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Editor's Letter

Sophie Harrison

Hello,

After Christmas and New Year celebrations, students have returned to school this week with high spirits. True to form, this week has been as busy as ever with rehearsals for the school show, 'Into the Woods', well underway and new house events being introduced, such as the 'Kindness is Contagious' creative writing competition. For those who are interested in creative writing or want to earn points for their house, make sure to check your emails to find out more.

The county cross country is also fast approaching, as the date for the event is Saturday 19th January.

This module, the Year 10s will also have their first R.E mock, which is set for the 21st January.

A charity book sale in aid of the school's selected charity Aquabox has also taken place in the library this week.

Have a good week, Sophie [©]





Library News

Zineb Mhammedi Alaoui

Tying in with the start of a new module always come the new exciting and fascinating competitions, especially the Library Competitions. This module there is a new creative writing competition open for entries with the theme regarding the topic of **KINDNESS**. The theme of kindness within the creative writing competition is nicely inspired and correlated to a Young Adult fiction author; Holly Bourne. Her books have proven to be immensely popular amongst the School Library and the kindness is one of her main prevalent themes throughout her books.

The main idea of the creative writing competition entails writing an anonymous kind note to a friend or close relative/family member expressing your love and moral support to that certain individual. Once completed the entry will be needed to be added to the **KINDNESS** display in the library before the proposed deadline of Friday 25th January. Remember to label your name onto it but make sure not to include the name of whom the kindness note regards. As always House points will be awarded for participation in the House events and additionally some prizes will be awarded for most eloquent and compassionate notes.

Furthermore, there is a very inviting Pom-Pom making club taking place in the School Library throughout Friday lunchtimes during the course of this module. It is especially tempting to take part in the club when it's cold or dark outside and the weather is not in your favours, it seems appealing to sit indoors, in the warmth, and relax during your lunchtimes while enjoying some cosy wool crafts.









Lincolnshire County Cross Country Championships 2019

On Saturday 19th January at Burghley House in Stanford the Lincolnshire county cross country championship will take place. A minibus will be leaving from the Priory LSST Academy to the event. If you are participating, you will have to confirm your attendance to Mr Gilbert at the Minster School and there are a limited amount of seats on the minibus that will be given out on a first come, first served basis.

If you are interested in the event speak to Mrs Bentley or drop her an email.







A witch's kiss by Katharine and Elizabeth Corr.

Merry used to dabble in witchcraft all the time until her gran left to run the local coven – but, apart from that, she and her brother Leo are normal teenagers. So when Jack, a cursed prince, wakes beneath a nearby lake after fifteen hundred years, Merry is shocked to learn that *she's* inherited the job of dealing with him.

Aided by Leo, Merry tries to manage her power and figure out a way of breaking the curse. But as she gets to know Jack she realises she wants to save him – not destroy him.

Merry's life is in danger, can she live to tell the tale or die of eternal suffering?











Curry and Quiz Evening

Miss Tunnard



Are you the LSST quiz champions?

Sixth form: do you know more than your teachers?

Can you beat the History department winners from last year?

Find out on the Curry and Quiz Evening for staff and sixth form on Thursday 31st January 3.45-5.45pm in the 6th form common room.

Organised by the Year 12 House Ambassadors and FACT to fundraise for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

What do you have to do to enter?

Create a team between 2 and 6 people.

Reply to Miss Tunnard's email with who you want in your team and your team name by the 21st January. £5 per person including curry, naan and dessert as well as a donation to charity.

Your money must be brought into student reception by Monday 21st January in an envelope marked with your name and 'Quiz night'.

There will be prizes for the winners!



Courage and Courtesy



Cultural x

Social x

Spiritua

Word of the Week

Joshua Lavin





Ragamuffin

A 'Ragamuffin' is a person, typically a child, in rags or dirty clothing but is also known as an exponent or follower of 'Ragga', typically one dressing in scruffy clothes. 'Ragga' is a subgenre of dancehall and reggae music often using an electric theme in their songs. There is also the Ragamuffin; a breed of domestic cat identifiable via it's friendliness and thick, rabbit-like fur.









Local News

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Lincoln is set to feature on the popular series The Grand Tour after Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May, the popular Amazon series' presenters, visited Lincoln's historic cathedral last October and filmed there.

