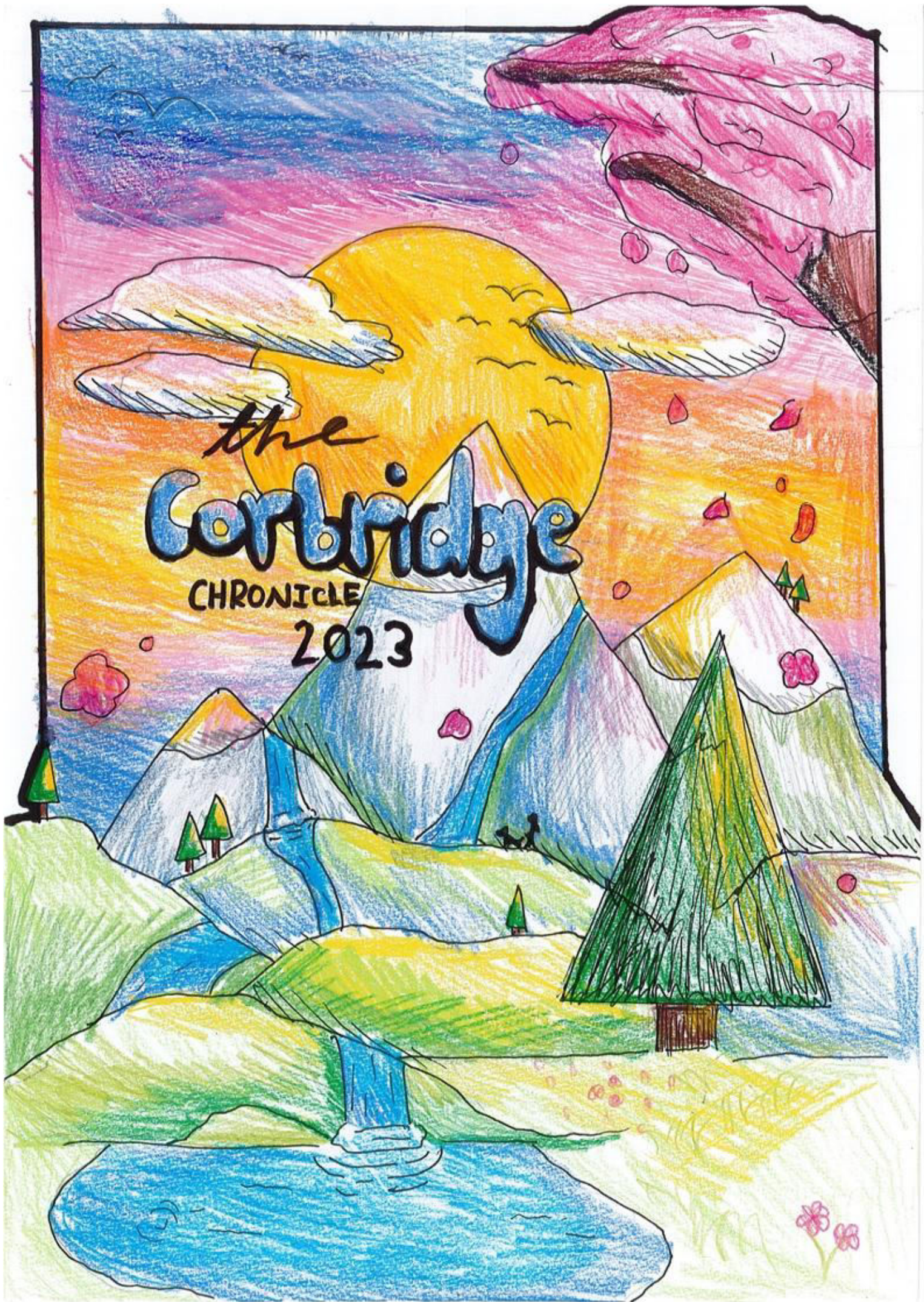


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School Residential

Every year runs a residential visit for each year group and activities can range from climbing walls to going out to fancy restaurants in London.

In Year 5 you go to Kings Wood where you have many activities on the site such as den building and climbing.

In Year 6 you go to Shropshire where you go to waterslides and zoos. In the evening you get to play on the massive grounds and have a barbecue.



I asked Isaac Maughan if he thinks school residentials are good and why.

“I think that school residentials are exciting and generally an amazing experience especially as they feel like a reward for all the work we have put in that year.”

Year 6 Concert



The Year 6 Concert is a busy and stressful time of the year. It is also a time of fun where you can get together and show your skills to your classmates. Interviewing Hamish now he tells the Corbridge Chronicle that although it is a fun time of year it is also a time to learn and develop your skills.

In your music lessons you will play your piece and Mrs Fisher will grade you on how well you are doing. In school, you would do many practices to get used to the routine and when things happen. Many people feel nervous beforehand but everyone there is very supportive. The concert took place on the 16th of May 2023. You can play any instrument or pieces for the concert. The only rule is it can't be longer than 2 minutes. All pupils, no matter what ability, I can perform anything from Smoke on the Water and Mary had a Little Lamb to Einaudi and Master of Puppets.

Cupcake in Italian is Tortina

Cupcake recipe

A cupcake is a 'Small cake baked in a cuplike mould'

My No.1 Cupcakes .

This is one of my favourite recipes and I use it regularly, changing the flavours to my mood. This recipe is for plain cakes but you can substitute 50g of the sugar for light brown sugar ,or add flavouring such as spices like cinnamon and mixed spice or -for a more subtle flavouring- vanilla extract. This is an adapted version of the recipe we used at school, just made to make more cupcakes. Listed below are the ingredients you will need.

This is a recipe for light and fluffy cupcakes. This recipe makes 24 individual cupcakes.

Cupcake is an American-English word

Ingredients:

- 150g caster or granulated white sugar
- 150g butter or cake margarine
- 150g self raising flour
- 2 large eggs, beaten

Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 180 degrees celsius
2. Put the sugar and butter/cake margarine in a bowl. Use an electric hand whisk ,or alternatively a wooden spoon ,to mix them together until smooth and creamy. This is called the creaming method.
3. Add the flour, egg and any flavouring and mix until smooth ,making sure the mixture is not watery or stiff. lift the whisk or spoon out of the bowl, the mixture should not come off but should start to fall off slowly. If the mixture does not come off then add milk until it is the right consistency.
4. Line two 3 by 4 cupcake tins with 24 cupcake cases.
5. Use two teaspoons to scoop the mixture into the cases, filling them about 3 quarters full.
6. Put the trays into the oven for 20-25 minutes, pushing a fork into them after this amount of time checking that it comes out clean. Keep testing them after 5 minutes until the fork comes out clean.
7. Remove the trays from the oven carefully using oven gloves and place them on a cooling rack.
8. Remove the cakes from the trays and place them back on to the cooling rack.
9. Leave to cool.
10. When the cupcakes have cooled place them into an airtight container. The cupcakes will keep for 3-4 days



Cupcakes Part 2: Decoration

*Cupcakes are muffins
who believed in miracles.*



3 steps to being a cake decorating master.

1. Don't be deceived.
Decoration is not hard to master with these tips but over complicated designs will get you muddled so stick to simple
2. Use what you have. Don't spend lots of money on wafer paper or gelatine, instead use icing sugar and water to make icing, cheap fondant with a little condensed milk to soften up and cheap food colourings that you can buy in most food shops.
3. Buttercream. Use a 2:1 ratio of icing sugar and butter, adding milk until the right consistency.

Mountain Biking

MTB is an extreme cycling sport where riders encounter rocks or different types of jumps.



There are two main Types of MTB, downhill And trail (which are The jumps). There Is also another style Which isn't classified freeride.

Downhill is where the riders will go down hill at high speeds encountering rocks and small jumps. Trail is where riders hit huge jumps most of the time they do tricks and they go very high in the air .Freeride is where riders go into urban areas and do things such as ride down stairs or ride along walls.



Freeride

Trail/dirt jumping



Now I will interview Alex
Who does lots of riding
On his own jumps he
Built with a group of
friends

Downhill

Q: How often do you go mountain biking?

A;Well i love going mountain biking but we mainly do it in the summer as i have more time because rugby and football which i also do stops in the summer.

Q;Do you ever regret what you have done whilst in midair?

A:No because i just enjoy my self.

Q;What was your worst crash?

A:I cant rely remember as i have been riding for so long .

Q:How big was the biggest jump you have riden?

A:i dont know but it was pretty massive jump

Set design and props for Beauty and the Beast

For the Beauty and the Beast production at school some pupils in year 6,7 and 8 have designed and painted the set and made costumes and props. My friends and I have started making tools for the production. When we were making the tools, we saw that the enchanted rose and the wardrobe costume were already made. We have loved being involved





Y6 SATs



SATs Week

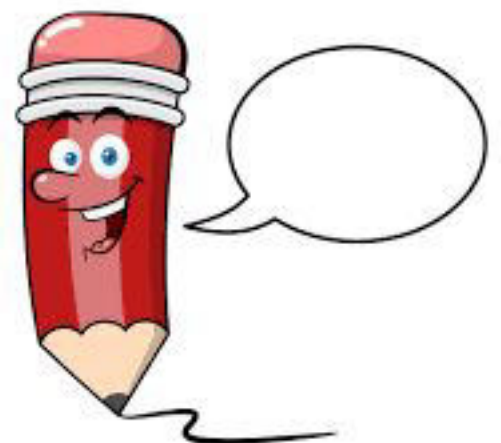
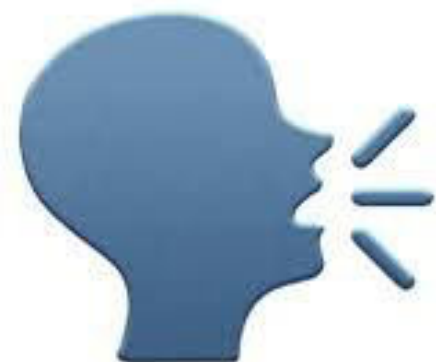
SATS week was supposedly a lot more fun than we thought it would be! We got to go to breakfast club where we could enjoy hot chocolate, toast, raisins and fruit. We also had many breaks in between each paper with juice and biscuits as well. On Tuesday we had spag, Wednesday was reading and spelling, Thursday was reasoning 1 and arithmetic but our last one was Friday reasoning paper 2.

Our View

Our view of SATS is that it was a lot better than we thought. Our best test was spag because they were not as tricky as the previous practice tests we had been doing. Although there were 1 or 2 question that were hard, we still thought it wasn't that difficult. The test we dislike the most was the reasoning papers. Some of the questions were tougher than others and the wording for some of the questions were puzzling.

Pupils' Views

We interviewed 3 pupils (Emilia A, Rosie B and Lily B) and asked them a few questions on what they thought SATS were like for them. Emilia said that it was good and some of the tests made her nervous, her favourite part was the ice cream van at the end of the week but the reasoning papers were her least favourite. Rosie said that the English and arithmetic were easy but the the rest were hard; her best bit was getting juice and biscuits at break however the worst part was the reasoning papers and reading. Lily thought that the maths was easy and the English was hard but she thought the reasoning and reading were the worst papers.



-The Eco Committee-

Here at Corbridge Middle School, we have an Eco Committee that organises many events and activities throughout the year that help with the school's eco status. Recently, the eco committee announced that we would have a biodiversity day. During that day, we could dress up as an animal or dress down in your clothes for a suggested donation of 50p. We ended up raising £300!

