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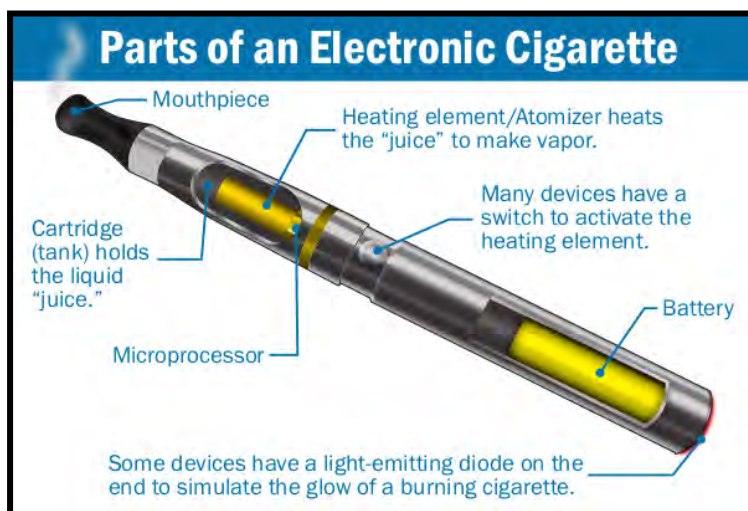


Edition 4

Are people's lives going up in smoke?

Reported by Lewis Wilson

Vaping has become the modern version of smoking and has become extremely popular with around 9.1% of the population of the UK using a vape; this is about 4.7 million people, but the big question is whether this is safer than smoking or is this more dangerous than smoking?



Firstly, how do E cigarettes actually work? E cigarettes or otherwise known as vapes have a battery which heats a liquid or nicknamed 'juice' inside of it which produces a vapour which can then be breathed in by the person using the vape. The interesting thing about an E cigarette is that some have a red light at the end of them to simulate the look of a real

cigarette which makes you think, is there actually a difference or is it really just a modern version of smoking?

We now know how E cigarettes work but what do they do to the body when someone inhales the vapour? From studies it proves that the vapour used in E cigarettes produce highly dangerous chemicals which could cause lung cancer and breathing difficulties in the future for the person using the cigarette. This means that inhaling the vapours will cause the person's lungs to give in, leading to struggling to do normal activities such as running short distances or even doing normal sports. Another disease that could happen is that the person is attacked with Heart Disease and unfortunately heart disease is not curable in 2023 meaning that the person will die unless a cure is found which is highly unlikely anytime soon according to doctors and scientists.

The main question though is, Is vaping safer or worse than smoking? Well according to many health websites, doctors and scientists the verdict is that vaping is safer but still dangerous to the lungs and the body in general. The main point given by all is that no one should begin smoking or vaping because it can cause irreversible diseases which could affect the person's life in the future.

Battle of the Bands

Reported by Lachlan Glencross



Battle of the bands this year was exceptionally brilliant, the songs were played to perfection and it was clear that lots of time and effort had been put into it. The judges this year were Mr Sneddon - his first time judging a Wallace high battle of the bands, and Miss Christie and Ryan Ross.

The bands this year were 189BCC, a 3rd year band with Sam Swingler, Ben Carmichael and Arav Agrawal. They played Iron man by Black Sabbath and also Undone the Sweater Song by Weezer, both without vocals.



There was also Suits You, a 6th year band with Harris Anderson, Rowan Murdoch Hamish Robertson, Nathan Moriarty and Ross McKay. They played Take Me Out by Franz Ferdinand and Fake tales of San Francisco by Arctic Monkeys.

The winning band of this year was a 6th year band: Snap, Crackle and Rock with Olly Mawby, Alexander Bland, Dylan Clark, Kai Morrice and Oscar McCusker. They played Creep by Radiohead and The House Of The Rising Sun by The Animals.



