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THE BARNHILL STUDENT PAPER



TOP ARTICLES

"POETRY ABOUT FLOWERS"

"COMMON SEALS"

"SEND'S WINTER WONDERLAND TRIP"



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Welcome

As we come to the end of another great term, it's time to celebrate the many achievements and excellent community spirit demonstrated by students across the school.

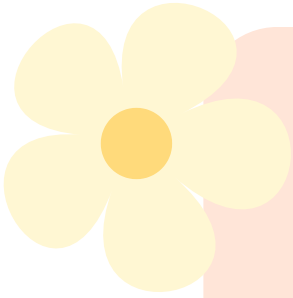
We hope you enjoy the latest edition of our newspaper and wish you all a wonderful festive break.

Mrs Gibbons



POETRY ABOUT FLOWERS

WRITTEN BY SCARLETT 7J



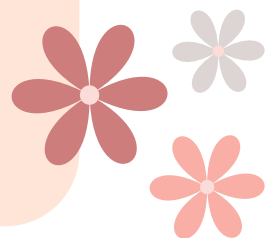
Flowers. The beauty of Nature
Roses, Tulips, Blossoms, Lily's
All over the world for people to see
The true natural perfume, body mists
Rosemary, used for healthier hair
Who are we to judge?

Flowers. Nature's beauty
Comes in all different colors and scents
What is your favourite flower?
Do you like flowers?

Most people like flowers but step on them
Causing their population to be SLIM
Most people laugh about it
Or generally don't care about it

Anyways.

Flowers are pretty and smell good
Lavender is used for calming scents
Olive colored branches means they're DEAD
Water helps them survive
Eucalyptus is an underrated flower
Raising global warning means extinct



COMMON SEALS

WRITTEN BY AVA 8F

The common seals, or harbor seals, are true seals of the northern hemisphere. Common seals are found in coastal waters of the northern Atlantic and Pacific oceans as well as those of the Baltic and North seas.



Little facts:

Population: 400,000-500,000

Conservation status: least concern

Lifespan: 20-30 yrs

Scientific name: *Phoca vitulina*

Common seal characteristics:

Each individual seal has a unique hide pattern of fine, dark spots (or light spots on a dark background in some varieties). The body and flippers are short with a proportionately large, rounded head. The nostrils appear V-shaped and with other true seals, there is no ear flap, though a relatively large (for a seal) ear canal may be visible behind the eye. Including the head and flippers they may reach an adult length of 1.85 meters and a weight of 130 kilograms. Female common seals are generally smaller than males.



Common seal habitat and diet

Common seals may spend days at sea and travel up to 50km in search of feeding grounds. Resting sites may be mud flats, rugged, rocky coasts or sandy beaches. Common seals may also inhabit fresh water. These seals frequently choose to congregate in harbors, which refers to their other name of harbor seal.

Common seal feeding habits have been studied closely in many parts of their range, they're also known to prey primarily upon fish such as menhaden (any marine fish) anchovy, sea bass, herring, cod, whiting and flat fish and occasionally upon shrimp and squid. Common seals are able to dive for up to 10 minutes reaching depths of 50 meters or more, but average dives may be 3 minutes long at depths of about 20 meters.

Common seal conservation status

Common seals are not an endangered species, although they can become entangled and drown in fish nets. However in the UK, Canada and Norway it is legal to commercially hunt the seals.





REVIEWS OF THE MONTH

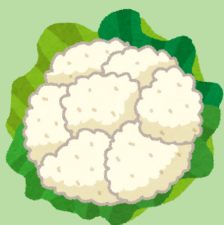
XMAS FILMS: HOME ALONE 4 STARS

Home Alone is about an 8 year old boy called Kevin who is mistakenly left behind by his family and has to defend himself from two burglars. Some memorable moments from the film are when Kevin is watching angels with dirty souls, it is a film within a film. Also memorable is Kevin's home defence sequence and when he messes about when he realises he's home alone. Kevin is a pretty likeable and memorable character, he has a lot of character development. The two burglars are a great pair as they are a hilarious duo. Overall I rate it a 4.8/5.

By Jack Y11



CHRISTMAS FOOD: WORST 5 1 STAR



My top 5 worst Christmas food! At number 5 is cauliflower cheese. This gooey mess has 5.1 on the deliciousness scale and has ruined Christmas since its creation. However it is nowhere near as gross as the next abomination. At number 4, this green blob has been stinking up Christmas. It's the brussels sprout, with a 3.5 on the deliciousness scale. Next this mushy mess when without gravy ruins taste buds at number 3. Mash potato gets a 2.5 on the deliciousness scale. Now number 2 is a further tree like abomination. Broccoli gets a 1 on the deliciousness scale. Last and certainly not the least, the grossest of the gross is cranberry sauce with a 0 on the deliciousness scale. All of these will not be on my Christmas dinner plate!

