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Wildfires spread across the US



Alarming smoke leaves an orange haze round North America. These fires have taken place in Canada, but spread 100s of miles South to Cities like New York. For some areas in massive crisis, residents have been told to stay indoors. (Find out more on the next page)

All About: D-Day

Some of you may of learned about D-Day in history, but if not, it happened on the 6th June 79 years ago. So what is so important about this event? Read page 3 to find out more.

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Extreme wildfires in North America



States in the US and places in Canada have suffered from recent forest fires.

Canada is struggling with forest fires, and climate change has and is causing 3.3 million hectares of land to burn down. Climate change should be a top priority to fix right now, and World leaders need to agree on a deal to prevent more things like this from happening or worsening in future. Forest fires are increasingly occurring in Canada, the more it happens, the more trees are burnt, and the more ecosystems that are destroyed. The smoke could drift South causing dismay to many lives.

Canada is currently lacking in rainfall which is caused by the climate crisis too. Smoke is expected to stall for days, so it will probably still be in the BBC top stories as you read this article now. People with high risk have been told to wear a mask when outdoors, and try to stay inside with windows and doors shut as much as possible.





All About: D-Day

On 6th June, it was the 79th anniversary of this historical event. So what is it? Why is it so important? Read on to find out.

The D-Day landings in 1944 were the biggest invasions in sea history. It's one of the most key dates from WW2. It took place on the 6th of June after 5 years of war with Germany.

This massive operation was nicknamed 'Operation Overlord'. The plan was to liberate Western Europe and ultimately overthrow Nazi Germany and its leader, Adolf Hitler. At the time, they had taken over most of Europe. The Allied forces landed on the beaches of Normandy in France and started to break through the German army's defences. The attack took 11 months and led them to the German capital, Berlin, and to the bunker that was Adolf's headquarters. The attack began from Allied planes and warships which damaged the defences and made it easier for them to get on the coastline. About 6,000 vessels and 11,000 planes joined the attack. By the end of D-Day, the Allies had put 156,000 troops ashore. Portsmouth's D-Day museum estimated that 2,500 Allied troops died on the shore that day.

The area they chose was not the nearest part of France to the UK, they chose it because Hitler expected the invasion force to cross the channel at the nearest point. By making a larger voyage, they avoided some of the heaviest coastal defences. The majority of troops that landed on the beach on that day were from the UK, Canada and the US. However, troops from many other countries participated in D-Day, and the Battle of Normandy, in all the different armed services from Australia, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Poland. For those wondering, the D does not stand for anything. It is simply the name that the military use when planning the event. They used this because they didn't know the date on which the battle would happen. The particular name D-Day has been used for many things in the past, but now it is permanently associated with the Allied invasion of Normandy.

So, overall the reason it is such a significant event is because it was one of the most key battles in WW2, The amount of troops injured and deployed on that day and it was one of the biggest invasions in history, it was a large turning point in WW2. It is also important that people recognize the big effects this battle had on history.





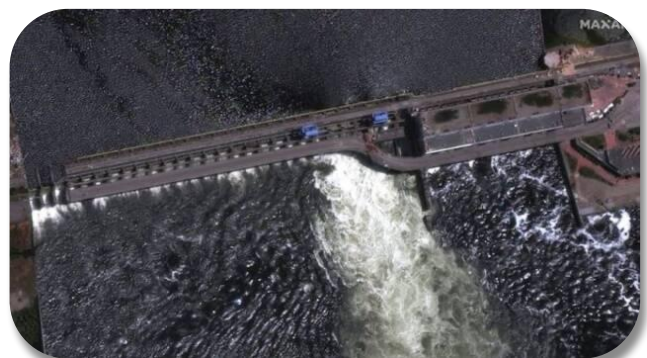
The Ukrainian counter-offensive

Recently, Zelenskiy has warned Russia of the Ukrainian 'Counter-offensive', to push Russia back to the borders. This article will explain many significant events in the War between Russia and Ukraine over the past week.

