

THE EMMBROOK WAVE



The Power of Words

A farewell message from me...



Wow!

What a year it has been. Although for most students there is still a Half Term to go, I, my year group and Year 11 are coming to the end of our journeys here at Emmbrook and I can honestly say I am **heartbroken** to be leaving.

Thank you to Emmbrook for giving me such a rewarding role as Deputy Head Student in charge of The Wave! From setting up the Wave Journalist Team (which are now up to 30 in number), to all their writing sessions, and the



release each Half Term, I've done my best to leave behind a legacy of **our student**

newspaper that can be continued after I leave. I am very happy to be handing over my editorial duties to our new Student Editor, **Eve Watson**, who will introduce herself and the new leadership team in the next edition. Thank you also to **Mrs Bisset-Garside** for her support and guidance this year with The Wave, our Head Student Team and Prefect System and



ensuring that Emmbrook Students are heard and can get involved with something more than the 5 lessons of the day.

My time at Emmbrook has been eventful, but it isn't the exam results, Sixth Form Fundraising Weeks, House Events, outstanding teachers, Student Leadership System, Sports days, fundraisers, last days, first days, friendships I've made, or the resilience and confidence skills I've gained that matter most to me. It's the fact that every day I receive a plethora of hellos, waves and smiles from all of you, particularly amongst Year 7 and 8, as I walk around the school; **it's the sense of community and support that I most loved in my time here.**

Never forget to follow your inspirations, and to remember that you each have individual talents, interests and personalities that will help you progress after Emmbrook. Whether it's



getting involved as a prefect, a sports team, a music or arts club, learning to play



an instrument, doing extension work on your favourite subject, or take part in something like a school newspaper, go for it!! These are the things that matter, and alongside exam grades, will help you craft a future with **your** passions. I am still unclear about my own career path, but I know the things which I love and that is always a good guide to follow.

The sun is setting on another academic year, but with this comes new beginnings and new opportunities; sometimes you have to let go of the shore in order to reach for new horizons. Have a great Half Term, best of luck to all those sitting exams, and thank you to everyone in the Emmbrook community who I got to work with this year, and who I got to know in my 7 years here!



Keep Waving!

Daniel Robson

Year 13 Student Editor of The Emmbrook Wave

A Warm Welcome from Hannah...



Hi everyone! I want to start by saying good luck to everyone sitting GCSE or A-level exams; I hope you all achieve everything you wanted to. Exam season can be challenging and stressful, but remember to look after yourselves

emotionally and physically during this period. Mental health is still important during exam season and having breaks in revision makes it much more effective. Also, remember that if you are struggling in this period you can always reach out to tutors, subject teachers and the student support team.

As many of you know we as a school are

preparing for the **Platinum Jubilee**. For **The Emmbrook School** this involves the '**Plant a tree for the Jubilee**' campaign. It would be great to see as many of our students and teachers getting involved as possible. Also, many of you are probably aware that we held a fundraiser on Friday 20th May. This fundraiser was for a company called KIDS who

work with disabled children and young people in our area and we raised **£705.22** which was one of our **best** fundraisers yet. I wanted to say a huge thank you to those who donated anything and helped make this possible.

Lastly, I would like to thank The Emmbrook School for giving me the opportunity to be a part of the Leadership Team, specifically in the



fundraising department. We have raised money for charities such as **Macmillan, KIDS, MRF** (meningitis research foundation), and **Young Minds**. Not only would I like to thank The Emmbrook School for this opportunity,

but also for shaping who I am; from Year 7 to Year 13 it has been the biggest change. Have a great Half Term.

Hannah, Year 13 Deputy Head Student (Fundraising Lead)

The Power of Journalism, By Gabby Year 10

Journalism plays a crucial role in keeping us informed and critically aware.

Freedom of press is how a democratic

society can hold governments accountable and keep those in power honest. It's even been declared a human right: the

United Nations' 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights says "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and

expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference, and to seek, receive, and impart information

and ideas through any media regardless of frontiers."

However, Freedom of Press didn't

always exist as a right...

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Deputy Editors: Fatma, Gabriella and Kenisha (Year 10)

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The Wave Journalist Team...



On Thursday 19th May, my group were privileged to attend a talk by Phil Creighton from the local newspaper 'Wokingham Today' to learn about his job as a journalist, reporter and editor. This consolidated a year of our sessions focussing on what makes a good writer. We said spelling, vocabulary and skill are important, but we all agreed that having a keen sense of imagination and passion in the topic you are writing about is the number one attribute of one.

Throughout this edition you'll see updates from all the important people as usual, but also articles from the Wave Journalist Team based around this Half Term's very broad theme: THE POWER OF WORDS. What can words be used for and why are they important?

Daniel Robson and The Wave Journalist Team

Mental Health Awareness Month

STOP HERE AND LISTEN...

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. To promote it, people have designed posters and such, to help promote understanding of the different types of mental health disorders people live with. These include:

- Anxiety disorders.
- Mood disorders.

- Eating disorders.
- Personality disorders.
- Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- Impulse control and addiction disorders.

