

RAVENS REVIEW

School News

Reported by James Tanner

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It is getting close to crunch time for most students as the exam period begins to loom in the near future, but there is still lots going on at The Ravensbourne School.

In the recent weeks the school has seen two ECM days take place which puts aside the usual routine at TRS and brings in workshops, activities and lessons that are aimed to broaden the learning that takes place in school. For the upper years, many would be involved in sessions that will help open up ideas for what they will want to go into, or aim to achieve, once they leave school. For the younger years, the day will hold a wide array of sessions that will provide a break from normal lessons. On Monday 14th March the “Every Child Matters” day was centred around Healthy Active Lifestyles. The theme linked closely with Sport Relief which is taking part from the 18th-20th March. The day will see people up and down the country taking part in events in order to raise money for the cause, whilst taking part in some form of sporting event. And with the ECM day being focused upon being healthy and active, it is no coincidence that the PE department were heavily involved in the proceedings.

Mr Catlin shared his outlook on the day and spoke of what some of the standout events will be. As always, the younger years will have a large involvement in the day and Mr Catlin spoke of “six lucky students from Year 8 having been selected to participate in an event that will be held in the new facilities recently completed in the Sports Hall extension. The PE department are really pleased to have this extension completed and ready for use.” When I spoke to Head teacher, Mr Murphy, in the last issue he spoke specifically on the development outlining that “we are building on top of the changing rooms with the whole area up there becoming the new fitness suite, which will be bigger than the last. We will also have a very large area for indoor games, allowing for gymnastics, table tennis to be up there and any other kind of indoor sport, especially in bad weather. The development will be a good move forward for the school.” The build, despite some final touches, is

complete and lessons have already begun to take place inside and the Year 8 students were among some of the first to get use out of it.

The selected Year 8s took part in an all-day Table Tennis match and Mr Catlin said it will “be in the style of The Davis Cup with Great Britain’s team winning in last year’s competition. We will have two teams of three, playing singles and doubles on rotation throughout the event. A further 20 Year 8s will be playing an all-day football game. The format for that is 7 a-side and will be held on the field. They will be supported and officiated by the Sports Captains throughout the day with any spectators being asked to donate for Sports Relief.” When asked on how the students will take to the day and what they can expect to gain from it Mr Catlin replied “I think they will find it much harder than they expect it to be, especially the hour either side of lunch time as they will be going on much longer than the usual PE lesson. But, nonetheless, they will feel a great sense of achievement come the end, and in the process they will be raising money for an extremely worthy cause.”



Looking ahead now, The Post 16 Prom has been finalised and many of the Year 13s will have already booked their place to celebrate their last year at TRS. I spoke to Miss Moriarty who has been helping to organise the event alongside the members of the Prom Committee for the latest details on the day. For those who haven’t already booked their place Miss Moriarty informed me that “Only 30 tickets remain at the price of £25. The payment will cover your entry and includes the meal that will take place early on in the evening. Upon arrival you will have a selection of a starter, main course and a free drink. The event takes place at Bickley Manor on the 24th of June with it all starting at 7pm. A DJ will playing into the night after

the meal.” For those still looking to book their place, get your money into Miss Moriarty or see either Mrs Boughton or Mrs Sheppard in the Post 16 block as soon as possible in order to avoid any disappointment.

And finally, it’s usually the school children that are encouraged to dress up on special occasions at school but that was not the case in the previous weeks. World Book Day was celebrated around the country on the 3rd of March and it was the teachers at The Ravensbourne School who made an effort to spread the message. As shown in the picture featured above, many of the staff at TRS donned outfits with “Where’s Wally” and Harry Potter being a popular theme. The day is aimed at “encouraging children to explore the pleasures of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own”. Many will remember at Primary School that Book Tokens and age-related books were sent in. This year was the 19th time there’s been a World Book Day and at TRS, students were encouraged throughout the day to read and at 12 o’clock everyone in lessons were asked to pick up a book and read. The day was organised by Mr Lucas and Miss Halliwell who deemed the day to be a success.