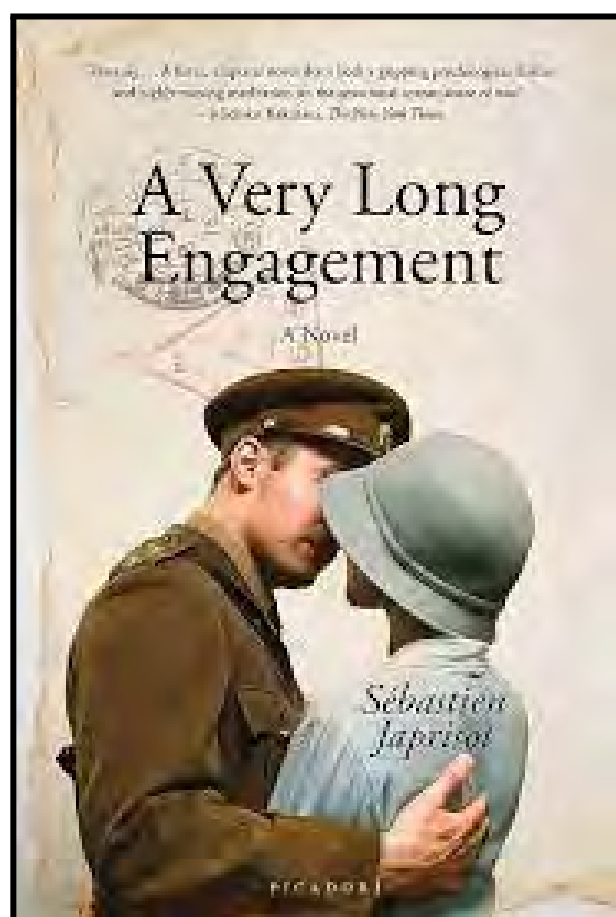
Teacher's Favourite Book

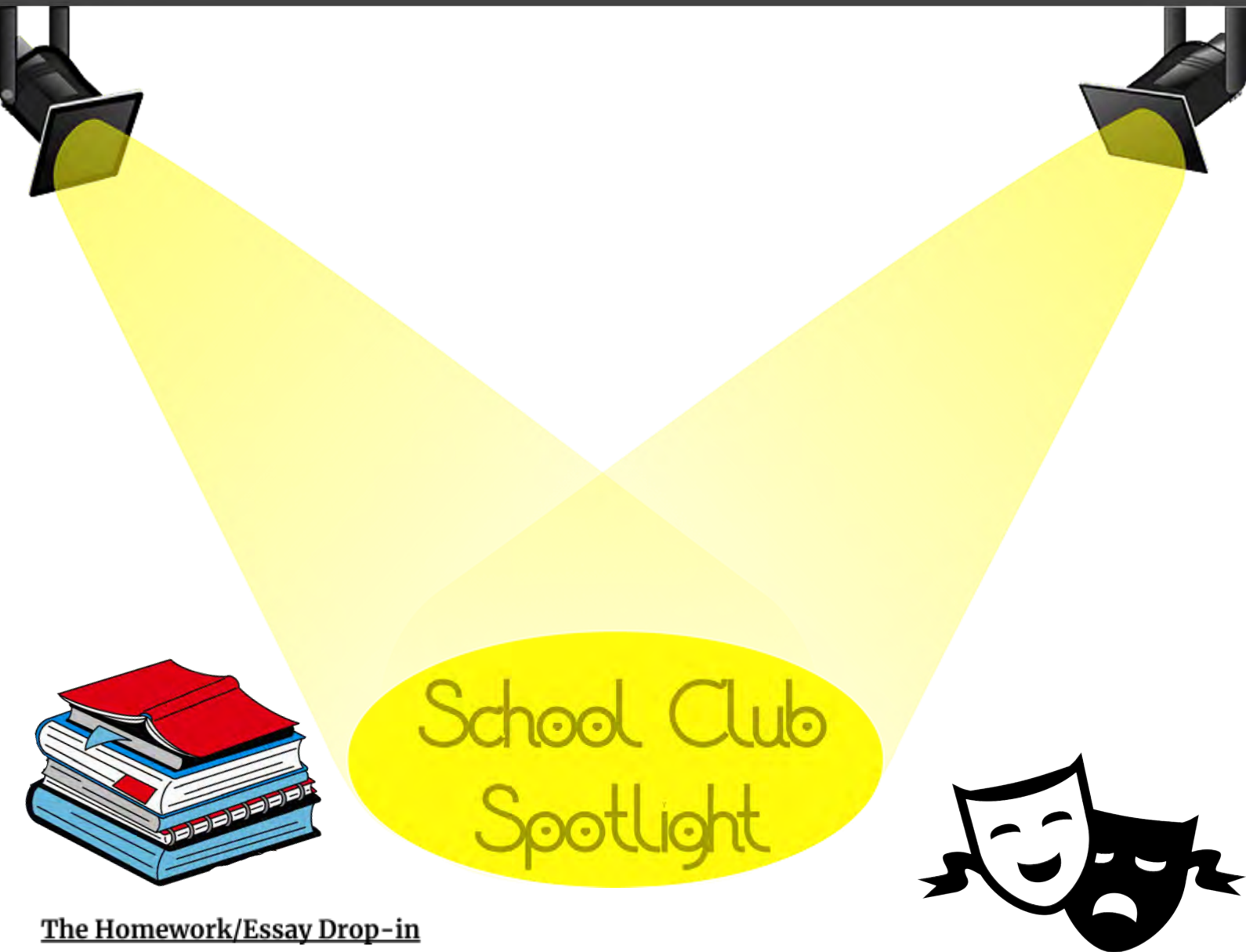
Reported by Lachlan Glencross

Mrs Miller's favourite book is "*Un long dimanche de fiançailles*" in French or "A Very Long Engagement" in English. It was written by Sébastien Japrisot in 1991. Mrs Miller first came across this book when it was recommended to her by her father after he read it and thought that she would like it.

Mrs Miller liked the book as it was very historically accurate when she read it. While she was reading it Mrs Miller went on a school trip to visit the battlefields of World War 1, the trip gave Mrs Miller a view of what the main character, Mathilde must have gone through while investigating the battlefields of Brittany, the front lines and no-man's land. The book is a tragedy-romance between Mathilde and Manech that takes place in France on the battlefields of World war 1.

The book has been made into a movie, which was also called "*Un long dimanche de fiançailles*" and starred Audrey Tautou, Gaspard Ulliel and Marion Cotillard. The movie has been given positive reviews by critics.





The Homework/Essay Drop-in

This club provides a quiet area for pupils to complete work for English, it allows pupils to study or complete work with a teacher present (allowing them to ask for help where required).