On Tuesday 30th May, for the first time in the War, drones attacked Moscow on large scale with flats being damaged. Earlier in May, two drones were shot down as they came into range of the Red square outside the Kremlin. (more about this in issue 30 which you can find next to the desk at the library).

A dam in the Kherson region (in the South East) of Ukraine collapsed with water breaching out of it causing flooding in many areas and extreme disruption to lives. One citizen in a nearby town stated "I hope things will be fine again, we'll be liberated and this nightmare will be over."

Like with the drone attack, there is no way to prove that this was an intentional attack from Russia however Ukrainian officials firing the blame at Putin. However, Russia blames Ukraine. It served as a water reservoir for communities around it and as cooling water for a nuclear power plant nearby. Another theory is that fighting in the area caused structural damage to the dam. This also raises environmental concerns with contaminants of industrial lubricant polluting the water it holds. Thousands have been evacuated and more to come as houses submerge in the rising water levels. Concerns have also risen with officials worried that mines are being swept away and lost by the river posing as a dangerous threat to people nearby.



A Quick Note



Millthorpe Library News

Weekly News to your Library!

Just a quick notice, thanks to all of you readers for making this year a successful one. We started this Newspaper about a year and a half ago and the amount that we have achieved in that time is just staggering.

Also, we will be continuing the quiz once a term (roughly every 10 issues). Don't be afraid to give us any suggestions you may have. We are constantly making changes to our newspaper to make it better for you, the reader.

Overall, thanks for a good year and we hope all of you readers keep reading our newspaper.

The News Team.



Hidden fungi absorb 36% of CO₂ emissions

Researchers from all over the World in South Africa, the UK and the Netherlands have found that every year, 13.12 gigatonnes of CO₂ is locked away by plants and trees. This goes into the soil and scientists have discovered that a hidden fungus is secretly eating up all these fossil fuels in the soil on its own, accounting for over a third (36%) of the Global fossil fuel emissions. This is a staggering number and a huge breakthrough in figuring out the role that fungi play in the environment and also what use they could have in combating climate change. These fungi are called Mycorrhizal fungi and are a gateway for CO₂ entering the soil. The researchers do not yet know if the fungi act as maintainers and storers of carbon dioxide or just the gateway from plant to soil. Scientists say that underground fungi networks are the best effective carbon capture storage unit in the World. They emphasise more research is needed with the UN saying 90% of all topsoil (the most exposed layer of soil) will be degraded by 2050.



Shell ad campaign banned in the UK

An advert made by Shell, an energy and fuel company, has been banned after it was deemed 'misleading'. The advert promoted the company's green initiatives, however, it 'overstated' its commitments to reducing fossil fuels according to ASA (Advertising Authorisation Standards). Shell has previously stated its promise to become net zero (Carbon neutral) by 2050 but also expanding its gas business by 20%. Shell put the advert on TV, posters and Youtube. They claimed that it was to raise awareness of the lower carbon range the company has to offer and how mentioning high carbon products would be counter-productive. The ASA said that the Youtube ad told watchers that most of their product range is low carbon when it is not. An MP from the Green Party also said that the company was 'greenwashing' (making something look more eco-friendly than it is).





Around The World



Last week, India suffered its worst train crash in a century with over 280 left dead and 1,100 injured. The incident took place on Friday 2nd June in Odisha, a North-Eastern state of the Country. It was a crash between 3 trains reported to contain over 3000 people. The train companies say it was caused by a signal fault and a change in electronic interlocking (how signals are coordinated).



Legislative elections are taking place in Guinea-Bissau, a small Country in West Africa for the first time in 4 years. This is big news for the Country as it has suffered widespread food shortages and increase in prices. The previous President, Embaló, dissolved parliament.



In Hong Kong dozens of people who were innocently protesting and commemorating those who died in Tiananmen square, 34 years ago, have been arrested for 'seditious' acts (against Government). 34 years ago, in Tiananmen square, Beijing, protestors were violently killed by the military for fighting for their democracy.