* A special thank you to Mr Catlin and Miss Moriarty for giving their time to meet James and answer all the questions he wanted to know.

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World News

Reported by Holly Stepp

Junior Doctor's Strike Update

After the recent Junior Doctor's Strike, the British Medical Association announced plans to launch a judicial review – and three 48-hour strikes – on 23rd February this year. This action comes as part of their fight against the government's decision to impose a new contract in England. The government condemned the announcement by the BMA, two weeks after ministers said they would force the changes on doctors this summer. A Department of Health spokesman said: "Further strike action is completely unnecessary and will mean tens of thousands more patients face cancelled operations". The latest move marks a further escalation in the long-running dispute between the government and medical profession, demonstrating a breakdown in relations between the two since the NHS was created – ministers say that the new contract will improve services, whilst the BMA claim that it is unfair. The three strikes will be held on Wednesday 9 March, Wednesday 6 April, Tuesday 26 April from 8am and will each last 48 hours, although emergency cover will be provided. The dispute has arisen from a range of disagreements between the BMA and the government, concerning extra pay, pay rises and limits on working hours. Agreement has not been reached on on-call allowances, how limits on working hours are to be policed and days off between night shifts.

U.S General Election

One of the biggest new stories this term is the US presidential election. Americans will elect the 45th President of the United States on November 8, 2016. President Barack Obama is ineligible for re-election due to term limits established in the Constitution. Each party's nominee will be chosen by the summer, and the US will pick its next president in November – the winner of the 2016 presidential election will be sworn into office on January 20, 2017. The most recent results show that Donald Trump is dominating the Republican field, whilst Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders are locked in a close race to become the Democratic representative. Republicans

need 1,237 delegates to win the nomination, whereas the Democratic candidate needs to obtain 2,383 to win the nomination. By the end of April, most states will have cast their votes and, in most campaigns, it's clear by then who each party has picked as their presidential candidate. The final votes will be cast on **Tuesday, 8 November**.

Refugee Crisis

The European Union announced for 700 million euros in emergency aid to Greece as the country copes struggles to cope with an influx of migrants who are stranded in hopes of gaining entry into Europe. The aid proposal is intended to meet basic needs such as food, water and shelter over the next three years. On the same day, the U.N. refugee agency warned the constant influx of migrants meant Europe faced "an imminent humanitarian crisis." More than 131,000 migrants entered Europe in the first two months of 2016 and more than 1 million migrants entered Europe last year. Many refugees are continuing to flee into the European Union after the horrors of the Syrian civil war.

Debate

Reported by Christopher Suckling

Raising the Driving Age.

Statistics have shown that 15% of all accidental deaths on UK roads involve drivers under the age of 21. Research shows that 17 to 20 year olds are seven times more likely to be killed or injured in an accident (per driving mile). This is illustrated by the fact that 2,163 teenage drivers were killed on UK roads during 2013, with many more injured. As a result, raising the minimum driving age to 18 would, arguably, decrease deaths and injuries.

Some view that the maturity of 17 year olds need to be taken into account in order to assess their ability to drive. The immaturity of some young people may deem that they are not sensible enough to be let loose on the roads. British law does not allow citizens most adult privileges until the age of 18. Why should driving be any different?

But, everybody is different. To say that someone at the age of seventeen is not mentally mature enough to drive is a sweeping generalisation. Some people by

the age of 18 may well not have reached what is seen as "full mental maturity". We mature at different rates, and therefore we have safeguards (also known as 'the driving test') to ensure that those driving have sufficient "mental maturity". Raising the age to 18 would have no effect as the driving test is there to ensure the "mental maturity" of the driver before they become fully qualified.

Yet, some argue that many people who are younger than 18 are careless and they don't pay attention to the road – valuing iPods, mobile phones, and the radio etc which will cause distractions. Raising the age to 18 could therefore lessen the chances that accidents will occur, as older people will be more likely to pay more attention to the road than all the younger people.

