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HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

This will be the last Senior Voice before half term, but the last day of half term is next week, the 14th February, known by many as Valentine's day. It has become a day to celebrate romance, love, affection and a time to proclaim such things to an existing or prospective partner. For the cynics, it is just another commercialised day on which restaurateurs, chocolatiers, card makers and florists take advantage of the gullible. Perhaps but one thing it is not is a modern creation from America.

It would seem that Valentine's Day has its origins in the Roman festival of Lupercalia or the martyrdom of a Christian priest. Although, it may even be a combination of the two. From February 13th to 15th, the Romans celebrated the feast of Lupercalia. The men sacrificed a goat and a dog, then whipped women with the hides of the animals they had just slain. Young women would line up for the men to hit them as they believed this would make them fertile which puts pricking your thumb on the thorn of a rose into perspective.

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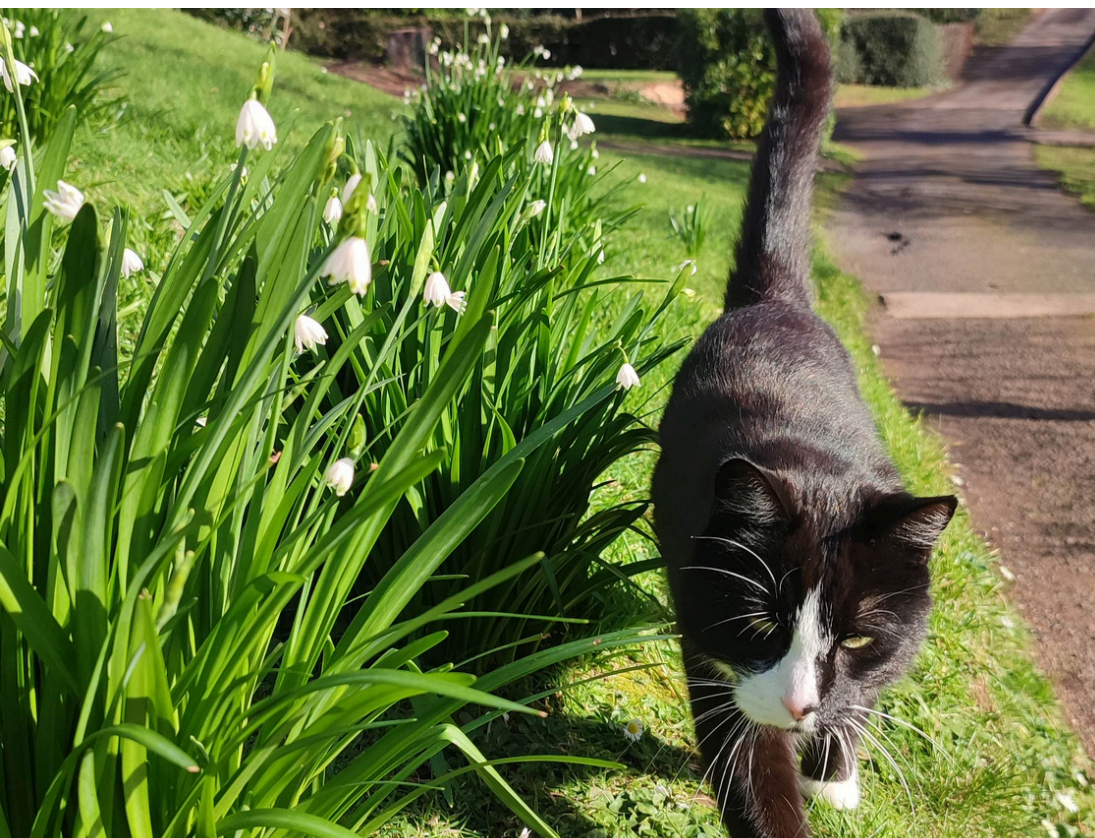


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The Christian priest, Valentinus, Valentine, did not agree with Emperor Claudius II who believed Roman men who were married didn't make very good soldiers as they weren't very keen on going to war and leaving their wives and families behind, so decided to ban marriage. Valentine thought this was unfair and arranged marriages in secret. When Claudius found out, Valentine was thrown in jail and sentenced to death. Whilst there, he either fell in love with or befriended the jailer's daughter, healing her blindness along the way and when he was taken to be killed on 14th February he sent her a letter signed "from your Valentine". As Rowan Atkinson in Blackadder guise was want to say to his sidekick Baldrick, when the latter had come up with some semi-plausible explanation, "Well possibly!"

What we do know however, is that the date gained its romantic associations in the 14th century and Chaucer and Shakespeare romanticized it in their work. Cards are not a new phenomenon either, with evidence of handmade cards in the middle ages and then factory made cards in the 19th century Industrial Revolution. Like many a celebration, it has undoubtedly become more and more commercialised but whether you will send flowers or chocolates, dine out or in, write a card or state, I show my love every day, not just on one, there is still no harm in expressing your affection with kindness and respect, requited or unrequited on the 14th February and maybe make someone's day. The trinity prefect team, in Black tie, will be delivering roses for a small fee which will go to charity on our Valentine's Day.



