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ARTEMIS SPACE MISSION - NASA

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The NASA Artemis mission's aims are to land the first woman and the first person of colour on the surface of the moon. NASA is additionally trying to discover whether Mars is habitable to humans following the gradual increase in global climate change. Furthermore, the Artemis Space Mission encourages the future generation to explore the depths of the earth to its fullest and experience the unknown.

Artemis I

According to NASA there are three steps to the extraordinary breakthrough research mission. The Artemis I was the first in the series and its focus was to enable human exploration in and around the Earth. This mission occurred on the 16th November 2022 and was a flight in which humans were not included. Artemis I took 25 days

Artemis II

Artemis II is focusing on the lunar south pole of the Moon to be able to find water and other critical resources to do long-term explorations about the Moon. The Artemis II will launch in Cape Canaveral in Florida and will leave the port no earlier than September 2025. The Space Launch System (SLS) spacecraft will be launched a quarter of a million miles into space in the Moon's lunar orbit. The four astronauts embarking on this journey are: Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, Christina Koch and Jeremy Hansen. they will be situated in the Orion at the gateway system and will return from the Moon's orbit to enter the Earth's atmosphere and hopefully make a safe landing. To read more about these astronauts click on this link: <https://www.nasa.gov/feature/our-artemis-crew/>



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I believe that this aeronautic breakthrough will be a very significant factor encouraging young children to engage in the arts of STEM and broaden the amount of STEM careers available to all.

UCLA PROTESTS

THOMAS BARRY 10C



Across the US, thousands of students from over 130 colleges and universities have protested against the Israeli campaign in Gaza, and their universities' ties to Israel. However, the pro-Palestinian encampment at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in particular has been the site of massive violence and global news attention over the last month. Since the war on Gaza began, the students of UCLA have demanded that their university financially divests from Israel. Endowments are funds or assets donated to universities to provide them with financial support, and act as an incredibly important revenue source for many universities such as UCLA, which has an endowment of almost \$8 billion. The student activists want UCLA to divest from endowments coming from Israeli businesses, or even international corporations like Google and Amazon, that have deals in Israel, seeing these firms as complicit in the murder of innocent Palestinian civilians.

On April 25th of this year, pro-Palestinian student activists set up an encampment on UCLA grounds, pitching their tents in an area called Dickson Plaza. This followed the creation of a similar encampment at Columbia University's campus on April 17th, which resulted in suspensions and mass arrests of involved students, with police officers in riot gear first dismantling the settlement on only its second day. One of the students arrested at Columbia was Isra Hirsi, the daughter of Ilhan Omar, a representative of Minnesota in the US Congress. Initially, the encampment at UCLA was ignored and allowed to grow, however on April 28th at UCLA, there was a mostly peaceful pro-Israeli counterprotest. This was organised by a nonprofit organisation, called the Israeli-American council, who denounced the protests as 'overtly antisemitic' and 'pro-terror and anti-American'. The counter protesters bore Israeli and American flags and called on the University to 'exhibit zero tolerance' and swiftly take down the encampment. A few physical altercations had occurred, but there was no major violence. The large majority of counter protesters came from outside of the school, and many have been linked to other conservative and pro-Israeli rallies.

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On April 30th, the tensions between protesters and counter protesters reached a boiling point. UCLA finally declared the encampment as unlawful, threatening students and faculty to evacuate or face discipline. That night, at around 10:30PM a violent mob sieged the encampment, attacking the pro-Palestinian protesters for hours and trying to tear down the barricades around the encampment. UCLA's Police Chief, John Thomas, didn't arrive at the university until almost midnight, by which point the violence had escalated, with masked counter protesters throwing objects at the encampment, lighting fireworks inside it and beating people in mobs. Those in the camp tried to defend themselves, using pepper spray and planks of wood as riot shields. That said, they received no support from the law enforcement, who refused to intervene, sighting that they didn't have the necessary forces gathered. Around 1:40AM, police officers in riot gear began to arrive, but still didn't break up the clashing, until almost 3AM, when they finally pushed into the encampment, forcing the crowds to disperse. Most of the counter protesters had already left by this time. After this, the violence ended, and the campers treated their injured throughout the night.

