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MUGA Election

The General Election has swept the country and everyone has voted: even Joy Lane!

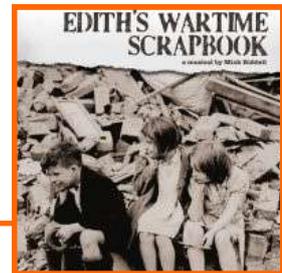
Rather than replace Ms Hines as headteacher (!), we voted on a new name for our MUGA. All of Banksy class worked extremely hard for their campaign, including giving out free pictures of dabbing Mr Ashley-Jones! The whole school was plastered with posters! Poster designs included Ying Yang Ashley Jones, Mr Rogers being knighted, tropical seas, graffiti and gigantic bubbles!

And the winner was...The Seaview Arena, which got 129 votes.

By Axilottie

Seaview Arena	1 st Place	129 Votes
Catman Arena	2 nd place	119 Votes
Ryan Rogers Arena	3 rd place	85 Votes
Ashley-Jones Arena	5 th place	73 Votes
Bubble Arena	4 th place	81 Votes

Mr Ashley-Jones was given a "cool" makeover for the campaign



Edith's Wartime Scrapbook

Once again the Year Six children are preparing an astounding performance for your viewing pleasure (and it will be a pleasure). This year, they will be performing Edith's Wartime Scrapbook, which is set in WW2 and is not only thrilling and moving but is also educational and will teach you all about the war. As well as being assisted in our script by Gus's nan, who has written some extra scenes for us, the use of the Playhouse Theatre in Whitstable has also been provided for the exclusive performance of the Year 6 production. Edith's Wartime Scrapbook begins when Edith is moving out of the house which she has lived in for eighty years; in the process, she happens upon an old scrapbook which she made when she was a little girl at the beginning of WW2. As she flips through the dusty pages, every entry transports her back to a different aspect of her daily life that was altered because of the war. Intrigued? Yes, I thought so. In that case, there I shall leave this article with all of you waiting with baited breath to hear the outcome of this awe-striking tale...

By Apple Crumble

Goodbye smelly Year Sixes!

Very soon the Oystercatcher will be bidding some members farewell. As we all very well know, the Year 6 pupils will be going their separate ways at the end of term six and will be greatly missed by all. But! There is light at the end of the tunnel, my friends! All of the new vacancies at our press office means a fresh wave



of quirky new writers from Year 4 (currently Year 3) so look out for new pseudonyms! These Year 6s have played an especially important role in filling the Oystercatcher with exciting headlines, and I'm sure will always be looked upon as the most influential (and infamous) members of what we will one day be known as the most famous school newspaper in the history of ever. A special thank you to the best Year 6s there ever were: Naomi, Holly, Dara, Kirsty, Zoe and Rebecca. Also we

Year 6s want to remember some of the great times we had in the Oystercatcher.

The time when Naomi, Zoe, Rebecca and Kirsty organised a party for Mrs Manson and dubbed her the holy teacher because she shares a birthday with Jesus!

When Naomi and Holly were asking teachers what they wanted for Christmas and someone wanted wine!

I also happen to be one of the Year 6s that is leaving at the end of this year, and this will be my last article. I have loved my time at the Oystercatcher and will miss everyone in it and our readers greatly. I know we are meant to never be personal in our articles, but I can't help it!

This is Apple Crumble signing out.

Government General Election 2017

A general election gives adults the chance to vote for who is in charge of the country. The UK is divided into 650 areas called constituencies. Each area has a Member of Parliament (MP) who represents them in the House of Commons in London. When you turn 18, you can vote for which MP you would like to be Prime Minister. Basically a general election is lots of individual votes all happening on the same day, across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Island. On the day of the election, people go to a polling station and receive a ballot paper. On the sheet is a list of candidates, and they are asked to place one cross next to the party they would like to support.

