

L.A Times *December 2017 issue*



Welcome to the 2nd issue of the L.A. Times in the **2017/18 session!** The purpose of this newspaper is to provide you with a review of what has been happening around the school as well as stories, cartoons and more! It is a newspaper written by pupils for pupils! We are aiming to publish an issue each season of the school year with the latest news, stories and gossip relevant to that season. The school has been really busy in the lead up to Christmas, with a fantastic Christmas concert that took place on the evening of Monday 11th December that showcased the amazing talent of some pupils. We have all the Christmas dances to look forward to over the next week, with pupils busy practising their social dance technique in P.E!

We hope you enjoy our Christmas issue of the newspaper and we hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

The Press Club



The Best Christmas Make-up Looks

By Kate Tierney, S3

Eyeliner and eye shadow are a great way to update your look this Christmas !



Red is always a great colour at the holidays. The most popular nail designs this Christmas have all been done by the most used nail polish - *lacquer*.



Top 5 presents for Christmas

So...with Christmas just around the corner and many children and teens not knowing what they want for Christmas, many parents, friends and family members may start to panic! This is an insight into what the best 5 things are to ask for Christmas.

- 1) Make-up-** Mainly MAC and Morphie (for girls or boys who just **LOVE** to drag!!!)
- 2) Books-** Out of the 5 people I asked, 3 of them said books, especially some of Steven King's' novels.
- 3) Technology-** many people also say they would a new Iphone X, Xbox or tablet/Ipad/laptop.
- 4)** Some people (Teachers who shall not be named XD) would like new cars or holidays meaning...I think it is time to start fundraising.
- 5)** The main thing that many students are asking for however are study guides and how to pass Nat 5/Higher books.



Dyslexia Awareness

By Louise Reid, S3



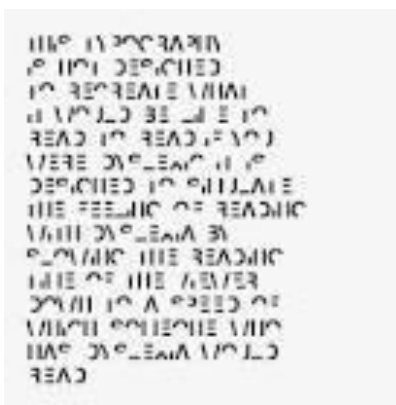
It was dyslexia awareness week on the 2nd to the 8th of October and World Dyslexia Awareness day was on the 5th of October. Lenzie Academy provided workshops to pupils in the secondary and in the cluster primaries as well as creating power-points and posters to raise awareness of this important cause.

What is Dyslexia?

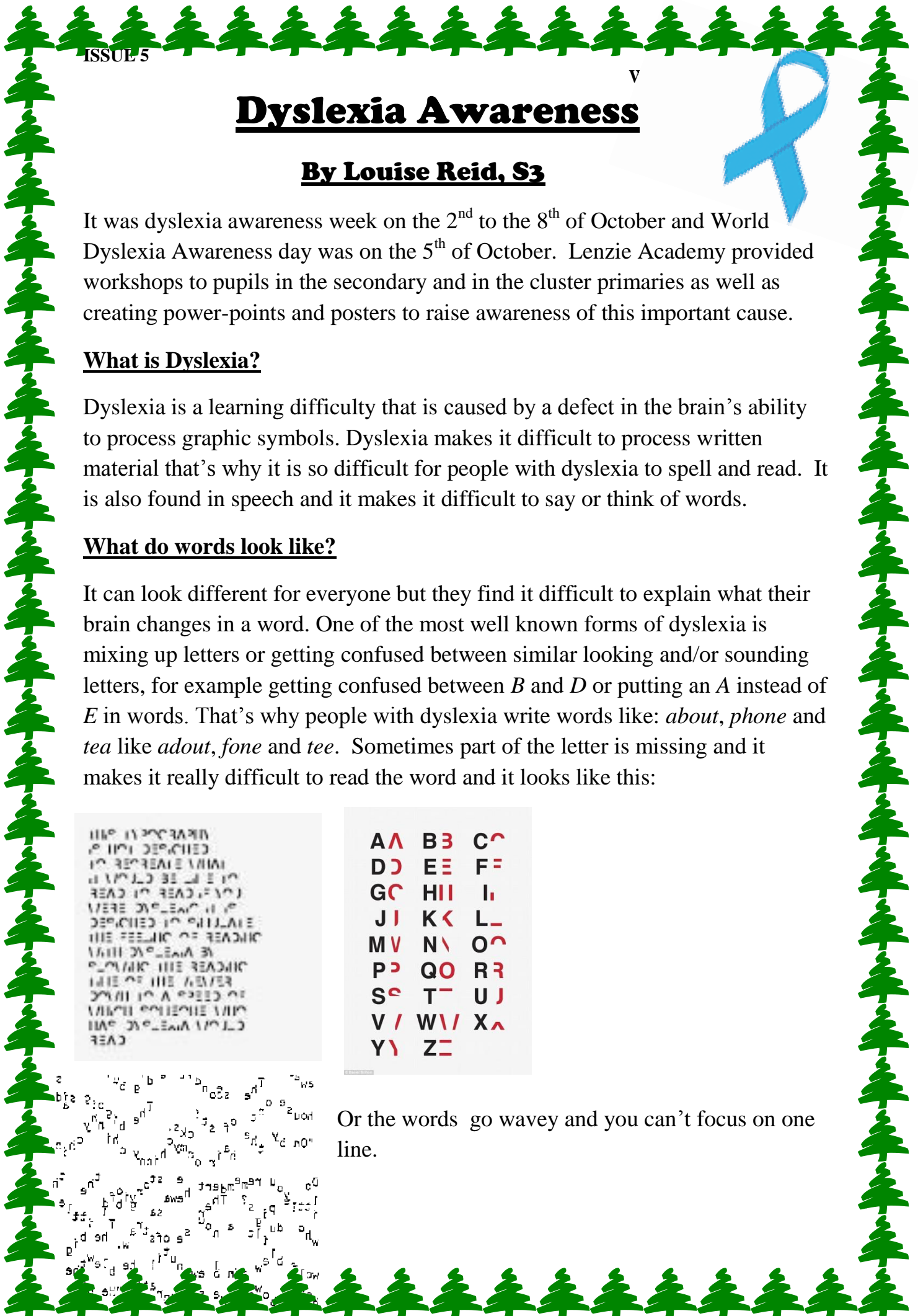
Dyslexia is a learning difficulty that is caused by a defect in the brain's ability to process graphic symbols. Dyslexia makes it difficult to process written material that's why it is so difficult for people with dyslexia to spell and read. It is also found in speech and it makes it difficult to say or think of words.

