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# Nicola Sturgeon

## Resigning

*By Gregor Thomas*

Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon has announced her resignation from her position. Sturgeon made the announcement at a press conference held in Bute house, on Friday the 15th of February, citing personal reasons for her decision to step down.

Sturgeon, who has been the leader of the Scottish National Party (SNP) since 2014, has been a prominent figure in Scottish politics for many years. She first entered the Scottish Parliament in 1999 and has since held various ministerial positions, including serving as Deputy First Minister under Alex Salmond ( her predecessor ).

During her time as First Minister, Sturgeon has been a vocal advocate for Scottish independence, with the SNP pushing for a second referendum on the issue. She has also been a strong critic of the UK government's handling of Brexit, arguing that Scotland should have a say in its own future.

In her resignation speech, Sturgeon acknowledged that she had been "privileged" to serve as Scotland's First Minister, but that it was time for her to step aside. "I believe that part of serving well would be to know, almost instinctively, when the time is right to make way for someone else." she said.

Sturgeon's decision to resign has come as a surprise to many, with some speculating that it may be related to the ongoing controversy over the Isla Bryson



Nicola Sturgeon in the Scottish Parliament case and her mysterious personal finances. Sturgeon has had calls to resign before, the Alex Salmond case, the handling of the Covid pandemic and most recently, the gender recognition bill. But like every other politician to walk the earth, she soldiered on to the very end.

However, in her resignation speech, Sturgeon dismissed these allegations, saying that they had played no part in her decision to step down. The race to succeed Sturgeon is likely to be hotly contested, with several senior SNP figures such as Hamza Yousaf ( Health secretary ) already being tipped as potential candidates. The future of Scotland is still unclear, with Keir Starmer - labour leader - saying he would give more power to the Scottish government but wouldn't allow them independence, to Rishi Sunak saying no to new devolved powers.

Nicola Sturgeon was the rock of the SNP, dominating every election and having a vast amount of yellow supporters, but with the SNP's most powerful weapon gone, can they win the next election? Or will it be the Red army's turn?

Regardless of who succeeds her, Sturgeon's legacy as Scotland's first female First Minister and a campaigner of Scottish independence will undoubtedly be remembered for years to come. Yet the battle continues for the SNP, with many jobs at hand to be done.

We had a great time celebrating Gaelic Week at Wallace High School back in February. Subjects across the school taught Gaelic based tasks and Mr Pennock shared a Gaelic word of the day every morning on the tannoy!



It's important to celebrate Gaelic Week at WHS to promote the language here. We have pupils who have completed their education through the Medium of Gaelic (they've learnt all their subjects in Gaelic in Primary School) and it's important for them to see their language celebrated across their school. More widely, it's important to give minority languages, like Gaelic, a platform to be celebrated so that more people can learn them. Gaelic is spoken all over the world, but numbers are small with just 60,000 speakers in Scotland!

### Teacher's Favourite book

Miss Doran's favourite book is "1984" by George Orwell. She described the book as when she reads it "it gives me shivers and makes me fearful of what life could be like if people got too much power". Miss Doran recommends the book by saying "it will change your perspective on how we use technology in our daily lives."



### Burns Competition

Last Month was also the Burns Competition where pupils recited famous poems or even their own written poems.

#### The Pupils who won this were:

Archie Aitchison & Tom Hannah  
Naomi Brownlee & Nora Hames  
Anoosh Fatemi  
Lauren McDonald & Poppy McQuarrie  
Phoebe Perrie - Original poem.

Congratulations to everyone who won the competition



# “Wait for one bus but none come along”

By Lewis Wilson

When waiting for a bus you might have heard of the phrase “you wait ages for a bus and then two come along at once’ well unfortunately here it's different with sometimes no buses arriving at all, usually with the 54 Bus.

It has started to become a regular event with the 54 buses not arriving and it's causing lots disruption to the travel home for pupils. Well we can summarise why the buses have not been appearing.

It was revealed that last year in 2022 that First Bus who ran the 54 had sold this area's routes to a bus company called The McGills Group. First Bus found themselves under fire from public users and bogged down with numerous complaints.