By Skyler Y8

SEND'S WINTER WONDERLAND TRIP

WRITTEN BY CHELSIE 7J

To get there we went on a bus and then a train. When we arrived me, Ollie, Lily, Skyler and Kadijah went on a big Ferris wheel which went around 6 times. Next we went on a roller-coaster name Euro-coaster. It started off slow and then it got really fast, but I didn't scream, even when it went upside down. Then we went on some swings that went up into the sky and spun around. We also went on the twister ride. After, we went into the magical ice kingdom it was freezing and -10 degrees.



There were lots of ice sculptures that were pretty and a ice slide made out of ice blocks that I went on twice. One of the sculptures was of the Queen of Hearts and her cards and also a big magical house. After this we sat down to eat, we saw a parade walk past too. Next we went on a snow jet ride that went up and down really fast. The next ride was the ice mountain and we did not expect it to keep turning around backwards. Even Mrs Martincevic went on this ride, she sat with James and she screamed really loudly! Then we went to watch the circus, that was good and there were lots of acrobatics, I really liked the lady that flew in the air on a hoop and also one person walked across a tightrope. After the circus we had 10 minutes left, so we went to the fun house, it had a mirror maze, we had to climb up moving stairs and do lots of different activities inside, including a slide and a human-sized spinning hamster wheel. Then it was time to go home. I had a really good day and my favourite thing was the ice mountain ride!

PREMIER LEAGUE OVERVIEW

WRITTEN BY GEORGE 11F

The Premier League returned on August 16, and here's what's happened so far! After 6 games, Liverpool are top of the league with Wolves sitting bottom in the league, mid-table (11-15) are AFC Bournemouth (11th), Brentford (12th), a shock so far with Manchester United (13th) as they were expected higher, West Ham United (14th) and Ipswich Town (15th).

Key results:

Chelsea 0-2 Man City

Brighton 2-1 Manchester United

Wolves 2-6 Chelsea

Arsenal 1-1 Brighton

Newcastle 2-1 Tottenham

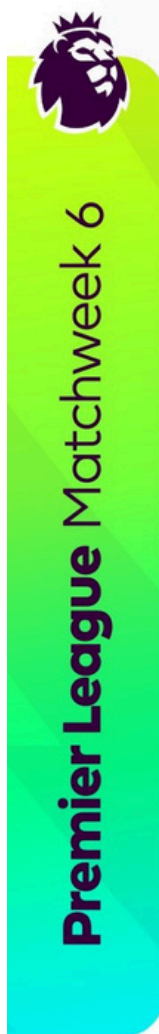
Manchester United 0-3 Liverpool

Tottenham 0-1 Arsenal

Man City 2-2 Arsenal

Newcastle 1-1 Man City

Manchester United 0-3 Tottenham



Pos	Club	P	GD	Pts
1	Liverpool	6	10	15
2	Man City	6	8	14
3	Arsenal	6	7	14
4	Chelsea	6	8	13
5	Aston Villa	6	3	13
6	Fulham	6	3	11
7	Newcastle	6	1	11
8	Spurs	6	7	10
9	Brighton	6	2	9
10	Nott'm Forest	6	1	9
11	Bournemouth	6	-1	8
12	Brentford	6	-2	7
13	Man United	6	-3	7
14	West Ham	6	-4	5
15	Ipswich	6	-5	4
16	Everton	6	-8	4
17	Leicester	6	-4	3
18	Crystal Palace	6	-4	3
19	Southampton	6	-9	1
20	Wolves	6	-10	1

Yellow cards:

On Saturday 14th September, Chelsea beat AFC Bournemouth 1-0 with the game recording the most amount of yellow cards ever recorded in a Premier League match! (14)

In fact, as of Matchday 6, this season has the highest average yellow cards handed out with 5.30 cards per game totaling 318 yellow cards across the first 6 games!

It also set the record for the most yellow cards handed out in 1 Matchday with 65 yellow cards handed out!

In my opinion it's been both predictable and unpredictable, some surprises and some not!