In 2021, COP26 took place in Glasgow with many pledges by various big contributors to climate change were made. One of these pledges was made by Brazil, promising to stop Amazon deforestation by 2030. Since then, Brazil has elected a new President (Lula) who this week revealed his plan to halt the destruction of the forests by increased satellite footage and identifying illegal logging/ranching.



For the first time ever in history, cigarettes in Canada will have individual health warnings on them. This is different and a first for the World with the warnings only being on the packet. They will carry messages like 'poison in every puff' & 'Tobacco smoke causes cancer'. It is hoped this will reduce smoking in the Country and make smokers think as they take another cigarette.



Book of the Week



Puzzled

Story

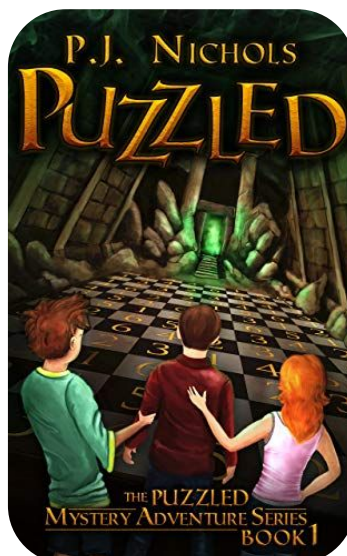
Peter, an exceptionally clever secondary school kid, is pulled into an adventure where he and a few friends have to solve a series of very challenging riddles and puzzles. Peter's mind, which has an amazing talent for problem-solving, is needed to save the world.

This adventure sure is a big change from what Peter typically deals with in life: He gets called geek and nerd by everyone in the cool group. He tries to hide his love for learning, in a hope to stick out a little less.

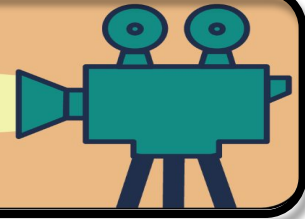
Peter and his friends must solve every confusing riddle and challenging puzzle they face. If they can't, a powerful supernatural being will cause immense destruction and devastation...

Age Rating:

As usual, this book is rated 12+ and is fine for most students in the school to read.



Media Review



LGBTQ+ Tropes in Media

To celebrate the start of pride month i have decided to have a look at some different LGBTQ+ tropes in media.

Bury Your Gays:

Bury your gays along with many other LGBT tropes originated from the Hays code. The Hays code was a set of rules, created by William Hays, designed to restrict what film makers could put in their movies. The specific rule in the Hays code that prevented LGBT characters from living there lives was the banning of “sexuall perversion”. This trope is particularly common in media yet often goes unnoticed. For instance the popular BBC show killing Eve, featuring Eve and Villanelle in a lesbian relationship, has Villanelle die at the end of the series right after she and Eve get together. This is a classic use of the trope as what one will often find is that the writers will let the Queer audience get there representation then take it away ... *permanently*.

Queer Coded Villains:

Another consequence of the Hays code is Queer coded villains. This stems from the same rule (no “sexual perversion”) however, rather than use the loophole of killing them, they make them the villains. Whilst not necessarily requiring that the villain be LGBT it is often the case that the antagonist is especially extravagant or as the names sake “Queer coded”. Examples include: Ursula from the Little Mermaid, Scar from the Lion King or Gaston from Beauty and the Beast.

Everybody’s straight:

This is possibly the most dangerous LGBT trope as it provides zero representation for Queer people. Representation may seem superficial at first glance, however without it LGBTQ+ children (especially in rural or conservative areas) can be left with a part of themselves that they nothing about.

In conclusion, representation is important, but we shouldn’t let our own pride blind us from the harm we are doing.