The club runs during lunchtime, meaning it is perfect for pupils who have after-school commitments or anyone who wants that little bit of extra time to complete work.

The club runs during both Junior (S1-3) and Senior (S4-6) lunchtime on a **Tuesday in P107** and pupils are encouraged to bring their lunch along with them!

By Thiemo
Breugelmans

The Drama Club

The club is for any pupils wishing to learn more about drama; put into practice their drama skills and even take part in their own play.

It is also a great place to meet new friends!

The club is for anyone in S1/S2 and takes place on a **Wednesday lunch in P106.**

Directors - Nora Hames and Sophie Banks.

Wallace's Artist of the Month

Senior Artist of the Month



Awarded by Mrs Draper
Month: November 2023

ART Design

A Success in Open Doors

By Jack Armstrong

Joy and happiness ran through the Languages Department as a successful Open Doors event took place and went down successfully, so we thought we'd run through the attractions that had S3s with smiles from ear to ear:



The Swinging Salsa:

First was a slide into the dance studio for a traditional Cuban dance, the Salsa, swinging hips, quick feet, and a stylish flare brought joy and laughter to faces everywhere as this fun interactive dance took place, getting people's spirits up. A massive effort put in by the Languages captains who deserve a thumbs up for the dedication they put in to play their part in a fun and successful day.

