

Book Week Scotland

Book Week Scotland, the week between the days 14th and 20th of November, is a week centred on books and improving ones reading skills. During this week, all people across the country come together to appreciate the greatness of reading.

Book Week Scotland is extremely important to the country, and by extension Lenzie Academy. We have interviewed many teachers about their views on why this week is so important.

Mr Patterson, head teacher of this school, stated that Book Week Scotland is important as it highlights literacy, an especially important skill in one's life. It is important that we encourage children to read so that they can carry it on into employment. Reading for pleasure is also important within a person's life.

Miss Kelly and Miss Roy agree with this. Miss Kelly stated that reading for pleasure is something young people should cherish, as reading a book is a wonderful way to enhance literacy skills and transport you to other world, while Miss Roy stated that reading for pleasure is the greatest indicator of future success.

We also managed to get an interview with the Librarian, Mrs Barry. She responded to our questions by saying that Book Week Scotland highlights the importance of reading. She too



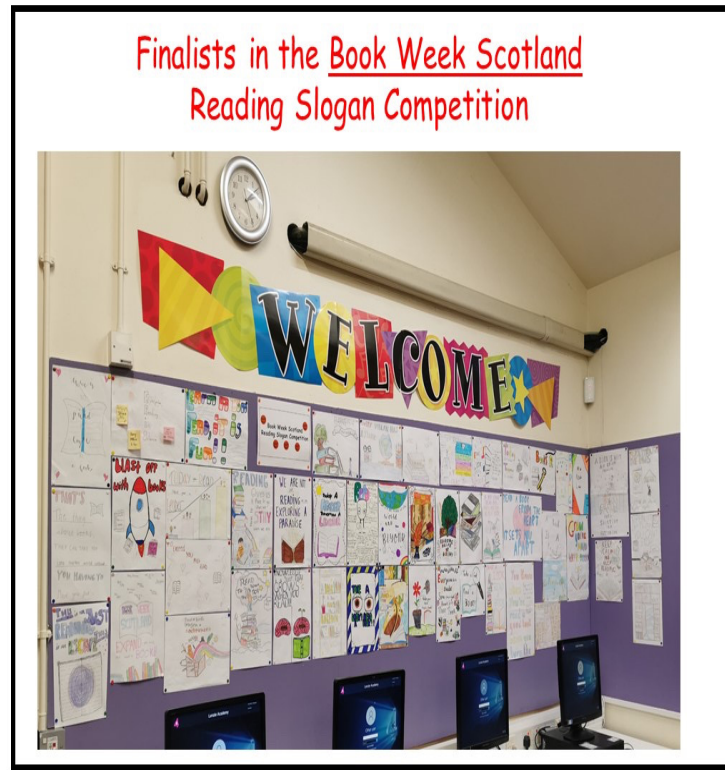
agrees that reading for pleasure is an especially important life skill. It has been proven that reading for as little as 6 minutes per day can reduce stress levels by 68%.

Reading for pleasure will provide the reader with a range of skills and benefits to help them throughout their life wherever it may take them.

Book Week Scotland is an excellent week to use to show that reading is so important to us all. Scotland has an exceptionally long history with storytelling, and it is important to recognise and celebrate that legacy within the form of the book week. Even when book week ends it is still within most importance to read when you can. It is a key life skill that will accompany you for the rest of your life, and we should all read when we can to enhance our literacy skills. In addition, it will assist you in your hopefully most prominent goal to gain better marks within your school years, with all the tests and essays, and will increase your chances of getting employed for jobs, a key thing within the premises of someone's life.

There have been many challenges and competitions throughout the month for Book Week Scotland.

Posters were made displaying popular book slogans and there was also a book cover competition.



Book Week Scotland is an important week to us all, as we celebrate the joys and greatness of reading to help us along the way in our lives. Whether or not we become a teacher, secretary, artist, businessperson, or any other profession, reading and literacy will always be a skill of most importance.



By Aashna Ala

Tate Conflict Leads to Imprisonment

Earlier last week, Former Kickboxing champion and Part time businessmen, Andrew Tate and his younger brother Tristan, were seized and taken into custody by the Romanian authorities on the 29th of December 2022. They, along with two unidentified females, have recently been charged with the crime of human trafficking and the creation of an organized crime group. In recent weeks, Tate has additionally been under suspicion for the production of illegal pornography, and this latest arrest is related to these claims.

