



WYKHAM WEEKLY—ISSUE 10:

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Editorial—Mr Bent

Happy New Year to all of you reading. I hope you had a happy and safe break, and are back at school raring to go. I spent the two weeks break watching TV and playing video games—I completed Spiderman Miles Morales on the PS5, which was a lot of fun!

Glad to see that the majority of you are staying healthy—don't forget to test at least twice a week, wash your hands and wear a mask where you can—just make sure you aren't holding any secret parties in your back garden!

Mr Bent

Library News:

The library was lucky enough to win a £300 book raffle prize from Renaissance Learning and Laburnum House Education before Christmas. Our prize has arrived and we have stacks of new books in the library for you to enjoy including the Times Children's Book of the Year - When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle. Mrs Michell read this fabulous book over Christmas. Set during the Second World War, it is a both heartwarming and heartbreaking tale of a troubled boy who goes against the tide of war evacuees and comes to the city and helps out at a zoo. We also have several books from the Carnegie Medal 2021 Shortlist and a set of Ultimate Football Heroes - come and check out whether your favourite player is amongst the titles!



New Year!

Happy New Year! It's now the year of 2022, however I can assure you I have still been writing 2021 whenever I am required to write the date. Fun fact! It's the Chinese new year of the tiger this year!



A beautiful picture of the gorgeous sunrise this morning (Wednesday 12th January 2022) taken by the wonderful and professional Mrs White.

2022 Traditions:

In some other countries, there are a range of different traditions for New Years Eve. So here are some ways that other countries celebrate new years.

- In Greece, some people hang and smash pomegranates
- In Scotland, it is said that the first person to your new years eve party must bring a gift for good luck. This is part of their tradition called Hogmanay, a party from December 30th-January 1st
- As part of Hogmanay in Scotland, 8000 revelers hold torches to create a river of fire. They also have a Ceilidh, a Scottish gathering with music and Scottish traditional music
- In Switzerland, some people drop cream on the floor, as it is believed to bring peace, wealth and luck
- In Denmark, they jump off a chair for good luck

Daisy

VIDEO GAMES CORNER:

Just Dance 2022

Recently, as per tradition, the Just Dance 2022 has been released! This is a popular game in which a person copies the dancer on screens moves to a song to receive stars and points based on how well they do the move. This year's Just dance has songs such as Last Friday Night, Chacarron, Sua Cara, China, Think About Things and more!



Games Ahead for 2022:

Here is a list of games set to come up for 2022

- Pokemon Legends: Arceus
- Kirby and the forgotten land
- Sifu

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Cayden Reviews—Fortnite

This edition's game is Fortnite. This game is a shooter rated for 12 and up. To win you need to collect weapons, build and kill others to win. You can also play with friends in duos, trios or squads. For a little bit more difficulty try playing arena where you can play with people in your skill level. You can also get creative in, well, creative. Also battle labs where you can play on the island. In creative you can build ANYTHING you want. And you can also play community-created things like death runs or pvp maps or adventure maps either way you can find something fun to do.

Anyways I hope you enjoyed reading this edition of Wykham Weekly.

Oh, and i also rate this game an 8/10. Have a nice day ;)

Cayden

Charity Fundraiser Fun Run

On the last day of term 2, the whole campus did a charity run for Katherine House Hospice. Most people wore Christmas jumpers and Santa hats. Most pupils (and teachers) enjoyed the event.

Australian Open Tennis

This tennis event started on the 9th of January and will finish on the 30th. The best tennis players from around the world are competing in Australia. There have been over 25 games played in each of the men's and women's competitions. I am sure this is a very exciting competition for people who enjoy tennis.



Random Fact!

The United Nations has declared 2022 the year of Artisanal fisheries and aquaculture.

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Garden Birdwatch

The RSPB Garden Birdwatch will take place this year between 28-30 January. It is a challenge to spot as many birds in your garden or local park in an hour and identify the species. However, make sure to only count the bird once (for example, if you see nine sparrows at one time, this would be recorded as nine, but if the next time you saw eight it would not count as they are probably the same birds. If there are nine and then twelve, the amount would be upgraded to twelve because there are more birds than you have already seen. Attempt to group the birds by species, for example in this table:

Sparrow - 12

Robin - 2

Starling - 6

Bluetit - 1

Instead of all together, like this table:

Birds= 21

Also, the bird must land in the area, it cannot be counted flying.

Remember to report your results to the RSPB, as this will help crucial conservation across the UK (the link for the RSPB website is below)

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

One more thing; have fun!

Eleanor