There are of course more of these, but this is an overview of them.

To help keep you healthy: you can meditate, stay active, talk

to people, and keep up good hobbies of things you enjoy doing in your spare time. There are so many ways you can be mindful, but finding a way that works for you is something everyone should do.

Everyone has mental health, but many people have a mental illnesses and do not know it. Always talk to a

doctor if you feel consistently uneasy or not like you normally feel, but you can always reach out to your Form Tutor, Year Leader, a trusted teacher or adult and the student support system here at Emmbrook.

Summer Jones & Grace Mckehon Year 7

Kids UK Mental health Awareness Fundraiser...



Top Left: **28th May 2021:** (left to right: Hannah and Daniel (Me))

Top Right: **20th May 2022:** (left to right: Daniel, Paige and Hannah).

After both years, we have collectively raised a collective £1440 for Young Minds

and Kids Uk respectively with 2 bake sales, a sweet jar guessing completion and two green-themed non-uniform days. We trust the new Leadership Team will carry forward our ultimate annual



Emmbrook bake sale for a mental health charity after we leave! Thank you to everyone who brought in donations, supported our stall and for wearing green to show your support for Mental Health Awareness Month! To find out more about these charities, go to <https://www.kids.org.uk/>, <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>, or read page 5 of the last edition of *The Emmbrook Wave*.

Paige, Hannah and Daniel, Sixth Form

Going above and beyond at Emmbrook...



On 27th April, Mrs Slyfield's Year 10 Biology class were given a surprise presentation by Fatma Youssef on Neuropathic Pain. How can your nerves send

wrong signals to your brain?

The class are currently learning about the nervous system and this fitted in nicely as an exciting extension activity. Fatma's

ambition is to go to medical school and she used this opportunity to research an extended project to help with her CV and present the findings to a class.

She spoke loudly and clearly with the whole class engaged. The presentation was well prepared and even the most difficult medical terms were

pitched at a level that the students could understand.

The class were intrigued by the topic and their questions to her at the end were extremely thought provoking. I even had to get Fatma's back up to the front, as questions still kept on being asked during the lesson.

I am very proud of Fatma and feel very privileged that she is in my class and that she was available to do this for us. I am sure that that the whole class, like myself, will look at the nervous system with renewed eyes.

Some of the comments from her peers included 'she is

very brave, 'I have never heard of neuropathic pain and found the talk really interesting and 'I found the talk fascinating, especially as I do sports. I could relate it to sports injuries'.

Well done Fatma!

Mrs Slyfield

Music from the Heart- Emmbrook's Summer Concert!

'Music from the Heart' – Summer Concert

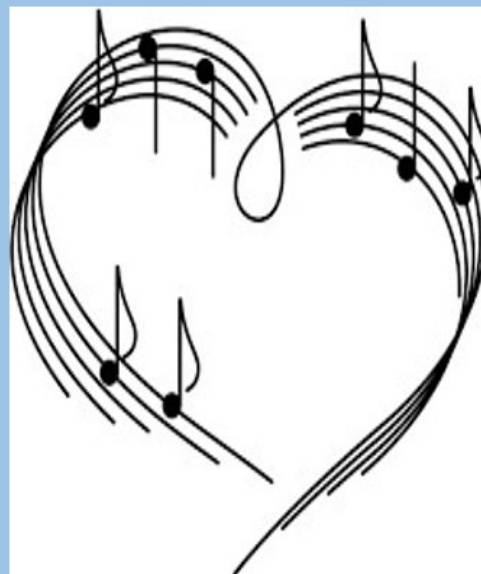
You are warmly invited to join us for an evening of inspirational music making, with pieces specially selected by Emmbrook musicians.

Wednesday 6th July @ 7 pm

Tickets: Adult (£6) Child/OAP (£3)

Purchase via [Scopay](https://www.scopay.com/emmbrook?redirect=true)

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Miles for Refugees

Miles for Refugees is a British Red Cross initiative that raises money for those around the world who have been

forced to leave their homes. In the UK, we have been welcoming them through all kinds of disasters and emergencies – such as World War 1 and 2 as well as conflicts

including Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan, and Ukraine. Refugees are human beings just like you and I and they need our help. I want to make an impact and much

of the UK feels the same way I do. In fact, according to research done by British Red Cross **74%** of the UK public said they had sympathy towards refugees.

With this all taken into account, I have been compelled to take part in the Red Cross initiative: 'Miles for Refugees' to ease their already strenuous lives. My aim is to walk

and run 160 miles – one of many possible distances travelled by refugees - whilst raising £150 over the course of June '22. The British Red Cross is the biggest

independent provider of support for refugees and asylum seekers in the UK. **As little as £5 could supply 600 chlorine tablets, allowing**

families to have access to safe, clean water.

To donate to my page or find out more, follow this link or scan the QR code below:

<https://miles.redcross.org.uk/fundraising/kenisha-ghoteys-challenge>

Kenisha, Year 10 (Deputy Wave Editor)



An Update from the House Team...



