

SCIENCE WEEK By Aara & Maryam

The Crick By Iona & Tanaya

Science Week at WHPS is once a year between 13th January and 17th. This year, different year groups went on trips or had visitors come to their class. Miss O'Brien did an amazing assembly. It was all about science and all about what people have been learning this term .



Nursery: The EYFS did not have a visitor from the Crick Institute, but they did take part in lots of activities which have links with science.

Reception: They did experiments in class, including: "What floats?" and "Bouncing Raisins".

Y1: They did an investigation using the 5 senses and felt a mystery bag and they even tasted things. They also drew their own scientist.

Y2: Germs and Bacterias. They used a microscope to explore things in the classroom and also learnt how a germ travels.

Y3: Year 3 workshop. 'Jaws, Joints and Jobs for Juniors'. They used bones, model organs and fossils to learn.

Y4: They tested whether you will be able to hear with one ear covered and found out that they need both ears.

Y5: They went to the Francis Crick Institute and experimented with real scientists.

Y6: They did lasers and a laser game. They learned how light travels.



This year in Science Week classes from nursery to reception, had workshops with people from the Crick Institute. The workshops were based on the three types of science: Physics, Biology and Chemistry.

Year 5 trip to the Crick institute

Year 5 went to the Crick Institute where thousands of scientists work. They got to learn about chemistry and physics. This meant Year 5 experienced how to be a real scientist. They could even wear lab coats and science goggles!

Chemistry

Each of the year 5 classes were split into groups of three. They did an experiment with different powders, to find out which one was cornflour. This was so they could make oobleck. There were roughly twenty five experiments, all of them were fun! Before we knew it, we had to start Physics...

Physics

In the afternoon we did electricity which is a type of physics. We experimented with sound and light and even movement. We used motors in circuits to make the motors fly!

Conclusion

We hope you are looking forward to your trip to The Crick Institute, when you are in year 5 (if you are younger than year 5s).

Happy New Year!

By Aurelio & Eric

Welcome to the new year of 2025

Hello, Aurelio and Eric here, with a guide to 2025 about what's happening in and out of school.

New Year's Resolutions

As the new year comes, many people like to set themselves a new years resolution (or goal). This can be anything from starting new hobbies, to getting better at languages. A new years resolution can be quite challenging to complete so don't set an unachievable one. Have you set yourself a resolution?

Sports in 2025

- Australian grand slam, 25/1/2025 Melbourne.
- Annual winter X games in the slopes of Aspen, Colorado also starts on the 25/1/2025
- In Canada follow the Invictus games for injured Athletes starts 25th of February
- Women's Rugby six nations starts 25th of March
- The special Winter Olympics (hosted by Italy) also start on the 25th of March
- Starting on the 25th of July is the Tour De France cycling race
- Also starts the annual Wimbledon Tennis tournament on the 25 of July
- For football fans: June sees the Fifa club World Cup with 32 inter national teams competing. It's starting on June 25th
- Also in Switzerland the Women's Euros starts on the 25th of July
- England host the Rugby Union World Cup starting in August 25th hosted by Italy
- The Women's Cricket World Cup hosted by India starts on the 25th of September
- And lastly the football Africa Cup begins on the 25th of December.



New Year Celebrations

Now we are going make a list celebrations of 2025

- Easter Sunday, 20th April Sunday
- Ramadan, (expected date) 28th February Friday-30th March Sunday
- Thanksgiving Day, 27th November Thursday
- Burns Night, 25th January Saturday
- Valentines Day, 14th February Friday
- Christmas Day, 25th December Thursday
- Good Friday, 18th April Friday
- Eid ul-Fitr, (expected date) 30th March Monday and 31st March Sunday

We hope this small guide of 2025 has informed you about upcoming events. Thank you for Reading!



SCHOOL OF ROCK! ^{By} Marda **MEET DEBATE CLUB**



WHAT IS SCHOOL OF ROCK?

The School of Rock is a group of children who play or practise a instrument they know or want to play. The School of Rock is a club that is actually is called 'Band Club'. Band club happens every Wednesday and is lead by Otto's dad Tom. WHPS makes a band to inspire children to learn or play an instrument.

PAST PERFORMANCES

WHPS band has been around for a year and we have already done so many performances. The past performances have been an amazing experience . Some of the performances at WHPS were the Summer Fair, International Evening and many, many more .We would be delighted to have lots and lots of children to join band .

WINTER FAIR 2024

As you may have already known, the 2024 Winter Fair was on 30th of november . We had so much fun! Did you know that this was my debut and I was singing? WOW!

