



Crocodile (and other animals) Shoes!

This is an annual year eight competition, which takes place in the spring and summer terms, and is judged by students and teachers throughout the school. Pupils have to design and make a fantasy shoe; their design is usually related to something they care or

passionate about. It also has to be an imaginative and creative idea. The shoes this year varied from books to wildlife and animals. Previous designs now have a wonderful home in the art room where all students and teachers can see the pride and magic put into them. All of them are made fit their creator's foot. The shoes usually come with an absolutely stunning backdrop to match the theme. We look forward to seeing all of the shoes in the art room next year. We asked Mrs Walker -Thomas what her views on it were, and she said, "I love it, the pupils love it, and this year's standard is really high."



Bring Back our Bees!

Over the years, the number of bees has declined drastically; two species have become extinct in the last eighty years, for example. Bees have been declining due to chemical farming, climate change, people paving over gardens or even being stamped on or squished.

New buildings, AstroTurf and concrete yards are destroying bees' habitats. Honey bees are becoming extinct because of pesticides in crops and certain parasites that reproduce in bee colonies. Species of bee were added to the endangered list in 2017 (the Hawaiian yellow faced bee and the rusty patched bumblebee).

Why are bees so important?

Out of the 100 crop species that provides us with most of our food, around 30% of them are pollinated by bees. The extinction of our bees will affect plants, animals, fuels, clothing, and of course, our own lives. Since most plants would be unable to grow, grasslands would become cracked and dry. Also, herbivores and vegetarians, who depend on certain plant species, would be affected first. Cattle would also become extinct because they depend on plants and grass to eat.

How can I help a weak bee?

If you see a weak bee in your yard or garden, start by mixing sugar and water to boost their energy. Although, do not feed a bee honey, even organic, as it can catch a virus. Make sure to drop the sugar solution onto a paper towel or bottle lid. Then, leave the solution by the bee's head.

How can our school help?

To help our beloved bees, we could plant some wild flowers in our school garden such as crocuses, hyacinth, borage or lilac. We can also help by providing a source of water for bees, for use back at their hive. Even the simplest birdbath will help. Other plants like fruit and vegetables can produce more

flowers for the bees to pollinate. Exploiting small spaces by planting jasmine, honeysuckle and pyracantha that grow vertically, will encourage more bees in the garden.

Trip to Cherry burn

Recently, some year eight pupils visited Cherryburn, the National Trust property in Mickley, with science teacher Mrs Pound, and although they learnt many interesting facts about bees, they were also taught about how to care for them and about the reality of bee extinction. Esme McBurnie and Flori Howard participated in this activity and said, "We learned about the appetite of queen bees and their general behaviour around other bees." They agreed that it was educational and important to know about the future of humanity.

Jasmine Walton and Carys Samuels

Hickstead

Last year, Brandon Fort in year 6, travelled ten hours to compete in horse riding classes. He was riding at Hickstead in West Sussex, which is a big international horse-riding and show jumping event, held every year.

First held in 1964, thousands of young riders



have come to Hickstead each summer, each hoping to qualify to jump on the hallowed

turf of the world-famous International Arena.

Many top international riders have competed in the Hickstead Schools Championships, including Pippa Funnell and Robert Whitaker. The Duchess of York, supermodel Jodie Kidd and BBC presenter Clare Balding all had an early experience of show jumping at this annual fixture.



Brandon took part in multiple classes but did best in an 80cm show cross. He came 2nd out of 65 riders and was just pipped to 1st, riding his pony JoJo.

We spoke to Brandon Fort about this “I was very pleased to come 2nd and was very pleased with JoJo. It was an amazing experience to take part.”

We wish Brandon Fort the best of luck in the future and hope he can have some more results like this.

Code Club

Every Thursday at 3.30pm to 4.30pm, students at CMS can attend the weekly-held Code Club, which is run by Miss Jones and Mr Johnston. During their time at the club, pupils can make animations, do Python, Scratch and many other computer-related activities.

Although everyone who attends Code Club agrees it is fun, one complaint is that it can't run if either teacher is not in school, or has a meeting to go to and students really miss it when it's not on! (It must be good, then!)

All attendees enjoy the experience. In the relaxed environment, pupils are able to make ROBLOX games, do Scratch and Python, which are coding platforms. Students who may be keen to join should remember its purpose is to learn to code and not just play ROBLOX and internet games!

Sam Broadfoot, who attends regularly told us, “I really enjoy Code Club and my favourite thing to do is definitely Python. Although I sometimes animate, I find it more fun doing Scratch and actually coding. At the moment, I am making Undertale, which is a video game, inside of Scratch, which is going to take a while!”

We think the only downside of Code Club is that it's not on for long enough!

Sam Broadfoot

The Hancock Museum

The Great North museum: Hancock is a museum of natural history and ancient civilisations in Newcastle upon Tyne, England.

This museum was established in 1884 and was formerly known as the Hancock Museum. In 2006, it merged with Newcastle University's Hatton gallery to form the Great North Museum. It reopened as the Great North Museum: Hancock in May 2009, following a major extension and refurbishment of the original Victorian building. The museum and most of its collections are owned by the Natural History Society of Northumbria, and is managed by the Tyne and Wear Archives & Museums on behalf of Newcastle University.

The main reason we visited this museum was to see the well-known Dippy the dinosaur. Dippy isn't a real skeleton, he is a plaster cast of a diplodocus found by railroad workers in Wyoming, USA in 1898.

At the time, newspapers billed the discovery as “The most colossal animal ever on earth.” He is made up of 292 individual bones and he arrived in Newcastle in 36 packing cases.

We all enjoyed creating Dippy hats. Go and try...

Why Sea Lions Matter



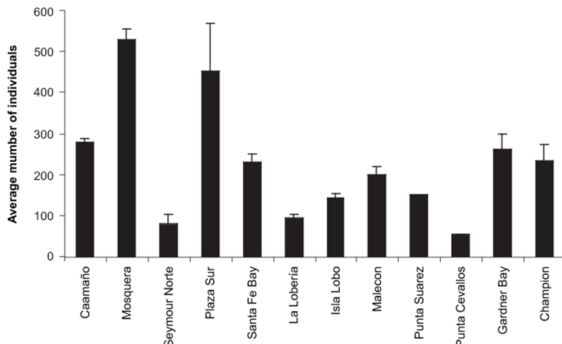
The Sea Lion is the most common mammal in the Galapagos Islands.

Threats

Introduced species, such as dogs, carry diseases that can spread to sea lions. They are vulnerable to effects of climate change and ocean currents, which impacts their fish-prey abundance. They are also victims of by-catch by fisheries.

What WWF are doing?

Sea lions often rest aboard fishing boats, sometimes causing the boats to sink. Fishermen try to prevent them from coming aboard by putting up barbwire as a barrier,



but this causes severe injuries to the sea lions. WWF helped support a project on San Cristóbal Island that built and installed two floating bases for sea lions to rest on and a “primary care nursery” for sea lions and other species. Environmental education and communication awareness sessions were offered about the importance of sea lions and the problems with their interaction with the local community. Currently, sea lions are using the floating bases more often and WWF expect less sea lion injuries and fewer troubles for the boat owners on the island.

I wrote about sea lions because I know as a fact their numbers are declining and in a few years this magnificent species could become extinct. I thought I would let people know and I would raise awareness because I don’t want sea lions to die out. There are some campaigns and bases that locals to sea lions set up. As said above, people set up old boat and objects for sea lions to rest in that are safe for them. You can also adopt a sea lion or any other animal and raise money for the rare species that in our world only have a slip of a chance to survive in the wilderness. Go to WWF Sea Lion Fact Page and learn more about what they are doing to help species like this!

The Teenage Cancer Trust

In 1990 a group of incredible women provoked the start of an amazing charity-The Teenage Cancer Trust. They organised a fashion show to raise funds for a ward in Guy’s Hospital, London. And now, 29 years later, Corbridge Middle School are handing over above £1475 to the very same organisation.

A group of six passionate KS3 children spent six hours playing sponsored cricket to raise awareness and funding for the trust. Alongside this, the school held a non-uniform day and sold

wristbands to raise further funds for the fantastic charity. The charity has 28 wards across the country which provides entertainment and specialist support for the patients in the NHS hospitals. The money raised goes towards training and funding staff and creating the amazing wards for the 13 to 24 year olds.

In the UK alone, somebody is diagnosed with cancer every 2 minutes but the illness is hard - not only hard on the patients but for the families as well. However, with the trust's specially trained staff, the families are able to relax, knowing their loved ones are in good hands. The trust is the only charity in the whole country dedicated to making the hospital stay the best it can be, providing an uplifting positive space for the

to support their fellow pupils.

For the final shot, a perfect bowl was countered by a gentle shot from Malin, which completed the last moment of six hours of sport. The team then came down to the front of assembly to present the cheque to regional fund-raiser Sonia Graham from the teenage cancer trust, who said, "That's a fantastic amount to raise. At the moment, Teenage Cancer Trust doesn't have enough specialist nurses, so this money will help us to reach more young people with cancer."

By Sophie Jeffery

Careers Lessons at CMS



CMS is giving KS3 pupils careers lesson on what they are going to do when they are older. The government think that it is a very good idea to give children in KS3 careers lessons because "it builds them up for later on." We have a head careers leader at CMS, Mrs Parkinson and I interviewed her for the Corbridge Chronicle.

What are career lessons?

"It's called ambition at CMS. It teaches Y7 and Y8

teenagers whilst still giving the patients the life-saving treatment the young people need.

Malin Mosedale, the leader of the cricket team, has a very personal connection the charity after his older brother, 15-year-old Sorley, was diagnosed with leukaemia in Easter. His parents said, "It feels like we have so much support from across the school and were thrilled when Malin said that he wanted to do this for the trust."

After organising a team for the cricket, he played tirelessly and when the bell rang for break, the school gathered around the cage

all about the world of work and what they can expect at high school."

Why do you think giving careers lessons essential?

"So children know what their choices are and more importantly how they are going to get where they want to go."

How has your job history helped you to help others in careers lessons?

"I have 18 years of experience working in business before I became a teacher."

Do you think giving careers lessons to children so young is a good idea? Or do you think that we should learn about it when we are a little older?

“I think it is a very good idea to teach it while children are in Y7 and Y8 because they choose their GCSE options in Y9 so it is important that they have thought about their future in advance of that.”

Well, that is lots of people who think it is a very good idea to start careers lessons early on in schools, for a lot of different reasons. I hope it will spread across the country so more middle schools will do it, so children will have a firm idea of what they want to do and how important it is that they follow their dreams.

Shropshire Trip

After their SATS, the Year 6 pupils of Corbridge Middle School were rewarded by going on a trip to Shropshire. They came into school at 7:15am and had a colossal journey of 5 hours. On their way to Cloverly Hall, they stopped off at Cadbury’s World and learnt all about the history of the famous chocolate company. After they had been to Cadbury’s World, they finally got to the huge mansion.

When it came to the second day, the children were fed with large amounts of breakfast! After they were stuffed to the brim, they headed straight to Chester Zoo. Many photos were taken of zebras, rhinos, lions, giraffes, tigers and an uncountable number of animals were seen. After Oliver Watson-Moody sent my group round in three whole circles, we finally found our way to the gift shop to waste our money on useless things! Then, we came back to the mansion after a long day out.