One explanation for this is because there is a national shortage of bus drivers because of the long shift hours and the low pay for these tiring bus journeys. This has caused many bus drivers to switch jobs to being delivery van drivers or truck drivers resulting in less buses operating ultimately causing real problems for public transport users.

Duncan Cameron, Managing Director of First Bus Scotland said ‘McGill’s is a historic and trusted bus operator brand within Scotland and one we believe to be a safe pair of hands to take the Scotland East business forward successfully’.



Stirling bus station

In a recent meeting with MSP's, McGills Chief Ralph Roberts acknowledging the current issues said “We will introduce approximately 60 new buses to the routes by spring 2023”.

Only time will now tell if the 54 bus route will become a reliable and trustworthy mode of transport for the Wallace High pupils but at the moment it is clear that it is still raising some considerable concerns.

## **FUN FACT**

For most people it is impossible to lick their own elbows.

## Recipe of the month

By Issac Yarwood

### Quesadilla

Ingredients (one portion 2 quesadillas):

Hand full of black / green olives

Tomato pesto / chilli pesto

Cheddar cheese

Mushrooms

Jalapenos

2 tortillas

Sage

Thyme

Olive oil

#### Step one, Mushrooms

Peel and chop the mushrooms into flat pieces then put them in a pan with some olive oil, sage and thyme and fry till soft.

#### Step two, Insides

Take the olives and cut longways to be flat, take the jalapenos and cut into circles, grate the cheese in the smallest grater setting for a more even melt

#### Step three, Assemble

Take the red pesto and cover half of the tortilla (like a semi circle) but leave a space at the end about 3cm. Put the veggies evenly on the

one side and put the cheese last. Then fold it over so the topping is covered. Then repeat on the other tortilla.

#### Step four, Cooking

Take a pan and spatula, put the tortillas on and flip when golden brown. Once both sides are golden brown, take it off and cut it like a pizza slice to eat. If you have a larger pan you can cook 2 at a time.

Remember to bring some tissues. It's quite messy.



# Gary Lineker's Controversial Tweet in March

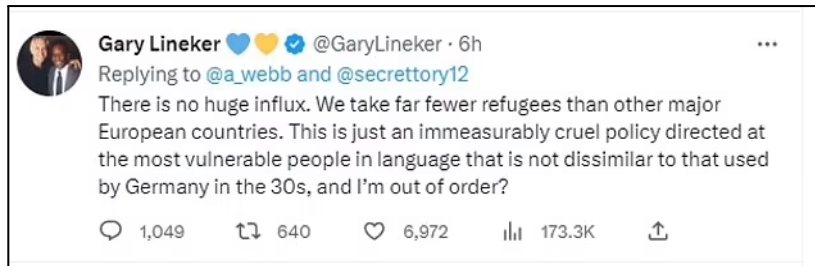
Gary Lineker was well known last month on Twitter after posting a very controversial tweet about the Government.

Gary Lineker the former footballer, now sports host for the BBC. He is a well known sports presenter with Thousands of people watching the "Match of the day". Gary Lineker has many people following him on twitter and other social media platforms.

Gary Lineker then tweeted on his Twitter account a controversial tweet which basically compared the UK Government's action on the refugee crisis to the Holocaust in the 1930s. This spiked up a lot of controversy on Twitter, News shows and even being mentioned by the Government themselves.

After the tweet was released the BBC were quick to suspend him from the show "Match of the day". The only problem was that the whole entire team of Match of the Day then said they would go on strike after Gary Lineker was suspended.

As this was going on the Home Secretary Suella Braverman was then asked about the tweet on a political podcast. She replied by saying this "I don't think anything happening in the UK today can come close to what



happened in the holocaust so I find it a lazy and unhelpful comparison to make”.

This was the tweet that caused the controversy.

In the tweet Gary Linker uses empowering words such as “immeasurably cruel” and "Directed at the most vulnerable people in language”. This shows that either he was filled with rage while writing this or he really is passionate about the situation.