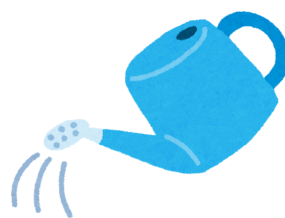
(All of this information was up to date and accurate as of October 2024)

GARDENING GALORE

WRITTEN BY FAITH 9E



On the 15th of November me and a group of students did gardening for SEND around the SEND area and around the pond behind the playground. It was really relaxing and calming. First, we threw lily pads into the pond to make it look more entertaining. Some of the other things we did were raking the leaves to keep the grass clean and look greener, then we placed stones around the pond to make it look more appealing. Finally, we planted plants at the bottom of the pond. Thanks to Ms Dixon and the Succession Wealth gardening team we got all this work done.



INTERVIEW THE AUTHOR

WRITTEN BY SYRIAH 8H

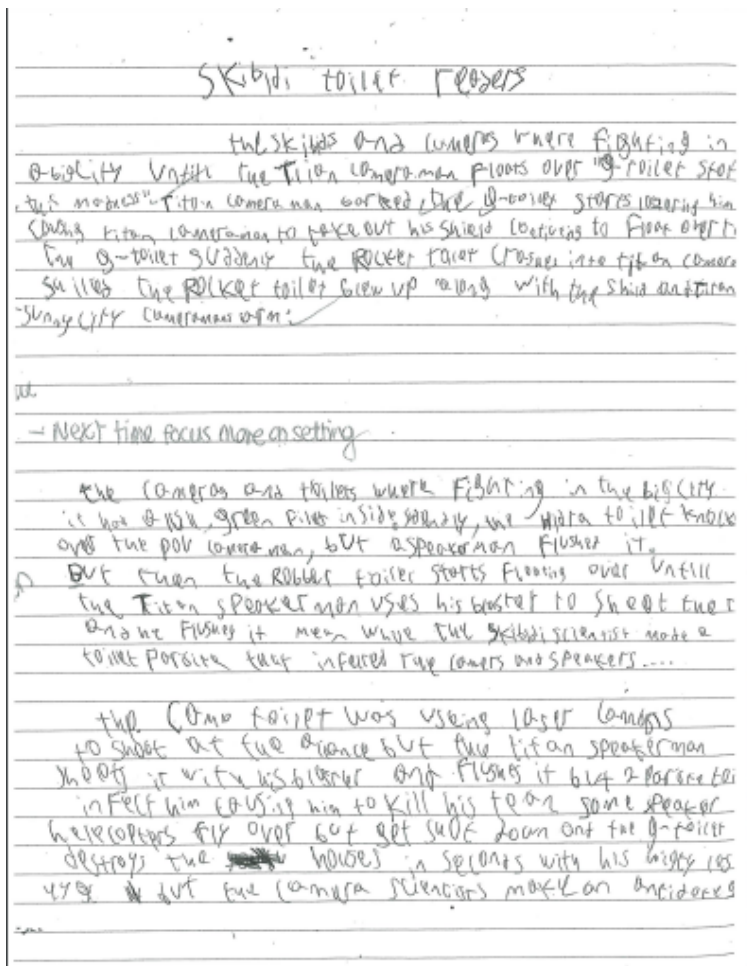
Miss Al-Esia's Year 7 English class were looking at creative writing and stories. The best one was selected for an exclusive author interview....

Q: What is your name and age?

A: Leo and I am 12 - I am one of the oldest Year 7's I think. Maybe 6th oldest.

Q: What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

A: I like to think a lot - also I like to think about what animations I like to make



Q: What was the first thing you thought when you were asked to write this story?

A: Hmmm... I thought should I put effort in or not? I don't like writing but this time we had freedom so I could write about things I like.

Q: Why did you decide you were going to write this?

A: I really like watching the skibidi toilet show on YouTube, it has 77 episodes which I think is crazy as that's a lot. So I wrote my own story about it.

Q: What is your favourite part about your writing?

A: My favourite is the part about the Titan battle.

Q: If you could, would you like to make any improvements. And why?

A: I think I would make it longer and add a new chapter, new characters and upgrades.

Q: Did you enjoy writing your story? Why?

A: Yes because I feel like what I wrote about was very original and I was free to write anything I liked. I think I will write more books at home.

Q: What is your opinion about being interviewed by me?

A: I like it, I was very excited when Miss told me my work was picked. I wasn't expecting it.

STUDENT RECIPES

WRITTEN BY MUSTAFA 8H

In this article I am going to tell you all about the food I made. I cooked Nando's famous chicken wrap!

