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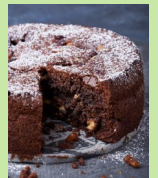
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Half Term Recap...

Year 11 Art Trip: 9th September



Our first trip of this year was the year 11 art trip to the Imperial War Museum in Manchester.

They had a great time learning about and exploring the exhibits to help with their portfolios.

Year 7 Team Building: 10th September



Year 7s went to Petty Pool to learn to socialise with each other and build friendships between them. They had to work together to climb walls, build dens and make the tallest tower of crates. Everyone had fun!

Manchester City: 24th September

The girls' football team had their first Football tournament at Manchester city. They played brilliantly, winning all games but most importantly showed outstanding sportsmanship!



...Half Term Recap.

Performing Arts trip : 25th September



The Performing Arts option group went to Theatre Porto to find out how theatres are run. They also played all types of drama games using their speaking and listening skills.

Oaklands School Careers fair : 2nd October

This year we had our first ever careers fair at Oaklands school. Students in years 9, 10 and 11, and their parents, met with different colleges and Employ to find out about their options when they leave Oaklands.



Year 8 Residential: 8th-10th October



The first residential of this year was the year 8 trip to Conwy. They had great fun on the zip-wire, climbing wall, doing canoeing, bush craft, mountain biking, low and high wires, art and night line! Phew!

By Finlay

Club Focus...

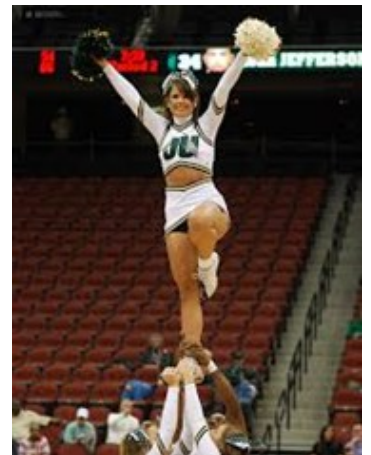


Card Games

Every Wednesday in Mr Gilman's room the whole school can play card games like Uno or Top Trumps.

Cheerleading Club

Every Friday in Mrs Williams room the whole school can go in her room and dance with pompoms to Kidzbop and learn different dances.



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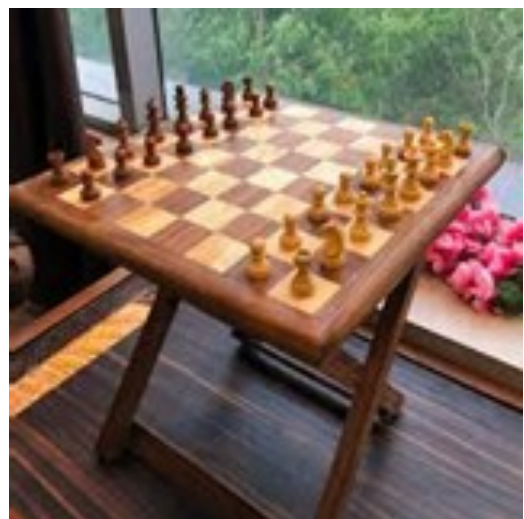


Comedy Club

Year 10 and 11 every Monday lunchtime can go into Mr Sadler's room and they can tell jokes to each other.

Chess Club

The whole school can go into Mr Poole's room they can play chess and compete against each other.



By Ella

Charity of the Half Term...

Macmillan



What is Macmillan?

It's a charity that supports people living with cancer. Macmillan provides information, support and guidance to help people with cancer live life as fully as they can.

How they help:

- They Provide service
- They Raise money
- They support the cancer workforce
- They research into cancer care
- They influence decision makers
- They help employers support staff



what is Macmillan coffee morning?

Macmillan coffee morning is their biggest fundraising event to support people living with cancer. Since 1990, Coffee Morning has brought together millions of people from across the UK to have fun and raise money for a good cause. They raise vital funds to support the almost 3.5 million people in the UK living with cancer. This is the worlds biggest coffee morning fundraiser.



