

L.A Times *Spring 2018 issue*



The Press Club

Lenzie Academy's Press Club is one of many extracurricular activities that the school offers its students. Press Club is lead by Miss J Byres a History teacher at Lenzie Academy and it has been running in the school for three years. The club takes part on Monday at 3:30PM until 4:30PM. During press club we plan the article we want to write, then research the subject we decide to write about, before writing our article over a three week period. Finally, we read over each other's work as a 'critical friend'. Once corrections are made, we arrange the order of the articles in the paper and it's published throughout the school.

Press club currently has 7 members and has a really supportive atmosphere where we always try to help each other whether it's checking over the article for mistakes or to help write the article. We all have our somewhat set article genre and here is a general list of what each of us does: Victoria: Reviews, Louise: News, Ava: Stories, Iain: Tech, Emma: animals, Rachel: Stories and Kate: Cartoons. However, we do change up what we write time to time as we also do interviews with teachers and lists of the top ten of various subjects e.g. pets.

I personally enjoy Press club as it allows us to express ourselves through our pieces of writing or drawings that we put in the newspaper. We also get more time together and allows us get to know each other more. I feel Press Club is a great way to learn more about the English language and lets us discover and expand in the areas we like and are good at.

By Victoria and Louise Reid

T

Spring Fashion Trends

By Kate Tierney, S3

This spring's red carpet fashion trends in celebrities are the colours red and girly suits



They are also introducing a new way to dye their hair called drip dyeing



This is done by being covered in a plastic cape and having hair dye poured all over your head. This risky but trending method was invented by Taylor Rae a colourist in Denver Colorado US. To get this look she sectioned the hair into top and bottom, chose the colours she wanted to use and diluted them with water so they could drip the way she needed them to. Then she put colour trek cling free film between the sections to prevent any muddying when the colours were on top of each other.



Here is an example of Taylors work. It's beautiful!

TITANIC 2 (NOT THE FILM?)

By Iain Macdonald, S3

Titanic 2, the larger replica of the ship that sank 106 years ago, has been built and is ready to set sail this year (2018). The ship is the exact same shape of the original Titanic however it is longer by about 50 metres. The ship has 3 classes, 1st class, 2nd and 3rd (just like the original). 1st class not only includes a luxurious 5 star cabin with 2 rooms and luxury views, but you also get a designated deck for you and a private table at dinner where the captain will dine with you at least once. 2nd class, have an amazing cabin with all the styles of furniture you saw on the original. 3rd class will be just like the average cabin you will see on a boat with only bunk beds and a small table.

There is even a replica of the famous stair case from the original Titanic and the clock. There will also be custom built cutlery and plates.

The second ship is the brainchild of the Australian billionaire Clive Palmer, whose Jurassic Park-inspired dinosaur theme park was shut down last year nearly two years after it opened. The ship is almost an exact replica of the original, measuring 270 metres long and 53 metres high and weighing 40,000 tonnes, the ship will span nine floors and offer 840 cabins, carrying 2,400 passengers and 900 staff members on board.

Palmer mentioned that despite these grand efforts, he wants to pay respect to the 1,503 lives that were lost on 14-15 April 1912 through this new ship.



Warning – this article talks about suicide

Louise Reid's the News!

Logan Paul shows disrespect in Japan

By Louise Reid, S3



Logan Paul is a famous YouTuber who makes vlogs (videos of his everyday life). At the end of 2017 going into early 2018, Logan was in Japan. He continued his vlog and to make them interesting he decided he would be controversial. He is known for being a loud and outgoing person but when he was in Japan he was screaming at people who didn't know what he was saying, and he runs around barging through people just so he can make his vlog seem interesting. He goes on to mock their fashion (modern and traditional) and wears them on the streets. Additionally, he went into a place he wasn't allowed to film and continued to film despite a man telling him off. At one point, he gets his GoPro and puts it into the Coy River (he knows that he cannot film there as to not touch the water or disturb the fish.) He then visits a place that have dancers on the stage and he jumps onto the stage and joins them and talks through the microphone (yes that could of been allowed or he might of asked, but it seemed to be very disrespectful.) Logan then buys a GameBoy colour from a man who can't speak much English but tries the best he can to help Logan. Logan then starts to throw the GameBoy around on the streets until it breaks before going back to the man in the shop and trying to return it (I am not sure if he did return it or if the man knew what he did). He then mocks the man for not being able to speak English by saying that the game is "macho-broken-o". Furthermore, he dresses up with his friends as Pokémon and throws Pokeballs at people and cars. He then runs into a restaurant and throws the Pokeball at a