We interviewed Tristan Gane, a member of the Eco Committee.

Q: How long did the biodiversity day take to organise?

A: We have worked on creating biodiversity day since the second eco council meeting

Q: Is it stressful, being a member of the eco-committee?

A: Sometimes, yes.!

Octopus facts

Many people know that an octopus has three hearts, but do they know that some octopuses have nine brains, or that each of their tentacles move independently? This article is about the many surprising features of an octopus. The specific type of octopus I am using for this article is the Giant Pacific octopus.

The Giant Pacific octopus lives in the north Pacific Ocean, in waters near to shore of up to a depth of 762 metres. This species of octopus preys upon shrimp, crab, scallop, clam, lobster, fish and other soft-bodied prey. Great Pacific octopuses are usually roughly 4.8768 metres across.

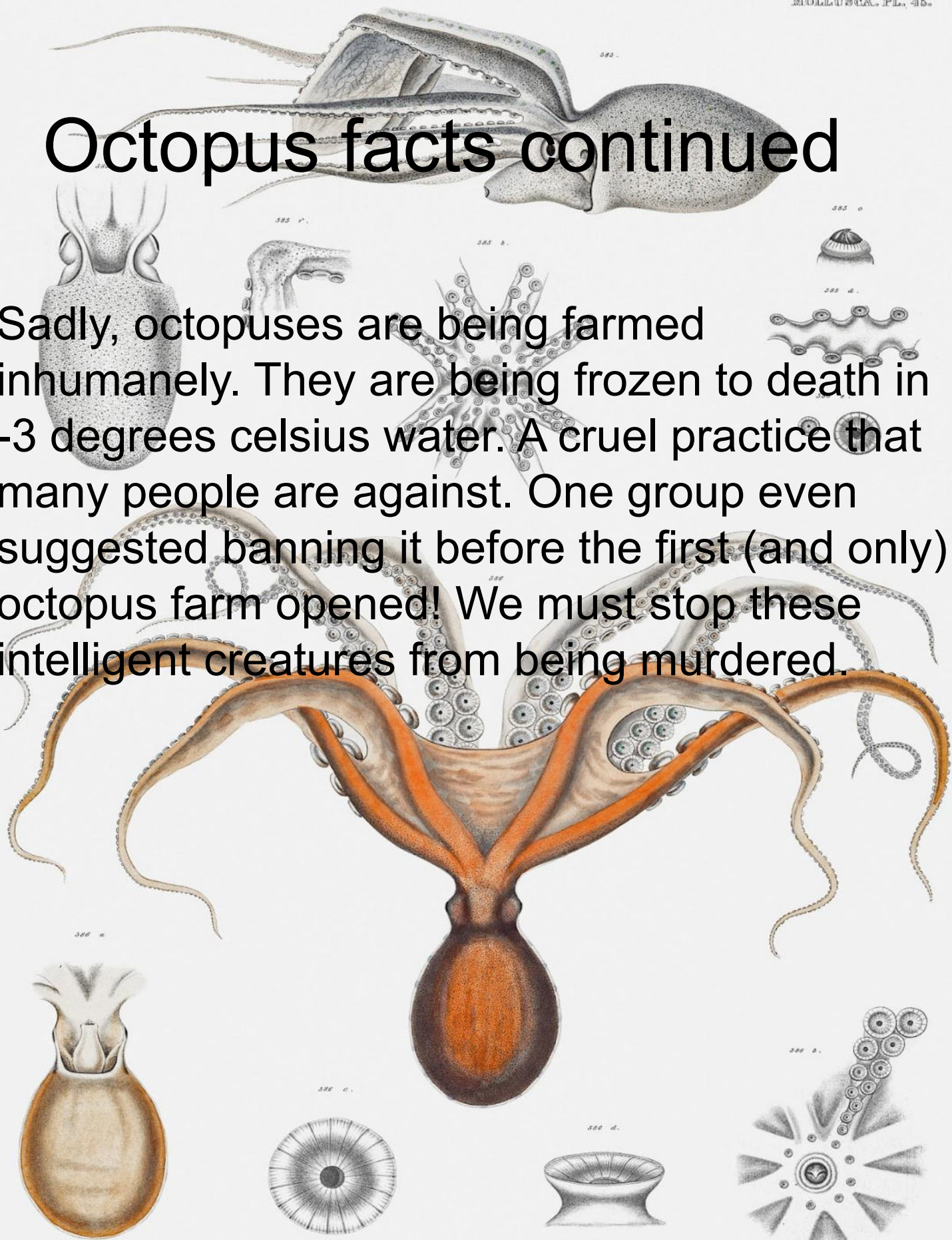
The typical weight for a Great pacific octopus is 70 to 110 pounds. This particular species lives for around three to five years. The females of this species have around 2,240 suckers, whereas a male has roughly 2,140 of them

Scientific classification

Cephalopod

Octopus facts continued

Sadly, octopuses are being farmed inhumanely. They are being frozen to death in -3 degrees celsius water. A cruel practice that many people are against. One group even suggested banning it before the first (and only) octopus farm opened! We must stop these intelligent creatures from being murdered.



(bis) 585 a-e *Argonauta gevickata* G.

(bis) 586 a-d *Octopus megalocyathus* G.

-Animal Oddities-

So what even are animal oddities? They are most commonly found at the depths of the ocean, in tropical jungles or even on your skin. However, in our classification they are odd deformities and strange species.

Glass Frogs- These are indeed mysterious creatures habitat is the humid montane forests. Their nearly invisible appearance is because up to 89% of their bright red blood cells into crystal lined sacs these are located in their liver. This reflects light making them appear almost invisible.

Star-nosed mole- This strange, to say the least, animal is found in northern North America and in appearance; they have 22 fleshy finger-like organs used for touch and are thought to be able to detect seismic waves with them.



Duck-Billed Platypus- A very well known oddity, yet most people know next to nothing about this very interesting animal including things like the fact that not only is it one of the few venomous mammals and also that it is one of the few egg laying mammals too!

-Animal oddities Part 2-

The intriguing yeti crab lives in the deep-sea specifically the hydrothermal vents. They eat bacteria by waxing there claws and using the vents to their advantage, by fishing the bacteria out of the hot fluid.

Their natural predators are curtain fish and octopus. The yeti crab is actually very small at about 15 cm, long contrary to popular belief.

Black rain frog- (one of the weirdest animals of all time in my opinion) is a burrowing frog who can be found in tunnels 150mm below the ground



The two headed snake is is possibly the most mysterious animal they have even been seen fighting themselves for food. After they have eaten they can become confused as the other feels as if it has eaten even if it did not. They usually have different instincts this is could easily get them killed.



Bus crash calamity!

On Wednesday 24th May, just as the year sixes were leaving the Black Country Museum, a disaster struck! A tyre scraped against the fence, grounding the bus. For around 30 minutes the staff and children remained inside the overheated bus. Everyone was boiling as we sat on the side of the road. Kindly, the museum staff opened the it again as we all soon realised we would be stuck there for much longer than an hour. During the time we were stranded in the museum (around 4 hours) spirits were at an all-time low -until the games began! A group of around 20 boys and girls began to play games such as duck,duck goose,heads down thumbs up,the game(very creative!)and wink wink murder.The later games included rock paper scissors, train and lots more heads down, thumbs up,as well as spin the bottle truth or dare - all games brought many laughs.Despite the many laughs that it brought , everyone got very , very hungry.Unfortunately food at Cloverly Hall is only available till 7pm and we were too late... This resulted in plan B - Dominos pizza! After a few hours we were invited for a ride on the museum's bus.While Mrs Watkins struggled to order pizza we all hopped on board for a joyous ride on the exciting vehicle after going round the museum several times we went back into the museum and waited for it to arrive After about another hour of being cold and making up the most random and totally hilarious games, it was time to get back to Cloverley Hall (where we were staying). It was definitely a night nobody would forget! If it weren't for the Black Country Museum's kindness we wouldn't have had such a good experience with a broken bus!..



Above:The Black Country Museum.

1) Show us who you are Elle Mcnicoll

This book is about Cora, who twelve years old. She is autistic but doesn't have any friends at school. Until she meets Adrien. Adrien's dad owns a company called pomegranate, a company creating holograms (aka grams). Despite Adrien warning Cora about Pomegranate and its grams Cora still believes they can do good.



2) Murder most unladylike Robin Stevens

The Wells and Wong detective society have had no cases to record (unless you count the case of Lavina's missing tie which they don't), but when Hazel discovers Miss Bell's dead body, they have to find the killer out before they strike again...

3) The Tale Of Truthwater Lake Emma Carroll

The year is 2032. Polly and her brother Joel get sent away to their Aunt Jessie where the usually cool lake has nearly dried up. One night, Polly goes out for a swim in the lake and gets sucked into 1952. She learns about a chanel swim and is envious that she isn't doing it. What will happen in this underwater tale?



4) The Mysterious Benedict Society
Trenton Lee Stewart

In a city called Stonetown, four children with unusual talents get chosen for a secret mission. There is only one rule-there are no rules! Can they work together to save the world, or will it be too late?

5) Starboard Nicola Skinner

Kirsten Bramble is an eleven year old reality tv star and is too famous for friends, or at least that is what she tells herself. On a School trip to see the SS Great Britain, the once battered ship comes alive in hope of sailing across the Atlantic Ocean to reach New York. Despite the ships confidence Kirsten doesn't believe this ship can still sail ...

6) A series of unfortunate events #2 - The reptile room Lemony Snicket
The second book in Lemony Snicket's 13 book series and definitely one of the best. In this book the Baudilaire orphans have finally got to the intended guardian that their parents intended. Dr Montgomery Montgomery (or Uncle Monty as the Baudilaire's call him) a world renowned herpetologist. Although Monty is a sweet and loving man, Count Olaf is on the Baudilaire's tail. With an incredibly deadly viper on the loose and Olaf out of police custody will the Baudilaire's survive this dangerous chapter of their lives?



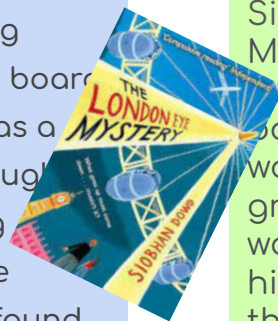
7) Pages and Co : The book wanderers Anna James
Eleven year old Tilly has lived above her Grandparents bookshop since her mother mysteriously disappeared soon after she was born. One day characters from her favourite books started appearing in the bookshop through the magic of book wandering. With the help of Anne of Green Gables and Alice in Wonderland, Tilly sets out to solve the mystery of her Mothers disappearance. Will she solve this mystery?



8) The Swifts Beth Lincoln
When every Swift is born, they are brought before the family dictionary which a name is selected at random and they are expected to live to that definition. Meet Shenanigan Swift. When the family reunion floods the house with relatives, Aunt Schudanfrude becomes the victim of a grizzly attempted murder, Shenanigan and her sisters Phenomena and Felicity attempt to solve the mystery. But will the murderer get to the rest of the family before they can stop them?



10) Murder on the Safari Star MG Leonard
Join Hal and Uncle Nat as they plunge straight into an exciting mystery - this time while on Safari! Uncle Nat is taking Hal on the journey of a lifetime - on a Safari Train from Pretoria to Victoria Falls. Drawing Africa's amazing wild animals from on board a spectacular steam train described as a luxury hotel on wheels, should be enough excitement for anyone. But something suspicious is happening on board the Safari Star and when a passenger is found mysteriously killed inside a locked compartment, it's up to Hal, along with his new friend Winston and his pet Mongoose, Chip, to solve the murder mystery.



