

## All The World's Alive Again

by Jennifer Gunner

The rabbit hops its gentle step  
The lark sings lyric songs  
All the world's alive again  
Spring rights the winter wrongs.

Mother hen protects her chicks  
White blossoms are in bloom  
All the world's alive again  
No snowy clouds to loom.

A kitten chirps her tiny mew  
The child blinks his eyes  
All the world's alive again  
A new world crystalized.

## Song Review

## Alexander Hamilton

Lin-Manuel Miranda 4/5

I love this song. It has good rhythm and this, and other songs by Lin-Manuel Miranda, are easy to listen to.

## Arcade

Duncan Laurence 5/5

This song is so chill and I often listen to it to relax.

## Wake Me Up

Avicii 5/5

This song is perfect to energise you with its fast pace. I love the lyrics and listen to it regularly.

## Radioactive

Imagine Dragons 4/5

This song has a good pace and melody that I quite enjoy listening to.

## Can't Hold Us

Macklemore &amp; Ryan Lewis 3/5

The rhythm and beat is very easy to jam to and I really like to practice the lyrics.

Kyra Bryne



"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."

Thomas A. Edison

## Short Stories- : Aaliyah

There was once a girl named Aaliyah. She was an innocent girl with a caring family. There was nothing wrong with her, as there is nothing wrong with any person who lives their life kindly.

However, she lived in a world so different from the one she imagined. Everyone should help each other and be content in others happiness. In her school, people were not brought as well as Aaliyah was. They believed that people who originated from other areas were less deserving than them. Aaliyah paid attention to her school work, as well as everyone around her. But the more she learned and looked, the bigger they contradicted each other. If people are educated on problems of the past, why did they keep repeating the mistakes?

Aaliyah believed in Allah. She loved her culture and religion but respected everyone's beliefs too. In her school, she was the only Muslim. No one else understood her need to pray at certain times of the day, or would tell her that she was a terrorist. Ignorant people would almost constantly torment Aaliyah for what she believed in. Very often, Aaliyah and her family would even get kicked out of restaurants! Why could nobody just understand her for who she was?

Her dream was to get into Oxford University, and no bullies would get in her way. Aaliyah always struggled to understand why some children, and even adults, cared so much to discomfort people, not even to any gain of their own. She wasn't affected anymore but she still watched other's pain as what happened to her, happened to others. Perhaps if her dream succeeded, Aaliyah could help others in another way. And maybe, just maybe, inspire some to break the discriminatory cycle she faced.

So, ask yourself, are you part of the problem? Aaliyah's story might be made up but the struggles she faced are very real for so many people. Don't let them feel the same way as she did.

Michal Bobek



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## World News

## What's Really up with Russia?

Amongst the conflict in Ukraine, there have been a lot of misconceptions, as well as completely incorrect or complicated pieces of information. So, the aim of this article is to explain everything as simply and correctly as possible.

On the 24th of February, Russia invaded Ukraine. They focused on attacking the eastern cities such as Kyiv and Dnipro but plans show that forces will move towards the west from there. Vladimir Putin annexed (forcefully took) Crimea in 2014. Now he has moved on to mainland Ukraine.

Why did Putin decide to invade Ukraine? There have been many speculations that may not be true. However, the facts and official reports show that Russia's president is trying to prevent his own country's invasion as much as possible by stopping bordering countries from joining NATO. NATO is an alliance between many "Western" countries, such as the UK and the US. Originally, Europe was separated into communist and capitalist countries. To prevent a war, after WW2 the capitalist countries created NATO.

After the fall of communism, some "Eastern" countries joined NATO and the organisation promised not to take in any more countries after that. Another common misconception is that NATO is similar to the EU. However, only European countries are in the EU.

What does the "Z" symbol mean? You might have seen this on Russian gymnast Ivan Kuliak at a medal presentation. It is used on the back of Russian Military vehicles, and has started to become a pro-war symbol for marches in Russia. Some people claim that it is becoming the modern Swastika because it had another meaning before, but is now used to spread fear and terror in the same way.

What do you think?