OTHER PEOPLES THOUGHTS:

TASHA - WHY DID YOU JOIN BAND? 'I joined band because I love performing and music'.
WHEN DID YOU JOIN? 'I joined at the very start of year 4'.
WHAT WAS THE BIGGEST CHANGE SINCE YOU JOINED? The biggest change was that I used to only play recorder but now I play guitar!

What is Debate Club?

This year a new club called 'Debate Club' has started. It is a club which was open for year 5s & 6s, to join. It takes place every Thursday at lunchtime. Everyone at Debate Club was taught by someone called Molly. She is from South Hampstead High School. Debating is also important, because it helps you give your side of an argument politely and formally. This is not only used in a club, but also regular things. Such as with your friend or sibling!

By Tanaya

What is the Debating Competition?

There was a Debating competition in South Hampstead High School, for all the students from the Debate Club. The competition took place on Tuesday 28th January 2025, 3 o'clock - 7 o'clock.

First in the competition, we got some snacks and then we had to go to a theatre area. Next, we were made into groups of three with people from other schools. Each team had a team name, examples such as Ruby Rabbits, Pink Panthers, Fierce Florence. There were three debates, each time against different teams. On a big board it was written whether your side is proposition or opposition. The first debate was 'This house believes that it is better to live in the countryside than the City'. One of our team, Felix Farrer, was on the winning team!



The future of Debate Club

In the future there is a debating competition for only year 5 in April. There is also a debating competition in Autumn this year. Let's hope we can bring some more prizes back to WHPS!

WHAT IS SANRIO?

By Aara, Maryam and Sara.

Are you bored of reading the same old books? Well, this is the article for you!

Hello *boring* people of the Earth. If you don't know about Sanrio Characters you are definitely missing out! Seriously what have you been doing with your life? Sanrio are known worldwide, including at specialty brand retail stores in Japan. Sanrio's best-known character is Hello Kitty, a cartoon cat, and one of the most successful marketing brands in the world. It is even older than Mr Drake!

We are going to talk about the different Sanrio characters :



Who is Cinnamoroll?

The main character, Cinnamoroll, is a white puppy with chubby and pink cheeks, long ears, blue eyes, and a tail that resembles a cinnamon roll. He starred in his own manga series, an anime movie, and various animation shorts

Who is Kuromi?

Kuromi, an escaped prisoner from Mari Land, has the Melody Key, an artifact with dream-corrupting powers, and she and her partner Baku have plans to gather 100 black notes to revive the Spirit of Dark Power. What for? To get back at her rival, My Melody, for the turmoil My Melody caused her (by accident, to be clear).

Who is Hello Kitty?

Hello Kitty, also known by her real name Kitty White, is a fictional character created by Yuko Shimizu, currently designed by Yuko Yamaguchi, and owned by the Japanese company Sanrio.

Who is My Melody?

Born in the magical forest of Mariland, My Melody is a kind and good-natured girl. This cutie was first introduced in 1975 as Sanrio's rabbit version of the Little Red Riding Hood. That's why you always get to see My Melody wearing a cute little hood above her head! She never goes out without her hood!

Overall we saw that the order of the most popular Sanrio Characters were:

1. Kuromi
2. Hello Kitty
3. Chococat
4. Keroppi, My Melody and Cinnamoroll



We interviewed ourselves and so these are our opinions.

Aara's favourite Sanrio character: Kuromi because she looks evil and cute at the same time. Also, I like the colour purple.

Sara's favourite Sanrio character: Kuromi because she's sassy, devilish and an escaped prisoner.

Maryam's favourite Sanrio character: My Melody because she is cute and classy but has a soft side. She also has the cutest hat.

This article was all about Sanrio. Thank you for reading this article.



School Council News

SCHOOL COUNCIL IS OUT FOR LUNCH! By Aspen

Hi, I am Aspen and I am the chair of the School Council. We are meeting with the PSA and Caterlink to talk about the school lunches survey for kids. Firstly, we didn't make the school lunches survey for no reason, we made it because we wanted everyone to enjoy the school lunches and to have their belly full of food. We don't want anyone to go to class feeling empty in their stomach. We hope meeting with the PSA and Caterlink will make the school lunches better. 👍, we don't know!

We like lots of things about school dinners, but we are working to improve some things for all the children. Here is a list of some suggestions that we made to Caterlink. We are meeting them on 27th February.



