



The Insight

Stowupland High School's Sixth Edition

EGGCELLENT EASTER EDITION

We, The Insight, welcome you to this edition of our school newspaper! We have a fresh batch of wonderful articles for you to delve deep into.

As you know, Easter and Valentine's day are just around the corner and we at The Insight have a wide range of international stories that look back on this year and take a deep dive into the logistics of those events! At the very beginning of the year, Croatia adopted the Euro and entered

the Eurozone (as the first enlargement to the Eurozone since Liechtenstein joined). The second round of the Czech presidential election was held with Petr Pavel being declared as the winner!

On February 6th, a devastating earthquake struck Turkey and Syria with hundreds of casualties and thousands of injured people; help has been sent from all around the globe!

The next major event was Valentine's day, where millions of people expressed their unconditional love!

These are the main events so far but there are predictions to what will happen next, these include a few parliamentary elections in countries such as Estonia. We look forward to the year ahead of us, so quench your thirst for knowledge and indulge in a variety of puzzles and stories all laid out before you!

By Lotti Horvath

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Easter Egg Competition Inside!

Count how many Easter Eggs are in this edition.

If discovered, hand in your entry to Miss Leadon for a prize!

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to the Sixth Edition of Stowupland High School! We cannot believe it is this time already! We hope you enjoy this edition as much as we do!

With a new edition comes lots of new things like: Valentines Day, Easter and News. Also, we have upgraded the quality of what is in the newspaper. Thank

you to the wonderful people in Newspaper Club who helped contribute to this edition, we couldn't have done it without you! Thank you to all those who helped us make this edition the best one ever: Petal Brimson, Paige Cobbold, Lily Zoe-Ann Hawkins, Zachary Holman, Jack Mullet, Ethan Smullen, Elliott Stanley, Fern-Thomas-Hay, Aimee

Chapman, Jakob Wasag and Thomas Watson. Also, I want to thank the editors: Lotti Horvath and myself- Joshua Bridges! But we couldn't have done it without Miss Leadon, the teacher who organised this club. Enjoy this edition, we hope you like it!

By Joshua Bridges



A NOTE FROM OUR CHIEF EDITOR

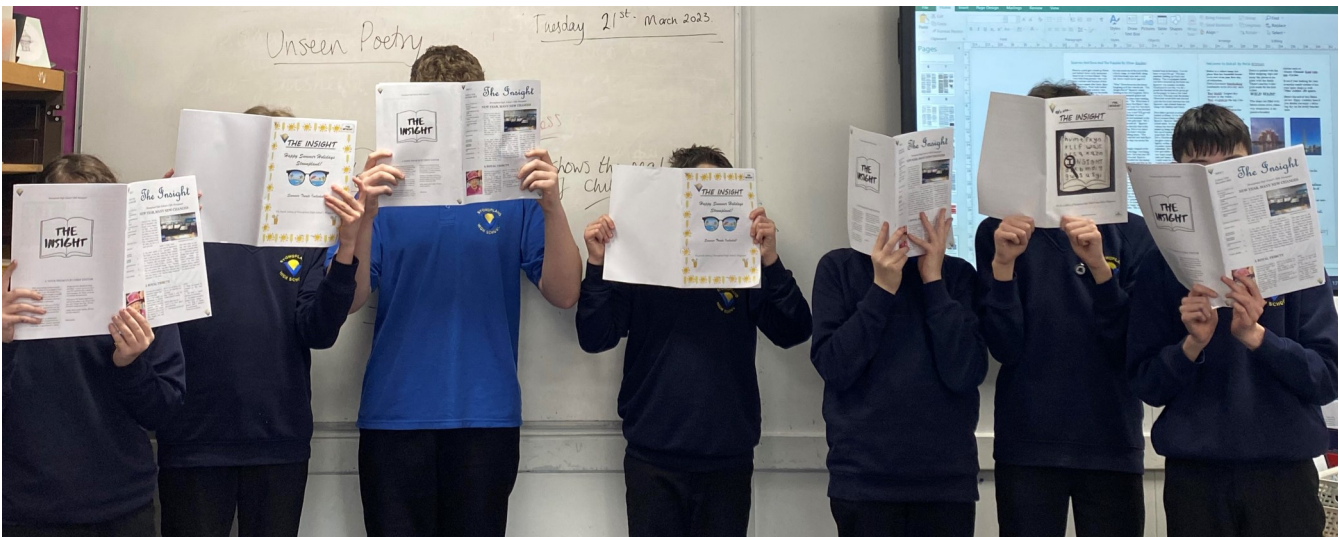
Hello and welcome to our sixth edition to The Insight. What a term it has been—and what an edition of the paper!

The Insight team have been working extremely hard over the last term. They have seen various events happening at school and nationwide;

teacher strikes occurred this term, as well as various school trips and visitors into school!

I would like to say a big thank you to the team for working tirelessly to produce the fantastic articles and stories in this paper. I would also like to thank **you** for staying

with us and reading the next edition! I would like to draw your attention to our new sections—including a huge 'International News' section written by our fantastic editor, Lotti! Well done everyone for your hard work... and enjoy the Easter break!

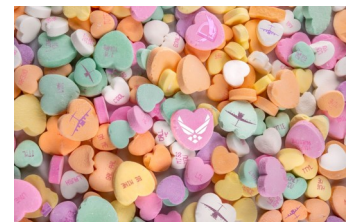


The Origin of Valentine's Day by Joshua Bridges

We all know the popular February holiday, but how did it originate? How did it become the festival of love it is today? This is the origin of Valentine's day.

Origins

Because both are similar, many suggest that the popular holiday originated from the Roman holiday Lupercalia, which took place in mid February, around the same time as Valentine's day. The festival celebrated the beginning of spring and also included fertility ceremonies and unity. In the late 5th century, the Pope: Pope Gelasius I, banned the celebration and it is often said to have replaced it with Valentines'.



Have a look on the next page for our Valentine special articles. It may tug at the heart strings...

Literacy Champions By Lotti Horvath

Here at Stowupland High School, we have stumbled upon a fabulous opportunity! Many of our students have signed up to be a Literacy Champion and have volunteered to participate in various activities that encourage literacy within our community and broader areas. But... what are Literacy Champions? What do they do? Find out in this article!

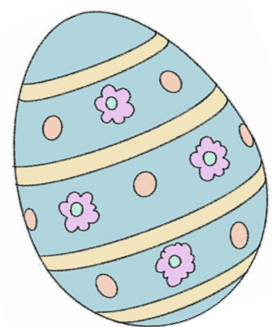
Literacy Champions is a group of students and adults who work together to improve literacy by utilising clever extra-curricular activities designed to teach students; it is focused around absorbing ideas from pupils who have registered to help. We plan out events that can be used to encourage the reading of books. Recently, we have created and directed a character-making competition where students will compete against one another in designing a character from a book. Literacy champions is all about encouraging people to read, write, and showing the opportunities that spring forth from it.

Being a literacy champion is not only about reading. We intertwine communication,

art, sport and other subjects to our message. We use other subjects such as art and link that back to our main goal of spreading awareness of our projects. A good example of this is with our character-making contest, where competitors create a character out of clay or any other materials. We have linked this back to reading by directing the participants to make a new character and profile, inspired from their own ideas or stories they enjoy. As a literacy champion, you will be encouraged to pursue your own projects and will be helped in your operations by friends. Many people in our community have gone on to achieve great things, such as writing books, by being a literacy champion! Literacy champions help out by putting up posters, doing fun runs and trivia to raise awareness and support for our cause.

Many people have concentrated on projects like setting up a book club or trivia revolving around the core aspects of literacy and reading. You can set up little libraries and participate in events such as book gifting and fundraising.

Literacy champions are a great way to express your dedication to reading and crafts. You help people develop their skills and pick up things that they thought they could not do before. In conclusion, being a literacy champion means supporting your community and taking part in fun activities! If you are interested in helping support our literacy champions, please contact the school as we would love to hear from you.



Valentine Gift Ideas by Lotti Horvath

Stuck on what to buy your partner for this occasion? Unsure of how to show them you care? Or are you just hopeless with gifts? Well look no further! Here at the Insight, we have your Valentine's gift guide to ensure you have a clear, and simple, way to impress anyone you are trying to!

Firstly, get your partner a special chain with a heart-shaped locket mounted upon it. If you want to go the extra mile then try to find one which has a picture of the two of you within the centre-piece! I'm sure that they will appreciate the gesture and love the gift!

Next, a bouquet of flowers is sure to put a



smile on their face! Find out your lover's taste in flowers and create a masterful piece of work using the flowers; surprise them with a bunch of decadent flowers and make their smile shine just a little brighter!



Before the most important aspect of this guide, you must acquire an ornate box of delicious chocolates! Make sure you find out what your love's preferred type is though, we would not want you to buy chocolates that they do not like! Once you present them with the chocolates, direct them to the last even on this list.