Ukraine currently has over 2 million refugees; the number will certainly rise. Though it is a completely devastating time, there are many heroic acts being performed every day. And even though we have sent support to Ukraine in supplies and weapons, it is very unlikely at this point we will get involved properly- unless Putin invades another country that is currently in NATO. *Bella Hall-Cooper*

## The Lowdown on the Winter Olympics

The Winter Olympics 2022 started on 4th February and ended on the 20th. Like the summer Olympics, the event happens every four years in different cities across the world, this year being Beijing. The events held are a mixture of different winter sports such as skiing, ice skating and ice hockey.

Norway led the medal standings with 35 medals, followed by Russia with 29 and Canada who took home 25. Team GB went for a long time without gaining any medals, but they took silver in the men's curling and gold in the women's curling, putting them in joint last place with a few other countries in the medal standings with 2 overall. It's better than not being on it at all; for a while they were at risk of not taking home a medal for the first time in over 30 years.

Elsewhere in the competition, Russian ice-skater Kamila Valieva was in danger of being the youngest Olympian athlete banned from the Games at 15 following her failed drug test. Findings revealed that a test she had taken for trimetazidine, a drug that boosts endurance and is banned in sports competitions, had come back positive. She was permitted to continue to compete during investigations. The Figure Skating Federation of Russia has not yet indicated their choices of three women to send to France for the ISU World Championships – for which Kamila remains eligible to compete – unless a negative outcome for doping is filed against her before the championships.

Charlotte Easton





# School News

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## Harrow Way's Art Speaks in Stories competition

The English department is running a new creative writing competition with the chance to have your work published in an anthology!

In a one-off English lesson, you would have had the opportunity to create a short piece based on a picture. If you chose to enter your short piece, whether a poem, descriptive piece or narrative, into the competition, you would have attended a workshop where you and a group of other students listened to and asked questions about each other's work.

Second workshops are presently being held, with time in between the first and second workshop for upgrading and editing your piece so that by the time the second workshop has passed, everyone's stories/poems will hopefully be at a point at which they are ready to submit for judging. Good luck to all the participants! *Charlotte Easton*



## Teacher's Lounge - Miss Es-critt

### What inspired you to be a teacher?

The experience from my own education.

### What subjects did you study for GCSE?

Back in the day I did PE, I did biology, psychology, sociology and geography.

### What jobs apart from teacher did you consider?

Before I became a teacher I considered being an officer in the army.

### If you could have one other job, what would it be?

Sports photographer or professional sportsperson.

### What are your favourite and least favourite sports?

My favourite sport is probably golf, although in the past it would have been hockey and football. My least favourite sport to participate in is gymnastics. Although some people have achieved incredible things in gymnastics, I don't like it because I'm not very good at it!

*Ed Cripps*

## Girls Netball visit

On Friday 8th March, the year 7 & 8 netball team headed over to Bath. The lucky people who were able to take the very few spaces, saw a match at the city's University. They saw the warm up, then the match. It was a very invigorating game between Team Bath and Manchester Thunder. It was an extremely close game with the Thunders just tipping the score to 53/57. To quote Alice Homer in year 8, "The trip was very nice and exciting".

Years 9 and 10's trip has been postponed because of covid but we hope that they have just as an amazing time!

*Tom Noble*



## Subject Deep Dive on...Spanish

Welcome to the **new Raptor segment** requested by you! On a bi-monthly basis, we find out everything you need to know about a subject that **you could choose for GCSEs**. Everyone knows how difficult it can be to decide on only **4 subjects**, so how do you know which ones are the right ones?

