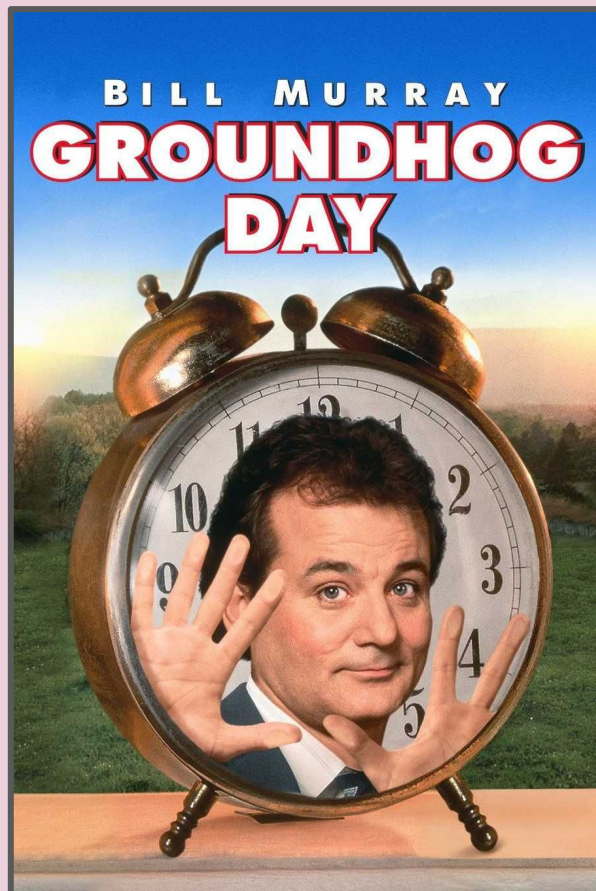
20th Century Movie Night

By: Patrick K (Year 7)

GROUNDHOG DAY

Ignorant, sometimes rude, newsman Phil Connors (Bill Murray) has to go to Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, to report an event where a groundhog predicts when winter will end. On the way back, however there is an unexpected blizzard, which means they must stay.

When Phil wakes up the “next day” it turns out that that it is a repeat of the day before! This will continue to happen until he shows true kindness, and only then is he allowed to pass through to the next day and live on the rest of his life in happiness.



Michael - Film Review

By: Leticia S (Year 8)



Michael Jackson is a pretty big hit! Many might already know him as the King of Pop .

He died on 25th June 2009.

His most famous songs are: "Billie Jean", "Thriller", "Beat It", "Smooth Criminal", and "Man in the Mirror".

This new film is about his life. My favourite part was when Michael had his pet monkey, Bubbles! It's so sweet!

I recommend this film to anyone who loves music and loves Michael Jackson. Many loved him and he's a dear memory. RIP Michael Jackson.



Lowish Floor Running Day

By: Charlie D (Year 8)

On Sunday 12th July 2026 there will be a Lowish Floor Running Day in Goodstone Green with classic buses and more! I will be riding some of these buses, like alx400s for example, which are my childhood buses, like the LX05 LLO at the South East Bus Festival 2026.

(My name tag was put on a Stagecoach London ALX400 Blind)

1ST



Vintage and Classic Bus and Car Show

By: Charlie D (Year 8)

On Sunday 16th August 2026, there is a vintage bus and car show. The timings are 10am-4pm. It is operated by Go Bus. The location is in between Swanley bus garage or at Gamecock Meadow, London Road in West Kingsdown, which is just like the South East Bus Festival.



😓 Redroute Buses Leaving Gravesend 😓

By: Charlie D (Year 8)

On Saturday 27th June
Redroute Buses will be leaving
Gravesend. They operated the
routes: 306 308 416 and 417.
They will still do wedding
routemasters, don't worry!
Kent Country will take over the
Redroute buses routes. Brian
Jones coaches will take over
wedding routemasters and 1st
Bus Stop will take over the
private hire bus and coach hire.
It is a shame that they left
Gravesend and they going to
be scrapped soon. 😓😓😓



REDROUTE BUSES

Ten Random Questions with One Random Teacher

By: Japjeet D (Year 7)

This issue's random teacher is: **Mrs Romney**

1. Would you prefer £1,000,000 or free holidays or a year?

"I think i would prefer £1,000,000 because I would be able to use it for holidays and other things."