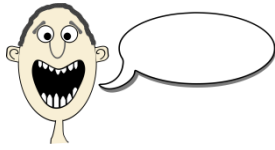
What do words look like?

It can look different for everyone but they find it difficult to explain what their brain changes in a word. One of the most well known forms of dyslexia is mixing up letters or getting confused between similar looking and/or sounding letters, for example getting confused between *B* and *D* or putting an *A* instead of *E* in words. That's why people with dyslexia write words like: *about*, *phone* and *tea* like *adout*, *fone* and *tee*. Sometimes part of the letter is missing and it makes it really difficult to read the word and it looks like this:



Or the words go wavy and you can't focus on one line.





What is dyslexia in speech?

Dyslexia in speech is when you can't think or say a word. You can think of it and know exactly what it means but you can't say or write it, like when you have a word on the tip of your tongue. This is not so different to knowing somebody's face and not their name. Someone with verbal dyslexia may have speech impediments or had them in the past. People with verbal dyslexia tend not to speak as much because they feel as if they will be judged or completely forget words. It is easier for a person who has verbal dyslexia to remember words if they are aware of the problem and know it's okay if they say something wrong or have to spend time thinking of the word.

How do people with dyslexia get help in school?

People with dyslexia in Lenzie Academy have access to as much support as they want to have. They are allowed to choose not to take this if they want. Support for learning is always open for them. If you have dyslexia then the school offers scriptures and an extra time to do an assessment in the Support for Learning department. All your teachers will get told about your dyslexia depending on how severe it is.





...Miss Byres!

We asked Press Club's' very own, Miss Byres some questions...

Q1. What is your favourite season and why?

Autumn, because of the pretty colours and you get to start wrapping up warm.

Q2. Are you usually early, late or right on time?

Usually early or right on time!

Q3. If you had to be an animal what animal would you be?

I think a cat has a really good life style.

Q4. Why did you want to teach?

I really love History and wanted a role where I could work with young people as well as do something related to the subject. I am very lucky I get to do both every day!

Q5. Where is your favourite place to visit?

There are too many to choose from but I visit North Berwick on the East Coast regularly as there is always something to do no matter the weather and the views are beautiful.

Q6. If you could travel anywhere in the world where would you travel?

I love travelling and would like to visit as a far away as possible. So let's say...Fiji!

Bounce Back

By Victoria Reid (1MR) and Emma Coffey (1SL)

On the 3rd of November Lenzie Academy hosted a Bounce back day for the new S1. For 1st period there was an assembly to discuss Bounce Back and what it means and why we were doing a day based on this phrase and we discovered we were doing this day to build “**Resilience**”. Resilience is the ability to recover quickly from something.

