



## **Millthorpe Library News**

### **Weekly News to your Library!**

# **Civil Unrest in France**



Over the past few days, there has been immense civil unrest after the death of 17 year old Nahel M, who was shot by the police in Nanterre during a Traffic check. There have been many protests held in response to the death of the teen.  
(Read page 2 to find out more.)

## **EU Approves Draft Law To Regulate AI**

Over the last few years, the EU has been developing a law to regulate AI. If all goes to plan it will be in place by the end of the year.  
(Read page 3 to find out more).

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## **Issue No.36 04/07/23**

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# Civil Unrest in France



Unrest has spread throughout France after police shot 17-year old Nahel M in Nanterre. The teen was shot at point-blank range as he drove off during a traffic check, and crashed soon afterwards. Paris police claimed they had contained “Sporadic episodes” of fresh violence. This has sparked immense civil unrest across France over the death of the teen. In Toulouse, Southern France, fires were started by protesters and firefighters had stones thrown at them as they attempted to put them out, and in Lille, demonstrators have also clashed with the police. In the Western town of Rennes, around 300 people gathered to pay tribute to the teen, many of whom started fires and were dispersed by the police to allow firefighters to deal with the flames, local media reported. French president Emmanuel Macron has stated that the shooting of Nahel was “Unforgivable”, however, his comments have been criticised by police unions, who have accused him of rushing to judge the officers involved. The Alliance Police union have called for the officers to be presumed innocent until found guilty, however, the rival Unité SGP Police also spoke of political interventions that spoke of and encouraged “anti-cop hatred”.

The officer who has been accused of killing him, who has said he fired because he felt his life was in danger, is currently in custody with charges of voluntary manslaughter. Nahel, who a neighbor says is from a French-Algerian family, is the second person in France to be shot at a traffic stop this year by police. Last year, a record 13 people were killed this way. Rights groups have criticised a 2017 law that broadened the framework for when officers can use firearms.

Amid fears of violence a gun shop in Marseille in southern France was looted by 30 people and 4 hunting rifles were stolen. The incident occurred during a fourth night of violence in France.



**(Left):**  
The car  
Nahel was  
in during  
the traffic  
stop.





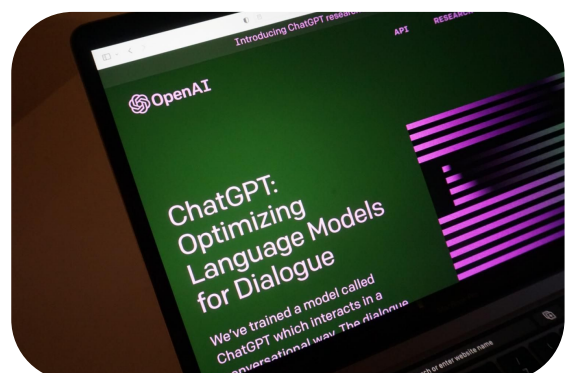
# EU Approves Draft Law To Regulate AI

Recently, people have been thinking about AI (Artificial Intelligence) as a potential risk to what we currently class as a 'normal' society. While it is good to see world leaders considering the potential problems of AI along with all of its benefits, we should remember that not all risks are equal. On the 14th of June, the European Parliament voted to approve a draft of a new law, known as the 'AI Act'. After the final stages of negotiation, it will most likely be approved by the end of the year. If passed, it will be the first law in the world regulating AI use in most sectors of society.

This law is purely based on risk; it is not the AI itself that is being regulated, but instead, the way that it is used in parts of society, each of which carries its own set of potential problems. They have been divided into 4 categories of risk: unacceptable, high, limited and minimal. Systems posing a risk to human rights or EU values will be classed as 'unacceptable' and will be prohibited. 1 risk like this is 'predictive policing'. Another risk in this category is the use of face recognition technology on live street feeds. The systems classed as 'high risk' will be subject to the obligations of disclosure and will be added to a special database. Some examples could include AI that can control services in education, employment, financing and healthcare. Limited risk will need limited transparency requirements and will require things like disclosing that users are talking with a machine, not another user. After 2 to 3 years it will apply to any business inside of the EU.



The EU Chief, Ursula Von Der Leyen.