2.What is your favourite colour?

"Yellow because it is nice and bright and sunny."

3. What is your favourite car?

"I don't really know anything about cars but it would be my first car (Ford Fiesta)."

4. What is your favourite food?

"If I'm going out for dinner, I like seafood, but if it's a takeaway, I would choose a curry."

5. If you were stranded on a desert island, what 3 things would you take?

"I would take a good book, some matches and a knife."

6.What is your favourite animal ?

" My favourite animal is a squirrel, because they are really determined, they're well prepared and they're cheeky."

7. What is your dream holiday?

" I have always wanted to go to China, because I want to go to the big cities and the Great Wall."

8. What you prefere 4 heads or 4 arms?

"I would prefer 4 heads, so I could look in all directions and have extra brain power."

9. What was your favourite lesson in school?

"I have always enjoyed History lessons because I like learning about people like me in different times in History."

10. What is your favourite biscuit?

"I think it is a jammie dodger!"

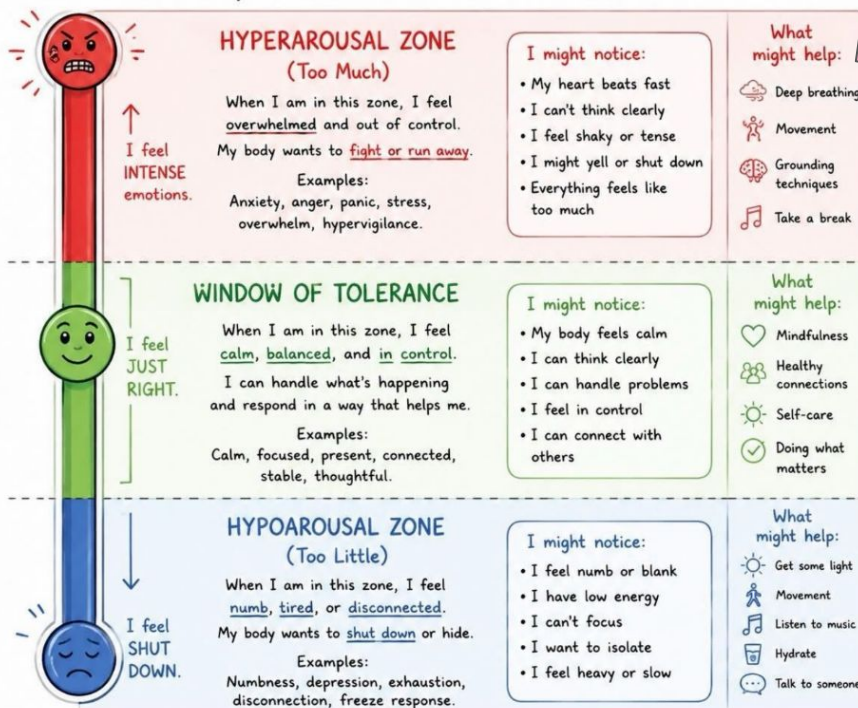
Wellbeing Corner

Content chosen by: Miss Garnett



THE WINDOW OF TOLERANCE

our ability to handle difficult emotions and situations



- THE GOAL:**

Stay in (or return to) your Window of Tolerance as much as possible.

How can I return to my Window?

 1. Notice: How am I feeling? What zone am I in?
 2. Name it: It's okay to say, "I'm in the red zone."
 3. Use a tool: Try something that helps me return to green.