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The next day, more police arrived on campus and issued an unlawful assembly order, warning the protesters to disappear. At around 3AM that night, police came onto the camp to take it down. They broke through the protesters' barriers and fought with them, arresting, and taking 209 people into custody. These people were released from jails the next day. Gene Block, the Chancellor of the university, said that it was a 'dark chapter in our campus' history' and a 'focal point for serious violence. Following the events of April 30th to May 2nd, criticism mounted against Police Chief John Thomas, scrutinising him and his police force for their slow response and unequal treatment of protesters and counter protesters. School faculty also began to protest in solidarity with their students, demanding for Chancellor Block to resign, due to his failure to protect his own students from 'vigilante and police violence', with at least 25 students being hospitalised from the events. In the following days, over 800 faculty and staff at UCLA called on Block to resign, and over a hundred teaching staff gathered to deliver a letter calling for his resignation and for all charges against students to be dropped.

Despite the takedown of the original encampment, the student activists haven't given up and have continued campaigning for UCLA to divest, although the university continues to refuse. Furthermore, many other universities across the US have experienced similar events, and the movement has even spread to other countries, such as the UK, with students all across the international community coming out against Israeli treatment of Palestinians. Over 35 thousand innocent civilians in Gaza have been murdered and almost 80 thousand injured. On top of this over half of Gaza's population, about 1.11 million people, are experiencing 'catastrophic food insecurity'.

US ELECTIONS - TRUMP'S TRIAL

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Donald Trump have been charged for over 30 felonies falsifying business record to commit and conceal crimes, with payments being paid to adult film actress Stormy Daniels. The reason why Donald Trump is paying her is because Trump want her to keep quiet about their alleged affair.



Ever since May 25 of this year, Donald Trump have been put on trial and is being Judged by Juan Merchan, a well respected judge.

Witnesses have come to testify for the case, the most notable example is Micheal Cohen, who stole thousands from the Trump Organisation and collected 30 mote grand than what he paid to the company(Trump Organisation)in total itself

US ELECTIONS - TRUMP'S TRIAL

DEMI TALABI 8A

Donald Trump recently has been attending two criminal trials. He is being charged of fraud, relating to the hush money that he paid to Stormy Daniels.

Hush money means when someone or a party pays someone or a party to keep something a secret that if revealed would severely impacts the persons' reputation and would change the way people think of them, almost like a bribe.



Furthermore, the Judge also accuses him of rigging the 2016 elections so he should win, and committing tax fraud. If this is proven true, Trump will be receiving 20 years in prison.

This is huge news because this means that Trump is the first former US president in history to go to court.

This, surprisingly isn't the first time this happened. In 2023, Donald Trump received four criminal indications for the acts he had committed during his presidency and shortly after the 2020 American Presidential Elections, where he wrongfully claimed that the election was rigged and he actually won. He was charged for 94 felonies crimes.

RISHI SUNAK, OUR PRIME MINISTER

TIANYU ZHOU 10B



Rishi Sunak, the prime minister of today that was elected prime minister on 25 October 2022. Previously appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer from 13 February 2020 to 5 July 2022. He is the first British Asian Prime Minister of Punjabi descent and seems to be well off with an estimated wealth is £651 million. Rishi Sunak had a successful career in business and finance before entering politics. He co-founded a large investment firm and worked with companies from Silicon Valley to Bangalore.

To look at Rishi Sunak as a prime minister, we must first see the promises he made on 4th January 2023:

1. Halve inflation
2. Grow the economy
3. Reduce debt
4. Cut NHS waiting lists
5. Stop the boats from crossing channel

Halve inflation: Inflation has fallen from 10.7% to 3.9%, therefore meeting Sunak's pledge to halve inflation by the end of the year.
Grow the economy: The economy is forecast to grow by 0.5% in 2024.