9) The London Eye Mystery Siobhan Dowd
Monday, 24 May, 11.32 a.m. Ted and Kat watch their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye. He turns and waves and the pod rises from the ground. Little did they know that would be the last time they would see him. When the pod comes back to the ground, everyone exits but where is Salim? After they realise Salim may have never left Kat and Ted become detectives they set out to find Salim. Will they find him before it is too late?

Bikeability



On the morning of bikeability you bring to school. You get put into your separate groups and get taken out lessons to do it. On Monday you go out on the yard to cycle around a course. After that you go outside of the gates to either the school car park area or down hippingstones lane. There are 2 levels that you do in this activity, at the end you get a badge of what level you have completed up to as well as a small piece of card that has shown what skills you have done.

Interview

We interviewed year 5's about bikeability and what they thought of it

What was your favourite part of it?

Going out of school to cycle.

What did you learn?

I learnt how to cycle safely on a road.

Would you do it again?

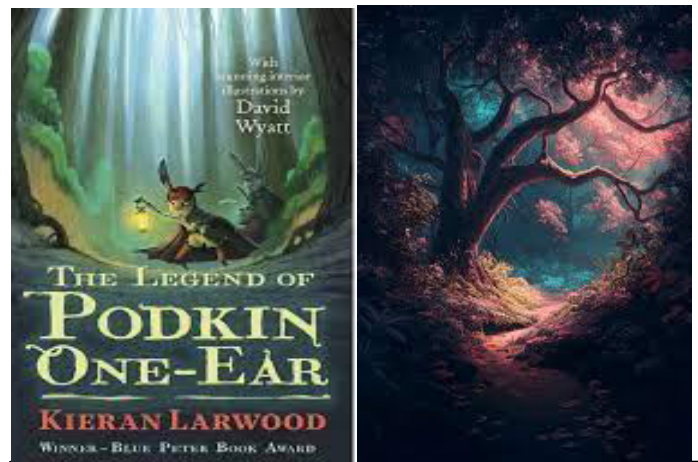
Yes because i liked missing lessons to ride my bike.



-Fantasy Book reviews-

I have recently read Eragon, the first book in the inheritance cycle series and I have enjoyed it thoroughly and would recommend it to all lovers of high fantasy theme books. The main character is a 15 year-old farm boy called Eragon, who finds a dragon egg, leading to his uncle getting killed and Eragon running away to hunt down the people who killed his uncle
9.5/10 -By Isaac

I have read a book named earthsea. This book focuses on the mage Ged (pronounced Jed) travelling through the world of earthsea to rid himself of a dark creature only known as a shadow and undertaking quests to become the archmage of the white isle
9/10 -By Tristan

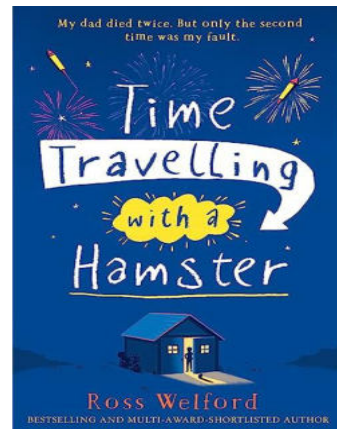
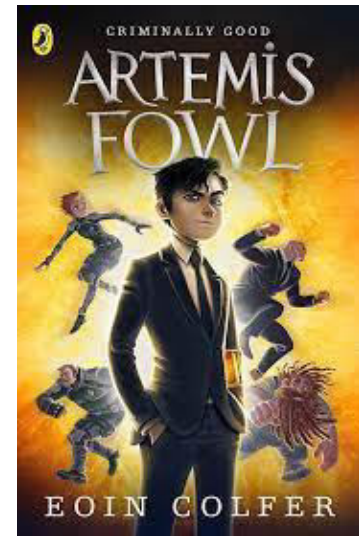


I have recently read the book podkin one ear. It is an action packed thriller about rabbits trying to flee from the dark creatures called gorm. The rabbit podkin , his sister and his brother are running with one of the most important items in the whole of the 5 realms
10/10 -By Hamish

-Mixed genre book reviews-

I have recently read the Artemis fowl series by Eoin Colfer. It focuses on the adventures of Artemis fowl, his bodyguard, butler and the fairy race, 9/10 -Tristan

One of my favourite books is called time traveling with a hamster. It's about a girl who goes back in time to try and save his father's life but it doesn't end well changing the world that he knows, 9/10 -Lloyd



One of my favourite books is; Uki and the Outcasts it is set after another series (Podkin one ear) and is about a half-black, half-white rabbit outcast that soon finds others and sets out to defeat a great evil. Overall a gripping book, 9/10 -Isaac



A link to Africa

Earlier this year, two visitors came to our school for a assembly just for the Year 6s. They showed us a video from the children from Maasai Academy- all the way from Kenya. They all said, "Hello!". A couple of days later, we wrote letters to the children of Maasai Academy, to talk about ourselves and Corbridge. It was really exciting. The letters have arrived and my penpal is called Dennis.



👑 King's Coronation 👑

On the 6 of May, the King was coronated with the Queen Consort. It was a historic event to remember. I interviewed Alex on how he feels about the British monarchy. "I don't have much interest in it". That is fair enough as we are kids. For adults, it is massive as this may have been the first king they have seen.



Stocksfield CMS Cricket Tournament



Corbridge Middle School were delighted to get an invitation to a cricket tournament. At the event, which took place on Tuesday the 6th June, had 4 schools; CMS, Highfield, Ovingham and St Jo's. In the end both CMS boys came 1st and 2nd and one of the girls came 3rd. It was fun and successful.



Newcastle United and the Champions League



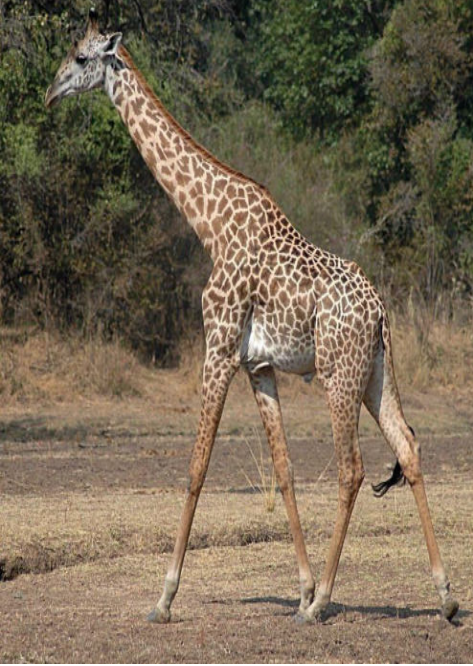
It was a great season for Newcastle United. We qualified for the Champions League! At the end, as usual, was a nervy couple of weeks as Liverpool were on a great run. Although Man Utd still beat us for 3rd we beat Liverpool for 4th. “*Die Meister, Die Besten, Les Grandes equipes, The champions!*”



Music in CMS

Music is a big thing in CMS. As well as music lessons led by Mrs Fisher, you can also get lessons for specific instruments in school! But in normal music lesson you focus on stuff like the 10 musical elements and occasionally you do practical tasks. I interviewed Alex to see when he started playing music and what instruments. “ I started playing my cello around 4 and a half years ago and the guitar slightly before.” I also play piano. I started at the start of year 5.





One day on the Year 6 Shropshire residential, we went to Chester Zoo. Chester Zoo is home to over 500 different species. That is around 27,000 animals who call it home! Millions of nature-lovers visit the HUGE 128-acre site to get close to their favourite animals.



At Chester Zoo lives plenty of animals in a man-made habitat. Each type of animal has a different type of enclosure fitting them such as penguins have cold water and snow to mimic their old home. Chester Zoo was an amazing trip and especially when we got to eat some ice cream on a really hot day.



{PS. What is your favourite animal?}

Ofsted Outstanding

In November 2021, Corbridge Middle School got the phone call to say that Ofsted were coming into our school the next day. All the school had an assembly telling us that we had to be on our best behaviour for tomorrow as we wanted to make Ofsted to see the best side of us. The next day, the inspectors from Ofsted started to inspect from the smallest details to the biggest. After a full 2-day inspection everyone was exhausted. A few weeks later, Ofsted came in again (something they don't do normally) and gifted us an Ofsted Outstanding reward. Everyone was so happy but relieved that it finished!!!!



Shropshire trip 2023

Stoke-on-Trent Waterpark

Everyone had a really nice time while they were away. On the way we went to Stoke-on-Trent waterpark and the favourite ride was 'Thunderbolt' everyone loved it so much the queue stretched down the stairs. The next favourite ride was the Rapids because you got swept around lots of times and you had to fling yourself out near to the rail so you could get out the current was that strong. My favourite ride was 'The Rapids' because it was the best thing ever. The best part of the visit was when we got to Cloverley Hall and everyone found out how big it was there was a massive cheer because the drive had been so long.

CMS MAKEOVER

Over the six week holidays, Corbridge Middle School is getting a makeover. It includes vibrant coloured walls and the school value symbols. We will also be renaming The Hive and The Nest.

Mrs Brown's thoughts

We interviewed Mrs Brown to ask her some questions about what's going to happen to our school.

Why did you want to do a makeover?

As a new head teacher, I wanted to make the inside and outside reflect our school values.

Who helped you choose?

I worked with Mr Johnston and Mrs Ricketts, we also got Mr Coates' initial designs for the Corbridge Framework and then we got staff feedback.

-Year 7 Enrichment-

In Year 7 the enrichment programme changes to an almost life skills lesson. According to the school: “enrichment promotes employability, academic attainment and teaches students the skills they need to make good, informed choices”. This has caused them to do 6 programmes a year, each programme lasts for 6 weeks, these are done for 2 hours every Friday afternoon.

The Year 7 enrichment policies:

Every child matters.

- Healthy Lifestyles
- Economic well-being
- Enjoyment and achievement
- Positive contribution to society

Personal learning & thinking Skills

- Effective participators
- Independent enquirers
- Self-managers
- Creative thinkers
- Team workers

Key enrichment objectives

- Build personal confidence
- Develop social skills
- Team build
- Develop factual-based learning
- Learn or develop a specific skill
- Promote awareness of cultural diversity

Overall, I think next year will be exciting said a Y6 pupil!

-How the Corbridge Chronicle- -was made-

Disclaimer no teachers or pupils were harmed in the creation of this.

As you probably already know this is the Corbridge Chronicle - this article will hopefully explain its creation.

Firstly, the front page credit belongs to Scarlett Darby; the teacher responsible for its creation is Mrs Watkins. The individuals responsible for each page will remain anonymous.

Writer's block in the Corbridge Chronicle:
If you have ever written a story chances are that you have experienced this and it is possibly the most exasperating thing to happen to a writer and it primarily is the source of all writing chaos. Essentially writer's block is the period of time where a writer is uninspired.



There were multiple attempts of sabotage we believe these were caused by boredom related to writers block. Quoting them "*Larry the lobster has struck again.*"



This is the pasted photo of Larry the lobster.

-The shocking amount of adults that- -can't read or write-

Amazingly 774 million adults can't read or write, this amounts to $\frac{1}{8}$ adults that can't read or write worldwide. Even worse is the UK illiterate adults at an astounding $\frac{1}{5}$.

The world needs to address this issue. Some ways to do this are local libraries, camps and possibly reading challenges. These also support the economy as they supply low pay jobs.