From his birth in the 1980s, the 36-year-old has formulated many social media accounts, where he has attracted an extravagantly substantial number of fans and viewers. His strange and frequently offensive approach to entertainment has caused widely spread suspicion among local authorities and public citizens. Using racism and sexism to gain recognition is strictly band on common social media platforms

such as TikTok, YouTube and Twitter, and actions have been taken to revoke Tate of his multiple accounts.

Tate's strictly "Masculine" online agenda has caused a lot of disruption among the online public due to offensive slurs traced back to Tate and his online nickname, 'Top G.' His latest arrest has caused authorities to explore recent behaviour and investigate whether more serious penalties should be imposed.

For now though, Tate and his three alleged partners in crime, will only be forced to remain at the detention centre for 30 days after losing an appeal with Romania's crime fighting organization DIICOT. With links to rape allegations, abuse and trafficking, many are anxiously awaiting the outcome of these investigations.



Prior to being reinstated to Twitter by new owner Elon Musk, Tate had very little contact with his social life due to inappropriate usage, and has taken this recent opportunity to recreate the spotlight he obtained not so long ago.



After reconnecting with his Twitter account, Tate attempted to start a feud with 20-year-old climate activist Greta Thunberg. During this conflict, Tate posted his assortment of unnecessary supercars and the shocking level of emissions they annually produce, followed by a request of her contact. Almost immediately Thunberg snapped back with a defensive reply stating, ‘please do enlighten me at Small***energy@Getalife.’ Initially, Tate, angered by this uncommonly confident approach to his reputation, replied with a measly ‘How dare you!’ However, knowing that this was an unusually tame method of silencing an argument considering his previous record of language, pursued to cause future debate by releasing a clip of himself with some Romanian pizza boxes and why he wouldn’t responsibly dispose of them, knowing that this would cut deep for Greta. Having

spent the majority of her life fending for the planet, Thunberg took this much too kindly, but not long after, it was released that Tate had been arrested and she resorted in allowing the humiliation to speak for itself.



‘This is what happens when you don’t recycle you’re pizza boxes.’ Thunberg’s comment received over 12 million ‘Likes’ in just 72 hours and is claimed to be the 7th most viewed on Twitter.

By Matthew Wright

100 Years of the BBC

This year the BBC is celebrating one hundred years since its founding. The British Broadcasting Corporation has been entertaining us Brits since 1922 and has produced some timeless classics like Eastenders, Mastermind and Doctor Who. The BBC has also spread out into other disciplines like Radio and Online news and has made the careers of so many actors, presenters, and celebrities.

On the Eighteenth October 1922 the BBC was formed when some of the biggest wireless companies at the time came together and began to broadcast as a group, but unbeknownst to them it would become the biggest broadcaster in Britain. Daily broadcasting began in Macaroni's London studio on the fourteenth of November and by the end of 1922 John Reith, a 33-year-old man had been appointed general manager of the BBC.

After the closure of several amateur radio stations the BBC

started its own radio station and began daily broadcasts and after much debate their news was supplied by an agency, and music and drama talks filled the empty slots.

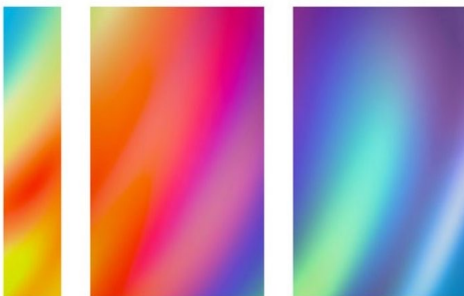
Problems in the BBC

Nowadays the BBC is known for its captive dramas and entertaining game shows, but behind the scenes there is more controversy than you think. Recently the BBC has been accused of being racist, homophobic, transphobic, and biased. Back in 2009 journalist, Christopher Brooker, criticized the BBC for its coverage of India related matters.



Brooker said “the BBCs efforts to reinforce its South-African stereotypes has damaged the picture of Indians and encouraged racist behavior against Indians.” Another instance of homophobia came when Leeds researchers investigated BBCs representation of the LGBTQ+ community. The researchers found that out of 168 hours (about 1 week) of view time only, 38 minutes (0.4%) represented gay and lesbian individuals, and 32 minutes of that was in a negative manner. The Independent accused the BBC of being the worst broadcaster in terms of portraying the LGBTQ+ community.

