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TO LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

Fireworks, toffee apples and bright skies are getting closer every second of the day, so get ready for the bang of Bonfire Night! Thanks to Guy Fawkes, of course!

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By Hari Sukumar, Year 7 and Jacob Linney, Year 8

Bonfire Night is the night where the sky is no longer as dark as coal; it is as bright as a firework!

Bonfire Night is a uniquely British celebration, which all started in the year 1605 on 5th November, when a man named Guy Fawkes tried to blow up Parliament in London as well as the king! The thing is that although we certainly didn't want him to succeed in his task to blow up Parliament, if he didn't attempt this act of historical terrorism and regicide, then we wouldn't now, centuries later, have the opportunity to have all of the fireworks and celebrations (don't forget the toffee apples) we have to look forward to every year.

Now, here's another fun fact: they are making a

drama TV show about the gunpowder plot and how they were going to do it. It will be on the BBC and will be called *Gunpowder*. Let's hope it is as exciting and explosive as our Bonfire Night!

Onto a more serious note: on this amazing night, we celebrate using many dangerous things. Fireworks are only cool and amazing if you are responsible and don't mess around with these explosive items, so stay safe and listen to what the adults tell you to do. Sparklers, in particular, are a real danger, because, although they look like sparkling stars on sticks, once they go out, they will burn your hand if you are not careful. Always remember to drop them into a bucket of cold water once the sparkler has extinguished.

Have an awesome time on the night, and don't go out with a BANG!

Feeling Peckish?

There's quite a lot of food in THE TORCH this month!

The word 'food' has appeared in seven different places within this issue (not including this page!). Can you help us to locate them all?

Have a good look through the issue and bring your copy to Miss Taylor if you find them all. The first five winners will receive a small price; others will receive e-Praise points.

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am delighted to be able to write to you about perhaps, overall, our strongest ever external examination results from last summer. In Year 13, over half the A-level students had grades from A* to B and, when combined with the vocational results, that figure went up to 67%. A quarter of all A-level results were A* or A and no student failed any subject. In terms of progress, although we are still waiting for official government figures, our value-added score for A-level looks to be putting us at the 14th percentile nationally and, for vocational results, at the 3rd percentile. These are very impressive Year 13 results which allowed the vast majority of students to access their chosen courses at universities across the country. We are very much looking forward to hearing how they are settling into university life when they return to school for the Year 13 Presentation Evening at the end of term.

The GCSE results are similarly improved. The new headline measure, 'Progress 8', gives us a positive value-added score of +0.09, at the 34th percentile nationally. The Progress 8 figure is the new government calculation which attempts an overall measure of progress for all students in the school in comparison to all other students nationally of the same age. Success in the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) put us at the 10th percentile nationally and top in the Local Authority. The EBacc is a combination of English, Maths, Science, MFL and History/Geography. It is particularly pleasing to note the success enjoyed by our most vulnerable students, such as those with Special Educational Needs or those eligible for Pupil Premium, allowing all to leave Wath 'able, active and qualified'. In fact, we have a very good track record of providing opportunities for students to go on to access sixth form, apprenticeships or college.

65% of all Year 11 students left us with at least a grade 4 (old grade C) in GCSE English and Maths. That put us fourth in the LA (7th in 2016) and against an LA average of 60%. A grade 4 is now regarded as a 'Standard Pass' and we want as many students as possible to strive for the new benchmark of a 'Strong Pass' – a grade 5. We were also 4th on that measure in the LA.

My heartfelt congratulations go to all the students and staff – a real reward for all the hard work that went in to achieving those results. However, we are not complacent and will be working very hard so that our

students enjoy continued success. Across our school community, we continue to focus on raising academic standards and opportunities, remaining fully committed to our aim of ensuring that all our students receive a high quality educational experience and leave us able, active and qualified.



Once again, we were over-subscribed for the start of Year 7, where 300 new students joined the school and appear to be settling in quickly, adjusting to life and routines. Some 50 students had to join a waiting list. In order to gain the maximum benefit from the extensive opportunities available, we encourage as many students as possible to get involved in extra-curricular opportunities and, especially, try something they haven't done before. Year 7s seem to be really stepping up to this challenge. We also welcomed a large number of new students, from other local secondary schools, into Year 12 and hope that they also embrace the opportunities on offer. It is always particularly pleasing when the attraction of the Sixth Form brings new students from across local authority boundaries, such as from Barnsley and Doncaster. In addition, I also offer our new staff a warm welcome and very best wishes for a successful and enjoyable career with us.

It is a particularly busy time for Year 11, given that their external exams begin shortly after the Easter holiday. They have a Revision Festival before the end of this half term and the Y11 Students & Parents' Consultation Evening with subject teachers is scheduled for 14 November. The Y11 Preliminary Exams then commence on 20 November – these are vital internal preparatory exams for the later external ones. All students, in all years, will be having their first motivation and academic progress recorded within the next few school weeks.