Although in recent years and generations the education system has no doubt improved .



The social and personal impact on the illiterate individual are extreme; the effects can be shame, low self-esteem, powerlessness and isolation.

Also this can prevent business opportunities therefore they could become homeless or in debt.

This would ruin their chances as a important individuals in the world. An is example they could not become an astronaut as they can't pass the test.

Plastic pollution.

You may already know that plastics are destroying the world that we know and love. This article is to inform others about this growing problem of plastic on land. Plastic on land is a very underlooked as it can destroy many different plants and animals.

Some of the biggest plastic contributing companies are The Coca-Cola, PepsiCo and Nestle. Single handedly Coca-Cola produces 3 million tons of plastic per year. In total these three companies produce 7 million tonnes of plastic a year.



People mainly focus on plastic in the oceans but plastic on land is a very big problem too. One of the main problems is chlorinated plastic as it slowly releases toxins that wreaks havoc on the local eco-systems. It kills animals that drink infected water.

Fun facts.

1.3 billion bottles per day are sold.--

Plastic pollution part II

Although land is important the sea is also riddled with plastic and this is not something to dismiss. This infestation is also poisoning mankind with plastic as 1 in 3 fish caught being filled with plastic; there are many more facts similar to this

Plastic in the ocean doesn't only affect humans but could also make many species extinct we can not afford for this to happen since we have already pushed our planet to the brink of destruction. If we carry on extinction awaits us; for we are our own destructors.



To give you an idea of the amount of plastic in the ocean 1.6 million square kilometers of the pacific ocean is covered in plastic, the UK is only 243,610 square kilometers. That is roughly 6.5 times the size of the UK!

Cows

I am Ella smith and I live on a Dairy farm with around 230 cows and 150 calves. They are all looked after well and super cute.



My farm is a special type of farm that doesn't buy anything in to stop diseases . All of our cows have the same name as their mum so when they get led at shows like the Northumberland County Show, the judge know how many rosettes and how good its mum and the rest of their family are.

Cows 2



Interview with my dad.

Why do you farm?

I farm because it is first of all a lot of fun and there is always something happening and second of all in my opinion people wouldn't survive without cows so I farm too keep people alive.

How many shows have you won with your cows ?

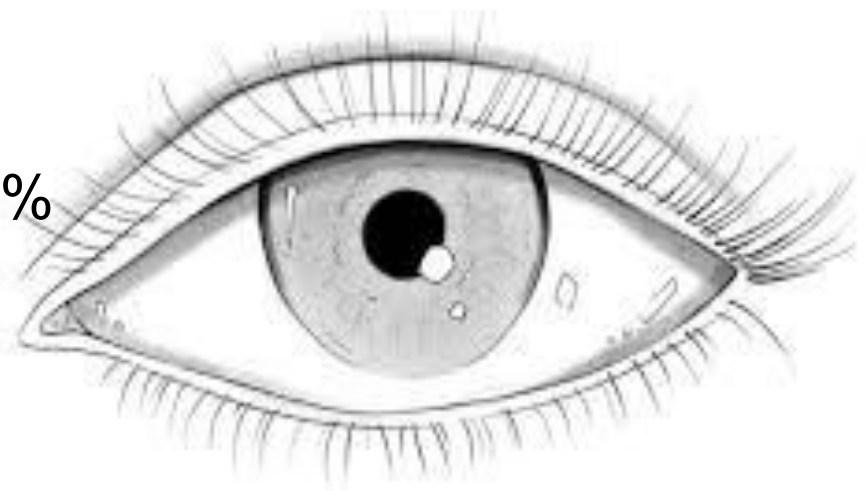
I would say most of my cows are really good when it comes to shows. At the county show, we have won 5 years of champion calf in a row .We have also 2 years of young handler including this year.

Special Features

Some people have special features like a three leaf clover which is shaped with someone's tongue what of course resembles a three leaf clover.



There are millions of features people can have including raising one eyebrow, twitching your ears, raising your forehead, making it look like your vibrating your eyes and more.



Percentages:

Raising one eyebrow=35%

Vibrate eyes=8%

Three leaf clover=14%

Twitching ears=15%

Shaping Plastic In DT

In DT we are shaping plastic to be our desired pencil case or phone holder. It has taken several weeks so far and some people might as well be listed as done. I asked Tom if his plastic turned out good and he said "No, it was terrible because I burnt it but luckily it was my practice piece." But it was the opposite for some other people as their plastic was in perfect condition and everything worked out. The drill that drills holes (which is meant to hold pencils) did get a hole through but it is way too small or too big to actually hold pencils. Each pencil was different sizes so some were able to fit and some were not and even some pencils fell through. The plastic would get bent and look bad if you kept putting it in the heater and keep warming it up so you would have to be extra careful.



Ukraine War

You might not believe it but the Ukraine vs Russia War is still going on and is getting slower and slower every the minute. Both sides are fighting as hard as they can and is estimated that both will collapse but so far Ukraine is pulling through from all the support from other countries giving them more gear over the border. Ukraine is actually winning the war and is beating Russia!



WINNING

Rugby

Rugby, a game often portrayed as violent even though it can be quite the opposite at many times.

The way I see it and many teammates see it is that rugby is a game about; teamwork, accuracy, tactics and agility, but most importantly it is ... fun.

It may seem from afar that there is much danger but that is wrong, for when playing rugby you must push yourself whilst also keeping inside of your safe zone. If you play well, you stay well.

Scoring in the full game is complicated to say the least, so here is an image to show how it works:



We interviewed Hamish

What is your favourite part of rugby?

My favourite part is the teamwork and physicality of rugby and the individual scoring of tries.

What is the worst injury you've seen? When our teammate broke his wrist

Who is your favourite rugby player? Finn Russell

-Chocolate- -It could be healthy-

Yes, chocolate a sugary staple can be healthy and in this article I will explain how. Chocolate is only unhealthy because of the milk and sugar, in fact cacao(the bean used to make chocolate) is considered to be the greatest superfood out there! One thing though, your bar of dairy milk that you may or may not have rushed to grab is... bad for you.

So, what on earth kinda chocolate am I talking about? The answer to that question is; dark chocolate from 70% dark plus chocolate is indeed quite healthy, don't eat too much though or you might be sick, due to the fact that it is so rich. (The recommended serving size is 30-60 grams)



Recommended companies: Personally I would *not* recommend Cadbury's as their Bournville chocolate does not show a percent sign, indicating that they have lower than 70% dark and so are **not** healthy. On the other hand I would recommend the following companies: Divine, Green and Blacks, Tony's Chocolonely, Lindt, and small shop own brands.

Beauty and the Beast

Our school is proud to be doing another production. It will be taking place on 4 nights of the week, 27th - 30th of June 2023. The production is going to be the **Beauty and the Beast.**

Every Tuesday night we practice in the hall with all the cast, at 3:30 - 5:00. The whole show has been directed by Mrs Fisher our music teacher and our head teacher Mrs Brown. Emily Jeffery in Y7 has also been a big part of this show as she is the dance captain, who we have interviewed on the next slide.



Our main character who is Charlotte Y7 is playing Belle is an amazing singer! There are a range of year groups all through the school that are taking part and each and every person is very excited about the performance.



We have interviewed a few members of staff and some children to see how they think the show is and how it is different to The Lion King performance 2 years ago.

We talked to the dance captain who is Emily Jeffery in Y7, we asked her about how long it takes to choreograph the dances, she replied saying it normally takes about half an hour to do them, depending on the dance, she also said that she choreographs them after school in her own time, which shows how much effort she is putting in to this musical. We also asked her which was her favorite and least favourite dance, she said that her favourite dance is Be Our Guest and least favourite is Belle as it was also hard to choreograph.

We also interviewed Mrs Fisher our first question was, how has this musical changed from The Lion King, she answered that the style has totally changed, Beauty and the Beast is more storytelling and The Lion King is more nature. She said they chose the parts by who they thought could make the character come to life.

Beauty and the Beast Interviews



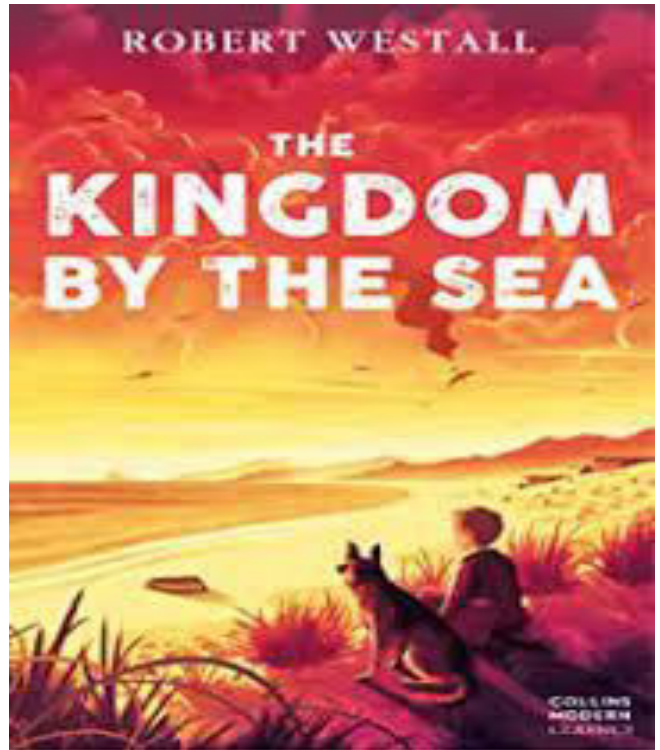
We asked Mrs Brown how she chose which musical we would be doing and she said that there was a choice of three musicals which were Fame, School of rock and Beauty and the Beast. She said they chose Beauty and the Beast because of Lockdown and how it would be the most well know so easiest to put together.

Book reviews

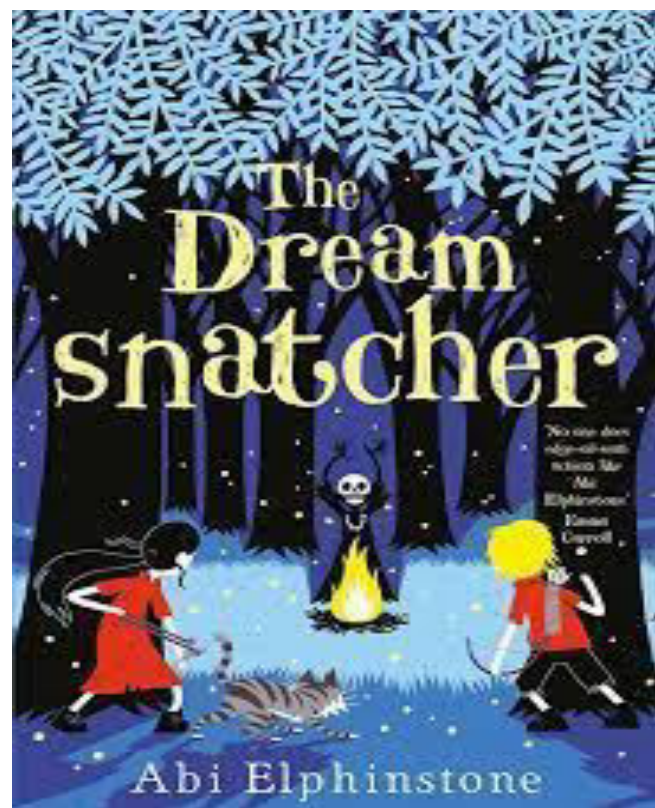
You read many books here at Corbridge middle school and today i will be reviewing some of the books I have read so far at this school.

