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Grenfell: One Year On

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On the 14th June 2017, Grenfell Tower, London, burst into flames and caused the death of seventy-two people. The cause of the fire was "in or around a Hotpoint fridge-freezer in flat sixteen of the forth floor" according to the report by Dr Niamh Nic Daéid, director of the Leverhulme Research Centre for Forensic Science at Dundee University. CONT PG.2

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Donald Trump met his second favourite Kim...*



Grenfell Tragedy

Behailu Kebede, the flat resident, was awoken by the fire alarm blaring and phoned the fire brigade immediately, at 00:54.

Four fire engines were sent straight to the scene as the fire began to spread around the building. It spread from the easterly side of the building to the north face of the tower at a swift pace. After only thirty minutes of the fire crew being at the scene, it had spread to the top floor of the east side of the building -this was at 01:26. At 01:42, it had moved to the north side of the building; at 01:52, it had moved to the south side.

At one point, there was over forty fire engines at the scene. Sixty-five people were rescued from the building whilst others scrambled to the top, not knowing how to escape. At 02:30, the building was reported to be officially "covered in fire". It was a "major incident".

After a major enquiry, it was discovered that the cause of the fire spreading so quickly was down to the design of the building and the materials used.

Unfortunately, the blaze was unable to burn itself out until 01:14, twenty-four hours later. Despite the resilience of the fire crew, seventy-two people lost their lives in this horrific blaze.

A major investigation is still underway, from a public inquiry ordered by Theresa May. The Metropolitan Police are investigating suspects for manslaughter, corporate manslaughter, misconduct in public office and breaches of fire safety regulations all in regards to the fire. Over thirty-one million documents have been gathered! As well as two thousand, five hundred physical exhibits, one thousand, one hundred and forty-four witnesses and three hundred and eighty-three companies!

One year on, on the 14th June 2018, a memorial service takes place at St. Helen's Church -near to the tower in West London. Labour MP David Lammy attended the service as commented that it was "bittersweet" whilst the community share this important time of remembrance together. A seventy-two second silence was also held across the country in remembrance of the seventy-two people that have passed away from this unfortunate tragedy.

Clarrie Mendy organised the anniversary service that was attended by hundreds of people. She commented, "It's a service of healing, community, inclusivity and solidarity, to know we are not alone." She, herself, lost two family members due to this incident.

White roses were handed out and doves were set free after the service. A green theme filled the ceremony as the colour was adopted from the survivors and relatives of all those who had passed. Also, hundreds took part in the walk to the base of the tower which took place after the respectful ceremony. It was a beautiful time of gathering and to remember the lives of those who had been killed from this fire.

We now wish the best for all of those who have lost their family and friends due to this horrible incident. You will be in our hopes and prayers here at St. Edmund's.

STAY HAPPY!!!

EVERY SO OFTEN, we all struggle to keep smiling as times get tough. SAFFRON STEDALL is here to keep you smiling as the summer sunshine starts to appear....

Friendship Tips

School can be real difficult and whilst you're at school, you are bound to encounter some friendship issues. At the time, these arguments, conflicts or plain loss of trust can seem like the end of the world. They're not. Here are some tips I have found helpful on not just conflicts but how to make sure your friendship stays strong.

- 1) Sometimes, you may cause the conflict and at times like these you need to own where you were wrong. Stay grounded, don't push all the blame onto your peers or other things because this will not help your situation at all. Own when you are wrong and accept you make mistakes, we all do. Try your best to learn from them.
- 2) Don't let the situation get out of control. If someone has said something that has upset you or disheartened you, tell a teacher. You are not snitching, honestly. The teachers around you are a support net to help make your time at school as easy as possible. You may not get along with them all, but you won't get along with everyone you meet. Tell an adult or a teacher you trust and feel like you can talk to otherwise you could get in trouble for escalating the situation if you deal with it alone.
- 3) Be there for your friends, but know when you need an adult. I know telling an adult business that isn't your own can be daunting and you may worry about losing your friend but, if your friend is in danger, at risk or needs help, tell. A. Teacher. they will realise it is for the better.

Those are my top 3 tips on friendship issues that may arise, in the end, do what you think is right. But remember, there are adults around the school to help you. No two people are the same.

