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HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

By Mr Robinson

Back in the 1990s, a phenomenon that had existed for well over a hundred years, “magic eye” pictures became incredibly popular with books of these optical auto stereograms being produced and they even became part of the burgeoning gaming landscape with Nintendo. You had to look in different ways for a period of time to see that the collection of dots or marks hid within it another image altogether. On Tuesday, Mrs Baxter took an assembly looking at “Magic Eye” and other pictures of this type, images that consisted of two dimensional straight lines that when looked at, appeared curved or others which although static seemed to rotate down ward or up towards the viewer. Then there was the drawing which convinces one viewer they are looking at an old lady and another that it is a young woman.

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There is lots of lovely science around these pictures but Mrs Baxter's point was more about how we all see things differently, even, how we cannot, as hard as we try, see the other point of view. This was very much the case for me with a Salvador Dali painting of what I saw as elephants at a watering hole, their reflections in the water. The pupil next to me said they were not elephants but were swans. I could not see this at all but as I listened to him I reframed the way I was looking at the painting and saw the swans. If I had not seen his point of view, I would not have seen the swans or that both elephant and swan could exist together.

At this point, I was reminded of a Radio 4 programme I had listened to at the weekend called "A Point of View" by Adam Gopnik. He referenced two famous academic essays, Richard Hofstadter's, *The Paranoid Style in American Politics*, 1964 and Daniel Borstein's book, *The Image: A Guide to Pseudo Events in America*, 1962. In the former, Hofstadter points to how the paranoid style relies on making an enemy of your opponent, demonizing them to the degree that there can be no compromise with what they say, no seeing their point of view or attempts to find ways to coexist. At its most extreme, a rational fear or difference of viewpoint becomes a conspiracy theory and this can lead to something like McCarthyism in 1950s America, where even moderate socialists or people who were not socialists at all, were falsely accused of being Communists and an enemy of the state. Borstein's book looked at how image and appearance created through events or narratives that were not real had begun to dominate American politics.

Gopnik in his "point of view" pulled these two strands together, using the example of professional wrestling, a sport which was really a show, that aroused in people passions even when part of the rational mind knows it is fake and not a real contest, something that was simple and understandable in a comic book way, where every competitor was either good or evil. Gopnik went on to then draw parallels with Trumpism, not so much the politics but on how it worked and how destructive such approaches can be to people seeing other points of view and finding compromise. His final lament was on how such approaches undermine decency. Indeed, he suggested that the only way to arrest such a decline into the adversarial was an "appeal to decency that once rang out so clearly but now can hardly be heard". So whilst seeing the other point of view can be a fun game, an optical challenge, it is also vital to the cooperation between humans that has seen us thrive and prosper as a species and that generally produces the most peaceful periods in our history.



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YEAR 12 LIFE SKILLS



Year 12 life skills students are tasked with budgeting up to £5 to purchase ingredients and then preparing a meal. This project encourages practical skills in budgeting, planning, and cooking, helping students learn to manage resources effectively while promoting healthy eating habits.



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SOUTH WEST CHEF COMPETITION

Trinity School are delighted to announce Tom's latest achievement in the South West Chef competition. After his success winning the Devon Heat of the South West Chef competition he now goes on to compete in the regional final in February. He cooked a surf n turf ravioli with a dill and lime hollandaise sauce. Well done Tom, we wish you all the best in the final.





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SOUTH WEST DANCE FESTIVAL

Boe Taylor, a Year 8 student, recently earned a bronze medal for her impressive ballet performance at the South West Dance Festival. This achievement highlights her dedication and talent, as she dedicated countless hours to practice leading up to the event. Her captivating routine not only impressed the judges but also inspired her peers in the dance community. Boe looks forward to continuing her journey in ballet and participating in more competitions in the future. Friends and family are proud of her accomplishment and excited for what lies ahead.





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YEAR 7 RS

This term Year 7 are learning facts about the 6 largest world religions. To show their understanding and their creative skills they prepared a presentation to aid understanding. These included dramas, role play, freeze frames, interviews and posters. They carefully checked the learning at the end with a quiz. Students gave feedback explaining what they liked and learnt. Let's see what you know.

Which is the 2nd largest world religion? Which religion has 2.38 billion followers? Name 2 famous footballers who follow a religion?

Well done to year 7, excellent performances and learning.