As we approach Half Term, students have just over 3 weeks in school to earn 300 house points (year 11 need to earn 150) in order to be invited on the end of year trip. The official cut-off date for house points is Friday 24th June so keep working hard in lessons, attending clubs, being kind to people and entering house competitions. This week Miss Donovan emailed all students about 2 exciting competitions, namely the comic strip competition and ancestry competition. Your tutors should have also informed you of the 'Best of British' fancy dress house competition on Friday 27th May, designed to celebrate the Queens Jubilee. Next term the PE department will also launch their ever-popular tug of war competition as well as tennis, rounders and athletics ones. Be sure to enter these competitions and more for those vital house points! Miss Donovan and Miss Matthews are currently booking a number of trips for different year groups including ice skating, trampolining, aqua parks and theme parks. More information will follow in June. In the meantime, Jupiter are less than 50 house points in front of Saturn and only 200 house points are keeping Venus in front of Mercury! Sports day on Monday 18th July looks to be the deciding factor for which house will come out top this year! Make sure you sign up for as many events as possible when the sign-up sheet comes around during form time soon. It is set to be a very exciting day!

Miss Matthews and Miss Donovan

Head Teacher's Address

Next week the nation will mark the staggering service of the Queen by celebrating her Platinum Jubilee.

As these events will take place over our half-term we are having our own celebrations on the last day of this Half Term with a street party during lunchtime.

I think it is very difficult to truly comprehend a 70-year contribution in one role; when the Queen came to the throne the oldest member of staff here was but a child. It really is a lifetime dedicated to

service. Without wanting to draw any comparisons between myself and the Queen (a contest I would absolutely lose) I was struck by the coincidence that we both had 'career defining' moments at the age of 25. For the Queen it was the age at which she ascended to the throne, whereas for me it was the age that I began teaching here at **The Emmbrook**.

From my perspective 17 years at the same school feels like a long time (though thoroughly enjoyable!), so I simply cannot imagine 70 years in the same role (even one as varied as that of a monarch).

Throughout, the Queen has dutifully fulfilled her responsibilities, provided assured leadership and maintained a quiet dignity. She shows us all just how important leadership is, be that on the national or international stage or within a school.

We are fortunate to benefit from outstanding young leaders here in the school, individuals who will go on to make their own contributions to society over the next 70 years. I want to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing **Sixth Form**

Leadership Team, a group of students who have made a real difference to this school. Our Head Students **Ashleigh** and **Mary**, supported by their deputies **Daniel**, **Hannah**, **Lewis** and **Saba** each provided leadership and support during a challenging time as we emerged the pandemic. I am grateful for all their efforts this year and excited to see what they will go on to achieve in the years to come. It is fitting to make a special thank you to **Daniel** here in

The Wave, as this is his final edition as Student Editor. He leaves this Newspaper in fantastic shape and he can be proud of his work with the team.

Now a new group of students take on the mantle of leadership. Our newly appointed Head Students **Kai** and **Jonathan**, supported by deputies **Eve**, **Harry**, **Miracle**, **Paige** and **Suzette** are full of ideas and

energy to ensure that they leave The Emmbrook a better school than they found it. They will not have 70 years in their roles but I know that they are going to make a real difference over the next 12 months. I am confident that they will inspire younger students to step up into leadership roles in the future, therefore creating an enduring legacy.



Handwritten signature: Daniel

The Power of Words... By Oliver, Year 9

The power of words is sometimes forgotten as they have changed

history forever and many other things. For example, Famous speeches have been significant

improving equality, give courage and many other important things. Back in 1963 Martin Luther

King presented his speech on racial equality in front of 200000 people, making a change for racism all across the

world. In 1964 Nelson Mandela also stood up for South Africans during apartheid which he stated 'I am prepared to

die'. There are many other great speeches through time that had a huge impact on many lives. **By Oliver, Year 9**

A bit more from Gabby, Year 10

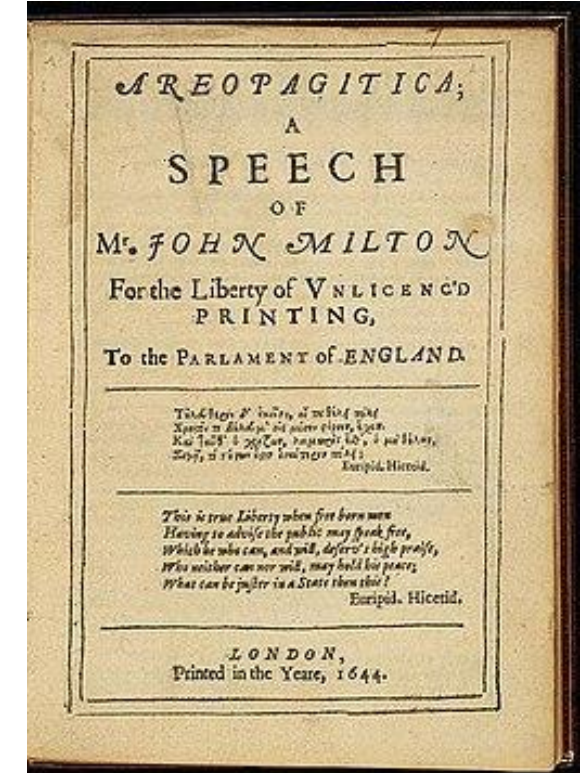
Continued... In 1643, during the English Civil War, the Printing Ordinance was established. This was a censorship system that banned the printing, binding, or sale of books except by people licensed under the authority of Parliament. This was not too long after the invention and popularisation of the printing press – when those in power realised that if the state couldn't control

