### Other

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#### Song Reviews

We don't Talk About Brund

Encanto- various singers

5/5 stars

I really enjoy the changing voices and textures that are made with the different characters singing



#### Runaway

AURORA

5/5

It is very calm and chilled. AURORA has a lovely voice that I find it easy to relax too. I highly recommend her songs to listen to when doing homework.

#### Enemy

Imagine Dragons

3/5

It is very upbeat and fast-paced but not my normal style of music. I quite like the rhythm of the chorus.

#### The Nights

Avicii

4/5

This song, in my opinion, is perfect to dance to. It makes me very happy and it cheers me up when I need it.

Kyra Braine

#### Game Reviews

Game one:

Sea of Thieves by Rare

I love it. The art style is just great and the game play is amazing.

You sail all around the world fighting pirates and looting treasure.

4/5

Pegi 12

#### Game two:

Forza Horizon 5 by Playground Games It's an open world racing game based in Mexico.

The art style is also super and the gameplay is extremely engaging too.



Game three:

Pegi 7

Minecraft by Mojang

It's an open world survival game where you mine, build and fight and you can do it with friends.
There is also a creative mode where you can let your imagination run free and create whatever you want!

4/5

Pegi 3 Alfie Nock

#### **Short Stories: Part 5 - The Last Note**

Gwendoline started to read the folded piece of paper that the police had said was from her brother:

"I'm writing this hastily at 10:49pm on Saturday in the car park. When we went to the Chinese restaurant at 7, I never predicted that would be the last time I did. The waiter looked unusually smug and gloating when he served our meal. I didn't take much notice of it, but looking back now, I probably should have. I opened the fortune cookies we got at the end and the message inside read,"

"Your life's in danger. You only have four hours to live after this is read. Tie up any loose ends you have with your life and then be ready to depart it."

"It's been three hours and fifty-four minutes and I still have no idea what I'm going to do. I didn't come home and see you because Mum would get too emotional, as usual, and I don't want the last memory that my mum and sister have of me to be that. I'm sorry that I always argued with you; I'm even sorry for that huge temper tantrum at your fifth birthday party, and I deeply regret not accepting that Mark was whisking you away for good when you got engaged." Tears began to

gather at the bottom of Gwendoline's chin.

"I'm not 100% sure that the message was genuine but I really can't gamble my chances. Tell Mum that I love her and I'm sorry for going out without her knowing again; I guess there was some sense behind all of that craziness after all. Apologise to Mark for my lack of acceptance. And to you, I loved being your big brother through all of the h-"

She turned the paper over, but there was nothing else to read.







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### World News

# The **Novak Djokovic** Saga Explained

Novak Djokovic, the top men's tennis player, has received wide media attention after trying to enter Australia for the Australian Open in hopes of winning a record 21st Grand Slam title. He has since been denied entry and deported from the country after his visa appeal had been rejected twice as a result of being unvaccinated.

Djokovic was originally granted a medical exemption to enter Australia by two different independent health panels (one commissioned by Tennis Australia, the other by the state government of Victoria) after testing positive for coronavirus in mid-December. However, the Australian Border Force detained him on 5 January for not meeting federal coronavirus requirements, and his visa was revoked. A judge overturned the decision but the government revoked the visa again, saying it was "in the public interest".



The Australian government has come under fire for its decision but Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison has said that they were "prepared to take the decisions and actions necessary to protect the integrity" of the country's borders. Some people have welcomed the decision, saying that just because Djokovic is famous doesn't mean that he gets immediate exemption from rules that apply to everyone. However other people aren't as pleased, with one supporter saying "This is a shame what they did to Novak in Australia, this is a shame what the world has come to. I myself am vaccinated, double-jabbed, but I think no-one should be forced to do something... he was judged and sentenced for his free-

dom of choice.'

Djokovic was deported back to Serbia on 16th January, with him not being granted another visa for three years under the government's immigration laws. He congratulated the eventual winner of the tournament, Rafael Nadal, two weeks later on his 21st Grand Slam title, despite the fact that the same record-breaking title could have been his if not for his deportation. It caused a lot of frustration, which raises the question: should celebrities be treated differently?

Charlotte Easto

#### No more Restrictions!

As everyone has probably heard on the news, all legal Corona-virus restrictions have been lifted! For the first time since March 2020, there is no need to self-isolate if you have caught the virus and of course no masks anywhere are necessary.