Our coffee morning

Our Macmillan coffee morning was on Friday 26th September. We baked and sold cakes for students and their parents and carers. All students baked cakes in their cooking lessons, and those doing hospitality helped with selling the cakes. Hospitality also served tea and coffee.

We had lots of parents visit and buy cakes! We raised over £900 for the Macmillan cancer charity from our coffee morning and non-uniform day.



By Alyssa

Chocolate brownie cake

By Chelsea

Ingredients

For the main cake

cooking spray
2 cups all purpose flour
1 cup white sugar
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup brown sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup water
 $\frac{2}{3}$ cup vegetable oil
 $\frac{1}{3}$ cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract



Chocolate frosting

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup confectioners' sugar
3 tablespoons butter, softened
2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
1 tablespoon milk, or more to taste
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup caramel ice cream topping, or to taste confectioners.

Instruction

Step 1: preheat the oven to 350 degrees f (175 degrees). Grease a 9x13-inch baking pan with cooking

Step 2: To make the brownie cake layer: Stir flour spray. white sugar, brown sugar, cocoa powder, baking

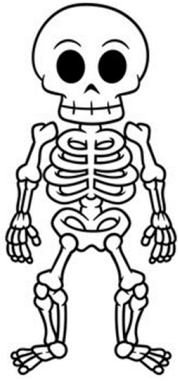
powder, and salt together in a large bowl. Pour in water, vegetable oil, milk, and vanilla extract; mix until well blended. Spread into the prepared pan

Step 3: bake in preheated oven until top is dry and edges have started to pull away from the sides of the pan, let cool completely, about 30 minutes.

Step 4: to make frosting: stir confectioners' sugar, butter and cocoa powder together in a bowl until smooth. Mix in enough milk to reach a spreading consistency.

Step 5: spread frosting over cooled brownies cake layer; drizzle caramel topping on top. cut into squares.

Halloween Jokes



Why didn't the skeleton go to prom?

He had no body to go with



Knock Knock?

Who's there?

Phillip!

Phillip who?

Phillip my bag with candy!



Why are ghosts bad liars?

You can see right through them!

By CJ



Who did the scary ghost invite to his party?

Any old friend he could dig up!



What do you call a spider with 20 eyes?

A spiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiider



Why don't ghosts like rain?

Because it dampens their spirits.



Ten Minutes with...

In each newspaper we interview a teacher, spending 10 minutes firing questions at them to get to know them.

This issue, we spend 10 minutes with Mr Sadler!

How long have you worked at Oaklands for?

9 Years and 6 months

What is your favourite thing about Oaklands?

The students.

If you weren't a teacher, what would you be?

An electrical engineer.



What were you like when you were in high school?

I was not focused and also I was the class clown.

What was your first job?

I was a handbag salesman.

What hobbies do you have?

I enjoy playing golf, bowling, Xbox and watching Star Wars.



Do you have any pets?

I have four dogs!

If you were an animal, what
would you be?

I'd like to be an orca.



Speed Round:

Colour: *red and black*

Animal: *orca*

Sport: *football*

Food: *pizza*

Take away: *Birch and Bottle*

Drink: *coffee*

TV show: *Mandalorian*

Film: *Rogue 1*



By Harvey M

Charity of the Half Term....

Mid Cheshire Foodbank



What is the Mid Cheshire foodbank?

It's a charity that are working to tackle food poverty and hunger in our local communities. Mid Cheshire Foodbank is entirely reliant on donations from the public and other organisations to operate and provide food to people in crisis.

Our Donations

During harvest we worked really hard as a school to collect lots of food for the foodbank. We had a harvest assembly where we sang our harvest song, learnt about the importance of harvest and collected donations.

We are very thankful for students and teachers who donated. We collected over 6 crates of food as a school to donate to the Mid Cheshire foodbank.