# Rwanda plan deemed 'unlawful'

The Government's £140 million plan to deport asylum seekers (people in search of refuge, usually fleeing from conflict) who have arrived in the UK to the Central African Country of Rwanda, has been deemed 'unlawful' by the Court of Appeal. The Court of Appeal was created in 1875 and concluded last week that the plan was 'unlawful' due to Rwanda being unsafe. The UK's Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, said he believed the Rwandan Government's assurances that there would be no danger or risks, adding: "While I respect the court I fundamentally disagree with their conclusions." Alongside this, the UK's Home Secretary (the Minister who is responsible for making all areas like borders secure and safe), Suella Braverman said she 'respectfully disagrees' with the Court's ruling, also stating "its not over yet", with the Government claiming to appeal the Court's decision to the Supreme Court, the final court of appeal which judges cases of National significance, generally involving the whole population. The Rwanda plan was part of the Government's scheme to 'stop the boats' and prevent illegal immigration into the UK.

However, the Home Office also revealed it could cost around £63,000 more to welcome a migrant into the UK than to deport them to Rwanda at an overall average cost of £169,000 per person in its official economic assessment of the Illegal Immigration Bill passed in March 2023 by Suella Braverman.

Last week, on Question Time, the BBC's discussion programme where members of the public are questioned about current affairs, the audience were asked to raise their hand if they supported the Government's new plan; not a single person showed their support and put their hand up in a blow against the Government.

## Welsh coal mine digging 'unlawful'

Alongside this, Welsh lawyers said last week that the continued coal mining of Ffos-y-Fran Merthyr mine is also 'unlawful'. The mine has ran out of planning permission and can no longer be mined according to an enforcement notice issued recently.



# A Quick Note.



## **Millthorpe Library News** **Weekly News to your Library!**

Hello!

As you know, the end of the school year is approaching fast, so we have a quick announcement to make.

Instead of releasing our next issue next Thursday like normal, it will be releasing on the following Monday the 17th. This is because we will be releasing our first bumper issue! Expect about double the normal issue content, along with a few exclusive things to that issue. Be sure to read our notice page in that issue as we have a few things to mention as the year comes to an end.

Thanks for your continued support this year!

**The News Team.**



## Race car drivers blink in the same places

On average, humans blink between 14,400 and 19,200 times a day but a new study shows that race car drivers blink in different places around race tracks that are safer to do so. When people blink, the World goes dark for around 1 fifth of a second but due to race drivers going at a top speed of 354 km/h (220 mph), this can be potentially dangerous with drivers passing almost 20 metres in just a fifth of a second. In addition to this, people can blink up to 30 times a minute or once every 2 seconds, ultimately meaning that a race car driver could be practically blinded for 600m every minute. According to one neurologist, “a slight mistake could lead to life-threatening danger.” This provoked Ryota Nishizono to study when racing drivers blink. Nishizono, a Japanese racing team and a group of researchers tested when people blinked around a race track. Over the course of 304 laps on 3 different racetracks, the scientists concluded that the drivers usually blinked on straight parts of the tracks and kept their eyes open on more dangerous sections of the tracks where they are required to change speed and direction like a curve. Scientists are partially baffled by the new study as they had always that people blink relatively randomly although blinking in sports hasn't been covered by researchers that much in the past.



The Dutch Formula 1 Grand Prix in 2022.

Turn to the following page to read how America is the 2nd Country to approve lab-grown meat.

## All about: Lab-grown meat

**What is lab-grown meat and how is it made?**

Lab-grown meat is biotechnological meat that has been engineered and cultivated from a few individual cells. The cells are extracted from an animal and grown into muscle cells, eventually creating an almost perfect replica of meat over a long period of time.

**Why lab-grown meat?**

The vast majority of animal derived meat based products are sourced from huge commercial factories and farms which generally are not only unethical for the animal, but are also bad for the environment with 60% of food production based greenhouse gas emissions emitted because of meat. Animal agriculture is responsible for at least 16.5% of all greenhouse gases emitted currently. Lab grown meat can ensure the buyer that the product has not caused any harm to animals and is better for the environment as it requires less land and less food for the animals. In addition to this, it generally acts as a safer option in terms of bacterial side effects like e.coli being much rarer in lab grown products. If produced at a large scale, it could become much quicker and easier than to farm animals directly. However, recently some studies have shown that actually these lab grown substitutes are actually worse for the environment due to the huge requirement of energy to cultivate the cells. One company crafting lab grown shrimps found that they could grow 1 billion healthy shrimps out of just a few cells via reproduction.

