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Hello! As it is our 13th issue, we decided to focus on all things unlucky.
But as it is nearly Christmas, we have combined the two meaning our colour
theme is looking slightly strange...

We hope you enjoy our unlucky issue and have a great holiday!



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Meet the Team!

what do you think is unlucky?

THOMAS NUSSBAUM-RICHMAN

Hello! I'm Thomas, and I write the D&D articles for BrowHeadline, the Ten-Towns Inquirer. As for something I find unlucky, I'd say the fact that this year the theme of Christmas was usurped by the theme of bad luck, since the holiday is very close to my heart. I can't even remember why we chose bad luck over it!



LUKAS GUY

Hello there! I'm Lukas Guy, and I write film reviews. I think that the number 13 is very unlucky. Therefore I don't like the number 13 as it gives you bad luck.



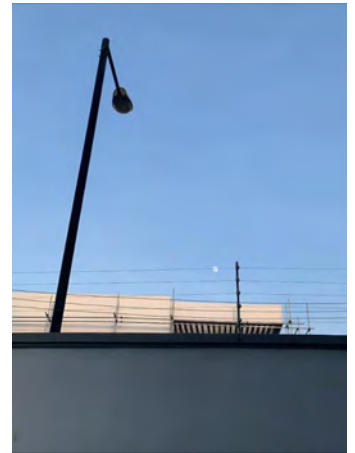
MAYUMI SINGH

Hi, I am Mayumi and I am doing the teacher interview with Serena again. What I find unlucky is putting your shoes upside down on the floor as it is meant to bring you bad luck.



ETHAN MANSFIELD

Hello I am Ethan and I have written the information about climbing. I think that saying Macbeth in a theatre is bad luck. I have two black cats and I am not unlucky at home.

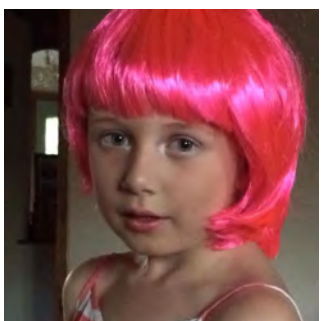


Sandra Okehs

My name is Sandra. I'm in Year 12, and I don't believe in luck and therefore I don't consider anything lucky or unlucky. As luck isn't something that can be proven.

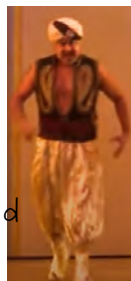
Emma Mansfield

I'm Emma, I'm in Year 10 and my article is about good and bad omens. Something I think is unlucky is Ethan Mansfield. I'm kidding, something I genuinely think is unlucky is the number -7 as my favourite number is 7 and -7 is essentially the opposite.



HENRY WILMOT

Hello! I'm Henry, and I write Persuasive Articles. I am not sure if I think anything is unlucky!





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Meet the Team Continued!

what do you think is unlucky?



SERENA COOPER

Hi I'm Serena, this issue I've worked on teacher interviews with Mayumi. I consider the number 13 unlucky so it's been a very scary issue for me! I have been kept up at night thinking about the number 13 in the 13th issue.



Ellie Suen

Hi everyone! I'm Ellie from Year 11 and I come from Hong Kong. 7 is definitely my unlucky number. Many unlucky things happen around the world. Think positive and you will find that many grateful things happen. Wish you a merry Christmas! I'll see you next term>3<



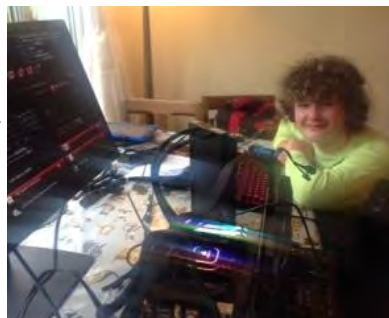
MR BROMLEY

Hello I am Mr Bromley and I am BrowHeadline's biggest supporter and I love the meet the team section. It is really wonderful. I think the unluckiest thing is BrowHeadline not doing a meet the team section. The BrowHeadline formatting is brilliant and the colour scheme is always interesting. Whenever a new edition comes out I am curious about what the BrowHeadline team is up to.



FINN GERAGHTY

Hi, I'm Finn, and I'm the computer guy. I'm in Year 10, and I write articles about tech! I'm personally one to cross my fingers for good luck, so I personally would expect not doing it would bring me misfortune.



LUANA KENNY

Hello I am Luana, and I think lots of things are unlucky. Mainly I think that unkindness to others is unlucky because karma will eventually reach you. I also believe the stereotypical things are unlucky for example, opening an umbrella inside however I believe that black cats aren't unlucky at all and very adorable.