Get debt falling: Debt has risen to 88.3% of GDP in November 2023 from 85.1% in December 2022.

Cut NHS waiting lists: NHS waiting lists have continued to rise with even in real life examples of people unable to get appointments.

Stop the boats: Just under 30,000 people arrived by small boats in 2023, marking a 36% decrease from the previous year, but legal challenges have hindered the government's efforts to address this issue.

Now that we have looked over some of the issues that Rishi Sunak has promised us he would solve, can we really trust our prime minister?

THE HISTORY OF THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA

LUCAS HENRY 8W

Usually, the first thing that pops into your mind when you hear the word China is “The Great Wall of China”. Many see it as the symbol of China, except the flag of course. Most people think of it as a big wall that stretches along the border of China and Mongolia, but do you really know the history behind this large structure? Dive in to find out.

When was it built?

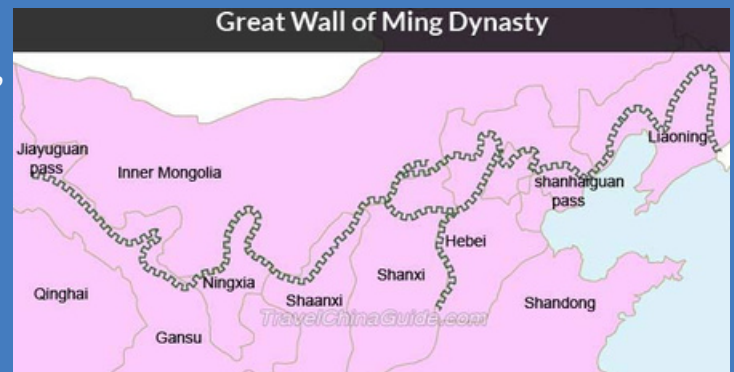
As you may have known, the Great Wall was definitely not built in a day (unlike Rome). But it was built over 10 dynasties from 7th century BC to the 17th century AD. That is nearly 2,500 years! But the wall was not as “great” as you thought, because most of it had to be rebuilt or renovated during the Ming Dynasty (it lasted from 1368 to 1644). The renovation started almost immediately after the dynasty was established and lasted until 1600.

Where is it situated?

Now, enough with all the numbers, now, let me tell you a bunch of place names that you have never heard of. Did you know, different sections of the Great Wall were built in different dynasties?

Therefore, if someone wants to know how long the wall is, they'd have to ask which dynasty the wall refers to.

In the image to the right, you can see the Great Wall of China from the Ming Dynasty (this is the one you see as of today in the real world). The wall starts at Mt. Hushan in the east of the Liaoning province, and ends at Jiayuguan Pass in Gansu province in the west - provinces are like regions-. It has a total length of 6,700 kilometres in the Ming Dynasty. But in total it was around 20,000 kilometres (13,000 miles)!



How was it used?

The Great Wall of China was not made for astronauts to see from space, there is a very rich history behind it. The Great Wall was used as a defence system not just to defend against foreign invaders like the Mongols, but also housed as a centre of housing and commerce. It was also used for protection and transportation for the newly founded Silk Road.



THE FAULT IN OUR STARS REVIEW

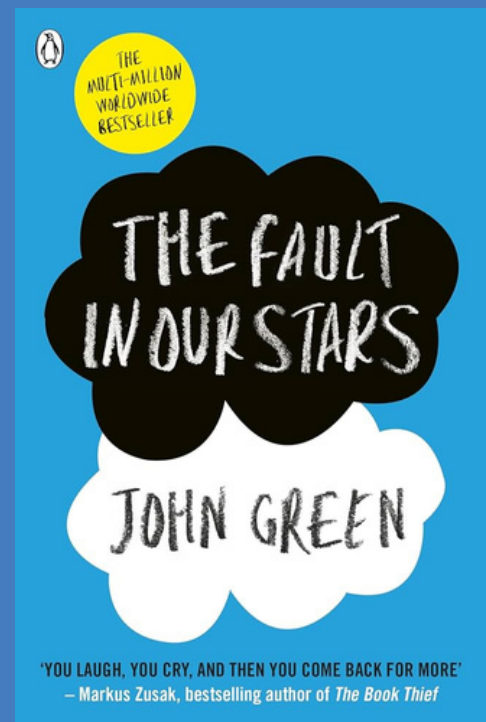
JOE PHILP 10W

The book is about a 16 year old girl lung cancer called Hazel and the life changing journey she embarked on after meeting another cancer survivor called Gus.