On this day we were off time table for 1st period where we had the assembly. For 2nd and 3rd period we had PSE lessons that looked closely at what resilience is and examples of it in our everyday life. For 4th or 5th period pupils were split between H.F.T, Art, Social subjects, Science, P.E, and Modern Languages.

Emma: In H.F.T we made pasta. You teamed up with a partner and decided what you were going to put in it, after that you were shown what you were to do. Then we started making the pasta. Once you were done you had to write about how you thought the pasta tasted and what ingredients you put into it. After that we had finished and went on to have lunch which we didn't have to pay for as we had just made pasta.

Victoria: In Art we studied images of beautiful balloon sculptures some of which were made from balloon and others made to give the effect of the balloon. After we studied the images and watched 2 videos about these sculptures we went on to creating our own balloon sculptures using a variety of different coloured and different lengths of balloons. We worked in teams to finish our sculptures and went on to creating a drawing of our creations and used coloured pastels to depict the colours of the balloons used.

During Period 6 we all gathered in the assembly hall with some of our creations from each subject. We didn't get round everyone but we saw in Social Subjects pupils completed an 'escape room' puzzle and in Science they made bridges out of toothpicks and sweets and made and tested their own parachutes.

Below are some photographs of the day:



Masterchefs in HFT



Code crackers in Social Subjects



Group presenters in the assembly hall



Testing parachutes in Science



Balloon Sculptors
in Art

THE IPHONE X

By Iain Macdonald, S3

The iPhone X which is available on the 3rd of November will set you back the small price of just £1000!!! The new gadget is the slimmest the company has ever produced and has seemingly the best graphics as well.

It has a 5.8 inch screen display and has a few new features. The phone is water resistant and has the strongest glass screen the iPhone has ever used.

The X comes in two colours- Space Grey or Silver. The storage that you can choose is either 64GB or 256GB. It has a 5.8 inch screen and weighs approximately 174 grams. Apple Pay is included so you can scan your phone and it will pay for your items. A new feature, Face ID has been added, as well as password and fingerprint protection. It has video calling and 4G. Siri is available and there is also a silence button. It runs on IOS 11 and can work on every language available.

If you want to buy the phone on its own (with no contract) it can be anywhere between £999.00 and £1500.00 in total, whereas with a contract it can be anything between £45.99 and £89.99 per month.



A YouTuber called *Legit Vlogs* got his iPhone X however when it arrived, it was broken in half. A YouTuber whose username is *Simply Sofia* said that it is the best phone she has ever had - presumably

until the next one comes out! The craze for the most recent gadgets is arguably pointless as there are only small features added each time and there are generally large increases in price.

Many people, including me, think the phone costs an extortionate amount of money and I agree with them because, for the same price you can purchase a holiday to Spain for 2 weeks!



By Victoria Reid, S1

This article is about RuPaul and his show *RuPaul's Drag Race*. RuPaul is an inspiration to people all over the world mainly to gay people who have decided to take on an alter eager type role as they do drag. Drag is when a man dresses as a women (this is known as a Drag Queen) or when a women dresses as a man (this is known as Drag King) and RuPaul is probably the most popular well known Drag Queen. In his very own show, *Ru Paul's Drag Race*, his show decides who is America's next Drag Superstar. To help him decide he has 4 judges, 2 of which are normally guest judges and the other two consist of Michelle Visage and Santino Rice which changed around season 7 of RuPauls Drag Race he was replaced by Carson Kressley.

The queens perform various routines in front of the judges before the judges decide the two queens that have to "Lip sync for their lives" and after this RuPaul decides who "Sashays away" and who "Shante stays". After a queen leaves the race they write a message in the work room on one of the mirrors using lipstick and don't come back till the final episode which is the reunion episode.

During the race the queens face difficult challenges that they are given by RuPaul. First there is a mini challenge and if won normally benefits the winner in the main challenge. Some of peoples favourite challenges are the *Snatch Game* and the *Reading Challenge*. Despite how the reading challenge sounds it's not what you think but they basically have to make fun of each other on the spot! Some of the iconic looks of *RuPauls Drag Race* are the Hair Ball look created by Kimchi in Season 8, The Death Become Her look created by Violet

Chachki in season 7, The Prancing Queens look by Violet Chachki and Katya in Season 7 and last but not least Kimchi's first look for the first mini challenge of Season 8 which has no official name but is described as an anime alien look it can also be called the classic 'Kimchi look'. Some of the queens have started music careers, and RuPaul himself has many hits (songs available on iTunes).

Now on to the prizes...if a queen wins a main challenge they get either custom gowns, wigs or a holiday but if they win the title of the Next Drag Superstar they receive a beautiful crown, a sickening supply of either *Colour Evolution* make-up or *Anastasia Beverly Hills* make-up and \$100,000.