- 1) We would like all main meals to be warmer.
 - 2) We would like to be able to have second helpings for every meal.
 - 3) We would like more info on a menu about the food. This could be on a board.
Lots of children don't know what Jollof or Paella or all day breakfast is.
 - 4) We would like to mix up the menu so it is not always the same every week. e.g. not always having chicken on Wednesday.
 - 5) We would like some of the food to not be overcooked e.g. chips or pasta
 - 6) We would like more food from other countries. There could be more special themed days.
 - 7) We would like the choice of having different things with jacket potatoes e.g. cheese and beans mixed or tuna
 - 8) Sometimes food runs out for the older children
 - 9) We would like there to always be cutlery and it to be clean.
- This list has been kindly recommended by 155 of our children!



We are also meeting with our Parent Staff Association to ask for money to decorate the dining hall.

We sent a survey out to see what people think about our school lunches. We got 155 responses.

We have promised the PSA that there will be quotes for every one of these items. We have thought carefully about these things:

- Firstly, we would like some money to repaint our wonderful lunch hall.
- We would also like to have a new floor for the lunch hall.
- Next we would like to paint a beautiful mural for the lunch hall so that people can admire how stupendous it looks!
- Also we would like to have a menu on a chalkboard so that children and adults can see what is for lunch.
- We also want to have calm, relaxation music for people to enjoy when they are eating.
- Finally we would like to decorate the tables with tablecloths and plastic flowers.

We are hoping to get all of our requests, but we don't know if we can.

Watch this space and I will tell you what happened in our meeting!



Games & Puzzles



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!GAMES TO ENTERTAIN!

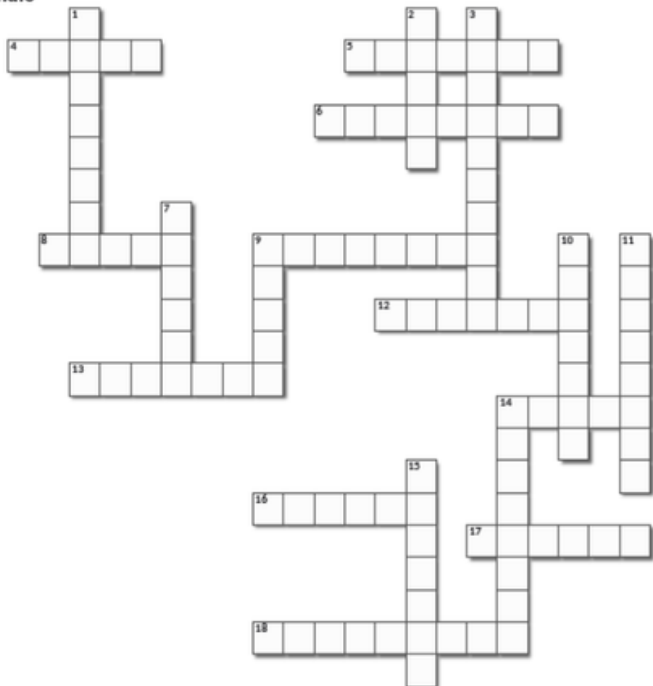
By Emilia

MINECRAFT VS ROBLOX

By Oscar

Hello and welcome to the first edition of 'Monthly Games'! This month we have a weekly wordsearch and a crazy crossword.

Animals



Across

- 4. A black and white bear that eats bamboo.
- 5. A smart marine mammal known for its playful behavior.
- 6. A pink bird known for standing on one leg.
- 8. A horse-like animal with black and white stripes.
- 9. A small rodent known for climbing trees and storing nuts.
- 12. The tallest animal with a long neck.
- 13. The largest bird that cannot fly.
- 14. A tree-dwelling marsupial that eats eucalyptus leaves.
- 16. A slow-moving reptile with a hard shell.

Down

- 1. A graceful animal that often lives in herds.
- 2. A domesticated animal from South America, known for its wool.
- 3. A small rodent known for its soft fur.
- 7. A big cat known for its powerful build and spots.
- 9. A slow-moving animal that hangs from trees.
- 10. The fastest land animal, known for its speed.
- 11. The largest land animal with a trunk.
- 14. A marsupial known for hopping and carrying its young in a pouch.
- 15. A flightless bird that lives in cold regions.

Across

- 17. A small mammal with long ears and a fluffy tail.
- 18. A small mammal with a hard shell that rolls into a ball.



Loads of people like different games but the most popular ones are Minecraft and Roblox.

Today we will be talking about different people's opinions on these games.