books, it couldn't control ideas. And if it couldn't control ideas, it couldn't control anything. (But people, as people do, found a way to keep printing anyway.) Freedom of the press was formally established in Great Britain with the lapse of the Licensing Act in 1695. John Milton was a major figure in achieving this, arguing forcefully against government censorship. He said that individuals were capable of using reason to tell right from wrong,

good from bad – and should therefore have unrestricted access to other people's ideas. [Image: First page of John Milton's 1644 edition of *Areopagitica*]

Most great thinkers that argued for freedom of the press – as well as the authorities that opposed it – recognised that journalists have the power to shape a narrative. Report this but not that, word a statement so it favours a particular side... in a world where there is no freedom of press,

the government can control a narrative as it pleases, essentially dictating truth. This is not a real democracy – we, as regular citizens, have no power to decide anything when information is censored. Freedom of the press essentially ensures that power can't get away with what it wants, without accountability. There are still of course problems with journalism, from biases to the rise in sensationalisation of the news, but that doesn't stop it from being an important



freedom and a cornerstone of a truly democratic society. I hope that the next time you pick up a newspaper, or open an article on

your browser, you recognise the right you are exercising – the right to free information **Gabby, Year 10 (Deputy Wave Editor)**

The Platinum Jubilee



In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to

celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service. Get involved in celebrating Her Majesty's historic reign in the run up to the Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend which takes place from **2nd to 5th June**.

Thursday 2nd June Trooping the Colour:

The Queen's Birthday Parade starting at 11am more than 1200 officers and soldiers and over 240 horses from

the Household Division will put on a display of military pageantry on Horse Guards Parade. This annual event has marked the official birthday of the Monarch for over 260 years. A Royal Gun Salute will be fired, after the Royal Procession has returned to Buckingham Palace, the Royal Family's balcony appearance will happen as in previous years when there will

be an impressive Flypast.

Friday 3rd JUNE Service of Thanksgiving:

A Service of Thanksgiving for

Paul", the largest church bell in the country, will be rung for the Service.

Saturday 4th June - Platinum



The Queen's reign will be held at [St Paul's Cathedral](#). "Great

Party at the Palace: Live on BBC One, [BBC iPlayer](#) and across





the BBC network. The celebration will see famous faces from the world of entertainment

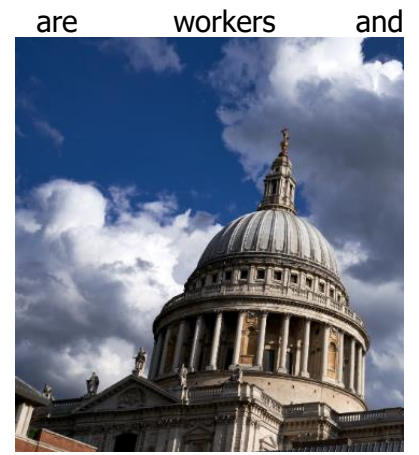
brought together to perform for a night of musical tributes to celebrate the Jubilee.

Sunday 5th June - Big Jubilee Lunch: Events ranging from world record attempts for the longest street party to garden BBQ's. Over 10 million people across the UK are expected to join the celebrations to share friendship, food and fun as part of

this nationwide act of community & friendship.

The Platinum Jubilee Pageant: This will bring to life iconic moments from The Queen's reign and showcase our changing society over the past 70 years. 10,000

people involved, including National treasures and iconic figures from music, film, sport and much-loved celebrity names, alongside military personnel, key



are workers and volunteers.

The Ramadan Experience



Ramadan is one of the most important events for Muslims. It was the month in which the Quran was first sent down as guidance for all people, having in its clear proofs of divine guidance and the criterion for right and wrong. Muslims are said to feel a sense of community solidarity since they share a purely religious practice that is separate from politics and nationalism. The Night of Power, also known as Laylat-al-Qadr, is the holiest eve in the Islamic calendar. Angel Jibril revealed the first verses of the Holy Qur'an to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) during this night. This night occurs during Ramadan's final ten days, and while the exact

date is unknown, it is often assumed to be the Holy month's 27th day. Since Ramadan was recent, I decided to ask different people about their experience with Ramadan and what they faced:

What is the hardest thing you found about fasting this year?

- Tiredness and patience (*Mrs. Kisubi*)
- The weather (*Year 10 student*)
- Fasting while being sick (*Year 9 student*)
- Waking up for suhoor (*Sixth Former*)

Can you balance work/study life and personal life during Ramadan

- Sometimes (*Mrs. Kisubi*)
- Sometimes (*Year 10 Student*)
- Yes (*Year 9 Student*)

- Sometimes (*Sixth Former*)

How do you spend your time during Ramadan? What is something you like to do while fasting?