British sign language with Elly Mclean

We had another very successful collaboration with another school in St Roch's High school and their PE teacher who incredibly has taken on the role in teaching the deaf students PE, Elly Mclean. She gave us the education of speaking, without speaking! With great intentions, she showed us how to sign our names and is an inspiration to the deaf community. Thanks to Elly for coming along and St Rochs for letting her.



The biology in French

Biology and French are two things that you'd not associate together, however, on the 29th of September, 2023, Louise walked through the open doors into the world of Languages and enlightened us with stories of desperation, hilarity, and seriousness. She talked about being a Nanny or "Nounou" for some young French boys who didn't speak a word of English, sometimes even discovering half an hour after she'd readied them for the day that they'd escaped into the garden and were fully naked, a hilarious prospect, and respect to her for putting up with the pressure and stress of dealing with that. She taught them English, and they were well educated with that. Amazing to think she went from simply holidaying there to working in a perfume shop and struggling to communicate with customers to fluently communicating and entralling us with her stories.

Nina from the Wallace Monument

We had an amazing visit from the manager of the National Wallace Monument tourism, and she was from a different country too, Bulgaria. She taught us hello in Bulgarian and then went on to elaborate about the many different countries that people visit from, including Tuvalu, France, Russia, England and so much more. Showing a difference that

Scotland, with its wet summers, baltic winters, and yet, staggering mountains, astonishing sights, and cultural highlands. Attracting thrill seekers, culture cultivators, and relaxation researchers. We also learnt that there are nine different languages the information around the monument is translated to, including: Polish, Portuguese, German and British. Thank you so much Nina, and please feel free to come back and teach us some Bulgarian.

Bryan and his Brilliant Mandarin

Counting in Chinese, something many people thought they'd never be able to do, however, this incredible man, Bryan, who became a permanent member of the school over the summer made this possible. He taught us the hand signs and the names for the numbers 1-10 in Chinese. He even shared some hilarious events that he experienced which went down well (not for him at the time though.) A man who was taught by some of the legendary languages teachers at Wallace such as Mrs Miller, so it's obvious why he is so good and experienced with his languages, a man who doubted the use of languages was proved wrong, and is now reunited with his teachers, this time, as their colleague.



Librarian's Book of the Month

Title: All The Light We Cannot See

Author: Anthony Doerr

Genres: Historical

Description:

The book is about a French teen, Marie-Laure, meeting Werner, a German orphan and soldier during WW2 and getting separated, having the goal for the rest of the story being them meeting again.

Why is it book of the Month?

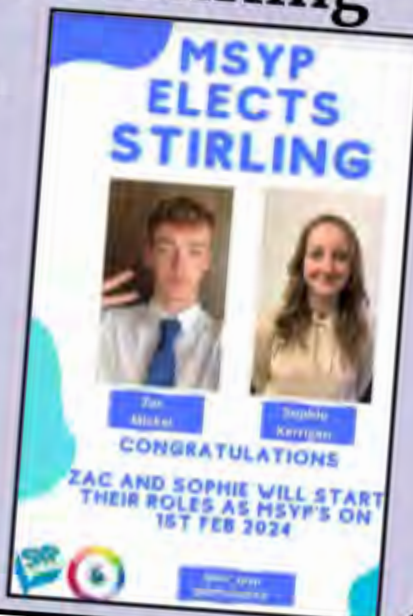
This edition Mrs Waters decided to pick "All the light we cannot see" because they recently made a Netflix film about it and she loved the fact that the book showed two different perspectives



New MSYP's for Stirling

Reported By Lewis Wilson

We would like to give a big well done to the New MSYP's for the Stirling Area, Zac Mikel from Stirling High and Sophie Kerrigan from Wallace High. Well done to both of them and we all hope to see some impressive changes in the future.