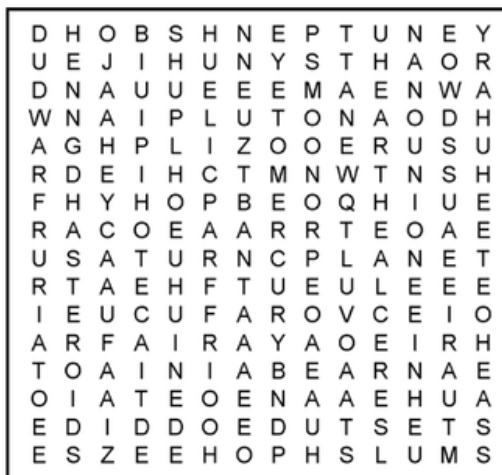
204,330,000 people play Minecraft and 170,000,000 people play Roblox.

I will be telling you different people's opinions then I will tell you MINE!!!!

Minecraft is a game where you can do creative, survival or hardcore but you can also do is all ages it is a free world game where you can be in creative, survival and adventure includes anti cheat and skywars and bedwars is my favorite.

Roblox is a game which has loads of minigames and some games are all ages some are 9 and over

I would rate minecraft 5 stars and Roblox 3.5 stars just because it is not the best game.



- VENUS
- EARTH
- MARS
- CERES
- ASTEROIDS
- JUPITER
- SATURN
- NEPTUNE
- URANUS
- PLUTO
- DWARF
- PLANET
- MOON

just for fun

SOCIAL MEDIA COOKED ON THE BARBIE

Bye bye social media!

By Felix

Top 10 Food Jokes



Australia have banned social media!!! Although it's only for under sixteens.

The reason... I'll tell you the reason. People are seeing inappropriate pictures, watching frightening videos or watching dangerous things that they may want to try it themselves!!!

Do you see why parents always tell you to have less screens...

What do you think?

I asked these people what they think.

Me: "Should social media be banned?"

Luuk: "No because Tiktok is educational."

Monique and Rosa: "No, but they should be updated so it's more safe and it teaches you new things."

Rory: "Yes because there are inappropriate things and you can still play games."

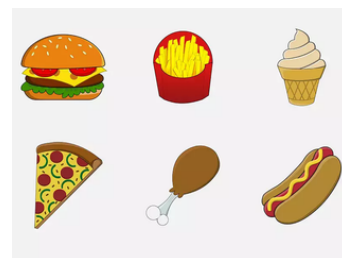
Anas: "No but there should be an age rating on some."

Mr Drake is meeting with WHPS parents on Friday 14th February to talk about whether children should have Smart phone or mobile phones.

Watch this space for more techno news!



By Felix and Amara,
your
Jokewriters.



Joke 1: Why is the sea so strong?

A: Because it has lots of mussels!

Joke 2: Why did the banana go to the doctor?

A: It wasn't peeling well.

Joke 3: Do you want to hear a joke about pizza?

A: Never mind... it's too cheesy.

Joke 4: I cut my finger whilst chopping cheese?

A: I think I have grater problems.

Joke 5: What do you get when you ask a lemon to help?

A: Lemonade

Joke 6: What do you call sad cheese?

A: Blue cheese.

Joke 7: How do monkeys make toast?

A: They put it on the gorilla

Joke 8: What do you call a scared Ice-Cream?

A: Scooper scared.

Joke 9: What did sushi a say to sushi b?

A: Wassa b

Joke 10: Did you hear the rumor about butter?

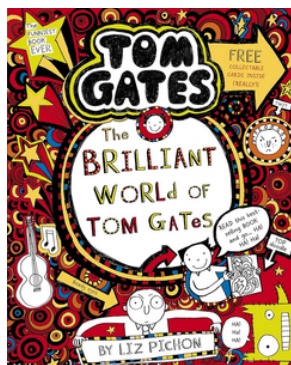
A: Ssh don't spread it.

READ MORE, LEARN MORE By Kallisto

My article is about everyone reading so they can learn more.

My favourite books:

There's so many I can't count! To start off my favourite book is Tom Gates by Liz Pichon. I like this book because it's a comic book and I love comic books. My second favourite book is Twelfth Night. I like this book because I love Shakespeare stories.

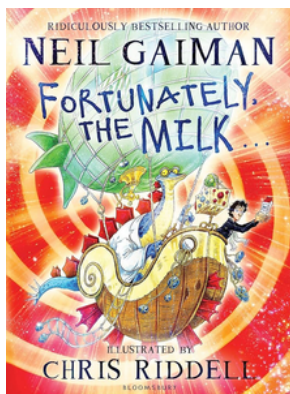


Sofia age 8, Y4 says her favourite book is The BFG because it explains that even though people look different you can be friends.