- This year because it was the school holidays, I spent lots of time with my children. Sometimes I find being at work easier than at home because it gives more structure to my day. (*Mrs. Kisubi*)
- Praying, studying, playing games (*Year 10 Student*)
- Sleep (*Year 9 Student*)
- Sleep (*Sixth Former*)

Do you think fasting is easier than it may look?

- Yes - once you get used to it, it feels more natural and less forced. You start to forget about food and focus on more important aspects of life. (*Year 10 Student*)
- I think yes, it is easier than how it may look. When you believe in the

reasons WHY you fast and you understand the rewards of fasting, it becomes less about the food and drink and more about improving your faith. I think that often when someone (who is not Muslim) is looking in they may think "I couldn't do that" because they are solely thinking of hunger and thirst. (*Mrs. Kisubi*)

- Yes, sort of, time flies by faster than you would think. (*Year 9 Student*)
- Sometimes (*Sixth Former*)

School during Ramadan can be quite stressful, especially because midterms and final exams take place during that time, but everything would be easier if you get used to it. Personally, I learn a lot of stuff in Ramadan for example patience, time management, and self-restraint.

By Fatma, Year 10 (Deputy Wave Editor)

Street Art By Year 7, Gabriella



Street art has changed from the early types of rebellious graffiti into a more appreciated form

of art, one of the main difference now is the message. Street art is often meant to provoke your thoughts and challenge the way people think, through making its purpose

clearer than that of graffiti. The problem of permission has always been at the heart of street art, as graffiti is usually done illegally, whereas street art can nowadays be the

product of an agreement or perhaps even a commission. However, it remains different from traditional art showcased in public spaces, through its informal

expression of ideas to the public.

By Gabriella, Year 7

An interview with Mr Harrison...

I (Marcus) interviewed Mr Harrison (History Teacher) to see what he had to say about how you can improve your History answers.

What is important to include in your answer?

The main thing is to explain and justify your reasoning. It is important you get the facts right, but the dates aren't really important. You also need a fair argument that is made up of multiple points backing up your opinion and a

view of another person who disagrees. Then, explain why you still thing that you are staying with your opinion in the conclusion.

Why is it important to use the correct words in the correct context?

If you don't use the right words, then people may not be able to understand your points and you might not be able to get across your reasoning.

How can you properly check your work?

Make sure to read your answer out

loud so that when you have made a mistake, you can find and edit much easily. You would notice this when you stumble over a sentence.

Any revision tips?

You should practice whenever you

have time to and as much as you can. A good technique is to Look, Cover, Write, Check facts and keep going until you get 100%

Marcus, Year 7

A conversation with Mr Maskell...

Careers Day was a great experience for all of us. I learned how important it is to consider what you may want to do in life.

We spoke to Mr Maskell, who organized the

Careers day for all years, we asked him questions and he gave us very meaningful answers. He said, "Careers day was important to organize because you need to know early on how you are going to shape your life."

We asked him: "When you were our age did you know what you wanted to be when you were older?" he told us that he wanted to become a vet at a young age, then a footballer and he got close. In a magazine that he would read, it said that if a

footballer wasn't a footballer most would want to become a PE teacher so that is what he did.

In another answer, he explained how your choices define who you are and that, it is important to

strive and do your best in life.

When we asked: "Do you think its more important to have job that pays well or a job that you love to do?", he shared that if you have a hobby that you really love then it can be easier to get a job that

both pays well and that you love to do.

We are so glad to have caught up with Mr Maskell!

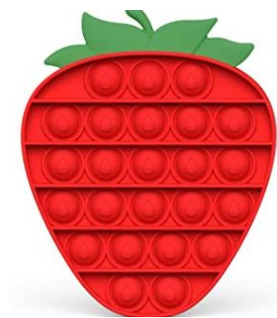
Written and interviewed by Summer and Marcus, Year 7

5 stars for all of these stress-relieving toys (sadly, not sponsored)...



The pop-it ball it is a good stress reliever and you can pop-it to and it is satisfying 5/5. These, like the pop-it below, are very new. This one is £4.50.

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very popular! You can get squares,

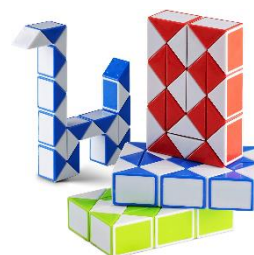
5/5. They've got a side that is easy to pop and a side that is harder to pop. These haven't been out for very long. They can be quite pricey as they are

butterflies, ice creams, among us shapes, among MANY others.

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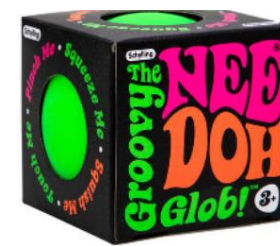
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5/5. They are an in the middle price. You can easily play with them and they have a net with a marble inside.