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100 YEARS OF OUR BBC



Children In Need

Children in need is a registered charity that helps raise money for children and young adults who struggle with a mental or physical illness. Each year in November the BBC hosts a grand Children in need spectacular where they show how some people are struggling, have special guests visit and raise money for a noble cause.

In conclusion the BBC will be known as one of the most successful and highest-quality broadcasting stations in Brittan and will be around for years, but they need to clean up their image if they want to stay on top.

By Charlie Nicolson

Elon Musk's Twitter

What has happened to the once number 1. social media platform?

Since Twitter was founded in March 2006, to this day over 206 million people open the app daily, including many A-list celebrities. It used to be a safe, fun space for people to easily communicate and re-connect with friends and family, all while being able to share any opinions crossing your mind at the drop of the hat.

As years have passed however, Twitter has had a significant and infamous downfall towards being the laughingstock of media platforms.

When Jack Dorsey founded Twitter in 2006, it was an instant smash hit. In 2006, social media was still a generally new idea, so when Twitter launched as a new and easily applicable way to talk to people and make new friends online, everybody loved the idea. Soon though, many politicians and presidents alike saw Twitter as a straightforward way to post their judgements. Donald Trump's presidency, for example, was so notorious mainly because of the

things he posted on a whim on Twitter. For example,

“26,000 unreported sexual assault charges in the military- only 238 convictions. What did these geniuses expect when they put men and women together?”

Or...

“Everyone knows I am right that Robert Pattinson should dump Kristen Stewart. In a couple of years, he will thank me. Be smart, Robert.”

Even...

“Sorry losers and haters, but my I.Q is one of the highest- and you all know it! Please don't feel so stupid or insecure, it's not your fault.”

Due to these (frankly useless) tweets, Trump's Twitter was permanently revoked up until just last week when his ban was lifted.

This was the beginning of Twitter becoming a gallery for politicians' intense arguments that belong in an actual house of parliament, not on a laptop.

In late October of this year, Elon

Musk (a.k.a the creator of the electronic Tesla car, and the billionaire who could solve world poverty with a click of his fingers...and doesn't) bought Twitter for an astonishing **44 BILLION** dollars and became its official owner.

Even though Elon Musk is infamously known for being one of the world's most selfish billionaires, even *he* had to borrow money to own the site. 12.7 billion dollars, to be exact. The money he borrowed is being investigated into now that people are starting to realise that his proprietors might not be so trustworthy.

This eventually led to President Joe Biden being asked this question in a press conference;

“Mr President, do you think Elon Musk is a threat to U.S National Security and should the U.S, with the tools you have, investigate his joint acquisition of Twitter with foreign governments which include the Saudis?”

To which the president vaguely answered;



“.... I think that...Elon Musk’s cooperation and or technical relationships with other countries, is worthy of being looked at, whether or not he is doing anything inappropriate, I’m not suggesting that. I’m suggesting that it’s worth being looked at.”

Since Musk’s newfound ownership of the company, he already introduced a new asset to the website. Many may already be aware that majority of social media platforms allow celebrities to have a blue tick next to their name to verify that it is really them and not a fan account etc.

Musk saw this as an opportunity to introduce the new subscription of ‘Twitter Blue’, which allows anyone who pays eight dollars a month to acquire the blue tick.

When Twitter Blue was first initiated however, since anyone, anywhere, at any time could buy the tick and put it next to their name (due to the lack of important verification processes), many saw this as the chance to pull a few tricks on Musk and his new addition to Twitter.

This even included many posing as Elon Musk himself on Twitter after purchasing the subscription!



The scheme was shut down soon afterwards, but not before Musk has let go over 50% of Twitters staff, with 1,200 resigning. This also ensued many celebrities to rid themselves of the website, including Mark Ruffalo;

*“As Twitter grows more unpredictable & harmful to marginalized groups. I'm exploring some other avenues for us to connect, I'm excited to continue to foster and be in our great community, if you'd like to come alone for the ride, here's where to find me *inserted link*.”*

His adaptations and work-ethic so far are costing Twitter around 4 million dollars per day.

Many may question whether Elon Musks ownership is simply his way of pulling an over exploitative “power-move”, his way of communicating “Look at me, I have the ability to do this, and you don’t.” or if he was simply just in over his head. Either way, Twitter has transformed from a trustworthy, creative site, to one where we seriously had to question which one of Elon Musk’s Twitter accounts is actually him.