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CHINESE NEW YEAR ASSEMBLY



On Tuesday,,some of our boarders presented a Chinese New Year Assembly. They taught the school about the history and mythology behind Chinese New Year. The students spoke to the school about the unique traditions of Chinese New Year in their home countries of China, Hong Kong, Myanmar and Thailand. The students even gave traditonal Chinese 'hongboa', to the studnets born in the year of the Snake.



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HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

1st – Luscombe 3095points

2nd – Powderham – 3048 Points

3rd – Ugbrooke – 2956 Points

Student Leaderboard

1st – Shakira May – 193

2nd – Jayden Kirungi - 165

3rd – Libbet Marshall - 152

4th – Jessica Sinclair - 150

5th – Dexter Jeffery – 139

"Success is not determined by strength alone, but by the unwavering determination to rise each time you fall."

Top Housepoint

Earners

1st – Shakira May

2nd – Alice Perrett & Darcie Crouch

3rd – Lana Magill



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WRITING COMPETITION

Congratulations to 31 of our students who have been chosen to have their work published after entering an external writing competition.

Students entered the young writers' competition at the end of last term and have been awarded with certificates and bookmarks.

Below are a few of our authors from year 7 but entries ranged across the school right up to the 6th form.

Mrs Bird will pass on details for parents on how to contact the company to arrange for work to be published and buy a book if they wish.

We are very proud of these students and perhaps we may have some famous authors in the future!





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ENGLISH LITERATURE TRIP

Year 10 and 11 English Literature students went to watch an authentic performance of Shakespeare's Macbeth, followed by a Q&A with the actors and director. It was an invaluable revision experience and great for the thespians in the group too!



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U18 vs Stover

Year 7&8 vs Stover

Girls Cricket Tournament @ Exeter University

U13 Girls Football Tournament @ St Peters

Matthew C

Nova Jeffery

Max Kirton



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TALES FROM T2

T2 Trinitonians: Where are they now?

Grace Levitt left Trinity last year, after gaining A Levels in History, Economics and Chinese. She is now at Aberdeen University studying LLB Law with English Law and hopes to specialise in Space Law. As well as working hard, Grace has thrown herself into university life taking up women's rugby and joining the university rocket club. A superb start to the next stage of her academic journey, we are very proud of historian Grace and delighted to hear of her achievements.





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Expedition to

Montenegro



Places are filling up! Any questions please email or pop and see Mrs Bingham. We need to confirm final numbers by the end of February