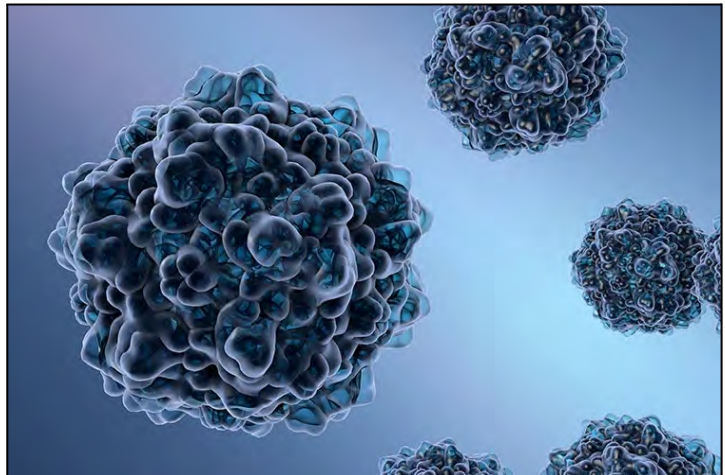
Parvovirus warning for dog owners

Reported By Jack Armstrong



I know this is not a cheery, joyful sort of article, especially on the lead up to Christmas, but I'd sincerely like to point out something and warn all dog owners of the wrath of Parvovirus. I recently lost my dog in the October break, aged just 1 and a half and I can say quite possibly it is the worst, and will be the worst experience I will ever have.

I don't know for sure that it's Parvovirus that killed her as she went downhill too quickly, however learning about the symptoms that were like hers was traumatic. Constant vomiting, rivers of diarrhoea and just acting dazed and confused make for a sickening prospect. So be warned, be prepared, be careful.



Thanks for reading.

Bully XLs: Cute or Killer?

Written by Jack Armstrong



The dog: a loveable, affectionate, tail wagging creature with a heart of gold towards humans. However, a new breed has emerged from the shadows with a harsher bite than bark. The Bully XL, with a ferocious name, a scissor set of teeth, and a killer instinct, let's analyse some pros and cons of these flesh eating teddy bears.

First of all, let's talk about the normal common dog, there are many breeds, Labradors, Poodles, Cockapoos, Dachshunds. All loveable puppies, yet, sometimes breeds with two of these, Labradoodles have emerged from the shadows and the man inventing these, Wally Conron, explained he regrets these actions as it encouraged people to use the Poodle as their canvas and create many different Poodle mixes. But now, let's move on to a more sinister topic.

The 1980s, a world of Ronald Reagan as president, the Challenger explodes, and the Falkland wars, also brought a new breed of dog, the American Bully, or Bully XL. A riotous breed with a ferocious instinct. They were pretty quiet for a while, until recently where the attacks spiralled out of control, in 2022 it was recorded throughout the year at 10 fatal attacks with 7 fatalities listed. It hasn't gotten much better, 6 fatalities have already gone on record with many different sets of footage having been demonstrated. The dog has been bred for people like drug dealers to help possess and threaten their enemies, however they are now being obtained and uncontrolled in a bad way.

In my opinion the problem with a breed so aggressive is that controlling them and finding ways to calm them down is virtually impossible, they are

boisterous, ballistic, and barbaric. And the number of attacks on record is just a scandal, statistics have emerged and show that in the last 3 years dogs have killed 23 people, and the American Bully is responsible for more than half of these in 12 attacks. In recent times they have entered the limelight more than they did in the first year (2021) but have got more bite than bark. They aren't age specific, they don't target the elderly or the developing, they target **EVERYONE!** It has finally been confirmed that they will no longer be allowed into the country, but this will spark new problems, people who already own them will be outraged, perhaps, and some might have grown to love their bearish brute. But the ban has been added to the law, one person stated they "Bred them for drug dealers," and this is a statement that raises further questions, is the aggression natural or does it develop based on the way they are bred or developed? Are they like any other regular dog, loveable until violence, abuse and scarring scenes place them into a dark place? This is a question that needs answered, but most likely never will be.

So, the confirmation of the ban has already happened, but do you agree with this? The loved, loveable, loving pet has lost it;s first breed, but could more bans on more breeds still occur? Only time will tell.