First, I had to cut the chicken into little strips.

Next, I marinated the chicken with Nando's sauce and mixed it up until all the chicken was covered with the sauce.

After that I put the chicken into the oven for approximately 20-25 minutes to really get the chicken cooked!

Whilst it was cooking, I got a fresh tortilla wrap and added 15g of mayonnaise and then also added a bit of paprika to add a bit of spice.

I spread the Nando's sauce around the wrap and added 3 chicken strips once they were cooked as well as a bit of cucumber and a bit of lettuce plus even more Nando's sauce on top!

That is how you can make your very own famous chicken wrap, maybe try it at home and start cooking! I'm not going to lie, cooking is fun if you spend time practising. I will list the ingredients on the bottom so you can see what you need.

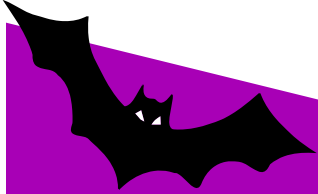
Ingredients:

1 chicken breast
1 tortilla wrap
5tbsp Nando's sauce
15g mayonnaise
Paprika
Small amount of lettuce
Small amount of cucumber



THE WITCHES BUBBLING BREW

WRITTEN BY SKYLER 8G



I call upon the creatures of the land.
As here in front of my witches pot I stand.

Add dragons brain into my pot.

Stir it slowly to let it rot

Pour in a gallon of vampires blood.

Add a red rose but pick it by the bud.

Next pluck the eyes of a woman as blind as a bat.

Next add in a tail of a rat.

If it is the future you seek, this will show what shall be.

Next a branch from the haunted oak tree.

Then a werewolf's sharp claws.

I'll add a sharks tooth ripped from its mighty jaws.

Next frogs breath into my pot.

I'll grab a jar of tongues, add the lot.



THE LAST DAWN

WRITTEN BY ADDISON 8B

**The challenge was dystopian fiction,
so here I present to you....
The Last Dawn!**

In the burning heat I stand, selfless, waiting for time to end, waiting for the click that will turn this around. I hear complete silence, not a creak or a squeak. It is 2059 and I'm sitting by myself amongst the rubble, thinking. Why? Why would utopia do this? They promised us peace but all they did was cause terror. They said they would help our country and help this planet. They bought robots that 'terminated' every living thing. They killed everyone and simply left, without thinking about what they had done. Even my mum, she's.... gone. Every time I turn I see destruction, fiery buildings everywhere.

The pain I endured cannot be called 'pain' I wish they had killed me too, the anger I feel kills me, but it's not releasing. I feel nothing anymore. All I can think of is death... I'm sitting here lost in my thoughts, I feel as if my emotions have been sealed away in a never-ending spiral. As I sit here I can see the destruction-broken and shattered roads crushed and compacted all in one area with fiery flames bursting. I see the sewer water slowly engulf the rubble of cars scattered along the road. The house's material and outside interior have completely fallen apart. And still, I sit here taken over by my thoughts I feel as if I'm stuck in a timeless void, where no day or night exists, but rather just darkness.

I think to myself. Wait! Who am I? OH! I'm Jack a 23-year-old man sitting here. I don't know what to do but, I can't stand here and do nothing. My legs hurt from running but I can't sit here and do nothing forever. I will stop them. I'm currently walking towards the base of where these 'utopian' robots sleep. It's not long nor close just close enough.

The crunching of the rubble under my feet makes me think. AH! The door, as I am getting closer, I see a name engraved on this weighted door it seems to say 'utopia' which is obvious as I'm at their 'secret base'. On the right there is a button that has text next to it, it says 'unlock'. With a gulp of fear I slowly click it. I hear a beep and the door loudly opens. As it slowly opens it reveals what seems to be a dark room so I think it is empty. But then I hear a beep which simultaneously activates all the lights which reveal thousands of utopian robots. As I see this I get these memories, flashbacks, of what happened. Despite this, I walk in and without a thought, the robots turn on and stare at me. All in synch they say 'Terminate' and shoot me right through the heart, as I am bleeding I say "I'm finally free...."

THE END..... Jack is dead!!!



STUDENT STORIES

WRITTEN BY IAN 8H

THE MYSTERIOUS FIGURE

There is a summer camp called Spring Hallow. This camp has been open for the past 25 years. But for unknown reasons, the camp is shutting down and this will be the last year to attend. According to the older children who attended the camp for the last five years, every year a disaster happens and each year the fingerprint leads to a mysterious figure. But this year the Camp Counsellors are determined that nothing goes wrong.

