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Earth Day!



On April 22nd Earth day (an international tradition in which citizens think about what they could do to help the planet) took place with this year's theme being 'invest in our planet.' Students at millthorpe were given an assembly on this last week. The first Earth day was in 1970 in America when protests happened due to the environmental ignorance in the World. They demanded a new way forward in environmental progress and climate change awareness. This year, the focus is on governments globally coming together and finding solutions in adapting to climate change and reducing carbon emissions by implementing renewable energy. It also reminds every day citizens to think about little things like putting rubbish in your bins or recycling as much as you can. For example, in recent years a company called terracycle in the UK has worked with the Co-op in which you can recycle soft plastics such as crisp packets, cereal liners, sweet wrappers, bread bags and many many more that can be found on the terracycle website. Earth day is similar to another global event called 'Earth Hour' in which people from all over the World turn their lights off to save electricity and use less energy when they don't need to. In 2016, the Paris agreement (a pact signed by the UN pledging that humanity would have a limit of going above 1.5 degrees celsius since pre-industrial times) was chosen to be in force on the same day as Earth day.





BP under fire



International energy, gas and oil company BP is under a barrage of criticism after it scaled back its previous climate targets subsequent to the company's biggest profit in history. 8 months ago, BP was accused of profiteering, taking advantage of a situation, (in this case of soaring energy prices) as their profits tripled during the cost of living crisis and hit the highest levels in 14 years. Rachel Reeves, an MP of Leeds, said the "eye-watering profits" showed that the government was "totally wrong" to have given significant tax breaks to oil companies. On 27th April 2023, a 21-year old Iraqi who lived near a BP oil field where gas flaring took place, died of leukemia (a cancer that affects bones and blood) because of the flaring that was going ahead. This was days before he wrote a letter to BP's CEO on the risks of gas flaring. His father will ask BP why they didn't save his son's life with its vast profits. In the past week, BP's chairman weakened its climate goals so it could continue making its huge profits. The original target was made in 2022, and pledged to cut carbon emissions by 35-40% by 2030. Despite this promise, in February they reduced their pledge to 20-30% so they could focus on making more oil and gas and extend existing fossil fuel industries lifetimes. Shareholders and investors of BP are now in protest as BP changed their pre-existing climate goals to make more money. Critics say that the changes came for short-term profits and not long term sustainability for the company.





Sudan Evacuations take place

As you may be aware, on the 23rd April 2023 conflict between rival factions of the military government in Sudan resurfaced. Over 2000 British citizens have registered in Sudan have registered with the foreign office, in the hope of being evacuated from what is currently an unsafe area to be in. A 72-hour ceasefire was put in place from 00:01AM April 25 but gunfire and explosions from both sides has continued. The ceasefire was to be a chance for many countries to rescue their citizens. People from France, Germany, USA, Ireland, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Poland, Ireland, Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, Argentina, India and more have all been withdrawn by various nations. The first flight from Cyprus (where those fleeing were first brought) arrived at Stansted Airport on Wednesday carrying approximately 250 British nationals and allies' citizens. Modern Atlas A400M and slightly older C130 Hercules already based at RAF Akrotiri in Cyprus are understood to be taking part in the ongoing operation. Reports have suggested that the airstrip being used to land emergency aircraft has been damaged by the sheer number of aircraft taking off and landing from it, this could be problematic for many countries but the advanced capabilities of both planes means that they can land from completely unprepared surfaces.



QUIZ



Introducing: Library News Quizzes



Millthorpe Library News (MLN) is delighted to introduce to you a new, 12-question quiz based on our weekly newspaper that is released every thursday by the entrance of the library. Starting on 11th May, we will put copies of the quiz by the entrance as said and there will also be an online version of the quiz you can access after school by using the QR code at the bottom. When you have finished you can hand it in to the librarians at the desk and they will be collected. The quiz will end on the 25th May and the highest scoring participant that also gets over 75% (9 out of 12 questions right) will receive a chocolate bar of their choice out of 3 options. If you have any allergies please consult a member of our team (we won't have any chocolate bars that contain nuts). We are doing this to see if you will be interested in reading MLN in the future and to help you become more informed of global events.



The Space Race 2?