It's VERY fun to play with because you can make lots of shapes with them. You can make dogs, snakes, squares, rectangles This stress ball come in 2 sizes and in the Entertainer, it is £4 but the bigger one is £12, and it has a nice feel. They were one of the first fidgets to be invented. 5/5 stars.

<https://www.amazon.com/Sensory-Fidget-Snake-Twist-Puzzle/dp/B07XBPCCY>



This stress ball come in 2 sizes and in the Entertainer, it is £4 but the bigger one is £12, and it has a nice feel.

They've been out since fidgets have been invented. 5/5

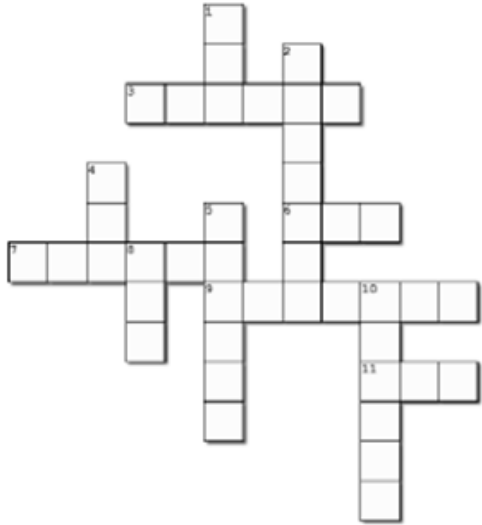
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By Keira, Lauren and Chloe (Year 7)

PUZZLE CORNER By Tom Y8

The Puzzle Corner Crossword

Complete the crossword puzzle below



Across

- 3. Ice-rink user (6)
- 6. cancelled (3)
- 7. Wave rider (6)
- 9. Economise (3,4)
- 11. Tabby (3)

Down

- 1. Health resort (3)
- 2. Thaw out food (7)
- 4. Block of chocolate (3)
- 5. Amusement centre (6)
- 8. contagious disease (3)
- 10. Charged with a crime (6)

Previous Puzzle Corner Answers



Can you solve this conundrum?

TRBIPLANE
PRINTABLE
(Hint - Looks good to go through the press)

Can you solve this conundrum?

AWEDBANTS
SWEAT-BAND
(Hint - This group know how to soak it up)

In this segment, we are including all the answers to all of the previous puzzles (that were not open ended) Hope you find these helpful!



SLBEL GUNLE

Single bells



HTE ASHWOMN OFSRTY

Frosty the Snowman



SNOED HURDLOP THE ERD EERDNEIR

Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer



Target Number:
537



75 100 50 4 8 6

(example) Space for you to work out the answer
 $100 \times 6 = 600$
 $600 + 8 + 4 = 612$
 $612 - 75 = 537$



HONEST MOVIE REVIEWS!
Sonic the Hedgehog 2: A fun fast adventure



Sonic 2 is the hyped-up sequel to the original movie. This time the movie follows the Sonic games more closely unlike the first one and the reception has been mixed so far. However, the film is great to me! The basic plot is Dr Eggman is back and this time has a strong warrior called Knuckles by his side in his quest to defeat Sonic! Sonic and newcomer Tails must find the sacred master emerald before it's too late. A problem with the film is that the characters from the first film such as Donut Lord and Maddy are practically given nothing to do in this film. The voice-acting and performances in this film are great, especially Jim Carrey as Dr Eggman which may be his last film role ever! Another small problem I have with this film is that sometimes the film feels like a TV-movie instead of a Hollywood blockbuster especially noticeable in the Hawaii scenes. Apart from that, this film is fun, fast and fantastic!



The Secrets of Dumbledore: Definition of mediocre



Fantastic Beasts The Secrets of Dumbledore is...nothing much. The film just feels blank and boring. The basic plot is: Grindelward, a dark evil wizard, is running for president and it's up to Newt Scamander and Albus Dumbledore with a small band of wizards to stop him. The biggest problem with the film is that nothing really interests or excites you. It lacks the wonders and magic that drew so many people into the wizarding world many years ago. The film relies on too much CGI instead of practical effects making it seem less realistic. It seems the wizarding world has lost a lot of its original charm.



Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness: Confusing Yet Entertaining

WARNING: THIS REVIEW CONTAINS SPOILERS!



Doctor Strange 2 is a long-awaited sequel that promises to be the MCU's first ever horror movie. Cameos are meant to appear from all over the multiverse. On those aspects, the film delivers excellently. The basic plot is: Doctor Strange must help newcomer America Chavez, who has the ability to travel across universes. They must escape the grief-stricken Scarlet Witch who wants to steal America's powers. However, this film does come with problems. All the superhero cameos in this film, which so many people were excited to see, died instantly as the writers couldn't find a way to make them relevant to the story. Another problem is that the film is much weirder, more frightening and more gruesome than other Marvel movies which have always been relatively family-friendly. In conclusion, the film is still worth giving a watch though it's a bit crazy.