I write shortly after experiencing a fantastic Vocal Evening, where around 30 different students performed – the standard was something to behold. Previously, the Performing Arts faculty held a Murder Mystery Evening, set in the context of a garden fete. It could have been any one of them! The quality of the acting from our students was terrific as they maintained their

character throughout the event. The school hosted an Anne Frank Exhibition for two weeks earlier this month and special thanks must go to the students who acted as guides, showing parents and fellow students around the exhibition. The students who have been part of the Childnet Digital Leaders programme were invited to a showcase event in London recently. The event was organised by Facebook and the students had the opportunity to speak to MPs and the media about their passion for making the internet a better place. You may have seen them on national news. They were excellent ambassadors for the school. I am also delighted to report that we had 99 students from the school involved in the National Citizen Service programme last academic year – the highest number from any Rotherham secondary school. The programme of activities are a real opportunity for building independence, confidence and to work with others from different communities. The school has also recently been awarded Sports Mark Gold for the 3rd successive year – a recognition of the amount of extra-curricular sport available for students.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Taylor

Headteacher

News in Brief



Buskers on the Balcony

Delivering live music to an audience in the social area, the new 'Buskers on the Balcony' showcase, curated by music teacher Mr Morley, featured musical delights from the balconies above. Students from all year groups and subjects were welcomed to perform enchanting piano solos, vocal performances and a demonstration of instruments learned at the school. With increasing participation, the music department announced this will be a monthly lunchtime event this year, offering yet more opportunities for students to experience music alongside a broad and balanced

curriculum.

Important Dates

Here are some important dates for forthcoming events:

- 14 November: Y11 Student & Parent Consultation Evening with subject teachers
- 20 November: Y13 Student & Parent Consultation Evening with subject teachers
- 5 December: 'New Sixth Evening' for prospective applicants to the sixth form
- 6 December: Y7 Review Day: where Y7 parents will be invited in to school to meet with the form tutor and have the opportunity to discuss progress to date.
- 7 December: Y12 Review Morning
- 20 December: Y8 Review Day
- 17 January: Y10 Review Day

10 Riddles to Test Your Mind

By Molly Hammerton, Year 10

1. A man shaves several times a day, yet he still has a beard. Who is this man?
2. I fly without wings, I cry without eyes. What am I?
3. Take off my skin - I won't cry, but you will! What am I?
4. I'm tall when I'm young, I'm short when I'm old. What am I?
5. You can crack me; you can make me; you can tell me; you can play me. What am I?
6. People buy me to eat, but never eat me. What am I?
7. Do you say, "Nine and five is thirteen," or "Nine and five are thirteen" ?
8. You go at red, but stop at green. What am I?
9. I have an eye but am blind, a sea, but no water; a bee, but no honey; tea but no coffee; and a why, but no answer. What am I?
10. I walk with you almost every day, yet you never notice me. You step on me, but you never say sorry. What am I?

Answers: shoes; stop eating at the green part; 9) The alphabet; 10) Your A joke; 6) Plates and cutlery; 7) Neither. Nine and five is fourteen; 8) Watermelon! You eat the red part, and you 1) A barber; 2) A cloud; 3) An onion; 4) Candle/pencil; 5)

Latest News and Updates from

Year 7 English Trip To Grimm and Co. Goes Swimmingly

By Xander Heusel, Year 7

Recently, many Year 7 students went on a trip to Grimm and Co, as part of their 'My Magical World' topic in English.



If you are unaware of Grimm and Co, it's a reading charity that runs innovative storytelling and writing workshops, supporting those who need it the most, unleashing young people's imaginations and building confidence, self-respect and communication skills. After writing the beginning and middle in a group, the students write an independent ending that then makes it into their copy of the book. They then provide a publishing platform so their voices and stories are heard. Their aim is to advance learning for public benefit in literacy and to act as a resource for young people up to the age of 18, by providing advice and assistance, organising programmes of learning/ education as well as helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals. If you are interested in going in, it's near the British Heart Foundation.



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European Day of Languages

On Wednesday 27th September, we celebrated European Day of Languages. There was a tutor group quiz, a lovely European-themed meal in Le Rendezvous (our school restaurant), a carousel of activities in the Hall for all our Year 7s, as well as a challenge for our school staff to see who could get the most votes for speaking in a foreign language during the day! The language teachers even dressed up in 'European' style (more or less!).

The winners of the tutor group quiz were: 7FD; 8SCN; 9DT; 10EV; 11JK; 12MC; 13AL.



Here's what one student, Tyler Gwynne, thought of the day: "It was so much fun and I bet the whole school enjoyed it. The first thing we noticed was that teachers were dressed in clothes traditionally from other cultures. Some of them were dressed as French people, wearing garlic around their necks. Some staff wore things like Spanish dresses. They all looked good but

also a bit funny!"

A Christmas Carol



By Emily Balais, Year 10

This year, the Drama department are changing the Christmas panto into a Christmas play, with a little help from Charles Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol*. Rehearsals are well under way with the cast learning their lines and rehearsing the scenes to make this one of the best Christmas plays this school has ever seen.

