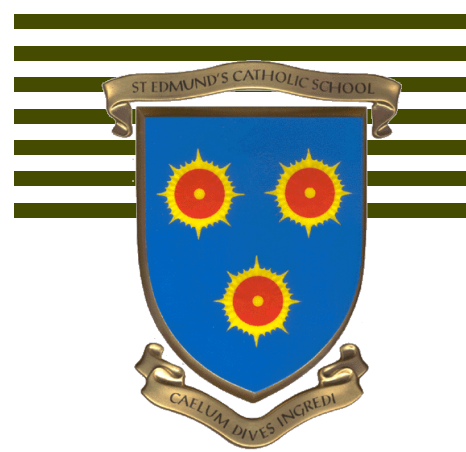


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HALLOWEEN SPECIAL

This issue is all about Halloween! Some of our regular features have been reVAMPed to fit in with the theme, alongside current news and interviews with teachers. This month, we learn about Miss Mittens' favourite things and what Mr Bennet REALLY thinks

about Donald Trump... Don't forget to turn to the back page to enjoy some scarily good puzzles!

We hope that you enjoy this issue and remember to see Miss Chapman in 213 if you would be interested in contributing to The Eagle.

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Second tsunami strikes South-East Asia

By Caitlin Bones, Y10

On Friday 28th September 2018, a 7.5 magnitude earthquake transpired off the coast of the island of Sulawesi. At 18:03 local time, dozens of aftershocks followed and were triggered by this tremendous natural disaster. Hundreds were killed and many still remain, desperate for aid. Just left fighting for their own life.

Indonesia's meteorological and geophysics agency (BMKG) issued their official tsunami warning just after the initial milestone; with a warning of potential waves between 0.5 to three meters. Half an hour later, the warning was lifted. Palu (a town in Sulawesi in a narrow bay) was hit by waves six meters high. Surging water brought desolation. A scene of terror was visible from the eyes of those who had gathered for a beachfront festival. It was stated that most of the victims in Palu were killed by the tsunami.



An array of critics has accused BMKG of lifting the warning prematurely. This allowed the public to not be as prepared for what was to come. Although, the claims from the agency are that their warning was still viable. Worries occur to whether the public was completely informed of the destruction to come. Alleged text message warnings via the communications ministry are revealed to be not completely sent to all of the selected candidates. The notion is that the communication towers were not viable due to the tsunami. Chilling consequences of this error have been shared online, as the world can see citizens who were completely unaware of what was creeping closer.

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The Indonesian early warning system -built up of 170 seismic broadband stations, 238 accelerometer stations and 137 tidal gauges- are deemed “very lacking” by Rahmat Triyono to BBC Indonesian. The nearest Tsunami gauge was over 200km from Palu. Mr. Triyono speaks “If we had a tide gauge or proper data in Palu, of course it would have been better. This is something we must evaluate for the future.” The network of 21 buoys (donated by Germany and the US after the disaster of the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami that almost killed a quarter of a million people) have been destroyed over time due to a number of factors including vandalism and stealing. Due to the Economy of the country, a replacement is not able to be generated yet.

Prof Philip Li-fan Liu (vice-president of the department of civil and environmental engineering at the National University of Singapore) states that this is not the type of earthquake to generate a tsunami of this scale. Therefore, further measures could not completely be taken.

The world is giving sympathy for the victims of this awful event and various charities are helping to provide immediate aid and attention to rebuild the lives of those involved and their homes. Here at our school, St. Edmund's, we contributed towards the funds by giving half of the money for our non-uniform day towards this needy cause. To do your own help as an individual please donate to the various organisations helping across the world.