The next day, the children travelled to the Black Country Museum. It was an open-air museum of rebuilt historic buildings which originated in Dudley, West Midlands. Afterwards, they went to a mine which explained all the troubles of being a miner in

the Industrial Revolution. There were wax figures and simulations to make it seem real. They also got to explore the amazing world of the Black Country, with a gift shop which had lots of fabulous ancient treats. After the trip to the sweet shop, they had a school lesson and Mrs Watkins kept on pointing out that the teacher had a grammar error in his writing: “Silence is Golden”. The teacher forced her to come to the front for chatting back. After all of the humiliation, the teacher finally left. One the last day, the children went to Water World and spent a long time on the rapids; a water ride that is impossible to get out of without a friend with you.

Match Fit

This year, year 6 have taken part in a Match Fit programme with Newcastle United. Match Fit is about healthy eating and getting your 60 minutes of exercise a day.

We had it on a Friday afternoon where we would do an indoor activity for 30 minutes and an outdoor activity for 60 minutes. We had booklets with information about healthy eating. For the outdoor activity we did football, football cricket, relay racing and much more.

We talked to Grace Jewitt (6s) who said that Match Fit made her realise how much sugar there is in food, which made her more aware.

Miss Parkin arranged Match Fit because she wanted to improve our fitness levels, and give us better awareness of healthy eating. There is a questionnaire for all of year 6 to find out if it had an impact on their health and choices. She also said she would have definitely liked to have something like this when she was at school and that we are very lucky. It is definitely recommended to other schools, as we loved the experience.

The Democrat Side of the U.S. Elections

In 2020, the United States will hold a presidential election. The favourite is Trump, but the democrats are midway through the selection process to work out who will be running against him. Here are the main competitors:



Kamala Harris

The child of Jamaican and Indian immigrants, Harris became a prosecutor in Oakland, California, the San Francisco district attorney, and finally California's attorney general before winning her US Senate seat in

California. She stepped into the race on the 21st Jan. whilst on a morning talk show.

Age: 54—Years in politics: 16 years

Who gives her money: In the past five years, 35% of Harris' campaign funds have come from small donors, according to a Centre for Responsive Politics analysis of Federal Election Commission data. Her top sources of funding include attorneys, retirees, financiers, and the entertainment industry. Her biggest contributors by employer were WarnerMedia, the University of California, Google-parent Alphabet, Inc., 21st Century Fox and the law firm Venable. Her presidential campaign won't accept donations from corporate PACs. Her biggest idea for the economy, The LIFT Act, is a working- and middle-class tax cut akin to the Earned Income Tax Credit that she says will provide up to \$500 a month to families. To pay for it, she wants to reverse Trump's 2017 tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy—but it's not clear if she'll tackle the radical structural changes that bill made in how US multinationals operate.

Elizabeth Warren

The former Harvard law professor became a household name as a US



senator from Massachusetts when she spearheaded congressional oversight of the financial industry bailout. She's promising to restore the US to a place where people can succeed if they "work hard and play by the rules" by holding billionaires and big corporations accountable. She formally entered the race Feb. 9, when she suggested Trump could be in jail by 2020.

Age: 69—Years in politics: 10

Her biggest idea for the economy is a "wealth tax" of 2% on net worth over \$50 million and 3% over \$1 billion designed to raise \$2.75 trillion over a decade.

Bernie Sanders

A Brooklyn-born, self-described democratic socialist, Sanders was elected mayor of Burlington, Vermont in 1981 by a margin of just three votes. He was elected to the US House of Representatives in 1990, and the US Senate in 2006, where he remains today—the longest-serving independent senator in the history of the US. He challenged Hillary Clinton in the Democratic primaries in 2016 and entered the 2020 race on Feb. 19, promising "change from the bottom up."

Age: 77—Years in politics: 38

Over the past five years, 75% of Sanders' campaign funds have come from small donors in amounts of less than \$200, according to a Centre for Responsive Politics analysis of FEC data. His top sources of funding include liberal advocacy group MoveOn.org, University of California employees, two postal-employee unions, and the Communication Workers of America. Just \$177,000 of \$12.7 million raised during that period came from PACs. Sanders would like to make public colleges tuition-free, increase Social Security benefits, and make corporate America more union-friendly. Sanders has proposed paying



for the tuition costs by taxing financial transactions and the Social Security expansion by subjecting all incomes above \$250,000 to the 6.2% payroll tax.

Pete Buttigieg

A gay Democratic mayor in South Bend, which is a conservative, Republican stronghold, Buttigieg presented a progressive message geared towards millennials in a Jan. 23 exploratory announcement, saying we “can’t look for greatness in the past.” An Afghanistan war veteran and former consultant, he was the city’s youngest mayor. His LGBTQ, Harvard- and Oxford-educated profile may appeal to coastal elites and his midwest roots may give him an advantage in the rest of the country. Buttigieg formally announced his candidacy April 14.



Age: 37—Years in politics: 17

Biggest idea for the economy: Increase public protections of jobs and benefits to help make the employment market more dynamic without the fear of personal debt tied to college loans and medical bills.

Social media following: Twitter: 135,000, Facebook: 23,000, Instagram: 20,700.



Joe Biden

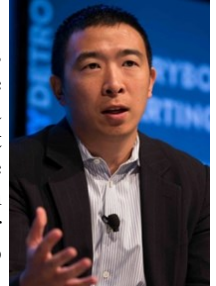
Biden, who entered the 2020 race officially with a campaign video April 25, already leads in the polls. Obama’s vice president and right-hand man, Biden has additional decades of federal experience as a senator from Delaware and a centrist appeal that could sway moderate Republicans and independents. Now leads Penn Biden Centre for Diplomacy and Global Engagement at University of Pennsylvania.

Age: 76—Years in politics: 49

Traditionally law firms, the insurance industry, and rich folk (Hollywood insiders recently gave \$100,000 to his Democratic PAC) are his main sources of funding and his biggest idea for the economy is his Biden Institute, which is pushing tech education and increased bargaining power for American workers as a solution to the left-behind working and middle class.

Andrew Yang

A tech entrepreneur, he is the founder of Venture For America (VFA) and a U.S. 2020 democrat election candidate. He worked in startup growth companies as a founder or executive from 2000 to 2009.



After he founded VFA, the Obama administration selected him in 2012 as a "Champion of change" and in 2015 as a "residential ambassador for Global entrepreneurship".

In November 2017, Yang launched his campaign for the Democratic nomination in the U.S. 2020 election. His signature issue is support for what he calls the "Freedom Dividend", a development opportunity for every American adult over 18 years old. Yang believes it is a necessary response to the rapid development of automation that is leading to unemployment and workmanship challenges.

Their odds are:

Joe Biden 9:4, Pete Buttigieg 5:1, Elizabeth Warren 5:1, Kamala Harris 11:2, Bernie Sanders 6:1, Andrew Yang 14:1

One thing is for certain- that although the candidates are all radically different, they all have one common objective- to beat Donald J. Trump. Will this unite them? That is for the American people to decide.

The First Computer – An Obituary For Ada Lovelace

Not many people know that it was actually the gifted mathematician, Ada Lovelace who wrote the instructions and code for the first ever computer program, using Babbage's theory, in the mid-1800s.

Born August Ada Byron, Lovelace was the first and only child of the august poet Lord George Gordon Byron. Lord Byron married the elaborate Lady Anne Isabella Milbanke Byron but the marriage was not a happy one; Lady Byron was separated from her husband just a few weeks after their daughter was born. A few months later, Lord Byron left England, and Ada never saw her father again. A tragedy happened soon afterwards; he died in Greece when Ada was only 8 years old.

Her mother feared she would inherit her father's volatile 'poetic' temperament, so she was raised under a strict regime of science, logic and mathematics – this was very unusual for a girl born into a titled family. She herself had a fascination with machines and was progressing at throughout her childhood, designing mechanical boats of fanciful imagination and steam powered flying machines and looking over new diagrams of inventions waiting to be made.

At the early age of 19, she married the aristocrat, William King. Promptly after, King was made Earl of Lovelace, and in 1838 his wife was formally named Lady Augusta Ada King Noel, Countess of Lovelace. She is better known as Ada Lovelace. Between 1836 and 1839, she had three children named Anne Blunt, Brian King-Noel and Ralph King-Milburn.

During 1833, Lovelace was introduced to the celebrated Charles Babbage by her mentor, the scientist and polymath Mary Somerville. Over the years they became lifelong friends, sharing the same love of

mathematics, engineering and physics. Babbage spoke highly of her mathematical skills and once described her as "The Enchantress of Numbers."

Babbage's plans for the tremendously complex machine – that he called the Analytic machine – engrossed Lovelace. This was never built but it had all the crucial elements of a modern computer. Using his previous theories, Lovelace set to work and developed the first computer programs that went into inspiring Alan Turing to build the initial modern computers of the 1940s.

The Analytical Engine design, which Lovelace worked on, gave inspiration to any people right up to the point Turing created the first 'modern' computers. Lovelace's great love of technology made her a significant symbol for the women of today. Ada died of cancer on the 27th of November 1852 in London, when she was only 36, leaving behind her much beloved family and friends.

If her skill and mathematical power hadn't developed in this way, Alan Turing would never have broken the 'Enigma' code. That was the most amazing break-through in WW2 and resulted in the British Code Breakers being able to interpret German coded messages. All her work has given us the power in technology we use every day. Her dedication and hard work has given us the potential to the modern computing world.

Are You Reading This?

Reading is a skill that is so unconsciously used; we often underplay the significance of perceivably the simplest of tasks. As you read this article, you are using a skill that took you years to master. Letter forming, phonics and punctuation identification is mountain to climb, and at such a young age, is a remarkable feat that anybody should be proud of. Then why in 2019, do only 35% of children across the UK enjoy reading? In this article we will explore how reading's

continued significance in your life will either make you or break you.

The Washington Post conducted a significant article called “The long, steady decline of literary reading” in which it details a harrowing fact – wealth expectations in adulthood is directly linked to continued reading. Even though this article exclusively looks at American demographics, there is a stark similarity to the UK, which only further

solidifies the point. The OECD in 2013 posted a report that simply states “per capita incomes are higher in countries where adults have reached the highest level of literacy proficiency”. In short, if you read for pleasure, you will be more successful.

Education is a primary indicator of this projected success. In the UK, 50% of female students read for pleasure, compared to 36% of boys which has a direct impact on Key Stage 4 achievement. There is nearly a 20% difference between the genders with females successfully achieving 60% A*-C in GCSE (boys 40%). It’s easy to state then, the educational gender gap is a result of boys declining literary retention. What’s more worrying, is that a staggering 18% of 15 year olds in the UK have not reached the minimum level of literary proficiency. This means that 270,000 of our children struggle to read an instruction manual. It is very easy to see this is a major problem in our efforts to narrow an ever increasing economic divide in the UK. The challenge comes from seeing why. Stats only give us half a story, a simple, easily followed narrative. The other side to this is determining why and what is causing this literary decline.

UK culture is perceived as a business savvy, booming economic safe haven for many people across the world chasing a vibrant and financially comfortable life, success is key.



Reading is proven to improve your chances of success

The reality is, the literary decline is only reinforcing social and ethnic inequality and holding our economy back. If it is not addressed, it will cost the UK £32.1 billion by 2025. The scale of this issue, however, is that we need to convert 37% of our children back to reading to achieve this.