Creative Corner

Blaze

By Finlay Kennedy, Year 8

Fire cripples the torched man,
Walking, pacing, running,

The cold fire sings his trembling skull,
Blazing shades of orange rose up to the cracked
rock,

His burning shackles melting his bones,
Slaves crawl along the creases in the durable rock,
An army of skeletons fear the roar of the Blaze,
Shifting and sculpting rock as orders from the
master,

Sitting among the stone throne, God of the
underworld,

For he sees,

The Blaze sees.

Is Extreme Weather Now a Norm?

Hurricane Irma

By Caitie Swallow and Rebeka Brinkus Year 9

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Hurricane Irma formed in the Atlantic Ocean shortly after Hurricane Harvey died down in Central America. Hurricane Irma was reported to be a category 5 hurricane, 130+ mph winds, however people thought that because the hurricane was so strong and getting stronger, that there should be a category 6 to classify the hurricane. 55 people were killed as a result of the disastrous storm. The path of Irma meant that it was heading towards America once again, just as the country was starting to recover from Hurricane Harvey

(which affected areas such as Texas). Over 6.4 million people in the south-eastern US were warned to evacuate.

Hurricane Irma affected areas such as Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, St. Kitts and Nevis, Montserrat, St. Martin, St. Barthelemy, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Cuba, the Florida Keys, and southern Florida.

As Hurricane Irma approached land, people fled the areas in fear. There was traffic for days as people tried to escape. However, as families left, they also left their pets to face the elements and fend for themselves. It is unknown why people left their pets to die when there were plenty of shelters around the area to leave their pets there so they wouldn't have to die. People left their dogs and cats tied to trees and left them. Some animals were simply left in their homes and trapped indoors. Police were out looking for these animals and in an attempt to save them. They were shocked at the amount of animals left and were reported saying, "We will find you and we will prosecute you," as a response to those who left their pets.

When these people left their pets, they also left behind their ownership for those animals. This means that in order to get their pets back, they must pay or adopt

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Updates from around the World

them again. However, this will not be happening soon as police decided that these people will not be able to adopt their animals again in fear that they would



abandon them once again. The pets who somehow managed to survive the hurricane are now in shelters with people caring for them and treating their wounds. The pets are now safe with loving people.

In a nursing home in south Florida, the ninth person died on 12th September nearly a week after the evacuation of the care home that Irma left without air conditioning. 145 patients had to be moved out of the Rehabilitation Centre at Hollywood Hills. Facility staff began calling 911 on 12th September, three days after Irma hit. By the next morning, rescue officials realised how bad the situation was at the centre, which had operated for days without air conditioning and made the rooms stifling hot.

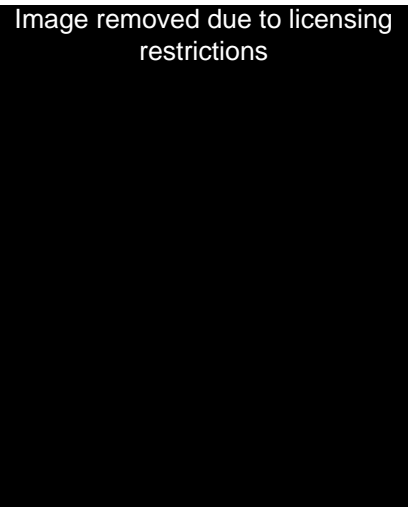
In Florida, another side effect of the hurricane was a bad flood and over 6.4 million people in the south-eastern US were warned to evacuate. There has been over 124 fatalities (as of 27th September), 44 of which were in the Caribbean and 80 in the US.

Central Mexico is shook by Earthquake

By Charlotte Ting, Year 9

The 2017 Central Mexico Earthquake struck on 19th September at 13:14 CDT (18:14 UTC) with a magnitude of roughly Mw 7.1 and strong shaking for 20 seconds.

The epicentre was approximately 55km (34 mi) south of the Mexican city of Puebla. More than 40 buildings collapsed. 369 people were killed by the earthquake and related building collapses, including 228 in Mexico City and more than 6,000 were injured.



Surprisingly, this occurred *The epicentre of Mexico and Puebla* on the 32nd anniversary of the 1985 Mexico City earthquake, which killed around 10,000 people. The 1985 earthquake was commemorated, with a national earthquake drill held at 11 a.m. local time, two hours before the 2017 earthquake. Twelve days earlier, a larger earthquake, the Chiapas earthquake struck 650km off the coast of Chiapas, which killed around 100 people.

Nine days after the 2017 Mexico City earthquake, at least 361 people were reported dead. At least 74 people were killed in the state of Morelos, 220 in Mexico City, 45 in Puebla, 13 in the State of Mexico, 6 in the state of Guerrero and one in the state of Oaxaca. In Mexico City, the bodies of 26 students and four instructors were pulled from the rubble of the Enrique C. Rébsamen school; 30 students and 8 adults were unaccounted for as of the evening of 19th September.