The British Prime Minister (Theresa May, picture above) called a snap General Election for 8 June 2017. After stating that she would not bring forward the General Election date, she changed her mind. Theresa May faced the public vote and will stay as Prime Minister although she doesn't have the majority.

Theresa May stated, "Since I became Prime Minister (in 2015), I have said that there should be no election until 2020, but now I



have concluded that the only way to guarantee certainty and stability for the years ahead is to hold this election and seek your support for the decisions I must take."

At 4:00 in the morning, after the day of the election, they announced the winner of the General Election. Overall, Theresa May got the most seats in the House of Commons.

However, they need to get over half of the seats which they haven't. Conservatives (Theresa May's party) are now trying to partner up with another party so then their seats will be a part of the Conservatives' seats. If the Conservatives do join another party, the Conservatives will be the Government.

By Blah Blah Blah



The Weedy Sea dragon!?

This funny looking sea creature is called a Weedy Sea Dragon. They are a type of marine fish and are found in the ocean around Australia. Their nicknames are 'Weedies' and scientists are worried they are endangered. So, they ask divers to snap a photo of the fish and if they have not seen that exact fish then they call them a name such as Dave or Bob and so on. They can tell the difference between the fish because they have a special type of facial recognition software.

How to Keep Your Dog Cool in the Summer

It's been quite hot recently in the UK, but imagine what it would be like for the dogs. There are some tips on how to keep your furry friends cool in the heat:

Make sure to go on a walk in the early morning or late afternoon so your dog won't get too hot. Stay in the shade a lot because their furry coats will make them even hotter in the sun.

Bring lots of water to keep your dog hydrated all the time.

Make sure to do short and sweet walks so your dog can cool down afterwards.

After you have finished the walk, make sure to put nice cool and compressed towels on the dog's chest.

By Strawberry



Movies!

In many films there are mistakes, Easter eggs and crazy things so stick around and read this. If you don't know what Easter eggs are, then I am telling you that you definitely can't eat them.

Lilo and Stitch.

Lilo is having a hula lesson, and the drummers in it have yellow drums, but when you cut back to them, one has an entirely different drum.

Toy Story

When Woody is about to be tortured by Sid, the clock reads 10:00pm. Strangely the sun is still shining.

The Jungle Book

When panther shakes his head, he appears to have 8 eyes; he stops slightly, but still has 8 eyes, so Mowgli's adventure could have just been his dream.

By Axilottie & Lollipop Puppy





Doctor Who—The Pilot Review

The new Doctor Who series has started amazingly. With Peter Capaldi confirming his regeneration into someone unknown (although fans are rumouring that the next Doctor is Kris Marshall, the actor who played a character in Death in Paradise), we're getting closer and closer to the next Doctor.

The episode "The Pilot" is a great episode for Doctor Who fans and people who have never

watched it. We meet a new companion named Bill. She serves chips in a university, and loves Science Fiction.

In this episode, we see Bill Potts fall in love with a girl named Heather, but then, a man claiming to be "The Doctor" tells Bill to get to his TARDIS (Time and Relative Dimensions in Space). As Heather is a water monster, this leads to a dangerous journey through time and space.

Great start 8\10

By *Crashbanger 30*

Adam West's Death



On June 9th, our beloved Batman Adam West peacefully passed away. He died of leukaemia in Los Angeles, but will also be remembered in L.A. because they're lighting up a bat signal just for him on June 15th. He didn't only play Batman, he also played the Mayor of Quahog. Seth MacFarlane has tweeted this:

Family Guy has lost a mayor and I have lost a friend. Adam West was a joy to work with, he was that guy you've always wanted to be around. His positivity, good nature, and sense of fun were undeniable, and it was always a big jolt of the best kind of energy when he walked in to record the show. He knew comedy, and he knew humanity. I am beyond fortunate to have had the privilege of working with him, and he will be profoundly missed by the day. Thank you from the bottom of all of my heart for what you've given, Mr. Mayor. You're irreplaceable.

