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Have a good half term,
counting down the days
until Christmas!!!



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Events in the world

By Milly Traylor

After the death of Mahsa Amini, 22, by Iranian police, protest broke out in Iran. A series of protests and demonstrations began on 16 September 2022 following her death, she died in hospital 3 days after being in police custody and having been beaten by the police following an issue of "improper hijab". These protests have been going on for weeks and show no signs of stopping. In fact, momentum for them is only growing as women all over the world are more connected than ever due to the power of technology. In combat to this, the Iranian government has shut down the internet a number of times over the past weeks, to stop the spread of these protests.

In these demonstrations, many women are cutting their hair as a sign of power and release from the historically controlling government. People across the globe, through the power of social media, are also cutting their hair. Most notably Iraqi-born Abir Al-Sahlani said in the parliament in Strasbourg, France, on the 4 October. She took a large pair of scissors out when on the stand and spoke into the microphone "Woman, Life, Freedom" before cutting off her hair in front of a live audience and the press. Other women who have cut their hair in solidarity are; Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe a British-Iranian national who spent six years in jail in Iran and French actresses, Juliette Binoche and Isabelle Huppert.

School girls have also been joining in by refusing to wear hijabs by burning them and at one school, chasing government officials and representatives away as a form of resilience against the harsh repressive rules. Some girls have taken a strike against going to school, enabling them to go to protests they otherwise would have missed. Women of all ages up and down the country have been attending these demonstrations and they show no signs of stopping.

Most recently Elnaz Rekabi, an Iranian rock climber who competed in a competition without a hijab on. She was seen climbing in Seoul, South Korea without a headscarf on. She claims she was too busy doing her laces and warming up and forgot about the headdress, but many speculate about the credibility of this story, and suspect she is being made to speak under duress. Many questions are now being raised about other women who have had to give stories and lies about their actions abroad by the government. British-Iranian actress Nazanin Boniadi told the BBC: "When I saw the interview on state TV with Elnaz Rekabi, all I could think of was the hundreds and hundreds of false confessions that we are accustomed to seeing out of Iran. The authorities use forced confessions under duress to disprove any dissident voices." This shows distrust in the government and a scary pattern of controlling lies emerging.

As the protests still carry on, these women's cry for help are getting harder to ignore. People all over the world are standing in solidarity with them and it seems this might be the final straw that breaks the camels back. We can only hope these women get the law changed and have freedom once more.

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Sports

Autumn term sports:

A variety of sports have taken place this half term, with many of the students from various year groups taking part. One major sport for this half term was the inter house cross country competition and one in which students did exceptionally well. Scott house in particular proved very strong and finished top overall in the house competition.

Here are the results:

Y7 Boys – 1st Bryn B, 2nd Owen W, 3rd Kaison C & Y7 Girls – 1st Chloe H, 2nd India C, 3rd Ella C.

Y8 Boys – 1st Toby S, 2nd Oscar B, 3rd Henry T & Y8 Girls – 1st Isla D, 2nd Lily C, 3rd Olivia H.

Y9 Boys – 1st George A / Kayden A, 2nd Harry R / Jaden L, 3rd Jack C / James J & Y9 Girls – 1st Daisy H / Maisie C, 2nd Ella F / Jess J, 3rd Emily H/ Ella M.

Senior Boys – 1st Harry J, 2nd Alex B, 3rd Jamie W & Senior Girls – 1st Gracie G, 2nd Josie B, 3rd Millie T.

The rugby season has also commenced this half-term. The Under 13s rugby team did exceedingly well and won 8 tries to 2 against Colyton Grammar School. The scorers were Riley x3, Alfie x2, Dylan x2 and Charley x1 with a clever kick through from Sean.

In addition, another rugby team won 25 tries to 7 against Woodroffe. They accomplished 5 tries altogether as well as a hat-trick from Alfie M.

Well done all, for a successful sporty first half-term. We look forward to writing about more triumphs in our next newsletter

By Gracie Giles

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Career

Career 1: Face feelers or 'sensory scientists' make around £35,000 a year. Their job is to feel the difference in product testers' skin before and after the product is used, to test the efficiency of products like razors, lotions and creams.

Career 2: Line standers get paid between £9 to £12 per hour. Their job is to stand in line waiting for event tickets, game consoles, iphones and most other things. They hold a space for people who are too busy or don't want to queue themselves.

By Mia Johnson

Updates

- Sponsored walk – we hope everyone had a great time
- Updated praise and rewards launched in assembly recently.
- Focus on being ready to learn in lessons.
- There are lots of enrichment activities now up and running including some new clubs and activities.
- Science festival has meant that we are getting lots of visitors in the College.

By Chawanne Bishop

Environment

This winter will be hard for everyone this year. On top of the cost of living, the environment is experiencing extreme temperatures - both hot and cold. You may have noticed already the sudden drop in temperatures and they will be sure to continue. This is because of climate change. That means it will be doubly hard for wildlife to find warmth and nutrition. In order to come to the aid of these creatures. Here are 3 top tips on how to improve animals chances this year:

1. Remember to keep your bird feeders well stocked and in a place that is safe for them to fly down.
2. If you think you have hedgehogs near you or in your garden remember to have a little food for them out. Because hibernating or not they often sneak out to grab some food and then they go back to sleep.
3. Keep to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. This slogan is incredibly helpful. Always try to use the 3 'Rs' every day.