It is a poignant and moving story that discusses the fragility of life and how we must cherish our experiences as well as providing a more human and realistic interpretation on a highly demeaning illness and those who suffer from it.

I was very moved by the characters and found the ending incredibly poignant but I also found it changed the way I thought about cancer as a whole as I feel I am able to empathise with those with the condition far more than before I read the book. However, even if you are lucky enough to never have any experience with cancer or even debilitating diseases like it I found the book teaches a highly important and very useful lesson on life as a whole as it is through taking opportunities and overcoming their fears that the characters are able to make the most of the time they have together.

It is a really striking story with realistic, fleshed-out characters and gives an incredible message. It is superbly well-written and an extremely memorable book which I would recommend to anyone interested.



FRANTIC ASSEMBLY WORKSHOP

EHIMEN ONOABHAGBE 8W

The Frantic Workshop was an amazing experience teaching us not only drama and physical skills but skills to use in life and in sports. It also gave us an insight into creating our own work and using different theatre forms, helping and polishing our drama skills.

First, the workshop started with a quick jogging warm up running up and down p3, which helped getting our bodies moving, blood pumping and warming us up to prevent any injury.

Secondly, we did some preliminary stretches, once again to relieve any stress or tension we have in our body to have the smallest chance possible of having an injury.

After, similar to skiing we did an exercise where we run in and out chairs keeping the same distance between you and your partner for the entire thing. At first, the instructor said we were working at an 8% workrate and taught us that it's not about the amount of mistakes we make but rather how we learn from those mistakes, instead of consistently making those mistakes again and again, so we went from 8% to 13% to 45% to 85% to 90% showing by us not consistently messing up in the same area our workrate was better. In this exercise we learnt skills like, Teamwork, communication, timing, listening, intensity, team building and other skills.



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Then, we went into more of physical theatre, as one person put their hand on top of their partners hand and then the person who's hand was below had to follow wherever the top hand went, we did different variations of this with eyes closed and open and different speeds.



After that, we gradually learnt how to do flips how you see it in live shows, tips for doing this was keeping your foot knee hip and torso all touching then one of you scoops your bum under their bum cheeks and with that momentum they Raise from the floor.



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To end off, we put all of our skills like keeping hands in sync, different flips and keeping the same distance between your partner, into a short sequence which would contain immobile and mobile motions of us going side to side in p3.



To conclude i would just like to say Thank you to Ms Grady and anyone else who oraganised it, it helped my drama skills and taught me life skills and lessons, It also provided me with new skills to use in my work as well as more confidence in physical theatre so thank your for the oppurtunity.

WARHAMMER AT BETHS

TEDDY HENDERSON 8A

What is Warhammer?

Warhammer is a tabletop game in which you put your battle skills to the test. It is split into two games:

Warhammer 40K and Warhammer Age of Sigmar. You will need to command an army into victory. Warhammer was released 1987 and is one of the most popular tabletop games in the world; it was founded by Rick Priestly.

Where can you get help?

Games Workshop, the company behind Warhammer, have many shops all over the world that will help you get started. They can give you a 'battle honours' booklet which is a small book that has challenges for you to complete in return for some free merchandise. You also get a free figure when joining the 'battle honours' program. The nearest shop in the local area is in Bromley.

Warhammer Club at Beths

Beths has its very own Warhammer club that takes place after school on Wednesdays in A10 in the DT block. YOU can be a beginner or an experienced player to join. Currently Mr. Reddington is running a competition where you have to create the best Warhammer storage box for all your figures. The winner will receive some free Warhammer related items.



