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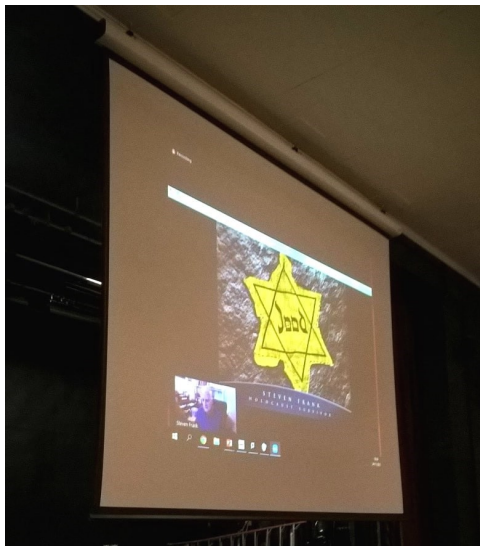
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Editorial—Mr Bent

Hope you all enjoyed your bonus Friday off, and were able to relax. The Prime Minister announced on Saturday that there are going to be tighter restrictions on face coverings, because of the Omnicron variant. At school, we would like you to wear face coverings in the corridors, and try and ensure you are testing at least twice a week. Please look after yourselves! We also welcome Lizzie Tipton from Futures to our team, check out her write-up of a visit to the Broughton Roman Villa.

In other news, I had all of Year 9 from both Wykham and Futures in the theatre on Wednesday, where we listened to an incredibly moving account from Steven Frank, a Dutch Jewish man who survived the Terezin concentration camp. The date was even more poignant as it was the 80th anniversary of camp being set up. The talk was virtual, but Steven was still engaging, and showed us things that he had kept from his horrible experiences, such as the yellow Star of David that he had to wear to signify that he was a Jew.



Steven told us about his early life, how his parents met, and what happened in the early days of Nazi occupation of the Netherlands. He also told us about knowing Anne Frank and her family, before talking to us about what happened during World War Two. He spoke of how his father had been a lawyer who had been writing letters to the Nazis on behalf of the Jews, asking for better treatment, and how one day he was arrested, interrogated and then taken to Auschwitz-Birkenau, where he was gassed to death. Meanwhile, Steven and his family were taken to a transit camp in Westerbork, before being moved on to Terezin in September 1944. He talked about the horrible conditions he endured, and the reasons why he wanted to tell us about it.

COP 26

COP 26 was a climate change conference that happened from the 31st October until the 12th November. World leaders came together in Glasgow. One of the main goals of COP 26 was to get the world to net-zero emissions by mid-century.

Holocaust survivor talk.

Students in year nine gathered in Wykham theatre with Mr. Bent. There was a talk by holocaust survivor Steven Frank.

Chloe

Banbury Festive Lights

Throughout the festive months, there is a lot going on to celebrate! From 20th November-5th January, there is a festive light display being held which I recommend going to! And on the 3rd and 4th December there will be a live reindeer show! The light switch ons are an annual tradition of Banbury and this year is no exception!

Birthday

It was one of our fellow newspaper writers' birthdays on 25th November! Happy birthday Chloe, hope you had a good day!

Black Friday

On 26th November, it was Black Friday! Black Fridays are always a good annual opportunity to get good deals. It is the Friday following Thanksgiving in the USA and marks the start of Christmas shopping, also in the USA.

Film Review

This week's film review is on the classic film Bolt the Superdog. This is a film about a dog with superpowers called Bolt, who stars in many films. However, when he gets taken away from home he has a mission; to get back and reunite with his owner. The film is a great entertainment source and I recommend watching it!

Daisy



ATL News:

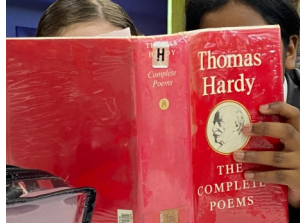
Miss Smith's Year 7 ATL group have been exploring Poetry in many forms as part of the project Love , Life and Loss.

The group has been focussing on the future skills of communication , creative and adaptive thinking as well as productivity and accountability.

Students are seen here reading books from the Library.

They are analysing , illustrating and writing their own anthology of literature.

Miss Smith



Library News:

If anybody is having a pre-Christmas clear out, the library would be really grateful for any donations of the following if they are still in good condition:

- Fiction books suitable for 11-18. Popular series or genres are - Tom Gates, Alex Rider, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Harry Potter, Skulduggery Pleasant, the Maze Runner, any horror, Manga and graphic novels.

- Non-fiction - especially sport.

Mrs Michell

Woodcraft Folk



Woodcraft Folk
Education for Social Change since 1925

Woodcraft Folk is a movement for children and young people across the UK, with similar groups in other countries. It is over 95 years old, and began in 1924-5 The groups range from Woodchips (5 and under) to DFs, 16 to 21. Woodcraft Folk teaches young people about world issues, such as the environment, world debt, global conflict and sustainable development in interesting and fun ways. However, it also provides a place for people to make new friends, learn new things, and, most importantly, have fun. There are two groups in Banbury; Elfins (5-9) and Pioneers (10-12). Unfortunately, the nearest venturer groups, for 13 to 15 year olds, are in Oxford or Coventry. Sessions involve games, craft, discussion, debate, music and drama. We do anything ranging from negotiation games to tag. Woodcraft folk also hosts many group camps, with exciting games and plenty of marshmallows around a campfire. The Banbury groups meet on a Thursday at the Quaker meeting house (7 until 8:30 for Pioneers). As a Banbury Pioneer, I would definitely recommend it and would love it if more people came.

Woodcraft Website—<https://woodcraft.org.uk/>

Eleanor

Tour of The Broughton

Roman Villa



The Broughton Villa was discovered by Keith Westcott, a Banbury historian and detectorist, he previously discovered the Broughton Hoard is a collection of silver European coins that were hidden at Broughton in the early years of the English Civil War and to prevent them from being looted, after he had discovered a high-status Roman residence lay close to a sarcophagus burial. It stands around 85m x 85m. It is the second largest Roman Villa in the country and is only slightly smaller than Buckingham Palace.

A man called Martin Fiennes was also with Keith Westcott helping him excavate this site near the fulling mill, when Mr Westcott was metal detecting. The Villa is close to the Roman Road which is close to the site of the villa as you look down towards the site of the villa and the sarcophagus burial. The Time Team was also there excavating what was underneath the surface, back in september. They were using state of the art equipment to help them with locating areas of the Villa. One of the other Time Team members said naturally sloping features of the site determined the terraced nature of the courtyard villa. "It would have been a staggering building incorporating that slope and with the architecture of the building it would have had a huge impact,". "It's so intimidating and such a visual presence but also it highlights the terracing and the construction that would have gone in to creating a villa in that location." All of the excavating that had happened, the Broughton Villa and the estate is going to be Time Team's legacy project. They will keep returning not only to look at the Villa but the wider landscape to include Swalcliffe and to trace the history from neolithic times to the bronze age and iron age through to the Romans and Anglo Saxons. Martin Fiennes of Broughton Castle will be among those on site, watching one of his estate fields reveal some of its 2,000 year old secrets. Having a tour of that Villa felt like I was going back in time, as there is so much history beneath our feet that we will never know about. It's a good feeling to think there is a Roman Villa near my village and I've visited it. It was very interesting. **Lizzie**