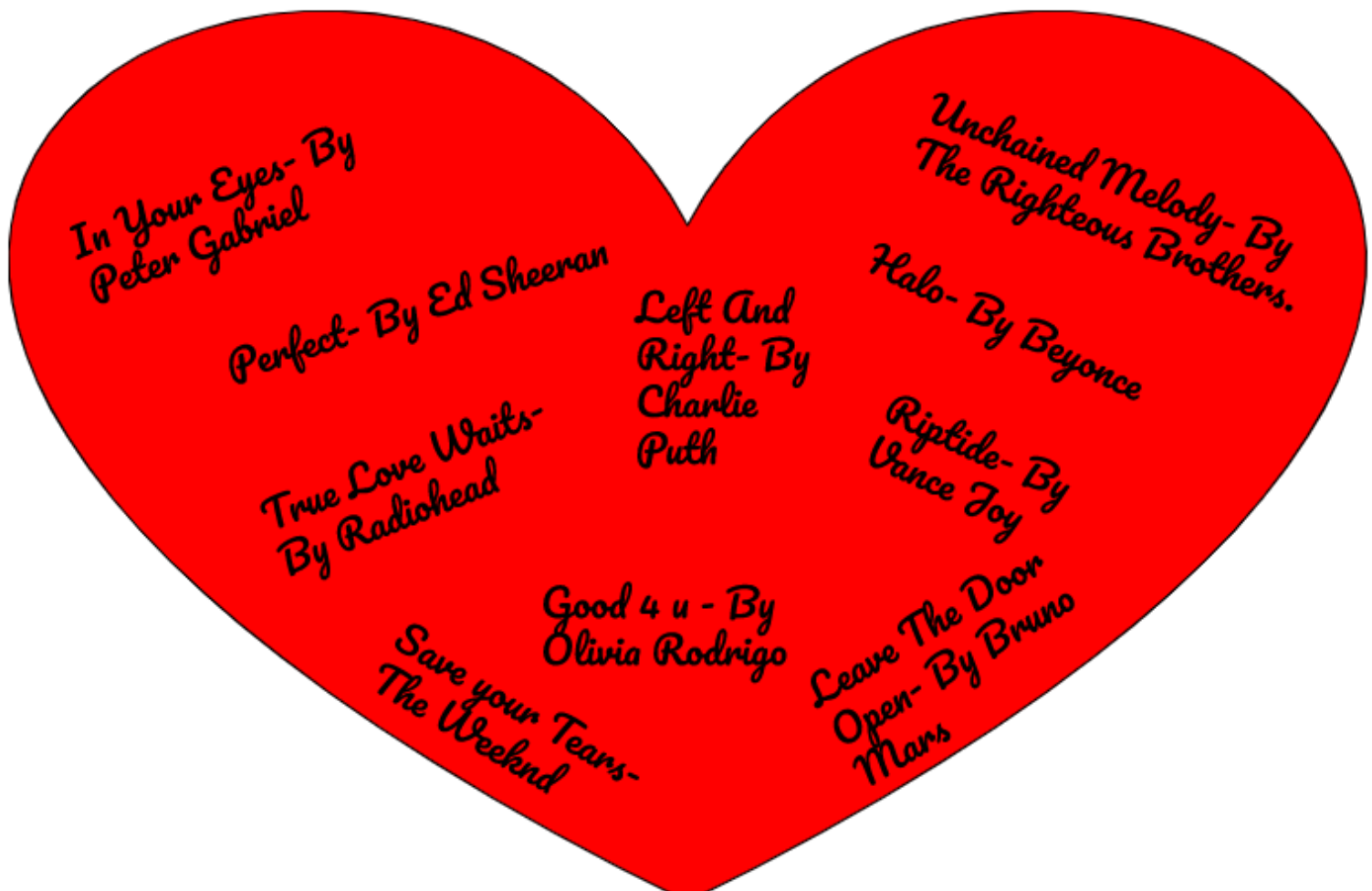


To finish off your pleasures, guide your significant other to a fancy restaurant and shock them with a fine dinner in their favourite diner; go all out and splurge a little! If you follow this guide to the perfect Valentines then I assure you that your lover will have the perfect day!



Valentine's Day Tips: Holiday destinations and Love Songs by Fern Thomas-Hay

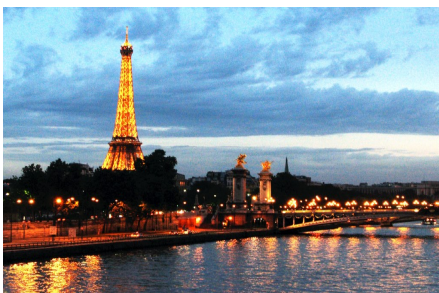
Feeling ready for Valentine's day? Have a listen to these love songs!



Next, you will read about where to go on Valentine's day.

Paris

Said to be the city of love, Paris is the perfect place to take your loved one on Valentine's day!



Barcelona

Barcelona is renowned for its two official languages — Spanish and Catalan. It is home to amazing sculptures and romantic walks.



Albania

Not only is it in Europe, Albania is also next to the Mediterranean Sea- with lots of unusual wildlife. It is a great place for those who seek tranquillity.

Cape Town

Cape Town is perfect for you if you want to connect with nature with your loved one. Cape town offers birdwatching, beautiful hikes and even love hotels!

Thank you for reading—we hope you find somewhere nice to go!

Amber The Aggro Book 1: The Sticky Cannons by Ethan Smullen

Heartless. That was what she was. Heartless. Amber Koyline was down right heartless. She would flick the Year 7s out the way with her sharp black nails. She would punch the Year 8s in the face if they looked at her badly. She stayed clear of the Year 9s since she herself was a Year 9 and if she insulted them she would insult herself. The Year 10s and Year 11s didn't even care about her. So she would tower over the younger years with all her might. She didn't care if her own mother cried when she pinched her little brother Georgie. She didn't bat an eye when she would push her (sort of) best friend Timothy Bales into the Year 7s lunch queue and send them tumbling over the pasta cart. Heartless.

Amber flicked the little boy between his eyes as he yelped in pain. "Ow! You are so mean!" He complained as Amber dropped his shirt. He tumbled to the ground like a slab of mud and dashed away. Amber snickered to herself. She loved when her victims fled. That meant that they couldn't be confronted by the teacher and get into trouble. Miss Mable was Amber's teacher. Amber loved to cause havoc in her class. Sometimes the class clown Freddie (they were partially friends) would also join in but he rarely did. Paper balls were Amber's special attack. She would stick wads of glue stick and blu-tack inside the scrunched up paper and when she threw it the glue wads and tack would fly onto any kids heads. Perfect score.

Amber wasn't usually the first student to arrive at the classroom doors but today the hallway was deserted. Suddenly Miss Mable jump scared Amber from the doors. "Amber! What a pleasant

surprise!" She smiled. Miss Mable always treated Amber like a queen (she did with every one but Amber treated her treatment with royalty) and she never stopped. Amber ignored the chatty teacher and swung inside to see the classroom piled with the others. "Hm." Amber angrily eyed each child angry that she thought she was here first but instead she was absolutely late. Maybe she had gone overboard with stealing a group of Year 7s sandwiches. She went to the back desk and pushed a boy called Jordan Mckelly away so the desk would only be her's. Perfect.

Miss Mable started yapping about a soppy Matilda play where a girl called Christina..Chloe..(Amber wasn't listening to the names) would be playing Matilda. Amber remembered an old dream she once had of playing the smart girl Matilda in the play. She had tried out once in Year 5. After she humiliated herself she taught herself to hate the play AND the book. Whenever she saw it she would rip the pages out and turn them into her Sticky Cannons (that's what she called the glue and blu-tack balls) next lesson. Remembering the Sticky Cannons she reached into her bag to grab the Matilda book she had robbed from the library from her satchel and set it on her desk. Timothy eyed as if he were surprised she was reading. But as she ripped the page he yelped and fell off his stool.

"Idiot." Amber hissed after Timothy had hastily told Miss Mable of how he fell off. Now Timothy was curious. He leaned over Amber's shoulder as she ripped page 12 and page 13 out of the cover. Timothy thought it was a rather waste to completely rip apart an amazing book like that. Roald Dahl was

one of his favourite authors! It seemed like Amber didn't care. She carefully leant back and nabbed the glue and blu-tack basket from the top of Miss Mable's set of metal drawers and slowly began building two Sticky Cannons. Timothy was amazed by how she carefully slit the top of the glue stick off and cut it into pieces (enough to share between both pages) and ripped off just enough blu-tack to make it look like nothing was missing. Amber was surely a pro!

"Watch out," Amber warned Timothy. She warned him because he was useful in some situations. Timothy saw she was trying to give him one of the Sticky Cannons and he took it with a little hesitation. "3...2...1...GO!" Amber hissed. She threw hers first and Timothy backed up hers with his. The two bits of paper flew through the air like sphere birds sending triangles of glue all over the twins of the class. They screamed their famous high pitched screams and just as Miss Mable turned around to see why Allison and Penelope screamed the paper hit her glasses. Bits of sticky glue were all around the rim and as the Matilda pages tumbled onto the dark blue carpet every one noticed two glops of blu-tack on the centre.

Nobody knew Amber and partially Timothy did that. They all blamed the twins and a little bit Freddie who just missed it. Freddie loved that he was being blamed from the wads of paper and he totally made billions of jokes about it even though Amber and Timothy had spilled their guts to him. Amber only had soft spots for Freddie and Timothy. And someone she could just barely remember and barely love...



Busojaras by Lotti Horvarth

A February festival of the odd and the brave

Busojaras is a small and relatively unknown festival which only ever occurs in one small city. The roots of this tradition are planted deep within history, all the way back to 1526 - roughly the same time as Cardinal Wolsey ordered the burning of Lutheran books here. It is celebrated in the city of Mohacs, the city lies on the Danube river in the south of Hungary. As mentioned before, this is a very isolated holiday and is native to the area! But... When and why did this strange tradition appear and why is it still here to this day? Come with us as we pursue the strange and brave history of Busojaras!

When was it first introduced?

Believe it or not, this tradition was not implemented during the best of times, it was not even a holiday to begin with! The first appearance of this celebration is questionable, while we can pin-point the time of this revolt involving the Buso, we cannot accurately measure when the holiday was included as an official festival. To get a broader picture, we must start at the beginning.