NASCAR TRADITIONS

FAEQ 8B

Hi again, everyone! It's Faeq of 8B here, and I hope you are having a good day (to some degree) whilst reading this article. Now, we are going to *remain* in the world of NASCAR (the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing) for one more month before the Sports Day June 2024 edition of Best of the Beths... And to be fair, I believe this is actually a good way to end the exploration of NASCAR and its aspects for (at least) some time.

As you may *obviously* know, we are in the month of May, the fifth month of twelve in 2024. This month, over in NASCAR, there have been/are going to be some 'cultural events' going on. What exactly do I mean by 'cultural events', may I ask? By this, I am referencing the **Darlington 'Throwback Weekend'** that they do annually for the Cup, Xfinity and Truck Series in Darlington, South Carolina. That has passed now (May 10th-12th), but what is upcoming is the **'Memorial Day Weekend'** at Charlotte Motor Speedway for all three series (May 24th-26th). At Charlotte, they will take to the track with the nation's colours or some military-camouflage schemes, making reference to those *that served the United States* in war/battle. Last time I was here, it may have been like a lesson on 'NASCAR stereotypes'. This may be a second consecutive lesson, so as previously... 'sit back, relax and enjoy' this correlated article! :)



As stated, NASCAR will hold a 'Throwback Weekend' at Darlington Raceway, and have done so since (**only**) 2015, despite the sport being around for 76 years (since 1948)... However, this has actually made for a very historic, nostalgic (and so on) weekend. What is celebrated by most teams is the history of those involved as of now (drivers, crew chiefs)/prior legends/sponsors, and *not necessarily in NASCAR only*. Throwback Weekend makes me feel like the legends of the past from said sports are 'spiritually' *returning from the dead*, albeit for that one weekend.. But it just seems cool to think of it as legends of different eras and sports battling against each other to win at the 'Track Too Tough To Tame' / have a nice dance with 'The Lady in Black' (both are nicknames for Darlington). And nostalgia just **hits** this weekend, especially for hardcore fans.

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Speaking of throwback schemes, we actually had some very cool ones this year, particularly (in my opinion) from **Hendrick Motorsports** (I'm a fan of them, yes, but I'm trying to be **honest** and **unbiased**). Examples of Hendrick throwbacks included Alex Bowman's #48 Ally Chevrolet (somewhere on page 1) to 7-time champion Jimmie Johnson's early years (2002-2005 Lowe's). Kyle Larson also had a great throwback that won the Fan Vote. His #5 HendrickCars.com Chevrolet was reference to Terry Labonte's 1996 championship-winning Kellogg's car. Other notable throwbacks included Brad Keselowski's #6 RFK Racing Ford, and it had something to do with sponsor Castrol... He threw it back to the *1997 Castrol TOM's Supra*, one of *the most iconic cars* in the history of Japan's Super GT Series.

Now, to mention Charlotte. The Charlotte Memorial Weekend for NASCAR is actually one of the most **important** and prestigious of the season. It is a weekend to *commemorate* fallen soldiers of the U.S forces in wars such as World War 2 or any other instances. Most drivers bring patriotic paints to this race in representation of the USA, or maybe even military schemes. And on the cars where they'd have their surname for identification, they instead have *the name of a fallen fighter*. For example, this year Chase Elliott of Hendrick Motorsports is to carry a dark digital-camo pattern on his #9 NAPA Chevrolet in honour of **TEC5 Clifford Strickland**, who was captured and died as a prisoner in WWII. Elliott's unveiled livery is below.