Natasha Ng

We have to write a list of unlucky things this time. My favourite unlucky thing would be the black cat because my friend has a black cat as a pet, but she is not that unlucky. So I don't know how unlucky black cats really are.



Meet Mrs Rand

Serena and Mayumi

For our **Get to Know** this issue, we decided to choose Mrs Rand. Both Serena and I are taught by Mrs Rand, so we really enjoyed learning more about her. This interview has a special twist due to it being our 'unlucky' issue, so we asked 13 questions instead of our usual twelve. We hope you enjoy reading our interview as much as we enjoyed interviewing her.

Why do you like teaching English?

I like the variety, but I have a bias towards teaching IB English. I like teaching IB English because of the international literature that you can study.

What's your earliest childhood memory?

It's difficult. I have some quite specific memories like playing on the beach with my brother and building dams and things but I'm not sure I can remember what my earliest memory is.

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Who would play you in the movie of your life?

Evana Lynch- the girl who plays Luna Lovegood in Harry Potter.

If you could only have one book for the rest of your life to read, what would it be?

I think I'd have to pick a Thomas Hardy, probably *Far from the Madding Crowd*. I think if I read it multiple times I would get more from it every time. Although having said that I think the same would be true of *Mill on the Floss* and *Middlemarch* by George Elliot especially because *Middlemarch* is so long so I would give myself value for money!



What is your favourite Lake District view?

The view from Black Combe because you get the hills, and you get the sea.

What do you consider unlucky?

I'm not sure I believe in luck, possibly not planning ahead.

If you could be a vegetable, what vegetable would you be?

Maybe a butternut squash... It makes a good risotto!



What's your favourite book and why?

Possibly an Adichie. My favourite Adichie is *Half of a Yellow Sun*. Definitely some Hardy, but we've already covered that, Recently I've read a couple of Donna Tartt novels, so the *Goldfinch* is a wonderful book. I loved *The Poisonwood Bible*, there are many, but I don't have a favourite book.

If you could go back in time and tell your younger self something, what would it be?

I think tied in with that question is asking whether you feel like you've made good choices and whether you're happy with the path that your life has taken. I feel like maybe with the benefit of hindsight I would have made some different choices but I never would have changed them at the time. So I don't know whether the advice from my later self would be of any use really.

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I think as long as you make decisions thinking about your own well-being and the lives of other people then that's a good thing. So, what would I tell myself... there's the quote from *Hamlet* which sums it up 'To thine own self be true' I think that would be good advice to anyone.

What was your favourite subject in school?

Physics. I really liked thinking about how things worked, I liked logic and maths. My Physics teacher was amazing, my English teacher was quite boring, and I studied philosophy at university.

Thank you, Mrs Rand, for letting us interview you and taking the time to speak to us.

Tea or coffee?

Tea

If you could make up a word for something, what would it be?

I can't answer off the top of my head but having read *The Meaning of Liff* by Douglas Adams, that book answers this question perfectly. He takes things there aren't words for and place names in the UK and matches them up. Some of my favourites are Sturryo someone who breaks into a fake run when they're crossing the road to pretend, they're going faster than they are. A Rochester someone who takes up both arms of a cinema seat.

Poetry or prose?

Prose because it's the one that I would rather read for the rest of my life. But I think I prefer teaching poetry.





GOOD OMENS AND LUCKY SIGNS



WHAT ARE GOOD OMENS?

Good omens are things that are considered to be a sign of how a future event will take place; in this case, they are positive signs.



BUTTERFLY OMEN

A butterfly flying into your home is seen as a good omen, as it brings you good news or an important guest.

BIRD POOP OMEN

This doesn't sound like good luck, but a bird pooping on you, while it is unpleasant, is considered to bring you good luck.

ITCHY HANDS OMEN

Having itchy hands--although, again, it is unpleasant--are considered to bring you money.

SHOOTING STAR OMEN

This is a common good luck sign, it is said that if you wish on a shooting star, your wish is bound to come true.

HOW CAN YOU INVITE GOOD LUCK?



There are many ways to attract good luck. Here are some examples:

1. BELIEVE that you're lucky
2. Be clear about your goals
3. Be open to opportunities
4. Surround yourself with the right people
5. Practise gratitude
6. Relax!



ANGEL NUMBERS



A common indicator of good and bad luck is astrology. One thing included in astrology is angel numbers. Some examples are: 111, 222, 333, 444, etc. up to 999.



WHAT ARE THE LUCKY NUMBERS?

The most common lucky numbers are:
**1, 3, 7, 9, 15, 21, 25, 31, 33, 37,
43, 49, 51, 63, 67, 73, 75, 79, 87,
93, 99**

BAD OMENS AND UNLUCKY SIGNS

WHAT ARE BAD OMENS?

Bad omens are also things that are considered to be a sign of how a future event will take place; however, in this case, they are negative signs.