What can I donate?

- Jam
- Long life fruit juice
- Coffee
- Desserts - Jelly, Rice Pudding
- Long Life Milk
- Custard
- Tinned/Mashed Potatoes
- Instant Noodle Meals
- Spaghetti hoops
- Baked Beans
- Cereal



Where can I take donations?

- Tesco Northwich
- Asda Northwich
- Asda Winsford
- Waitrose Northwich
- Morrisons Winsford
- Spar stores around Northwich and Winsford
- Co Op stores around Northwich and Winsford



By Harvey C

Tallylyn Railway

What is the Tallylyn Railway?

The Tallylyn Railway is the oldest Heritage Railway in the world (and the UK) dating back to 1865.

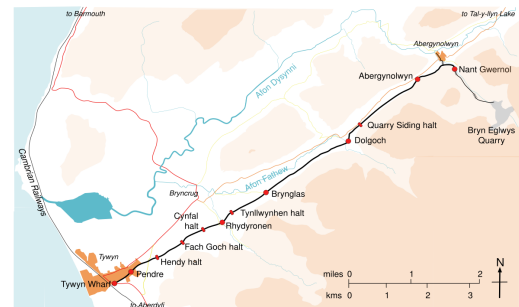


Recommendation

The Tallylyn Railway is the perfect place for a day trip out, Even in the holidays, it is still a perfect place for families to have the greatest day out of their lives.

Route

The railway's route goes from Tywyn Wharf to Nant Gwernol.



Route of the entire railway.

How many engines are there?

There are 11 locos running the railway, Although 4 of them are diesels, the diesels are only used for maintenance and odd jobs throughout the railway, whilst the steam engines pull passengers across the line.

Did you know Fact?

The Tallylyn Railway is the main inspiration of the Skarloey Railway in the children's TV/book series Thomas and Friends/ The Railway Series, Nearly all engines from the Tallylyn Railway are portrayed as fictionalized versions of themselves.



Written by Ben H



The Skarloey Railway, which is the Tallylyn Railway's fictional counterpart, appears in the children's series Thomas and Friends.

Puzzle Page!

Try and solve these spooky puzzles in our Halloween special.

Taken from www.kidspuzzlesandgames.co.uk

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K	L	O	O	R	M	A	P	E
I	L	M	I	I	C	K	S	R
N	A	C	S	P	O	O	K	Y
B	K	P	U	M	S	P	T	R

Word Search

BAT
MONSTER
PUMPKIN
SKELETON
SPELL
SPOOKY
TREAT
TRICK



Skeleton

How many words can you make from the letters in SKELETON?

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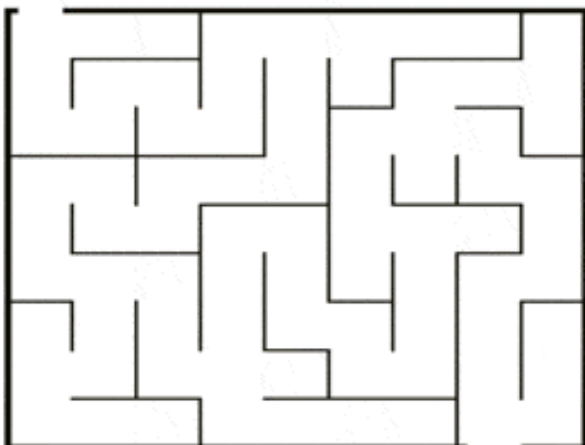
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Spot the twelve differences



Ten Minutes with...

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This issue, we spend 10 minutes with George in Year 11.

Which form are you in? *Mr Sadler*

What's your favourite lesson? *Science and ICT*

Who is your favourite teacher and why? *Miss Savage because she's nice and lenient.*

What hobbies do you have outside of school?
Orientation, Computer and Lego.



Do you have any pets? *Not anymore.*



What is your favourite memory at Oaklands?