Our culture is steadily relying on technology more and more and the trends suggest; the higher the tech proficiency the lower the literary retention. It isn’t an unfair judgement to say we will reach a ‘flat line’ of growth. Where the technology deems reading redundant and as a result, the level of knowledge isn’t there simply because we aren’t reading enough. Even employers in the UK are noticing the decline in literary skills, this deficit is felt by many businesses and found that 37% are dissatisfied by the level upon employment and are using additional training to compensate.

Mexico, “the country that doesn’t read”, is a case study used to highlight the importance of reading across the world. Even though the numbers are increasing, millions of Mexicans are illiterate. “Mexico is floundering socially, politically and economically because so many of its citizens do not read” reports the New York Times and it denotes the issue to the direct attitudes of what success is.

The Oxford dictionary defines success as

“doing or getting what you want or intend”.

The cultural shift in young people is worrying. Children were asked what they thought success was (2006). Of the group asked, 78.8% believed it to be having a ‘good job’. In 2019, glorified and materialistic role models dominate the fragile landscape for children. Reality TV has given young people a pathway to a comfortable life by simply just existing and why read if you need to be on reality TV? The idea that you can be rich and happy without a base of learning is a distant dream that most won’t achieve but most want. The highest grossing Youtube star in 2018 was a 7-year-old, who earned a ridiculous \$22 million in that year. Now compare this to the highest earning scientists earning a meagre \$140,000 per year, children are simply changing their idea of what success looks like because this is all they see and social media is to partly to blame. We see a staggering decline of reading retention around 2006, coincidentally Facebook’s prominence started in 2006.

One cause for the decline in reading retention is recession. The UK’s middle class was shrinking during this period and our labour force was feeling the brunt of it. Do people stop reading the less money they have? From a breakdown of reading by income, it turns out that the rich read more—but they read less and less every year. Household disposable income has increased by 1.4%, the highest since 2015. This increase should be a strong indicator to this question. Perhaps whatever is eating away at reading is also eating away at socializing. More and more people are taking part in “game playing” and “computer use for leisure,” even as the time that devotees spend on the activities holds steady. It’s possible, too, that the numbers may be reflecting a shift in the way that people read news and essays. A solution perhaps? If we can integrate reading more and more into our modern, tech lifestyles we should surely see a rise in retention – that’s ultimately comes with an increase to

disposable income.

There are many initiatives available to those wishing to make a change. Audiobooks, Podcasts and News Apps gives diversity to reading like never before. This, nevertheless, is still reading. If you aren’t a fan of fiction, read the sports news. If you don’t like football, read Tolkien. Either way, the importance of reading is undeniable; the routes taken are varied and will suit everyone. Thank you for reading this... (we’ve done you a favour!).

Bella Grimman and Esme Bettley-Sparke

The Ryton Music Festival

The Ryton Festival, based in the north east of England, is a charity run by volunteers from the local area. The festival has been in existence for over 75 years and provides a platform for music and drama performers of all ages. There are varied classes including organ, choral speaking, singing and individual verse. The festival is run each year over four weekends in late February and early March. It is held at a number of different venues in and around Ryton.

Adjudicators from around the UK visit the festival every year to judge the performers and provide advice and encouragement. Vivienne Redford was this year’s judge of the festival and has her own drama and speech school in Bedford. The school has been running for over 30 years and it offers professional training to those with an interest in drama, wishing to develop their performance skills. Vivienne has been a speech and drama teacher for over 25 years, and has trained with LAMDA and is now a profile examiner and festival adjudicator.

Pupils from Corbridge Middle School took part in many musical classes, but also, for the first time, in poetry speaking classes too. Archie Hobrough won his class, speaking Siegfried Sassoon’s Memorial Tablet, and was highly commended by the judge for his

performance. Archie won a trophy at the event.

I conducted an interview with Frances Weston-Hannah in year 6, who read a poem by Shakespeare, about her experience and she said that everybody was really kind and encouraging. She also liked how the feedback was very helpful because it helped her improve and has helped her social skills by boosting her confidence in public speaking and performing. Frances came joint 3rd with a score of 83/100 and is really happy in where she came. The festival is on next year so if you want to improve your performing skills sign up and have a go!

Elizabeth Twelftree

Beauty In Nature

This year our school took part in a photography competition set up by the

Rotary Club. Pupils were tasked with taking three photos representing the theme of beauty in nature.

Emma Coates (year six) won the competition with a trio of incredible photos taken from an excellent perspective and angle. Emma said that she was really shocked when her name was read out and was really happy that she won. She enjoys photography so she was interested in the competition but didn't think she would win when she handed in her entries. Her photographs were truly spectacular but the photo that convinced the judges was an amazing image of a lone bench in the mist.

Carys Samuels, who also entered the competition and said that she enjoyed taking photos with her friends and she thought that Emma's pictures were excellent and truly showed the beauty in nature.

Sophie Jeffrey



Film Review

Rocketman

Rocketman is the newly released (film) story of the life (and loves!) of Sir Elton John, whose story spanned 4 decades.

It contains all of our favourite songs and excellent acting by Taran Egerton as the titular character. He sparkles just like Elton's legendary glasses!

The mix of emotions I felt after watching the film included sadness, (the suicidal moments and when no-one supports him when he is gay) and joy, (when he makes the crowd go wild and when he is singing it puts a smile on your face).

Before Rocketman came out, I barely knew who Elton John was and never listened to his flamboyant and incredible style of music, but when I did it made me ADORE Elton John! Since I have watched the movie (5 days ago), I have listened to all of his songs on my Elton John playlist 27 times! Also, Taran Egerton recorded excellent versions of Elton's songs e.g. Rocketman, Tiny Dancer and I'm still standing.

5 fabulous jokes

1. I was playing chess with my friend and he said, "Let's make it interesting," so we stopped playing chess.
2. Somebody complimented me on my driving today. They left a note. It said, "PARKING FINE."
3. Did I tell you the joke about the brick wall?
I won't. You'll never get over it.
4. I hate sitting in traffic. I always get run over.
5. Never trust an atom – they make up everything.

Book Review

Gangsta Granny by David Walliams

Gangsta Granny is a heart-wrenching, adventure novel. In Gangsta Granny, a young boy called Ben hates staying with his granny, while his ballroom dancing-obsessed parents go to their classes. One day, Ben discovers a tin with jewels at his granny's house, and learns his gran is a jewel stealer. Together they plan to steal the crown jewels.

Will they succeed or will they not?

Join Ben on an epic, brain-wracking adventure.

Award Winning Author Visits CMS

Award-winning author Katherine Rundell (author of *The Explorer*, *The Wolf Wilder* and *Rooftoppers*) visited our school on Tuesday 18th June 2019, and did a workshop and book signing with the Year 7s. We also invited Hexham Middle, St Joseph's and Bellingham Middle to join us for this special occasion, which was organised by Forum Books in Corbridge.

Recently, Miss Rundell released a new book, named *The Good Thieves*, which tells the story of Vita and her grandfather trying to get their family home back from the fraudster Victor Sorrotore. The story shows how love keeps your heart beating, and it will take a long time to find true friends. We managed to interview Miss Rundell on her new book release; here are her thoughts:

Q: What inspired you to write the *Good Thieves*?

A: I wanted to write a story about a girl who is dying to do things for the people she loved.

Q: What is the *Good Thieves* based on?

A: It is based on the idea that New York City is easy to have an adventure in.

Q: Where do you get your book ideas?

A: From almost everywhere, from films, to what people say, and ideas from travelling around the world.

Q: Where is your favourite place to write?

A: In Zimbabwe, where I was born, looking over a garden with wild animals roaming free or in a library in England.

Q: What is your favourite book out of all those that you have written?

A: The Good Thieves –I love adventure.

Q: If you could not be an author what would you be?

A: An actor in the circus, namely being a tightrope walker

Q: What are your hobbies?

A: Learning to fly an aeroplane, and of course reading.

Q: What do you do to relax?

A: I like to read and watch 1930s and 1940s black and white movies.

During her presentation Miss Rundell



described how to get the perfect book idea, and write the perfect first paragraph. Also, in her presentation, Miss Rundell told us that it took over two years to write the whole of the Good Thieves and 17 draft copies!

This is proof that when something goes wrong when you are writing, you cannot give up, no matter how much you want to.

Someone We Admire!

Nancy Wigginton, also known as Nan Winton, was the first woman to read the news for the BBC on 20th June, 1960. She read from the Sunday bulletins on national television under the name of “Newsgirl Nan”.



Nancy was born in November, 1925 in Portsmouth, as the youngest of four. Her parents were Frank and Evelyn Wigginton.

She left school at fifteen years old after the unfortunate death of her mother, in order to run the household. As a teen, she joined the Woman’s Land Army to become a drill sergeant.

Following this, Nancy chose to join an acting group to entertain the

soldiers. At the age of 23, she married actor Charles Stapley.

Newsgirl Nan only lasted a few weeks, but Nancy was later reinstated. After a short

amount of time, she moved to ITV news and remained a TV and radio news reporter and interviewer. She also became a panellist for a radio game, Treble Chance.

After a long and eventful career, Nan died at age 93 from a tragic accident at her house. It is thought Nan died of heart failure or of hypertension. Nancy Wigginton was an inspiration to all women and will be forever remembered.

Global Warming

Over time in the last century, global warming has been a serious issue, ice caps are melting and are causing the lives of many animals to be at risk. Increased energy usage and extensive use of fossil fuels may increase risks of negative impacts. The bad effects of global warming can cause sea levels to rise and endanger animals.

As a result of this we set up an eco-committee to try and think of ideas to resolve these issues. The eco-committee try and think of ideas to resolve these issues. The eco-committee meets up every half term, to talk about next steps and improvements to make our school “eco-friendlier.” We have added more recycling bins and broken pen boxes ready to be recycled. The eco-committee was also set up to inspire everyone and look after our planet, we interviewed Dr Batchelder about global warming and the eco committee.

‘I trained, when I was a student, as an environmental scientist. I’ve always been interested in protecting the environment and its incredible biodiversity; after different ideas, I decided to set up an eco-committee, as I thought students at CMS would be interested too.

The committee discusses issues about the environment and how we can spread awareness and discuss advantages and disadvantages, for example the proposed Astro turf pitch. We are all individually responsible and we all need to change our ways before it’s too late!

We all need to have less rubbish in packed lunches and in general, do more recycling and replace single use plastic cups, as we are currently campaigning for. Plastic can take up to 450 years to degrade. Meat-free Mondays is also a thought as it would produce less methane, which is a global-warming gas.

A company called Teracycle takes the crisp packets and recycles them- they are partnered with Walker’s crisps. I take the plastic bottles down myself to the recycling bins. Also, I have had my water bottle [metal] for 20 years which totals to around 7300 plastic bottles saved. Let’s stop plastic and fight global warming together!’

Big thanks to Dr Batchelder for taking time to talk to us and help us spread awareness and make changes. I would also like to congratulate her for becoming one of the first United Nations’ accredited climate change teachers. She had to train for 20 hours and she told us how difficult it was- I even saw Dr Batchelder in the newspaper! Let’s fight together!