ITCHY EAR OMEN

It is said that if your ear feels itchy, someone is talking about you behind your back.

SPILLING SALT OMEN

Spilling salt is seen as a bad omen, it is said to make you unlucky. However, throwing salt over your left shoulder is said to keep the bad luck away.

BLACK CAT/SNAKE OMEN

A black cat or a snake crossing your path is known as a sign of bad luck.

BROKEN MIRROR OMEN

A mirror which is broken is a very common sign of bad luck; it is said that a broken mirror will give seven years of bad luck.

HOW CAN YOU PREVENT BAD LUCK?

Here are some ways you can prevent bad luck:

1. Use salt; it is seen as good luck by many cultures worldwide.
2. Don't throw away broken mirror pieces if you do break a mirror.
3. Burn incense/sage
4. Carry protective charms, crystals and stones.

ZODIAC SIGNS

Zodiac signs, all taken into account, could be lucky or unlucky. Some zodiac signs are considered to be unlucky, like Gemini (sorry to all the Geminis reading this). People often judge others based on this zodiac sign. It is also linked to astrology.

WHAT ARE THE UNLUCKY NUMBERS?

- 4 Four** - known as tetraphobia, sounds similar to "death" in Chinese, Japanese and Korean languages.
- 9 Nine** - known as enneophobia, sounds like the word "suffering" in Japanese.
- 13 Thirteen** - the most infamous number, known as triskaidekaphobia.




LIST OF BAD LUCK

To open an umbrella indoors:

Opening umbrellas indoors is a superstition that dates back to the time of ancient Egypt. When the nation worshiped the sun deity, they avoided opening umbrellas indoors at all costs since it was thought that doing so would offend their god.



Black cats:



It's likely that Christianity helped make black cats unlucky during the Middle Ages. The widespread superstition that if a black cat crosses your path, it will bring you bad luck has persisted to this day due to the belief that all black cats are devil's agents. According to superstition, the devil has come close to you but hasn't harmed you because he passed in front of you. Therefore, the association with misfortune is a connection to the devil.

Pointing at a rainbow:

In some cultures, including the Navajo tradition, pointing at a rainbow would incur the wrath of the gods. People consider rainbows to be celestial beings, or at the very least, sent by them. So you can ooh and aah at a rainbow all you like, but if you point at one, you're disrespecting the deity responsible for it.

Why you should not point at a rainbow? (interviewarea.com)



13:

According to folklore historian Donald Dossey, the unlucky nature of the number "13" originated with a Norse myth about 12 gods having a dinner party in Valhalla. The trickster god Loki, who was not invited, arrived as the 13th guest, and arranged for Höðr to shoot Balder with a mistletoe-tipped arrow. Dossey: "Balder died, and the whole Earth got dark. The whole Earth mourned. It was a bad, unlucky day." This major event in Norse mythology caused the number 13 to be considered unlucky.

<https://www.express.co.uk/life-style/life/1609565/why-friday-13-unlucky-norse-myth-bible-number-13-bad-evg#:~:text=The%20dinner%20party%20was%20ruined,plunged%20the%20w%20darkn>

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WHY NUMBER 13 IS AN UNLUCKY NUMBER?

By Ellie

The number 13 is considered as unlucky in some countries. The end of the Mayan calendar's 13th Baktun was believed as a signal of the apocalyptic 2012 phenomenon. Triskaidekaphobia recognises the fear of number 13. The superstitious sufferers of this phobia try to avoid bad luck by keeping away from anything numbered or labelled 13.



Last Supper

There were 13 people at the last supper and tradition was held that the 13th person to take their seat was Judas or Jesus himself.

Knights Templar

On Friday, 13 October 1307, King Philip IV of France ordered the arrest of the Knights Templar.



And more...



Therefore,

some companies and hotels are using different ways to number or label to avoid number 13. Some elevator skips the number 13 and jump from 12 to 14.

HOWEVER...

number 13 is unlucky in the western country only. Some other countries, considered the number lucky and some others have different number as a unlucky sign.



Number 9 is considered inauspicious in Japan. In English it is pronounced nine, which in Japanese means disease or death.

In many East and Southeast Asia, number 4 is avoided. Because the sounds of "four" and "death" in Chinese are similar.



Number 17 is considered very unlucky in Italy.

Rearranging XVII, it becomes the word 'VIXI', which in Latin means 'my life is now complete'.



Artsy Opinions

This edition of Artsy Opinions is special as instead of doing an artist that I have found, I have decided to do an edition on the Year 12 IB Art students. This year there are four IB Art students, all in different stages of their artistic journeys. In this edition I cover three of the four that have allowed me to use their art. In this edition we have art by Olga Gusleva, Alissa Foehre and David Sibiriakov. To begin all the art on this page is by Olga Gusleva.