“Negative LGBT tropes can be pretty harmful and stuff.” - *George Moir*



Music Review



Top of the charts

1. Where she goes
Bad Bunny
2. Dance the night
Dua Lipa
3. Karma
Taylor Swift
4. Flowers
Miley Cyrus
5. Kill Bill
SZA
6. Popular
The Weekend, Playboi Carti, Madonna
7. Calm Down
Rema, Selena Gomez

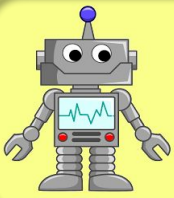
Review of: Over the Rainbow- *Judy Garland*

This iconic song, originally featuring in the 1939 Wizard of Oz film, has over the years turned into the greatest gay anthem of all time. More than just being a symbol of pride though, this is actually a great song. Featuring the beautiful voice of *Judy Garland*, playing the character of Dorothy, and the 2 composers *Harold Arlen*, and *Herbert Stothart*.

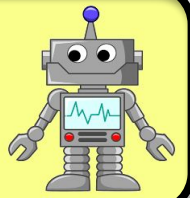


Guess the song:





Latest Tech News!



Artificial Intelligence and Modern Technology

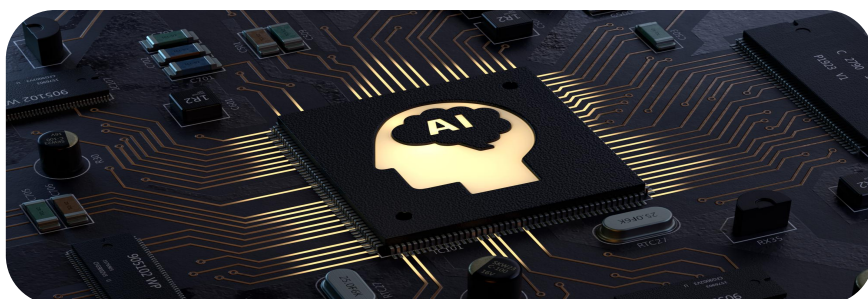
Since this week's Debate & Discussion page is technology based. This article talks about intelligence and modern technology.

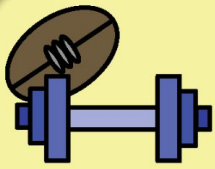
Devices these days always seem to be smaller, and more expensive when you see all of the handhelds and accessories. Humans always find a way to compact more information into a tiny chip. As we see new iPhones commonly releasing, the iPhone 13 which you bought 6 months ago, you could buy for hundreds cheaper in present day, so if you see the iPhone 15 is out soon, wait till it releases to buy the 14! The rate of advancement is now faster than ever, which is why keeping up to date with what is going on is very important. Artificial Intelligence is the 18 years of life you spend in education, in your pocket, or on your desktop, or in some kind of device which humans have made to generate all sorts of things. Degrees are swiftly losing value because of the precise mind of AI. What a group of architects can do in 3 days, ChatGPT can do in 10 minutes.

Will AI effect jobs? Roughly two thirds of jobs are likely to be affected by AI at some degree. If AI ever advances so much that human input isn't needed to run, things could go awfully wrong. But thankfully it will always need a human's input.

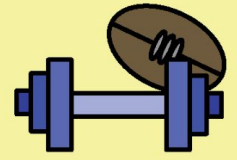
Snapchat recently added a ChatGPT chatbot to their app. The Snapchat bot can be used to have a chat with, give advice and more. Check it out for yourself!

The Apple Vision Pro is an immersive experience VR headset, a new creation from Apple, so if you are interested about that and would like to find out more about this headset, BBC go into depth about it.





Sport News



Prague, retirement, Messi and more!

A Week of Sport to Remember.

This week will be an unforgettable one in sport, Messi to MLS, retirements, football finals (still one to come), records and more.

West Ham finish their dinner in the closing stages of the Europa Conference League to add a precious new trophy to the cabinet. The Hammers Bow out with a late Jarrod Bowen winner. If this is Declan Rice's final game for West Ham, what a way to finish. The Londoners haven't had a great season in the Premier League, but it became easier for them when Leeds and Everton went off form.