However, some would argue that raising the age does not guarantee a reduction in deaths. Rather, it would just change the statistics from "17 to 20 year olds" to "18 to 21 year olds". Arguably, the reason why drivers crash is down to a lack of experience, but, an 18 year old with one years' worth of experience would surely be just as likely to crash as a 17 year old with one years' worth of experience? For that matter, it would be the same with a 35 year old with one year's experience.

Additionally, one cannot say logically that one must raise the driving age because teenagers are harming others and/or being harmed while driving. For example, a parallel can be found in driving statistics for males versus females. According to studies, males of all ages are 77% more likely to kill someone when driving than females. It would be just as illogical to raise the driving age to 18 as to ban males from driving.

Junior Farm Hands 8-8.25am and 3.20-4pm every day. Farm Lunch club is Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays. Everyone is welcome!



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Science

Reported by Shaunagh Goh

The Benjamin Button Jelly Fish

What the moon jellyfish lacked in bones, brains and hearts, it has overcompensated for in its astounding powers of transformation and regeneration.

Just like F. Scott Fitzgerald's Benjamin Button, the moon jellyfish Aurelia possesses the ability to age backwards, a new study discovered. With its four-leaf clover-back and its fringe of thin tentacles, the squishy marine creature can regenerate in reverse and even form hordes of clones.

Typical, jellyfish usually begin life as larva, and then turn into a polyp on a coral reef or the ocean floor. The polyp buds release swimming medusae that spawn and die.

However, marine biologist Jinru He of Xiamen University in China saw a different life process unfold. Five years ago, Jinru had collected a baby male moon jellyfish from the ocean. He then raised the baby jellyfish into a full-grown medusae. After eighteen months, the moon jellyfish reached old age and died. Moon jellies are widespread all over the world, but not many of them thrive in eastern China. "I treasure the samples," said Jinru. "When they become old I tend to keep them because I always hope for a miracle." With that, Jinru placed the creature's corpse to a new tank with new water where he would be able to observe it.

Three months later, a strange polyp (small growth) emerged from the marine animal's degraded body. Jinru said it was an amazing moment, especially because it was something that had never been seen before. As Jinru raised the polyps into medusae, it settled to the new tank's floor. Instead of dying, the polyps morphed into a younger polyp stage, just like Benjamin Button.

How did that happen? The moon jellyfish's life cycle is comparable to that of a butterfly, in which a caterpillar is like a polyp, Jinru said. The polyp was like a scrap of butterfly wings that sprouted into a caterpillar. In some of the jellyfish, calluses formed in their mouths if they were injured or overfed. Small polyps grew outside those lumps, and they burst free to form multitudes of clones. Jinru's findings are new to the scientific

community, but jellies are already known for their transformation abilities.

Italian scientists had discovered in the 1990s that the jellyfish (named *Turritopsis dohrni*), which was so tiny that it was the size of a pen tip, can revert back and forth from a medusa to a polyp. The creature has earned the nickname "immortal jellyfish." However, it is unclear whether the mechanism behind the moon jellyfish's transformation is the same with the immortal jellyfish. Further research into state of the cells and genes of the creature during morphing is needed.

BBBS

Breakfast club from 8.00am in Room 17 and Lunch Club every day in Room 17. We would like to invite anyone who has friendship issues, bullying issues or who feels they want somewhere to go before school or at lunch times. We have an email address anyone can contact if they need to: BBBS@ravensbourne.info