In 1969, for the first time ever humans landed on the moon in a gigantic space race between USA & Russia. Since then, space activity has been waning with less missions in the news. However, in recent years, space organisations/companies such as SpaceX, Blue Origin and NASA are starting to plan new space missions to celestial objects like Mars and the Moon recently. For example, Elon Musk's SpaceX has said they plan to send humans to our neighbouring planet, Mars at some point in the next 10 years as a major breakthrough in the history of humanity. NASA's Artemis II mission to the moon has also been planned with astronauts being chosen recently and Artemis I launching earlier this year. NASA is also sending a drone to one of Saturn's moons to see what the conditions of the moon are like. The moon, 'Titan' has previously been acknowledged to have water and an atmosphere similar to Earth and could even host life. This mission will be called 'Dragonfly'.

Wind-power project comes to light

The UK and Netherlands are working together to power 1.8 million homes in the UK by wind. The project is called LionLink and is a huge offshore wind farm in the North Sea between the UK and Netherlands. This was announced at an energy meeting in Belgium. The National Grid and Dutch power network 'TenneT' is building the power line and say it will be delivered by early 2030s. The UK's energy security minister said, "We are bolstering our energy security and sending a strong signal to Putin's Russia that the days of his dominance over global power markets are well and truly over," This will reduce carbon dioxide levels emitted in the UK and Netherlands as it will mean that more homes are powered by renewable energy. Energy prices have also been increasing recently due to Russia no longer supplying energy to the UK, making wind a great substitute in combating climate change.

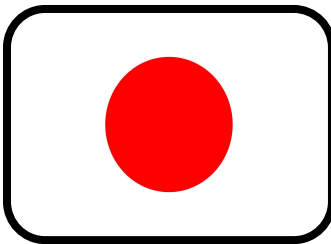




Around The World

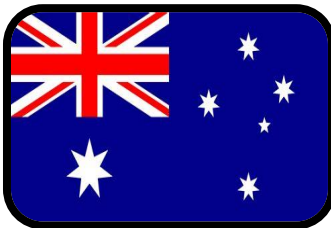


President Lula of Brazil has been criticised for echoing propaganda messages about the war in Ukraine. Lula stated that the US needed to stop encouraging war and campaign for peace talks. The white house criticized this remark deeming it false. Brazil has not joined western countries in sanctioning Russia economically.



An ancient tradition in Japan has returned for the first time since 2019. It involves babies dueling against each other to make the opponent cry. Usually, the first baby to cry wins. The audience even tries to make them cry too. It is believed that this ritual will bring the babies to good health.

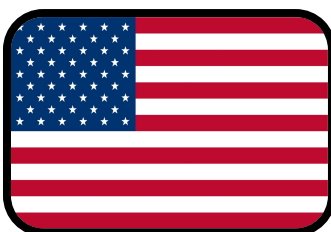
However, officials have said that this is unethical.



Australia has conducted a major review in it's defense strategies and capabilities. The review arises after to the rising tension in East Asia. They have said they want to be able to quickly adapt new technologies into defense systems. Australia has also joined an alliance with USA where they will receive nuclear submarines.



The UN estimates that by the end of April, India will pass China's population, becoming the most populous country in the World. India is also expected to reach 1.67 billion by 2050. The increase is due to China's population growing at a slower rate after the one-child policy came to force in 1980 and ending in 2015.



President Biden, 80, has announced he will run for president again in 2024. However, people have said that he is getting too old for the job. Biden campaigned for President his whole life and finally was rewarded after winning against Trump in 2020. TV adverts have been released with Biden asking for 1 more chance to finish his job.



Book of the Week



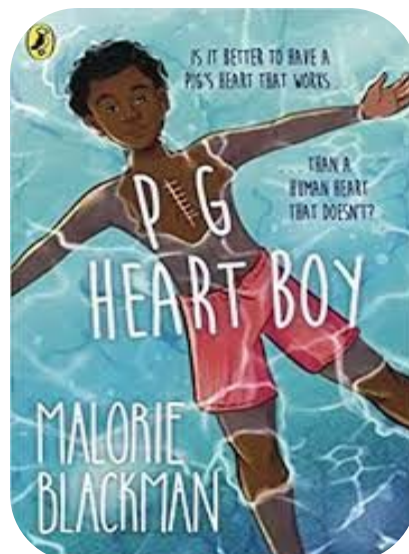
Pig Heart Boy

Story

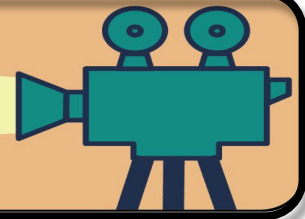
Cameron is a thirteen year old who just wants to have a normal life: swimming, friends, school and family. However, his life is far from normal; not every 13 year old needs a new heart because theirs doesn't work properly. Finally, a doctor gives him some hope: he could have a controversial procedure to transplant a pig's heart into his human body. But, it's risky. And has never been done before. But surely everyone will understand that it's better to have a pig's heart that works than a human heart that doesn't - won't they?