The year is 1526 and the kingdom of Hungary is in complete disarray, the Ottoman empire has breached their borders and it seems like the end of the country; many of the nobles and civilians had fled to Poland by now, the only country willing to help them with the Ottoman gambit. The battle of Mohacs has just finished, the results? A decisive Ottoman victory, the citizens of Mohacs have taken refuge in a nearby marsh, hoping that they would be free from the Ottoman threat in the swamp land. Consumed by hopelessness, the civilians of Mohacs are on the brink of caving in and turning themselves over to the Ottoman army. In their moment of desperation a Croatian man appears from the treeline and calls for their attention. He instructs the refugees to carve wooden masks with crude expressions and callous appearances, to wield pitchforks and lit torches and to wear fursuits (made out of wool and straw.) The Croatian man then informed them to wait for his reappearance and only then may they take action. The villagers patiently

waited for him to return and when he did, the men bid farewell to their wives and set out into the marsh. The Croatian man directed them to make lots and lots of noise, disturbing the once peaceful swamp with sounds of a being so unholy that there was no escape from its grasp. The man led them to the Turkish men stationed on the outskirts of the marsh. The Turks, seeing themselves surrounded by a hoard of what seemed to be monstrous demons, ran away and the civilians were able to reclaim their city. Their victory, however, was short lived... When the Ottoman sultan heard of the devastating news, he sent a small army to reclaim Mohacs and prevent the inhabitants of the town from rising up.

The civilians could not take this force and it was clear that the royal Hungarian army would not come to help, as they too, were only recovering from the heavy losses after the last battle. The town was reclaimed and the kingdom of Hungary was soon split into three parts in 1541 until the Ottomans lost at the siege of Vienna and were forced to give up what they had gained (marking the slow decline of their empire.)

Why is it still here to this day?

The most likely reason that this obscure holiday still exists is because of the national pride that it brought with the small victory. The story of such a small community banding together and overcoming a greater foe was engraved into the memory of all and the holiday is a way of commemorating the efforts of those refugees. Now some may argue that Busojaras is actually a pagan festival dedicated to the chasing away of winter but that is only partly true. Yes, in the beginning it was also used to chase away the winter and make way for the spring but over the years it has developed into a holiday dedicated to remembering the valiant attempts of those civilians. Now, there are a few questions that require our attention, such as: "Why did the Croatian man come to help those refugees?" The answer is quite simple, most of Croatia belonged to the Ottoman empire at this point and they too were fed up of being under Ottoman rule and most likely would have done anything to free their home country. Another question is:

"what does Busojaras mean?" It quite simply means walking Buso or walking of the Buso. The Buso part refers to the men who dressed up in costume to chase the Ottomans out of their land.

Interesting customs:

There are a few odd and quirky things that I would like to go over about this festival. Here they are!

- In order to become a true Buso, it is believed that you must carve your own mask and make your own outfit.

This most likely refers to the fact that the first Buso made their outfits by hand and they are trying to preserve that tradition!

- There are 'Szep Buso' who are women dressed in traditional Croatian outfits that have been passed down from generation to generation -in order to become a Szep Buso the dresses MUST be passed down to you! The job of a Szep Buso is to follow the Buso around town and direct them as their vision is often handicapped due to the masks.

Croatian outfits are part of the holiday to thank that Croatian man for directing them into winning back their city, even if only for a little while!

- In the older days of the holiday, there was a custom that the Buso would be allowed to plough up your crops if you consented to it. If you didn't, well... they would do it anyway. Have fun!

Should you go?

Though I have never taken part in the holiday, I can guarantee you that it would be a blast! The festival usually lasts six days so you'll have plenty of time to enjoy yourself! If you are interested in going, then the festival is going to start on February 24! I have a feeling that you'll enjoy yourself if you do go! Make sure to buy Kurtos-Kalacs (chimney cake) if you do go, it's a perfect snack to energise you!



Top Recommendations for Easter Snacks of 2023 by Lily Hawkins

Here at the Insight we all love tucking into our Easter Eggs while relaxing at home. It's a well known part of Easter.

However we face just one problem ...

There are so many to choose from!

So we all worked together at The Insight, and chose our top three favourite Easter eggs. We would like to recommend the following ideas to you and implore you to give these a go:



1) This delicious egg below. This is a Cadbury's Dairy Milk Easter Egg. It is an absolute classic and had to be put in because it is extra large

and is perfect for everyone to try. It is also good for anyone who has any allergies to nut or other common allergies that you can find in various chocolate bars.



2) This Lindt Gold milk chocolate bunny is an amazing chocolate choice and is super cute and tasty. One of my favourite elements to it is the bell around its neck, as it can be reused on gift wrappings and to play several games (including find the bell).

Although they may be seen as a little childish, it is an absolute classic and definitely not over-rated! I think my favourite part of this is the texture of them—if you like a good bite to your dessert, then look no further!

Moreover, these are easy to make and are simple to acquire the ingredients for them. Yet most importantly—they are also super yummy!



3) Our third choice is a children's favourite – Chocolate Easter Nests!



Easter Myth Variations by Lotti Horvath

The Easter egg is an iconic prop for all people but with different paths of belief, there are different perspectives to the original myth of the Easter egg. Today, we will cover two of these perspectives. But first, let's delve into the average belief of an Easter egg; for most it is just a delectable treat that you can hunt for, but for others, it has religious connotations and that leads us to our first story.

Mary Magdalene served as Jesus' confidant. She presented the Roman emperor with an egg and informed him of Christ's second coming. The emperor, amused by, in his eyes, a ridiculous story took to mocking Mary. Whilst we do not have the exact record of what happened in that brief exchange, we do have a few guesses. The one that seems closest to the truth to most is this conversation: the Emperor teased Mary, telling her that Jesus was no more resurrected

than that egg she was holding red. The cynical Emperor was turned into a believer when the egg turned a bright shade of red right before his eyes. As Christian churches began to pop up over the landscape, it became a custom that Christians exchange red eggs as homage to Jesus.

But Mary Magdalene was not the only person that the Easter egg can be derived from, as there is a lesser known myth!

The goddess Ostara, a likely descendant of Norse mythology - house of Asgard- became a Germanic goddess as the people were in need of a deity that could control the spring and end the winter. Ostara delivered her plentiful bounty onto the people and in gratitude they celebrated her with bonfires and festivals. When she was first introduced to the Germanic pagan mythos, Ostara worked alone

and seeing that she had such a huge amount of land to cover, spring was either early or late. This was bad in many ways, if she was early then the crops would not be ready yet and the people may starve but if she started too late then the people may freeze; it was a very stressful job for her! But... how does this link in with the tale of the Easter egg?

Once when spring arrived late, she found a bird half frozen in the ice and turned it into a hare, providing it with a warm pelt. In gratitude for this, the hare laid a few colourful eggs. It seems that the hare still retained some bird-like qualities! After that moment, Ostara was also associated with Easter and eggs being painted bright colours.



The Football War by Lotti Horvath

The football war was a conflict between El Salvador and Honduras heavily influenced by, you guessed it, football (though this was not the only factor that played a major role in the war!) It was not a long war, the nickname it was given was the 100 hours war because that is how long it lasted while there were reports of armed combat! We will take a look at what influenced this event and the aftermath of the conflict.

If you take a look at the two countries, you will notice that Honduras is considerably larger than El Salvador but what the world map cannot tell you is that -at the time- El Salvador had a bigger population than Honduras; the people of El Salvador were mostly made up of farmers but there was not enough land for them to work on so they decided to cross the border into Honduras! By the 1960's, a large number of illegal Salvadoran immigrants had crossed the border into Honduras in search of farmland and jobs. The year was 1963 and Oswaldo Lopez Arellano had become the Honduran president after staging a military coup to prevent the rise of communism! He was not well liked by the Salvadoran immigrants and other left-wing groups as he began harassing and pestering them, creating tension. In 1965 there was another election in which Arellano won but opposition parties complained that the vote was rigged. Another thing that built up unease within Honduras was that their economy was in ruins; facing opposition from every angle, Arellano decided to blame the Salvadoran immigrants for taking all of the land and jobs. The people of El Salvador faced harassment from the hostile Hondurans, this triggered a flood of refugees back to El Salvador as the people of Honduras even kicked them out of the land they had lived on for generations! As you could imagine, this caused outrage amongst the Salvadoran elites and they proclaimed that this was not morally just. Tension was building

up when another factor was added into the mix: football! It was 1970 at this point and the world cup would be held in Mexico and both countries were determined to win, seeing as they had finished top of their groups for the qualifiers. Normally, a shared interest such as this would be great to unite people but here it just added more fuel to the fire! It was time for El Salvador and Honduras to play against each other in a series of matches to see who would move on! The first match took place in Honduras but the night before the match, Hondurans created ruckus outside of where the Salvadoran team was staying, making them tired and letting the Honduran team snag an easy win! Unfortunately, a girl by the name of Amelia Bolanes was unable to bear the defeat of her country and committed suicide. Disturbingly, the Salvadoran government glorified the event and cast her as a national hero. Nevertheless, the games continued and the next match took place in El Salvador. This time the tables were turned, Salvadoran fans gathered outside of the hotel the Honduran team was staying in and kept them up; the next day, instead of the Honduran flag being raised, a dirty cloth was mounted upon the pole. The rivalry greatly increased and spectators started to fight with each other! In response to the defeat, Honduran locals began terrorising the Salvadoran immigrants and causing them to flee back to their home country. The final game in Mexico would decide who would go onto the next stage, it was close but El Salvador managed to win! However, this did not help the situation in Honduras as attacks on Salvadoran citizens increased and more came running back to El Salvador; this was too much for the Salvadoran government to handle and they finally declared war after a long while of harassment!

The war started by El Salvador conducting air raids on crucial Honduran air bases, restricting air

support for most of the duration of the war! Next, El Salvador used their superior army to begin the proper invasion along two major roads, supported by light tanks and infantry. The approach was rapid and the Salvadoran army was almost at the Honduran capital when the OAS (organisation of American states) intervened. The council tried to persuade the Salvadoran elites to stop the invasion and to withdraw their troops, the Salvadoran government refused and the war dragged on! On day three of the invasion, the Honduran air force was mostly repaired and with aid from neighbouring Nicaragua, the Salvadoran invasion was halted dead in their tracks! Caught in a bit of a stalemate, the situation was no longer advantageous to El Salvador so when the OAS once again asked them to stop the invasion, they agreed (though this was mostly because the OAS promised to ensure the safety of Salvadoran immigrants.) When the OAS then asked them to withdraw the troops from Honduran soil, they were met with a shock when the Salvadoran government refused! Luckily, they eventually relented after sanctions were threatened. So El Salvador pulled their troops from Honduras and the war was over on the 2nd of August!