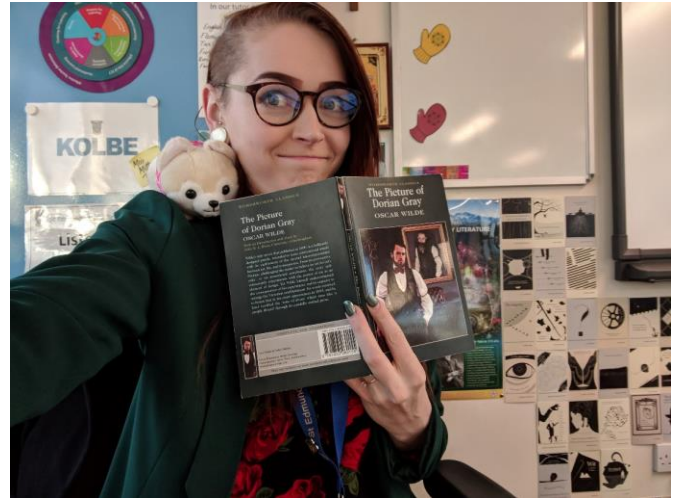
What's your favourite...?

with Miss Mittens

By Phillip Collins-Fright, Y10

What's your favourite book and why?

The Picture of Dorian Grey by Oscar Wilde, which is a book about a young man who sells his soul to the devil, in order for a portrait of him to bear all the sins he commits in his life so he can go on be young and beautiful. I like it because Oscar Wilde is my favourite author; he struggled with the Victorian social conventions that restricted aspects of his personality, but he channelled it into his art. For example, it's very obvious in the book that the painter Basil is very obsessive over Dorian, saying that the personality of Dorian controlled him. Also, I think, in its nature it's very satirical of Victorian society and it makes a good point of human condition.



What's your favourite song and why?

The Bed Song by Amanda Palmer, which has a really good narrative and a realistic view of relationships, and how they end up as well as communicating within those relationships, and the video follows that narrative very closely, which overall means that the relationship isn't idolised in any way.

What's your favourite game and why?

I like the Pokemon games, because I grew up with them, but my favourite game's Animal Crossing, as it is total escapism. I'm just a small thing with a shovel, and I get to play with my brother as we can just dig holes in each other's towns and have fun. It's just mind-numbing overall, and the fact that it is so mind-numbing and colourful, takes everything you have to do on a day to day basis and makes it fun.



What's your favourite film and why?

The Gremlins, which I used to watch with my mum all the time, and it's such a classic. I also love Gizmo because he's so cute.

Saffron Sorts It!

Our friendly neighbourhood agony aunt Saffron Deadall is here to help with all of your worries and woes. This week, it is a Halloween party special...



What if a party goes wrong?

Well my darling, if a party goes wrong in the sense that you feel uncomfortable or as if you no longer want to be in *the zone* then leave!

Talk to the person who is throwing the party and say 'Hey, I'm going to get going, thank you for inviting me but I have to get home. Bye!' and all should be okay. Just don't force yourself into an uncomfortable situation .

What if I can't afford a costume?

In this situation, ask one of your friends if they have any fake blood/ face paint you could use and make your own costume and make yourself look spooky. If this doesn't work and you have a pound or so, put on your regular clothes and grab some string and paper. Put the string through the paper and put it around your neck. Write 'life' on the paper, buy some lemons and give them out. Because when life gives you lemons...

What if I don't get invited anywhere?

I know this situation can be heart breaking but honestly just casually go 'Is anyone having a party this year?' and someone may say 'Yeah' or no one will say anything. If nobody says anything then honestly, grab some spooky treats and watch some spooky films in the comfort of your own home. It's not the end of the world, trust me! Just enjoy this spooky season for what it is.

What if people don't get my costume?

I'm pretty sure everybody goes through this situation. If you like your costume then be prepared to answer the 'What are you?' question every five minutes.

As long as you like your costume and are comfortable, don't get disheartened and rock it! My other suggestion is to not make your costume super obscure or complicated so that people understand it easier. Honestly though, wear what you want to wear because you'll be great!!

Creative Writing

Our award winning author in Year 8, Ana 'Creepy' Clarke treats us to her latest work. It will be published chapter by chapter, so make sure that you get your copy of The Eagle every month for the latest instalment.

The girl sat beneath my branches plucking at an old teddy bear. The fur was in tufts: some of the toy had thick matted hair whilst other patches were almost bare. The bear's smile had begun to fade but the girl still hugged the bear to her chest as if it was the most important thing in her life. The girl had been coming here for seven years - as long as her life. As a baby she and her mother had sat in the same place, the parent singing a beautiful lullaby.