By Ginny Walshaw

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Teacher interview

GET TO KNOW YOUR TEACHERS!

Ever wondered what your teachers were like in school? Then, this is the section for you! There are answers to these questions and more...

Mrs Churchill

1. What is your favourite holiday destination?

Kenya (only been once)

2. What was your dream job when you were a child?

Vet

3. What was the most fun or exciting part of your teaching career?

Students setting fire to my hands!

4. If you had to spend £1000 on the science department, what would you buy?

A set of super fast ipads with data loggers for measuring temperature, pH etc

5. What is the most annoying technical problem you have had when teaching a lesson?

No gas when trying to use the Bunsen Burners

6. Do you have any interesting hobbies outside of school?

Horse riding... well nowadays running with my daughter on her pony trying to keep up!

7. Which fictional book or film character do you wish you could meet in real life?

The Gruffalo

8. Do you have any embarrassing stories from your time as a teacher? If so, what are they?

Not really, but an experiment I left on my desk exploded up to the ceiling once - of course no one was hurt but I wondered what the strange noise was and started to ask the class what the noise was just before the lid blew off!

9. Do you have any pets? If not, would you like one?

One pony

10. And finally, do you think pineapple belongs on pizza?!!!

No, but I will eat it!

By Laura Gosden

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Jokes

1} I threw a boomerang at a ghost the other day.

I knew it would come back to haunt me.

2} Why couldn't Dracula's wife get to sleep?

Because of his coffin.

3} What do you call a chicken that haunts your house?

A poultrygeist.

4} What do dentists hand out at Halloween?

Sweets - It's good for business.

5} What do skeletons order at a restaurant?

Spare ribs.

6} Do you know any skeleton jokes?

Yes, but you wouldn't find it very humerus.

7} The best part about Halloween is that the cobwebs in my house look like decorations.

8} Why are ghosts so bad at telling lies?

Because you can see right through them.

9} What do you call two witches sharing an apartment?

Broommates.

10} I got so fed up with trick or treaters at Halloween that in the end I turned the lights out and pretended I wasn't in. Forget the ships. My lighthouse, my rules...

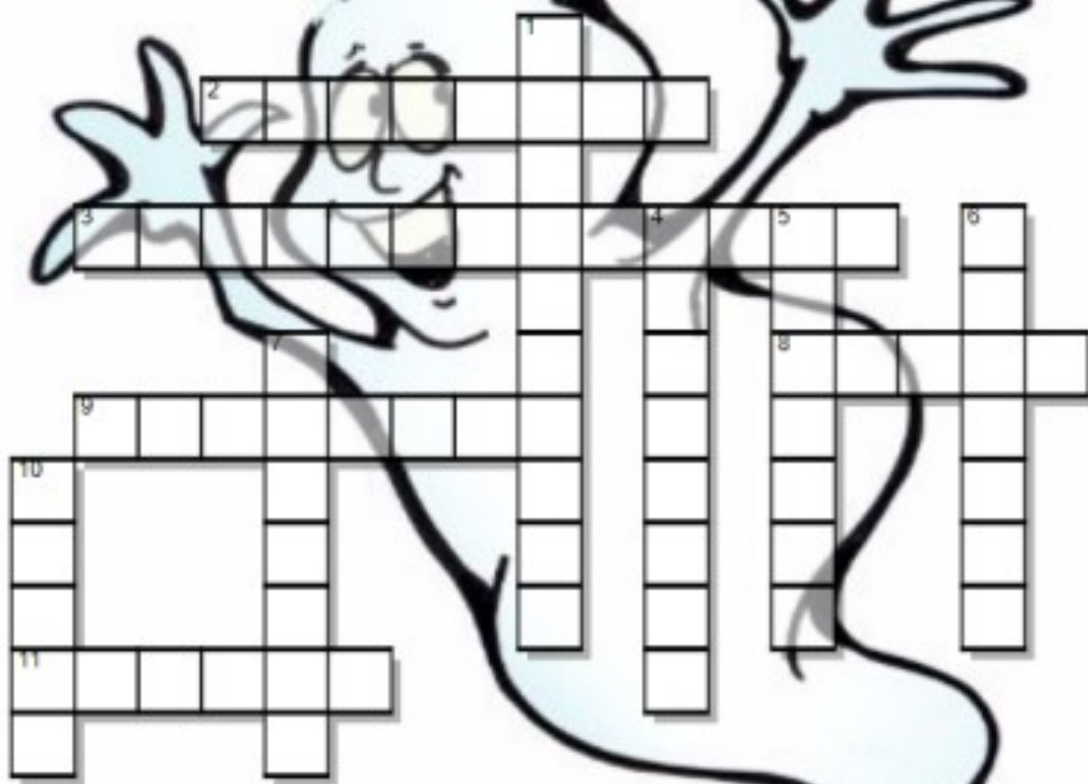
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Crossword

EVEN THOUGH HALLOWEEN
WAS A WHILE AGO, YOU CAN
STILL ENJOY IT RIGHT?!

🎃 Halloween Crossword 🎃



ACROSS

- 2 A Witches cooking pot
- 3 Another name for Halloween
- 8 All wrapped up
- 9 unlucky for some
- 11 A spider's accommodation

DOWN

- 1 A Witches transport
- 4 A Bony frame
- 5 Should avoid garlic bread
- 6 Carve spooky faces
- 7 The month of spooky season
- 10 _____ or treat

By Ella Craddock