More than 6,000 people were injured the day after the earthquake, with more than 295 confirmed dead, as Mexico rescue efforts continue.

As of 2nd October 2017, here are the deaths confirmed in Mexico: in Puebla, church steeples had toppled in the city of Cholula, and a church on the slopes of Popocatepetl in Atzitzihuacan collapsed during mass, killing 15 people. A second church, which was built in the 17th century, fell in Atzala during a baptism, killing 11 people including the baby. At least 44 buildings collapsed in Mexico City due to the earthquake, trapping people inside, creating large plumes of dust, and starting fires. At least 50 to 60 people were rescued by emergency workers and citizens.

Meet the New Staff at

Seeing a lot of new faces around school? Finding it hard to keep track of all your new teachers? Several (Lauren Williams, Olivia Storey, Jacob Linney, Molly Hammerton and Rebeka Brinkus) caught up with the

Miss Hodgson



If you recognise Miss Hodgson from last year, don't worry: you aren't going mad. This is indeed her second year in the job at Wath,

but it is her first in a permanent role. We interviewed her again to see if her answers have changed...

When we first asked her why she came to Wath Comprehensive School, she told us she came here as a sixth form student, so she knew it was a great school. Next, we asked her what she likes about our school and she said she likes how the school offers students a chance to join so many clubs. We also asked her, 'If you were an animal what would you be and why?' and she told us she would be a dog because they are really friendly! When we asked her for her favourite hobby, she responded that it was all about showing off her dog. Last year she actually got into Crufts.

Last of all, we questioned her about her chosen subject, Maths, and

asked her to explain what she most liked about it. She told us that she likes how you get one answer but how there are many ways of getting there!

Mr Millar

Mr Millar is a new Maths teacher. He seems to be enjoying it so far; we interviewed him to find out more...



We kicked off with asking him why he came to Wath Comprehensive School. He told us it was because it was close to home and he liked the vibe the school gave. When we asked him about what he likes about the school, his reply was simple. He likes everything, but what he likes the most is the department that he works in. Then we asked him a question of what animal he wanted to be. He said that he wanted to be a crocodile because they know how to survive in the worst of conditions and because he likes to be snappy. The fourth question was what hobby he liked to do the most. He said it's building Lego because he has a

three-year-old son who loves Lego (especially Lego Batman). Finally, we asked him what he likes about his subject the most. He said that he likes the fact about that the subject was so important. Also, it has the feeling of real world application. That means it is a subject that is one of the most important to learn.

Mrs Doughty



Mrs Doughty is a new English teacher to our school so we thought what better way to welcome her to the school than

to interview her and see her opinion on us! We asked Mrs Doughty, "Why did you come to Wath?" and she said, "I came to Wath to have an impact on the lives of the young people who go here." We then decided to ask her what she likes most about our school and her response was, "I like how dedicated the pupils are and the staff are all really nice." If this amazing teacher could have been any animal of her choice, she would be a monkey because they are really fun and very clever. Mrs Doughty's favourite hobbies include running, reading and watching films. The new teacher says, "I like sharing my love of books and how magical language can be."

Miss Whitworth

Miss Whitworth is a new Science teacher at our school. We asked her a series of questions, starting with why she came to Wath. She told us

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journalists from THE TORCH (Ellisia Bowman, Phoebe Orwin, Grace Clowrey, Cadence Taylor, Hari Sukumar, newest recruits, to ask them the questions we all want to know. Read on to find out all about them!

she came here to train the previous year and enjoyed it so much that she decided to apply for a job. When we asked her what animal she would



be if she could be any animal, she told us she thought she would be a butterfly because of how pretty and colourful they are. She also added that they get to sleep a lot during hibernation, which would suit her! Next, we moved on to her favourite sport, to which she told us, "It has to be netball." Finally, she told us the things she likes most about her subject are the practicals, because they are always fun to do.

Mr Murtagh-Burd



If you have seen Mr Murtagh-Burd before, that's because he isn't new: he has just returned to the school. However, we thought we'd interview him, anyway! He told us he came to Wath because he loved the school and the wonderful students. Then we asked him what he liked about our school. He said the extra curricular opportunities, the range of subjects and working with staff and good students. Next, we asked him to explain what he would be, if he could be any animal, and he answered a dog because he has two dogs (called Oliver and Finnigan), and he loves them both. After that, we asked him what his favourite hobby was, and he stated,

"I like gardening, growing things in my greenhouse, travelling and seeing my friends." Finally, we asked him what he likes about his subject and why; he told us he loves Geography because it is always relevant and in the news, like the recent earthquake in Mexico.