With a wife, six children and five grandchildren, he will be missed. We will remember you, old chum.

By *TheAmazingSpiderHuman11*

Happy Birthday Simpsons

The hit, animated comedy we can't help but laugh about is now 30 years old. On 19th April, they hit their 30th birthday. The show started on the Tracy Ullman show, but it was so popular that it turned into its own show. Matt Groening's show has lasted 28 seasons and is still running.

For their 30th, they did a couch gag on The Big Bang Theory's classic tune. The episode goes over all the history they had from 1987 to now. We all know the Simpsons is the greatest animated series, but Matt also did a show named Futurerama.

Happy Birthday Simpsons.

By *TheAmazingSpiderHuman11*



Tiger Cat Anime

Anime is a Japanese style of drawing and art. It is used in many Japanese films and artwork. It is an awesome style of drawing, and I love it. Cats are cute So...Put it together and what do get? Anime cat

people. You can do it with any species, but cats are the cutest. Playful, kind, sleepy (no offence) cats are perfect to become anime characters...so they did. There are many more anime animals for you to see that will be just as cute. By Lollipop Puppy



Foods that begin with x = Xigua

It's actually a watermelon! Xigua (pronounced "she gwah") is a common melon found in Africa. It has a hard rind that can be yellowish to green and has a soft fleshy inside that is pink and edible and is known in other countries as the watermelon. It is closely related to squash, cantaloupe, pumpkin and cucumbers. China is the world's largest producer of watermelon. *By Jay Lottie*



Unexploded World War 2 Bomb!

On Wednesday 17th May, an unexploded WW2 bomb was discovered in Birmingham. The bomb had been there for a while before the police found it - well it had been there since 1940 according to historians. In 1940, on November 19th, Germany's air force attacked the city heavily with bombs dropped from their aeroplanes. This bomb

most likely dropped on that night or on the 20th. But don't worry, this bomb was blown up in a controlled environment by the police. The explosion was a magnificent sight to see and all the smoke just added to the effect. The bomb was very heavy and 100 men would find it hard to lift it; maybe that's a bit of an exaggeration, but you get the concept. We are very lucky that these bombs are not a threat to us anymore.

By Super Reporter 2000



Tokio Myers won BGT 2017

Pianist Tokio Myers won this year's Britain's Got Talent; he'll be performing in the Royal Variety Show and also wins £250,000. The final was very close with so many good acts like Issy Simpson, Kyle Thomason and more. He performed an emotional version of Rag 'n' Bone Man's hit song "Human". When he first performed, he blew the judges away. The most

exciting bit of the series was when they revealed the winner and, with eight-year-old magician Issy Simpson in 2nd place, it was very close.

Woody from Year 5 was quoted as saying, "I think he deserved to win, because what he performed is one of my favourite songs."

We all hope that next year's BGT is going to be like this one.

By TheAmazingSpiderHuman11

Songs with Secrets

Many songs have obvious meanings, but how about the secrets of songs? Katy Perry's *Dark Horse*, for example, would sound Greek (*make me your Aphrodite.*) but see the music video, and it is Egyptian. Avril Lavingne's *Skater boy* ends with the sound of a siren, but the music video shows you why...Wide Awake is harder to explain - in short it's saying that if life is hard, you will find your happy ending, but no matter what, trust your friends. Supermarket Flowers took a bit of research, but it's saying about clearing out his gran's room after she had died. *By Axilottie & Lollipop Puppy*

A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS

Lemony Snicket has written a book series called *A Series of Unfortunate Events*, which has made it as a movie, a Netflix original series, and Da Vinci class's new book craze! It's about three orphans, Violet, Klaus, and Sunny Baudelaire. Their parents perish in a terrible fire that destroys their entire home, leaving behind an immense fortune that the orphans will inherit when Violet turns of age. Mr. Poe, the banker in charge of the Baudelaire's affairs, sends them to live with Count Olaf, who is an actor and a notorious villain plotting to steal the Baudelaire fortune...