No, Messi is not retiring. Late on Wednesday 7th June. Lionel Messi makes his move to Inter Miami, a team in the American top tier. The Argentinian was liked back to Barcelona, but it wasn't the right return for him. Americans are already looking forward to a fierce strike partner of Messi and Josef Martinez.

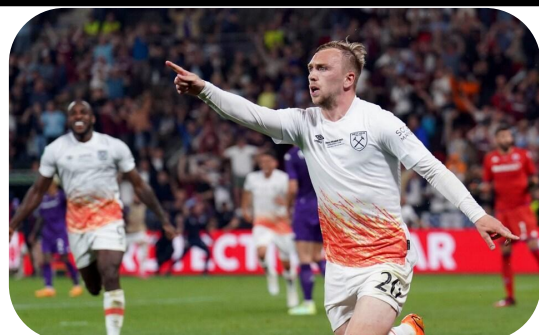
It's hard to know where to start, but we will go with retirements first. Zlatan Ibrahimovic, arguably the best Scandinavian footballer of all time, this week has retired aged 41. The Swede bags 405 career goals for club, impressively in 637 club apps. Another player who has hinted retirement from football is Eden Hazard (32). The Belgium attacker recently left Real Madrid, and there is speculation round his retirement from football, but nothing has been said in the past few days from release.

On Saturday 3rd June, Manchester City took the lead with an early early goal, clocking a goal inside the first 13 seconds, scored by Ilkay Gundogan. Manchester City will play Inter Milan on Saturday 10th June in the UEFA Champions League final, the sky blues being favourite to win the UCL.

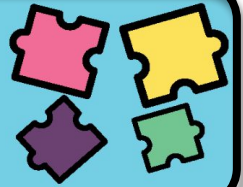
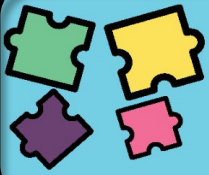
Moving sports to athletics now, Jim Hines (76), the first person to run 100m in 10 seconds dies. The record was broken in 1968. His record lasted nearly 15 years until Calvin Smith pipped his record by milliseconds.

Al-Ittihad (Saudi Arabia) snap up Ballon d'or winner Karim Benzema from Real Madrid. The French striker scored 238 goals in 439 apps for Real. His salary in Saudi Arabia is much higher than in Spain, he now earns £86 million but Ronaldo remains the highest paid in the Saudi League still.

Moving on to Horse Racing, Singapore recently have decided to stop holding races. It's been decided that next year will be the last race in the Singapore Turf Club. Big names have visited Singapore for horse races. Back in 1972, The Queen payed a visit!



Puzzles



Riddles

Easy - What is always in front of you and can't be seen?

Medium - Where are the lakes always empty, the mountains always flat and the rivers always still?

Hard - I can shave 25 times a day and still have a beard? What am I?