Mr Lucey

Mr Lucey is a new teacher in Wath and teaches ICT and Business Studies. Mr Lucey first joined Wath



Comprehensive when he heard it was a good school. When we asked him what he liked about our school, he replied saying that he likes the people here. We also asked him if he could be an animal, what would he like to be and why. The answer to that was, "I would like to be a chimp, because I can do good impressions." We also asked him what his favourite hobby is and he replied with "rugby". The last question we asked him was, "What do you like most about your subject and why?" The answer was, "It's never boring and it's always changing." Mr Lucey is very glad to have come to this school as it gives students great opportunities.

Mrs Osborn

Mrs Osborn, who is a new MFL teacher, told us she loves this school, because when she walked through the doors, it was very welcoming. She also added that she finds all the staff are friendly



and supportive. The pupils are very welcoming, too! If she could be any animal, Mrs Osborn would be a lion because she love their big shaggy manes – they are beautiful! Next, we asked her for her favourite hobby and she responded, "I love baking and teaching French!" And last of all we asked her to explain what she liked most about her subject, and she told us, "I love languages; they are so fun. You can connect with other cultures across the world."

Mr Surgey



When we asked Mr Surgey, a new art teacher, why he came to work here, he told us, "Well, Miss Cartwright left for maternity leave and there was a job opening to cover for her." He told us he thinks Wath is a good school as it is very friendly and he enjoys coming to work here.

If Mr Surgey could be any animal then he would be a turtle because he would be able to live on the land and in the sea. His favourite hobby is "performing playing and writing music."

Finally, we asked what he liked about art and he said, "It is a great opportunity to show kids how to express themselves in picture form and enable their creativity."

Politics and Current Affairs:

Unhealthy Eating Row

By Hari Sukumar, Year 7

On 28th September 2017, BBC news covered a story about kids only eating healthy food at school! It was a school in Bradford who has carried out the ban of no "unhealthy" food in their kids school lunch box.

It is said that they should have in their pack up box:

- Carrot sticks over crisps
- Food such as breads, pastas and potatoes.
- Fruit and veg (e.g. cucumber, celery, carrot along with some fruit.
- Meat, fish, eggs and beans-strips of chicken or bean dips is a suggestion
- Dairy food – having cheese in the kids' sandwiches and a yoghurt afterwards.

Also, it says that milk and water are the only drinks they can drink, unless they want to have 150ml of fruit juice only.

They aren't allowed to serve up more than two portions that are deep-fried (yes, that's aimed at chips!), battered or breaded in a week!

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Parental Thoughts

What are parents saying?

Headteacher Heather Lacey, who introduced the unhealthy food ban at Shirley Manor Primary Academy, says most parents supported the move.

But Steve Fryer, whose son's sausage roll was confiscated, insists parents were "up in arms" over the new policy - and some people debating the story online tended to agree.

Milly Jo Winship deemed the policy "ridiculous", writing on Facebook: "So many children are picky eaters."

Isabel Howell said a ban "wouldn't stop" her from packing a sausage roll in her daughter's lunchbox.

How Social Media Has Manipulated Our Lives

By Finlay Kennedy and Jacob Linney, Year 8

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Have you noticed how social media has changed the way we live? In some ways the changes are good, but in others, they're just plain scary.

Let's just think about what's been happening with the recent wave of terrorist attacks and how people on social media respond. To be honest, many of these apps and sites have used the recent terror attacks as an opportunity to make profit, and the ways that people come together on these sites with such hostility is quite frankly frightening: many seem scared of Muslim people, and blame the entire religion rather than just a few crazed individuals. Also, the discussion about burkas in France and how Muslims shouldn't be able to wear them, magnified by social media platforms, is just absolutely ridiculous.

Social media doesn't just manipulate lives, it destroys them. For example, there was a recent incident involving men who climbed a mountain whilst they were drunk. As soon as Twitter heard about this, the users online decided to condemn them all as nobody really knew the whole story. The story was that a few Irish men got drunk and walked up a mountain without climbing clothes on. Next minute Mountain Rescue had

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to come and rescue them. Social media feeds were full of angry messages that they wasted their time and needed to go to prison, which is certainly an over the top reaction to something so small!

Of course, it's not only social media that promotes the spread of lies and hatred. The newspapers have also been able to make profit out of the tragedies and also, the *Daily Mail* has run out of ideas so they make up fake news and lie to you (and me). I mean, seriously, how stupid do you think you have to be to believe that if your hand is larger than your face then you have cancer. How can hand size have any possible connection to cancer (unless your hand has swelled as a result of a cancerous lump, and this is quite different to the story that ran in the paper!)? Another example of the *Daily Mail* publishing false news is their article about unpopular baby names. Their research claimed that Bonnie, Ian and Gus are the most unpopular baby names in the UK, but they really are Karen, Bertha, Roger and Ricky. As you can see, they will lie about the smallest thing just to make profit.

To summarise, there is fake news and real news so don't believe everything you see online (or in print).