Artsy Insight- Olga Gusleva

What art/artist inspires you?

No artists in particular inspire me. If I see a painting or a technique idea I like on Pinterest, I interpret it into my work when I try something new.

How long have you been doing art?

I've been doing art since I was 8. I was in an art school but then I just had lessons throughout the week as I got older.

Do you have any future goals in art?

I don't really have any future goals with art. It's just something I'm passionate about and I do as a hobby.

Do you have any advice for people wanting to improve / start art?

Try something new. There is never a limit to art. You can do whatever you want and however you want it.

Do you have a theme to your art?

No I don't have a theme to my art. I create art based off how I'm feeling or what I think looks good.



In this acrylic painting above there is lots of texture and two main contrasting colours to bring a focus to the centre of the canvas. The painting is a field of flowers and the pink flowers contrasts to the green grass which lightens in the middle from darker bluish/green corners and brings focus to the middle of the canvas with a few blue flowers. It is a very lovely painting with a great grasp of complementary and contrasting colours.

ILLUSTRATIVE INTRODUCTIONS

By Luana Kenny



The painting above is acrylic and the colours are vivid and bright. The greyish blue background causes the orange and yellow to pop the colours making the fruit leave an impact on the viewers. The style is almost impressionistic and quite realistic. I really like the colours and the form of the painting is very realistic.

Artsy Opinions

By Luana Kenny

Artsy Insight David Sibiriakov

What art/artist inspires you?

I find a lot of my inspiration in Japanese traditional painting, which is all about the nature especially in the works of Yokoyama Taikan. I did like some of the works of Albert Bierstadt too. Apart from that, I've been really inspired by the drawings of @378.55 on Instagram, and some of the Anime I recently watched.

How long have you been doing art?

I only started studying it this year.

Do you have any future goals in art?

It is, probably, about finding my art style and just trying out different mediums for now. I am quite excited to do digital art later on too.

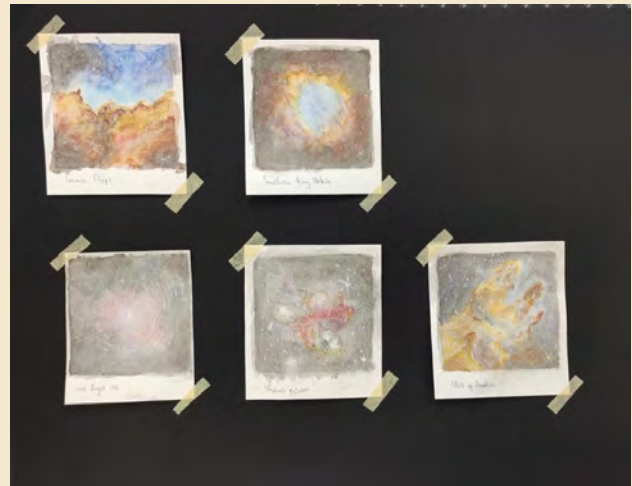
Why did you start art?

I have always been quite interested in it. So I decided to finally begin learning it, as it is a part of the school's programme.

What type of subject matter do you like to focus on?

Currently I am interested in drawing landscapes and night sky or space. Later on, I also want to draw people in the future too.

These water colour paintings below are by David Sibiriakov and they are referenced from the James Webb telescope. They illustrate the Cosmic Cliffs, Pillars of Creation, the Southern Ring Nebula, Stephan's Quintet and the Wolf Rayet.



Pillars of Creation



Wolf Rayet

To the left is a watercolour painting of the Pillars of creation. There are small red highlights used to emphasise the shape and colour of the space dust. The colours blend naturally to give the allusion of moving and flowing shapes in space. The lighter blue/grey around the 'pillars' highlight their presence and allows for the blue undertones to be seen more clearly. The choice of colours is brilliant as they all compliment the painting and replicate the reference photo.

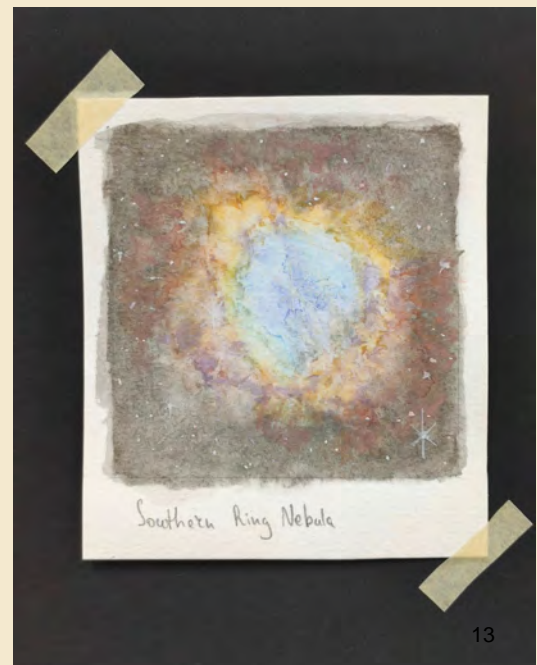
The painting is of the southern ring Nebula and the colours are muted with the reds, blues and yellows. I like how the colours blend together well to simulate the effect of the cosmic space gas, dust and the shape of the nebula. There isn't a great deal of contrast between the dark brownish/black abyss of space and the white stars yet the method is effective in conveying the brightness of the stars.