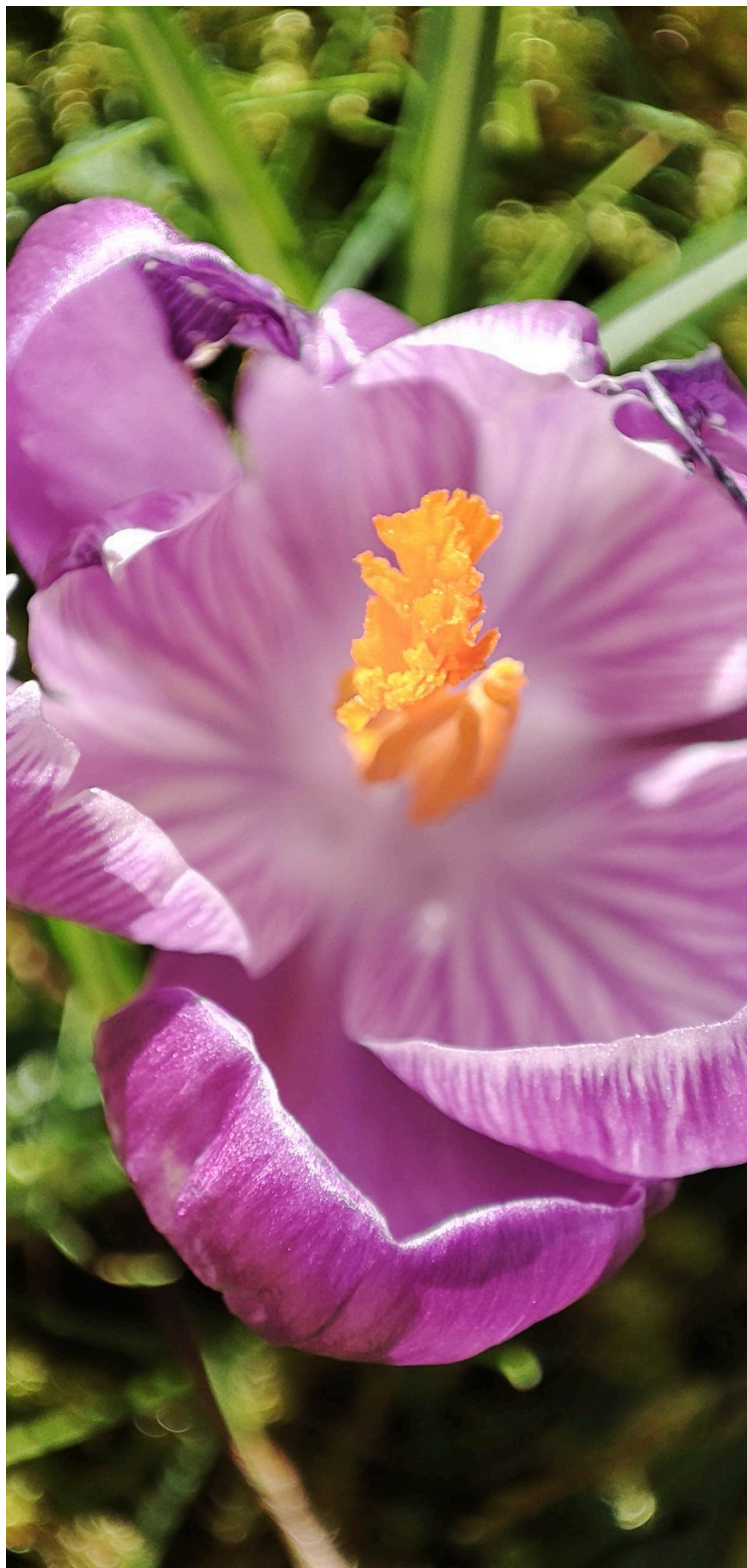


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We have the first five purple crocuses of the year, near the front drive



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Shakira May
 Celia Bennett
 Finn Jones
 Frank Knight
 Esmie Birch
 Leo Viney
 Leonie Miller
 Libbett Marshall
 Siena Berner
 Ashton Foxworthy
 Evie Collison
 Jessica Sinclair
 Win (Yannakorn) Mahasarakul
 Max Kirton
 Dare Ali-Napo
 Matthew Norrish Jones
 Felix Balfour-Paul
 Sienna Cullen
 Lilly-May Salter
 Noah Smith
 James Downer
 Martha Viney
 Nathan Mwaturura
 Poppy Allen
 Shelby Tait
 Star Dollar
 Tyler Guy
 Sophia Impey
 Lana Magill
 Bethany Dayman
 Amelia Bartorelli
 George Knight
 Nyrie Ridge
 Catherine Flynn

Charlie Scoot
 Joshua Ball
 Alice Perrett
 Bertie Smith
 Olise Michaels
 Nathan Yeo
 Johanna Michel
 Sedric Hauxwell
 Teo Durall
 Cayden Hawkins
 Nicolas Vintro Calero
 Reuben Cooke
 Eugenie Turkmen
 Antonio Cafaro
 Federico Bernades Pifarre
 Matthew Cusworth
 Samuel Bird
 Sergiu Lungu
 Mika Rodewald
 Adeka Ikwue
 Dami Omololu

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY... 10TH DECEMBER

In 1301 Edward of Caernarfon, later Edward II, became the first Prince of Wales...

In 1613 Michail Romanov establishes the 304 year long Romanov dynasty...

In 1783 the Great Siege of Gibraltar ended...

In 1914 Charlie Chaplin debuts the silent film character 'The Tramp'...

In 1940 Walt Disney's second feature length film "Pinocchio" premieres...

In 1962 President JF Kennedy begins the blockade of Cuba...

In 1984 US astronaut Bruce McCandless makes the first untethered space walk...

In 1991 the Provisional Irish Republican Army launched a mortar attack on 10 Downing Street...

In 1992 the Maastricht Treaty is signed to create the European Union...

In 2005 Britain's Ellen MacArthur became the then fastest person to sail around the world on their own...



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Nicola Collison

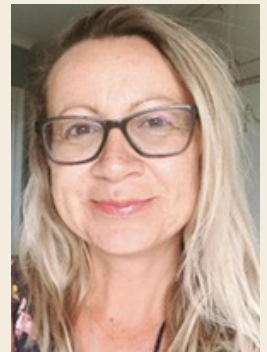
PG Dip in Play Therapy & Credited Counsellor (NCPS)

Talking and Creative therapy

IT'S OKAY TO ASK FOR HELP

I will have a room set up in school so children and young people can choose, with my guidance, how they want to use the sessions.

Hi there, my name is Nicola Collison. I am a qualified counsellor accredited by the NCPS (National Counselling and Psychotherapy Society) and have a Post-Graduate Diploma in Play Therapy. Before that, I was a Primary School Teacher for over 20 years.



No thought or feeling is ever too small or insignificant to explore

“Young people’s lives are so busy and full of pressures that they are having to deal with daily. The need for a safe space where they can be themselves and learn to understand feelings that arise has become ever more important.”

I have worked with children and young people with a variety of needs. Amongst these are bereavement, anxiety, self-esteem, gender, trichotillomania, addictive tendencies, self-harm, eating difficulties, emotional and behavioural difficulties, children with A.D.H.D. and autism. I work primarily in a person-centred way, but depending on how the person I am working with wants to progress, we can dip into different ways of working together either creative or Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT). This will very much allow them to lead the session and me to be there to listen- we can explore together.

Please do get in touch: nccounselling7@gmail.com