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# Editor's Letter

Catherine Booth

Hello,

With the end of the module fast approaching, the final week has been packed with fun activities including the combination of sport and houses. All year groups (as well as teachers) have been participating in the Cross Country event in their PE lessons or after school. Many braved the weather in order to compete in the running activity. The course was lined with red, yellow, blue and green bunting as participators cheered on their classmates once they had reached the finish line.

As well as this, Year 9 students will be working in form groups to compete in a bench ball tournament on Thursday. All form members are taking part in the event on Thursday afternoon- It is set to be a wonderful event.

I hope you all have a brilliant half term break and come back refreshed for Module 2!

Catherine ☺



Source- [Mcmillannurseryschool.co.uk](http://Mcmillannurseryschool.co.uk)



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# Technology News

Alastair Niclair

## Technology Breakdown

### Canada to Gain a Digital City

Alphabet, a company owned by Google's parent company is set to build a futuristic, digital city in Toronto, Canada. It is like the cities you see in videos that predict what life will be like in 2020. It will, of course, be eco friendly and green. It will also likely feature support for autonomous cars, superfast Wi-Fi, sustainable energy and much more. Other private companies may benefit from this and bring in their own infrastructure. Others will also benefit from that infrastructure.

### Children's Smartwatches Vulnerable to Hacking

Smartwatches that are designed for children are easy to hack say watchdogs. These include watches from brands like Gator and GPS for Kids. John Lewis have removed one of the brand's products from their stores in response however all the involved manufacturers say that the issues have been or are being addressed.



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# History this Week

Alastair Niclair

**1946**

The executions of ten Nazi leaders convicted of war crimes at the Nuremberg Trials take place.

**1777**

The British are defeated at the Battle of Saratoga, a turning point in the American War of Independence.

**1781**

The British army surrenders at Yorktown, Virginia, effectively ending the American War of Independence.

BBC History On This Day Site: [bbc.in/2qgarl7](http://bbc.in/2qgarl7)



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# Arts/Sports News

Elena Newbrook

## Boo...

With Halloween coming up there is a new chance to grab house points. The library is doing another competition in time for Halloween. The criteria is simply to write a scary story of your choice. This competition is for the year 8s and 7s and needs to be handed into the library by the 10<sup>th</sup> of November at the latest.

## The House Festival...

Well done to those who have already taken part in the house festival. The challenge is tough but students are really trying their hardest. Tomorrow, year 7s take the challenge on day 4 of the celebration. Also Mrs Porter is regularly sending out emails saying the top children in the bands. Again, if you are wanting those house points try really hard on the house challenge as it is a great way to earn your way to victory.



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# Local News

Josh Lavin



## Storm Ophelia

The vigorous, raging storm known as Ophelia has unfortunately taken the life of three Irish men being much more of a scare to the public than thought to be. After Doris, Irma and now Ophelia this has truly been the year of 'Scary Storms'.

There was a 'Blood Sun' as many were calling it - like a blood moon - as it held an unusual colour and was visible via the naked eye, well... you know to a certain extent that wasn't melting your retinas. The beautiful star was not a blinding whitey-yellow (quite literally) but in fact a gleaming amber both emitting light and looking dull at the same time; many had their phones and cameras pointed up at the sky. It sometimes changed to a graceful ruby colour- hence the name 'the blood sun'. The clouds were also a little hindered in colour probably by the sun.

The winds of this ex-hurricane ended up being 80mph.

Source- infotel.ca



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# Year 7 News

Cameron Lintin

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## Cross Country Competition

The last week of Module 1 has been a hotspot for all of you cross country lovers! Each day year groups battled the tiresome course to complete it in the best possible time they could. These are the distances the separate year groups had to run...

Year 7, 8 and 9 girls – 2100m

Year 10 and 11 girls – 2800m

Year 7, 8 and 9 boys – 2800m

Year 10 and 11 boys – 3500m

This was also chance to beat a school record?!