Hair Ball



Death become her



Prancing queens



Anime Alien/ Classic Kimchi

Now i must sashay away

Ava's Short Stories

The Heroes

Part 2

By Ava Graham-Wilson

Last time on 'The Heroes', Alexandra (Alex) saved the stubborn Sam from the fate that almost got her killed and, now that they have met. What do you think will happen?

It's nearly Christmas time and I know exactly what I'm going to get Sam for Christmas (of **course** it will be a secret because otherwise she might think *I'm a creep*)

I mean, *officially* we just met but I've been watching over her for a long time, partly because we get missions to watch out for civilians, but mainly because she hurts the monsters without permission. Sam and I have met a couple other times on the street but she would always just blush and run away.

Listen, I know I'm a superhero but I need a social life too. I'm doing a sponsored run for charity and I invited her along, and secretly I got us both cute Santa suits to wear so that we would match. On the day of the run I saw her wearing a pudding costume instead of the Santa one I'd bought (but I didn't really mind because she looked so cute). She must have noticed me staring because she asked "*Do I look good then?*" to which I replied "*You look great... pudding!*" We ended up running for hours (sadly that is not my greatest skill), but ended up raising a lot of money for charity. At the end of the day we ended up going back to her café where she made me tea and biscuits and we lay on her couch talking until dawn. Just when I thought I had no chance at being anymore than a friend to her she said, "*Know what, I want to try something. Uh Alex... you want to get a coffee sometime...*".

I already knew what I was going to say but for some reason it made me sound weird “*Uh-yes-of course I LOVE coffee, my favourite drink uh... yes I would love to go.*”

“*Good, by the way if you didn’t know, this is a date so just to let you know*”. Then she laughed as she had just clarified what I hoped was true. “*Cool, I’ll see you there ha*” I said with a silly grin on my face.

To be continued...



The City of Grey

By Rachel de Bliet

The city smells of burning and distrust.

I walk towards it. It is the first time I have seen it: the towering gateway blocks my view, and the imposing black buildings intimidate me.

But there is no noise.

A city this large should have street vendors, church bells, children. Instead, there is a silence that seems to envelop me the closer I get. There is nobody to stop me at the gate, and I walk in. The inside is as desolate as the outside. There are many streets and alleyways criss-crossing into a maze of dead ends, but I am the only one to traverse them. Curious, I peer into one of the nearer houses. The furniture is high-backed and dark. The light is off. Nobody is home. The noise I make seems deafening, so I stifle my gasp; there is fresh food on the table.

There is a strange absence of dust here- either the former occupants were neat freaks, or they left in a hurry. As I wander round the ghost town, I wonder why they left so hastily.

In every house I visit, there are certain similarities.

Every house has only three books.

Every house has the same furniture.

Every house has the same clothes.

I explore the strange city for a few days, eating the food they left, wearing the plain, dark-grey outfits from the wardrobes, sleeping in the unmade beds.

And nothing moves.



It is on the fifth day that finally something happens. I find the other end of the city. There is still the wall- dark and foreboding, both keeping people out and trapped inside. A break in the monotony is the gate, small and inconspicuous. As always, there is nobody there, and as always, the gate is unlocked. I open the gate and look out at a bleak path leading to a bleaker forest of dark trees. Somewhere deep inside the trees, there are the people I seek, the ones who fled the City of Grey.

Then there is a noise behind me, louder than it should have been in the eerie silence. I spin round to look at the boy who caused it. He is tanned and blond, dressed in the shapeless clothes everyone in the city, including me, wear. He speaks, and his voice is a molten volcano of sound in the emptiness.

I am asked my name, and I tell him the name I go by. There is very little emotion shown on his face, but his knuckles go white and I realise he has heard of me. There is a reason my story is in every house in the city.

They wanted to be prepared for me.

To be continued.....

TOP 10 CHRISTMAS SONGS

By Iain Macdonald

- 1. Mariah Carey- *All I want for Christmas is You***
- 2. Wham! - *Last Christmas***
- 3. Slade- *Merry Xmas Everybody***
- 4. Wizzard- *I wish it could be Christmas every day***
- 5. Bobby Helms- *Jingle Bell Rock***
- 6. Ariana Grande- *Santa Baby***
- 7. The Pogues- *Christmas in New York***
- 8. Andy Williams- *Most Wonderful Time of the Year***
- 9. John Lennon- *Happy Christmas (THE WAR IS OVER)***
- 10. Johnny marks- *Rockin' Around the Christmas tree***



K-TOONS!!!

By Kate Tierney, S3



NEW MEMBER SEARCH!

If you are interested in writing, drawing, storytelling or anything else then you are more than welcome to come along to C12 (History dept.) after school on Mondays (3.30-4.30pm) where we share ideas and edit work. Alternatively, you can submit any articles to Miss Byres in C12 at any time.

Have a wonderful Christmas!



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