There are 13 books in this collection of terrifying tales, and there is also a woeful website. I rate them 4 stars because there are loads of loose ends at the end of *The End*, which is the end book, and the end of the Baudelaire's adventures with Count Olaf. Read the end of this slowly ending article if you must, but do not read the end of *The End* so that the end of *The End* does not end you.

Cushion Plant

In Tasmania, Australia, you will discover, tucked away neatly in the alpine, the unique and compact 'cushion plant'. Although it looks fragile, soft and inviting, inside they are so tough, durable, dense, hard and spiky. This is a plant you don't want to mess with!

Because they live in harsh, hostile environments often with high altitude and low temperatures, they have evolved to live in temperatures below freezing. They live in high precipitation lands and often have to survive in frost and snow for long periods of time.

There are 338 species of cushion

plants and 6 of them have made the Tasmanian alpine home, with 5 of them being endemic to this 1 region.

They have evolved to form a dense, compact outer surface which protects the stems from severe cold winds and ice. The foliage acts as insulation which allows the core to maintain a fairly consistent temperature. Each stem produces leaves simultaneously to ensure no single leaf or stem is exposed to the weather more than any other. It grows between 6mm to 2cm a year, making it one of the slowest growing plants in the world! Because of its slow growing patterns, it tends to live longer

and some have been found to live up to 3 0 0 0 years!



They can cover up an area of 3 square metres when growing in colonies, but they take up to 100 years to form and, compared to the leaves, the flowers are considered to be rather big averaging from the size of about 5mm.

These are amazing plants and are very pretty but you should never underestimate the cushion plant! *By Sue Donim*

Twilight Saga By Sue Donim

Twilight is a magical book that is really emotional and funny. I would recommend it to people that like horror, romance and reality and are 8 or over! It is also part of a set: Twilight, New Moon, Eclipse and Breaking Dawn. The storyline is based on an accident-prone girl (Bella) who moves to a small town called Forks and falls in love with a vampire (Edward). His family puts her in danger but manage to save her. Then they leave her, and she has a hard couple of months. This story is by Stephanie Meyer, an award-winning author and an international bestseller! If you would like to read this book, you can purchase it from Waterstones and various other shops. I hope this has inspired you to read these books; please do as I am sure you would like them.



This car is 180 degrees from subtle!

It's the only way of putting it. It's crazy! Who has this sort of car? I mean seriously! Lily from Year 5 says that it's "very... gold..." It's a Bugatti Veyron for a start. It's utterly gold. I mean who does that? Obviously Flo Rida does. He's spared no expense as he gives his \$1.7million car a makeover. Flo Rida also had rims put onto the wheels which are believed to be 24 karat gold.



What the Lamborghini?!

What about this for non-traditional?! This car's owner is 100% for non-traditional colours on cars. It's the work of Motorsport Playground, a Malaysian company with a track record of producing striking wraps, including a digital camo finish applied to a Nissan GT-R. So, what do you think of this car? A pleasantly colourful creation, or a gaudy eyesore?



By BugVey



PIGGY POLICE

Police in New Zealand have a new rodent recruit to help spread their safety messages— Elliot the guinea pig! The tiny guinea has been a hit since appearing on New Zealand Police's social media, posing in his own mini police cap. The latest post features Elliot on a miniature roadside, calling on people to drive safely. Elliot is 'saying' in the caption: "I am not too fast and that's the way I like it - slow is safe!" The guinea pig first appeared over Easter weekend. He even has his own mini police hat! In another post, Elliot was snapped with a toy car that had been "dumped". The post is used to remind people to lock their cars and keep their valuables safe. Elliot wants drivers to avoid any car-nage... The four-year-old guinea pig is the pet of a member in the police media team. New Zealand Police told Newsround that they are always looking at new ways to communicate with the public and promote messaging as quickly and as efficiently as possible. Elliot spends a lot of his spare time grazing on grass, green vegetables and hay at home, and getting cuddles from his family. Oh, he's so cute. By Axi Lottie



Creepy Crabs

Every spring, over a million red, yellow and black crabs take over Cuba! The crabs travel for days, from the forests of the Caribbean to the Caribbean shore next to the sea. They take the journey as a group and don't stop marching until they get there.