chef who works there before going back on the street and throwing the Pokeball at a police officer.

As if all this wasn't bad enough, Logan then goes into the middle of a road and stands showing his underwear to the public. After which he finds a man who is driving a luggage carrier and jumps on the back. The man driving does not notice until Logan goes up to him and says "Hello" but the man is confused as he cannot speak English. Logan then runs and jumps onto back of a moving truck and manages to go unnoticed. He then goes back into the city and buys a squid tentacle and a fish (both uncooked and fresh) which he uses to harasses people on the street. After his joke was over he put the fish and tentacle onto a taxi that then drives away with them on the boot.

All of this behaviour points to a very disrespectful person who is a bit silly. However, Logan takes disrespect to a whole new level. He decides it is a good idea to go into Aokigahara (the suicide forest) that is a common place for people looking to end their lives. Logan thinks he can make a funny video about ghosts and camp in the forest. To make the video more interesting, they go off the path. They spot something in the distance and then quickly notice it's a body. Instead of turning off the camera and calling the police, Logan decides to grab this camera and get closer to the body. Logan and his friends start to make jokes about the body, get close to it (only inches away) and film what they see. They show you that the man has hung himself and showed his purple hands. It is only when Logan's guide advises they call someone that the filming stops. When he gets out the forest an ambulance and police officer have arrived. The police officer tells Logan he cannot go into the forest because it is a restricted area, Logan then says something disrespectful along the lines of "he should have been told before he found the body".

One of the most worrying things about this, is that Logan knows his fans are mainly under the age of 12 (most of them are about 8/9 years old). Logan thinks that it is still a good idea to post the video even if it is graphic, unsuitable for children (or anyone) and extremely disrespectful.



Logan Paul 
@LoganPaul

Follow 

Dear Internet,

Let's start with this -
I'm sorry.

This is a first for me. I've never faced criticism like this before, because I've never made a mistake like this before. I'm surrounded by good people and believe I make good decisions, but I'm still a human being. I can be wrong.

I didn't do it for views. I get views. I did it because I thought I could make a positive ripple on the internet, not cause a monsoon of negativity. That's never the intention. I intended to raise awareness for suicide and suicide prevention and while I

I do this sh*t every day. I've made a 15 minute TV show EVERY SINGLE DAY for the past 460+ days. One may understand that it's easy to get caught up in the moment without fully weighing the possible ramifications.

I'm often reminded of how big of a reach I truly have & with great power comes great responsibility... for the first time in my life I'm regretful to say I handled that power incorrectly. It won't happen again.

I love everyone. I believe in people. I'm out here. Peace 🙏 #Logan4Life

7:00 PM - 1 Jan 2018

After he releases the video to the public people quickly start to react. He loses

many subscribers, upsets many people and manages to ruin his career in the first 2 days of January. He realises from the amount of hate he received in the first few hours of uploading the video that he had destroyed his career. He deletes the video and writes a tweet apologising. However, for many this was still not enough. After all, he can't make up for what he did in 40 characters or less. He then makes an apology video that was only a minute and 44 seconds long. He then leaves YouTube after criticisms that his apology is only to stop him from losing fans and money.