Cosmic Cliffs



Souther Ring Nebula



Artsy Opinions

By Luana Kenny

These three artworks are all acrylic paintings and are by Alissa Foehre. They range from a colourful anatomy study to paintings inspired by ancient Chinese and Japanese culture and the geisha. The three paintings show a range of techniques and styles despite them all using the same medium.



Artsy Insight - Alissa Foehre

What art style inspires you?

I don't have a real drawing style. I'm very open to trying things out and take in as much art as I can. What really interested me, however, were artists such as the Japanese artist Katsushika Hokusai or Li Cheng who is a Chinese artist.

How long have you been doing art?

I only started taking art lessons in school about 2 years ago.

What medium do you use most often?

My most used medium for art is probably canvas, water colour paper or just plain white paper for sketches.

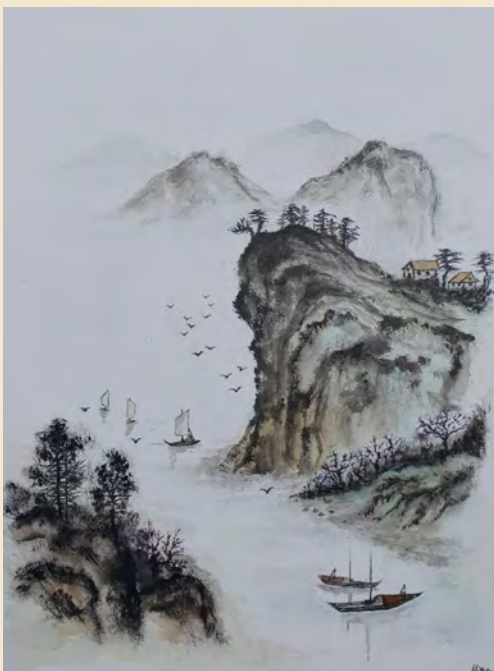
What are your future goals in art?

For me personally, art is just a hobby that I like to do on the side. So I don't really have any future goals that I want to achieve with doing art.

Do you have any advice for people wanting to start/improve art?

Just start and try out as much as you can or get inspiration from the internet such as Pinterest for example. This way you will quickly find out which style or medium you can handle best and get a feeling for how you relate to art.

This acrylic painting to the right is inspired by Japanese cultures and the ancient geisha. It has two figures in it with an intricate background. The use of black to illustrate the two woman's hair causes the gold hairpieces to be highlighted very well. The black hair also contrasts the women's white skin showing the cultural norms for the geisha. The thin white lines show the importance of the black hair to the two women's identity. Overall the painting has a poignant feel to it. One woman's face in the foreground illustrates how the painting is focused on their identity. The overall elegant brushstrokes of the painting shows the elegance of the women.



This acrylic painting to the left is inspired by Japanese and Chinese paintings. The brushstrokes are very detailed giving a texture to the surrounding. The painting is very detailed with shadows of the boats and a flock of birds flying into the distance. The large amount of white background draws emphasis to the grey/brown mountains. The small cherry blossom trees have small detailed pink blossoms on the significance of their presence in the painting as there are many grey and brown tones. The overall composition and colour choice of the painting gives the painting a mystical atmosphere.

An Ode to....

Can you guess the object?

An ode to a...
Spindly misery
Insists it shall
Follow me.
Shadows cast
Across the grass
Make way for pink
To shed it's
Past.

Beauty in it's
Impermanence.
Yet the wind
Blows
It
To
The
Ground.
Confetti in its
Death throes.

Too bright for the world to keep
Fingers just
Too
Weak.
Hold on my dear
For one month more
Beauty
Blemished
As you hit
The floor.

You live
You die
Yet you will return
When weakness is desirable
In winter
We
Yearn
For
Pink in our lives
Among spindly
Beauty
Hold onto your tree
Shedding misery
You are free.

Your elegance is unmatched,
Highlighting their graceful neck
A beautiful jaw.
Dainty.
You prick my fingers,
Bring tears to my eyes.
A shock when you become a
part of me.