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

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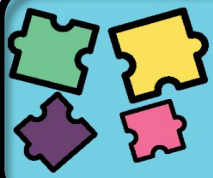
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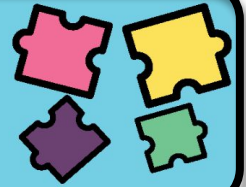
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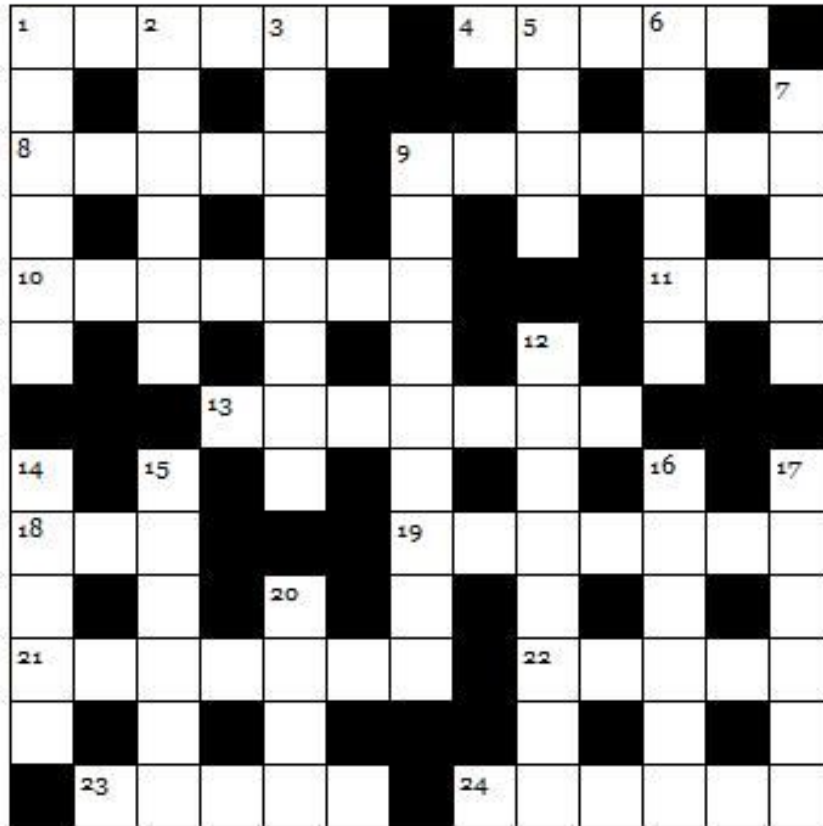
Easy - Your Age, **Medium** - To The Dock, **Hard** - A Piano & **Music** - twinkle twinkle little star



Bonus Puzzle!



Cryptic Crossword



(Just like the sudoku, this will also be printed next to the issue to be filled in!)

Across

- 1. I'm left to bring goods in from abroad (6)
- 4. A cereal and the fruit of an oak (5)
- 8. Drink poured out in cot (5)
- 9. View onion, consuming two thirds of pie (7)
- 10. Man crossed with lion, say, results in a tail-less feline (4,3)
- 11. We go without beginning with self-importance (3)
- 13. Sack of veg as a seat (7)
- 18. Tear and funereal wish (3)
- 19. Drug hidden in church instrument, old herb (7)

- 21. Tattler devoured small pie (7)
- 22. Arrange borders without borders (5)
- 23. Jesus' mother accepts right to get wed (5)
- 24. Zeus finally destroys using special abilities (6)

Down

- 1. Mint I melted partially, by the assigned hour (2,4)
- 2. Hold fast, in general longing (6)
- 3. Deflect hot rice thrown, mixed with carbon (8)
- 5. Company in money (4)
- 6. I dared, confused and attacked (6)

- 7. Charlie Brown's dog, in short, is a busybody (5)
- 9. Total bowled and caught for example (3,3,3)
- 12. Fleming's first really good novel shown in social networking site (8)
- 14. Fireplace is marvellous by the sound of it (5)
- 15. A trap's set up in ancient Greek city-state (6)
- 16. Held an obscure composer (6)
- 17. English folk dance with William, founder of the Arts and Crafts Movement (6)
- 20. Speak indistinctly and cast aspersions (4)

Visit Our Website

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Here, you can read the newspaper digitally, view older newspapers and even take quizzes!

Note: You must be signed in your school account to access it.