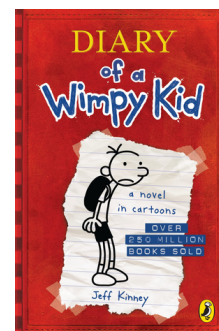


My class's favourite books:

Then my class's favourite book is Fortunately the Milk because it's a very happy book to read.



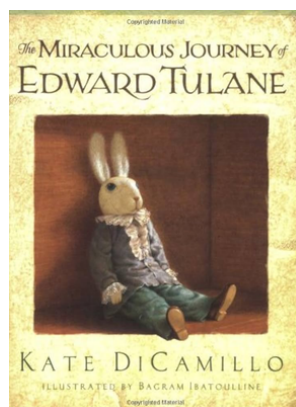
Thomas age 8, Y4 says his favourite book is Diary of a Wimpy Kid Hot Mess because it's very funny and it you everything that you hear is not always true.



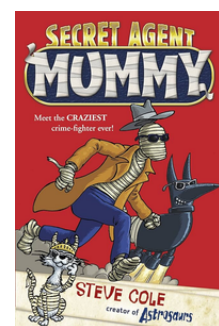
We did a vote. The books we have read are:

Into the forest Meet the romans Casey the container And loads more...

In reading we were reading The Man Who Brought A Mountain and in English we were reading Edward Tulane but the whole school is having a break from their book and we are writing about a short film called Something Fishy, everyone loves it because it's got comedy and it's scary so it's got everything.



Aspen age 9, Y4 says her favorite book is Secret Agent Mummy because it teaches you that know matter what everyone should have a chance to fit in.



Those are amazing examples you should definitely read them they all sound like books you should read, so go off and READ THOSE BOOKS!!! I love reading and so do lots of other people too and I hope you do too!!!

So I hope you READ MORE and you have learnt something. Books help you learn. It is in the Title.

READ MORE LEARN MORE!!!

TRANSFER WINDOW FRENZY



By
Deniz

SCHOOL FOOTBALL BANNED FOR YEAR 6

Roll up! Roll up! The mid-season transfer window has closed, and just because it's mid-season, don't think it's going to be boring! Here are all the hot rumors and everything else!

RUMORS

One big rumour was the 25-year old striker Alexander Isak moving to a bigger club. Of course, Newcastle is a club that cannot be underestimated. European giants like Manchester United and Barcelona approached the superstar. Newcastle wanted close to 105 million pounds, but Manchester reportedly offered 80 million. He didn't even leave!

Another player who might make a move is Victor Oshimen. While the Summer transfer window was open, one of the craziest transfers in history occurred. The Nigerian super-eagle signed a loan deal with Turkish giant Galatasaray. Of course, no offence to Galatasaray, but in my opinion Oshimen deserves to be at a better club. That's why Saudi club Al Ahli are ready to pay a huge amount to buy him. Maybe next summer?

MIKEL MERINO The January transfer window finally got exciting when Arsenal decided to pay Real Sociedad's star player's release clause of £51 million, which is Real Sociedad's most expensive player sale in their history. It was also mentioned that Mikel Arteta was ready to pay 76 million pounds in total for the Serbian Dusan Vlahovic from Juventus. Spurs, meanwhile bought Bayern Munchen player Mattheus Tel.

I have no words. None. Not one enough to explain the situation going on with year 6 football. On 22nd of January 2025, something disastrous happened. School football got banned for year 6. Here is all about it...

THE BACKSTORY

As the clock hit 12:20 at WHPS, Nile class arrived, and the big speech that would change year 6 football for 1 week, hopefully, started. And after waiting for a few minutes, Mr Drake announced those dreaded words: Year 6 football is banned. These words were terrifying to hear, even by me. Of course, The teachers cannot be blamed, as the amount of arguments in the school has skyrocketed in the last few weeks.

One of the most significant reasons for arguments has been over celebrating. As someone who plays football every day, I have experienced and seen it a lot myself. But, from my point of view, a lot of things that have been mentioned in the banning were not 100% football related. So in general the amount of arguing and showing off is a big thing for the banning of football.

NEWS UPDATE!

So on Wednesday 29th of January 2025 there was an announcement, and fortunately, the ban was declared over!

Behaviour had improved so much that Mr Drake and Miss Bones allowed it to return to normal.

Everyone is excited for the return of football! So far, there has not been any serious arguments between anyone, and hopefully it will stay that way!