**Could this be a possible future alternative?**

The first lab grown meat ever was made in 2013 and cost \$300,000 for just one burger. The price has now reduced greatly to \$11.36 in just 2 years. Sadly for many, lab grown meats are prohibited currently in all but two Countries but progress is being made into this sector at a rapid rate.





# Around The World



Lab-grown meat has been approved for sale in the US, the second Country to do so after Singapore. The meat is grown in laboratories from animal cells, the building blocks of animal life. The US government has given permission to two companies, Upside Food and Good Meat, to sell the lab-grown meat to the public. Restaurants have already placed orders for the meat.



South Koreans have become younger due to a new age counting law. The law has scrapped one traditional korean system, which deemed South Koreans one year old at birth, counting time spent in the womb. Another counted everyone ageing on the first day of January instead of on their birthdays. President Yoon Suk Yoel claims that the traditional method created “Unnecessary social and economic costs.”



Former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro has been put on trial and has received an 8 year election ban. Bolsonaro has been accused of undermining Brazilian democracy by falsely claiming the electronic ballots were vulnerable to hacking and fraud. He has been found guilty of abusing his power and won't be able to stand in the next Presidential election in 2026.



The Wagner Group (a Russian Military organisation who has assisted in the invasion of Ukraine), has gained more influence in the West African Country of Mali. The outcome of Friday's UN security council vote has decided to terminate a peacekeeping operation in Mali. This was also influenced by the countries military regime, who are insisting that the 12,000 international troops must depart. Because of this, Mali will be more dependant on the Wagner Group for security back-up.



On 22nd June, 227 migrants were rescued by emergency services, including babies and children, from 4 boats off the coast of the Canary Islands in Spain. The Atlantic migration route from West Africa to mainland Spain, is very dangerous, and experts have estimated that almost 45 boats sank in 2022 while attempting it. A migrant is someone who has left their Country in search of a better life, work, and education.



# Book of the Week



## The Hunger Games

*Could you survive on your own in the wild, with everyone out to make sure you don't live to see the morning?*

In the ruins of a place once known as North America lies the nation of Panem, a shining Capitol surrounded by twelve outlying districts. The Capitol is harsh and cruel and keeps the districts in line by forcing them all to send one boy and one girl between the ages of twelve and eighteen to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV.

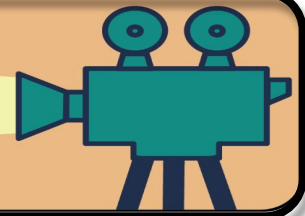
Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen, who lives alone with her mother and younger sister, regards it as a death sentence when she steps forward to take her sister's place in the Games. But Katniss has been close to dead before—and survival, for her, is second nature. Without really meaning to, she becomes a contender. But if she is to win, she will have to start making choices that weight survival against humanity and life against love.

### Age Rating:

The book is rated 11+, so as usual is fine for anyone in the school to read.



# Media Review



## Disney to face trial in 2024

Disney is to face trial in Florida for ‘Striking long-term development contracts shortly before they took charge’. Disney has counter sued and is now suggesting that this is a retaliation from Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis against Disney’s criticism of the ‘don’t say gay law’. DeSantis says that the reason he is taking Disney to court is because of Walt Disney Worlds tax bubble and almost self governing system that has historically allowed Disney to do pretty much whatever they want. Whilst a convincing argument to show the jury, I am not quite persuaded.

*“Whilst Ronald may seem in the wrong here, I think no one is in the right.” - George Moir*