Alton Towers or

Chester zoo workshop.

If you could change one thing about Oaklands, what would you change? Uniform, I would make our Pe kit our actual uniform and in year 11 and 12 you change to our own clothes but dress, like your work experience role.

What clubs do you go to? In school, Art GCSE, Science GCSE, board games, chess (sometimes),. I always look forward to doing art and science revision back to back.

Speed Round:

Colour: none



Animal: none...humans?

Sport: Playing mini golf during the evening whilst playing classical music.

Food: pizza/chocolate brownies/ chocolate fudge cake warmed up with icing sugar sprinkled over.

Take away: Nando's, four boneless chicken thighs, medium sauce, chips and garlic bread!

Drink: San Francisco- non alcoholic of course!

TV show: The Rookie

Film: SWAT: Firefight, James bond, Mission Impossible or the original Jurassic Park.

By Harvey M

Year 12 Work Experience

For the last three weeks Ella and Harvey M have been to Whitegate café every Friday 9:30am to 2:00pm. They ask the customers what they want at the till and then give them a wooden spoon with a table number on it. When the staff have made the hot drinks, cold drinks and food, they put it on a tray. Then Ella and Harvey take the order to the table in the garden, the sidings or the platform. Also they had to chop leeks and potatoes to make soup.

On the first week at the café when Ella was carrying Americanos to the platform to some customers, she spilt the americanos everywhere!!

When it was 1pm one of the staff made Ella and Harvey M toasties. Ella had a cheese toastie while Harvey had a cheese and onion toastie.



By Ella

MOVIE QUIZ

There are 10 questions, Can you get them all right?

1. What movie has a clownfish and a blue tang search for lost parents?
2. What movie is based off a blocky game?
3. What movie has a K-pop band that slays demons?
4. What movie has emotions that live inside a little girls head?
5. Which Star Wars movie is episode II?
6. Which movie features the quote "I'll be back"?
7. What year was Mean Girls released?
8. How many feature films have Pixar made?
9. What movie was top 1 on the box office in 2021
10. How many movies are there in the Transformers franchise?



Turn the page
for the answers!

MOVIE QUIZ

ANSWERS...

1: Finding Dory



2: A Minecraft Movie

3: K-Pop Demon Hunters



4: Inside Out

5: Attack of the Clones

6: Terminator

7: Mean Girls was released in 2004

8: There are 29 Pixar feature films



9: Spider Man: No Way Home

10: There are 10 Transformers films



By Ben

Autumn crafts

Autumn crafts people can do at home and how to make it .

You Will Need:

Newspaper
Orange paint
Paintbrushes
Toilet roll tube
2 white cupcake cases
3 black beads
Glue



By Chelsea

Instructions

Step 1: lay down newspaper to protect the work surface. Paint the toilet roll tube orange and leave it to dry.

Step 2 : Open both cupcake cases out flat, fold both in a half then a quarter than a half again. To make the face, open one of the cases back out so that it is a quarter fold with a crease down the middle. Glue the inside folded quarters flat together. To make the tail, glue the second case together so you have a thinner cone shape.

Step 3: Paint the two folded cupcakes cases orange, leaving the tips unpainted for the tail and nose. Leave to dry, then turn over and paint the undersides. leave to dry.

Step 4 : Once the body is dry, create the ears by pressing the top front and the top back of the tube in towards the centre.

Step 5 : Glue two beads onto the face for eyes and another for the nose. Stick the fox's face to its body and glue the tail in lace at the back, pointy side out.

Halloween Quiz

By Chelsea

1. In what country did Halloween originate?

2. What were the first Jack-o'-lanterns carved from?

3. What does the word "Halloween" mean?

4. What is the name of the Celtic festival that Halloween is rooted in?

5. Why do people celebrate Halloween?



Answers

1. Ireland
2. Turnips
3. All Saints Eve
4. Samhain
5. people celebrate Halloween because they believe on the 31st of October the dead comes back to life.