He returns to YouTube 3 weeks later with a video called "Suicide: Be Here Tomorrow". In this video Logan talks to charities that help people dealing with suicide and mental illnesses. He talks to a man who had tried to kill himself but was saved and was thankful that he is here today. Logan says in the video that he will donate \$1,000,000,000 to charities that help people dealing with suicide and/or mental illnesses. In the comments you can quickly see many children saying that they support Logan and are glad he's back. If you watch the video you can see that it is put together differently than his normal videos. It looks very professional and like he paid a lot of money for it. The reason I don't personally agree with Logan or want him online again is because of how professional the video looks it seems to me that he just wants his fame back. In the video he says he has never met someone dealing with something serious like suicide or a mental illness, I find this hard to believe considering Logan grew up in Ohio a state that has one of the highest death rates and a lot of them are because of suicide. Furthermore, Logan is an extrovert and easily makes friends, so I find it hard to believe that he's 22 and has never met someone with a mental illness when 1 in 5 Americans are affected by a mental illness. However, I do support him donating to charities and encouraging others to donate but I do not believe that people should start to support him again because even if he is trying to help he still makes a video showing millions of children a suicide victim.

Links to some of the videos I used to write this article

A compilation of Logan being disrespectful:

His apology video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QwZT7T-TXT0>

"Suicide: Be Here Tomorrow": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oWjxSkJpxFU>

He has fully returned to YouTube now but that will be featured in the next article

This is a petition to delete Logan Paul's channel <https://www.change.org/p/youtube-delete-logan-paul-s-youtube-channel>

Murder Mystery

By Rachel de Blicck, s3

The doctor, **Richard Clayton**, had been respected and loved by the people in the village.

This fact meant that his murder was even more shocking.

He had been poisoned by eating an Easter egg (delivered by hand), assuming that it was from a grateful patient. There were only 5 people that the police could find who were in the area and could have given him the poisoned egg at roughly 2pm

They were;

Paul Samaris, 36

No known convictions. Owner of "Born and Bread", local bakery. Reportedly out delivering cakes round the neighbourhood in his van, but said he didn't stop at the doctors house. Seen by **Rebecca Hudson** and **Sarah Grey** driving past at 13:50

Rebecca Hudson, 58

Arrested wrongly for assault 7 years ago. Took early retirement as a school teacher and now lives next to **Richard Clayton**. Was in her house from 11:00 to 15:00 but nobody can back up her statement.

Isabel Clarke, 24

Formerly Clara Iconis, renamed under the witness protection program. Connected with the Baxter murders (key witness, testified against Joseph Baxter). No previous convictions. Was walking past **Richard Clayton's** house accompanied by **Sarah Grey**.

Cameron Holland, 49

Served 9 years in prison for manslaughter of Simon Jacobs. Was driving past the doctors house at the time in question, but had not been seen by anyone and did not stop at any point. Also allergic to peanuts which were found in the egg and would have caused anaphylaxis when touched.

Sarah Grey, 32

Walking past the house in question accompanied by **Isabel Clarke**. Saw the "Born and Bread" van driving down the street and said it stopped at the doctors house. Previously acquitted of being an accomplice to the murder of Samuel Davidson.

Check in the library for the murderer. You might learn something as you do.



Lurking behind the fence

By Emma Coffey, S1

Lots of people like wild animals, but could you ever think of having them as pets?

Well, studies have shown that thousands of dangerous animals are being kept in houses in the UK including lions, tigers, crocodiles and hundreds of poisonous, dangerous snakes. Firstly, big cats! Investigators have found 13 tigers, 2 lions, 8 leopards, 7 cheetahs and 9 pumas in people's gardens and land. Next, the most popular animal on this list- snakes - over 300 killer cobras, vipers and rattlesnakes are kept in homes. We don't only have animals that live on land but also water; underneath domestic enclosures are 10 alligators, 9 crocodiles and 17 Caiman (a small member of the crocodile family).



Caiman

Famous people who own dangerous animals



Mike Tyson- Boxer Mike Tyson spent \$4000 a month to take care of his three white Bengal tigers before going bankrupt in 2003.