# Music Review



## Top of the charts:

1. Sprinter

*Dave/ Central Cee*

2. Who Told You

*J Hus/ Drake*

3. Miracle

*Calvin Harris/ Ellie Goulding*

4. Giving Me

*Jazzy*

5. Dancing Is Healing

*Rudimental/ Charlotte Plank/  
Vibe Chemistry*

6. React

*Switch Disco/ Ella Henderson/  
Robert Miles*

7. Good Love

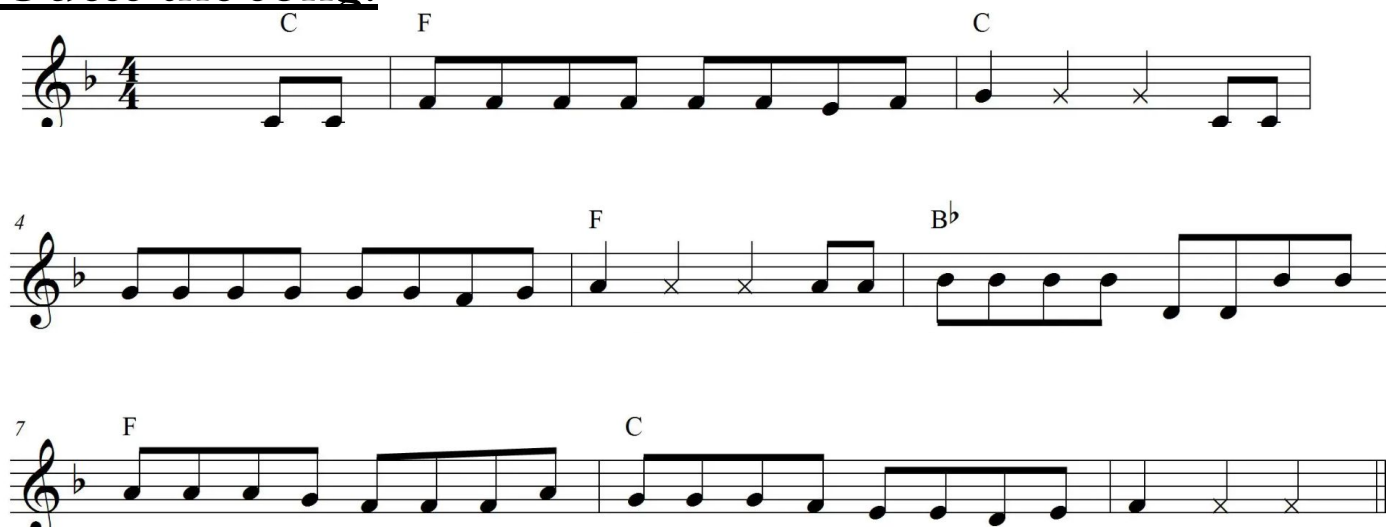
*Hannah Laing/ RoRo*

## Millthorpe Summer

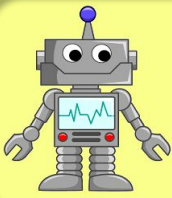
### Concert:

This year's Summer Concert has, unfortunately been the last concert for Mr Jackson as he is leaving next year. For this reason, the Summer Concert was extra special. It opened with the jazz band playing two songs and then Junior band playing the muppets theme song as well as two more. The next song was a duet played by two year 10s, and then a year 11 band (the guitarist played in the christmas concert earlier in the year). After this, there was the teacher band members including: Mr Jackson on the base, Mr Potter playing guitar, Mr Boothman on the drums, and a person year 10. The evening ended on superstition played by the jazz band.

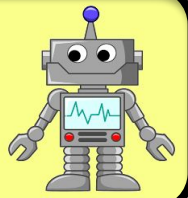
## Guess the song:



**\*Answers will be on next week's puzzles page**



# Latest Tech News!



## Twitter Temporarily Restricts Tweets Users Can See

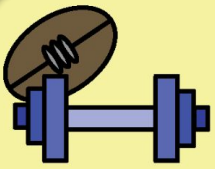
In the last few days, Twitter has put a temporary limit on the number of tweets users can see. In a tweet by Twitter's CEO, Elon Musk, he stated that new unverified accounts can read 500 tweets a day, unverified accounts can read 1k tweets a day and 'verified' accounts are currently limited to 10k tweets a day. So, what is the point of these restrictions?

Elon said that these temporary limits are to address "Extreme levels of data scraping and system manipulation." He said that it was happening so much, that it was "degrading" service for normal users. The move has been described as a 'temporary emergency measure.' It is not extremely clear what he means by 'data scraping', but it seems to be the scraping of large amounts of data used by AI to train chatbots, like ChatGPT. In more simple terms, data scraping means taking information from the internet and using it for things like training chatbots for a user's benefit. However, platforms like Twitter and Reddit want to be paid for having this data taken. As mentioned in a previous issue, Twitter has already started charging users for the APIs which is used for third-party apps, to help combat this. It's also possible Musk is looking at making people pay for Twitter Blue (a monthly subscription that gives a few benefits like a checkmark next to your name) to get full access to the platform.

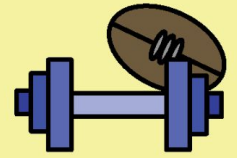
According to a website called DOWNDetector, a peak of 5,100 people reported problems using Twitter on Saturday.