Light reflects upon your surface
As bright as a lake full of
moonlight.
Upon movement
A dainty chime
Reverberates through
The ones who so
Value you the most.

From wooden smoothed,
To a sea of wealth and sunshine.
Gold and godly jewels.

A selection of
Shapeshifters.
Who determine the fate,
Of a beautiful jaw,
Or a graceful neck.

Earrings

Luana



THE FILM REVIEW

HOME ALONE

Merry Christmas! This is my review of the 1990 blockbuster: Home Alone. The American Christmas film was directed by Chris Columbus and written and produced by John Hughes. The first film in the Home Alone film series stars Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern, John Heard, and Catherine O' Hannah. Culkin plays Kevin McCallister, a boy who defends his suburban Chicago home from burglars after his family accidentally leaves him behind on their Christmas holiday to Paris.



This is one of the Christmas films I watch every year, even though I have watched loads. I still laugh at the scene where the thieves get beaten by a little boy. This is certainly one of my favourite Christmas films ever!

I GIVE THIS FILM



OUT OF FIVE!



WOMEN'S EUROS 2022



BY Sandra Okehs

WHY WAS THIS YEAR'S EUROS SO SIGNIFICANT?



The Women's Euro's took off on the 6th of July at Old Trafford stadium where England played Austria. Whilst hosting a record breaking crowd of 68,871 supporters, after smashing the previous record of 41,301 supporters, this was the first significant tournament but was definitely not the last.

Not only did they start the tournament off with a record breaking crowd, but they won 1-0 after a strike came from Chelsea's Fran Kirby to Arsenal's Beth Mead who gained control of the ball and lobbied into the back of the net.

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L. HEMP (15') ⚽	C. BIZET (77')
E. WHITE (29') (41') ⚽	F. MAANUM (87')
B. MEAD (34') (38') (81') ⚽	
A. RUSSO (66') ⚽	

After breaking their first record at Old Trafford, the lionesses headed to Brighton to face Norway. With five different goal scorers and a hat-rick from Beth Mead they beat their own record, which was set against Scotland in 2017, after beating them 6-0.

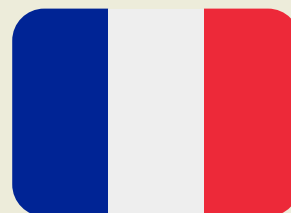
Sarina Weigman is the first coach to win the Euros with two different nations. In 2017 she won it with the Netherlands and in September 2021 became the England manager, taking over from Phil Neville. In 2022 she led the lionesses to victory.



The lionesses are the first England side to win the Euros. The men's team lost to Italy at last year's Euro's final and have never gone all the way. This is was the first third time the women reached the finals and the first time they won.



There are a ton of records that were broken by players and the club and these are just a few. England's Lionesses we're not the only players to break records.



Grace Geyoro broke the record of having the most goals by a single player in the first half. Grace Geyoro scored a hat-trick against Italy to help France to get a 5-1 victory, all before the half time whistle.



Alex Popp, broke the record of having the most consecutive goals scored by any player Even though it was her first time playing in the Euros. Her goals against Denmark, Spain, Finland, Austria and France. Alex Popp surpassed German Heidi Mohr's record of scoring in four consecutive games. Popp's record however was in a single tournament, while Mohr's was across three from 1989 to 1993.

After the Euros the Lionesses sent out this letter to who was going to be the next Prime Minister at the time.

In response to the letter, a spokeswoman for Ms Truss said the candidate is "committed to investigating what prevents schools from delivering the recommended minimum of two hours PE per week".

The Spokeswoman also mentioned that : "As part of her forthcoming spending review, her government would have the opportunity to look at how best to deliver for girls in schools across the UK."

Mr Sunak said he would "love to see" all schools providing two hours of PE and would launch a review of women's football immediately if he became Prime Minister.

"Rishi has been inspired by England's performance at the Euros and wants to use their inspirational success to get more women and girls into the game," his statement said.

With all of this, it is important that in the Women's World Cup next year all football fans continue to support women's football as it can clearly make a big difference.





Next year from the 20th of July to the 20th of August the Women's World Cup will be held in Australia (the home of my favourite footballer Sam Kerr) and New Zealand.



↑
Sam Kerr

The US are the currently the country with the most title wins. They have won the World Cup 4 times, Germany has won it 2 times, Norway and Japan have won it once.



If there is one thing that can be learnt from the women's Euro's is the effect of having a large fan base can have on a player's morale and the positive impact that women's football has on young girls.

These are just a few of records broken in the tournament. The link below provides the other records broken, as its almost safe to say there was a record broken every match and so the list could go on and on.