Parkour



Parkour is a really fun energetic sport. It involves climbing (up walls), vaulting and jumping. We asked George Weston what he thinks about it, “It is really good exercise and has changed my life since I started doing it”. You can get lessons at places such as the urban factory in Hebburn. They have specialist teachers and an entire wood parkour run.

Once you have trained for a bit it you will become advanced and learn how to do standing flips. Some people that have had a lot of experience train in teams and do it to entertain others for money. Overall, parkour is a sport that is fun, entertaining and good exercise.

Stretch and Challenge Reading Groups

Using our new library!

As the library has been transformed into a great space in which to read, 2 new reading groups have been set up using the facility for its main purpose – reading!



Several pupils have been invited to join in the groups, to try out books they wouldn't normally choose, try something a little different and share the experience of the stories as a group. It encourages the members to read regularly, as they have to have read ahead of the meetings so they can discuss the chapter together. It also challenges them to take on reading that is of a higher standard than they might choose, which is vital for improving vocabulary and language use.

They are being run by Mrs Ramsey and Mr Watkins and are going down very well with the pupils involved.

D-Day – 75 Years Ago

The Normandy landings were the landing operations on Tuesday 6th June 1944 of the Allied invasion of Normandy in Operation Overlord during World War II. Codenamed

Operation Neptune and often referred to as D-Day, it was also the largest sea born invasion in history.

But why is it called D-Day?

It is called D-Day because it is a code name for something that is important and happened on that day.

The anniversary

The 75th anniversary of D-Day on the 6th, June 2019 when hundreds of people risked their lives for our country, was on sea, on land or in the air. They were all remembered in France where there was a ceremony involving Theresa May and the French President to remember all who fought in the war and the many who lost their lives for our country.

Planning the Operation

The planning of the Operation began in 1943, in the Months leading up to the invasion to mislead the Germans as to the date and location of the main landings. The weather was far from ideal, and the Operation had to be delayed for 24 hours; a further postponement would have been a delay of at least two weeks, as the invasion planners had requirements for the phase of the moon. Adolf Hitler placed German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel in command of German forces.

Death Count

German casualties on D-Day have been estimated at 4000 to 9000 men died. Allied casualties were at least 10000 with 4414 confirmed dead.

Importance

D-Day was the start of the Allied campaign on mainland Europe and many historians think it was the beginning of the end of WWII, because it saw the German retreating from that time. It was a very important event in history and that is why we had memorial services to mark it.

Emilia Kidd

Clash Royale

Clash Royale is a video game developed and published by Supercell.



The game combines elements from collectible card games, tower defence, and multiplayer online battle

arena. The game was released globally on March 2, 2016. Clash Royale reached \$1 billion in revenue in less than a year on the market.

Clash Royale is a fun, exciting game of skill, strategy and concentration. There are many different stages of this game such as the jungle arena, spooky town, legendary arena and the royal arena. You can collect coins, gems, cards and chests; these will help you in battles against other players.

Out of five stars, I would give it four and a half stars because it is really addictive. The only downside of this game is, if you don't spend any money there is less chance of getting the best cards. Despite that, it is a fabulous game to play with your friends.

Dippy the Dinosaur

On the 25th June, Year 6 took part in a Dippy the Dinosaur workshop, with Dr Pound (Mrs Pound's husband!) and Miss Thornton, who is a research student at the university.

Dippy is a diplodocus, who lived 55-45 million years ago. He was an herbivore which means he only ate vegetation. He became extinct because a massive cloud of ash covered the sun and that killed all of the plants and that starved him.

We had to draw a map of where we lived, and another map of what it would look like

if we were living at the time Dippy was living. Once we had done this, Dr Pound explained to us what climate change is and what would happen to us if it carries on.

In the future, climate change could go two ways. Everything could end up underwater and we could have lots of storms or everything could dry up and we could have lots of forest fires.

When we were drawing our second map, you had to make it like you were living in the same place but in 100 years. It is sad to think that in 100 years our homes could be destroyed, so here's some things you can do about it...



- Turn off lights when not needed
- If you can, use public transport
- Buy reusable water bottles/coffee cups
- Use metal straws

Pet Picture Contest

Here in year 6, our English class has taken part in our very own pet picture contest for our newspaper. The class brought in their picture and it was judged by Matthew, Matt and Oliver. After an extremely tough decision, we finally made our minds up.

We are very excited to announce that the

winner is...

Fred the Border Collie in a brilliant picture with his cap. Fred, age 2, loves climbing or in his case jumping up trees. You would think after a near miss of falling off a tree on a mountain he would think twice about jumping up trees but this is not the case!



We have two highly commended pictures which were Elizabeth's dog, Ted the Bouvier de Flandres and Esme's dog, Penny the Labradoodle.

Thank you to everyone who took part - it was a very difficult decision!

The winner will receive a toy and a bag of treats for their pet and, of course, their picture in our newspaper.

Acting

Year 6 student, Archie Hobrough, has been

performing since the age of 3. He started acting at summer class at Stagecoach [the acting school that he still goes to] and Stagecoach is a place where you go every week for 3 hours to act, sing and dance and at the end of every term, you do a performance for the parents.

Archie's first performance was in the Wizard of Oz, where he was a flying monkey! After that performance, he unfortunately stopped acting for a while. But when he started back at Stagecoach, he was much better than he was before and because of that, he got the main part in his next show The Greatest Showman. After a couple more years of acting at Stagecoach, Archie went on holiday and met a professional actor who inspired him to take his performing to a whole new level!

Pretty much as soon as he got home, he looked up all the acting agencies he could find. His favourite one was 'Peanuts' so he auditioned for that and he got in! But little did he know how easy it was to be successful in acting and make a lot of money! About 2 months in with his acting agency, he got a request to be in a pantomime with Bobby Davro [famous comedian]. The pantomime was Peter Pan and Archie was John [Wendy's brother]. He has recently done 2 auditions, 1 for an H&M advert and another for a movie called Star Warrior, for which he recently found out that he is in the top 2 people being considered for the part. Archie hopes that his acting lasts and that will be his career.

But his journey performing has only just begun...

Grace Jewitt

Year 8 Dessert Challenge

In summer term, Year 8 do a dessert challenge, which will test all their skills to the max. It will be a challenge to even get on

the leader board with all the other brilliant bakers in Year 8!

They have two hours to make a dessert from scratch (hopefully, edible!) which then will be tested by the judge.

We spoke to Grace Tiffin to see what she was planning to bake:



“I am going to bake an Oreo cheese cake with strawberries, raspberries, blueberries and a creamy chocolate sauce.”

Do you think you are a likely winner?

“Yes, because I bake at home all the time and I work hard to produce something good.”

We wish everyone good luck with the competition!

Book reviews

A Place called Perfect by Helena Duggan

A Place called Perfect is a “perfect” book, full of make-believe wonder. In the story, Violet and her family move to Perfect, and are welcomed by the kind, but eccentric, Archer brothers. Everyone – it would appear – has to wear glasses to stop them going blind. Given some strange tea, the next day both Violet and her family discover they are blind. Then unfolds the mystery- how important imagination is. One of those books that you think about when you're not reading it and can't wait to find out what

happens next.

No Ballet Shoes in Syria by Catherine Bruton

No Ballet Shoes in Syria, is a sad but heart-warming book full of kindness and dreams. Aya and her family live in a grotty flat on Manchester, and own nothing. On hearing ballet music from a nearby studio, Aya decides to investigate, and the ballet teacher soon spots her exceptional talent for dance. A lovely book about hope and the fight to remain in this country.

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Rauf

This is an amazing book all about friendship. Ahmet has just arrived in London, after seeking refuge from the war in Syria. When Ahmet does a presentation on coming to England, and losing his family, the nameless narrator and her friends group together to reunite Ahmet with his family. The book highlights the importance of friendship and kindness and is written with a child-narrator who is appealing to the reader throughout.

The Daily Mile!

The Daily Mile was introduced to CMS a few months ago. Ever since, in multiple lessons, we pupils enjoy fifteen minutes a day of walking as many laps around our school yard as we can. This exercise is simple, free and gets children out of the classroom. During the fifteen minutes, pupils get to run, jog, or walk at their own pace with friends. This improves fitness, health and their ability to concentrate. The Daily Mile is a social, enjoyable and physical activity.

It works!

- It takes only fifteen minutes (most children achieve one mile)
- Children run in the fresh air- weather is a benefit not a barrier!

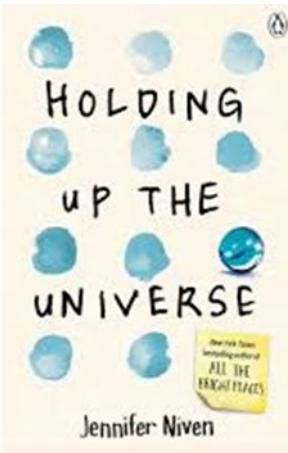
- No equipment required
- No staff training or extra workload
- Children can run in uniforms
- Non competitive
- Children return to class refreshed and ready to learn
- A new way of encouragement

Ellie Dent

Book Review

Holding up the Universe by Jennifer Niven

Libby is a lonely, sorrowful girl who has been home-schooled all her life. But what will happen when she starts a real school and meets Jack, a popular bouncy person? But Jack is hiding a secret that he must keep at all costs, and he will do anything to break the ice that shields Libby's heart.



Holding up the Universe is a heart-warming story about two strangers who meet in the hands of the universe, and find their way to each other through heartache, sorrow and despair. Many challenges may come their way, but the power of love helped them overcome it.

It's a really good, recommended read.

The Corbridge Festival

The North East's finest family- friendly music festival takes place on Friday 28th

and Saturday 29th June 2019, here in Corbridge. A magical weekend of adventure, discovery and inspiration, lies ahead, with over 50 bands performing across 3 stages. They will be showcasing a sensational mix of national treasures, guilty pleasures, great emerging talent and a spattering of true legends. The festival first landed in Corbridge in the North East of England in 2011 and ever since has been creating memories for every family.



Trying delicious street food is one of the best things about being at a festival, which is why they have invited some of the best North East vendors to Corbridge 2019. Some of the vendors are: Tandoori Naan Hut, Fat Hippo, Fowl play, Fire and Dough Pizza, Papa Ganoush and Le Petite Creperie - there are lost more! Whether you're meat-crazy, vegan or vegetarian, or gluten-free there are always options for you.

The Festival has a mix of attractions for everyone including: Drumming circles, the circus, Bubbleology, fairground, Yoga, face painting and shows. You are also welcome to stay and camp for the festival, there are showers and toilets, which are free. The festival is a calming and exciting time for all ages and if you go we hope you have a good time.

ElizabethTwelftree

Library

Just before Christmas our librarian, Mrs Evans, left after a year and a half of looking after our vast collection of books. Once we had arrived back after Christmas, all of the

librarians tried and did their very best to keep the library in order. Just as Mrs Watkins said, “Reading is the most important thing in the world, and is used in every subject.”

However, despite the librarians’ efforts and hard work, the library unfortunately fell into disorder. Mrs Watkins (the head of English) called a meeting with all of the librarians and book keepers. We talked about the pros and cons of being a helper for the library. Eventually, we concluded that it wasn’t fun to take part of your free time looking after the books, it was just becoming a chore. This was because the non-fiction was not catalogued in the new system, but were still on the library shelves. The librarians were finding it hard to look after them. However, closely following this, Mrs Ramsay took on the role to help as, when she was little, both of her parents were librarians, so her brother and her loved reading books. She is now cataloguing all the kind donations from people at Corbridge Middle School and Forum Books. We are hoping that the library will open again before the summer, and we are looking forward to having a library for a relaxing read!