Film reviews by Dev, Year 7

One love manchester

On 22 May 2017, an extremist suicide bomber detonated a homemade bomb as people were leaving the Manchester Arena following a concert by American singer Ariana Grande. Twenty-three people died, including the attacker, and 1,017 were injured, many of them children. Several hundred more suffered psychological trauma. The bomber was Salman Ramadan Abedi, a 22-year-old local man. After initial suspicions of a terrorist network, police later said they believed Abedi had

primarily acted alone but that others had been aware of his plans. In March 2020, the bomber's brother, Hashem Abedi, was found guilty of 22 counts of murder relating to the attack. The incident was the deadliest terrorist attack in the United Kingdom since the 7 July 2005 London bombings. The victims of the bombing will be commemorated by *The Glade of Light*, a garden memorial located in Manchester city centre near Manchester Cathedral. The memorial opened to the public in January 2022 and an official

opening event has been planned for later in the year. The memorial was vandalised on 9 February 2022, causing £10,000 of damage. A 24-year-old man admitted to the offence in April and will be sentenced at a later date.

On 4 June, Ariana Grande hosted a benefit concert in Manchester, entitled "One Love Manchester" at Old Trafford Cricket Ground which was broadcast live on television, radio and social media. At the concert, Ariana Grande performed along with several other high-profile

artists. Free tickets were offered to those who had attended the show on 22 May. The benefit concert and associated Red Cross fundraised £10 million for victims of the attack by early June and £17 million by August. *New York's* Vulture section ranked the event as the No. 1 concert of 2017.

Floral tributes to the victims of the attack in St Ann's Square in Manchester city centre

On 17 July 2019, Salman Abedi's brother Hashem

was charged with murder, attempted murder and conspiracy to cause an explosion. He had been arrested in Libya and extradited to the UK. His trial began on 5 February 2020. On 17 March, Hashem Abedi was found guilty on 22 charges of murder, and because he had helped his brother source the materials used in the bombing and had assisted with the manufacture of the explosives which were used in the attack. On 20

August, Hashem Abedi was sentenced to life imprisonment with a minimum term of 55 years. The judge, Mr Justice Jeremy Baker, said that sentencing rules prevented him from imposing a whole life order as Abedi had been 20 years old at the time of the offence. The minimum age for a whole life order is 21 years old. Abedi's 55-year minimum term is the longest minimum term ever imposed by a British court.

By Lacey, Year 7



The importance of languages, by Arthur Year 8



The Great Language Die-Off
Why it's bad, why it's happening and how we can fix it!

(Above). A bilingual Breton-French street sign in Brittany, France. (Bottom right) *The last two speakers of Ayapeneco coming together after a long feud to set up a school to save their language.*

When I saw the theme for this edition- The Power of Words- I immediately knew what I was going to write about: the importance of languages, why they're in danger and what we can do to fix it. There are over 7100 languages spoken around the world.

Ranging from worldwide languages with millions of speakers including:

English or Mandarin, to the local languages of Miriwoong in Australia or Mwesen in Vanuatu. There is huge diversity around the world (London alone has over 250 spoken there), with unique grammatical structures, scripts, and pronunciations.

Some languages are so similar that they can be transferable, and some are wildly different. Some are related to languages from across the globe, speaking the same dialect even from

different continents. So me write with Latin script, Cyrillic or unique scripts, languages are linked with culture, religion, celebrations, traditions and identity.

My point is, there is a massive amount of linguistic diversity. Languages help us understand human psychology and the world we live in. For instance, Inuit languages have several words for different types of snow or some of the languages spoken on low-

lying Pacific atolls used to have no word for mountain. There is so much to know and so much we will never have the chance to find out.

Over 500 languages have died out so far and predictions have emerged that by 2050, around 50-90% of the world's languages will be extinct! Over 3000 languages are endangered, and half of the languages spoken have less than 3000 speakers, with over 150 with less than

10 speakers still alive. Endangered and extinct languages can be found in every inhabited continent, with increasing numbers.

Languages die naturally of course, and many ancient languages have been all but erased, but this sudden increase has been caused by globalization and the previous age of colonialism.



Indigenous languages have been reduced through oppression, going extinct or becoming committed to a tiny community of speakers.

Therefore, promoting the more widespread

languages, and killing off the smaller ones. Centuries ago, people lived in their communities, developing a common language for the community, because there was less need to speak to people from far

away. Now, it's more useful to speak the language of your wider nation-state, or a global language, as you can communicate with most people. When the last native speaker of a language dies

all that history dies with them. However, some languages are making a comeback, for example: The last documented native speaker of Cornish died in 1777 and the last native Manx speaker in 1974. Groups of

activists have 'resurrected' these languages, and the language is now being taught to more people. These stories are encouraging and represent some hope that all our linguistic diversity may not be lost.

After all, languages have so much to teach us, and represent identity and community. We'd all better work at keeping them with us.

By Arthur, Year 8

Words By Summer, Year 7

Words can tear,
 Word can wound,
 Words can be extremely powerful when used in the wrong way,
 Words can uplift,
 Words can bring hope,
 Words can make sense of the unknown,
 Words must be thought throw before spoken,
 Otherwise,
 Words can have authority.