History

Reported by Jasmine Silk

The History of Easter

Most are familiar with Easter, the celebrated holiday in which Easter Eggs are exchanged and the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. But some lack the precise historical knowledge of Easter. 'Easter' derived from the word Eastre, the Teutonic goddess of Spring and is regarded as Christianity's most important holiday. Easter is referred to as the moveable feast because it doesn't fall on a set date every year, as most holidays do. Instead, Christian churches in the West celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox on March 21. Therefore, Easter is observed anywhere between March 22 and April 25 each year. Orthodox Christians use the Julian calendar to calculate when Easter will occur and typically celebrate the holiday a week or two after the Western churches, which follow the Gregorian calendar. Easter is

celebrated as an entire season of the Christian church year, as opposed to a single-day observance. Lent, the 40-day period leading up to Easter Sunday, is a time of reflection and penance and represents the 40 days that Jesus spent alone in the wilderness before starting his ministry, a time in which Christians believe he survived various temptations by the devil. The day before Lent, known as Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday, is a last hurrah of food and fun before the fasting begins. The week preceding Easter is called Holy Week and includes Maundy Thursday, which commemorates Jesus' last supper with his disciples; Good Friday, which honours the day of his crucifixion; and Holy Saturday, which focuses on the transition between the crucifixion and resurrection. The 50-day period following Easter Sunday is called Eastertide and includes a celebration of Jesus' ascension into heaven.

Seven Fun Easter Facts:

1. The largest ever Easter egg hunt was in Florida, where 9,753 children searched for 501,000 eggs.
2. Were as in 2012, London hosted the UK's biggest-ever Easter egg hunt, but not quite beating that of Florida's.
3. When people gorge on a chocolate Easter bunny, 76 per cent bite off the ears first, 5 per cent go for the feet and 4 per cent opt for the tail.
4. Sales at Easter time make up 10 per cent of UK chocolate spending for the whole year.
5. The UK's first chocolate egg was produced in 1873 by Fry's of Bristol.
6. The world's most popular egg-shaped chocolate is Cadbury's Creme Egg. Workers at Cadbury in Birmingham produce 1.5 million of these very day.
7. Almost one in five children (19 per cent) say they've made themselves ill by eating too much chocolate over the Easter holidays.

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Politics

Reported by Sarah Ottu

The 23th of June: an important date in British History. The day where ordinary Brits decide their future within the European Union. The British Prime Minister, David Cameron, decided the referendum date will be held in mid-June after renegotiations of the current conditions of Britain's membership in Brussels. This immediately prompted some government ministers to declare their backing for either the "remain" or "leave" campaigns.

The Prime Minister has overtly expressed where he stands on this matter, stating that the UK would have the "best of both worlds" with Britain in "the driving seat of the world's biggest market" if Brits vote to remain in the European Union. However, his optimism about Britain's future within the European Union isn't shared within his own party as a handful of high profile MP's - including Justice Secretary, Michael Gove, and Mayor of London, Boris Johnson - have pledged support for the "out". Both the "remain" and "leave" campaigns are appealing to different people for different reasons. Some recent surveys find the majority of Britain wanting to leave.

As a politics student, it was only natural for me to get the general consensus within the school about this great matter affecting us all. I started with my Politics class and found that it was a 51%- 48% split in favour of leaving the EU. Then I went around the school and asked some students about their view on the matter and how they would vote; the general consensus was a "leave" vote although many still voted to "remain", several students remain undecided due to a lack of information on the matter.

Looking back at the polls and general articles online suggest that this referendum will be close to call as both campaigns have strong supporters backing them and appeal to many.

How will you vote (if you can vote...)?



School Musical:

Watch it live...
Wednesday 6th July
Thursday 7th July

Starring...
Olivia Emmanuel (as Annie), Georgia Duckering (as Ms Hannighan) and Karl Campbell (as Rooster)

Media/Performing Arts

Reported by Joe Mudge

Recently in Drama, the Year 12 BTEC class are preparing for their Animal Farm performance in April. Sam Lockwood from, the Year 12 class, has commented on his class' progress: "We are rehearsing every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We have an 18 page script cut from the script adaptation by Peter Hall, we have incorporated a large amount of physical theatre to fit our practitioner Jerzy Grotowski, as well as being influenced by the play 'Barbarians' by the Tooting Arts Club". The show 'Barbarians' is an excellent show and I personally recommend it for anyone who enjoys theatre.