Britain's Largest Family Welcomes 20th Child

By Phoebe Orwin, Year 7

The Radfords have welcomed baby number 20 to the family, vowing it'll be their last. Sue Radford (42) gave birth to baby Archie (8lb 6oz) after one hour in labour. She and husband Noel (46) have been having children for the best of three decades. Sue reportedly said to *The Sun* that she's "happy to be finishing on an even number" and "I'm chuffed he's here safe and sound". She also said that it's strange knowing you're not having any more. Her daughter Chloe said she finally believes her, and Sue added, "She didn't at first, but since I've said it quite a few times now, I think she does."

Sue and Noel now face the huge task of clothing, feeding and the many other tasks done every day in childcare... the only difference is, they've got to do it twenty times over! Noel says that bathing the little

ones is like "a sheep dip" and "we go through gallons of shampoo".

The couple went through 3 turkeys, 3.6 kilos of potatoes and 56 Yorkshire puddings at Christmas. They described it as a conveyer belt of food. So after their long train of children, it's all coming to an end. But the amount of people who say this, then announce they're having another child is so great nowadays, no one knows if they're telling the truth. Looks like we'll have to wait and see!

Call the Midwife co-stars welcome baby six weeks early

By Caitie Swallow, Year 9

Helen George and co-star Jack Ashton welcomed their baby six weeks early and she was just in time for her own baby shower. Helen plays Trixie Franklin and Jack plays the vicar, Tom Hereward. They started dating when they were filming some of the episodes in South Africa.

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Whilst showing off their new born, Helen also sported a giant diamond ring on her ring finger which sparked engagement rumours. Helen and Jack have only been going out for 18 months.

The baby's name hasn't been revealed yet sadly, though you can see that she has some of her dad's features and a bit of her mum's.



Media and Review:

Potter Fever Hits York

By Molly Hammerton, Year 10

Potterheads will be delighted to know that a new Harry Potter themed shop has opened its doors in York down the famous, cramped shopping street The Shambles. As many fans may know, The Shambles are meant to be the inspiration for the wizarding shopping street, Diagon Alley, which supplies wizards and witches with wands, robes and potions. The shop, aptly named The Shop That Must Not Be Named, has attracted a large amount of attention from fans of the films and books with its beautiful and artistic set up and gifts. All of the houses are equally represented through the themed notebooks, pens and jackets that the shop offers.

Since its opening, the magical shop has influenced its neighbours, causing the entire street to get into the

spirit by selling Harry Potter themed items, like drinks, teddies and even soaps, all with their own unique names.

With its popularity ever increasing, The Shop That Must Not Be Named is a definite visit for anyone who is a fan of Harry Potter.

Latest Tech: iPhone 8 verses 10

By Callum Mitchell, Year 9

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It seems there's always a new upgrade around the corner... With the iPhone 8 out now, Apple are already making plans for their next phone. So is it worth splashing out the money now, or waiting until the iPhone 10 comes out?

The iPhone 8 will cost £699 and the iPhone 8 Plus will cost £799, but the iPhone 8 plus has better graphics than the iPhone 8, also the iPhone 8 is waterproof. It is the world's fastest phone. Although the iPhone 8 and 8 Plus is better than any other iPhone, the iPhone 8 and 8 Plus both have a glass back, meaning that it is easier to break than any other iPhone.

The iPhone 10, also known as iPhone X, is coming out on 3rd November this year. It will be £747.85. One key feature of the iPhone 10 is that it has face recognition where instead of unlocking your iPhone with touch ID you unlock it with face ID. A 256 GB version will be priced at £1,149. Also iPhone 10 has wireless charging and the face recognition works for emojis. One bad thing about the iPhone 10 is that there is no home button but other than that, I think the iPhone 10 is a great phone with advanced technology.

So, what will you do? Buy an iPhone 8 (or 8 Plus), or wait to buy a iPhone 10?

Heroes and Villains

By Emily Balaiss, Kiara Fenton and Molly Hammerton, Year 10

Here are our top fifteen heroes and villains from the Marvel universe (and beyond!):

Heroes

Villains

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| 1. Batman | 1. Joker |
| 2. Iron Man | 2. Loki |
| 3. Spiderman | 3. Thanos |
| 4. Superman | 4. Madame Hydra |
| 5. Hulk | 5. Red Skull |
| 6. Doctor Strange | 6. Lex Luther |
| 7. Martian Manhunter | 7. Apocalypse |
| 8. Wonder Woman | 8. Carnage |
| 9. Professor Xavier | 9. Ares |
| 10. Hawkeye | 10. Reverse Flash |
| 11. Flash | 11. The Vulture |
| 12. Captain America | 12. Captain Cold |
| 13. Thor | 13. Mr Freeze |
| 14. Star Lord | 14. Green Goblin |
| 15. Green Arrow | 15. The Lizard |

Films, Games and More

Xbox One X versus PlayStation 4 Pro

By Callum Mitchell, Year 9

The PlayStation 4 Pro has already been released at the price of £399, but the price is expected to drop this holiday because of the Xbox One X. The PlayStation 4 Pro supports 4K, but it doesn't have a 4K Blu-ray player. It also uses checkerboard rendering (which makes games look better), but it doesn't have many games running in native 4K.