George Clooney- Owned a pet pot-bellied pig called Max for 18 years, he bought it for his

then girlfriend Kelly Preston. He told CBS news that *"Pigs are really smart. And he was funny, and he made me laugh. But they're work, because they'll destroy everything if you let them."*



Michael Jackson- Pop star Michel Jackson owned a chimpanzee, Bubbles, who made many public appearances with him on his "Bad" tour in the 1980s. Bubbles slept in his bedroom in a crib and even drank tea with the Mayor of Osaka, Japan. Bubbles has retired and now lives in a centre for great apes.

Kirsten Stewart- After being surrounded by werewolves in the “Twilight” film series, it’s only natural that she got a wolf mix named Jack. In 2010 she said to David Letterman *“I know he looks kind of scary, he’s a wolf. He’s really sweet, he, like, falls at my feet.”*



Life is Strange: Before the Storm

By Victoria Reid (S1)

Today I will be writing about 'Life is Strange: Before the Storm' the prequel to 'Life is Strange'. This game was launched August 31st 2017. Although this was a while ago the episodes came out in stages. Life is strange is a story driven game which depends on the choices you make. In this game you take on the role of Chloe Price, a girl who loved her father very much but after her father died and her best friend moved away her life turned for the worst and she gets involved with some very dangerous people. However, the basic task of this review is to show how great the game is!

This game was made by Square Enix in collaboration with Deck Nine. This game can be purchased on Steam for PC, it can also be purchased for Xbox one and PS4.

In the start of this game a 16 year old Chloe Price forms an unlikely friendship with Rachael Amber. If you have watched or played the original game you will be familiar with these characters but if you are not I recommend that you familiarize yourself with them to fully understand the prequel of the game and the cuteness of the game. My 2nd recommendation is if you decide to play this game, have your finger on the screenshot button as there are so many cute moments in this game.

If you are at all familiar with the original 'Life is Strange' you should know that Max, Chloe's ex-best friend has the power to rewind time but in 'Before the Storm' Chloe has no magical abilities like rewinding time but she does have the wonderful power of back talking which suits this amazing character.

Throughout the game, Chloe has various visions and dreams about her dad and a raven which I find interesting as a French anthropologist Claude Lévi-Strauss proposed a structuralist theory suggesting the Raven obtained mythic status because it was a mediator animal between life and death. As a carrion bird, Ravens become associated with the dead and with lost souls. I found this

interesting as it could be debated that Chloe is a lost soul and the raven appears in her visions/dreams with her dead father but that is only a theory about the game - no concrete facts at this moment in time!

(Life is strange is a 16+ game so ask parents' permission to play if under the age of 16)



The City of Grey

By Rachel de Blicek, S3

The tanned, pale enigma before me starts to weave a misty yellow story. The steam blossoms from his outstretched palms and forms an exact replica of the city we stand in. I recognise his type of magic. He is a smoke charmer, a type of apprentice, neither very powerful nor a threat.

He speaks, and his voice is musical and soft.

"This city was founded by two siblings, many thousands of years ago. They had been inseparable until it came to the design of the last street"

As he spoke, the images in his hands shifted to show the street we stand in.

"The eldest sibling was gentle and caring, the younger heedless and unthinking. Their eventual quarrel was harsh and bitter, leaving both with scars."

Here he glanced at the scars that snake across my hands and arms in dainty cobwebs, raised lines of white against the ivory pallor of my wrists. I shake the grey fabric of my cloak down to cover them: for some reason I am unwilling to let him see.

"The younger sibling fled the city, pausing only to curse it. She said that when she returned, the city would crumble, but she did not return for centuries. The people of the city prepared for either a hasty departure or a fight in case she came back sooner than expected. Tales of her villainy were rampant, equalled only by tales of her power and prestige. Legend said that she would only return when she had mastered all forms of magic.



The elder sibling also attempted to master as many types, but the duties of running the city were onerous and consumed most of his time. He practised magic less and less until he could barely light a candle without matches. He became complacent in the design of the city and the security it offered, while his sister grew more and more adept."