One of the books we read at Corbridge Middle School is **Kingdom by the Sea**,we read this book at the start of year 5 after our topic on the Titanic.

I really enjoyed this book by Robert Westall and has been one of my favourite books to read here at school.I would rate this book 10 out of 10.



Another one of the books we have read at Corbridge Middle School was **The Dream Snatcher** by **Abi Elphinstone**. This author also came to visit our school not so long ago. We also read this book in year 5. This was not one of my favourite books but I still enjoyed it.



Book Reviews 2

This was a great book that we read at the start of year 6, I really enjoyed this book and it has definitely been one of my favourites to read at this school..I would rate this 10 out of 10!This book was called Goodnight Mr Tom.

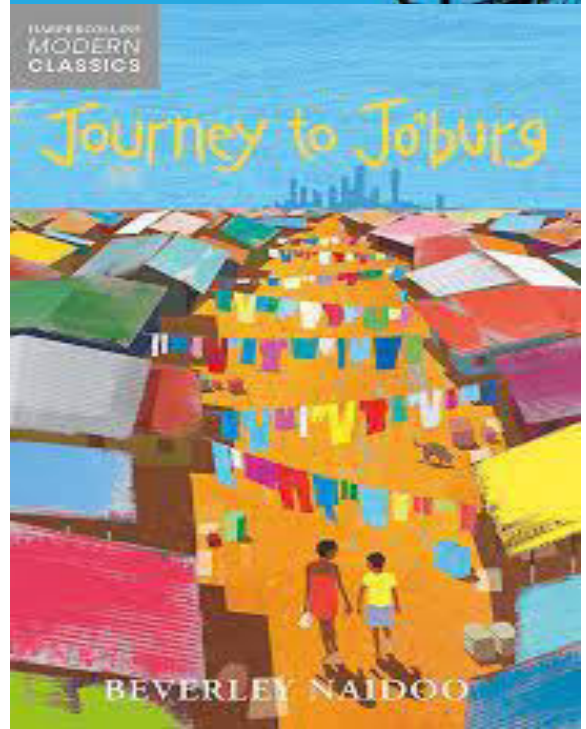
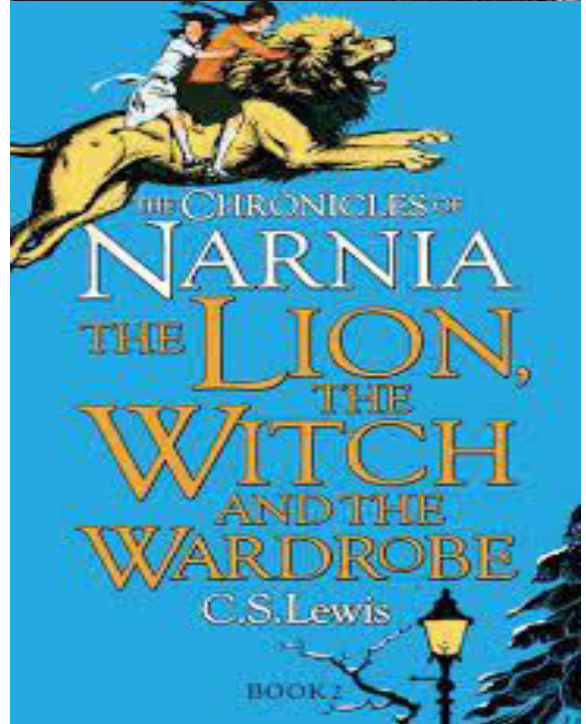
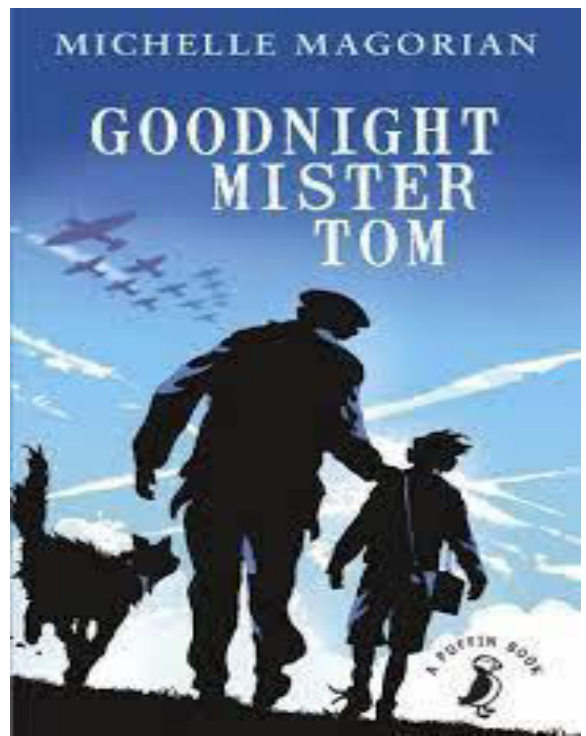


The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe also known as

Narnia is a book that we read in year 6 and we have just finished reading,this is a great book and there was a great film we watched to go with the book.I would rate this book 3 out of 5.



Journey to Jo'burg is a great book that we are currently reading and so far is is really good,we are just about half way through the book and I can't stop reading it,I would rate this book top marks.10 out of 10.



The library is a great place to sit back and relax, it is open most lunchtimes from 12.35-1.05 and it is run by Mrs Ramsay the librarian. There are lots of comfy sofas and beanbags to sit back and relax on. There are a large range of books to choose from and are all looked after and cared for by the children here at CMS. There is always a book for you in the library, Mrs Ramsay has a range of books in store for children at CMS to read.

The Corbridge Middle School Library.



There are always new books coming into the library that all of the children love, some children regularly come in to the library and others don't come in so often but still enjoy some peace in the library. As well as Mrs Ramsay there are also Y7 helpers to help Mrs Ramsey, shelve books and keep the library a nice place.



The library is a lovely calm place to sit and read. There is a range of books and magazines. You can sit down on the sofa or on a beanbag and enjoy a lovely book that you have got from the library or from home. If you are really into reading it is definitely the place for you.

At our school we like to include the sustainable developments and weave them in to all our subjects across the school from Science to Art.

One of these goals includes no poverty and that is number 1 on the list, this raises awareness for the people in poverty and how we need to change that.



The goals include helping our environment and making a change in our world. At Corbridge Middle School we have the eco committee to help support these goals and organise special events that raise awareness for these goals.

SDGS

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



I think this goal is really important because imagine if we didn't drink clean water or be clean. I think this goal can affect people's lives badly so we need to help out and make a difference.

This goal is also a very important one as if we are not healthy we could get very ill or die. We definitely need to support this goal so we can save lives

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



13 CLIMATE ACTION



I think this goal is also very important because we need to take action for our world and our climate, we only have one world once it's gone it's gone.

There is enrichment homework every month, in every year, that has to be completed by the deadline that is given. The enrichment is given online, on the Corbridge middle school website.. It is a really fun project to do as there is enrichment homeworks where you can make a christmas tree in christmas and lots of other fun projects to fit your interests.

Enrichment Homework



I interviewed Mr Blatherwick the head of the Enrichment Homework, he said, "If someone doesn't complete their homework in time for the deadline then they have to complete it at lunchtime. He also said that the standard of work that they are looking for is something that challenges the individual.

In Corbridge Middle School, we have enrichment homework. The school used to have homework in every subject but now they have enrichment so that the children can choose what they are interested in and what they enjoy to do a project on. Normally, all the subjects that you have at school apart from English and maths, there is a project that you can do.

Day 1. We got to spend 5 hours at Stoke on Trent water park which I loved - I went on tons of the big slides. Then when we arrived where we were staying our day got even better. The place was amazing and our rooms were really nice, we also had so much space to run around and play.

Day 2 Black Country Museum, this was a great day as well we had a tour of the mines and went into the old school that had a super strict teacher as well as going in a canal boat. But on the way out our tyre popped so we had to stay in the museum until 7.30pm. We got Domino's pizza and our own private bus tour around the museum!

Day 3 Chester Zoo, we spent a full day walking round Chester Zoo and seeing most of the animals, we even saw a red panda but my favourites were the penguins. We went through a bat cave that was cool we also went through a butterfly display which was great.



Day 4 Yorkshire sculpture park, great day here running around, this stop was on the way home so it was just to break up the journey but we still had a great time. We sat underneath the trees and had our lunch then had a walk around to see all the amazing sculptures. We then got back on the bus and drove home. When we arrived back we got picked up by our parents and got an ice cream.

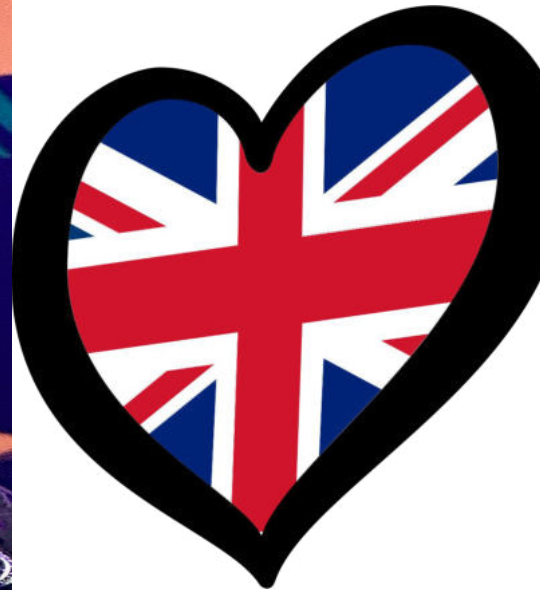
Eurovision

Eurovision this year reached 162 million viewers with record breaking online engagement and musical impact. But should Sweden have won Eurovision? We interviewed Finn and he said, “I wanted Finland to win.” Sadly, they came second just missing first place. Another disappointing performance was England who came 2nd to last with a not-so-good performance by Mae Muller making us fail to claim Eurovision 2023. Our classmate Hannes said he wanted the song called “Solo to win and he was happy when they did win 1st place.



Eurovision Pt.2:

Britain this year came second to last to our dismay, unlike last year when Sam Ryder got Britain to second place only to then lose to Ukraine which was disappointing. Finland was the favourite to win this year with 4231 votes and came second losing to Sweden by 500 votes giving Sweden this year's Eurovision title.



EUROVISION

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The Enrichment programme

We interviewed Mr Blatherwick the head of our enrichment department and enrichment homework on when the programme began and why.

“The enrichment programme gives the students a chance to do an extra activity besides the normal lessons like English and maths.” These activities (EP) started in 2018 when the ks3 pupils were allowed to do 6 activities a year, each class doing 1 of them at a time. This then was changed allowing them to choose which EP they wanted to do. These include football, rugby, surfing, Asian cooking and basketball.



The Cricket World Cup

The cricket World Cup will be a huge event in October for all the cricket fans starting on the 5th of October ending on the 19th. 8 teams have qualified for the world cup so far, these being: New Zealand, England, Australia, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and South Africa.

Hopefully England can defend the title of world cup champions after the last one in England and Wales that they won. It will be an exciting new year for cricket and see which team shall rise to the top.



Healthy eating in school

Eating healthy is very important when you are young as it can protect you from bad health problems like heart disease and diabetes. It can also help children make healthier choices and help them like healthy foods when they are older. We spoke to some of the kitchen staff and asked them a few questions and they said that everything they make in the canteen for us is healthy and explained that they have to stick to a seasonal menu so we have seasonal foods in different seasons but it is all healthy.