Age Rating:

As usual, this book is appropriate for everyone in the school to read.



Media Review



She Ra and the princesses of power

‘She Ra and the princesses of power’ is a reboot of the popular 1980s cartoon ‘She Ra: princess of power’. The original series was a He-Man spin off, meant to appeal to girls and to sell more merchandise. In the 1985 She Ra, Adora (She Ra) is rescued by He-Man, however in the 2018 reboot the creators did not have the rights to the He-Man character and therefore could not use him in the show. In the 2018 She ra Adora makes her own way out of The Horde after seeing a vision about a sword in the middle of the woods. This is where she meets her series wide companions, Bow and Glimmer.

Age Rating:
PG (7 and up)



“Very good, everyone who can
should watch it.”

-George Moir

My
rating
9/10





Music Review



Top of the charts

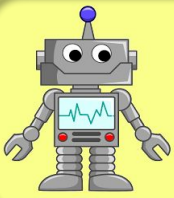
1. Wish you the best
Lewis Capaldi
 2. Miracle
Calvin Harris, Ellie Goulding
 3. Daylight
David Kushner
 4. People
Libianca
 5. Eyes closed
Ed Sheeran
- Calm down
Rema, Selena Gomez

Review of: Wish you the best
Lewis Capaldi

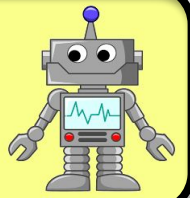
‘Wish you the best’ by Lewis Capaldi is a simple song consisting of only piano and the voice of Lewis Capaldi. It is 3 minutes and thirty seconds long and never strays from its simple instruments. Despite the thin texture it packs quite a punch and is a great new addition to the top 10. *‘Wish you the best’* is Lewis Capaldi’s 8th top 10 in the UK and his 5th no.1.

Guess the song:





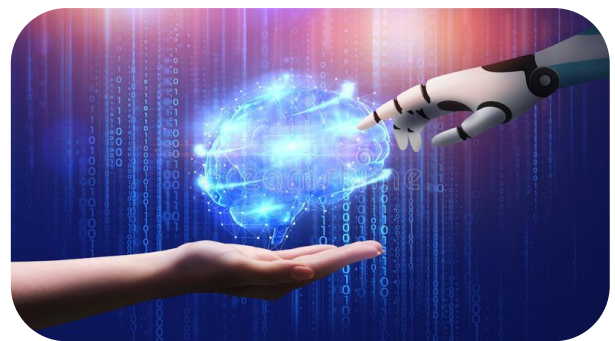
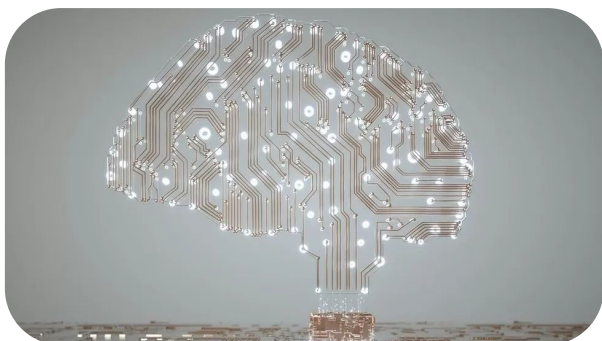
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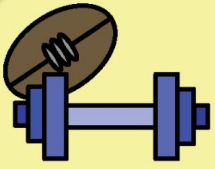


“AI creators must study consciousness”, say experts.

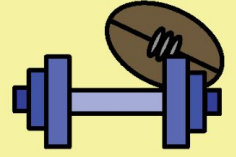
An open letter signed by dozens of academics from around the world calls on artificial-intelligence developers to learn more about consciousness, as AI systems become more advanced.