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What I am essentially trying to say with this is that the Charlotte Weekend is not for a fun, 600-mile race, but it is for the remembrance, the power and the pride of America. The reason teams do this to pay respect and honour those that have sacrificed their own lives for our safety. Therefore, saying 'the Coke 600 is just cars in red, white and blue/camouflage driving in circles' is **disrespectful** to NASCAR, the fans as well as the purpose of that Memorial Weekend. Not only that, in saying that, you are *shoving disrespect in the face of **the US forces***. Do you know what they do? They are the defendants of the United States, putting their lives on the line to save many people, which is why many are alive today. They go into every battle knowing it could be their last stand, and that is just hard to swallow and realise. And that role is such an important and daunting one to play. Those soldiers face it with bravery, and bravery is **not** the absence of fear, it is **the overcoming of it** and that is what these forces do best. Once for the people, and *always* for the people. **Period.**



Those were my main two points I wanted to share with you. I have another one, and this may be a **bonus** but still, I find this one quite appealing...

The NASCAR Cup Series took to Darlington for the GoodYear 400 Throwback race. And let me tell you that 'Brad Keselowski (...) won this race' ((quote is from 2009 at Talladega) he literally did though(!)). It marked his first win since April 2021 at Talladega, over **3 years/110 races** ago. You see, when Keselowski wins, he will carry the American flag with him and wave it. In an interview in 2011, he said 'One of the first things that come to mind is the different causes, whether it's the military and so forth...' Not only is the celebration symbolic of the nation's rights and lifestyle, it is for his *Checkered Flag Foundation*. The organisation raises money to support those like the military that have sacrificed for the whole of America. NASCAR isn't just for entertainment sakes you see, as *Keselowski himself* would say, it's also a place where Americans are reminded of *the rights and lifestyle* that they are entitled to as well, among other aspects.

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Each sport, whether physical or auto racing, is **unique** in its own way. This is where NASCAR stands out, particularly in May. From Darlington's throwback events to saluting fallen fighters in the nation's colours, this is something that *not many* (motor)sports (*that I know of*) even do. NASCAR are proud of not only their **76 years of history**, but their own country's history, rights and lifestyle as well, recognising famous figures in NASCAR and in the wider communities. I'm not American myself, but I'll be honest, this is actually *such a cool touch*! NASCAR unleashes the cultural beast inside of them this month, and this may only be part of such beast, as there is 'more than what meets the eye'. And going by this, if this has met your eye, there is far more to NASCAR than all of this and looking into the sport more, you will surely know it.

It has been a joy writing this, again, related to my biggest passion that I possess, so you can maybe tell I was quite eager to do this (in which case I totally was)! Anyway, I hope you enjoyed reading this article. If you have any questions, contact me at **22b-ojelade@beths.bexley.sch.uk** on Email or at **22B-Ojelade-Faeq** on Microsoft Teams, or in person. Thanks for reading, and I will hopefully see you readers in June for Sports Day's edition (Sports Day is on the 13th of June (the day after my 13th birthday!)). If I make my next appearance at a later point, then see you then! Have a good one.

LINK EXTENSION - Hendrick Motorsports' 2024 Throwbacks

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PREMIER LEAGUE 23/24 FINAL DAY

ALASTAIR 10H

The final day of the Premier League 2023/24 season was dramatic, marking the conclusion of an eventful campaign.

Manchester City were crowned champions for the fourth consecutive season, securing their place in history. Their consistent performance throughout the season was highlighted by key contributions from players like Erling Haaland and Phil Foden.

The battle for European spots saw Tottenham Hotspur securing a place in the Europa League with a victory over Sheffield United. Chelsea also clinched a European spot thanks to a crucial win against Bournemouth. Meanwhile, Newcastle's win at Brentford kept their hopes of European football alive.

The relegation battle ended with Sheffield United, Burnley, and Luton Town being relegated to the Championship. Luton's defeat to Fulham confirmed their relegation. Sheffield United had a particularly tough season, setting an unwanted record by conceding 104 goals.

In managerial news, Liverpool's win against Wolves marked Jurgen Klopp's final game in charge at Anfield. Similarly, West Ham's manager David Moyes also bid farewell as his contract ended.



BROMLEY FC PROMOTION TO LEAGUE 2

MICHAEL SHIELDON 10W

As of Sunday the fifth of May, for the first time in the clubs history, Bromley FC have been promoted to the professional football league, league 2. Bromley are a small team founded in 1892 based in South-East London that play in the Hayes Lane Stadium that has a capacity of 5,150. With a small but dedicated fanbase, they fought hard for their promotion this season.