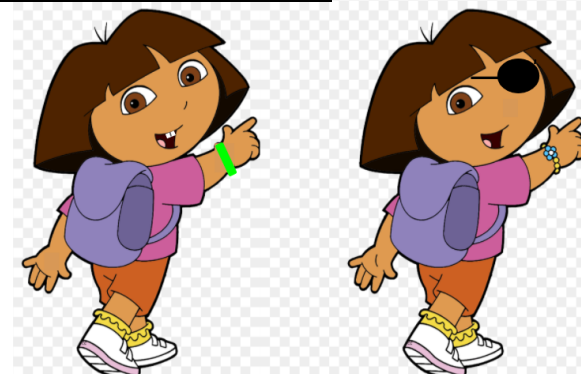
- Spanish is one of the two Modern Foreign Languages offered at Harrow Way. Knowing another language can help make better international connections throughout your life and looks extremely good on applications for college, university and even jobs!
- Jobs where a language would be useful include: Journalist, Linguist, Lawyer, Teacher, Fashion Designer, Interpreter and pilot!
- There are three parts to the exams: **reading, speaking and listening** all for about 33% of the grade. They are measured in the usual 1-9 as an EBacc so it can help with English too! *Bella Hall-Cooper*



# Games and Stuff

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## Spot 5 Differences!



What do you call a boomerang that won't come back?  
**A stick!**

What do you call a fake spaghetti strand?  
**An impasta!**

Why do we tell actors to break a leg?  
**They have a cast!**

What do sprinters eat before a race?  
**Nothing, they fast!**

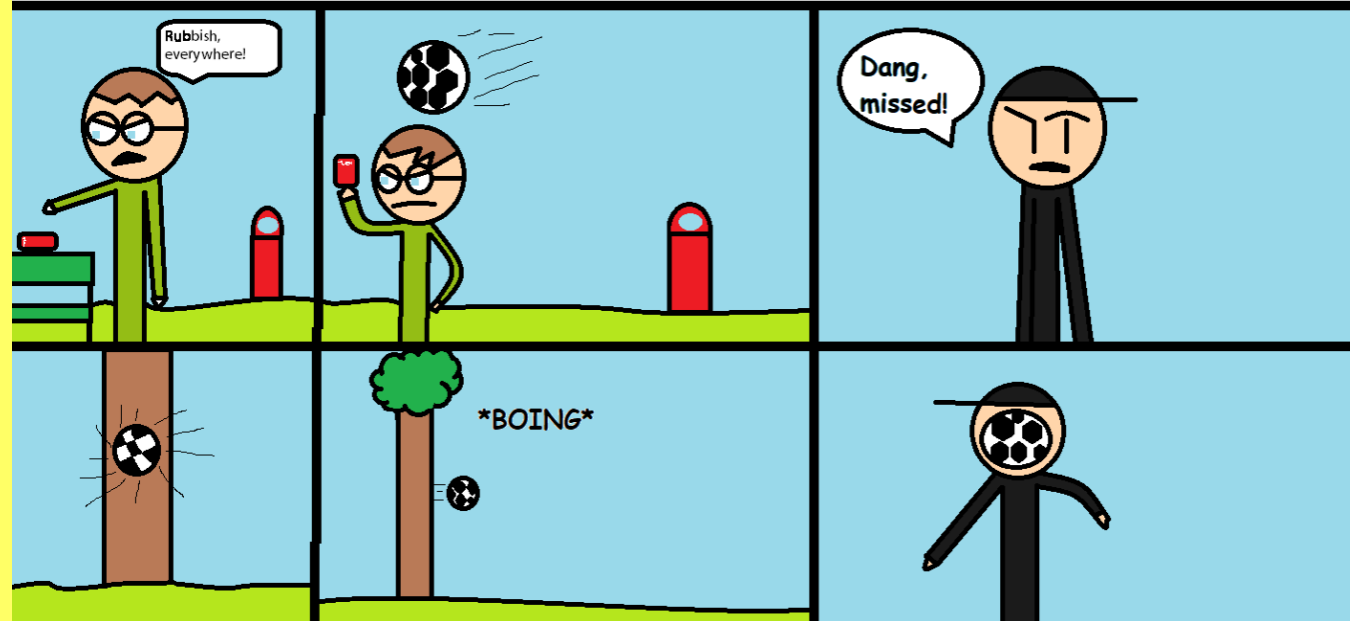
## Yellow Theme Word search!

Daffodil  
Eggs  
Banana  
Sunshine  
Bigbird  
Cheese  
Lemon  
crayon



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### THE FIELD



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 from 3:00 until 4:00. I hope to see lots of you there!

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