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Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is a day of mourning to honour those who lost their lives in war. It takes place on the anniversary of the end of the First World War and is celebrated in multiple countries including our own. It is celebrated each year on Armistice Day, which is 11th November and is followed by services across the country on the nearest Sunday.

The first Remembrance Day was in 1919 a year after the war ended and it has since turned into an annual tradition that pays tribute to those who passed. This year marks 104 years since the war ended. During the four year war, 8.5 million troops are

estimated to have been killed. The First World War affected many people and is one of the biggest wars in history.

This year the Prince of Wales, King Charles III, laid a wreath for Remembrance Sunday, with Prince Edward, the Earl of Wessex, taking salute at the Remembrance Sunday March past, which was made up of 10,000 veterans.

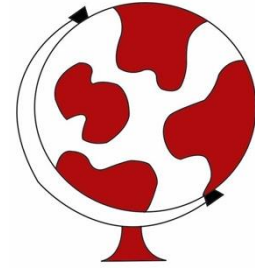
In school, we held a two-minute silence at 11 o'clock on Friday 11th. During this, our uniformed students gathered to pay their respects to those who lost their lives defending our country.

Ella (11TWI)



Venice trip

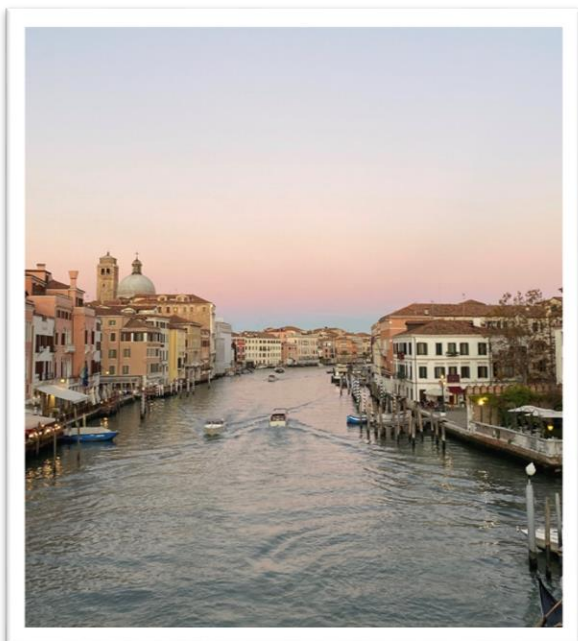
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During October half term, Year 11 GCSE art students were lucky enough to visit Venice in Italy.

On the 3rd of November we left school at 00:15am to embark on our arty adventure; six hours later we arrived at Heathrow. There were some very nervous people among us, as some students had never flown before or been out of the country!

Check in and security was hectic, but we all managed to get through and excitedly board the plane. Turbulence after taking off shook us all up a little, but once we had reached 37,000 feet, the flight settled and the view from



the windows was nothing less than ethereal.

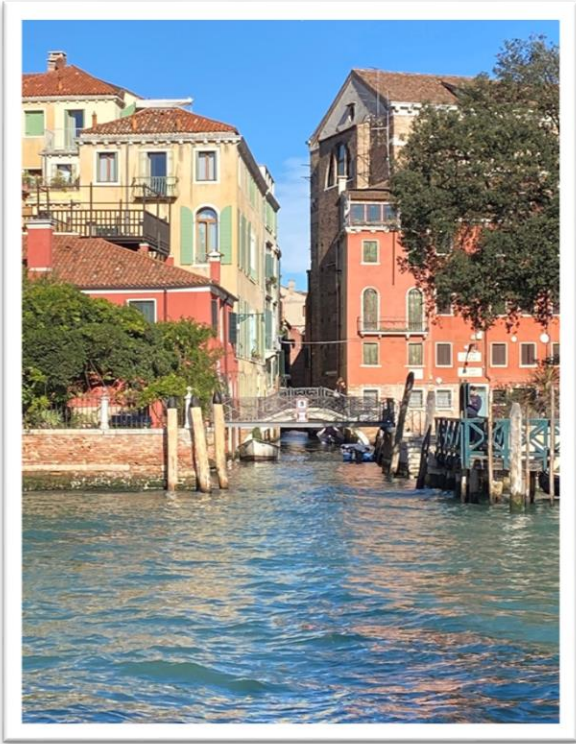
We touched down in Marco Polo airport at 1:35 pm, where a welcome blast of warm air and the last bit of summer hit us as we exited the plane and boarded the bus into Venice.