Remember:

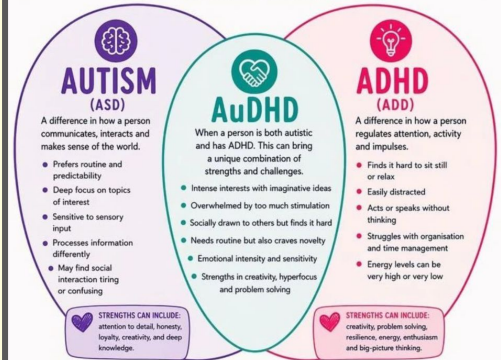
It's normal to move between zones. Be patient and kind with yourself.

Great advice!

UNDERSTANDING THE AUTISM & ADHD PROFILE

AND WHERE THEY INTERSECT (AuDHD)

Everyone experiences these differently. This is not a checklist, but a guide.



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

- NOT BETTER OR WORSE**

Autism and ADHD are not flaws. They are different ways of thinking and experiencing the world.

EVERY PERSON IS UNIQUE

No two people are the same. Support should be tailored to the individual, not just the diagnosis.

SUPPORT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE

Understanding, adjustments and acceptance help people thrive at home, in school and in the community.

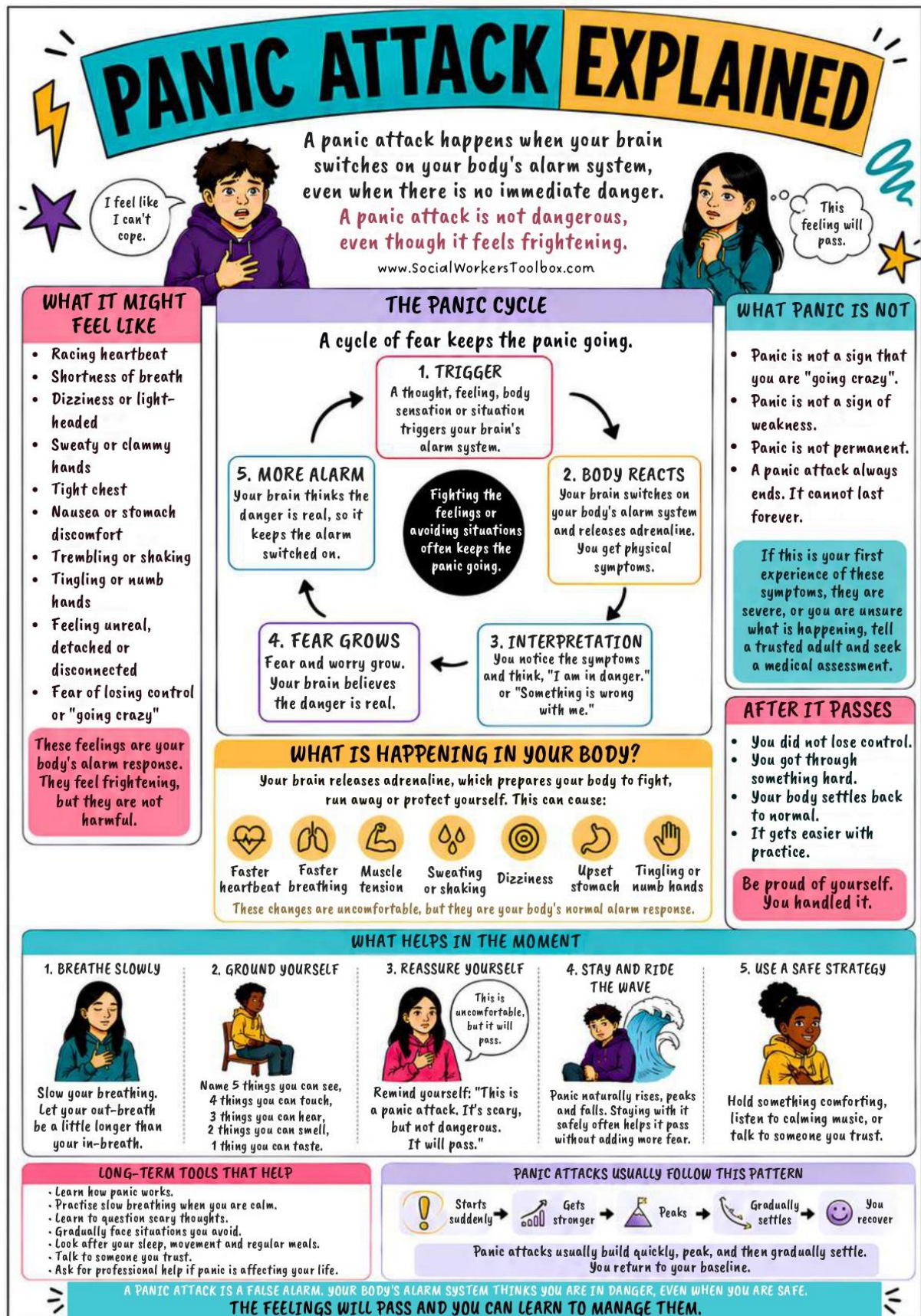
FOCUS ON STRENGTHS

Celebrate talents and strengths. They are the foundation for confidence, wellbeing and success.

DIFFERENT, NOT LESS. TOGETHER, WE UNDERSTAND.

Wellbeing Corner

Content chosen by: Miss Garnett



The Poetry Corner

Why?

~ Katie F (Year 7) ~

Why do we work?
Why do we sleep?
Why do we run,
From a fear we don't need?

Why do we live,
For people so strict.
Only we do this,
To hide from fear,
So the answer to why
Is because we hide only,
Our true selves.

Pat's TRUE Poems

By Pat Roberts

Tenacity

Did your parent tell you there is no such
word as can't? As a kid mine did.
Were they telling me the word is can not,
more like, to achieve receives patience,
perseverance, applying oneself,
and, they were not talking tommyrot.

If 29 students can...
so can you...
you're no different,
show us what you can do!.

You may not become an Astronaut of these there are very few, but
you can become a worthy member of society, trust me.

Even if told you will never achieve that goal
(a lot have been proved wrong, bless my soul.)
Have Heart, learning and fate could play a part.

Who knows what will occur,
watch this space.
Tomorrow's world will be a very different place.

CTN Respect

(Do unto others as you would text be done by.)