Boris Johnson revealed his plans at the beginning of February, just before the two year lockdown anniversary, stating that the lift would happen a month sooner than expected. That sounds like amazing news, but in the midst of the conflict in eastern Europe and the Conservatives' christmas parties everyone is still wondering; was this the right time for restrictions to be lifted, or is our Prime Minister trying to make up for his recent mistakes?

Trish Greenhalgh, who is a professor of primary healthcare studies at Oxford University said that ending isolation and free testing was a 'huge mistake' and that the government should publish their reasons

why. What are your opinions on the matter? Bella Hall-Cooper



### School News

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#### February's Fire Alarms: What Really Happened?



As you all remember, on the 28th of January we had two journeys to the netball court after fire alarms went off in period 4 and 5. The first alarm went off approximately around 13:45 and was due to an experiment in science. The experiment was supposed to create heat and a chemical reaction, but smoke detectors in the corridor picked up the exothermic reaction and thought it was a fire.

In the afternoon, the fire alarm went off a second time at 14:40. The chances are that it was to do with the other half of the year doing the same experiment, but it

is still being investigated. As you will know, as everyone started leaving the netball courts, it went off once again. The technicians were checking the fire alarms, but they accidentally tripped it. Due to Mr Fluellen having a radio on him, it was safe to send everyone into the classrooms again. Though the whole episode was not expected, several learning experiences came out of it. For example, a fire at break or lunch could launch chaos, or more chaos if it was after a previous fire alarm.

"We were really impressed and everyone responded well!" stated Mr Fluellen, who is in charge of fire drills and evacuation. Well done everyone who acted appropriately with the fire drill. We hope this does not happen again: especially when people are almost at the front of the lunch queue! Tom Noble

#### Teachers' lounge - Mrs Wells

## Why did you decide to become a teacher?

I have wanted to since I was five. But at school, I had the 'most amazing English teacher' and wanted to be just like her.

# What is the best part of being a teacher?

I just find teenagers so funny, chatting and listening to them; and when they think they don't understand something but then just get it!

### What would you do if you didn't teach?

I would either be a stay-at-home-housewife, because I just really like homemaking, or open a 'cattery' where people leave their cats when they go on holiday. I just like looking after things.

# What is the worst thing that's happened while teaching?

i fell over this one time, and fully landed on the floor and my skirt went up- but I did have leggings on so it wasn't too bad. Or sometimes I will just say completely the wrong thing!

Sweet/Savoury Cats/Dogs

Star Wars/Harry Potter

Bella Hall-Cooper

### **STEM Competition**

On Tuesday, we went to a STEM, Lego competition as the Harrow Way Hunters. We were presenting a Bluetooth stamp and it was a great experience. At first, we were



anxious but after seeing the other competitors, and understanding the challenges, we began to feel more confident. While presenting our ingenious idea, we had lots of fun and were ultimately very proud of ourselves for coming first - in that section. The robot game was very exciting; we had lots of fun encouraging ours and other teams. The initial competition was very close and cut- throat but we did our best, cheered teams on and came second *Arishna Purja-Pun and Eva Tom* 

### Recent School Sports:

Cross Country Running!

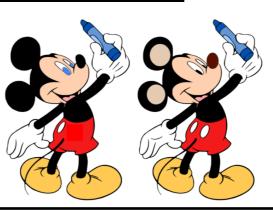
On the 24th January, Year 7 and 8 took part in a cross country running event at Testbourne school. They have been training extremely hard and excitement built up as each year group was split into two categories; boys and girls.

In Year 7, the boys team did extremely well and came first in the race! The girls, again, did very well and placed in second. Year 8 also did brilliantly in the tournament, with the boys doing fabulously and placing first, and the girls team working extremely hard to grab the last medal space in third! They all ran their best and are true Harrow Way athletes! Tom Noble

# Games and Stuff

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#### Spot the 5 Differences!



#### Riddles!

What has to be broken before you can use it?

What question can you never answer correctly?

What gets wet while drying?

I have branches but no leaves, bark or fruit. What am I?

Where does today come before yesterday?

#### Guess the food themed anagrams!

- 1) Ukeryt
- 2) Gapsre
- Haspegthit
- 4) Hedarced
- 5) Telnula



Riddles: An egg, 'Are you the Dictionary!

Anagrams: Turkey, Grapes, Spaghetti, Cheddar and Nutella

**Answers!** 

#### The Test

Billy King



Thank you for reading this edition of the Harrow Way Raptor! If you want to be involved in the next copy, email your article or turn up in E12 every Week A Monday at 3pm. I hope to see lots of you there!

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