So overall, these restrictions have been put in place to combat data scraping which is used to train AI, these restrictions could lead to some longer-term restrictions, but for now, they will only last a limited time.





# Sport News



## Cricket

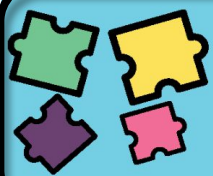
### The Ashes second test.

Recently, The Ashes Test 2 has taken place. To read about Test 1, go to the sports page in Issue 34.

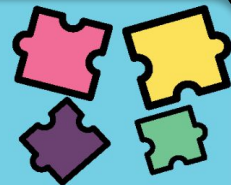
Starting on the 28th of July, day one took place with Australia pulling off an impressive score of 339 for 5, taking the early advantage. With things looking bright for The Aussies, weight was taken off their back going into day 2. Nathan Lyon (spin bowler) dropped out with a calf injury that gave England one less player to worry about. Australia kept their strong lead up until day 5.

England prayed for heroics from the batsmen. Many argue that the Australians cheated whilst the English bat, with a controversial move, as English batsman Jonny Bairstow stepped out of his crease in what he thought was a dead ball situation with it being the last ball of the over and the play already presumably concluded for a short period whilst the batsmen discussed their plans. This led to wicketkeeper Carey cheekily knocking the bails off with a move that 'wasn't in the spirit of the game'. Batsman Stuart Broad, the succeeding man in the batting lineup, was later heard talking to Carey in between plays. Broad was not happy with the play from earlier so he said 'That's all you'll ever be remembered for' Well in Broad Bean. The scenes from earlier also disgusted the English fans watching, as they chanted 'Same old Aussies, always cheating!', referring to an incident that happened in 2018 as ex-Australian captain (bottom left) was caught tampering with the ball. At the time, it was unlikely he'd ever play for his country again. He has returned to playing now, but does not captain anymore, the current Aussie captain is Pat Cummins. After the dismissal, Ben Stokes walks onto the field hoping to rescue us. He walked off the field, breaking a test cricket record for the most 6s hit and smashing 155 runs. Not quite enough for England, as the last batsmen couldn't get us over the line. So Australia won the 2nd test by 43 runs. Come on England, give us some hope for the next one!





# Puzzles



## Riddles

Easy - What 2 things can  
you never eat for  
breakfast?

Medium - I have a tail  
and head, but no body.

What am I?

Hard - I have no life, but  
I can die. What am I?

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\*(This sudoku will be cut out next to  
the issue stand for you to complete)!

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 \text{Cat} + \text{Mouse} + \text{Cat} = 23 \\
 \text{Cat} \times \text{Chicken} \times \text{Mouse} = ?
 \end{array}$$

## Last Issues Answers

Easy - To get to the other side, Medium - A phone,  
Hard - Fire & Music - Mary had a little lamb

# Visit Our Website

Hello! As you may have known, Millthorpe News actually has its own website!

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.**

**All this is available at:**

**[sites.google.com/millthorpe.southbank.academy/millthorpenews](https://sites.google.com/millthorpe.southbank.academy/millthorpenews)**

**Or for after school use only:**

**Scan the QR code:**



**See you there!**

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### You can be here!

Email or ask a member of our team to join.

# VOTING PAGE!

THIS WEEK'S TOPIC FOR DEBATE AND DISCUSSION IS:

**Pending.**

**FOR**

Your Name (Optional)	Tick Here:

**AGAINST**

Your Name (Optional)	Tick Here:

## How should I vote?

Vote by putting 1 tick in either the FOR or AGAINST table. Both named and anonymous votes will be taken into account, so feel free to remain anonymous! To keep this page tidy, please do not write anywhere but the voting boxes; this includes any other form of vandalism.

**Want your opinion featured in next week's Debate & Discussion?**

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# MILITARY NEWS

## NATIONAL NEWS

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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## DEEP DIVE: AK-47

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# Meeting plan for Monday 3rd July:

**Reader's write oversight**

**Permanent Poster/weekly  
poster/Bumper issue ideas/  
Officialising**

**Do we want new people? If so, what  
roles can be given? New pages-All  
About?**

**New ideas/events/any new things  
people need to say**

## **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 are 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 either:

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with the subject 'Debate and Discussion' if you want to have your opinion in next week's Debate & Discussion.

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

# Weekly Comic!

**For next Issue**

N/A