I'd also like to wish good luck to Sam and the rest of the Year 12 BTEC Drama class with their performance. The two year 12 AS-level classes are performing two separate productions inspired by different practitioners. The first are performing "The Red Shoes" by Knee-High Theatre Company and adapted by Emma Rice, whilst the other is performing a Brechtian play, "Caucasian Chalk Circle".

In my year 13 A-level class we're currently undergoing an intense rehearsal process for our creative adaptation '2084' - a unique twist on the novel '1984' by George Orwell, which is sure to empower women. The piece has certainly been

challenging but it's definitely on course to 'set the stage alight' on March 18th, which is nervous but exciting!

'Break a leg' guys, and good luck with all the performances!

Drama Club

Year 7 & 8 drama Club on Wednesday lunchtimes and year 9 drama club on Friday lunchtimes



French Drop-in sessions

Year 10 Every Tuesday **Year 11**
12.25 – 12.55pm
Room 26

Do you need help with French homework?
Would you like to practice speaking in French?
Do you have difficulties understanding some



French grammar?

Come and join us
WE CAN HELP!



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Book of the Month

Reported by Amy Atkinson

To Kill A Mockingbird

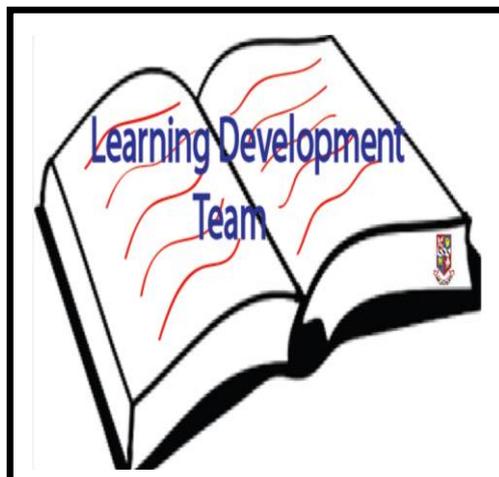
“Atticus, he was real nice.”
“Most people are, Scout, when you finally see them.”

-Harper Lee, April 28th
1926 – February 19th 2016

In honour of Harper Lee’s recent passing, this review is dedicated to *To Kill A Mockingbird*, a novel that instantly filled the criteria of a literary classic like a glove, but which does not require the critical analysis of an English Literature class to appreciate.

The reading of this novel, I would argue, is a rite of passage for any human being that strives to be the best version of themselves. Atticus Finch serves as a seemingly inexhaustible fountain of knowledge for daughter Scout (and therefore, indirectly, for us), as he provides her with regular and profound insights into life. These insights range from ideas about racial prejudice, to the necessity for violence (or lack thereof), to the idea that it would be a sin to harm those that do nothing to harm us. As a result, the best part of the novel is that there is such a multitude of ideas to take away from the novel, that it can have a wildly different significance from person to person.

Ultimately, for me, the novel exemplifies the array of negative consequences that result from erroneous face-value judgements. However, perhaps most importantly, *To Kill A Mockingbird* shows us that we are by no means controlled by the prejudices of our society; even in the face of rampant prejudice and injustice, we can defy social expectations of how we should behave in order to fight for what is right.




Year 9 **KS3**

French Club

Vocab Express

Year 7 **Every Friday** **Year 8**

12.25 – 12.55pm

Room 26

Are you unable to access Vocab Express at home ?
Do you need help completing the Vocab Express tasks set by your teacher ?
Come and join us during this lunchtime club...
We use tablets and complete the work with the help of a teacher.

Why not head down to the Discovery Library, or the War Memorial Library, where you can take out thousands of books, study for exams and enter brand new and exciting competitions every week?



Film of the Month

Reported by Victoria Hyland

Deadpool

Deadpool is a film everyone has been waiting to see at the cinema. I went to a late viewing of it myself a few weeks after it was released and did not find a single empty chair. From the get-go, and I mean the credits at the beginning, it already had people laughing with its unconventional listing of characters and themes.