Gary Lineker still believes that he was right when writing the tweet and doesn't regret posting the tweet. He has also said that he has the right to write that as he has the right to free speech.

## Are you Interested?

If you want to help create the next edition of the Newspaper Join the Google Classroom. You will be a photographer or writer for the newspaper.

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# Pi day

By Gregor Thomas

The 14th of March, 2023, this year's Pi day! The maths department has many different competitions from Pi recital to T shirt design... There really is something for everyone!

$\pi$  (Pi) is a mathematical symbol which represents the ratio of circle's circumference and its diameter. It is most commonly written as 3.14 (2 d.p) although over 22 trillion digits have been calculated!

The main organisers of the event is Mr Cruikshanks and his team of maths captains. The Maths captains and he do S1, S2 and S3 assembly talking about the different competitions that will be running during the week. This year, the competitions were:  $\pi$  Skylines,  $\pi$  Day Quiz, "Around the World" with  $\pi$ ,  $\pi$  Recital competition, Design a  $\pi$ -day t-shirt and last but not least... $\pi$  Day Meme Challenge!

The Pi recital competition is the most famous of all the pi day activities. It is one of the most mentally gruelling things one can do, the most recited pi digits of all time is 70,000 decimal places, which is a crazy amount of numbers!

Lewis Gowan in S6, recited 777 digits of Pi, his record becoming the highest in the history of Wallace high! This year Lewis set out to achieve the impossible and managed to beat his



Lewis Gowan ( Left) with Gregor Thomas (Right )

own record with a mega 1,000 decimal digits of Pi. He will never be forgotten at Wallace for his mathematical superpower!

This year, the winner was only 870 digits of Lewis, with 130 decimal places. Gregor Thomas in S2 completed the challenge on Friday, the last day of Pi week, and on Monday the 20th received the Gowen Cup. When asked about how he felt about winning the recital he said "I am over the moon to win, and it is a great honour to be the first ever to receive the Gowen Award. However, I am nowhere near an astounding 1,000 digits!"

Congratulations to Lewis Gowan for his amazing achievement and I am sure no one will be near his record for a very, very, very long time...!



Lewis with Mr Pennock, receiving his award!

## Book of The Month!

**Name:** David Copperfield

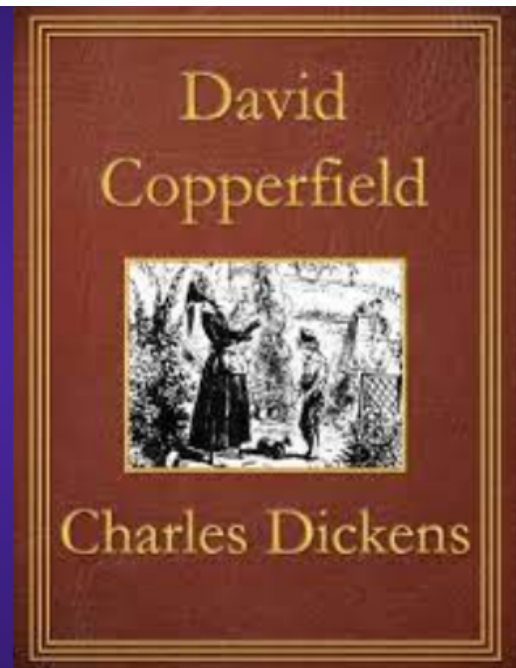
**Author:** Charles Dickens

**Genre:**

- Classic,
- Bildungsroman

### Description

Narrated by the eponymous David Copperfield, detailing his adventures in his journey from infancy to maturity. It was first published as a serial in 1849 and 1850 and as a book in 1850.



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I speak without my mouth and hear without ears, I have no body, but I come alive with wind. What am I?

A is the brother of B. B is the brother of C and C is the father of D.  
So how is D related to A?



## Anagrams!

1. Bminearsu
2. Koboextt
3. ecoiznerge

## Answers!

### Anagrams

1. Submarine
2. Textbook
3. Recognize

### Riddles

1. A echo
2. D is the Uncle



# Wallace High School

Find the words related to Wallace

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