SAFFRON STEDALL YEAR 9



TOP OF THE POPS

Top of the Pops!

This week there are some new hits in the charts which have caused a lot of excitement within the music industry. Those new songs are...

At number one this week is One Kiss by Dua Lipa ft. Calvin Harris, at number two is I'll Be There by Jess Glynne, at number three is 2002 by Anne-Marie, at number four is Nice for What by Drake and at number five is No Tears Left to Cry by Ariana Grande.



This year The 1975 will be releasing a new album entitled 'A Brief Enquiry to Online Relationships', which is expected to come out around October this year. However, as of May 2019 they will also be releasing another album called 'Notes on a Conditional Form'. This news has made their fans wonder what songs will be included, as well as if they are going to be releasing another album to follow on from this to make it a trilogy!

Beyoncé and Jay-Z are also going on a tour together which has been named as 'On the Run Part II'. It has been confirmed that they are going to be performing for basically the whole of Europe, having show's in the UK, France, Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Poland, Italy and Spain.

This really shows that they are still Crazy in Love after all this time!



BY JOEY MCALLISTER, YEAR 9



Book vs Film



A quick summary of the book:

Greg Heffley is a 11 year old boy who has an older annoying brother who always embarrasses him or gets him into trouble; he also has a younger brother. Greg always thinks about his social status and is always aiming to overcome the troubles that come to his life. In school he only has one extremely close friend!

BY HAST ISMAIL, YEAR 9

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Film Review:

Not only was the movie great, the actors also did a marvellous job! In the movie I could see all the feelings and facial expressions of the characters clearly. This had me intrigued because every part was acted outstandingly! Although not every scene was the exact same, I wasn't disappointed about it. This is due to the fact the scenes were comic! My favourite scene in one of the many movies is the 'Cheese touch' as not only was it extremely humorous, it also touched me how Greg stood up for his friend and was there for him. He said he was the one that ate it even though Rowley (his best friend) was bullied into eating the cheese on the floor. Rowley was vulnerable in the situation, therefore Greg stepped in! In conclusion, the film was fantastic and I enjoyed it very much.

Book Review:

In the book, Greg is shown as a nice character, however he can sometimes be mean to his friends and family. It shows how the life of a middle-school/secondary school boy is hectic and it shows how he overcomes his problems. The book is easy to read as the pages are not filled up with words, instead there are pictures to keep the reader interested. When I read the book it didn't get boring (I didn't want to stop reading it). Due to this, this is one of my favourite books as for me it is easy to get bored of a book. Another part I like about the book is that it has a series, therefore it shows how the characters develop; I learnt a lot about each character! Overall the book had me pleased!

Both the book and the film were remarkable, therefore the winner is..... *drum roll please*..... The book! The decision was extremely hard, however I had to pick the book! This is because the book felt easier to understand and I didn't get bored of reading it! If you haven't read the book, I recommend you read it whatever your age is!

Film: 4/5



Book: 5/5



Clash of the Titans

On June 12th 2018, Donald Trump and Kim Jong-Un met in Singapore to discuss current affairs, a talk that will be remembered in history as the first between the two countries for reasons surrounding past events between the two countries. Anti-America museums are still standing in Pyongyang (the capital city of North Korea).

Prior to the event, the North Korean media stated that there they could “establish a new relationship” with the United States -a shift from the country’s previous strong hostility towards the U.S. Meanwhile, Mr Trump announced that he has a “good feeling” and can “feel the excitement in the air”.

President Trump hopes that the talk was the start of the process to allow North Korea to surrender their nuclear weapons. Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, announced that the U.S. was willing to propose “unique” security guarantees to the opposing country. Also, to allow them to understand that the denuclearisation was “not something that would end badly for them”. Later, it was stressed that the same objective would not change. However, North Korea’s aims have not been revealed. Singapore’s Foreign Minister, Vivian Balakrishnan, said that both of the leaders were feeling “supremely confident”.

During Donald Trump’s first year as president, the two countries have repeatedly been making bitter exchanges towards another as North Korea conducted several ballistic missile tests in defiance of the international community. The U.S. president chose to tighten UN sanctions and to get China, a traditional ally of North Korea, on board with the idea. Also, he vowed to unleash “fire and fury” if Pyongyang continued to threaten the U.S. Mr. Kim responded by naming him as “mentally deranged”.