The Xbox One X is going to release this November. It will cost £499 and it is forty per cent more powerful than the PlayStation 4 Pro and it has a 4K blue ray player. It plays most games at native 4K and some at a 4K resolution a.k.a. true 4K.

So which one would you buy?

The Doctor Who Experience Closes

By Molly Hammerton-Woodhouse, Year 10

On 9th September, the TARDIS doors closed for the final time as the Doctor Who Experience closed down after being open for five years. Featuring props from the original and new series, the Doctor Who Experience allowed fans of the popular sci-fi show to put themselves in the Doctor's shoes and explore the vast and wonderful galaxy.

Upon entering the experience, visitors were greeted with an interactive extravaganza, exploring the TARDIS and assisting the Doctor to fight the aliens attacking his ship, even being able to fly (or rather crash land) the TARDIS. After landing 'gracefully' on Skaro's surface, the loyal companions then have to dodge Daleks, weave through Weeping Angels, all to be dropped off by the Doctor in 1963!

After that dramatic experience, visitors were let loose on the exhibit, being able to view original props, including the Doctor's costumes and sonic screwdrivers. Many of fans' favourite foes were exhibited, even those from the original and newer series and were delights to the eyes.

It was an amazing experience and will be missed by all the fans of the popular sci-fi TV series and is a great loss to those who were unable to see it.

10 Things you Probably Didn't know about Disney Parks!

By Ellisia Bowman, Year 7

The Disney parks are even more magical than you think. You just have to know where to look!

1. There are tunnels under Disney World that allow employees and cast members to move between the different areas.
2. None of the shops in Disney World sells gum, which is why you never see any stuck to the path or rides.
3. There are thousands of hidden Mickey Mouse heads throughout Disney World and its surrounding resorts.
4. There's actually a secret suite inside Cinderella's castle. It cannot be booked, and is only used for promotional giveaways.
5. Devices called Smellitizers can be found all over Disney parks, and emit scents in certain areas to match the surroundings.
6. Fourteen of the opening day attractions in the Magic Kingdom are still running.
7. The only lawn to be left to grow out and die is the one at "The Haunted Mansion", to match the mood of the ride.
8. Look for a wedding ring embedded in the concrete in line at "The Haunted Mansion". It's said that it belongs to the hanging bride you see on the ride.
9. Toy Story characters used to drop to the ground when guests yelled, "Andy's coming!" but this has been discontinued for safety reasons.
10. Despite the fact that it's illegal, several people attempt to spread the ashes of the deceased on Disney rides every year.

List but not Least...

Cast your eye over an assortment of lists that will be sure to teach you something new...

Top 10 Halloween Costumes For 2017

By Lauren Williams and Charlotte Ting, Y9

With the popular release of a variety of both horror, action and comedy movies this year, the list of Halloween costumes for 2017 is rapidly growing. In this article, we will give you some ideas of the top 10 costumes that will be appearing around your streets this year.

1. Pennywise the Clown from *It* – with the new movie released this year, this will be the top contender, either the old or the new.
2. Wonder Woman – again, a fairly new and very successful film.
3. Disney villains (e.g. Maleficent, Cruella de Vil)
4. Any one of the Star Wars characters (Luke or new characters like Rey/Kylo Ren) – these are always favourite Halloween costumes.
5. Day of the Dead skeleton – A popular costume every year.
6. Spiderman – after the release of Spiderman: Homecoming, this year, this one will be a top choice.
7. Oreo or Bourbon – who wouldn't want to be an Oreo?
8. Dress up as fast food (e.g. pizza) or candy (such as Nerds)
9. Traditional (witches, ghosts, skeletons, etc.)
10. Stuck? Get a face transfer: zip transfer, for example.

20 Weird Facts

By Carys Garner, Year 9

1. Nine of the top 10 highest-rated TV programmes in Portuguese history were football matches.
2. 92% of pop songs that mention *The Sun* are in a major key.
3. Until the 20th century, a hangover meant 'unfinished business'.
4. The 1912 Stockholm Olympics was the last time the gold medals were made from pure gold.
5. Between 2010 and 2015, British MPs drank 625,464 cans and bottles of Coke, and ate 659,470 chocolate bars.
6. People pour 9% more white wine into a glass than red.
7. Walruses suffer from dandruff.
8. The Bank of England only owns two gold bars.
9. A peacock's tail is 60% of its entire weight.
10. The world's heaviest new-born baby weighed 22 lb 8 oz.
11. In 1947, English footballers' salaries were capped at £12 a week.
12. More than a billion people in the modern world live on no more than \$1 a day.
13. The word 'anticipation' once meant money paid as an advance on salary.
14. 1 in 16 of the words you encounter every day is 'the'.
15. Saturn's moons have volcanoes that erupt ice.
16. Hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia is an invented word meaning 'the fear of long words'
17. A wedding of 100 guests at 10 tables has 65 trillion trillion trillion trillion trillion trillion seating possibilities.
18. The thinnest skin on the human body is on the eyelids.
19. Over 50% of people on Facebook use 'haha' if something's funny; only 1.9% use 'lol'
20. Dolphins can't smell anything at all.