There really were no winners to this war as the economies of both countries were damaged by the outcome and El Salvador faced a crisis when they did not have the capability to care for all of the new inhabitants of their country (something that would later lead to a detrimental civil war!) El Salvador then went on to lose every match they played in the world cup. Both countries have faced border disputes since the war as they were unable to agree what belongs to who outside of their respective countries! Today, tensions have begun their slow decline and we are looking towards less conflict between the two countries!

My Book Recommendation by Thomas Watson

The Loop is a science fiction and Dystopian

Novel set far into the future of Earth, written by Ben Oliver.

Luka Cane is a teenage boy locked up in a high tech prison for a murder he didn't commit. After years of being locked up the world is plunged into darkness as the electricity is turned off and 98% of the world is turned into possessed killers. Can Luka and his friends live in a world of survival of the fittest and discover the secrets of what's really going on?

You can find it in the school library, local library and your nearest book shop. It also has to do with other books in the series (*The Loop* and *The Ark*). I really hope you enjoy this novel—let us know your



Game Review: Stray by Elliott Stanley

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Stray is a 2022 adventure game developed by BlueTwelve Studio and published by Annapurna Interactive. The story follows a stray cat who falls into a walled city populated by robots, machines, and mutant bacteria, and sets out to return to the surface with the help of a drone companion, B-12.

What type of game is it?

Stray is a third-person cat adventure game set amidst the detailed, neon-lit alleys of a decaying cybercity and the murky environments of its seedy underbelly.

The game is available on platforms such as PlayStation 4, PlayStation 5 and Windows on your PC.

I would recommend this game to people who like third person perspective games and futuristic gaming experiences, along with the cuteness of Strays! However, the game is an emotional rollercoaster so I would not recommend this for people who are easily emotionally affected.

I would rate this game a 5/5 stars because I find the main character Stray immensely cute !



It is a very well-known fact that people tend to form close bonds with people who are fighting for the same cause and share the same ideals; most of the time, humans are the ones that form ever-lasting friendships with one another. However, this is not always the case, for there are also various countries that have developed a close relationship. In this article, we will venture into the history and diplomacy behind many of these friendships, whether they are just beginning or have already lasted for centuries.

Colombia and Venezuela

Since 2019, Colombian relations with Venezuela have not been the strongest, but it looks like this has recently been turned around! Gustavo Petro (the new Colombian president) is looking forward to collaborating with Venezuela and has worked on strengthening the relationship between the two countries. These two countries have now worked together on fixing many of the issues faced by each of them, they have provided humanitarian aid to one another and have agreed on revising the trade between them. Colombia and Venezuela have inspected their agricultural infrastructures, both of them have collaborated in this aspect to increase the well-being of their peoples. Gustavo Petro once went on record saying that, "Diplomatic relations should never have been severed, we are brothers and an imaginary line cannot separate us!" Petro was warmly welcomed by the Venezuelan deputy of Foreign affairs when going on a diplomatic trip to Caracas. That same deputy once tweeted commenting that, "Our historical ties summon us to work together for the good of our people." Since then, these countries have strengthened their bond and are looking at a bright future together!

Indonesia and Malaysia

Indonesia and Malaysia have had a

strong sense of community between their two peoples for quite some time; they have now enjoyed around 67 years of friendship and are looking at the future as two nations, conjoined by will and mind. A few reasons that can explain this are as follows: their close religious similarities, both countries mainly celebrating Islam, has left an imprint in such a way that both nationalities can relate to the other in the terms of religion. Another factor is that they share a close culture, this is in terms of a language that is understandable to the other and makes it easy to communicate. The people of these countries often consider each other as some sort of family due to the similarities between them. Indonesia and Malaysia have also furthered their relations using diplomacy and trade, relying on each other for supplies and aid. There are also various dances and rituals that have been inherited from their joint history and have been incorporated into their national identity. The companies that the countries have funded often invest in each other, creating a web of connections that lead to either country receiving encouragement. Very recently, these two countries have developed their diplomatic relationship -Anwar Ibrahim (the Malaysian prime minister) went on a mission to Jakarta involving discussion of trade and border management. Indonesia and Malaysia have cooperated with a few other countries to reduce the threat of terrorism within their borders. These two nations seem to be headed for a bright future together and with others.

Poland and Hungary

Poland and Hungary have been friends for centuries, they even have a poem written about their eternal bond! Ever since the Mongol invasions into Europe were repelled, they have worked together for as long as 750 years! This is not

all the countries have in common however, as they share many cultural similarities from having a notoriously hard language to sprinkling women with water on Easter Monday; Poland and Hungary's bond can be vaguely described as 'the enemy of my enemy is my friend' but this was not always the case, as multiple times they have found themselves on the opposite sides of a war yet still helped each other. A famous example of this is during the invasion of Poland by fascist Germany, the German army asked the Regent of Hungary if they were to be permitted to go through Hungarian land in order to invade Poland from the south. Despite being part of the axis, the Hungarian parliament refused to help in the joint invasion of Poland due to 'Hungarian honour', many even gave the Poles weapons to succeed in their gambit! Another example is when the Polish army (alongside countries like Bohemia and Croatia) helped the Hungarians in their offensive against the Ottomans, their king even died to help their southern allies. Even today, they have close diplomatic relations and will always vote in favour of the other in the EU court. The 23rd of March is designated as Polish-Hungarian friendship day. This is not just a term that the people of these countries made up, it was actually voted upon in the Polish and Hungarian parliaments. The results were astounding, all in favour, none opposed, no absences, for both countries. Poland and Hungary, alongside Czechia and Slovakia, make up the Visegrad 4 (an alliance of central European countries who have worked together in the past.) The original Visegrad pact was made to prevent these countries from being taken over by the Habsburg empire.

All of these countries mentioned here are all looking towards a bright future in whatever aspect



The European capital of culture is an annual event in which a city (or cities) is selected to harbour the title of 'European capital of culture'. Last year, this title was shared amongst three cities, Kaunas in Lithuania, Sur-Alzette in Luxembourg and Novi-Sad in Serbia; now this award has been given to three new cities! These being: Elefsina in Greece, Timișoara in Romania and Veszprem in Hungary. In this article, we will discover how this event started, who created it and what these cities have to offer!

When was it created and by who?

The European capital of culture is designated by the European Union but can be awarded to places outside of the EU, it tries to generate tourism and hopes to raise the profile of the city on an international level. The event started in 1985 by Melina Mercouri (Greece's minister of culture) and her French counterpart, Jack Lang; they came up with the idea to encourage community between Europeans and to highlight the culture and diversity of a nation. There can be more than one city selected at once. Let's look at this year's nominations!

Elefsina



Elefsina is a suburban city in the West Attica region of Greece, it is also a municipality that is located on the Thriasian plain at the northernmost end of the Saronic gulf. It is the sight of the Eleusinian mysteries and the birthplace of Aeschylus; today, Elefsina is an industrial hub and has Greece's largest oil refinery. Historically, it is the main

place of worship for Hellenic Goddesses Persephone and Demeter and it harbours the impressive monument of the Telesterion. The Telesterion was described by Strabo as being able to fit as many people as a theatre. The population of Elefsina dramatically increased during Ottoman rule over the area because of newer houses being built and it being a hub of trade where merchants from all over would stop to rest. The festival here (called the Aeschylus festival) was established in 1975, it celebrates the city's rich history and mythology. It also honours Aeschylus and involves stage productions, art exhibitions, concerts and dance events. Though the city is mostly used for industrial purposes, the historical and mythological past of Elefsina more than makes up for it!

Timișoara



Timisoara has been a social and cultural hub for as long as it has existed! It is located in western Romania on the Bega river; it was the historical capital of Banat when it became independent for a few years. The name of this city goes all the way back to its first inhibition by the Vlachs and Magyars. The region was fought over for centuries by four peoples, these included: the Habsburg Monarchy, the Ottoman Empire, historical Romania and the Kingdom of Hungary. For most of its early history, the region was located in the southern regions of Hungary until around 1526 when the Ottoman empire successfully invaded the country and captured Timisoara; next it was occupied by

the Austrian empire until it finally came under Romanian jurisdiction after the first world war. To this day Timisoara is still a very diverse place, consisting of Romanians, Germans, Serbs and Hungarians. Even the architecture is inspired by the Austrian capital of Vienna. This city definitely deserves the award of European capital of culture!

Veszprem.

The name 'Veszprem' is actually derived from a Slavic term meaning stubborn, self-confident and not willing to retreat. It was first used during the Magyar conquests into Europe and was named that by King Bela III who wrote that there was already a castle on the hill where Veszprem

Was built. This was most likely a Frankish fortress as they inhabited the land before the Magyars came along; the legend surrounding Veszprem states that it was constructed atop three hills, these were: castle hill, St. Benedict hill and Jerusalem hill. The city was also important for religious reasons as it was a safe haven for King Stephen (the first Christian king of Hungary) while he tried to convert the country to Christianity rather than continuing to follow Pagan ideals. This made Veszprem the religious capital of Hungary before Szekesfehervar. Veszprem was also important for educational reasons as the city was one of the first to have a university! Today, the city is a quaint little place with a significant German minority followed by the Roma minority. The reason Veszprem was chosen is because of religious and educational importance!

All of these cities share traits of amazing history, fabulous diversity and interesting customs from the past! Stay tuned for next year where we'll do a deep dive into the next batch of cities!