What's your thoughts? Here's what Mrs Graham and Mr Sheerin had to say on this terrifying topic:

" I was expecting a ban when the case originally happened. No attacks near me, but it's still a terrifying prospect. The way it's brought up depends. I've seen a lot around and the number hasn't depleted since the ban. I do take safety precautions around any dog, I don't let my kids near any dogs no matter what breed it is because it's a scary world out there. It is certainly dangerous walking around a park and seeing dogs like that off lead, now I've got kids I'm hyper alert. I do not, however, believe that a small, miniscule dog like a Dachshund or a Cockapoo could be as aggressive as an American Bully." - Mrs Graham.

"The first time I knew of bully XLs as a breed was when they first came to the country and when I first heard reports of attacks. Strange that a breed of dog was making multiple attacks because you'll hear about attacks, but never multiple at once, first impressions were it was something to do with the breed of dog. I am conflicted with the decision to ban them because any breed of dog could become violent with a bad owner, and with this breed of dog, if it becomes unhappy and violent it'll be a lot worse than a chihuahua. It's bad to see a dog with a reputation like this, based on balance it is certain they should ban them based on reputation." - Mr Sheerin

Sport at Wallace High

There's always so much to be proud of in the word of sport at Wallace High School! Here's a round up of some of the latest Sports news...

Huge congratulations to the S3/S4 and the S1/S2 Girls Football Teams! Both teams qualified for the National Finals of the SPAR Cup!



If you didn't hear about this one, then where have you been? A massive congratulations to the team for their win against West Calder. A nail-biting game that ended in a 5-4 victory for Wallace!



We hope all the sporting teams, coaches, staff and the PE Department have a well earned rest - we think they deserve it!

Wallace's Festive Christmas Concert

Reported by Lewis Wilson

Wallace held its Christmas Concert on the 15th of December. The Christmas Concert is held every year for all the future musicians to show what they have learned and also to show off their singing and instrumental skills to the school.

The Concert started off with the school's orchestra playing The Snowman to bring the audience into the Christmas spirit.



Afterwards we saw singers, guitarists and piano soloists play and impress the audience with their spectacular performances which made sure that everyone was in the Christmas spirit.

The concert then went to an interval where the audience was offered drinks and cakes to reminisce about the performances. There were stands to show what the art department had been creating over the last couple of months. There was also a display of the photos that the Advanced Photography class had taken. Soon everyone was brought back into the theatre to watch the second half of the Christmas Concert where the audience got to listen to the school orchestra again. Then the audience got to hear from the Ukulele Club, piano players, more singers and to top it all off the audience got here from bagpipers who played several songs to end the night with a blast.