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Or for after school use only:

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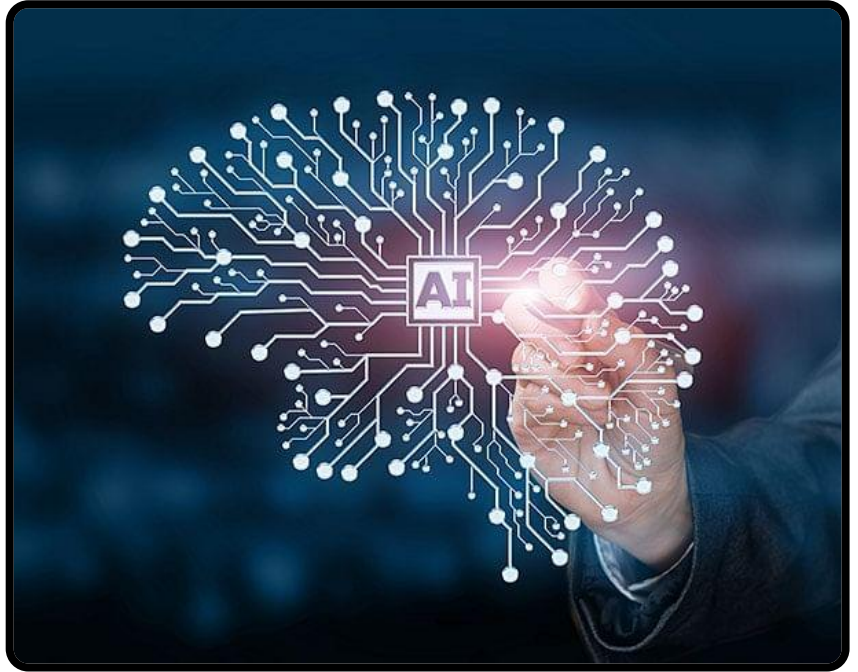
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THIS WEEK'S TOPIC FOR DEBATE AND DISCUSSION IS:

Should we Allow AI to advance further?

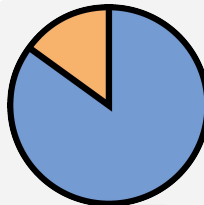
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- N/A continued



FOR
N/A • N/A • N/A

N/A continued



Last week's results on:
Should we ban steroids in bodybuilding?
Thanks for voting!

AGAINST
N/A • N/A • N/A

N/A continued

FEATURED OPINION: Will Bruce, Writer.

