



Shav I got news for you...

"Together we enjoy, create, aspire & achieve"

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Why is there a school newsletter?

Written by the pupils, for the pupils!

We have started this school newsletter as a way for pupils to know about the school, while not thinking that they are just reading about the school achievements.

We want the readers of this newsletter to be interested in the various subject areas we have, but not just because of what is happening in that subject.

We want to get you interested in the many things that are exciting and fun about that subject. We also want to inform you of things like reward trips and non-uniform days so that you don't miss out.

Hopefully you will be interested in what we have to say, the people who write the articles are the JCLT and SCLT leaders for each subject. So if you have an idea for an article you would like to see just tell the leader for that subject. We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter!

Super Moon!

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a super moon!

If you looked at the moon this weekend it might have seemed bigger and brighter than usual. That's because it was a super moon! For it to be called that two things have to happen. It has to be a full moon and it has to be closer to the Earth than normal. The moon doesn't move around our planet in a circle - it orbits in an oval shape. This means at certain times it's nearer and it looks bigger. It was around 222,761 miles from Earth, closer than its average 238,900 miles.

December's full moon is traditionally known as the Cold Moon. The exact moment of the full moon was at 3:47pm on Sunday 3 December when it sat opposite the sun in the sky. Unlike the sun, it's safe to look directly at the moon and you can use a telescope or binoculars. By Lia Temperley Irving

Notices

You won't want to miss out!

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas dinner – Friday the 15th of December

Trafford Centre trip for years 10 and 11 – Monday the 18th of December

The last day – Wednesday the 20th of December at 14:00

Mobile cinema – Thursday the 14th December

Refugees create art

Refugees have created art to symbolize what they have gone through.

A teenager has drawn an image of her what her life is like crossing the Mediterranean Sea by boat, she has said that she could name every person in the picture. It depicts a large boat carrying crowds of people with worried looks on their faces, the boat is densely packed. The image contains over thirty people all tightly packed together like a can of sardines. By Natalie Palin



Does music really help us concentrate?

Classical? Rock? Pick your poison.

The brain has many amazing abilities but it hasn't evolved to take in abstract information or spending long amounts of time thinking about one thing. It has two attention systems: a conscious one that enables us to direct our focus towards things we know we want to concentrate on, and an unconscious one that shifts attention towards anything our senses pick up that might be significant. The problem with this is that while our conscious attention is focused our unconscious attention is still active. And if what we're doing is unpleasant or dull (so you're already having to force your attention to stay fixed on) the unconscious attention system is even more potent. So in conclusion it doesn't help as it makes our brains focus on the music and not the task at hand. By Anna Howell

iPhone X

Say hello to the future.

Apples vision has always been to create an iPhone that is entirely screen. One so immersive the device itself disappears into the experience. And so intelligent it can respond to a tap, your voice, and even a glance. With iPhone X, that vision is now a reality. Say hello to the future.

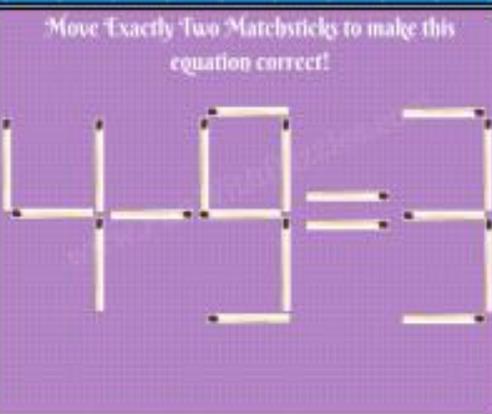
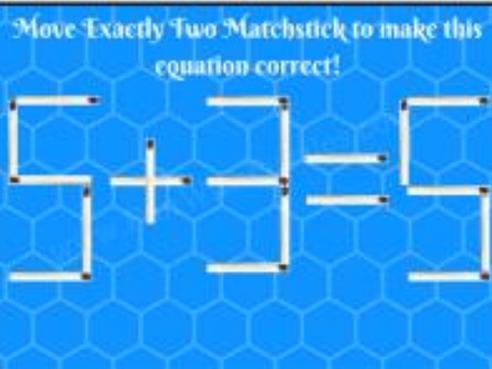
By Lois Kerr



Brain teasers

Can you solve these brain teasers?

By Lauren Robinson



STEM

STEM is important in the workplace

"Science is more powerful than a school subject, or the periodic table, or properties of waves. It is an approach to the world, a critical way to understand and explore and engage the world, and then have the capacity to change the world..." -Barack Obama

The United States has developed as a global leader, in large part, through the genius and hard work of its scientist, engineers and innovators. In a world that's become increasingly complex, where success is driven not only by what you know, it's more important than ever for our youth to be equipped with the knowledge and skills to solve tough problems, gather and evaluate evidence, and make sense of information.

By Billy Bradshaw

Catholicism in fashion?

Heavenly Bodies: fashion and the catholic imagination

The costume institute of the Metropolitan Museum of art has now created an exhibit to show "Heavenly Bodies: Fashion and the Catholic Imagination." This will be the name of their new exhibition coming in 2018. This will show key aspects of the catholic religion including the cross and many of the garments worn by people in catholic paintings. But will this be the fashion exhibition of the year, only time will tell. By Ella Banks



Lunchtime activities

Have fun at lunch!

- School gym is open to all year's everyday
- Dance studio is open to all year's everyday
- Leadership competition for year 7s on Mondays
- Leadership competition for year 8s on Tuesdays
- Leadership competition for year 9s on Wednesdays
- Leadership competition for year 10s on Thursdays
- Leadership competition for year 11s on Fridays



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