According to multiple sources, an AI (GPT-4) can now complete the bar exam, a professional qualification for lawyers, although can spread misinformation and make mistakes. The billionaire Elon Musk recently signed a letter saying that further AI improvements should be put on hold until effective safety measures are made and put into place. Companies like Microsoft have even invested into Open-AI (Creators of Chat-GPT) as it can make “boring jobs” more fun by speeding up the process and time to do things. Also, while you may be worried that AI could take your dream job in the future, firstly remember AI is not perfect and not as advanced as a human brain and constantly makes mistakes. As humans, we do to but the difference is that it is much easier for a human brain to be trained effectively. Secondly, even if your dream job gets taken over by AI, you will always be able to find a new job due to more job opportunities caused by AI!





Sport News



English top tier football

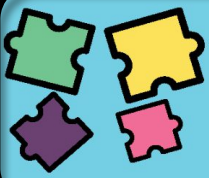
Manchester City thrash Arsenal in the title chase.

On Wednesday 26th April, Manchester City beat Arsenal 4-1 to move 3 points closer to the pole position. City make it their 12th Premier League win in a row vs Arsenal, last losing to the league leaders in a top flight game back in December 2015.

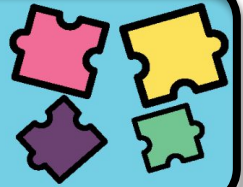
Erling Haaland and Kevin De Bruyne both star for Manchester City, in possibly a title deciding game. Haaland clocking 2 assists plus a goal and De Bruyne with 2 goals and an assist. Which takes City 2 points in range of Arsenal, with a 2 game in hand boost to put The Gunners under pressure.

Poor defence let Arsenal down, leaving Aaron Ramsdale with a big job on his hands, facing 14 shots, 9 which were on target. Less clinical Arsenal saw 75% of their shots wide only testing Ederson twice, one which they converted late on, but Haaland finished the job late on in injury time





Puzzles



Riddles

Easy - No matter how much you use me, you change me every month. What am I?

Medium - What kind of band never plays music?

Hard - What has one eye, but can't see?

	3				1		
9				3			6
		8	2	6	9		
		3			2	4	
	5	4				3	
8		1	5				9
			9	2		7	1
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*(This sudoku will be cut out next to the issue stand for you to complete)!

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 \end{array}$$

Last Issues Answers

Easy - A clock, Medium - A library, Hard - They are both in the middle of water, Music - twinkle twinkle little star

Comedy



Do you want to write this comedy page in future?

We are sad to announce that comedy will no longer be written in Millthorpe Library News, for now, due to a writer shortage. The number of pages in this newspaper has increased recently bringing in Music Review and even an upcoming Debate of the Week meaning that we have lost the staff and time to also complete the comedy page. We would love to continue to do comedy and are looking into hiring a new writer for millthorpe library news to write this page every week. You would have the freedom to choose whatever you want to do for the page and it would be your page and would need a basic computer graphic design understanding. If you are interested in doing this, please email:

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Thanks, The News Team.

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Ask a member of our team to join!

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GRAPHIC DESIGN STUFF



Music Review



Top of the charts

Review of: *'Star Wars'*
soundtrack *John Williams*

Guess the song:

Moderately
Snare drum

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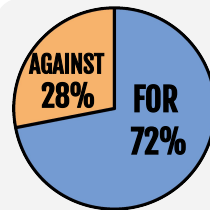
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We Should Judge Historical Figures Based on Modern Morals?

FACTS:

- Statues depicting people such as slave traders, x, y, and z were taken down by the US government or protesters because of
- Fact two .
- Fact three .



FOR



Last week's results on:
Books are better than Television.
Thanks for voting!

AGAINST

FEATURED OPINION:

BY Anonymous, STUDENT

"I think while we should be able to judge them if they are quite inappropriate today, but if it is just something that isn't considered polite or slightly rude we shouldn't have to judge it by our modern morals as they had no clue at the time that this would be the case today."

HOW DO I VOTE?

View the instructions on the voting page that is next to the issue stand.

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For Next Issue

How should I vote?

Vote by putting a tick in either the FOR or AGAINST table. Both named and anonymous votes will be taken into account so feel free to remain anonymous!

Want to have a chance to be featured in the next issue?

Please email
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with the subject 'Debate and Discussion'. In the main content put your opinion that you want to have a chance to be in the next issue.



Plants don't endure silently

For Next Issue

Recently, many studies have been conducted aiming to work out if plants feel pain or stress. A study released in April revealed that stressed out plants react quite louder than previously thought.



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