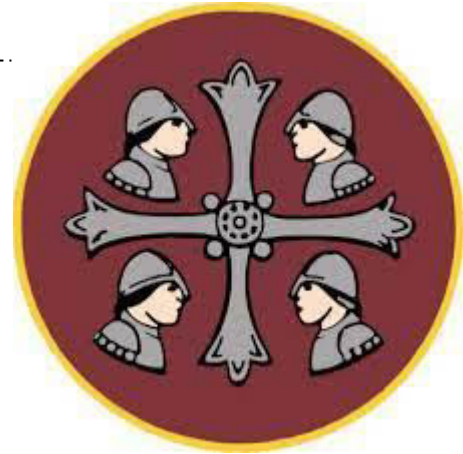


Sport in CMS



Introduction

At Corbridge Middle School we have a wide variation of sports from full contact rugby all the way to dance. We encourage sport in CMS with two lessons of sport a week. We try our best to fit in sports events around the curriculum and lots more. In this newspaper we will be talking to some of the pupils and staff involved in P:E



I am with Mr Blatherwick who is the head of P:E to ask some questions
How do you chose sports? I chose sports to do with facilities , popularity and if there are competitions coming up.
Do you enjoy your job? Yes I do and my favourite sport to teach is rugby.
How did you get into sport? I got into sport through my parents taking me to football every week.
How do you choose children to go to sport events? I choose by attitude , talent , behaviour and if it is an event for developing children.

Why is sport important for CMS to include in the curriculum?

Sport and other physical activities is shown to help children with mental health such as depression and anxiety.

Year 6 Concert



The year 6 concert was a big success, after most of year 6's parents and carers came to celebrate our brilliant students and their musical talents.



After weeks and weeks of hard work and practice, day in, day out, on the evening of the 16th of May 2023 at 6pm they were ready to perform.

Year 6 started the concert with an incredible performance of Adiamus by Karl Jenkins and finished with a popular song called Space Man by Sam Ryder sang in Eurovision 2022 and won the UK 2nd place and I have to say I think the students were just as good or even better.

We interviewed different people who helped the concert become a reality to find out more



I interviewed Hannah to find out more. So Hannah why do you think that this concert is important? 'I think it is important because you don't realise how much effort people put into this and I didn't know that half the people could play a instrument before the concert. So for them it is wonderful.'

We interviewed Mrs Fisher to find out more and she said that letting everyone perform on stage and given a chance to be on stage is very important to her.

I asked what was most challenging about organising a concert and she replied, 'Running a concert is hard and you have to know everybody's pieces of music inside out.'

Finally, we asked Mrs Fisher why did she want to become a music teacher she quoted, "I couldn't imagine a world without music."



Mortal Fools - Acting

Mortal Fools is an acting club based all over the uk and our local areas. I attend every Tuesday preparing for a performance and this term a 5 minute movie which will be filmed in Prudhoe park and put on youtube .

I interviewed my group leaders and friends to hear their thoughts on the club.

What made you become a group leader?

I asked this question to my two group leaders and one of them called Scott explained that he was interested in directing and really enjoys supporting young people to express themselves and perform. Zoe, my other group leader said that she did drama at university and has always liked working with children .

Why do you love acting?

I spoke to Zoe and Scott my group leaders about what they love about acting and Zoe replied with that she loves that you can tell someone else a story and get to know a character. She also quoted that “ it helps to see the world from another perspective.” After speaking with Scott I learnt that he thinks there is something special about live theatre and that he loves that it gives people a chance to tell stories in a creative way and I completely agree with him .

How long have you been coming for?

I asked both of my friends how long they had been going to mortal fools and Elspeth just started this term but Valentina had been coming for four years even I haven't been going for that long.



That's me in the front

[Mortal Fools Youth Theatre](#)

Why did you join Mortal Fools?

I asked two of my friends who attended about why they joined and they said that they had heard about it from friends and joined and ended up loving it.

Why do you love acting?

Valentina in year 7 said that she loved being able to play another character and escape into another world.

Elsbeth quoted very similar as well saying that another part of her comes out when she acts and she can engage with other people who she never normally would. Elspeth also said that she loved acting at mortal fools because beforehand we can play games to foccas.

Summer games evening

On Thursday 22nd June at 6pm all year 4 (and their family) that had been accepted into CMS were invited to have a fun games evening.

I interviewed Mrs Armstrong who organised it to find out more information about it.

Mrs Armstrong said that it was an evening to have a chat and get to know their new classmates and teachers. There was also some food and lots of games to make it a very enjoyable and informal evening. As well as there being lots of teachers helping out there were also around 20 year 7 helper who volunteered to help out with the sports & games with Mr Blatherwick.

Lots of students and family members attended - more than 100 - and these children came from lots of different areas from our feeder schools of Slaley , Corbridge , Broomhaugh and Whittonstall, whilst there were also some children from Broomley , The Sele, Hexham, Stamfordham and Chollerton. It was open for all students and family coming into CMS to come along to have some fun.



Triathlon



The most local triathlon club called One life triathlon they are a family friendly club run by volunteers and based in Hexham. They cover training for all events and even do transition practice as well as open water swimming

A triathlon is a series of events including Swimming, Biking and Running.

When you do a triathlon you do the swim you go to Transition.

Transition is where you go when you have finished an event.

You bike and run wet.



In transition is when you get ready for your next event. In transition there is an allocated area for you to put your race things like a race belt (a race belt has your race number on and you wear it when your biking or running) or your helmet and bike.

If you had finished a swim in open water in a triathlon you get out of the water and while you are running to transition you have to take the top half of your wetsuit off. Once you have ran into transition, you quickly take the rest of your wetsuit off and put your trainers and helmet on but you have to have put your helmet on before you touch your bike or you could get disqualified. You have to mount your bike after the mount line and dismount before it.

You then go into the second transition where you have to have racked your bike before you take off your helmet. Once you have done that you set off on your run.



Dogs <3

The world's favourite pet

5 Facts about dogs

- 1) Dogs can learn up to 100 words and gestures,
- 2) Dogs are the most popular not pet, but animal on the planet
- 3) Dogs noses are up to 40x more sensitive than ours
- 4) A greyhound could beat a cheetah in a long distance race
- 5) Dogs curl up in a ball to protect their organs while they are sleeping.



Labradors are the most popular dogs of 2023 but why are they so popular? Longtime devotees say the Lab's full toolbox of attractions offers up something for everyone – first of all, versatility and temperament. "Well-bred Labradors have absolutely the most wonderful temperaments," says Judy Heim, of Turlock, California. "They are not the smartest breed."

Tail wags - What do they really mean?



You may think that when a dog wags its tail it means they are happy, but it can actually have different reasons such as being happy, nervous, feeling threatened, anxiety, submission and excitement. This happiness when they either feel strongly about the emotion or just any time they feel it or not at all, this can depend on the type or breed of dog. When relaxed they tend not to wag their tail, but when you come in the house back from school, for example, they will wag their tail a lot as they are excited to see you.

Why does your dog lick you?

Licking is a natural behaviour for dogs, for them it's a way for grooming, bonding and expressing themselves. They can lick you for multiple reasons such as to say they love you, to get you attention, to help soothe themselves if they are stressed, to show empathy, or just because you taste good to them!



Three small dogs, two Pomeranians and a Pekingese, survived the Titanic disaster cradled in their owners' arms as they climbed into lifeboats. Miss Margaret Hays, aged 24, boarded Titanic at Cherbourg and was travelling home to New York with her Pomeranian called Lady.

Adopting - Pro's and Con's

Pro's - Adopting a dog or animal can give them a second chance in life helping them live their life like they should and also encourages you seeing them thrive along the way.
Con's - When adopting you don't know how the dog is going to react, moving to a new place, bonding with new people, and being a general new environment, recovering from their known, or unknown past.



Are dogs colour blind?

Dogs have dichromatic vision which means that they can only see blue and yellow, for example, when you throw a ball for your dog they rely on their hearing to find out where it is so if they miss where the ball is it's because the

Ball looks the same colour as the grass or wherever you have thrown it, they can also see shades such as shades of yellow and blue but also black grey and white.



All dogs are pack creatures and are devoted to who they see as their leader. So, while some breeds may seem more affectionate than others, all dogs are loyal.

The guide to a perfect sleepover



The room

This section is all about how to perfectly prepare the scene for a perfect sleepover.

1. Beds - Make sure all of your guests have a bed that is sleepable, with a air mattress or homemade pillow mattress as a minimum.
2. Blankets - Make sure everyone has enough blankets and pillows for the night, according to the temperature.
3. Lights - Fairy lights or small lamps are a good idea, and perfect for dens too, look below for more on dens.
4. Tidiness - Make sure your room is as clean as can be and that there is plenty of space to put your guests' things for the night.

Snacks

Snacks may be small but they can play a big part in the happy memories of your sleepover. Here are a list of some recommended snacks for your sleepover.

- ★ Popcorn - The number one for a movie marathon.

- ★ Ice cream - The perfect frozen treat to eat outside in the summer.
- ★ Chocolate - nice as a hot drink in winter or cold in an icecream sundae during the summer.



Forts

- 1) For the first one you will need, 4 chairs, 12+ pegs, a large blanket or bed sheet, a hat stand or long support, and lots of pillows and blankets for comfort. Place the chairs as shown and add your support in the middle of them, put the sheet over and attach them to the chairs with the pegs, add in pillows and blankets to make it comfy and if you want you could add in fairy lights to add decoration.
- 2) For the second one you will need, a table, some sort of weights, this could be books or actual weights, just something heavy, a large blanket or sheet and pillows for comfort. Place the blanket over the table and weigh it down on both sides with the weights, add in pillows, blankets, and fairy lights if you want.
- 3) For the third one, you will need a small sofa, a blanket or bed sheet (get whatever size suits you) and pegs or weights. Place the blanket or bed sheet over the back of the sofa and weigh it down add in pillows blankets, etc for comfort.

Movies

Movies are a great way to kill time at a sleepover, here are some good movies you can find on Netflix, recommended for 10-12 year olds

- The bad guys - pg
- Enola holmes - 12
- Hotel Transylvania - pg
- Yes day - pg
- Penguins of Madagascar - pg



This is the guide to a perfect sleepover. A perfect sleepover must include the following

- 1) The room - You need a place that is comfy and spacious for games and to sleep.
- 2) A den - A den is perfect for a sleepover, it is fun to build and a place to do your activities in.
- 3) Snacks - The perfect thing to chat over and spend time choosing together.
- 4) Games - Play games to pass the time. Bring a range for varied fun.
- 5) Movie - watch in your den or in your living room.



Games

- 🌸 do each other's hair
- 🍷 make friendship bracelets
- 🌿 do a fun challenge
- 📺 watch a tv show
- ⚡ play games in the dark
- 💜 wear matching pj's
- 🍴 eat alllllll the food :)
- 🌻 hack each other's snaps
- 👯 go live together
- 🌟 play just dance
- 👑 do each other's nails
- 🎧 listen to music
- 🎮 play video games (minecraft, roblox)
- 💜 prank each other
- 🛏️ snuggle up in blankets
- 🌸 have a spa day
- 🛶 sleep in a pool float
- 🌿 go on a walk
- 🎨 draw

Good crime puzzles

Answers are at the bottom



1) Andy is put in a cell with a dirt floor and only one window. The window is too high for him to reach. The only thing in the cell is a shovel. He won't be able to get any food or water and only has two days to escape or he'll die. Andy can't dig a tunnel because it will take him much longer than two days to do it. How will Andy escape from the cell?