Then the girl was a playful toddler dancing in the clear river but later the playing stopped and a six-year-old sat alone and crying on a smooth rock, a teddy bear in her arms and tears soaking its fur. Now the girl sat here at seven picking at the bear's fur and collecting my leaves from the muddy ground.

Soon night began to fall and the child curled herself around my trunk, seemingly searching for protection and safety. As I looked down on her a realisation came crashing over me like a wave: the girl had come to me for protection; the girl had come to me for safety. I would not let anything happen to her. I loved this girl as a parent loves a child.

In the morning the sun crept into the sky but it was a shy sun so darkness still surrounded us like a cage. The first rays of sunlight were luring the birds out and the air filled with their joyful melodies: the sky's own private orchestra. The river was clear, nothing disturbed its waters during its elegant dance. As the girl sat, I thought: I thought about the lives I controlled, the role I played in everything's death and all of the people and creatures I could see just by diving into my mind and finding them. One small life amongst millions of others. At that moment an idea suddenly sprang to mind. Could I, would I, should I? These questions fought in my brain, trying to shove their way to the front. I would be invading if I did, if I found this girl below in my head and looked in at her past. I could not help myself.

I searched the millions of lives until I found her. Her name was Blossom. A sweet name for a sweet child that looked to a tree for protection. It was a name for the chubby baby in a mother's lap. A name that would have been spoken on birthdays, along with cake and friends, wrapped up in joy. A name spoken when anxious parents stood before a red radio, talking in hushed voices until they noticed the girl and sent her to bed but the girl had heard the scary words: death and war. She did not know what it all meant and a hug was enough to make the child happy again. It was a name spoken along with a loving but quick hug before the parents ushered her into a wooden wardrobe. This meant she did not hear she did not hear the loud noises and screams and did not see her parents dragged down the street by some men in uniforms.

Meet the Teacher: Mr Bennett

By Caitlin Bones, Y10

What inspired you to be a teacher?

I remember one particular History teacher in Year 10 called Mr Bell. If I am totally honest, I remember that he did not teach us everything that he was meant to; instead, he told us stories most lessons. He would tell us about World War I and World War II, he would also talk about his time in the Falklands. I found it fascinating and always wanted to know more.

What do you do in your spare time?

I play football and am taking part in a series of 10k runs. I spend a lot of times around steam railways as my son is mad for them.

What were you like as a pupil?

Mmmm... I should have been better.

What is your best undiscovered talent?

I use to enjoy badminton and hockey, it definitely isn't singing or anything like that as that is a "crime" only for my car.

What is the strangest place you've been to? In the Czech Republic, I went to a small village that had a Church and everything inside was made out of skulls. It was so weird and thinking back it creeps me out more now than when I was there.

Would you want your son to be a teacher?

He can be whatever he wants. I am sure the job will have changed a lot by the time he is choosing a career.

As a history teacher, do you think that Donald Trump will win the Nobel peace prize?

Let's see what he achieves first. In History, there have been many deals initially celebrated but then when we learn the finer details it show that all is not as it seems. I can't believe I am saying this, but he has done well to get Kim Jong-Un to the negotiating table.

In the future, what do you think that history teachers will teach about Brexit?

It will be one of two questions:
How far would you agree that the UK gained from the Brexit deal?

Or

Explain why the Brexit deal led to economic depression.

If you were not a history teacher, what would you be?

That is a good question, not sure. I love Berlin so I would happily be a tour guide in Berlin or maybe another fantastic European city. I use to coach sports a lot whilst I was at Uni, so maybe some sort of sporting business.

Conspiracy Theories

By Evil Estelle Tchangue, Y10

Each week, our reporter will delve into the world of conspiracy theories to bring you the most interesting ideas that will make you question everything you know...