It has been revealed on The Grand Tour social media channels that it will return on Prime Video on January 18th.

On Facebook, a statement revealed "We're excited to announce that we have renewed the Grand Tour for season four and proud that Prime Video will continue to be the home for Jeremy, Richard and James for years to come. Season four will see the guys ditch the tent to take on big adventure road trips that we know Prime members love."

The Lincolnshire Showground was also reportedly the venue for some scenes.

In the fourth series, many viewers will be looking forward to the hosts visiting a wider variety of locations across the globe, such as Johannesburg, South Africa, where The Grand Tour has previously visited.









This module, more and more clubs are coming out, so watch out if you see one pop up one your email.

There is a new club coming out in the library called pom-pom making club, and details regarding this are on your emails.

Cooking Club is also on with a few spaces free, so if you want to join Cooking Club, be quick! Spaces are limited, as there are a lot of people who are interested.





Animal of the Week

Joshua Lavin



B is For... Bonobo



The bonobo, also called the pygmy chimpanzee and less often, the dwarf or gracile chimpanzee, is an endangered great ape and one of the two species making up the genus Pan (the other being the common chimpanzee). They also share 97% of DNA with humans.









Matthew Chaudhary



<u>"Universe Splitter" App</u>

A new app has been released to help people make decisions, based on the Many Worlds interpretation of quantum mechanics. Here's how it works. The many worlds theory states that when a quantum particle can be in one of many states, a new universe will be created for every different possible state. You type two decisions into the app, which contacts a machine with a particle that can be in two possible states. The state that occurs in this universe is sent back to the app, giving you a random outcome, with a different state (and therefore a different decision) in a different universe. However, universes are not able to contact one another, so you only really get one of the options.







'The Favourite'

'The Favourite' is a historical period drama film directed by Yorgos Lanthimos and written by Deborah Davis and Tony McNamara. It follows the conflict between two cousins who are each trying to win the affection of Queen Anne in the early 18th century. It stars Olivia Colman, Emma Stone and Rachel Weisz alongside Nicholas Hoult, Joe Alwyn, James Smith and Mark Gatiss.

The film premiered at 75th Venice International Film Festival on 30 August 2018, where it won two awards: the Grand Jury Prize and the Volpi Cup for Best Actress for Colman. It was then released theatrically on 1st January. It has received critical acclaim, with a 94% approval rating on Rotten Tomatoes. Praise was directed towardsits screenplay, direction, cinematography, music, costume design, production values, and the performances of the three leads.

Some people have noted the historical innacuracies of the film, most notably the fact that most historians agree that it was unlikely that Queen Anne was actually a homosexual.







On Friday the 7th December Year 7 had the fantastic opportunity to meet Curtis Jobling, the author of the 'Wereworld' series featuring, amongst others, 'Storm of Sharks' and 'Rage of Lion's. He has also written 'Haunt: Dead Wrong' and 'Haunt: Dead Scared' which were the books that brought him to us. He has also designed two popular children's television characters – Ra Ra the lion and Bob the Builder!

When he was here, he talked about his books and his past as an author and illustrator. He told stories from the times when he worked on Wallace and Gromit and played games with Year 7. Afterwards, we split up into groups and did activities to do with our book of choice, the people with the best book cover designs, blurbs and diaries were given a prize.







Technology Breakdown

Alistair Niclair



Biggest Items at CES 2019

The Consumer Electronics Show (CES) is one of the largest tech shows of the year with plenty of tech on display including a smart piece of wood, a loveable pet robot and folding TVs.

Ring, Amazon's smart doorbell brand have released a new doorbell which can fit around an existing peephole. It's aimed at renters who might not be able to drill holes in the wall.

IBM have developed a tool using their supercomputers which enables extremely detailed, hourly weather reports to be given to parts of the world such as Africa where weather reports would previously only be every 6-12 hours. This could be a transformative tool for farmers in places with under-developed infrastructure. See above for before and after.

LG have announced an enormous 88 inch, 8K folding TV which rolls up into a box when not in use. This is the first TV of its kind so there is few 8K media available to play however it also optimises 4K video to make it look even better.