Respect = due regard for the feelings or rights of
other including one's Fathers or Mothers.

Give respect, no matter how high or low a person's
station in life living in clover or suffering from strife.

Never lose one's cool in or out of school,
after all what do you want them to say.
SMH a belly aching tough cookie.
Leaving? I can't wait for the day, or polite, on time,
a child you would happily be a parent to and call mine.

CTN = can't talk now
SMH = shaking my head, finding something so
stupid they are lost for words

UNITY wherever we be

As one only, achievement may
be delayed or non existent,
achievement only acquired through
persistence.

Teachers, parents, Grand parents
they unite
and try with all their might
to give you the life you feel is your right.

This world would not exist as we know it without unity
at school, home, work and in the Government hopefully,
and of course the union of two people
in marriage or partnership and may I add,
school is no place for a kip, so get a grip.
At night get off those phones, leave them alone
you may be blissed out, reality will bring you back
to earth. How much you learn is how much your worth.

Excellence

Excellence is giving of your best
and passing the test.
Do not exclude yourself,
you will be left behind,
sitting on the shelf.

You are not your brother or your sister
- be yourself.
Be prudent, showing care
and thought for the future.
Comments made?
"A pleasure to teach!"
from your Tutor...

The Poetry Corner

Peace Under the Tree

~ for George ~

Beneath the tree, we sit
Cross-legged, heads bowed, silent;
Sharing this moment of calm;
Collecting, gathering moments of past times.

A sacred space, this solemn silence
Sends whispers through the tree's leaves,
The silver maple standing tall,
With leaves that shimmer in slivers of light.

All our moments collide here.
We commune with telepathic ease,
Soothing and smoothing rough edges
In our shared place of peace.

Mrs W

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.