Image: [CrossCountryShirt.co.uk](http://CrossCountryShirt.co.uk) and [CrossCountryFixtures.co.uk](http://CrossCountryFixtures.co.uk)



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# Year 9 News

Sophie Harrison

The end of the module is drawing to a close and it has been as busy as ever with news of the school play rehearsals and upcoming house events introduced weekly. True to form, this week has been packed with house events and activities, especially as it has been the house festival. Due to this, whole school house events have been hosted by the house team throughout the week, for example all years have been taking part in the cross country during P.E and Y9 bench ball will be taking place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October during periods 4 and 5. Good luck to the Y9s who will be representing their houses soon in the competition.

A Maths survey has been sent out this week to all Y9s about their opinions on the new system of mixed/accelerated sets in Maths. If you would like to voice your opinion, make sure to take part in the survey before the deadline.

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, there will be a themed menu in the main school canteens based on Diwali- the festival of lights, with an array of meals like chicken biryani and naan bread, samosas and dips and sweet potato and cauliflower biryani on offer.

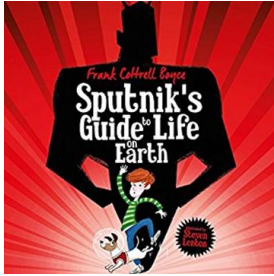
The deadline for the both the Big House Quiz and the Banner Competition is the last day of term, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to participate and represent your house, make sure to have your entries in.



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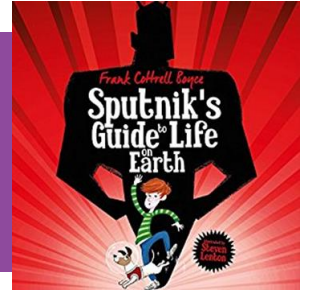






# Book of the Week

Matthew Godfrey



## Sputnik's Guide To Life On Earth

This week's book is a book written by Frank Cottrell Boyce and illustrated by Steven Lenton. It goes by the name of Sputnik's Guide To Life On Earth. It's a great book for 11-12s; it is long, well written and it has an amazing story. With twists, spills and humour for everyone to enjoy.

It all starts off as a normal day for the Blyths. They were getting a boy named Prez from the adoption centre. He was staying with them on their farm for a bit. However, there was something else, unplanned, coming to their door step. A young dog who goes by the name of Sputnik. Well, that's in all the people's eyes.

In Prez's eyes, Sputnik is a boy about the same age as him. A boy hew knew everything there is about the earth. And with Prez's wild Grandad problems, Sputnik takes him on a, Lightsabre making, light speed buggy riding, gravity surfing adventure.

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# Module 1 Round-Up

Ariana Gopee

## End of the first module!

Well, despite the scatters of paper, frantic searches for homework, random possession of various books and scatters of new stationery being passed around and becoming a jumbled mess in pencil cases within the first few weeks...the school has now returned to its usual organised state. Also, there have been no further stories of any new students (including year 7) getting lost or ending up in the wrong classes!

Many house events have taken place this module and have been very successful! Congratulations to the winners of those!

Hopefully everybody will have a lovely half term break and come back fresh and ready for another term of hard work, noisy breaks and homework sheets!



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# Riddle of the Week

Ariana Gopee



**What has 88 keys but none of them unlock or lock anything?**

A piano, of course!

Source- [usa.yamaha.com](http://usa.yamaha.com)



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# Halloween House Baking!

Jude Laws- Burrows

**Design your own spooookkky Halloween themed Frankenstein cupcakes!!**

**Do you love baking? Do you love Halloween?**

**Well, if you do then we've got the perfect thing for you! All you have to do to get involved and be successful is be creative and original.**

**Your cupcake designs have to be emailed to Mr D Goffe by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.**

**REMEMBER:**

**Read the recipe carefully.**

**HAPPY BAKING**



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# Year 12 'Good Eggs'

In the last week of the module, Mr Perry awarded several 'Good Eggs' chocolate bars to Year 12 students who had been nominated by their teachers for demonstrating an excellent work ethic.

Three students were nominated four times during the module:

- Emily Jago
- Jan Macek
- Callum Wasilewski

**WELL DONE TO EVERYONE!**

Other winners, nominated by their teachers, were:

- Hedley Butlin
- Ben Broughton
- Tom Green
- Sophie Hart
- Elissa Grattan
- Grace Wilson
- Chloe Freeman
- Hannah Molyneaux
- Emily O'Boyle
- Millie Meyrav-Lawless
- Kate Andrews
- Rebecca Leader



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