North Korea have spent decades building up their own weapons collection -at a great personal cost! It has enabled them to reach the potential of becoming a nuclear state that is able to send missiles to the U.S. successfully - or so North Korea’s Supreme Leader claims.

However, an unpredictable turnaround happened in early 2018 when North Korea and South Korea united to form a joint team at the Winter Olympics. Could this have been the start of a turnaround for North Korea?

From the meeting, not much has changed to the public eye. Both countries have kept the majority of the information secret. But, the U.S. and North Korea are no longer exchanging harsh remarks. Pyongyang’s nuclear testing has come to an apparent halt. South Korea and U.S. have also discontinued their joint testing as well -for the time being. All of this is now removing the fiery sparks of tension that were in the atmosphere.

Although a conference did take place, all of the hard work is still to be done. The summit did not provide any answers to any of the questions that have been circling this particular event:

Could this be the start to a successful alliance between the two countries? Will this be the beginning of the end of North Korea’s nuclear weapons testing? What are the aims of North Korea? Is North Korea on the path of change?

The questions remain unanswered.

BY CAITLIN JONES Y9

Cheerful News Corner

Our two Y7 reporters are here to find the news stories that are guaranteed to make you smile!

Labrador Pup Saved from Testing Lab!

Libby, she would soon be named, was one of nearly 250 dogs and cats rescued from animal testing hellhole Professional Laboratory and Research Services, Inc. after it shut down following a PETA investigation.



Medical companies paid the laboratory to fill dogs and cats with worms, fleas, and ticks and then force-feed them or smear their skin with toxic chemicals in tests.

Investigators recorded workers as they kicked, threw, and dragged dogs, lifted puppies by their throats and screamed at animals. A former supervisor and three former employees of the laboratory were arrested earlier this week on felony cruelty charges.

Despite all that she has been through, Libby has become a happy, playful girl in her loving new home. She wrestles and plays tug-of-war with her two adopted canine siblings, and she loves going out on walks and snuggling under the covers.

BY ROSA WILKINSON AND OLIVIA WRIGHT 7 STEIN

IT'S COMING HOME

ENGLAND steeled themselves for Tuesday's meeting with Colombia as this fascinating World Cup kicked off the knock out stages on Saturday.

Although the new VAR protocol has caused some concerns (especially given the huge amount of penalties it has resulted in), the majority of fans and pundits have proclaimed Russia 2018 to be 'one of the best World Cups ever' due to the high quality of the majority of matches and the fact there has only been one 0-0. Coupled with a lot of the more established teams (Argentina, Germany et al) already on the flight home it has made for an engaging and exciting spectacle.

From a more biased perspective, it has also opened up very nicely for Gareth Southgate's England team. Their second round match with Colombia on Tuesday looks to be the toughest game they will have on the route to the final, but even then the Colombians lost to a dismal Japanese side as recently as two weeks ago. After resting key players in the 1-0 defeat to Belgium, Southgate will bring back Kieran Trippier, John Stones and of course star man Harry Kane, who will be hoping to add to his five goals he has already scored.



The fear for England is that Colombia are at their freewheeling South-American best. Players such as Radamel Falcao and Juan Cuadrado both had a tumultuous time in the Premier League and will have points to prove, whilst James Rodriguez may also return from injury. All of England have their fingers crossed that should the Three Lions beat Colombia, football may very well have a chance of coming home.

GAME OF THE TOURNAMENT – So far, it's a toss up between France v Argentina or Portugal v Spain. I'd argue the latter wins because it was in the balance right up to the final seconds and only an amazing free-kick from Ronaldo saved Portugal's bacon.

GOAL OF THE TOURNAMENT – Alex Parvard – The France right back showed amazing technique to put enough curve and what the late great Ray Wilkins would have called 'swazz' on his shot against Argentina on Saturday. However, Angel Di Maria, Nacho and even our own Jesse Lingard have also contributed some wonder strikes of their own.

Puzzle Page!

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Russia 2018 is here, why not try our football themed puzzles including spot the 5 differences and a famous player word search!

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CAN YOU SPOT THE **DIFFERENCE?**