I have taken an unconscious step forward, in order to see the swirling mists of the city. The paths are both familiar and utterly strange when they're shown in miniature, but I am able to map out the path I have taken through the streets.

There is something about the boy that makes me uneasy and without knowing it; I have been preparing to defend myself. He continues like nothing is wrong though, so I concentrate on the story.

“When the news came, it travelled fast. The people of the city knew that the younger sibling was returning; she had learned all she wanted to know and was going to destroy the city she helped create. The ruler knew there was no time to prepare, so he sent his people down the path to the forest.”

The image in his hands shifts to the sight of a multitude of scared civilians racing down the path to the woods. They are watched by the ruler, whose head is bent with sorrow.

“The people have been down in the forest for a week now but the ruler waited in the city for his sister. She had not arrived.”

With these words, the disguise dissolves from his body and I am faced with the ruler of the city.

My brother.

To be continued...

TOP 10 THINGS TO DO ON A SNOW DAY

By Rachel de Blicck and Emma Coffey

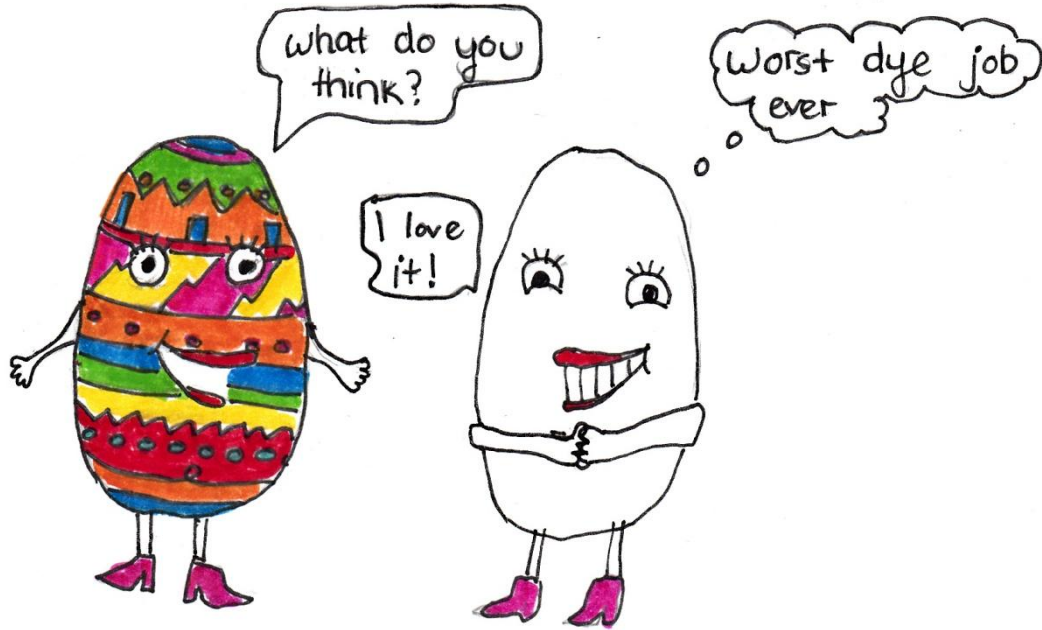
Remember the miracle we had at the start of March? Due to heavy snow across the country, we had the day off school...then another day...then another. It was truly magical. So, we have compiled a list of things to do if you find yourself in a similar situation in the future (fingers crossed!)

- 1. Go out and have a snowball fight**
- 2. Try and make an igloo**
- 3. Make a family of snowmen**
- 4. Shovel the snow**
- 5. Netflix marathon**
- 6. Make hot chocolate with marshmallows**
- 7. Make snow angels**
- 8. Jump in a pile of snow**
- 9. Look for icicles**
- 10. Watch a movie – Christmas ones are allowed even if its Easter!**



K-Toons

By Kate Tierney, S3



How easter eggs are really made

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.



The Press Club 😊 😊 😊