War and Peace: Kosovo and Serbia by Lotti Horvath

After 15 years of independence, there was a moment where all thought that the Balkans would be faced with the eruption of war once again, that the region would explode like a barrel of dynamite! More specifically, we are referring to Serbia and Kosovo. On the last edition of The Insight, we examined the relationship between the two countries and what caused the tension we so often hear about in the news; Kosovo has been independent since 2008 (though only in the eyes of some) when it parted from Serbia, most of NATO and the EU chose to recognise the fledgling nation but other countries, such as Russia and Romania, chose not to. Some of the countries siding with the Serbian government chose to do so because of historical ties -for example, Russia has had close ties to Serbia as it accepted Serbian refugees fleeing from the Ottomans. Many Serbian nationalists still preach that Kosovo is rightfully theirs, this is supported by the historical context of the argument seeing as the territory of Kosovo had been part of the Kingdom of Serbia for most of its history and then the ethnically Serbian region of Yugoslavia later on! This massive controversy was bound to lead to conflict and we quite recently had a taste of what that may have been like if the countries did decide that a war was a method of peace; Serbian and Kosovar troops were lined up on the border ready to engage in conflict! Luckily, the situation was avoided as war is not the best of ideas in times like this when inflation is high. Unfortunately, some lives were lost due

to smaller conflicts between a few groups of soldiers but no further battles were had. It was a rather nerve-racking experience for the region to see if there would be another war or if it were to pass as a false alarm! In this article, we will review the threat of war and rather recent happenings that have stirred controversy!

December Scare

In December, the Serbian government stationed in Belgrade requested NATO's authorization to deploy troops to the neighbouring country of Kosovo, following a string of violent confrontations between soldiers from both sides; this was not the only reason however, there were also reports of Kosovar authorities being responsible for some of the violence inflicted upon Serbs residing in the Northern region of Kosovo (known as Ibar Kolasin.) Even before the threat of conflict was thrown around, there were reports of shots being exchanged along the border, possibly in an attempt of self-defence. These were on a smaller scale but happened in great numbers! As you have quite possibly heard, this led to rising tensions and reached a summit, troops were stationed along the border in many places and barricades were put up in some regions. This was however with good reasons as the independence of Kosovo was occasionally put to the test by threats and protests, as for the Serbian point of view: Kosovo was historically part of Serbia (even being a sort of centre for Orthodox Christianity) and their people were sometimes put at some sort of

risk by the Kosovars! As mentioned previously, the seemingly imminent threat of war passed as both nations quickly realised that war was not ideal; after the scare there was an interview with Aleksandar Vucic on January 8th. It was stated by Vucic that he received a letter from NATO where they declared that there is no need for the Serbian army to enter the Republic of Kosovo. This was when Serbia asked to deploy 1000 security personnel to Kosovo and was separate from the near war experience! Presumably, this was intended to provide safety and security to ethnic Serbs living in Ibar Kolasin and other regions.

Recent events

There has been a more recent interview with Aleksandar Vucic regarding the story of two young Serbian boys -one of which being eleven- being shot at and injured by a member of the Kosovar special forces; the suspect has been arrested but the case was condemned by Kosovo officials and was brushed off as the injuries were not life-threatening! Hundreds of Serbian nationalists are protesting, calling for Vucic to reject a Western plan to normalise ties with Kosovo and for Serbia to pull out from negotiations to mediate the situation and find a peaceful solution! The negotiations were set up by the USA and some members of the European Union, both of which the Serbian people and government have clashed with.

There will be later updates on the situation between the two countries as we gaze in the direction of war or peace!

Irredentism in Modern Countries by Lotti Horvath

Irredentism is the policy of advocating the restoration of lands to a country that has some sort of claim upon that territory. This includes maritime borders and overseas territories. These places often have some sort of ethnic, historical, cultural and religious similarities to the nations that claim it as theirs; in this article, we will look at examples of irredentism and what influenced their irredentist views!

Argentina

Argentine irredentism is rather simple to explain as the main view on it is if that territory once belonged to the Viceroyalty of Rio De Plata (which later split into other countries -including Argentina) should have Argentine authority. Granted, this does not mean that countries like Bolivia would have all of their land taken away and placed under Argentine control but rather border territories. A famous example of Argentine irredentist views is the Falkland Islands! In 1982, Argentina fought a war against the United Kingdom for the Falkland islands; the Argentine government insisted they had claim over the islands because they were closer to Argentina and were inhabited by the Gauchos (originally from Uruguay.) The Falklands were also within Argentine maritime control -though a few hundred years earlier, British explorers had landed on the islands and erected a few ports!

Argentina also claims some lands in the Arctic and has territorial claims with bordering countries. Some of these disputes have been put to rest while some

are still active to this day! These disputes are mostly with: Chile, Paraguay, Bolivia (Bolivia also has irredentist views as they lost a war against Chile and had to give up their access to the sea!) and Uruguay. On Argentine maps, the Falklands are cast as part of their territory as well as Georgias Del Sur and Sandwich Del Sur. Some people claim that Argentina's maritime borders should be expanded as that area was often used for trade by European powers and for research reasons today. Argentina had disputes with Chile over the Patagonian ice fields (this was eventually settled but the Argentine government never ratified this document however and believed that the border had to be pushed further west!

People's republic of China and Taiwan

The rivalry between the PRC and Taiwan stems from the Chinese civil war between the new communist government and the previous one; the previous government lost the civil war and fled to the island of Taiwan, establishing their own country! Let's start with the PRC: they claim that this government is the right one and that since the other is still in exile, they have the jurisdiction to control Chinese law. For Taiwan however, they claim that they are the rightful Chinese government as they had control over the country for most of recent history! Because of this, tensions arose between them and some threats were thrown around. This was most notable during the cold war when Taiwan was support-

ed by NATO (the USA in particular.) Both countries claim the other as theirs due to past affairs and tensions are still high to this day!

Israel

Israeli irredentism is mainly because of the religious borders Israel had during the spread of christianity, though it did have different political meanings over time! Greater Israel is often an irredentist expression meaning Israeli and Palestinian land united under one; this dates back to when the land of modern Israel was independent and not under Roman jurisdiction just yet! At the time, Israel (more commonly referred to as 'The Holy Land' encompassed all of Palestine! Some also claim that the region of Transjordan also belongs in 'Greater Israel' because of its close proximity to The Holy Land during the spread of christianity. Transjordan was also once part of Israel back in those days and this adds to the argument -though this approach was only really favoured by Revisionist Zionists!

There are countless more countries that could be mentioned here (more than 40 odd choices) and this is because, at one point, most countries have had bits of land stripped away from them due to civil war or treaties! Irredentism plays a strong part in nationalism as one of the main things a nationalist preaches is the restoration of lost land to their country! There is no doubt that we will see more traces of irredentism in the future whether that be because of war or simply because of past events!



Pancake Day by Lily Hawkins



At the Insight, and at Stowupland High School itself, we all know that Shrove Tuesday is a great day. Also known as pancake day, we all love a bite to eat! However, one thing we don't know is why does Shrove Tuesday exist and what is its purpose?

We asked Lily to find out and this is what she discovered...

Shrove Tuesday (or pancake day) is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent is the 40 days leading up to Easter.

Shrove Tuesday always falls 47 days before Easter Sunday, so the date varies from year to year and falls between February 3 and March 9.

Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are

the perfect way of using up these ingredients.

The usual toppings for a pancake are :

- Lemon juice and sugar
- Maple syrup/golden syrup
- Nutella
- Bananas
- Blueberries
- Strawberries

Yet, here at the Insight wanted to find some other ingredients for pancakes. So, after a while asking students and members, we have discovered some other pancake toppings. Here are some ones that we believe are a little unusual:

- Cheese
- Tuna

- Mayonnaise
- Ketchup
- Salmon and cream cheese
- Cucumber
- Cabbage

So there you have it! We actually discovered a few more toppings than we had first anticipated. One thing is for sure... pancakes are our favourite treat !



They could not silence me by Joshua Bridges

They could not silence me for much longer. The system was evil, it had killed over 800,000 users of magic since it was introduced several years ago. I was wrongly imprisoned for trying to end it all, to help families, to stop them all from being brutally slaughtered! I pounded my fist at the brick wall. It was so unfair, they were innocent! If I were not in this prison, I would have been able to put an end to the Great Divide. Unfortunately, in these shackles and this dungeon, all I could do was survive.

'Keep moving,' One of the guards said to me as I stopped in the middle of the hallway. His face was solemn, and wrinkles were around his eyes, the eyes of someone who had been through it all. His uniform was crimson red and was the finest silk in the kingdom. A golden emblem was imprinted on his right shoulder, the symbol for the Syarcian Empire. If he wore this uniform, it meant he was directly linked to all that was happening in my bleak world. I debated whether to listen to him or to refuse and rebel, although both were risky in their own ways. For one, if I followed the guard's instructions, I would face the thing that I feared most: death. For today, I was due to get the punishment I never deserved. I could not die for this. *Live the Revolution.*

I did not listen to the man's instructions. Why should I? I was innocent, I had committed no crime. Instead, I told him:

'What if I do not? I am tired of being controlled.' I told him the truth, the truth that everyone in the kingdom yearned to say but could not.

He pushed me forwards, before telling me to keep moving again. I had to frustrate him, his moves would be sloppy if he was angry; he would be weaker altogether.

'How can you work for such a corrupt empire, an empire built on the blood and sweat of innocent children?'

From the corner of my eye, I saw him squeeze his fists. It was as if I knew what was coming next, and I dodged the blow. His fist collided with the brick wall. Blood trailed down his knuckles, mixing with the pungent stench of his sweat.

'An empire is supposed to give to the people, not take from them! Do you

work for him because of fear? Do you fear him?'

'No, why would I fear a brilliant man?'

'Anyone who calls such an oppressor and dictator brilliant is blinded!'