The Peace Poster Competition

Every year, Key Stage 3 take part in a peace poster competition which is held by the Lion Club -an international organisation. It takes place in countries across the whole world. The entries are judged in school and the winning poster would be put into a regional competition, with the winner of this one being entered into the national competition and then further internationally!

It is an amazing opportunity to show of the pupil’s fantastic skills and talents. All posters are really good and everyone puts a lot of effort into every poster

The winner this year was Lily Teague who is in year 7. The theme is peace so you have to do a poster around the lines of peace, love

and understanding.

All entries from year 7 and 8 (in CMS) were showcased around the school and special guests from the Lions Club were welcomed in and presented prizes to the winning posters.

SDGs

In 2015, all the United Nations adopted 17 goals to be completed by 2030. These goals were named the “Sustainable Goals Development (SDGs)”. The goals were signed by the 193 Member States of the United Nations. The most important (in my opinion) are:

- Clean water and sanitation;
- Responsible production and consumption;
- Climate action;
- Gender equality;
- Good health and wellbeing.

Some of these goals are nearly impossible to complete by 2030 – like no poverty – but a few of them are such as “reduced inequalities” can probably be completed before the deadline.

This task is not only for the Member States of the United Nations, people like you can also help with some of these goals. There is one that I think the UK particularly needs to focus on and that is “Responsible production and consumption”. Remember, to be able to have a sustainable future, everyone needs to help.

You can find more information here: <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

A Splendid Day at a Splendid Property

At the start of March, year 6 went to Grayside because they were doing travel

writing in English, and also writing about the Professor's house from *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. It was a great day for year 6 to go as it was a sunny day and was quite warm- for March!

Cragside is in Rothbury and it is all about Lord Armstrong and the fact that he had the first house with electricity. He was a gifted inventor and engineer and his house has all of his designs and ideas in it.

First, we went to the pump house. This was a little shed with pipes and taps in it. We were all given a little booklet to write our information in.

Next, we visited the gardens. Firstly, we went into the greenhouse. I found out that they used to grow fruit for the pantry. We then went down some steps to a small water fountain.

Then, we went to the iron bridge. It was very tall. A thin, cold, rushing river ran beneath it, and you could see Lord Armstrong's house peeping out of the trees. We walked up some steep, slippery steps, leading to the house.

After that, we went into the house. There was a large kitchen with beef joints roasting on chains. Looking the other way, I saw a huge table laden with lunch and cupboards with the finest china. We went down some steps to a smelly pantry, where all the dishes were washed. After that, we went into a lounge. It had big windows and neat, red chairs longing to be sat on once more. Next, we went to a library, it had a small pool table and pictures of the people who used to live there [of course, there were books too]. Then we went upstairs, there was a little girl's bedroom filled with dolls and books, and a boy's bedroom with trains and planes, a guest's room with bamboo-based objects, and finally, Lord and Lady Armstrong's bedroom, with beds and seats and paintings. Finally, there was a colossal drawing room made from white marble. This was my favourite room because it looked really pretty.

Finally, we went to the gift shop and everyone got a souvenir. We got on the bus and the went back to Corbridge Middle School.

Ellie Dent

Young Driver

Every 6 months, I save up for a Young Driver lesson.

Since I was 5, I have looked forward to the day when I could get behind the wheel of a real working car.

I found out that Young Driver at the Metrocentre lets you have an hour of driving round a set out course for £70.

You can do the slalom forwards and reversing, figure of eight, parallel parking, bay parking, roundabouts and of course a straight fast driving. Sadly though, the straight is very short, you can only get to about 35mph in 4th gear and that is if you get a chance when there is no one in front of you, crawling along at about 1mph!

Young Driver says that driving before you pass your test makes you a better driver. I am on level 4- the highest is level 6 -and once you complete that there is nothing else to do but wait to grow up! But you do get a little bit of money off your insurance when you finally get a car.

You can also drive a 6 litre, twin turbo, 560bhp Bentley Flying Spur or you can do motorway driving. Sadly, these events are down in the south of the UK, so I haven't tried it yet. You can also enter the Young Driver competition that is held annually, which I will try and enter in a couple of years time.

Film Review

Avengers: Endgame

Marvel's Endgame is a fantasy film which made us pupils laugh out loud, cry and feel adoration for the cast and characters

throughout the three-hour period. I asked Archie Hobrough what he thought of the movie,” An amazing family-friendly film starring the cast from all the beloved movies that came before this incredible climax.



An eventful conclusion after the saga, this film was equally heart-breaking as it was hilarious.

The film is a little confusing, however, as near the start of the film they kill Thanos who, by this point, has wiped out half the Universe, meaning that to bring everyone back they have to go back in time trying to retrieve the infinity so that Thanos doesn't get them. A heart-breaking scene in which Robert Downey Jr's Iron Man defeats Thanos and everyone is back but bringing Iron Man to an end.

In my opinion, Marvel's Endgame was an incredible roller coaster of a film- highly recommended.

Finn Stanton

Food Bank

The food bank is a place where unfortunate families who can't afford food, or who are going through a difficult time financially, can go and they get food for free. Some people can't afford food for their families because of financial reasons, or they can't get a job or sadly it could be because of illness. The West Northumberland Food Bank helped over 1100 adults and children last year, so you can see how much people are

struggling.

There are 2,000 food banks in the UK and The West Northumberland Food Bank came into our school at the request of one of our pupils, and in an assembly, told us about the work we do. As a result of this request, Mrs Kennedy suggested we all held a non-uniform day and instead of donating money, we all brought something in for the food bank.

You can donate any food to the food banks like: tinned meat, fish, tinned tomatoes, vegetables, tinned fruit or tinned desserts, rice, noodles, tinned or instant potatoes and more.

There are multiple food banks around the west of Northumberland like Hexham, Haltwhistle and Prudhoe. It is only open on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10am - 12 pm.

There is also a West Northumberland food bank on Facebook with more information. Let's hope we collect a lots of food on our non-uniform day on Friday 5th July.

SATS Week

On Monday 13th May, year 6 pupils at Corbridge Middle School started their SATS. They started off with SPAG and spelling. On the second day, they received a reading test but on the third day they started their maths tests with one arithmetic and reasoning. Then finally on the last day (Thursday) they were given their final test, arithmetic. When they were all over, they spent most of the lessons that afternoon with their friends. Some of the highlights were breakfast club, lots of playtime, juice and biscuits, but mostly, the pupils really appreciated the support of the teachers as they took lots of pressure off them. But that wasn't it. That Friday, at 2:00pm, we earned the reward of an ice cream van visit, where we got Mr Whippy and ice lollies, whatever we wanted! All of the week turned out to be an excellent success!

A Beginner's Guide to Brexit

In June 2016, Britain voted to leave the European Union, which is a group of countries that can trade freely between each other. The UK joined the EU on 1st January 1973. A lot of Remainers believe that when the referendum was being held, many citizens were misinformed and didn't make a proper decision

Immediately after the referendum, David Cameron, the prime minister at the time, resigned due to the fact that Leave won by 4%. Then, all the candidates in the leadership race pulled out at the last second, leaving Theresa May in charge as our prime minister. Soon, she realised that, as a Remainer, she couldn't carry out Brexit by herself, so she employed David Davis as Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union (also known as Brexit Secretary).

Then, after realising he was getting nowhere, Davis resigned, leaving Dominic Raab as Brexit Secretary. They tried to negotiate many 'deals' (agreements involving what will happen at the Irish border and which countries we are allowed to trade freely with) with the EU. After getting nowhere once again, Raab resigned, leaving Stephen Barclay, the MP for North East Cumbria in charge. At the time of writing, he is still the Brexit Secretary.

Britain was meant to leave the EU on 29th March 2019, but that couldn't go through as no valid deals had been negotiated (the prime minister had tried to put forward the same deal with a different font 3 times and it got voted down in all three of those), so May got a short extension of two weeks until 12th April, but that wasn't long enough, meaning the new deadline for Brexit is 31st October.

On 24th May, Theresa May announced her resignation, crying towards the end of her speech, claiming that the job "had been the honour of her life to hold". She resigned as

Tory leader on 7th June, but is still prime minister until another party leader is elected and takes over as PM.

After that happened, the Tory leadership race started, with over 20 candidates. After a few votes, there were 6 MPs left: Michael Gove, Boris Johnson, Dominic Raab, Jeremy Hunt, Rory Stuart and Sajid Javid. First to get knocked out was the former Brexit Secretary, Dominic Raab, who was swiftly followed by Rory Stuart, Sajid Javid and then Michael Gove, until only two remained: Boris Johnson and Jeremy Hunt. Over the next month (at the time this story is being written), all 120,000 members of the Conservative Party will have a chance to vote for Johnson or Hunt.

Sam Broadfoot

Anti-Bullying Campaign



Strong people stand up for themselves, but the strongest people stand up for others.

What is bullying?

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive

behaviour among school- aged children (though it can happen at any time of life) that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Both kids who are bullied and who bully others may have serious, lasting problems. Bullying is something that goes on in nearly every school and is a serious problem that needs to stop. Bullies intimidate others verbally, mentally, emotionally, and sometimes physically. Dealing with a bully is something most people have been forced to do at least once in their life.

Why do people decide to bully?

People can begin to bully other people because they are: jealous, having problems at home, stress and anxiety, they have been bullied before or suffer from low self-esteem. It is very common for people to bully others because they usually don't have confidence in themselves and sometimes it is in self-defence. For example, if someone was saying nasty things about someone and making them doubt themselves, it's probably because they have experienced this and want other people to feel how they feel.

Elizabeth Twelftree

Milkwell Development

In September 2016, outlying plans were announced for the development of 181 houses and a car park, with the enlargement of Cow Lane road access to the site. Although CMS will lose a small amount of their playing field, to compensate an artificial grass pitch has been proposed by Northumberland County Council.



The site where the car park will go

For years, motorised vehicles have not had access to the upper section of Cow Lane – it is currently a designated footpath; however, to access the car park and bus drop-off, this lane will be turned into a fully-fledged road with two lanes. Furthermore, the turning circle and drop-off will avoid the traffic and commotion at Priory Gardens. It also means that

there is no breach in health and safety with children crossing the road in order to get to school – there will be a designated footpath to a new school entrance for pupils which will be built near where the cage is now.

To make up for the loss of some playing field, Northumberland County Council has suggested the provision of an artificial grass pitch for use not only by the school but for

the community of Corbridge and surrounding areas. This also means that the area in which pupils can play at breaktimes is expanded – the pitch will not get muddy like the current grass field does. The council has also suggested the provision of outdoor toilets so students can go to the toilet without having to go inside. It also means that whoever is hiring the pitch after school has access to changing rooms and toilets. The council stated this: “For the school, one of the most attractive benefits of an artificial grass pitch is full accessibility throughout the year which will benefit both our pupils during physical education lessons, curriculum enrichment activities as well as

at leisure times during the school day. We hope the pitch will support many in-school sports, including cricket, football, hockey, rugby and tennis, thus providing many more opportunities in school, throughout the academic year as well as increased engagement with community

organisations. We also believe such a facility would be an amazing asset for the community of Corbridge.”