Tom and Jerry representing Nazi propaganda

Globally, we have been surrounded with the history of the world, and educated on the world that was once lived over 70 years ago. Nazi propaganda was a massive factor during WW2; it helped shape and contour the beliefs and morals of Germany with the glorification of the war and it swayed many young soldiers to 'join up'. Now, online theorists have twisted the antics of the typical 'cat and mouse' scenarios into replications of coded messages within the period of WW2. They have attempted to support their theory by deducing the secret facts from the name itself 'Tom' and 'Jerry': fighting the war the Brits were called 'Tommies' and Germans were called 'Jeries' in the program, Tom was portrayed as an iconic bad figure conspiring an attempt to kill Jerry, but every time, getting caught and then most of the time getting blown up by sticks of dynamite because of Jerry. Extra 'evidence' to reinforce this conspiracy is the timings of the release date, the Tom and Jerry theorists believe that the first airing for 1940 was no mistake, as it was during the battle of Britain, especially with the added secretive messages hidden beneath the characters names.

Carl From Up Died in the Beginning of the Movie

A Disney theory that could possibly be one to turn on the taps, is the sweet yet teary opinion that the whole film is in fact an animation of Carl's dream of which he was yet to fulfil. The film shows Carl falling in love, growing old, and eventually losing his wife. When he is 78 years old, he decides that it is time for him to achieve a lifelong dream. He ties thousands of balloons to his house and flies away to the South American wilderness. However, according to these theories, Carl died in his sleep the night before he was headed to fulfil his wish. The adventure he goes through in the movie is actually his journey to the afterlife. In the ending of the movie, Carl and Russell return to the city and this is supposed to show that Carl finally made it to heaven.



Top 5 Halloween Movies

By Hast Ghostmail, Y10

ParaNorman

This film was made in 2012; it is about a young boy (called Norman) who is a little different from the others. He has an ability to talk to ghost. Due to this he doesn't have a great school life! When a witch's curse takes over Norman's town, Norman uses his power to save the town! This animation film is great to watch with family or friends, therefore it is child friendly!



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If you want to watch a scarier movie, this is the right move! In the town of Derry, a group of boys, who are bullied in school, try to find out who killed the little brother of one of the boys. However what they find out is the kidnapper is not a human... It's a clown! This movie is not only scary, but it is also an enjoyable movie to watch with friends on Halloween night!



Scary Movie

If you want to watch a scary/comedy movie, then Scary Movie is the right movie for you! It can be scary at times, however it is an extremely funny movie to watch! If you enjoy it, there is also Scary Movie 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5! This is a great movie to watch if you want to have a Halloween movie marathon!



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Happy Death Day

This movie is about a girl who wakes up on the same day until she finds who her killer is! Every time she wakes up, the killer kills her in a different way; she finds out a lot of new information about the people she knows! The ending of the movie is heart-warming as you see how the girl develops (in character). Some say this movie is scary and other say it isn't, however it is a great Halloween movie!

Casper

A 'must watch' movie, Casper is a young ghost who goes through many adventures with his fellow ghost friends! It's a great family movie and is perfect to watch on Halloween! This movie isn't so much scary, instead it's a positive comedy movie; it's suitable for all ages!





Top 10

by Lily 'Eerie' Robson, Y10

In this week's issue, we will be discussing the top 10 best items to receive in your trick or treat bag. Making the list are:

1. Toothpaste- to make sure when all the sweets are eaten you can make sure all the cavities are avoided too.
2. Money- to buy more sweets
3. Sweets- a nice present to receive
4. Tooth Brush- would complete the oral care set
5. The Common Cold- a good deterrent from school
6. An English essay- an even better deterrent for school
7. A hair cut
8. An Acceptance Letter to Oxford- a something you can use to write your shopping list on
9. A New Baby Brother- terms and conditions apply
10. 10. A mask- to hide all your responsibilities

Check back next issue to see new Top 10 lists for you to enjoy!

Puzzle Page!

Get those brain cells working with these spooky puzzles...

HALLOWEEN

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MONSTERS
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PARTY
POPCORN
PUMPKINS
SCRATCHING
SPIRITS
STORM
WEBS

Spot the twelve differences