By Mary Tompkins

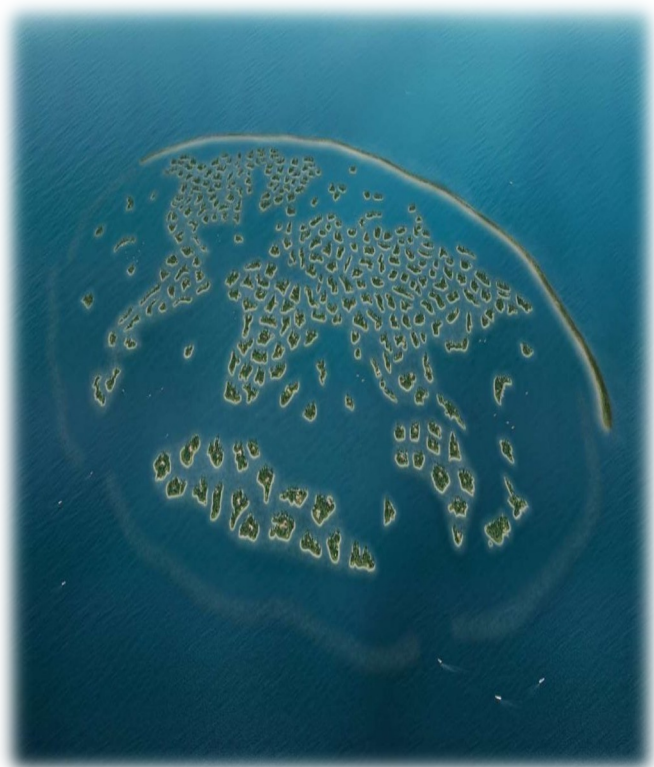
The Incredible City of Dubai

When considering Dubai was not under construction until the early 18 hundreds, we realise how it has developed into one of the most advanced and popular cities worldwide. Accommodating attractions such as the Burj Khalifa, the Palm Islands and the Dubai Fountain, certainly seem to engage many of 16 million annual travelers and tourists our planet has to offer, but how has this majestic and state-of-the-art city managed to progress so successfully in such little time?

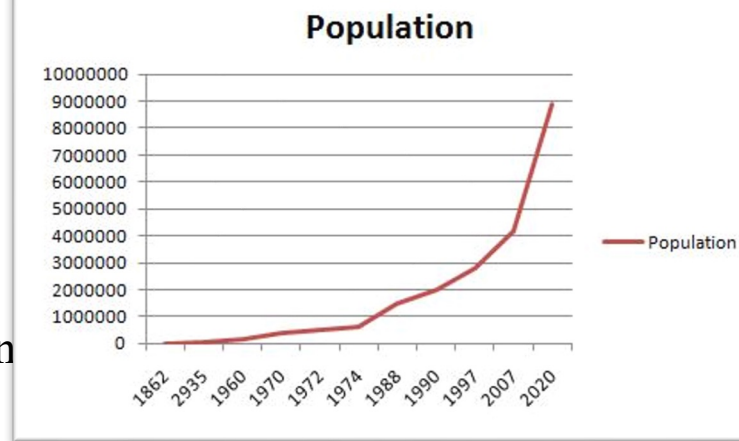
When the Dubai World Trade Centre was completed just 43 years ago in 1979, the city didn't know what had hit them, the anonymous beginning of a revolution. At just 38 stories high and a total height of 184 meters, this solid piece of engineering was nothing compared to what our architects can produce after careful planning and preparation today, but what was so significant about this structure that spurred the city of Dubai on from that small,

insignificant fishing village it once was into the phenomenal place it is right now?

The DWTC was the first of its kind in the United Arab Emirates and inspired Cities like Abu Dhabi and Sharjah onto creating incredible superstructures from the 828-meter Burj Khalifa to the 190-meter Abcco Tower, both containing that uniquely futuristic aspect, exclusive to the UAE, but as it shows, height isn't everything. After forming in 2003, the Dubai 'World islands' have become such a global statement about the amount of money the city has to play with, that they have made the



Newspapers on multiple occasions. Dubai's Incredible Statistics aren't just good for the Guinness book of world records though, around 67% of the United Arab Emirates 9.9 million people have the cash to own luxury cars and due to its independent airline and metro system, Dubai is rapidly increasing in population. The success of Dubai is not confined to its unbelievable infrastructure though, with only a seven-hour flight duration from Heathrow airport in London all the way across Europe and Asia to the Marhaba Longe in Dubai's International Airfield, it's hardly likely you'd turn away the opportunity to visit the world's tallest building and stay in one of Dubai's 800 full-star hotels for a mere 520-pound plane ticket and some jet lag.