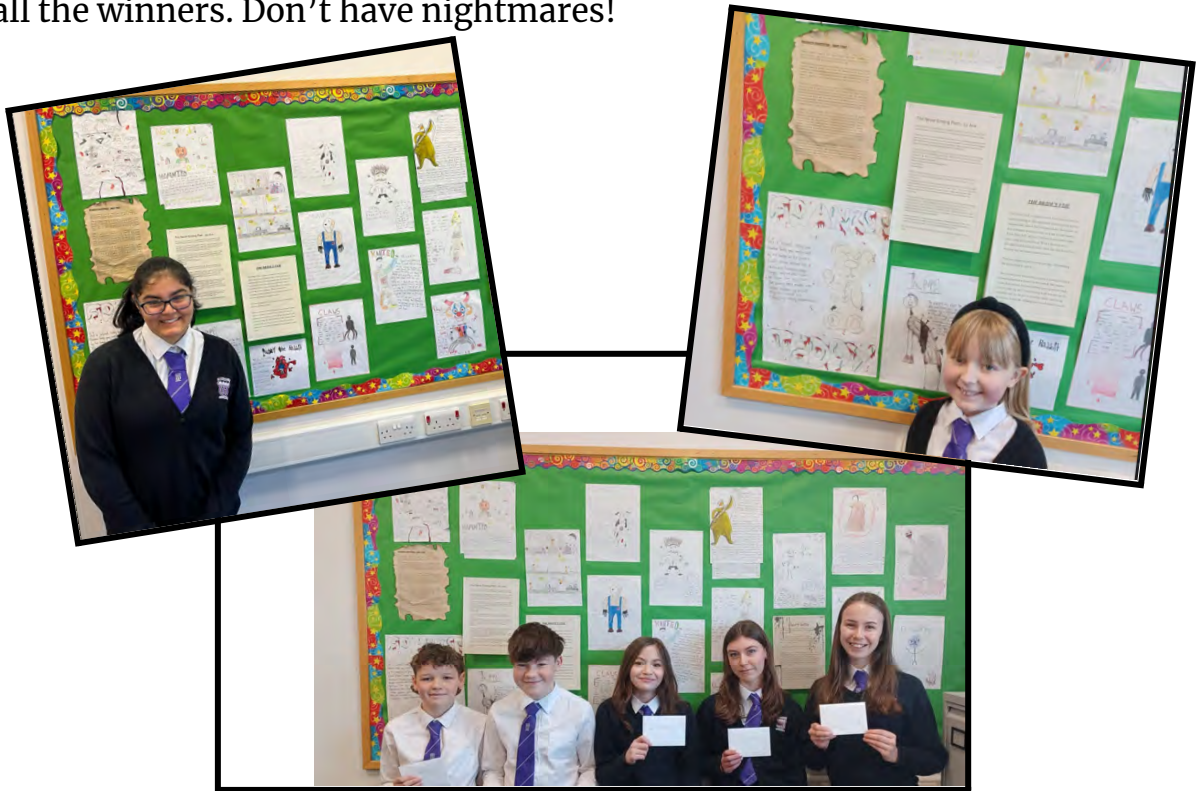


The Christmas Concert was definitely something to remember and we hope that it is as good as this again next year!

In other news

Halloween Competition Winners

The English Department hosted their annual spooky Halloween Writing Competition. S1 and S2 pupils had to get their creative hats on and write a spooky story or create a scary character for Halloween. Congratulations to all the winners. Don't have nightmares!



Did you know...

Where does halloween come from?

Reported by Isaac Yarwood

Halloween comes from the ancient tradition of samhain. This is a celebration of the end of the harvest season. They believed this part of the year was the most haunted, because of this they would like bonfires to ward off spirits. They would use different vegetable and food scraps to put on the bonfires. This would evolve to carving fires into turnips and pumpkins for decoration. Trick or treating comes from "souling" during the middle ages. This was when poorer people would sing, make jokes and pray to ward off spirits to get paid with food or money.

Christmas Special Recipe

Gingerbread

You Will Need:

100g Salted butter
3 tbsp..... Golden syrup
100g..... Dark muscovado sugar
1/2 tsp.....Bicarbonate of soda
1 tbsp.....ground ginger
1 tbsp.....ground cinnamon
225g.....plain flour
50g.....icing sugar



Step one:

Heat the butter, syrup and sugar together in a pan stirring occasionally until melted. Then put aside to cool

Step two:

Mix the bicarbonate of soda, ginger, cinnamon and flour in a mixing bowl. Pour the buttery syrup into the mixing bowl and bring together until a dough. Add a tbs of milk if needed. Put in fridge once its soft, it will become firm in the fridge

Step three:

Put the dough onto a backing sheet and roll it out so it's about 1/2 cm thick. then refrigerate again for an hour.

Step four:

Heat the oven to 180c on a fan oven. Take dough out of the fridge and cut it into shapes, place shapes onto a baking tray with parchment paper.

Step five:

Space the shape, spread apart, and baek for 10-12 mins. Depending on size you may need more or less time baking. Leave to cool completely

Step six:

Mix icing sugar with 1-2 tbsp, make a consistency that's thick but pipable. Ice the gingerbread with piping bag and nozzle.

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Pumpkins & Presents

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FUN FACT

1 day on Venus is 243 days on earth.