The cost of these school improvements is £75,000, meaning Corbridge Middle School will need to gain £50,000 to complete them. Part of the money raised from the selling of land will go towards the construction of a new building at Queen Elizabeth High School and Hexham Middle School, which are both within the local partnership of schools.

Priory Gardens will become double yellow lines, preventing parents and guardians of pupils parking there; they must park in the designated car park at the top of the widened section of Cow Lane.

We interviewed the school's Chair of Governors, Mrs. Holmes:

“What were your immediate thoughts when you heard about the development?”

“When we first heard about the development, there were two emotions: oh my goodness; the safety of children would be affected and that it would be good for the school because there would be more children living in catchment. The first proposal was the construction of 237 houses and a turning circle at the front of the school where the main entrance is now.”

“When will the building process take place?”

“We don’t know because there are two things stopping it: approval from the secretary for state for selling school land and legislation for highway approval. There need to be plans for roads, crossing points, flooding and railings. None of these are finished. Construction should start in about 4 months if everything goes through. The road and car park will take about 12 weeks and the houses, which are being constructed by Miller Homes and Bellway, will take about 5 years.”

“Will measure be taken to rehabilitate wildlife currently living on the site?”

“With any housing development, many questions regarding this subject are asked on the planning application. There are also surveys to check what impact the construction will have on this wildlife and how to protect them. For example, there can be tunnels under roads for badgers to and there will most likely be a small woodland planted next to the A69.”

“How much money will go to QEHS and HMS?”

“We don’t know – the agreement is confident because the land isn’t sold yet. However, what we do know is that the budget for the new schools at QEHS and HMS is £347 million.”

“How large is the building site?”

“The building site stretches from just

outside the pedestrian gate and goes all the way round back to the other side of the school beyond the bush. The car park and bus drop-off is just above the top field. The site is about 7.9 hectares.”

“What could the community use the artificial grass pitch for?”

“It can be used for most things, but is primarily designed for football and rugby; however, it could not be used for anything like cricket or hockey because the grass would be too long.”

SATs

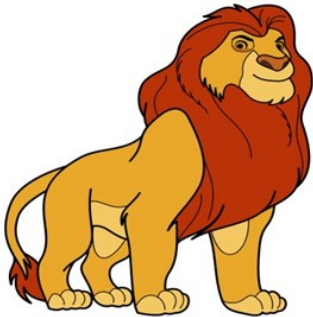
SATs, SATs, SATs! That was all year six could think about in the upcoming weeks to the end of year tests -though I couldn’t say they weren’t looking forward to them! One of the highlights of the year for most, SATs included extra breakfast, a lot more break time and juice and biscuits and the amazing week at Shropshire.

Brandon Fort said, “I enjoyed everything but the tests, as the English reading test was really hard.” On the Friday before the big week, each pupil received a timetable of when and where they should be for the tests. When George Weston got the timetable, he told us, “That timetable marked the start of SATs. It told me it was really happening. I was nervous.” On the plus side, the breakfast included all-you-can-eat toast, as much hot chocolate as you wanted and a range of different fruits. As the worst part for SATs for most, the tests were expected to be very hard, but when the students started the tests they found it way less difficult than the practice tests, they got a rhythm and then found them quite easy. Unfortunately, many pupils lost that rhythm when they came upon the maths tests on Wednesday; they had to regain their confidence. In their extra break time, the majority of the boys played football whilst others stood and talked in the shade, as it was a very hot week, they enjoyed the special treat of an ice-cream on Friday.

Overall, everyone enjoyed SATs; the two years of preparation must have been worth it after all!

The Lion King 2019

On the 3rd, 4th and 5th July, Corbridge Middle School will be hosting a well-made production of the lion king. We produce productions every two years to help the students of Corbridge Middle come out of their comfort zones and enjoy being on stage.



Max Weston-Hannah, who plays the role of Mufasa, told us that the reason he auditioned for the Lion King was because he performed a main part in the school production, Greece, two years ago and it was such a great experience. He didn't want to miss this opportunity. He declared that his favourite part of the show is when he gets killed, as he gets to dramatically fall off a rock onto a crashmat!

Eliza Jepson (old Simba) and Orran Laing (young Simba) were interviewed on who their favourite cast member was to work with; Orran said Max, as he has a lovely personality and is a fantastic actor. Eliza Jepson chose Izzy Houghton- Nala- and James Hodgson-Timon- because they are amazing actors and they work well together. They both agreed that the best part of being in the Lion King is the friendships that they make.

Palm Oil – Deforestation Disaster!

Palm oil is everywhere. An edible vegetable oil that is crippling wildlife and is 3x more harmful than fossil fuel emission. It's in beauty products, health care, and even chocolate. We use it so regularly that we can't see this destructive product has become 'essential' and if we can continue to allow this plague to ravage nature. In the last 20 years, over 3.5 million Indonesian and Malaysian forests have been destroyed to make way for palm oil- deforestation.

Palm oil production is said to have been responsible for about 8% of the world's deforestation; some people also have said it is bad for your health as its high in fat. It's ruining biodiverse forests, endangering animals (like orangutans, pygmy elephants and Sumatran rhinos.)

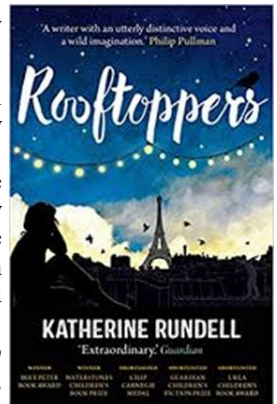
It's a very efficient crop; it supplies 35% of the world's oil on 10% of the land. However, alternatives are coconut oil, but you would need around 10x more the land, which would shift problems to another part of the world.

Together we can stop using palm oil and stop destroying the environment. Next time you shop, check the labels; helping every species and forest from being harmed.

Book Review

Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell

Rooftoppers, a well-known novel by award-winning author Katherine Rundell, is a story based on the fictional life of an orphaned child named Sophie. Found in a cello case as a baby,



Sophie grows up to believe her long-lost mother must be a musician. Fleeing from the authorities, Sophie and her carer, Charles, travel to Paris in search of her true mother. Scanning the city from the rooftops, Sophie meets Matthew, a strong-willed French boy to help her leap from roof to roof. Will she find her mother in time?

In my opinion, Rooftoppers is a great book about pursuing your dreams and being resilient. Out of 10, I would give this book a 9 because I like how it is full of adventure and shows the real meaning of friendship.

Corbridge Cricket Club

Corbridge Cricket Club was founded in 1886 and it is one of the oldest cricket clubs in Northumberland.

They aim to be a welcoming, local club where people all ages and backgrounds can enjoy getting involved in playing, coaching and volunteering.

They run three senior teams, a women's team and a junior section for both girls and boys, from five to eighteen years old. They welcome new juniors of all ages and abilities and are excited to be running the All Stars cricket programme for five to eight year olds this year. They have lots going on!

If you are interested in joining they would be happy to hear from you.

In order to help grow confidence, they regularly play other teams and train every week to practise the things they need to work on.

Shropshire

Every year, the week after SATs, the year 6s go on a residential trip to Shropshire for four days. As a reward for such hard work all year, we head away for a relaxing holiday. It also helps pupils to become more independent away from home. One pupil said, "It helps as when you are away from

parents you make your own responsible decisions."

There are also amazing places to go for great experiences like Cadbury's World, Chester Zoo, the Black Country Museum and water world in Stoke.

We stayed in a big house called Cloverly Hall with big gardens where you can play in as well as a tennis court, football pitch and a park. The gardens allowed the pupils to relax and play with their friends. The freedom is great!

Isla Thompson commented, "I really enjoyed going to Shropshire as the activities were good experiences. What I enjoyed the most was being able to be with your friends and have good times."

Lots of pupils would highly recommend going to Shropshire, as there is lots to do and explore. There is also lots of history behind Shropshire itself and the house we all stay in is historic and interesting too.

Jokes and Funny Headlines

Brexit delaying until Hallowe'en? Take bat control.

Considering my Brexit Hallowe'en costume... Backstop, Irish Border or Red Line?

Trick or Treaty

Of course, the new deadline for Brexit is Hallowe'en. We are in the grip of a malign metaphor.

Why does Britain like tea so much? Because tea leaves.

What did Britain say to its trade partners? See EU later.

With Britain leaving the EU, exactly how much space was created? 1GB

Brexit was like the UK got drunk and accidentally unfriended the EU on

Facebook.

Have we tried unplugging 2016, waiting ten seconds and

then plugging it back in?

My dog used to chase people on a bike a lot. It got so bad that I finally had to take his bike away.

I'm so good at sleeping. I can do it with my eyes closed.

Parallel lines have so much in common. It's a shame they never meet.

Band plays the Titanic Theme Tune as shopping centre floods.

Miracle cure kills fifth patient

One armed man applauds the kindness of strangers.

Mayor Parris to a homeless man- "Go home"

Mississippi's literacy plan shows improvement

This toilet is a display model. Please ask a member of staff if you would like to see a demonstration.

Six foot boa constrictor. Free to a good home. Very friendly, good eater, likes children.

Tomorrow's health walk will start at 10:00am. Meet outside the Chip Shop.

Unfortunately, Slimming World has had to cancel its meetings here on Saturday mornings as the group is too large for the room.

Water Explorers fashion show:

Every year at CMS, Dr Batchelder holds a Water Explorers club for year 5. This is a great opportunity not just to learn about the importance of water but they help look after our planet Earth. As one of the challenges, the children have to do a water-based

festival to earn points; these points are counted up for each thing they take part in, as well of keeping a blog of your progress. The top three schools throughout the country go head to head in London for a prize of £500.

On Friday the 28th of June, the team are hosting a fashion show for KS2. Children bring in clothes they have grown out of or they don't wear any more. These are modelled by people as they parade up and down the hall doing the cat walk. This is to promote Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, a chant we learn in year five. This is a great way to get new clothes in exchange for your old ones as it saves thousands of litres of water per item of clothes.

Why are we doing it?

One pair of jeans uses 8182 litres of water (1800 gallons). One t-shirt uses 2700 litre of water (713 gallons). To produce one pair of shoes, it requires 10260 litres of water which is equivalent to 2257 gallons. Cotton needs a lot of water to grow (2700 litres).

How can I help?

There are many simple things you can do to save water. This can waste less water and it ends up costing much less for your water bill. To help you can:

- Turn off the tap when you brush your teeth; this can save 6 litres of water a minute.
- Take a shorter shower as it takes anywhere between 6 and 45 litres of water a minute.
- Always use full loads in your washing machine because you don't have to have as much washes.
- Fix and turn off dripping taps because it wastes 15 litres of water a day or 5500 litres a year.
- Install a water butt to your drainpipe it collects 5000 litres a year. You can use the water to water your plants.

The fashion show was a huge success last year and all of the clothes went to new homes, hopefully to be loved by another person rather than be thrown into the bin. It helped many people realise their mistake and help fix the planet by reusing and recycling. This can save a lot of water which, in turn, can save the planet.

Film Review

Godzilla: King of the Monsters

In the five years since Godzilla battled the MUFOs in San Francisco, the mega-lizard has been lying low. But when monster organisation Monarch starts testing the Orca, a device that broadcasts on the monster Titans frequencies, all kind of ancient beasts re-emerge.