Lying on the northwestern side of the United Arab Emirates peninsula, Dubai experiences extremely humid temperatures and is prone to expecting sandstorms in its isolated desert location. With over 210 high rise skyscrapers in Dubai alone, it's hardly a difficult place to spot out of the diving plane you may come travelling on. Though the transport facilities are highly recommended, Dubai is anything but a mobile city, with few pavements on the 30 miles it stretches along the coastline, you wouldn't go there to try out your Duke of Edinburgh. Despite this appreciated issue though, the future of the city is looking positive with over 250 certified projects under way to improve the lifestyle and benefits for Dubai, you won't want to miss out on the plans this monumental city has in store for itself.

By Charlie Nicolson

Are You Funding Climate Change?

As a society, we tend to remove ourselves from the issue of climate change and blame it on bigger corporations. However, the accumulation of many of your small acts could make a difference to ensure the survival of our population.

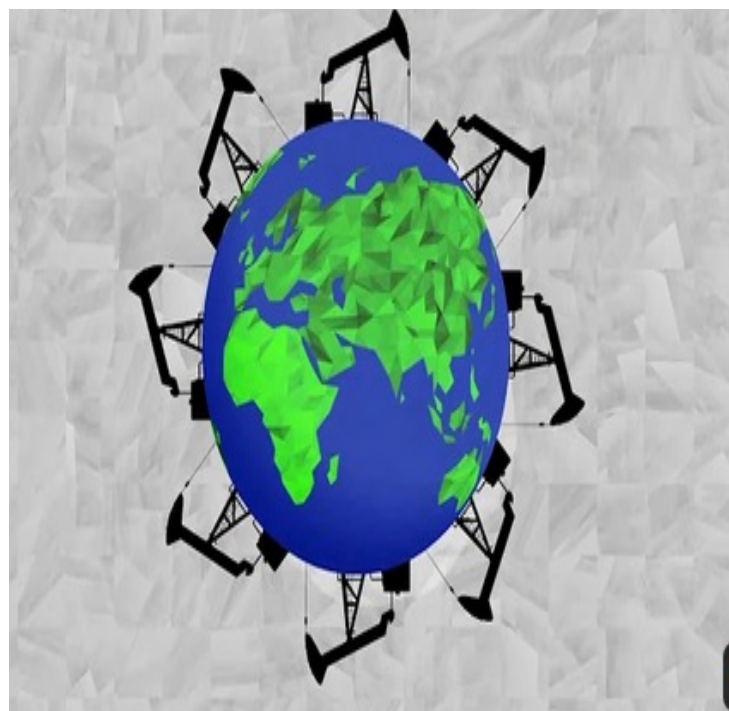
According to a study lead by Greenpeace, the money invested by banks into deforestation will, by itself, raise the global temperature by 0.3 degrees Celsius in the next 8 years. As a result, an Australian YouTuber has taken the matter into their own hands and started a boycott in a video titled 'Banks to Boycott for Funding Fossil Fuels.'

Emerson Brophy comments on the lack of attention people really pay to the issue: "It's time we started playing by their rules, so here's more banks to boycott for funding fossil fuels." He proceeds to list 10 of the most impactful banks in the USA. Three weeks later, Brophy posted another video in which he listed the banks in other countries worth boycotting. In just four

years, Barclays invested \$85 billion in fossil fuel mining companies and Emerson urges the viewer to leave this bank too.

A common tactic people use to spark change is fear. However, Emerson Brophy tackles not only this issue, but many others by inspiring the population into doing something to turn it around. Emerson shows that the anyone can make an enormous difference is not as frightening as it seems. Emerson, himself, aimed to tackle one industry, but by inspiring a group, he manages to emphasise the stakes and make a difference.

By Alex Dalziel



The Mystery of Elon Musk's Money-Making Strategy

Today in our modern, sophisticated world, entrepreneurs are finding more methods for improving and developing their businesses to increase income and grow their company every day. Mass manufacturing products and selling them for a high profit is a way of living for millions of people across the globe. Last year in the United States alone, 12.3% of the population claimed they owned a business, making and protecting the profits for themselves. It is a constant debate in civilization of who owns the most money. In terms of entrepreneurs, Bill Gates, Elon Musk, and Jeff Bezos are at the very top of their field.