Everywhere you look you will probably see one or two. They climb up walls, sneak into houses and shops, and they cover the roads, making it hard for cars to drive around them.

I asked some people how they would feel if 1 million crabs were marching across Whitstable beach. Eliza (Year 5) said that she would be scared. Kayla (Year 4) agreed with Eliza. Cara (Year 5) said that she would find it strange but awesome.

You may be wondering why they do this - well, the adult crabs go to lay their eggs in the sea before they hatch in the sea and return with their parents to the forest. So there is a reason behind this weird event.

By Super Reporter 2000

Sleep Spot

Have you checked out this awesome game? It's about this bouncy ball that's a superhero by saving the stars from a naughty burglar. The villain steals stars from the moon, which means the moon can't sleep while shining because it doesn't have enough light. In level 1,2,3,4 you jump with up, then move with left and right. Then in level 5, you have to jump over spikes and if you touch them, you have to start the level again! Next in level 6, you get spikes sticking out. In level 7, you get spikes nearly everywhere! In level 8, you get ramps everywhere. It's really fun! In level 10, it doesn't show you the maze, and in level 11, you use keys and key holes to unlock different sides.



By Cupcake

Help the hedgehogs!

This term we have been deciding how to raise awareness of the plight of hedgehogs because in 1950 there were over 36 million hedgehogs and, due to threats to their population, there are less than 1 million left in the UK. It's humans that are hurting the cute creatures and one of the reasons is by burning them in fires, mostly on bonfire nights and big celebrations like birthdays. We burn them (by accident) when they're hidden in leaves that we use to burn - then sometimes, when we are not looking, we unfortunately burn them without knowing. They are **ENDANGERED!** We need to help them. They are also getting run over so please drive with your headlights at night.

By Heron the Hedgehog



FIDGET ROLLERS

Forget fidget spinners, fidget rollers are out! Fidget rollers are a fidget toy that sticks to the table and if you push it along then it will flip and land on the other sticky end. You can do skills and tricks with it, and you can get it in lots of different colours. Cara said, "I think they look very fun and fidgety." Harry said, "I think they look really fun but it takes a lot of skill." Woody says, "They look cool but fidget spinners are better." So what do you think about the new trend? *By Strawberry*



(Above) An alligator

(Below:) Fidget rollers—the next craze?

10 year old attacked by an alligator

10-year-old girl Julia fought off an alligator in the weirdest way you could ever imagine.

Julia lives near Florida in the USA, and when she was swimming in the sea she had an unexpected visitor.

It was an alligator! The alligator was biting Julia's leg.

Luckily, the alligator had not bitten off her leg, and she managed to get away in the strangest way possible.

Julia got two of her fingers and stuck them up the alligator's nose. Soon the alligator couldn't breathe, and it was forced to open its mouth and let Julia go. After the alligator was gone, she was rushed straight to hospital, and she has now returned home.

By Spooky Spider

Champions League Final 2017

JUVENTUS VS REAL MADRID

The Champions League Final was played at the Millennium Stadium Cardiff, on 3rd June 2017, between Italian side Juventus and Spanish side and title holders Real Madrid in a repeat of the 1998 final. The result was 4-1 to Real Madrid. Ronald scored 2 goals. Cristiano Ronaldo is one of the world's best footballer and has scored over 100 goals. Ronaldo has scored the most goals in footballing history. He has won 5 ballon d'ors and is beating his arch rival, Messi who has lots of trophies including the World Cup, La Liga, Copa America and also a few ballon d'ors as well.