Godzilla: King of the Monsters is the action-packed sequel to the 2014 film Godzilla. Personally, I enjoyed it but Empire magazine said “Globe-trotting but not adventurous, action-packed but not remotely exciting, utterly overstuffed and completely paper-thin. Nuke it from orbit.”

Michael Dougherty was the director of this fantastic film with Millie Bobby Brown playing a large role. She worked well with the rest of the cast which includes: Vera Farmiga, Zhang Ziyi, Charles Dance, Kyle Chandler and Sally Hawkins.

We were originally we told we would see Kong vs Godzilla, Gorilla vs Zilla but instead we saw Godzilla, Rodan, Ghidoran,

Mothra and many creatures battle it out. Overall, it was visually stunning, with many shocks along the way. I would recommend it.

SATS Week!

On the 13th may 2019, 80 year six sat a series of tests for their SATS. On Monday many students came in with shaky hands and stressed minds, but our handy teachers saved the day with a happy, filling breakfast. The noisy crowd bounced around for jammy toast and hot chocolate. Test time! The pupils filed into the classrooms, minds set and ready to go. They started off with the easiest of all, (Mrs Watkins has now fainted!) the SPAG test, following a spelling test. Most of the day was playing outside with friends, and soaking up the glorious sun. What luck! The next day started off with a tasty breakfast but the sun was even more brilliant than the day before so some people decided to make the most of it. Then a difficult reading test which many people fretted over. Then on Wednesday and Thursday was the arithmetic and reasoning papers. Then the last day came! The hard-working Year sixes had fun and exciting lessons. Then, in the afternoon, the ice cream man came! They crowded round demanding their favourites. Now it's all over, we wish all the best for their results, and many thanks to the wishful and amazing teachers!

Book Review

Swallows and Amazons

Sail your way into this fantastic book full of adventure, mischief and friendship. The four Walker children to an uninhabited island, while they are on holiday. Their father had promised to come this time but was on leave, so they travel alone in Swallow. A few days after they arrive, their camp is ambushed by the Amazons... but what good could ever become of it? Maybe friendship

or battles, who could ever know? If you love classic adventures this is for you. The Amazons aren't afraid of anything; are you? A gripping tale from the first word to the last, a book you will never forget.

Bella Grimman

The Daily Mile



Earlier this year, Mrs Hamilton introduced the fun, practical idea of the daily mile. This means that some days we get to go outside in one of our lessons for approximately fifteen minutes to do the daily mile. Bella Grimman in year six says, "it is a fantastic way to keep fit and healthy during school time." The pupils at Corbridge Middle School thoroughly enjoy the daily mile rather a lot and we are glad that Mrs Hamilton came up with the new idea of it. It started four years ago in Scotland to help keep the children fit and healthy.

Esme and Bella

Finn the Fabulous Drummer

Last year, Finn Stanton in year 6, was awarded a scholarship from the Mark Jon Bolderson Percussion Foundation. His drum teacher, George, was a friend of Mark's and he recommended Finn apply.

Set up in memory of Mark Jon Bolderson, a former music student at Hartlepool V1th Form College, percussion and composition student at Birmingham Conservatoire and Bandsman of the Royal Artillery, who tragically died at the young age of 45, the foundation aims to award financial scholarships annually, to promising percussion students. Finn was one of the few selected for the bursary last year, and again this year. Mark was from Hexham and had a dazzling career in music and played at some very prestigious events included many a Buckingham Palace garden party, and the Queen Mother's funeral, and teaching at Durham University.

Finn came 3rd in the 2018 drumming competition which the foundation held, winning an acoustic drum kit. This year, Finn aims to do even better and be placed higher than 3rd! In the competition, Finn competed

against 30 other drummers from the North East, between the ages of 10 to 18. The competitors who won 1st and 2nd place were 16 and 18, and Finn was just 10 years of age when he won third place which shows how dedicated and skilful he was in his drumming!

He is described as an exceptionally talented drummer and he looks forward to more success in the future.

Shropshire

You have probably heard about Year 6's visit to Shropshire. We stayed at a beautiful place called Cloverly Hall in Whitchurch, Shropshire. The place was great. It had acres of land to play on and tennis and basketball courts. Everyone had a dormitory with their friends and the beds were very comfy! Some rooms had an en-suite, but if your room didn't, there would be a bathroom down the hallway from your room. The food was nice and I loved playing snooker with Sally in

the games room.

On the bus journey there, we went to Cadbury World. First, we went on a tour around the place. They showed us lots of clips about how John Cadbury came up with the idea of making solid chocolate. The clips told us that his sons helped him. The second clip was all about how chocolate is made. It was interactive too, so the benches moved when you sat on them, and when it came to a certain point cold air blew on your legs; also, it went warm because of some red lights, to represent it being melted into moulds. Next, we went to a place where they served liquid chocolate with a topping of your choice. Then, we got to decorate the table with liquid chocolate and have a go at smoothening it. Lastly, we went on a ride in little carts. I was with Gracie, Amy and Frances. It was really fun at Cadbury World.

On the second day, we went to Chester Zoo. The bus journey wasn't long. First, we saw some monkeys and they were in a massive enclosure. Next, we went to the Butterfly House. There were loads of different species but my favourite was the Red Admiral butterfly. There was a cabinet full of chrysalises and some were just starting to hatch. This was amazing because I hadn't seen this before. Next, we visited the Rothschild Giraffes. Recently, a baby giraffe had been born there and everyone got to see it. We saw the lions and lionesses. They were so big and the male's mane was awesome because all the colours, which meant it could be disguised really well. The jaguars had tails that were in a pattern of a zebra and the way they walked looked like they were stalking prey! Next, we saw the fruit bats; their cave absolutely stank when you walked through it and was also very dark. Luckily, I didn't get pooped or weed on! Overall my favourite part was the African painted hunting dogs. They had a massive enclosure and they were all running around and play-fighting. I didn't see any puppies but there were lots of adults. My favourite day was Chester Zoo. It was brilliant.

On the third day, we visited The Black Country Living Museum. First, we went down the mines. It was the scariest thing I have done in my life because it was so dark! After the mine, we had a tour around the village with our tour guide Anne. We ate lunch in the park. Lastly, we went on a canal boat run by the Dudley Canal Trust. It was brilliant but the best part was when we saw a mummy and baby duck swimming together. The man showed us clips projected onto walls in the caves. They were about how they mined in caves and how they used the boats to transport the coal back to land. We also went on an old-fashioned double decker bus and it took us up to the gift shop.

On the journey home, we stopped off and visited Waterworld, which is in Stoke. There were loads of slides but my favourite was the Space Bowl. On this slide, you went so fast and ended up in a tank full of water via a whirlpool. I also enjoyed the rapids. Once you ventured in, you had to throw yourself at a railing because you literally went so fast. It was epic!

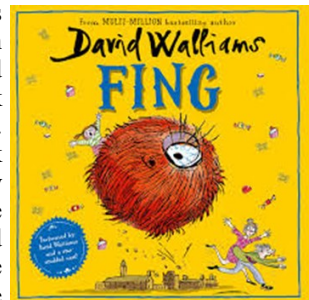
I really enjoyed Shropshire and I was sad when it was time to leave. Everything was fun but Waterworld was a favourite, (even though I liked Chester Zoo the most!)

Book Review

Fing by David Walliams

David Walliams has done it again with a new and fantastic book called Fing. Fing is a book about a family called the Meeks. Mr and Mrs Meek have a greedy little girl called

Myrtle who always wants more, more, more! When Myrtle eventually runs out of things to ask for, she just says Fing. Mr and



Mrs Meek go down to the forbidden vaults of the library where they find a mysterious book called the Monsterpedia. In it they find a Fing, but it lives in another country. Will Myrtle get what she wants this time? Will Mr and Mrs Meek find what their daughter is desperate for?

Plastic Pollution

As you may know, plastic has now become a big problem. Plastic bottles and bags are tricking the animals into thinking it's food, for example, turtles have eaten plastic bags as they look like they are jellyfish, which have ended up killing the innocent.



Coca-Cola are the manufacturers of around 1/3 of the plastic bottles in our oceans and they said it isn't their fault, it is the consumers' fault. Instead of using as much plastic bottles and the company should go back to glass bottles, however they refuse to do that because it will be a lot more expensive. Eventually, we should be able to find a new material that is eco-friendly and can disintegrate quickly but until then, it is a huge problem.

As the government has lots of money, instead of wasting it on guns and weapons, they could clean some of the plastic out of the oceans. Within the next 10 years, I hope the amount of plastic will have reduced by at least 20%.

The Den

The den is a cosy, comfortable room which

once was an old music cupboard but Mrs Liddle decided to make it into the den. It is a room where children can go if they feel worried, stressed or even just to talk - Mrs Hamer and Mrs Liddle are there to talk.

I was intrigued to find out why Mrs Liddle started it so I decided to go and talk to her and asked her, "Why did you decide to start the den?"

"I started the den because I found there was a lot of children who needed to talk to someone in school or just needed support.

I continued on to ask her, "What activities do you do with the pupils?" "We do memory boxes where the children put things in the box that reminds them of the person that they have lost. "We also do anxiety canvases, which is a piece of artwork that helps you control your anxiety,"

Mrs Liddle helps pupils cope by talking about it, working out coping methods that suits them and makes things to remember the person that they have lost. It honestly really does help the children and I know this because I have seen the progress within some of the school children.

Katie Simpson

Why Do We Need To Know About British Values?

British Values underpin our whole society. They give every citizen a moral, social code to which to adhere. Every law is based on our core British Values. They are Democracy, The Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those of Different Faiths or Beliefs.

A democracy is a country in which all

decisions are governed by the citizens; to choose who is in government, there is a general election, where everybody over the age of 18 can vote for their favourite political party. However, there is not an election or referendum for everything – in most cases, the general public is not allowed to vote for a law to be passed; instead MPs can vote in the House of Commons. The result of this vote is then announced by the Speaker, who at the moment is John Bercow. Any law that is passed must follow the values of our country.

The Rule of Law means that every citizen must obey the law that is decided by Parliament and the Queen, otherwise they will face a consequence such as a prison sentence. For example, if someone went into the Apple Store and stole an iPhone, they would be breaking the law and would be caught by the police. Although most countries have a value of The Rule of Law, it can differ. In China, it is legal to hack for security purposes and that is seen as moral, whereas in Britain it is seen as largely immoral to hack someone's PC.

Individual Liberty means that each British citizen has the choice to move freely and make their own choices within reason. In some countries, such as North Korea, all the citizens' choices are made by their dictator, Kim Jon Un – there is only one OS they can use on their computers, they cannot visit most websites that can be looked at by Britons and they are not allowed to leave the country. The value of Liberty is obeyed by most countries, but some do not follow it, limiting their citizens.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance for those of Different Faiths or Beliefs are both about respecting/tolerating other British citizens with a different faith or belief to you. For example, your friend might support the Brexit Party and you might support the Liberal Democrats, but you still respect them and their belief, even if you don't believe the same thing. Another example, which is more related to Tolerance of those

of Different Beliefs, is if your friend is a Christian and you are not religious, you don't criticise or hate them for it, you respect their belief and how they see the world.

In conclusion, British Values are phenomenally important to society in the UK and will always exist, whatever happens.