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14 stars you'd probably not realised were in Doctor Who

By Caitie Swallow, Year 9

1. You may remember Suranne Jones (Bertie Carvel) as Idris in 'The Doctor's Wife' – but did you know that her Doctor Foster co-star appeared in 2007's 'The Lazarus Experiment' as a lackey of the Master who warned Martha's mother not to trust the Doctor?
2. Paul Anderson, best known as Arthur Shelby on Peaky Blinders, had a small early role (with just one line!) in 2005's "The Christmas Invasion" – he's Rose Tyler's neighbour Jason who end up under the control of the Sycorax.
3. Once Upon a Time's Prince Charming – a pre-fame 'Joshua' Dallas played the part of 'Node 2' in 2008's 'Silence in the Library'.
4. Now best known as the new Michelle Fowler on EastEnders, Jenna Russell cameoed as a floor manager on Satellite Five's futuristic version of The Weakest Link, in 2005's 'Bad Wolf / The Parting of the Ways'.
5. Alias Peep Show's Super Hans, Matt King played Peter Streete, architect of the Globe Theatre driven mad by the Carrionites, in 2007's 'The Shakespeare Code'.
6. Mike Skinner (aka UK garage act The Streets) made a cameo as a security guard under River Song's spell in 2010's 'The Time of Angels'. Director Adam Smith had previously helmed the music video for Skinner's 2004 hit 'Blinded By the Lights'.
7. Before he faced the horrors of Get Out, Daniel Kaluuya popped up in Doctor Who's one-and-only Easter special, 2009's 'Planet of the Dead'.
8. Three years before he debuted as EastEnders hunk Kush, current Strictly star Davood Ghadami played Jim – a crew-member aboard shapeshifting humanoid starship the Teselecta in 2011's 'Let's Kill Hitler'.
9. These days, he's a bona-fide leading man, but before War and Peace, before Happy Valley, James Norton appeared briefly as a Russian soldier offed by an Ice Warrior in 2013's 'Cold War'.
10. Sebastian Armesto played dodgy taxi driver Clive Lucas in Broadchurch and henchman Tankard in Poldark but before all that, he was he was short-

Book of the Month



United We Spy

Book Review by Grace Clowrey, Year 7

The Gallagher Girls series is a great series, filled with excitement, danger and glamour. Cammie Morgan is a student at the Gallagher Academy for Exceptional Young Women, a school for rich girls and geniuses.

Or so most people think - it's really a school for spies!

Cammie's last term is set to be her most dangerous yet. She now knows why a dangerous organisation has been hunting her. In a race to save everything they know, Cammie and her friends must track down the last members of this terrorist organisation – before it's too late...

You can find the series at the school library – it's one of the best series I've ever read!

11. lived Weakest Link contestant Broff in 'Bad Wolf'.
11. Adam Garcia – later a judge on Got to Dance and Dancing with the Stars – took a break from stage musicals to play Alex, who unwittingly helped bring down PM Harriet Jones ("Don't you think she looks tired?") in 2005's 'The Christmas Invasion'.
12. Still best known as Guinevere / Gwen on the BBC's Merlin, Angel Coulby appeared as Madame de Pompadour's confidante Katherine in a single scene in 2006 classic 'The Girl in the Fireplace'.
13. Later immortalised as Heather Trott on EastEnders, Cheryl Fergison played crabby World War II housewife Mrs Lloyd in 'The Empty Child / The Doctor Dances'.
14. Noma Dumezweni played UNIT Captain Magambo in 2008's 'Turn Left' and the following year's 'Planet of the Dead'. Though already an award-winning stage actress, her star soared after she was cast as Hermione in the play Harry Potter and the Cursed Child in 2015.

Sport and Music



Ferdinand Swaps Boots for Gloves

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By Daniel Nutley, Year 8

Ex-Manchester United and QPR professional footballer, Rio Ferdinand, has decided to become a professional boxer at the age of 38. The rock-hard defender, who won 6 Premier League titles with Manchester United, is being sponsored by BetFair in his efforts to become a professional boxer.

Unfortunately, the pundit for BT Sport, has had a tough few years in which he lost his wife and mum to cancer. His mother died at the age of only 58 earlier this year and his wife died in early 2015.

He posted a tongue-in-cheek video of himself on his

Instagram, calling out big boxing stars like Anthony Joshua in between striking a punching bag. In an interview with arguably the best player in the world, Cristiano Ronaldo, the Portuguese star mocked Ferdinand jokingly and said that he could follow the ex-English centre back into the sport.

However, he did come out and announce that he doesn't want a career from boxing and wants to focus on one fight, so it will be interesting to see who this planned fight will be against. My prediction is that there will be a TV show made out of this and that the fight will be against someone coming to the end of their boxing career.



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