The teams shook hands and the winners were congratulated with a trophy and left the pitch happy.



What is art?

The definition of art is different for different people. The dictionary definition of art is: 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.

So how is a group of lines art? Is it an application of skill? Let's see what people around the school think.

Rebecca says, "Lines are not art. They are not art as when you look at art you see the meaning of the piece. When you look at 'imposter' art you see nothing, NOTHING!!!" Kayla says that, "One piece of art may be someone's cabbage but someone else's ice cream."

Mr Rogers says that, "Anything I can do isn't art. I can DEFINITELY do those lines." Mrs Cater says that anything that you have to stand and look at for a moment to form an opinion about is art.

Art is art because of the intention of the creator says Mrs Manson. What do you think makes something art? *By Jay Lottie*



The Piano

Year 5 have recently started learning about a moving story called The Piano. The story is of an old gentleman who is remembering the sadness, terror, guilt and true horrors of his past. The beautiful tale was made by Aidan Gibbs.

When the film starts, the lonesome man is perching on a stool as his wrinkled fingers softly move against the old keys of the antique piano. The sweet sound of the piano echoes around a dark, black void as the terrors of his past enter his mind. Then, his ghostly wife appears and starts playing the piano with him in a perfectly harmonised duet. Oops, sorry about that - I may have got a bit carried away. So basically, there is a really old man, with a sad past and the film travels through the memories he is remembering.



In Dali and Da Vinci, we have mainly been focusing on the camera angles and the effect they give. For example: close up to focus on the facial expression. We had to choose a few different angles and then write why Gibbs chose them.

Then we were working on dialogue and since the film has no speech at all, it was quite difficult.

Finally, we were working on acting out our own version of the piano and to tie it in with the previous work one person in our group was a cameraman to film us.

This story is really moving, and I absolutely love it. Make sure you check it out: search The Piano by Aidan Gibbs on YouTube.

By Cotton Candy

Strange stories you won't believe are true

Alligator in the pool

On a sunny day in Florida, a 2-metre-long alligator made it into a family pool. Luckily nobody was in the pool, and nobody was hurt. After the police were called, the alligator got out of the pool, but before it had time to escape the police came and took it safely away. Nobody knows how it got in the pool!

Camels on the run

Two camels somehow made their way onto a busy road in China. They caused traffic jams and chaos before the police found them. The police chased them for half an hour before catching them and returning them to a safer place for two camels.



Exploding water pipe

On a normal morning in Ukraine, a water pipe exploded. Luckily nobody was hurt, but cars and vans were damaged. The explosion did cause a huge puddle flooding the whole car park, and everything was caught on camera.

By Spooky Spider



More Strange Stories

Gardening goats

Max, Swirl, Cinnamon and Unicorn are the gardening goats. They were in Brooklyn (New York) cleaning up a mess that was made after a flood in a park. They came into the park, eating all of the plants and trees that had been knocked over or killed. They came into the park to clean up the mess, and this was a treat for them as well as they got to eat all of the plants.

Spiderman

In Barcelona (Spain) a man was climbing up the tallest building. This man is now known as the French Spiderman as he climbed up this building with no safety equipment on. He said it took him an outstanding 20 minutes to climb this huge tower.

By Spooky Spider

Is there life on Mars?

NASA sent high-tech cameras up on to Mars and have evidence of running water on the red planet. If it's confirmed, there is potential of life on Mars. Researchers have seen small streaks that change in different weather. These streaks appear in warmer seasons and disappear in colder seasons. Water is a very important thing on Earth so this discovery could make it easier for humans to look into this investigation further. This could also mean that there is some sort of life on Mars. Researchers have done a little more digging and have found salt minerals which are normally made from salt-infested water. They think that the liquid has been left from trickling water.

By A.Green Martian