Sam Broadfoot

SATs

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Brandon Fort said "I enjoyed everything but the tests as the English reading test was really hard." On the Friday before the big week, each pupil received a timetable of when and where they should be for the tests. When George Weston got the timetable, he told us.

Book Review

Jake Atlas by Rob Lloyd Jones



Jake Atlas is a brilliant adventure story which is gripping from the first word to the last. I love the way the third book in the series is written so there are two sides to the amazing story. If you are a natural-born trouble maker, Jake is the character for you, however, Pan, Jake's sister, might appeal more though, being a complete and utter genius! A wonderful mix of spies and gadgets, with a thrilling

adventure. I never wanted the first three books to end, the first book, Jake Atlas and the tomb of the Emerald Snake, easily encouraged me to read the next book in the series. The second book is called Jake Atlas and the Tomb of the Feathered God and the most recently, Jake Atlas and the Quest for the Crystal Mountain. Discover a world of mystery, adventure, but most of all disobedience.

The New Roof

Since the Easter holidays, many people have been noticing the scaffolding around the school; this is because we are getting a new roof. For the last couple of months, there has been a hole in the roof, a bucket in the corridor and the skylights were not letting in enough light.

We interviewed Mrs Kennedy to find out some more information. "It has taken longer than expected and will go into the summer holidays." It has affected the pupils because a table tennis table has been blocked by the scaffolding and we can't go into the bush area but this is a small price to pay. We must give a huge thanks to Northumberland County Council as they have funded this improvement.

Matthew Harrison

Keeping Fit in Year 5

This term, Mrs. Parkin organised a keep-fit programme for Year 5. It was set up so they could have an extra PE session and learn the importance of exercise while also having fun. A lady named Pip does the class. It's a dance/aerobics class and gets your heart pumping fast. It's every Friday and lasts 5 weeks – 5B are doing it at the minute and have 3 weeks left.

We interviewed Joshua about the course. "I really enjoy the programme as it's really calming and it's not sprinting or being wild. It's fun as we do some dances like the floss or the dab!

On the first week, my pulse went up from 36 to 126, it's very active and good for you. As healthy eating is important, we got different fruits at the end which was a good part! If you aren't being active and healthy you could get overweight. It makes you stronger, happier and healthier.

I loved the freestyle; I got to do my favourite moves."

We agree with Joshua that it sounds a lot of fun.

We asked Esther Stienlet if she would recommend it and why. "I do recommend the programme as afterwards you do feel really good, and you use up all your energy and forget about everything on your mind."

It's very important to stay fit so you will have a better life.

School Council

School council is a group of students from each school that come together often to see what they can do better to help the school.

The government think it's a good idea because it lets children have a say about what happens to the school. In order to be a school council you have to follow the school rules and be a good person, for example in Corbridge middle school our school values are CARE, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT and RESILIENCE. School council is a group of democratic, powerful people who share these values.

We spoke to Sam Broadfoot (a member of school council in CMS)

Q: "What made you interested in being on school council?"

A: "Mrs Brown basically making me do it! But, seriously, I'm glad I can help other students."

Q: "What are the benefits of being a school councillor?"

A: "I can help change things in school and

make things better for everyone.”

Q: “Why did you decide to be a school council?”

A: “Because I like to help people.”

Film Reviews

Hotel for Dogs

Hotel for Dogs is a classic film about two orphans and a dog, who open a secret hotel for dogs and don't tell anybody except their friends. It is exciting, heart-warming and a loving film. The orphans foster parents are nasty and cruel and they don't care for their 'kids'. The children are found faced with some tough decisions. Will everything go to plan?

Hotel for dogs is out on DVD selling at most shops and stores and is really

recommended!

Wonder

Wonder is a very heart-warming film that has a deep meaning and teaches people that if someone looks different you shouldn't judge them and make them feel uncomfortable around other people. Auggie Pullman is facing a tough life, trying to find friends that will stick up for him and love him for who he is. He finds his true friends the hard way and achieves student of the year at his graduation, whilst his proud family and friends cheer for him on from the side. A tear-jerker, which we loved!

Tynedale Football Tournament

On the 9th of November 2018, some year 6 boys went to the Tynedale Football Tournament at Highfield Middle School. Corbridge had a very good start to the

games – beating Hexham Middle School by 1-0, with Brandon Fort scoring the winning goal. In the next game, Corbridge was against Ovingham, and Sebastian Scott made two crucial goal-line clearances.

We spoke him afterwards and he said, “I felt proud because without those clearances we wouldn't have won the tournament!” After CMS had played Ovingham, they had a crucial game against Highfield. In the first couple of minutes, Corbridge were already on the backfoot. George Weston made a few vital saves to keep us in and the game finished 0-0. In their fourth game, they were against Hexham B team. CMS started well, going up to 2-0 with just a couple of minutes to go.

Going into the last game against St. Joseph's, both teams were level on points at the top of the table. Corbridge had a disastrous start, going 1-0 down, but they bounced back quickly. With a couple of minutes to go, we needed a goal! Corbridge was awarded a free kick and Ollie Ward stepped up to take it.

Smashing it into the top left corner of the net, it was all over for St. Joseph's! We spoke to Ollie for his reaction to the free kick, “I was excited and surprised when I scored from the free kick!”

Congratulations to Corbridge and we hope to see them winning more tournaments in the future.

Brandon Fort.

Questions, Questions!

On Thursday the 27th of June, here at Corbridge Middle School, we held a literature quiz for: HMS, CMS, St. Joseph's, OMS and Bellingham Middle School. The lucky winners would receive £20 book vouchers for every person in the team and the individual winners of each round get a book and a special David Walliams' treat. This terrific quiz included questions about authors and characters from books; you are

given clues about the mystery character or person and have to guess who they are, and to win, you have to be in the team with the most points.

Some year 6 pupils were markers and runners, ensuring every point the teams and schools gained were valid, while the runners took the scores to be put in a results table. In each round there were 10 questions and if a team of 4 played their joker in one of these rounds, for every 1 mark, they answered correctly, they would get double. In between each and every round there was a question where you had to guess the author or film character, however you had to act fast, because if you did not put your hand up first you would not win anything.

After some hard questioning, and lots of squash and homemade biscuits, the team that ended up winning was Corbridge B: James Youngman, Nancy Stienlet, Pete Cowley and Erin Lister. They received £20 Forum Books' vouchers certificates, but all in all every single person, team and school tried their very best, impressing pretty much everyone in the room. In second place, after a tie-breaker question, St Joseph's A was second and HMS A was third. They received reading-themed mugs and certificates, plus the whoopee cushions David Walliams had given to Forum Books when he was in Corbridge signing his new books.

Well done to all the pupils who took part, and to the helpers. Mrs Watkins wrote all the questions and organised the event, so she was pleased that Corbridge won what she hopes will be an annual event amongst the local middle schools.

Sam Broadfoot and Esme Bettley-Sparke

Prince Archie's Birth

On the 6th May 2019, a new addition to the royal family was born. Megan, Duchess of Sussex, and Prince Harry welcomed their first baby to the world. Named 'Archie Harrison Mountbatten Windsor' but likely to

be known as Prince Archie.



He was born at 5.26am, weighing 7lbs 3oz. The surname Mountbatten was created in 1960, combining the surnames of the Queen and Prince Phillip when they married.

Just a couple of days later after the birth, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex walked beside each other, with Prince Archie in Harry's arms, down to meet limited number of photographers to show off the new royal baby.

Congratulations!

Mindfulness

The SATs were coming up and the pupil of CMS needed help...so, the trusty teachers called in one of the handiest helpers in Northumberland, Paws and be!

Mrs Kershaw came in one Friday and taught the year six pupils all about being mindful. Mindfulness is all about being present in the moment. All it takes is three easy steps: relax, concentrate and rest. It helped so many people to become more present in the moment and more ready for action.

There are so many types of mindfulness motives. The petal practice was one of the favourites. There were many more, such as finger breathing, counting your breath in a minute, FOFBOC (feet on floor, bottom on chair) and many more! We learnt way more than just how to be peaceful. We also learnt a lot about the parts of the brain.

For example, the hippocampus is used for

emotions and the memory. The prefrontal cortex is used to control behaviour, personality expression, decision making and moderating other people's social behaviour.

We interviewed Sophie Jeffery and Carys Samuels to see if they enjoyed mindfulness.

Why did you like mindfulness?

It helped me relax and, before SATs, helped me get into the right mindset.

Which one did you use?

I used the breath counting and it really helped me.

Here is what Sophie had to say:

I really enjoyed using the petal practice and counting my breath. It worked most of the time because my mind wandered a bit.

All the people enjoyed having the time out to relax before SATs.

Stocksfield Drama Club

In Stocksfield, there is a brilliant drama group which produces plays every year, such as A Christmas Carol, Snow White, Narnia, Peter Pan, Alice in Wonderland, Oliver Twist and Romeo and Juliet. Several of the members are pupils at CMS: Isla, Martha, Izzy, Livia, Libby and Hope.

The group of actors meet every Sunday at 1.30pm either at SICA or at the Baptist Church in Stocksfield and plan and practise their productions. "There are plenty of adults and children to learn from and to help with your performance" Isla commented.

At the moment, the play that is being produced is set in World War II and so the children are the evacuees. The drama group encourages children at any age to join, as long as they are keen!

Martha in year 6, who is an actor in the group said, "I really enjoy going and I would recommend it to other children who

would like to see what it's like being on stage."

Isla, also in year 6, would recommend it too, "I love acting and it's great because my friends attend as well, so it is always fun. There are also lots of talented people to learn from to become a better actor."

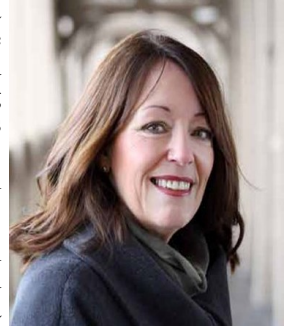
Sounds like a brilliant way to spend free time!

Mari Hannah

Corbridge crime writer

Mari Hannah is a well-known crime writer who is loved for her amazing books, Gallows Drop, The Insider, The Murder Wall and Settled Blood.

She was born in London and moved north as a child. Sponsored



by the home office, she graduated from Teesside University before becoming a probation officer. Her career was cut short when she got injured whilst on duty. Thereafter, she spent several years working as a film/television scriptwriter. It took ten years for her to be published but now she is very popular and Stephen Fry's TV production company has bought the rights to make her Kate Daniels' series of novels into a series. Move over Vera!!

Mari very kindly visited us here at CMS, in March, when she came to talk about writing detective stories to our year 7s. She showed them how she creates a story and talked about where she got her ideas from. She was able to explain about extending an idea into a 400-page novel and fielded lots of questions! Mrs Watkins' and Mr Johnston's English groups were really inspired and went on to write some slick detective stories following Mari's visit!

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This Corbridge Chronicle was written by year 6 pupils in Mrs Watkins' class, as a writing challenge for after SATs. As you will see from the contents, they have worked extremely hard, thought up some interesting ideas for features and shared their opinions in reviews. Every one of the 29 pupils contributed to it, conducted interviews, researched stories and drew or found pictures to accompany them. I'm sure you will agree they have done an amazing job, and I am very proud to have worked with them on it, in two hectic weeks! Huge thanks go to Mr Coates for making it look fantastic too – we couldn't have done it without him.

We hope you enjoy reading our Corbridge Chronicle.

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