'My patience is waning!' He raised his long, metal-tipped spear. His pupils were dilating, his veins were bulging, and his face was crimson red. I took a breath, before engaging in combat. 'You give me no choice but to put you in your rightful place. How dare you think you can defy me?' His words spat at me like venom. *Rageful, if he's angry, he will not fight properly. It seemed I had already found my opponent's weak spot, so this fight would be just as easy as escaping. The Revolution was about to begin. He charged at me, his large physique terrifying me. I knew if I let his body hit mine, it was bound to not end well. Instead, I used his weaknesses as my advantages. As his body charged down the hallway towards me, with his long sword, I slid under his legs so I would dodge it. He almost lost his balance and stumbled, however, he did not do as I thought he would. I underestimated him, I thought, cursing under my breath, scolding myself for believing that such a thing would fare against a trained prison guard.*

'You missed. ' I told him this intentionally, it had not slipped from my tongue nor had I accidentally spoken out loud, I had meant to say it, for it would only fuel the never-ending river that was his frustration. It had worked just as I thought it would, for seconds later, he came charging back. This time, however, he thrust the spear out, pointing it straight at my stomach. *He was coming towards me; I would have to think of something fairly quickly, yet I had no idea what. So, as the metal spear came towards me, I put my hand out in front of it. The tip pierced through the thin lining of the skin on my palms, and I screamed. He put it in further, worsening the pain. However, there was just one flaw: the wooden stick. With my non-bleeding hand, I smashed it into pieces and took the tip from my hand. Blood gushed from it, dripping onto the grey, concrete prison floor.*

'Smart,' The guard laughed and from its discoloured scabbard, took a long, silver blade. I recognised the metal, it was one of the finest in the kingdom, and if not the most expensive. I had minimally

survived his previous weapon, but now, the guard possessed yet another one. 'I will savour your death.' I saw my reflection in the silver as he raised the sword.

'Round 2?' He asked, grinning at me, and expecting an answer, to which I gave the sadistic reply: 'It will be round 2 for me, but the final round for you.'

I shivered. It was obvious I was ill-prepared for this battle, for I had nothing but the metal tip of the spear I had broken lying on the floor, and even that did not work. The last encounter I had survived merely by luck, if I had not put my hand out when I did, I probably would have been dead. I bent over and picked up the metal spearhead, clutching it tightly in my dominant hand. Though my chances were low, if I struck precisely in the heart, I could beat him.

'Face my wrath!' He shouted so loudly that all of the prisoners awoke, staring intently at the battle which was due to happen any minute. They all cheered and hollered, hoping that for the first time, a prisoner would win against a guard, and that they would beat the unfair system. Now that I had an audience, *I had to win at all costs.*

Unlike before, he was not the one to start. I charged at him, mirroring his first attack, except this time, I did the unpredictable, I leapt up in the air, onto his shoulders.

'Show him how it's done!' One member of the crowd of prisoners shouted enthusiastically.

He wriggled and moved like a worm. He had not expected it to happen, just as I had thought. I put my right arm around his neck, strangling him and with my left, I planted a blade exactly in his heart. I twisted it in, heard the sound of the gut-twisting and took it out slowly, to increase the pain. He lost his balance and just as I jumped off, he collided with the wall, smashing through it. All the prisoners cheered as the guard's big body smacked the concrete floor, smashing his spine, and severely damaging his skull. I presumptuously assumed he was dead, and walked down the prison hallway as they chanted my name: Aurora. It was the first time I had heard someone cheer my name in what felt like years.



Once in a posh girl school up North and behind three rocky mountains lived two best friends. They were both from parents who were bird watchers and because of that they were named after birds. Sparrow and Dove. They both looked different and their parents were different... but on the inside they were very much alike. Sparrow had hazel hair that flew down past her shoulders. She had two dark brown eyes that stared at people like sniper rifles. She loved baggy woolly jumpers (her favourite one was a baggy tan one that her Nanna had handed to her) and tight jeans (normally blue). Her brown winter boots were crisp and clean even though she wore them outside 24/7. Dove looked more elegant. She had jet black hair that looked like a sky without stars that was always in a tight lovely ponytail with a dark blue hair band. She wore skimpy tops that were dark colours (navy and black were her favourite), as well as a fluffy white jumper with no zip. She wore dark blue disco pants with white Adidas trainers. I told you they were different!

Something about Sparrow and Dove that was very similar was that they loved shopping when they left for the holidays. Their parents were stocked with dollar bills by selling their photos on cheap postcards so they would fork over a few spare cash notes on their daughters. It was the holidays now and Sparrow was waiting outside Dove's house for her. Sparrow had already picked up her money from her father. She was fiddling with the green paper slices nervously. The cold bit at her tanned skin as frost settled on the rocky path and topped the green snow like powdered sugar to a loaf of cake. She had counted the money many times. \$50. Fifty dollars. She was excited to blow it all at the mall but she couldn't take her mind off the \$100 pound dogs she saw whilst walking down the road. They were all cute

and all special but one stuck out of the crowd like a black sheep. A white fluffy thing with blue beady eyes and a curly tail. Dove would never approve.

"Woo!" Dove burst out the house laughing hysterically. "You alright, Dove?" Sparrow asked, holding in her own laughter. Dove shot her an annoyed glance and hopped off the stone stairs leading to the red door. "Yes. What kind of idiotic question is that Spars? Anyway I got \$250! I can buy that dark blue purse! I could buy you the dark brown one if you want? It'll go well with this outfit kind of yours!" Dove softened and motioned to the bills stuck in her pale hand. "Oh. I love the purse and all." Sparrow didn't want to directly hint to the little white dog. Dove was smart though and she knew what her friend was talking about. "The dog?" Dove smirked and took Sparrow's hand as they ran across the path.

Dove surprisingly stopped at the house where the dogs were being sold. "Stay here. Give me your fifty." Dove instructed. Sparrow gulped and handed her the money. Dove smirked again and fled up the grassy path to the house. Sparrow felt tears prick her eyes and she thought of Dove buying the puppy just to spite her. Even though they were the best of friends, Sparrow knew Dove would buy the dog just to twist Sparrow's tail. Suddenly, just after she wiped away the tears Dove fled back to her. "I got us puppies! I got a black one that's called Middy and I got you that white one!" Dove spread her arms out. Sparrow gasped and hugged her. "What's its name?" She asked, wiping away happy tears. Dove smiled sweetly. "His name is Charli."

Middy and Charli were all Dove

and Sparrow could talk about. After they went shopping (they both got the purses they wanted!) They headed back to the house. "I saved these two just for ya!" The man smirked, holding up Charli and Middy. The two puppies barked and Dove clutched up the black one. Sparrow was cautious to stroke Charli just in case this was all a prank but the man let his grasp go on the puppy as soon as her hand was on it. The man took the money (Dove had saved \$200 and she had split the last \$100 between her and Sparrow) and ushered them out along with Middy and Charli.

Dove didn't go back to school. She landed an illness. It was horrible for Dove yet most likely worse for Sparrow. Sparrow didn't go to school either. It was cold and weird without her best friend there. She ended up feeling anxious the day she tried to go back. But she had to stay with Dove. Charlie and Middy noticed the girls were not taking things lightly so they shut up and started to ponder around quietly playing sometimes. Dove got worse. Sparrow got sadder. Until one day Sparrow tried school again. It wasn't as cold and lonely yet whenever she would reach for Dove's hand she would just get a handful of stale air. So she went home and what she saw scared her.

Her bedroom door was shut. Middy and Charli were already in Sparrow's arms, sadly yapping. Sparrow (on the way to Dove's room) bumped into Dove's parents. They were red eyed and upset. "Where's Dove?!" Sparrow demanded. "She.....she flew away. To the pearly gates." Dove's mother tried to settle it easily for poor Sparrow. But she understood.

Dove had grown her bird wings and flown away. Forever.

Welcome to Dubai! By Petal Brimson

Dubai is a rather sunny hot place that has beautiful beaches to rest at on your first day of relaxation.

Dubai has many breathtaking landmarks in its own city such as...

‘Burj khalifa’ (largest skyscraper in the world.)

‘Burj Al Arab’(in the top 5 hotels)

‘The Dubai Fountain’

These are ALL found in the city.

There are quite a few hotels in the palm Jumeirah.

If you're looking for something decent at this amazing resort, one hotel I suggest is the “Zabeel.”

If you're looking for a fancy place to stay I suggest Atlantis. Atlantis has its very own waterpark filled with amazing rides for ages 8 and over.

Dubai is packed with fun filled shopping trips and many fun places to explore with the family. There's one fun waterpark made for the kids called...

WILD WADI!

The shops are filled with henna tattoo artist, takeaway restaurants, & expensive branded

clothes such as:

-Gucci -Channel -Loui vuitton -Cartier.

Even if your looking for your everyday comfy clothes it has your sport shops as well:

-Nike -Adidas -JD sports.

Here's the end of this Dubai review. Enjoy a holiday here if you decide you enjoy a relaxing day on the lovely beaches here.



Things to do on the weekend by Elliott Stanley

As it is getting closer to spring , I have thought of some fun activities to do.

1. Have an Easter egg hunt with family and friends.
2. Go out for a long walk with your family. I recommend going to Needham Lake because it has a play area and it is big so you can walk for a couple of hours.
3. Buy lots of plastic eggs and some strings and hang up in your house or outside in your garden.
4. Finally you could join a team or just play a sport like Basketball, Football, Handball, Hockey, Baseball, Rounders, Cricket, Badminton or Tennis.



The Summer Curse Volume 3 By Ethan Smullen

Joey was going crazy. Froth was spilling out of his mouth and his skin was going from famished and grey to green and sickly. Chloe clutched him, tightly aware that he was perilously ill. James was punching the iron bars of the cage, his fists making large clanking sounds as they made contact with the bars.

"James!" Chloe pleaded her voice coming out as cries of protest. She could see thick tears falling from James's eyes as he kicked and punched the bars. "No no no no no! We need to get Joey help! He can't die here!" James screamed, stopping his attacks. He then clutched the bars and shook them violently. Chloe covered her mouth as she started to cry silently. Joey had stopped shaking and frothing but now he was still. "Chloe! CHLOE!" James screamed so loudly that Chloe almost went deaf. "James.." Chloe said silently parting her hand away from her mouth. James then collapsed to the floor and started to cry.