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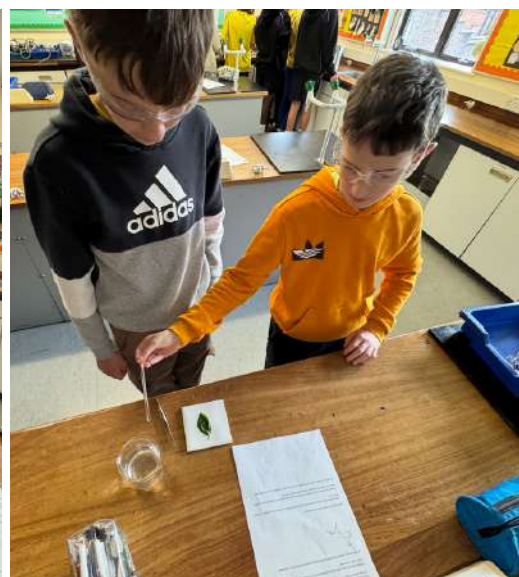
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YEAR 9 BIOLOGY



"EVERY BIOLOGY EXPERIMENT IS A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY, TRANSFORMING QUESTIONS INTO KNOWLEDGE AND REVEALING THE INTRICATE CONNECTIONS THAT SUSTAIN LIFE."

In a Year 9 biology experiment, students can learn to make starch from leaves. First, they wash fresh leaves and crush them into a paste using a blender or mortar and pestle. Then, they add water and strain the mixture to remove any solid bits, leaving a green liquid. After letting the liquid sit for a while, the starch will settle at the bottom. They can pour off the water, leaving the starch behind to be dried or studied. This simple process helps students understand how starch is stored in plants.



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YEAR 9 PHYSICS



"ELECTRICITY IS THE FLOW OF ELECTRONS, AND RESISTORS ARE LIKE SPEED BUMPS, SLOWING THEM DOWN TO CONTROL THE CURRENT IN A CIRCUIT."

In a Year 9 physics experiment, students can learn about resistors and how they influence the flow of electric current in a circuit. By using different resistors, they observe changes in the current and voltage, helping them understand the relationship described by Ohm's Law. This experiment introduces them to the role of resistors in controlling current, an important concept in electronics and everyday devices.



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WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

World Mental Health Day, observed on October 10 each year, serves as a platform for promoting global mental health education, awareness, and advocacy against the stigma surrounding mental health issues. First celebrated in 1992, the day was initiated by the World Federation for Mental Health, an organization that connects members and advocates in over 150 countries. The day aims to highlight the importance of mental health, encourage conversations, and foster understanding, ultimately working towards better mental health support and resources for individuals worldwide.



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U13 RUGBY GIRLS

The U13s girls rugby team travelled to St Peter's on Wednesday to play a round robin of tag rugby. Team 1 won 3 out of 3 games and team 2 narrowly missed out on winning all 3 games. The girls were complimented on their support play and defensive pressure by the other school. Their determination and teamwork was outstanding.



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Theo Nicholson



Matthew Cusworth



Alex Brown





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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY...

11TH OCTOBER

- 1531 Battle of Kappel: Swiss Roman Catholic cantons beat protestant forces of Zurich; Huldrych Zwingli, Swiss reformation leader is killed
- In 1216 King John lost his crown and jewels crossing The Wash...
- In 1521 Henry VIII was awarded the title 'Defender of the Faith' by the Pope...
- In 1899 the South African Boers declared war on Britain...
- In 1971 John Lennon released his iconic song "Imagine"...
- In 1982 the Tudor ship 'The Mary Rose' was raised in Portsmouth...
- In 1986 on the road to ending The Cold War President Reagan met Premier Gorbachev at the Reykjavik Summit...
- In 2000 the Space Shuttle mission flew its 100th mission...
- In 2018 the world's longest flight from Singapore to New Jersey took 17 hours and 52 minutes...
- 2019 NBA YoungBoy releases the album mixtape "AI YoungBoy 2" which debuts at #1 on the US Billboard 200
- 2020 British Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton wins Eifel Grand Prix at Germany's Nürburgring to equal Michael Schumacher's record of 91 Formula 1 victories





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- ★ Jessica Sinclair
- ★ Dare Ali-Napo
- ★ Alice Lovett
- ★ Jayden Kirungi
- ★ Gemma Newton
- ★ Lilly-May Salter
- ★ Sophia Impey
- ★ Lana Magill
- ★ Narjes Mohammed
- ★ Star Dollar
- ★ Lotta Riesel
- ★ Esme Glue
- ★ Amir Yazdanpanah
- ★ Robert Sperling
- ★ Lily-Mae Pettifer
- ★ Alex Brown

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Alice Lovett



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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.