At the end of the first part of their season, they finished third in the national league, 5 points behind runners up Barnet and a whopping 17 points behind winners Chesterfield who ran away with the title this year that, like every year, comes with the joy and privilege of automatic promotion.

After the end of the season the only thing in-between them and the playoff final was Altrincham. Another small team based in Trafford in greater Manchester. After 31 minutes, Altrincham went 1-0 up but it seems that only awoke something in Bromley where they ended up scoring 3 goals in 10 minutes with a brace from Myles Weston. This pushed them through to Wembley.

When the big day came, the atmosphere was electric within Wembley. Their opponent was Solihull moors, a small town in the West Midlands that made the trip all the way to Wembley. After an exhilarating first half, Bromley were 1-0 up with a great goal from Michael Cheek. But after the break, Solihull came out swinging with a goal in the 48th minute. But after only another 10 minutes, it was that man Michael Cheek again with a penalty. But unfortunately, just to add to Bromley's stress Solihull scored an equaliser. After 30 minutes of extra time, the game went to penalty's.

The pressure was high but at first Bromley's keeper delivered, saving 2 penalties but Solihull saved 1 also to build the pressure, but Solihull didn't recover from the first 2 save with both sides scoring the rest of their penalties, making it end 4-3 on penalties to Bromley. A magical moment and victory for the Bromley community.



UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

JACOB O'SHAUGHNESSY 8E

Underdogs

One of the standout stories of this year's Champions League was the remarkable results of the underdog teams. Teams like Internazionale beat European giants Atletico Madrid as well as the Italian team Lazio beating (arguably) the best team in the world Bayern Munich.

Road to the final

The road to the final this year has been second to none; with the former champions, Manchester City, being knocked out of the tournament by Spanish La Liga champions Real Madrid in the quarter finals. Also getting to the final are Borussia Dortmund.

The final

The final of the UEFA Champions League 2024 is set to take place on the 1st June at the prestigious Wembley Stadium. Hopefully the final will bring the same passion and energy as the group stages and the knockout rounds.



EURO 2024

WOODY PIMBLETT 10W

This summer, the 2024 European Championships will kick off on the 14th of June, as the hosts Germany take on Scotland at Bayern Munich's Allianz Arena, and will span a month, finishing with the final, held on the 14th of July at Berlin's Olympiastadion. England's tournament begins on the 16th of June, as they take on Serbia in their opening match of Group C, followed by games against Denmark and Slovenia. With the tournament fast approaching, everyone is wondering: is this England's year to finally go all the way?

With many new players performing at their best, many reckon the England team that got so close in 2021 could finally bring home a first Euros victory, and a huge part of that is Real Madrid's Jude Bellingham. The 19 year old has had an exceptional debut season in Spain, currently nominated for a player of the year award as Real have secured a 36th LaLiga title. Elsewhere in Europe, the English dominance remains, as Bayern Munich's Harry Kane has already secured the golden boot in Germany, and Phil Foden awarded Premier League player of the Season as he wins a 6th league title with Manchester City. Add that to breakout seasons for Arsenal's Rice and Chelsea's Palmer, and England will have an abundance of talent to work with this summer.



EURO 2024

WOODY PIMBLETT 10W

The real debate at the moment, however, is not just if the players are capable, but the manager too. In recent months much criticism has been directed at England coach Gareth Southgate, a man who many feel is unwilling to allow new young players chances in the team. Southgate has come under fire even more so recently, after including Jordan Henderson in his England squad, a man deemed by most as no longer good enough to play for the country. Many have said that if England are victorious, it will be despite Southgate's management, not because of it.

Of course to win the Euros, England have stiff competition to overcome; a favourite is the reigning champion Italy, who narrowly defeated England on penalties in 2021, and will likely aim to repeat the feat, however the country most tip as favourites are France, who's star Kylian Mbappe has made a strong challenge for this year's Ballon D'Or, in a French team that has reached back-to-back World Cup finals. Other honourable mentions include hosts Germany and Portugal, as Cristiano Ronaldo will likely play his 6th and final tournament this summer. Having said that, who are your favourites to lift the trophy?