<https://news.sky.com/story/euro-2022-all-the-records-set-at-this-years-womens-tournament-12663393>



TOTALLY TECH WITH FINN GERAGHTY

Twitter: The Elon Experience

Did you know that Elon Musk has bought Twitter? I would hope so. Otherwise, I'd like to know how big the rock you're living under is.

So if you've somehow made it this far without getting the memo, here's the brief:

In January, Elon Musk (founder of Tesla, SpaceX and cofounder of PayPal) became social media company Twitter's largest shareholder, with a 9.1% share in the company. He was then offered a place on Twitter's board of directors, which he accepted, before offering a complete buyout for \$44 Billion.

Although Twitter's board of directors almost unanimously agreed to the deal, Elon tried to back out of the deal for a while, before being threatened with legal action, therefore fully purchasing the company on the 27th of October.

But why is this significant? Twitter is not only an unbelievably large platform, but it has a massive amount of political influence. Whilst I aim to not be political in my articles, Musk's personal views are hugely important in this story. Twitter is one of, if not the most influential political platform in the world. It's where announcements are made, articles are shared, and rumours spread. Twitter is so important for these sorts of things that, as a result of the ability to be a verified Twitter account (meaning that a blue tick is shown next to the account's name to show its legitimacy) being an \$8/month subscription, instead of being manually reviewed and verified, that *Eli Lilly*, a major insulin seller, suffered around \$15 billion in damages to their stock value after an impersonator, paying for a verified checkmark on their fake *Eli Lilly* account tweeted that "We are pleased to announce that insulin is now free." This shows just how much influence Twitter has over the world, and any potential bias Musk could enforce on Twitter could be very dangerous for the world. Elon has said that he is politically neutral, whilst in the very same tweet endorsing the American Republican party, he has banned Twitter users who have criticised him, and so on. Elon's vision for a "virtual town square, where anything legal goes" is promising, but with a mix of mass employee resignations and firings, increased reports of racism, and fleeing advertisers, even Trump refused to re-join the platform.

Chromebooks for Gaming?

It should be common knowledge at this point that Chromebooks (Google's line of laptops, which are manufactured by third parties), despite what Google would have you believe, aren't great for anything other than small kids who need something cheap to do basic school work.

This is why it deeply worries me that Google is advertising its new Chromebooks as a cheap (but good) option for gaming.

So is Google totally in the wrong here? Well, to be fair, Google is only saying its new laptops are for cloud gaming services like Xbox Cloud Streaming and GeForce Now (which require fast internet connections to play games via the cloud, like a Netflix for games).

The issue here is ignorant parents. The people who will buy these laptops are, in the most part, parents of 8-year-olds who have a gaming laptop on their Christmas list. Parents who don't know what "cloud streaming" is, and thus buy the laptops anyway.

So please, unless you have ridiculously fast broadband and only play games very casually, don't buy these.

Killer Cables

On the 12th of October, Nvidia launched the GeForce RTX 4090 and 4080 graphics cards (GPUs), only for them to be marked up on eBay the moment later.

However, some people have had some rather large problems. The first one being the card literally melting. Some people have found that the power cables going to the new GPUs are getting very hot and melting. This seems to only affect the cable (assuming the fire is contained before it can damage the card), thus the name, 'cablegate'. The issue initially appeared to be fixable by not bending the cable while installing it, and having it come out of the card straight (usually via a right angled adapter, so that the cable comes straight down), instead of bending it.

This has been investigated, and has since been revealed that this was down to user error. However, it should be noted that Nvidia is still mostly to blame, as not pushing the cable in all the way (the cause of the issue) has been made very easy to do, and any steps (such as warnings in the instruction manual) to prevent them have not been taken. One interesting conclusion to come to is that these failures may help to boost sales of AMD's upcoming RX7900XTX graphics card, drawing customers to a potentially safer product. As Linus Tech Tips put it on YouTube, "I never thought that your GPU not being a fire hazard would be a selling point, but here we are."

The Vote of a Teenager

Since the 19th century, the gap of those who could vote widened, from male landowners to what seemed like all who could capably vote within the UK. That was, until women stepped in. The Suffragists campaigned for the vote of women and, due to their counterparts the Suffragettes, achieved their goal. This was due to women's contribution in manufacturing and filling in men's jobs during World War One.

Later in 1928, women were given equal rights to men. Also at around the same time, in the interwar period, the concept of a teenager- a distinct class from a child and an adult- began to emerge.

That was the final time the gap was widened. By now only those under the age of 18 couldn't vote, and that were merely seen as children, no different if seven or seventeen. But since the dawn of the concept of a teenager, perhaps the gap should be widened again, bringing in both short-term and long-term benefits. Overall, the equality of the situation must be improved, and here's why.

The teenager seemed something to good to be true for the group themselves. They were treated more as what they actually were, rather than as a larger child which was the same as one of a much younger age.