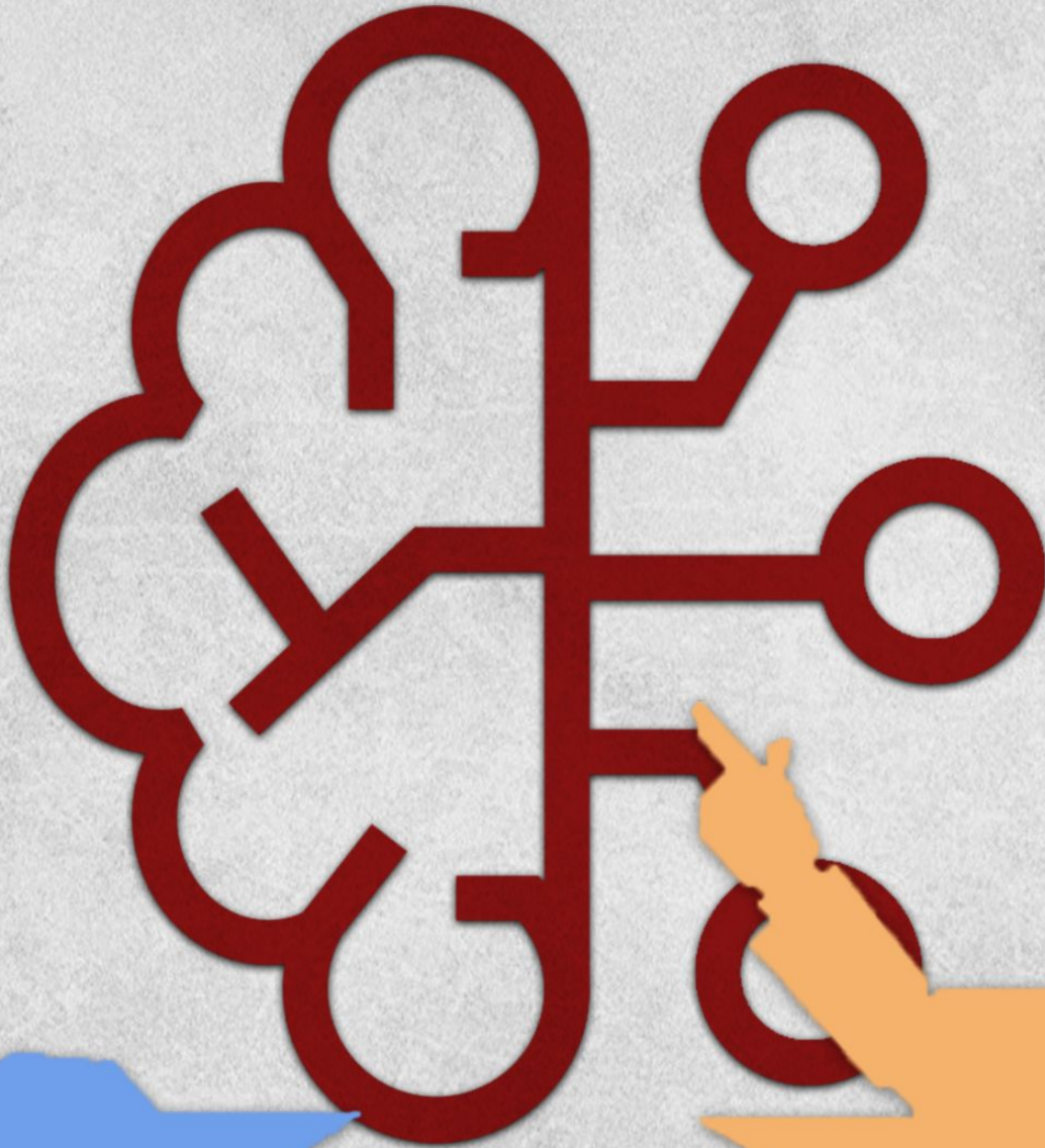
" I think there is a big point for each side of this argument, AI could be an ideal tool for humans, but also a deadly one. Limiting the advancements of AI would be ideal, since it's helpful in everyday life to the extent that it is already at. ChatGPT, the new AI chatbot is already powerful enough, big companies are using this to work out problems they are having, and ChatGPT will come in clutch and propose a solution. So I do see AI being the future, maybe not in a good way. I think technology intelligence should not be taken any further than it already has been, taking this to the next level could lead to very bad things on planet earth."

NEXT WEEK'S TOPIC WILL BE: Should success be based on academic performance?

HOW DO I VOTE?

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

SHOULD WE ALLOW AI TO ADVANCE



VOICE YOUR OPINION:

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NEWS **TODAY**, TURN TO **PAGE 7**
AND CAST YOUR VOTE. THE
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ENTRANCE TO THE LIBRARY.
MAKE YOUR VOTE.
TODAY.

DEBATE CLUB - *Advertising Jared's debate and discussion page to members of debate club*

To members of debate club,

If you spend your breaks and lunches in the library and were looking for something interactive and engaging to do within the school, you might be interested in getting involved in a newly based debate-themed activity. Every week, Millthorpe Library News (MLN) writes a 15 page newspaper that is put by the entrance of the library. Recently, we have launched a new page called debate and discussion. In the page, there will be a debate and information to back up both sides of the argument. Also by the entrance of the library, there will be a voting page where students can fill in their name (optional) and put a tick on whichever side you are for. The votes will be counted up and the results will be displayed in the next debate of the week page. At the bottom of the voting page, next week's debate will be shown.

We would love for people to get involved and please email
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20oliverl@millthorpe.southbank.academy with the subject 'Debate and Discussion' if you want to be a featured opinion in the next debate.

*There are also sudoku's by the weekly issues and voting page which you can do with the answers in the next issue.