Gates manages Microsoft (An immensely popular technology company, the creator of Windows OS and the Xbox console) and Bezos owns Amazon, the largest and most successful company worldwide, which is extremely popular due to its accessibility and capability to find almost any item on the planet for an affordable price.



There is no question that these are brilliant and effective ways of raking in the money but how does Musk manage to compete with these giants among businessmen?

In a straightforward way, Musk invests in ideas and companies he has a passion for. He is a qualified engineer with a degree in physics and economics from the University of Pennsylvania. He has shares in and owns multiple companies such as PayPal, Tesla, Twitter and SpaceX, all of which contain a certain futuristic promise about them.

We start with Tesla, which initially started making electric cars back in 2003 when it was founded and has grown to create outstandingly brilliant technology, from smartphones and batteries to folding houses

ever since it originated.

Tesla makes a considerable chunk of its profit from people called 'shareholders' - this means people have invested money into the success of Tesla so that when it flourishes the public who hold shares will collect a small sum of the profits depending on how well Tesla have done in that chosen time period. The company has proved so successful over recent years, it is now worth an estimated value of \$569 billion, (an astonishing 479 billion British pounds) though Musk only owns 24% of this despite his vast contributions.

Moving forward to PayPal, we discover some of the many advantages Musk experiences whilst operating this mature and respected app. PayPal is simply a computer program created to perform a secure method of contactless payment in public places or during online shopping. Every successful purchase made using PayPal has a miniscule amount of money extracted from it and transferred to Musk. Although it seems like this is a fair price to pay for the protection and confidence felt when paying with PayPal. Even if this is only mere pennies, with thousands of



customers using it for all their payments, the pittance really does add up. The only real disadvantage to this intelligent system is that with so many people using it the app has demand to be constantly updated and altered.

Twitter is Musk's most recent investment and has cost him upwards of 40 billion US dollars to add to his extensive list of assets. Musk plans to convert this previously popular communicating platform into a place where people can shop for goods and be offered money market accounts. Though this is hardly ground-breaking

technology, Musk did end up investing and borrowing shocking amounts of money for this recent project, so he certainly planted some serious trust into the outcome and profits of this new venture.

Finally, SpaceX, introduced in 2002, is a revolutionary company that is taking over the market of space technology through its manufacturing and launching of some of the most advanced rockets and spacecraft known to date. SpaceX charges both governmental and commercial customers to transport goods out of the planet's atmosphere and on to new destinations. These goods not only include ISS (International Space Station) supplies and infrastructure, but also people and satellites for purposes unknown to the public. Launching and creating space equipment is no easy task, from setting up the production chain and finding the market, this is an extremely impressive enterprise Musk is running.

Elon Musk may appear supremely rich but contrary to popular belief he rarely has large amounts of money to throw around. His Net value (All his companies combined) totals to more than £190

billion, but this is not his money to spend unless he trades his businesses away. This is a significant difference between Musk and his competitors. Despite this, Musk remains a truly impressive man, contributing to many good causes and wisely investing into the future of his companies instead spending his money on material goods. Over the past years, Musk has grown to prove he could be the best, most intelligent and most forward-thinking entrepreneur out there right now.

By Matthew Wright



Lego-The Toy That Never Dies

Back in 1932, on August 10th a man by the name of Ole Kirk Kristiansen Founded a small toy company called Automatic Binding Bricks, which were developed from the spirit of old wooden bricks. They could be stacked up together and create many different things. Little did Ole Kirk know; his simple invention would become the most popular toy of many generations.

Almost one hundred years after it was first founded Lego has made over nineteen thousand sets consisting of over 400 billion pieces. If you shared them out to everyone in the world, each person

would have over eighty pieces! Or, if you were to stack them all up, it would reach the moon. Ten times. Lego has lot of themes in their sets, some of the current ones are; Lego Star Wars, Lego Speed Champions, Lego Technic, Lego Harry Potter, and Lego City. Some themes are from movies like the Star Wars sets. Many Huge projects have been made with Lego like a life-size Star Wars X-wing, made from over 5.3 million pieces and included a full interior and took 32 'master builders' almost three years to build. The Build was 42 times as big as the one that is



Lego world record tower bridge holding two land rovers weighing over 2 tons

available in the stores. Another huge build was a Lego tower bridge, which holds the world record for the largest sculpture made from Lego. It was 13 meters high and made from over 5.8 million bricks. The build held up not one, but two land rovers weighing 2 tons each. The show presenting it had Bear Grills abseil down the tower and then a Land Rover was driven through 90cm (about 2.95 ft) deep water under the open bridge.