2) Marissa and Juliana went out for drinks together. They ordered the same drink. Juliana was really thirsty and finished five in the time it took Marissa to finish one. The drinks were poisoned, but only Marissa died. How?

3) A dead female body lies at the bottom of a multistory building. It looks as though she committed suicide by jumping from one of the floors. When the detective arrives, he goes to the first floor of the building, opens the closed window, and flips a coin towards the floor. He goes to the second floor and does the exact same thing. He continues to do this until he gets to the top floor of the building. When he comes back down, he states that it was a murder and not a suicide. How does he know that?



4) Nicole went to the police to report that someone had stolen her vintage ring. When the police got to her house they notice that the window was broken, there was a total mess inside, and there were dirty footprints on the carpet. But, there were no other signs of a break-in.

The next day, the police arrested Nicole for fraud. Why?

5) A Japanese ship was leaving the port and on its way to open sea. The captain went to go oil some parts of the ship and took his ring off so it wouldn't get damaged. He left it on the table next to his bunk. When he returned, it was missing. He had suspected three crew members could be guilty and asked them what they had been doing for the ten minutes that he had been gone. The cook said, "I was in the kitchen preparing tonight's dinner." The engineer said, "I was working in the engine room making sure everything was running smoothly." The seaman said, "I was on the mast correcting the flag because someone had attached it upside down by mistake." The captain immediately knew who it was. How?



1) Andy has to use the shovel to create a pile of dirt under the window so he can climb up onto it and escape from the cell. 2) The poison was in the ice. Since Marissa's ice had time to melt, she was poisoned but Juliana wasn't. 3) She killed her sister. She was hoping that if someone else in her family died, the man she met at her mother's funeral would show up again. 4) As soon as the police got to the "crime scene," they knew that Nicole has most likely staged the break-in. The glass from the broken window was all outside of the house, meaning that it had been broken from the inside. 5) It was clearly the seaman. It was a Japanese ship and a Japanese flag is white with a single red dot in the middle. It can't be hung upside down.

Funny things at Corbridge Middle School

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In 2019 the leavers did not go without a funny farewell. Click on the link to the left to see the leavers video sent to all of the 2019 year 8s.

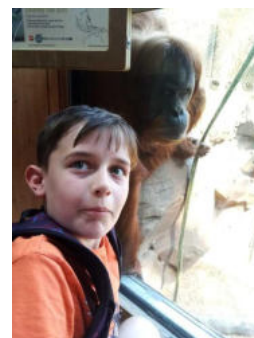


This is the moment where a Emma got ice cream on Freya's elbow after SATs, a truly memorable day.
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These are some of the contestants in the competition on biodiversity day.

This is a picture of Pearl on a Victorian toilet during our Shropshire trip at the Black Country museum.
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This student who made a new friend at Chester Zoo on the year 6 residential.
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Who farted?
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Give me a joke: Teacher and Student edition

- 1) Miss Dolby - Q: My favourite teacher at school was Mrs Turtle A: She tortoise well.
- 2) Mrs Watkins - Q: How do you comfort a grammar teacher?
- 3) A: Say... 'They're, there, their.'
- 4) Pearl Ronnie - Q: What do cats eat for breakfast? A: Mice Krispies!
- 5) Emilia Aldred - Q: Why did the pig cross the road? A: To get to the FARMacy!
- 6) Ms Smith - Q: What's the fastest cake? A: It' - scone!

Dance club

Dance club is a lunchtime club on Fridays at 12:35 until 13:05. It is extremely popular with year 5 and 6 children. I interviewed Ella Smith in year 6, and she said, 'It is an opportunity to interact and socialise with friends whilst having fun dancing.' I also interviewed the newest member of the club, Emilia in year 6. I asked her whether she thought dance club was a good investment of time on a Friday lunchtime and she replied, 'I think it is because it is a good chance to have fun and is very inspiring.' She also said, 'It helps people to enjoy themselves, and, I think it is a good club because you don't have to speak in front of people or do anything you don't want to and it is a time where you can just relax. Freya F, in Year 6, a member of the club who also goes to many other clubs, whether dance club was her favourite she replied 'Yes.' and when I asked what her favourite part was she said her favourite part was that it is a mix of lifts and floor level dancing and that she enjoys that sometimes the dance is upbeat and sometimes it is classical. This is an important point because often dancers may enjoy and prefer a particular style but dance club covers all of the genres. This means everyone gets their chance to do what they like best and everyone gets their chance to be at the front and on the stage. Overall, this club is a good pastime and is enjoyed at its fullest by many students in both year 5 and year 6.



Beauty And The Beast

This year's school production is Beauty And The Beast. The cast have been working for 5 months to pull this show together.



Mrs Brown's Interview

What was your favourite part of Beauty and the Beast? My favourite part of Beauty and the Beast was seeing how many children wanted to do it and kept on wanting to come to rehearsals.



Why did you choose Beauty and the Beast?

We wanted to pick a familiar tale and it is a great story.

Mrs Fisher's Interview

What was your favourite part of Beauty and the Beast? My favourite part about doing a production like this is it is the only thing in school more than one year group can work together on.

Why did you choose Beauty and the Beast?

We chose Beauty and the Beast because it was a familiar tale, it had lots of unusual characters and we had never done it before.

Biodiversity day

Biodiversity Day celebrates the different kinds of species we have in the world. On Biodiversity Day students were asked to dress up as an animal of their choice. If the student doesn't want to dress up they can dress down in home clothes but they have to bring in 50p minimum. There is also a cake stall and book swap on the day. Biodiversity Day took place on Thursday 15th of June. We raised £300 for Chester Zoo. The winner of the costume competition was Harry year 5 and Tess Year 8.

Transfer day



We interviewed Mollie Burnett in year 6 about her thoughts on transfer day. Here are some snippets from our interview.

Q: Do you like that the classes stay the same or do you prefer that they get mixed around?

A: It is nice to know everyone in your class but it is also nice to get to know new people.

Q: What are you looking forward to next year?

A: I am excited to do the EP. I like that there are lots of options.

Q: Do you enjoy transfer day?

A: Yes, it is good to see the new year fives.

Q: Do you think transfer day is a good idea?

A: Yes because you get what it is like in the next year up.

Q: What changes would you like to see next year?

A: The decorations that have happened. (Over the six-week summer holiday the school is getting a new lick of paint and some murals and quotes painted on the walls)



Next we interviewed Emily Holloway, year 6.

Q: Do you like that the classes stay the same or would you prefer if they got mixed up?

A: I would definitely prefer that they got mixed up because I would like to see my different friends more.

Q: What are you looking forward to next year?

A: I am looking forward to one less English and maths lesson!

Q: Do you enjoy transfer day?

A: Yes because it means I know what to expect next year.

Q: Do you think transfer day is a good idea?

A: Yes because it gives you an idea of what to expect from next year.

Q: What changes would you like to see next year?

A: I would like it to stay the same.



What is Transfer day?

Transfer day is a day where either move schools or move into the year above to get an idea of what the following academic year will be like, so you don't get a shock to the level of difficulty or the change in lessons.

New School Uniform at CMS

We interviewed some people on what they thought about school uniform. When we asked them if they liked that the skirts and trousers were changing to black they said 'We think it looks smarter for school.' 'It is more expensive to buy new black stuff, when you have all gray stuff.' 'It absorbs more heat in the summer and can make students hotter.'



The school is also banning branded clothing for things like PE. When we asked them about this all of them had a similar reply to us: 'We think it is harder to buy things that don't have any sort of brand. When you buy branded things it is usually a small logo on them so it doesn't really make a difference or effect your learning.'

When asked whether skirts should be knee-length they replied: 'It should be the length the student chooses.' ; 'I think there is such a thing as too short.' ; 'I think it shouldn't be too short but if it is only just above the knee there is no problem.' ; 'They shouldn't be too short but we think knee-length is a little excessive.'

We asked then if they thought the uniform should be scrapped completely: 'The uniform shouldn't be taken away because even though no uniform would be nice, bullying might be more common if you don't have the trendy things that everyone else has'. 'It would be good because people could express themselves more freely.'

When asked whether jewellery should be allowed they said: 'Yes, if you take it off in PE.' ; 'No because you can get hurt.' ; 'Yes but not in tech.'



Northumberland County Show



Every year my family goes to the County Show to enter the cow show . We have been quite successful in the the past by getting wins like calf champion 5 years in a row and 3 young handler 2 years in a row. Although we go to lots of other shows, Northumberland is our local so it is likely that we will go each year and hopefully win a few awards as well.

At the County Show, there are always lots to look at and do, like seeing lots of animals including camels and farm animals. Or you can go on fun rides like big wheels. There is always lots of food trucks as well selling things like hot donuts or chips. Entertainment is always great as well, you could see sheep, cow or horse competitions or dance shows and many other things.

The Northumberland County Show is all about having a good time,seeing some animals and celebrating Northumberland's beauty.

Bikeability

Bikeability is a time to develop your skills on your bikes. You miss lessons to ride on roads and you get to learn how to look after your bike.

In bikeability there are 3 stages to do, in year five at corbridge middle school you do stage 1.



We are with some year fives to ask them about their experiences of bikeability

Q1: Did you enjoy doing bikeability experience?

A: yes it was great I would give it a 9/10

Q2: what did you learn from bikeability?

A: How to do proper hand signals and ride on the roads properly.

Q3: Would you recommend bikeability to other schools?

A: yes because it is a good way to get fit and healthy but also get outside.

Q4: Would you say your skills have improved since doing bikeability?

A: Yes because at the start I couldn't ride around the block.

Thank you for answering the questions.

Year 5

Corbridge



Corbridge was chosen as one of the top 10 places to live in out of the North and North-East Sunday Times Best Places to Live Guide 2020. In Corbridge, there is a lovely river which is very refreshing in the summer. It is thought that Corbridge was established in the 7th century. In Corbridge there are a lot of different walks to go on along with loads of lovely scenery and little shops to explore. There are jewellery shops, cafes, gardening shops, fish and chip shops, a boots pharmacy (that is right next to post office), there is also a co-op as well as two parks, a book shop and much more. Corbridge is a village full of loads of interesting things to do.