SNOOKER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

ISAAC 10C



On May 6th, 2024, Kyren Wilson, aka 'The Warrior' won the prestigious World Snooker Championships 2024. He faced off against Jak Jones who proved to be a formidable and tenacious opponent. Wilson was up 15-10 going into Monday's concluding session. After gaining two frames and losing one, Wilson was on the brink of victory. However, in what seemed to be the embers of a comeback, Jones reeled off a stunning three frames in a row, creating an incredibly tense scene. The score was now 17-14 and a hush fell over the famous Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, Yorkshire as what turned out to be the last frame was played.

Wilson had been demolished in his only other World Championship final 18-8 by none other than Ronnie O'Sullivan, a snooker legend. This time however, Wilson came out victorious. In an amazing show of resilience and hard work, he'd done it. Kyren Wilson had beaten Welshman Jak Jones to secure his victory.

BENEFITS OF WALKING TO SCHOOL

TAY 10B

The Benefits of Walking to School

Walking to school is more than just a mode of transportation; it's a lifestyle choice that offers a multitude of benefits for students, parents, and the community as a whole. As we delve into the various advantages, it becomes clear that this simple, age-old practice holds significant value in our modern lives, such as:

Promoting Physical Health

First and foremost, walking to school is an excellent way to incorporate physical activity into our daily routines. In an age where sedentary lifestyles and screen time dominate, ensuring that children get enough exercise is crucial. Walking provides a gentle cardiovascular workout, strengthens muscles, and improves overall fitness. Regular walking can also help in maintaining a healthy weight, reducing the risk of obesity and related health issues such as diabetes and heart disease.

Enhancing Mental Well-being

Physical activity is not just beneficial for the body; it also has profound effects on the mind. Walking to school can be a great way for students to start their day with a clear mind. It reduces stress, enhances mood, and can improve concentration and cognitive function. The act of walking, especially in a natural environment, has been shown to boost mental health, reduce anxiety, and combat depression.

Fostering Independence and Responsibility

Walking to school encourages independence and responsibility among students. It teaches them to manage their time, understand and navigate their local environment, and make safe decisions while travelling. These skills are invaluable and contribute to a child's confidence and self-reliance.



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Reducing Environmental Impact

From an environmental perspective, walking to school significantly reduces carbon emissions and air pollution. Fewer cars on the road mean less traffic congestion and a reduction in the harmful pollutants that contribute to climate change and health problems. Walking is a sustainable mode of transport that supports cleaner air and a healthier planet.

Strengthening Community Bonds

Walking to school can also help in building a stronger sense of community. When students, parents, and teachers walk together, it fosters social interaction and strengthens relationships. It provides opportunities for neighbours to meet, engage, and look out for one another, creating a safer and more connected community.

Cost-effective and Convenient

Lastly, walking to school is cost-effective. It eliminates the need for fuel or public transport fares and reduces wear and tear on vehicles. It also alleviates the stress of busy school runs, making mornings less hectic for families.

In conclusion, the benefits of walking to school extend far beyond the immediate convenience of getting from point A to point B. It promotes physical health, enhances mental well-being, fosters independence, reduces environmental impact, strengthens community bonds, and is cost-effective. As we look towards creating healthier, happier, and more sustainable communities, walking to school is a simple yet powerful step in the right direction.

So next time you're considering how to get to school, remember: your feet might just be the best form of transport you have!
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A Note of Thanks

Thank you for reading this edition of the newsletter!

For the month of May, we looked at various football fixtures, such as the end of the Premier League season and the upcoming 2024 Euros. We also looked at current affairs like the UCLA Protests and Donald Trump's trial, as well as the benefits of walking to school and the traditions in NASCAR.

Don't forget to check out the next edition of the Newsletter and remember, you can always get involved.

-Regards from Thomas 10C