Everyone arrives at Spring Hallow and heads to the camp briefing. They are told about all the fun activities they will be doing and get to meet the Camp Counsellors, they meet Camp Counsellor Sam, Camp Counsellor Row and Camp Counsellor Lia.

The Counsellors send the children off to their room. In the middle of the chaos, we meet best friends Brayden and Jayden, they were in the middle of all the trouble last year with Camp Counsellor Row about sneaking into other people's rooms. They are back for another crazy year at Camp Hallow.

The next day they meet up with their other friends Kyle, Max, Ellie and June.

Later in the day they do some activities. But then their friends decide to go to another cabin and enter the forbidden cabin. Did I mention that it had not been opened for 25 years, that means since 1999.

They opened the door and a mysterious figure came upon them, they were never seen again...



STUDENT STORIES

WRITTEN BY MUHAMMAD 8D

HUMANS VERSUS DRAGONS

Once upon a time, dragons and humans were living in peace. Until one day everyone thought they should kill all the dragons, as they took a lot of land and humans should reign supreme. That is when the war started, the people were not ready for what was coming, in battle men fell, and dragons conquered more of the land. At the human's lowest point, the Ice King rises from his icy castle he sees the battle from Mount Everest and he casts the spell to kill all dragons while killing him in the process. A couple of thousands of years later, in the year 1124 rich people show off to the poor. There is a girl named Khaleesie, and she with her brother is the next king of their land he talks a lot about him reigning the kingdom.

One day on Khaleesie's birthday the townspeople brought many foods and other kingdoms brought jewellery. A man from a kingdom as north as you can go where myths of the dragons have died and humans won, the man brought three eggs which he said had been frozen for years. Khaleesie added a couple of candles next to the eggs to warm them and look after them. One day the eggs cracked, when the man gave the eggs he said if they hatch, then give them meat to eat. She starts shouting to the guards to bring meat. One of the eggs hatched and out came the dragons. They didn't eat the meat until she remembered the man saying to say Darcars, so she said it, and they breathed out fire and then ate it. After they grew into adults, they were used to help the war and still treated kindly, and they all lived happily ever after.



STUDENT STORIES

WRITTEN BY KACPER 8G

PART 2 THE SHADOW MAN

Stephen went down the steps slowly then out of nowhere the door shut with a loud bang. He saw a tied-up child and he untied him. The boy said thank you to Stephen and he looked around the basement. He saw a key and he found a rusty old coin which was hard to read. In the door there was a curved door, a place for a coin a key and an axe so Stephen had only 2. Stephen put the tiny coin in the coin-shaped hole and the boy screamed loud and he stubbed his foot on an axe and cried and Stephen used the axe and broke the door off its hinge and the kid disappeared. When Stephen turned around, a clump of smoke with a shadow appeared. He got terrified. He got out of the basement. He heard banging outside of the house so he went outside and he looked at the water. He turned, and the house disappeared into ashes and the wind blew the ashes away into the forest. The forest started to shake, Stephen got frightened. Then he heard a loud bang. He went to the noise and decided to go to the forest. He heard a child giggling, so Stephen went in that direction. He heard footsteps and he quickly turned around but there was nothing then Stephen heard a voice saying, "I am coming for you". Stephen got terrified and swam across the river. He stepped on the dead body of a mammal in the forest. He also found a gun, he put it in his pocket.



QUIZ TIME

General Knowledge

1. What's the capital of Canada?

- A) London
- b) Ottawa
- c) Turkey

2. When did they open the London Underground?

- A) 2024
- B) 1864
- C) 1863

3. Which football team is known as 'The Red Devils'?

- A) Manchester United
- B) Liverpool
- C) Wrexham

4. How many days does it take for the Earth to orbit the Sun?

- A) 365
- B) 234
- C) 1

5. In the story of Snow White, how many dwarfs are there?

- A) 7
- B) 25
- C) 5

by Liam Y11

Christmas

1. What type of character does Buddy play in a popular Christmas film?

- A) Elf
- B) Reindeer
- C) Snowman

2. Which of these are a Christmas food?

- A) Chocolate hearts
- B) Pancakes
- C) Turkey dinner

3. What sort of things might you do on Christmas day?

- A) Trick or Treating
- B) Open presents
- C) Swimming

4. Who sings the song Mistletoe?

- A) David Guetta
- B) Ed Sheeran
- C) Justin Bieber

by Lily-May Y7