The film was very honest and didn’t try to make anything particularly believable, which entertained the audience so much more, since it didn’t feel like we were being conned into a story line or lie by yet another high budget American movie. This is what I believe has led it to be so highly praised.

The character of Deadpool is of course played by the spectacular Ryan Reynolds. It felt as though his own personality played a huge part in his creation of Deadpool. The character finds dry humour in pretty much everything and has immense wit and confidence. Throughout the entirety of the film there were moments where reality seemed to pause and Reynolds would speak directly to the audience, making jokes about how he managed to get the part and why Marvel couldn’t afford another X-Men. This added to the stark honesty the audience loved from the start.

I would give this film a strong 4/5 stars, it was made so very intelligently but managed to keep the raw humour that I would say 99% of people would understand and therefore find funny. I would highly recommend this film to anyone who hasn’t seen it yet. Or, you could even go and see it again- as one person who I asked about the film stated, “I’ve seen it three times in the cinema now, it’s definitely my new favourite film by far.”

Congratulations Marvel, on a truly great **non**-superhero movie.

For any upcoming films you want to be reviewed just email your suggestions to **vhyland@ravensbourne.info**

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Sport

Reported by Josh Lethbridge

All in all, our school has continued its exemplary sporting performances since the start of the year. With success in pretty much every sport the School takes part in, The Ravensbourne School remains a sporting force to be reckoned with.

Notably, the school is proud to be represented in the England Schoolboys National Team. Having got through three stages of trials, Joshua Shonibare has featured for England in games against Walsall and Villarreal in Spain, and has managed to get his name on the score sheet in the former. Next up for Joshua at international level is a fixture against Northern Ireland to face their respective schoolboys team, in what can be (as closely as possible) considered as a national local derby. Be sure to follow updates at the ESFA website.

General sporting achievements this term consist of:

Year 9 Girls Netball

Erin Branscombe Hill is now representing Kent and we have 3 students all playing club level netball. The girls beat Bishop Justice in their most recent league fixture 15-3. The girls are doing well in their league and are hoping to finish in the top three in their league, although obviously eyeing up the top spot!

Year 10 Boys Football - District Cup Semi Finalists

TRS has enjoyed great success in the district cup over the last few years, with the current sixth form team winning it twice in four seasons, and teams across other year groups progressing to the latter stages. The current Year 10s have continued this excellent trend and are now semi-finalists in the tournament, comfortably beating St Paul's 3-0. A special mention goes to Tyrone Kirunda, who managed a fine solo effort in the game.

Unfortunately, the Year 10s narrowly lost 4-3 on penalties to Weydon School in the quarter final of the national cup. However, to get to that stage is excellent and being unlucky on the day takes nothing away from the quality and effort shown to be in

the top 8 school teams in England for their age group.

Year 7 Rugby-Boys

The Year 7s built on their success in the previous term and remain undefeated in several tournaments around the borough. In the final tournament they finished 2nd based on points. Well done on the excellent team effort from all!

Year 8 and 9 Rugby-Boys

The Year 8 and 9 Boys rugby teams had their first ever tour to the town of Rugby itself. Both teams played fixtures against a highly experienced Lawrence Sheriff Grammar school. Year 8 lost 15-10 and Year 9 lost 26-12.

Also, a huge well done to the BTEC Sport group of Post 16 who completed their 'coast to coast' 441 mile marathon for sport relief on Friday 18th March!

NOTICES

Please make an effort to attend basketball club, which is on Wednesdays after school in the sports hall! Anyone can come, even just to give it a go.

Year 11 have a massive league game vs Kemnal Technology College on Friday at 3:30pm, all spectators are welcome!!



School Newspaper

Do you want to extend your abilities as a writer, pursue a career in journalism, be involved in a fun and exciting new extra-curricular activity in the school, or be noticed as an active member of the school community?

The School Newspaper is handing over the reins to you!

If you would like to be a part of the upcoming school magazine, whether it be editing, design, illustrations or writing, then contact Mrs McBride at LMcBride@ravensbourne.info or in room 30 to find out more!



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