Lego is a toy for all ages, with some people spending thousands of pounds on them each year, and its popularity is only increasing, so more sets will be made.

And soon it will be its hundredth birthday, so ready the birthday celebrations.



Lego x-wing ex-world record holder

November Student

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Scottish Independence

Over November, I conducted a poll on Scottish independence but, unfortunately, the website I used has told me I need to pay £35 to see my results now. I will not be paying because I am not that dedicated to this article. Instead, I will give you a rough estimation of what it was the last time I checked, and I will also organize a boycott of the evil “freeonlinesurveys.com”.

Anyway, the last I checked before I was greeted with a paywall, was roughly 67% pro-independence, and 33% against (This was a group of roughly 50 people). Remember, this does not necessarily represent the views of the nation, as most of these people will not be able to vote in a future referendum depending on when it is. I

t is also well known that the younger generations are more likely to be pro-independence.

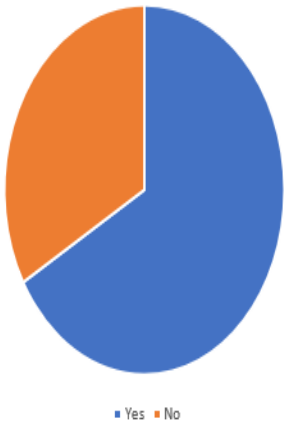
By Alex Dalziel

Although I made the poll anonymous, most people told me their opinion and reasoning anyway. Of the people who were against it, the most common reason was that either we would be in a war without the UK or without NATO. Both sides often said that they didn’t know/feel qualified to choose for themselves but put the views of their parents instead. Here’s my results compared to the country-wide polls:

Scottish Independence- National Poll of October 2022



Scottish Independence- School Poll of November 2022



The Remarkable Life of David Attenborough

From the inexperienced 25-year-old Royal Navy officer to the intelligent TV broadcaster and naturalist we know and love today, Sir David Attenborough has used his life to the full, sharing his knowledge and contributing to the planet. The 96-year-old has witnessed many highs and lows worldwide through the incredible harm climate change is pressing on us, from temperature increases to rising sea levels, he has seen and experienced it all.



Attenborough has had well over 120 of his personal documentaries successfully published from his 1954 'zoo quest' to the blue planet series we view and appreciate even now. As his career has continued, Attenborough has been driven to adapt his documenting style to a more persuasive approach due to the global warming crisis he has seen and encountered over his previous years at the job. After being knighted in 1985 by our late queen, Elizabeth II, Attenborough's fame has rapidly



increased and now his individual programs receive over 14 million views annually. He has harnessed this popularity to deliver the message he so strongly promotes, to protect and maintain the wildlife he has so boldly broadcasted across the globe. In his most recent series 'Frozen Planet,' Attenborough confidently states the disturbance and damage our daily routine is causing to the innocent creatures of the two icy poles and the atmosphere change that is being developed.



To this day Attenborough lacks a driving license and when he received his first job for the BBC television crew in 1951, he didn't even own a TV! Attenborough may be nearing the end of his life as he will hopefully be turning 97 in the upcoming May, a very respectable but weak age, meaning he has little time to transfer his vital realizations to the rest of civilization before it becomes too late. Despite these trivial factors though, Attenborough will continue to surprise and educate our current generations for as long as he is able, so that we have the ability to carry his crucial message on and preserve the plants and creatures he so strongly treasures to keep our planet thriving, but how long do we have?

By Matthew Wright



I'm Going to Die Today

Below are the opening chapters to a story inspired by Adam Silvera's immensely popular novel, They Both Die at the End and his prequel, The First to Die at the End.

Tuesday 7th June – 03:00

I woke up to the sound of my phone ringing. I felt like my heart could have stopped right there and then. It was the all too unfortunate sound of Death-Cast's ringtone. I didn't want to pick up. I had to. No, I don't want to. I picked up my phone and pressed answer. I was greeted by a woman's voice:

“Hello Mateo”

My heart skipped a beat.