Words are like a dog being walked,
 If they are let go,
 They could run but,
 They could also stay,
 And be obedient
 And listening,
 Words can hurt,
 But they can heal,
 Words can bring down,
 But they can also uplift,
 Words can have authority.



Isabella's Brilliant Book recommendations!



Inkheart by **Cornelia Funke:**

Meggie has always loved reading. When she was younger her father always used to read stories before bed. But when her mother disappeared, he stopped reading...until one day, a mysterious person appeared who knew her father and apparently needed his help. Meggie's dad reluctantly begins to read again...and she

finds out an incredible world exists if you knew how to access it. Follow Meggie and her father through the pages of this book to experience the magic of reading yourself. There is more to life than what you see. You just need to look a bit harder.

Rangers Apprentice by **John Flanagan:**

Will, an orphan in the Ward at Redmont castle, has always been scared of the rangers. They were the kingdoms secret service and could apparently nock the eye out of a fly with an arrow in less than a second – who wouldn't be scared of them? So, when the mysterious ranger Halt slips a letter to the



Baron of Redmont, he is determined to know what it means. What he finds out is the thing nobody expected... and changes his life for ever. This series is set in a country a bit like Britain but with one major difference: they have no technology. Follow Will and his friends as they grow up in the world, discover new places and meet new friends, all while being in the middle of any war or

fight you could ever imagine.

Secret breakers by **H.L Dennis:**

Brodie Bray lives with her grandfather and for all she knows, she is an ordinary girl...apart from the fact she doesn't have a mum or dad. She is perfectly happy though until she gets a late birthday card from a mysterious sender. What is most curious about the card is that under some of the letters are tiny holes. Together, the letters above the holes form a message. Her grandfather seems to know who the card is from and what the message is about, so she follows the message. Around a



week later, another letter comes addressed to her telling her to go to an abandoned manor. At her grandfather's urgency, she goes to the manor and discovers another side to her world that takes her on many journeys to far off countries. Unknowingly, this adventure of a lifetime will help her discover what happened to her mother and, who her father is.

By Isabella, Year 7

Blocks And Bookworms, By Year 7 Elliot

What is Dungeons and Dragons?

I know this is different than what I usually do but I got to spread the word about this insane game. Dungeons and Dragons (D&D for short) is a board game made by Gary Gygax and Dave Arneson in 1974. It uses a combination of dice rolls, roleplay, and your imagination (basically, you can make the game personal for yourself).

And, to celebrate the new Spelljammer: adventures in space campaign, I have taken a break from JoJo to give you all a taste of some Dungeons & Dragons.

How did D&D start?

Gary Gygax and Dave Arneson made the original edition of D&D (A.K.A OD&D A.K.A D&D 1E) off of Gygax's idea for a game called Chainmail, which had similar beats to D&D but was more medieval

than that. Back then there were 3 classes: fighter, wizard and cleric. But, in later editions, Monk, Sorcerer, Warlock, Artificer, Rogue, Paladin, Barbarian, Bard, Druid, and Ranger were added (so were Warlord from 4E and Mystic from 5E but they were scrapped). Anyways, the game kept growing and growing until now, at the fifth edition mark.

How to play:

In the game, there are multiple players and one

Dungeon Master (or DM). The DM works as a referee of sorts whilst telling the story of the campaign and playing as the enemies. The players make a character using a combination of dice rolls and their imagination to oppose the BBEG (Big Bad Evil Guy), who is the antagonist of the game. This guy could be a necromancer, a vampire, or maybe even a dragon (hence the name of Dungeons & Dragons). And that's just a basic

rundown of the game!

What is Homebrew?

Do you want to personalize your character or campaign? You can with Homebrew! Homebrew allows for you to make up your own Races (the creature you are), Subclasses (the archetype of a class you think seems cool), and even the campaign (the story you play). So, if you want to play as a Kitsune with the Rogue subclass of Ninja against an evil

snake god, you can do so! (As long as you tell the DM how the race and subclass will work in-game or test it in an in-game encounter.

To start your quest and/or find out more, go install the D&D Beyond app or go on the D&D Beyond website: <https://www.dndbeyond.com/>

By Elliot,
Year 7

Mr Johnson and The Retro Club!



On May Friday 13 we have interviewed Mr Johnson and found some data about him and the Retro Gaming Club. First Mr Johnson has started working at Emmbrook since 2009 and started training in 2007. The thing he loves about the retro gaming is and I quote "My favourite thing is just working with other people whether it is year

7 to staff and it is just a great community". Some games and consoles to list are: Duck Hunt on the NES, MARIO Kart on the SNES, and Simpsons Hit and Run on the PS2. The way they work with the consoles is they work 2 generations back. So 2 generations back from this year is the console. If you like retro consoles and love old

classic games come to the Retro Gaming Club every Thursday 3-4 and experience the retro times. If you need any more help regarding the Retro Gaming Club email Mr Johnson. His email is down below. Also what is your favourite thing about the Retro Gaming Club fill in this form and answer the 2 questions. (you can answer

if you go to the club)

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