Joey was still. Chloe could just barely hear his breathing. James had stopped crying and was now next to Chloe and Joey. Then suddenly a sweet voice came from the corner. "The thing that Greg used in his food wasn't poison. It was a thing that made him sick." The voice was comforting for James to hear and as Chloe sighed with relief he scooted over to the corner. "Riana, right?" He asked. Just as he said a name the light came to her face. "Yes. I assume Greg yelled that out." She sighed. Riana pulled her lime green ski cap over her ocean eyes as if she had

a headache. "Did he give you the poison?" James asked, suddenly realising Chloe and Joey were not the only ones to fall into Greg's sadistic grasp. She nodded as her face flushed white. "I have learnt to ignore poison. I can explain if you want." Riana looked at Chloe and Joey. Chloe nodded, taking Joey's hand and squeezing it. So Riana carefully sighed and began to speak.

"My parents were not the kind of people you would mess with. They fought over pills in those plastic bottles. they spent every single piece of money on alcohol. They didn't care about me or my brother Nico at all. Nico was with me when I got us burgers from Greg." Riana explained stopping a little to take a break. Just as James was about to say something she started again. "He was so scared to take a bite. I said that I would prove to him it was safe and I bit into the burger. Worst mistake of my life." Riana shook her head and bit her lip hiding tears. "Where did Nico go?" Chloe asked softly. Riana wiped her eyes with her dark blue tartan jumper. "Greg has him. Greg took him."

This news was odd and weird for James and Chloe to take in. "Who is Nico?" A moaning voice said from Chloe's grasp. Joey was alright! The colour was flashing back to his face and a sneaky smile spread across his lips. "Oh. Joey!" Chloe took a moment to realise he was okay and hugged him. Riana quickly explained the story to Joey and they tried to hatch a plan to escape the small cage. Riana revealed she had been keeping a penknife (disguised as a pencil

kit) and she went to cut away at the bars (it made a few dents). James went to try and find a crawl-space under all the hay. Chloe and Joey took it easy and did the same thing as James just on the other side. The crew got to work in trying to leave this place forever.

All Joey could think about is why or how Greg had gotten James and Chloe too. Riana was a stranger just half an hour ago. Joey thought that Greg was just looking for hungry and thirsty people on the boardwalk but Chloe and James should have known what had happened. They were extremely cautious (especially Chloe!) and if he had had a fit after eating a burger they shouldn't have gone and bought one too! Joey remembered when he had just woken up that Chloe had a dreamy look in her normally crystal blue eyes. They were foggy like rain clouds and perhaps the most unsettling thing was that the foggy colour was purple. The colour of Greg's whole feeling. Greg had done something to Chloe (and perhaps James and Riana) and Joey knew he would do it to Nico too if they didn't stop him and his creepy henchmen.



Pokemon of the Issue by Ethan Smullen

Pokemon Of The Issue (Card Edition)

It's that time again! With two official issues with Pokemon Of The Issue inside it I have decided to do a special one for this issue you are reading right now! I am going to do a CARD edition!

So instead of speaking about Pokemon we are going to look across RARE Pokemon cards! This will happen every three issues! So since the earlier two were just common Pokemon we are taking it up a notch and doing cards! Thank you for reading and please read on!

So I am going to show three rare cards. If you don't know who these Pokemon are there are no worries—I will explain to the best of my ability! So the first card we have is Rainbow Charizard V Max just below this text! This is very well known (Im looking at the people who dream of this card) but if you have a fake one I am so sorry. You may want to check...



The next card we have is a First Edition Pikachu! It's chubby and cute and most likely a meme! Apparently the First Edition

Cards are rare so I'm taking a risk and adding the Pikachu one. If you don't know Pikachu but you collect Pokemon cards I will be hugely shocked. Besides the Pokeball he seems like the face of the Pokemon franchise!



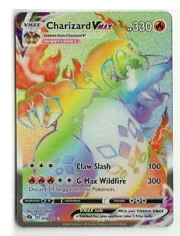
So the last card is a Japanese VMax. Apparently they are rare (so sorry if they are not!). I have chosen a random one called Rillaboom (an evolution of Grookey and Thwackey) I think and it looks pretty cool. Here is a picture below. Make sure you look at it long enough, so you can read who gets the Golden Champion Pokemon Medal! (GCPM for short!). Also if you do not like my choice, please state this to Miss Leadon on a piece of paper or a post-it note so I can observe your choice.



Now to choose the lucky card that will win the GCPM! The BCPM (Bronze Champion Pokemon Medal) goes to the Japanese VMax Rillaboom card!

It looks cool (I most likely pasted a fake image, I'm so sorry) but the other two seem adorable compared to its tough face! The SCPM (Silver Champion Pokemon Medal) goes to the First Edition Pikachu! It's too cute and all but not cute enough! (Sorry Elliott, you will strongly disagree!)

You can see who won the GCPM. Well congrats to the Charzard! Any other card requests are welcome to be delivered to Miss Leadon! Thank you and read on!



Mystic Jack— Your fortune awaits...



Aries: (March 21 - April 19) Beware a stranger that brings ill tidings. If you have recently had an argument with someone close to you, you must apologise soon for a good outcome.



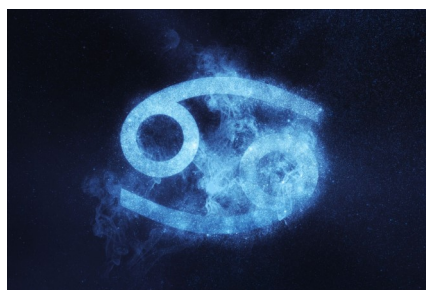
Gemini: (May 21 / June 20) Beware a stranger that brings ill tidings. A friend of yours feels they are being ignored, perhaps spend more time with them.



Leo: (July 22 - August 23) Previous occurrences may not have been very good, but fear not. Things will get better. You must hang on until then. It is possible that it will get worse before it gets better.



Taurus: (April 20 - May 20) You will have a tough decision to make in the upcoming days; be sure to make the one you feel is right as other people may try to sway your opinion on the matter.



Cancer: (June 21 - July 22) A remorseful memory will reawaken itself - do not allow it to trouble you. It will pass, and you will soon be fine.



Virgo: (August 23 - September 22) You are struggling with an inner debate. You should tell someone close to you who you trust. They will help you make the right choice.



Libra: (September 23 - October 22) You are worried about hurting someone's feelings. Sometimes no matter what we do, people will be upset. The right thing to do is to do what you, truly, deep down want to do.



Sagittarius: (November 22 - December 21) Your great sense of adventure is greatly admired. Though tread carefully, not every adventure is wished to be embrace.



Aquarius: (January 20 - February 18) A great fortune is coming in your direction. It is unclear whether it is physical, or emotional, but either way, don't let yourself be overcome, and forget who to share it with.



Scorpio: (October 23 - November 21) You are very confident, and not one to stand down and let others lead, though have caution. Your swift mouth may be causing some people harm. Though your intentions are good, others may not see this.



Capricorn: (December 22 - January 19) There is a problem which needs fixing. Whether it is yourself alone, or partnered with someone close, it will be mended. Sometimes time is the best healer.



Pisces: (February 19 - March 20) Your big heart and quick mind make you an all round smart and kind thinker. Do not allow future events to hurt you, however. You must try to build up some self-confidence, for this will help you hugely.

An Excerpt from 'Bella' by Petal Brimson

Here at the Insight, we invite our members to write poetry about issues and information that has deeply affected them. We were sorry to hear that one of our members lost their beloved pet Bella. Petal asked to include one of her poems in memory of her beautiful pet.

As a lasting tribute to Bella, we have published the excerpt from Petal's longer poem, 'Bella'.

Bella was in a rescue home
where people kept her for a few
days,

If it didn't work out they
would send her back in awful
ways.

When we saw Bella we gave her
a chance and picked her up,
She never acted out with us,
But just kept her tail tucked.
Hiding under stuff,
But it was like she chose us.

Bella, ours lives between these
four walls show all the differ-
ent signs

Alone I think about you, to-
gether sometimes,
Knowing that she's gone,
It brings pain, not only to me
but to my family.

I lay most nights lost in my
feelings, listening to music,
It breaks my heart, but I know
she's okay,

And now no longer in pain.
With a distance that stands
between us,

I know you're in God's sight
and can't be harmed, so you
are in his hands I trust.



Lily's long words by Lily Hawkins

Here at the Insight, everyone is optimistic about English (seeing as Miss Leadon is an English teacher) but there is one question that cannot be answered :

What is the longest word in the dictionary?

So we asked Lily to find it out, as well as some other long words:

1.
Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis - the meaning of this word is that it's a lung disease that you get when you inhale smoke or ashes from a volcano.
2.
Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia - the meaning of this long word is ironic because it's actually the fear of long words !
3.
Antidisestablishmentarianism - the meaning of this word is someone who is against someone who is against the Government.
4.
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious - this is a well known word from Disney's Mary Poppins and it actually means something to say when you have nothing to say at all!

Cryptic Crossword by Jack Mullet

Solve each clue to find the final word. Each letter has a number which corresponds to its place in the end word.

1 2 3 3 4 5 1 3 6 7 8 9 9 10

Clues:

12 Months: 10 3 4 6



What is this? 9 8 1

What do Ghosts do: 2 4 8 9 1

Plenty thing: 7 8 5 2



Chess By Joshua Bridges

Origins

Chess was first played around 200 BC (2223 years ago) in China by a commander named Hán Xin. Since then it has grown in popularity with now over 600 million adults playing chess regularly and about 70% of the global population (US, UK, Germany, Russia, India) Have played chess at least once in their lives.



Competitions

There are many competitions to enter when it comes to chess, whether you're a beginner or a grandmaster. A grandmaster is a chess player with an elo (ranking) of over 2500. Your ranking can be modified whether you win or lose a game. Most beginners start off with a low rating of

about 100, the higher the better.