We have interviewed some of the students at Corbridge Middle (that also live in Corbridge) and they all think that Corbridge is one of the best places to live in



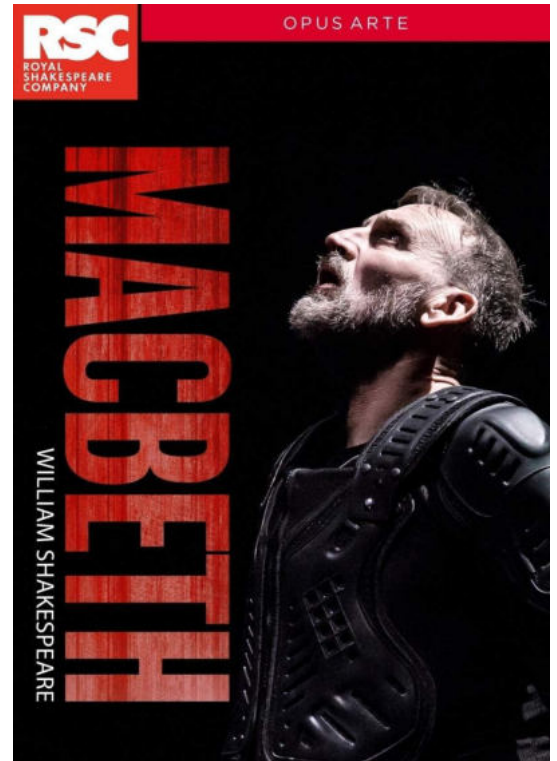
DT at Corbridge Middle School

We interviewed Mrs Walker Thomas (Corbridge Middle's DT teacher) to ask her some questions about DT. We asked her why it is important to teach children how to use the potentially dangerous equipment. She said, "Because if I didn't teach you how to use it then when you come across it in life you wouldn't know how to use it". We asked her why it is important to get children to write a review of their work, she said, "To know what went well and what they could improve on, and also to learn from it". We asked what makes her happy about teaching DT and why she chose to teach it? She said, "It's the children that make me happy and to see how much they enjoy DT. I also love teaching practical lessons." We also interviewed some of the children and they all said that they love DT. Some of the children that we interviewed said they like DT because its creative and they like experimenting with different materials. We learn a lot of new skills in DT and right now we are learning how to bend plastic safely and also how to use a line bender correctly.



Macbeth.

This year our school is doing a production of Macbeth. Miss Jones and Mrs Child are the main teachers involved in organising it.



I have interviewed Mrs Jones and here are her answers,

Q. How excited are you to work with the Royal Shakespeare Company on the Northern Stage?

A. Very excited - a wonderful opportunity to work with an international company of such high esteem

More of the interview

Q.Are you proud of the people taking part in the show?

A.Couldn't be more proud- they have worked really hard and the standard of acting is very high.

Q.Have the rehearsals been going well?

**A.Mostly, some days go better than others!
When people know their lines it goes very well.**



I interviewed Rose Versey who is Lady Macbeth.

Q. Are you nervous to perform?

A. A little bit but I am also very very excited to be performing in front of such an amazing audience at the wonderful Northern Stage .

Q. Are the directors helpful?

A. Yes, they have definitely pushed us to our best and have improved our acting by miles.

Q. Why did you audition?

A. I auditioned as I love drama like to be involved.

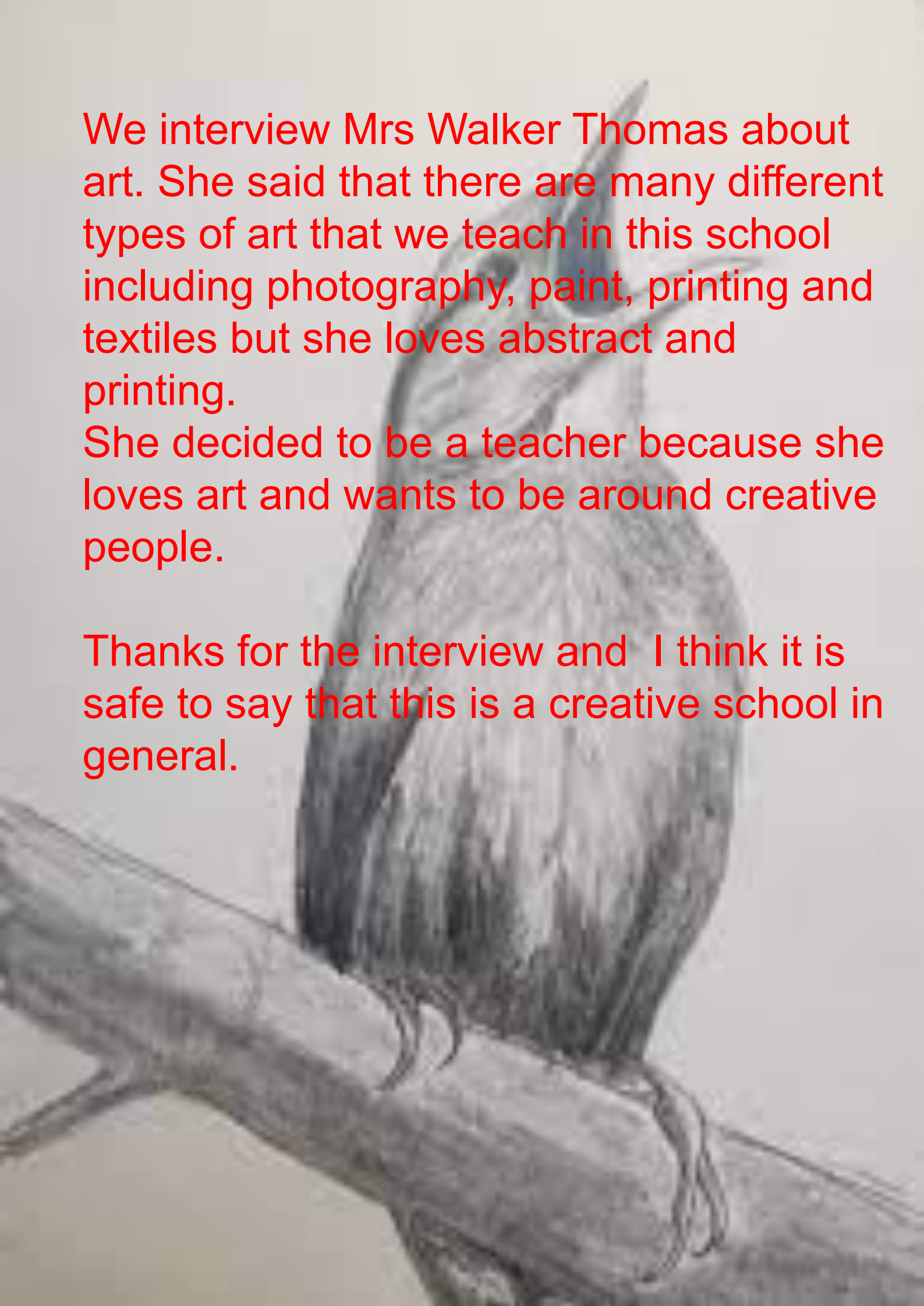
Art at Corbridge

At Corbridge Middle School Art is very important we have one art lesson a week and a DT lesson where we make things. We do a wide variation from MC Escher to Henry Maties and Andy Warhol

At Corbridge Middle School they greatly encourage development of art skills and discovery of new skills and they believe it is a key part of education at this school

Art is about the expression or application of human creative skill and imagination, typically in a visual form such as painting or sculpture, producing works to be appreciated primarily for their beauty or emotional power.



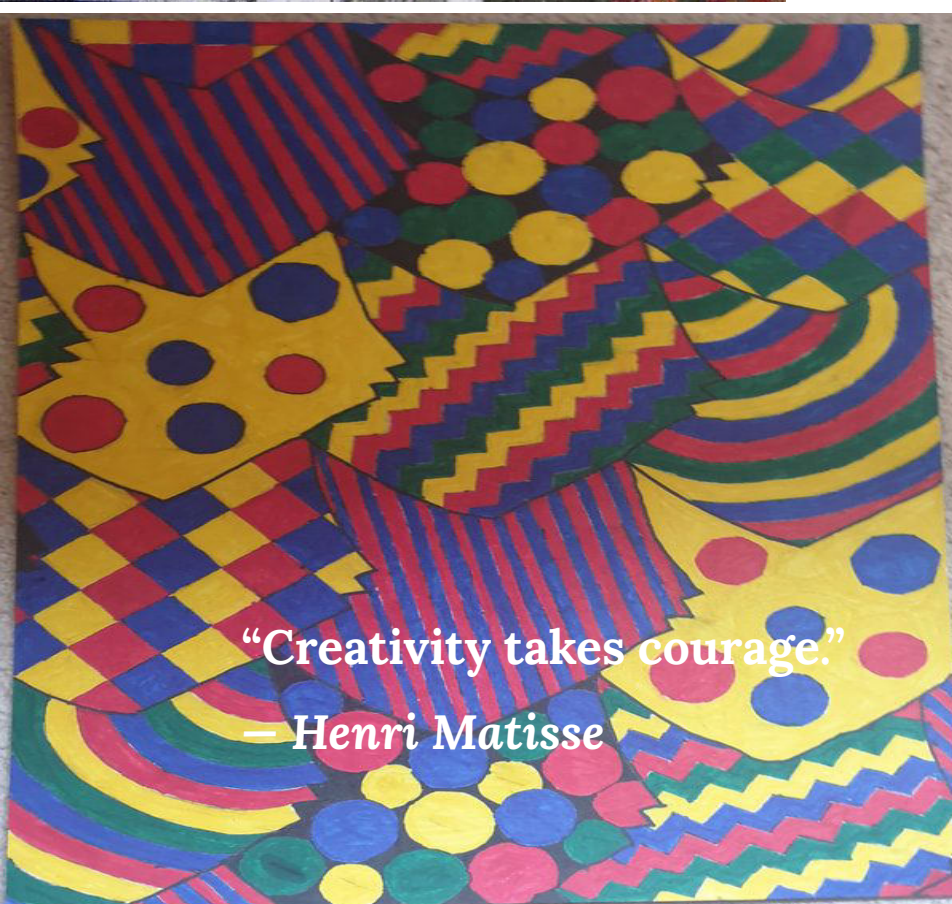
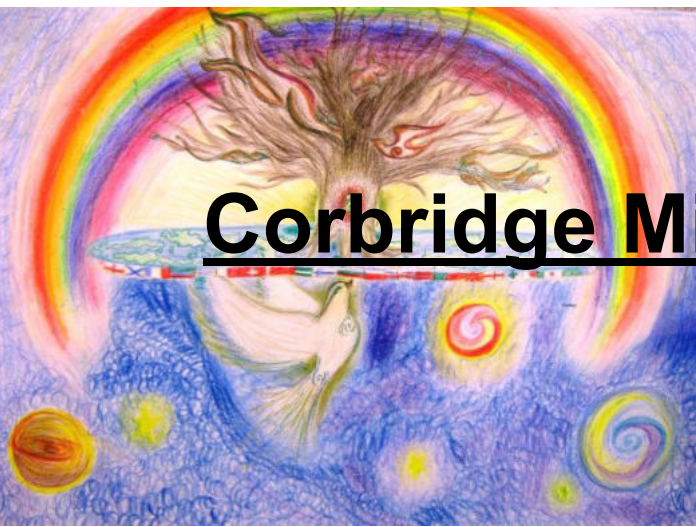


We interview Mrs Walker Thomas about art. She said that there are many different types of art that we teach in this school including photography, paint, printing and textiles but she loves abstract and printing.

She decided to be a teacher because she loves art and wants to be around creative people.

Thanks for the interview and I think it is safe to say that this is a creative school in general.

Corbridge Middle Art collage



“Creativity takes courage.”
— Henri Matisse





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Collage
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Mental Health in school

Why can it be a problem?

We interviewed Mrs Ricketts on how it can be a big problem

Q: *How can mental health be a big problem?*

A: The most common thing is anxiety and there is also self harm and low mood

Q: *What do you do to help?*

A: we can either give them help in school, someone to talk to or they can be referred to an outside agency for CBT work.

Q: *Is there ever any problems with trying to help the child with his or her problem*

A: It depends on the child some problems we have to get a professional to come to school and help

Q: *Can you describe any methods on how you help people?*

A: the best place to start is to get them to talk about it and give them strategies they can use to help themselves

Q: *Which is the most effective method?*

A: Talking about things

Q: *Which is the most common problem you have to deal with?*

A: Friendship issues or anxious about school life