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Happy Summer Term!!

Hello everyone! Hope you are enjoying the sunshine and this newsletter :)

- Ayla Cheesman

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Willow project

Milly Traylor

A new oil drilling project has just been put into motion by President Joe Biden in the United States. This project allows for Alaska's North Slope in the National Petroleum Reserve, to be used for oil drilling. This part of Alaska is currently owned by the federal government. The area is thought to hold around 600 million barrels of oil. We wouldn't see this oil though for many years as the area, oil and project is yet to be constructed and has not been fully set into motion.

This project was originally posed to President Trump in 2020 and the original scale was slightly larger. In 2020, the plan was initially to drill over five pads across the Northern slopes. This plan was approved, but due to the change of presidents, J. Biden had reduced this to three pads. These three pads still equate to 90% of the oil they're pursuing. Many have speculated onto why Biden chose to do this as earlier in his running he said he would try and prevent/avoid situations like this. The Biden administration has come out and stated they felt their "hands were tied" as ConocoPhillips (the company running these drills) already have existing and valid leases in this area. To go against these could cause legal friction.

Slight issues do arise among environmental groups who don't agree with this new passing. Many have joined to sign petitions and taking to the streets to protest their discontentment within the project. ConocoPhillips cannot start production outside of the winter months as they need the ice to support infrastructure within the project. If the environmental groups continue to push and file legal action the development will be significantly delayed. It should also be mentioned that the project could have significant consequences on the environment. Many estimate the project would generate enough oil to release 9.2 million metric tons of planet-warming carbon pollution a year – equivalent to adding 2 million gas-powered cars to the roads.

Some people think the oil drilling is a good idea because it takes reliance off foreign oil and helps centralise the trade back into American. Also due to ongoing conflicts, countries, especially in the West, and feeling a much higher demand for things like gas and oil. Countries are struggling to meet these demands. Due to this, price of everyday things can go up and make the cost-of-living increase. We are already seeing this in places like the UK, Spain and Germany. If America were to drill in Alaska some of these pressures could be reduced, but it would not be instantaneous.

With all the facts presented, its left up to you. What do you think should be done?

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Careers

Scuba Diving Pizza Delivery Man: There is an underwater hotel in Florida that often requires pizza. Therefore they have a scuba diving pizza delivery man/woman who delivers pizza in a watertight case.

Dog food taster: The dog food tester's job is to taste brand new dog food products. These include bones, tinned meat and biscuits. They test the flavour and texture in comparison to other competitive dog food brands and human food. Full-time.

Netflix viewer: This is probably the dream job! Imagine being paid to watch tv all day! Netflix has decided to hire someone to watch all content before releasing it to the public. Their job is to analyse each program and to assign it to the correct tag. These people are the reasoning for the ratings such as PG and 12s or Romantic, Horror or Comedy.

Ginny Walshaw

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Wordsearch

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RAIN
DAFFODILS
CHICKS
CHEERFUL

FLOWERS
BLOSSOM
SPRING
EQUINOX

EASTER
LAMBS
SUNSHINE
GROWTH

Laura Godsen

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Sports

Various sports have taken place this half-term, with many of the students across the year groups participating. These sports included karting, cheerleading, cricket, ten tors and many more.

Ten tors training sessions have continued with the two 35 mile teams taking part in their first camping walk in some challenging weather conditions, along with the 45's.

Well done to Archie who competed in the British Kart Championship and came 11th overall out of a total of 79 drivers!

Also, a huge congratulations to Kiesha in year 7 who achieved a gold medal as her team won the Southwest Cheerleading Championships. Special mention to Miss Roberts in PE who won the championship title of performer/coach.

Nice one to the U13 boys indoor cricket team who competed in the Devon County finals at Exeter University. They faced some tough opposition, and they saved their best performance until last, winning their final match. Alfie was voted player of the match. They finished 7th overall in the county – well done!

Also, congratulations to all the February sports stars of the month – great work:

Year 7 – Joel S and Henry D

Year 8 – Ann C and Tom G

Year 9 – Cordelia and Jayden L

Year 10 – Laura G and Katie B

Year 11 – Jack S and Ella W

GCSE PE:

Year 10 – Tyler C and Reebea B

Year 11 – Jack P and Elle V-H

BTEC Sport:

Year 12 – Fern D

Year 13 – Adam J

Gracie Giles

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Teacher Interview - Miss Charalambous

Q 1 - What is your favourite thing about the subject you teach?

Seeing a mathematical idea “click” for my students after I’ve explained it.

Q 2 - When you were younger, what job did you want to do?

I always wanted to be a teacher.

Q 3 - What was your favourite subject in school?

Maths and Spanish.

Q 4 - If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

I’d love to visit Japan – it’s supposed to be beautiful!

Q 5 - What’s your favourite film?

Up.

Q 6—What would be your perfect meal?

Christmas dinner.

Q 7 - Finally, a very controversial topic, does pineapple belong on pizza?

Absolutely, yes. But only with ham.

Ayla Cheesman