Media

For chess being such a popular board game, numerous pieces of media have emerged from it. For example, The Queen's Gambit, a Netflix series based off the popular book of the same name by Walter Trevis. In addition to this, a website has been made solely for the purpose of playing chess, it is called chess.com. Chess is continuing to grow even today, as one of the most popular board games of all time.

How to start playing chess:

Here are some top tips I would like to share for people looking to start playing chess.

Firstly, I would advise them to create a chess.com account and to follow some of their lessons, which help beginners learn the basics

of chess and each chess principle simplified. Some popular YouTube channels to help learn could be: GothamChess, Hikaru, Chess4Life and the official Chess.com channel.

Secondly, I would advise them to learn some basic openings for both the white pieces and the black pieces, for your elo (ranking). Like the first step, watch some YouTube videos to learn basic openings.

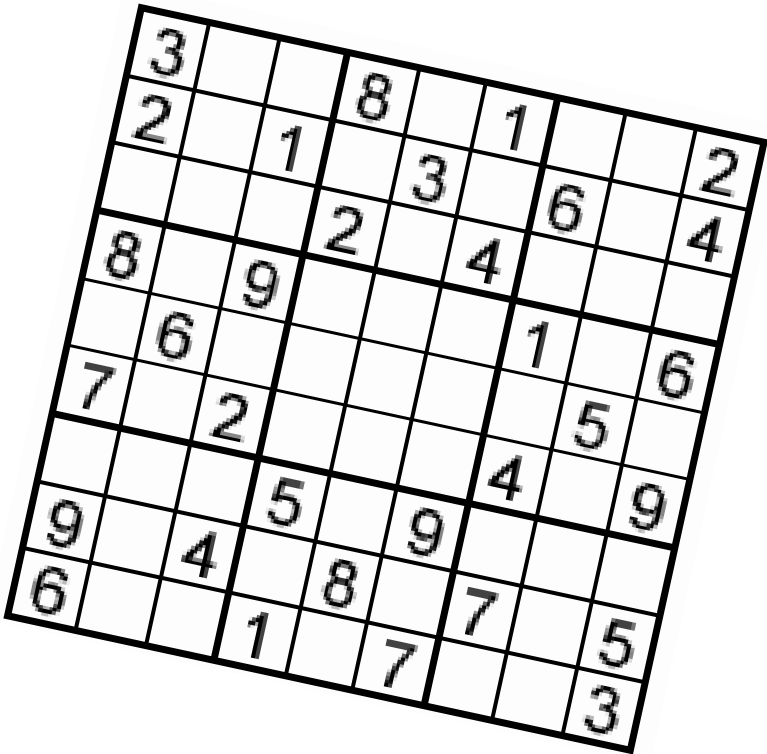
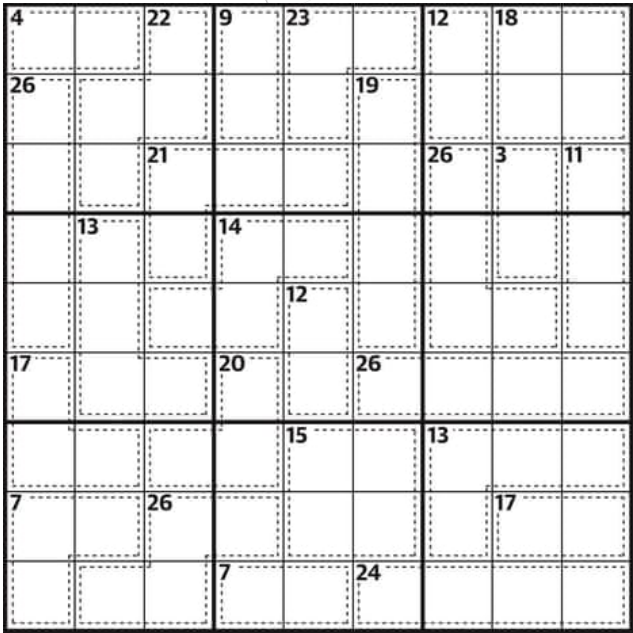
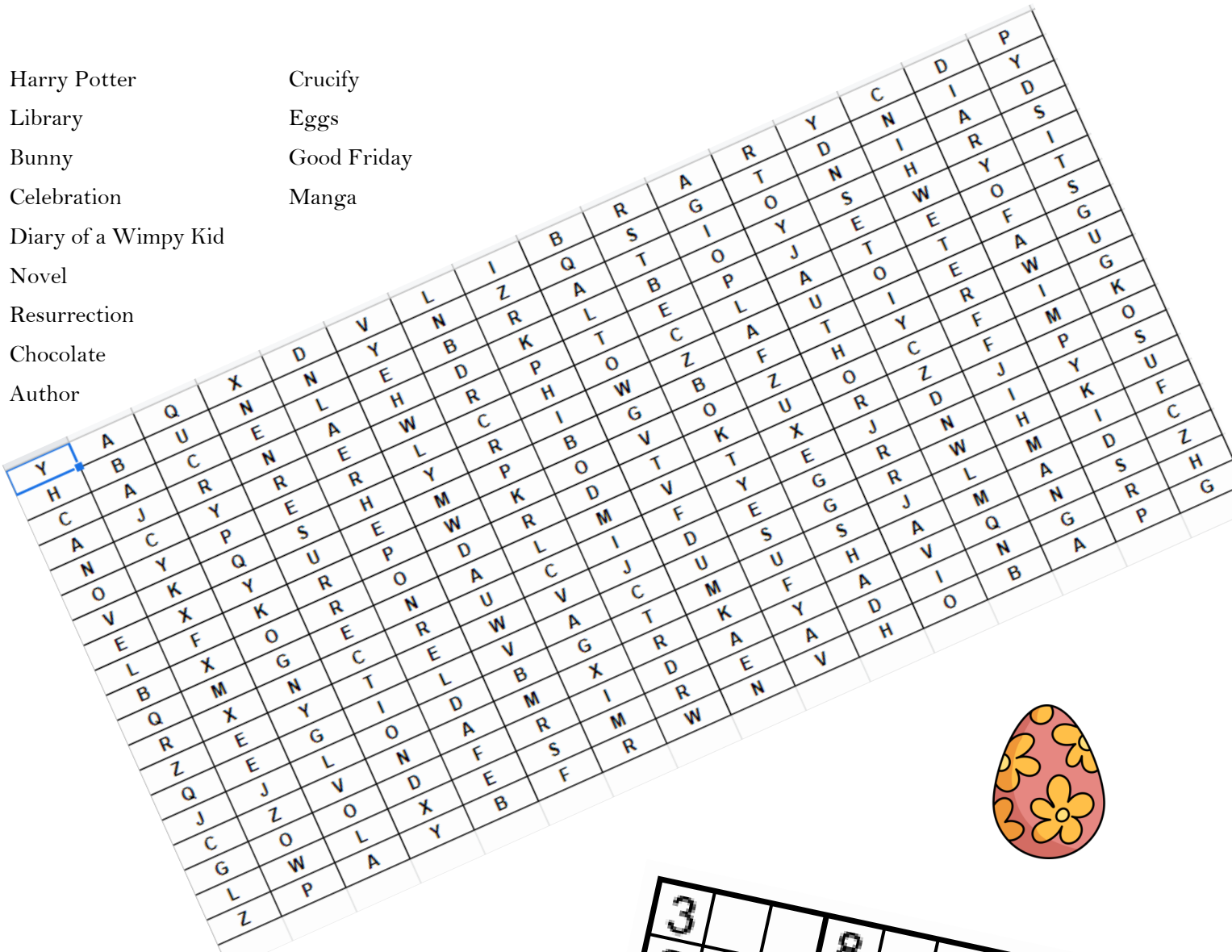
Thirdly, I would advise you to practise regularly, even if it is just one game a week, be consistent!

The final tip I would give is to review each one of the games you play and learn your mistakes. Chess.com has a great game analysis tool where you can go into detail with what went well and what could be improved in each of your games.

Tom's Puzzle Corner!

Find the words in the wordsearch!

- Harry Potter
- Library
- Bunny
- Celebration
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Novel
- Resurrection
- Chocolate
- Author
- Crucify
- Eggs
- Good Friday
- Manga



Adverts

Are You a Child in Year Seven to Year Eleven?

If so, you can enter the Primadonna competition in East Anglia!
To enter, write a story that is 800 words and send it to your school librarian. The theme is 'Happily ever after'.
If you win in your year category, you will meet a world famous author, Patrice Lawrance, you will get £250, and your work may get published by HarperCollins.
Good Luck!!!

Are you looking to quench that creative thirst of yours? Do you want to meet wonderful people and take part in a collaboration to make the most spiffing news paper in all of Stowupland? Well you are in luck! How about you head on over to AO2 and join the news paper club! You have complete control over what you want to write and will be helped by Miss Leadon, the head of the club! If you are unsure, give it a shot! See how you like it! We'll welcome you warmly!

More details:

This is a new story making challenge!

What if a happily ever after was actually real?
What if you could write your own fairy-tale... but, with a twist?
What if all the Disney films had an ending without marriage or love, instead the characters had different endings..?

What if they moved away? Or the prince died?
Well—write it!

This challenge can be for anyone, Year 7-11.

The challenge ends on April 21st, so make

sure to hand in your stories by then!

Background information: this challenge was set by an amazing author called Patrice Lawrance, she wrote a book favourite 'RAT' & 'Orangeboy'.

The prize for the winners is £250!! And a session with the author, Patrice Lawrance, in person.

If you need some more Information, you can use the email address or website:

~emerging.writers@uos.ac.uk

<https://primadonnafestival.com/firsts/>

These stories are 800 words, 5 paragraphs long.

If this sort of stuff interests you and you want more you could talk to your form reps, Head of Year and your librarian Mrs Burns.