“Oh wait... You're not Mateo, you're Jaccob?”

There goes my hope. The woman proceeded to mutter something about mixing everyone up today. The woman said:

“Unfortunately, I'm calling to inform you that you are going to die within the next 24 hours. I cannot tell you how or where you will die but spend your time wisely.”

The call ended. I didn't know what to do next. I couldn't call anyone. My foster parents died in a plane crash on the way back from Hawaii due to an engine failure, and I would dare contact my biological parents because they wouldn't care anyway. After taking a minute to process what happened, I fell back on my bed and I remembered something, an app: “Last friend”. So, with nothing else to think of, I downloaded the app and registered myself:

Chose / Enter the correct information below-

Name - Jaccob

Sex - Male

Decker / Non-Decker	- Decker
Age	- 24
Sexual Orientation	- N/A
Is this correct?	- Yes
(Yes / No)	

After I registered, I waited. It felt like ages before anything happened, and, when it did, it was someone trying to scam me. I wondered who would try to scam someone dying that day. Out of disgust, I put my phone down.

Tuesday 7th June - 05:00

‘I don't know what to do’ I thought as I received another text. I said to myself, “If this is another time waster, I’m going to throw myself out my window and get it over with.”

“Hi!” -MattPaint34

“Sorry if this is abrupt, but are trying to mess with me?” JaccobTheDog

“What? No! Why would you ask that?” -MattPaint34

“Sorry, I had several people before you keep sending me stupid messages.” -JaccobTheDog

“Oh lol.” -MattPaint34

“So, are you dying too?” -MattPaint34

“Yeah.” -JaccobTheDog

“Well, that’s sucks, doesn’t it?” -MattPaint34

“Guess so.” -JaccobTheDog

“So, Wanna do something?” -MattPaint34

“Like?” -JaccobTheDog

“Maybe meet up, enjoy our last day?” -MattPaint34

Before I answered I thought for a moment. All over the news, there was a warning to think twice before meeting up with anyone from the “Last Friend” app, because there were people getting murdered from meeting up with strangers. Although I didn't know the guy I was talking to, I didn't even know if he was a guy, they didn't seem like blood thirsty killer, so I replied with:

“Sure, why not,” -JaccobTheDog

“Great, where do you want to meet?” -MattPaint34

Half an hour later, I was locking my door and saw two boys on the opposite side of the road. They were both walking, and one was wheeling a bike along. I double checked that the door was locked, then started to walk to Athena Park. Once I arrived, a guy waved to me, and stared to walk over.

“Hi, are you JaccobTheDog”

“Yes, are you MattPaint34?”

“Yes.”

We both just cringed that, that interaction just happened.

“My name is Jaccob.”

“My name is Matthew.”

“So, what do you want to do?”

“Breakfast?”

“Breakfast.”

Both Matthew and I headed to a diner at the other end of the park, which Matthew claimed was the best in the city.

Tuesday 7th June - 06:55

We got to the diner and we were imminently served by an amazing waitress. She told us today's soup choices and then seated us. She left and Mathew and I looked at the menu,

“So, what do you want to get?”

“Have you tried the French Toast?”

“No.”

“You have to try it!”

“How about we order the French Toast and some side?”

“Ok, what side?”

“The...Haloumi fries?”

“Sounds good.”

The waiter came back and asked us for our drink orders. Mathew ordered some Mint Tea, and I got a Diet Coke. She also took our food order and left. Mathew looked at me and said,

“You all, right?”

“Yeah? Why?”

“Just looked down.”

Our food arrived. Mathew thanked our waitress, and she smiled as she went to serve other customers.

“How's the French toast?”

“Good, surprisingly”

“Whys that?”

“I thought I made the best.”

“Oh, Well I have to try them someday.”

“... ..”

“So... How's the Haloumi fries?”

“They’re nice.”

“... ..”

“... ..”

We finished eating and signaled the waiter back over to pay the bill. The waiter said that our bill came to \$23,67. Mathew immediately wanted to pay it in full, but I insisted that I would play at least half. We paid and then we left the diner.

By Callum McBlain

Types of people making new year's resolutions:

People who know facts:



The people who 'don't need to change':



Pro-active people:



The one who says they'll exercise more:



The ones that stick to their resolutions:



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