However, the law even today has not shared this view. Teenagers beneath the age of 18 have no voting rights in the United Kingdom. I and many others believe is wrong. Teenagers are fully capable of voting and do, in fact, have a fully functioning brain. They are capable of choosing things like GCSEs and IB subjects - both choices that matter towards their future- so why restrict them something arguably as important as such.





INFORMATION ABOUT CLIMBING

HOW TO START

start easy. If at Kendal climbing wall, start at the bouldering, the chamber or in the main room but is harder. If you are scared of heights, fall off the wall to know what happens if you fall (nothing happens you will just hang there).


BOULDERING

To start with go with an easy colour. There are different colours for the different paths. So start with the easy and then move to the hard of the first colour. Then do the same for the next colour and so on.






ROPE CLIMBING



There are a few ways to rope climb. You can be the belayer or be the climber. To belay you need to hold the rope and so move (they will tell you) to tighten the rope and bring them down. For climbing you can put a caribena on or just climb up. If you don't have anyone to belay, then there are auto belays in some places, but you need to trust it to feel confident. For example, jumping off it will be hard to fall on purpose but if you do then it helps.

HOW TO STAY SAFE

There are many ways to stay safe but here are a few. Check on each other, the harness and the belay to just be safe. You need to warm up, start easy then get more difficult. If it is harder it makes it more difficult so there are more dangers. Use chalk to grip so there is less to fall down and hurt yourself. Wear the proper equipment.





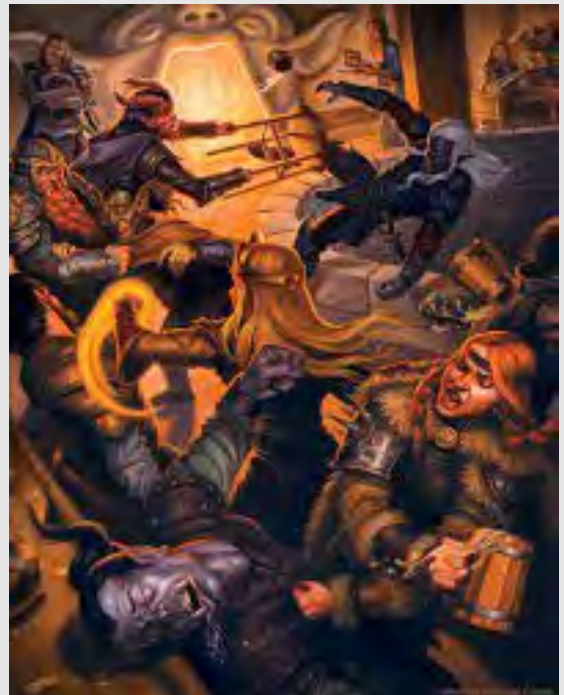
Bar Fight in Caer-Konig!

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In the last session of last half-term, the party arrived in Caer-Konig, a small town on the bank of Lac Dinneshere. This was where they first met, of course, and they eventually congregated on a single table as they greeted each other. Ignis (Finn) was challenged to a drinking competition by one of the patrons, which he accepted. Competitions of this nature are commonplace at the tavern they stayed at, to such an extent that it has essentially become a feature. This went south very quickly however, as Ignis soon was out of his depth (and level of alcohol tolerance). He collapsed, and his challenger subtly swiped his coin pouch and began to stumble off. Sprinkling Tarn (David) caught sight of this however, and questioned the patron's intentions in doing so. Of course, Tarn's question struck a nerve with him, and a brawl quickly broke out.

Two others in the tavern stood up, both carrying bats, and they leapt into the fight. Picture a scene somewhat like this:



"...and THAT is why Faerun is actually flat!"

- *An example of how to start a bar brawl.*



The three capable of fighting made short work of the patrons, and they fled without a moment's notice. The barkeep was well pleased having dealt with them, since there had been a problem for a few weeks, and they were given free rooms for the night.

The narrative rather goes against this issue's theme of bad luck, but I suppose everything needs balance. Going forward, the article will have a notable event from previous sessions accompanied by a timeline of events from start to finish.

I would also like to say that I'm after another Dungeon Master to run the club on another day so that more people in the school can enjoy the game! If you have experience that is preferable, but if you are interested regardless I would look up a few videos online to get an idea of what the role is about.

Until the next issue, Merry Christmas, and/or Happy Holidays!

Timeline

- Party Meets in Caer-Konig
- Ignis fails a drinking competition, initiating a bar fight
- Barkeep offers free rooms to the triumphant party for the night
- Dawn breaks, & 2 new people join the party (see next issue)
- Speaker of Caer-Konig found drunk in snow
- Party learns of robberies in the town, suspected to be the work of Dwarves living in the nearby Mine of Kelvin's Cairn