After checking into the Hotel Agli Artisti, we headed out to investigate the local area where we did some drawings and grabbed a bite to eat.

We were all more than happy to relax and enjoy our meal at our restaurant that night before heading out to check out the high street and shops, which were full of traditional Murano delicacies, such as pistachio cannoli, before heading back to the hotel to gather our thoughts and get some sleep.

On Friday we headed out on the waterbus to the Peggy Guggenheim Museum. Guggenheim collected copious amounts of modern art and her personal collection, displayed in what was her home, is unrivalled in its wealth of diversity. A personal favourite of mine was a Rene Magritte painting 'The Empire of Light'. This painting was astounding to see in real life!

We spent the afternoon walking around the local area and visited the famous Rialto bridge and Rialto market.



We were even lucky enough to see some police boats in action. We also saw the famous gondolas and gondoliers. I decided right there and then that this was a future ambition - until we found out that it costs 400,000 euros to train, complete the exams and get a license! That's a lot of punting up and down the Grand Canal before you make any profit, so I quickly moved away from that idea!

On Saturday we took the waterbus to Rialto and headed on foot to the Gallerie Academia. Though the gallery looked quite small from the outside, we soon discovered that it had seemingly endless rooms full of the most fantastic renaissance artworks. We spent two hours wandering the rooms, drawing from the artwork and peacefully pondering the talent and expertise that it takes to create that standard of artistry. I was able to see work by one of my all-time favourite artists, Hieronymous Bosch. It was a very emotional moment when I realised that I was able to see his work in person and not just in a book. Some people thought this was quite funny but clearly didn't grasp the intensity of the moment and thank goodness I had a tissue handy so that I didn't ruin my eyeliner.

After the peacefulness of the Gallerie Academia we walked to St Marks Square, where the hustle and bustle of tourists, Italian families and a vast amount of Instagram influencers, created a very different atmosphere. We met with Ema, our tour guide who, had a long stick with ribbons on the end that she waved around so we didn't lose her in the crowd. I thought this was a great idea and might steal it for when I am on breaktime duties!

We had a guided tour, starting at the Bridge of Sighs, which is the only covered bridge in Venice, originally covered so that the prisoners transported on it couldn't escape.

Ema then led us around the Basilica, which although it was built in the 11th century, is still a work in progress. We were all wowed by the architecture and the vast amount of gold that had been used to decorate the inside of it.

We spent our last evening eating a lovely, traditional Italian pasta meal in our restaurant and then headed out to do some last-minute gift buying, while soaking in the Saturday night atmosphere and taking in the beauty of Venice all lit up after dark.

On Sunday we bid a sad arrivederci to Venice, made it



back over the Calatrava bridge, and enjoyed an amazing view as we flew over the Alps while leaving Italy, before landing back under the grey blustery skies at Heathrow, all very tired but feeling inspired...

We are already looking forward to our next European adventure!

Miss McMinn

Valiant Victorians

After the glorious Georgian era of music came the Victorians. They had many different categories and sub-genres of music and they were all as exciting as the next. The three main genres of music were: music hall, steam punk and parlour music.

Music hall

Also known as an arena theatre or an odeum, this music usually consisted of theatrical

entertainment and intermission music at a Victorian music hall.

It was listened to by all ages and most backgrounds. Some of the artists of this music were, Marie Lloyd, Florrie Forde and Gus Ellen. The lyrics of these songs often had no allegory (the use of imagery), therefore, they were very literal and said exactly what they meant.

Steam punk

Now, the Victorian era is often associated with posh people in ruffles and frills, or poor people with nothing. However, in 1837, steampunk was invented. This

was a complete juxtaposition of the posh ruffles.

Their music highly reflected all the wacky, the wonderful and the outright weird elements of this life choice.

Two modern steam punk bands are Unextraordinary Gentlemen and Vernian Process. Both of which are from 2000-2005 and from California. However, they show a very clear and rather accurate representations of what steam punk music could have sounded like.



The spotted hyena is a highly intelligent mammal, being the most common large carnivore in Africa. They often travel in large groups and are known for their addictive stripes which can be used to mesmerize other prey.

Habitat

Spotted hyenas live in habitats such as semi-deserts, savannahs, open woodland and dense dry woodlands. Their homes can be called 'latrines'

Parlour music

Now this is what you would call stereotypical Victorian music.

Hopeless romantics, falling in love and patriarchy. The songs are very sentimental and often very soppy love songs. They were all very clearly representative of what was in and cool at the time.

Holly (10SWA)

Spotted hyenas

Catching prey

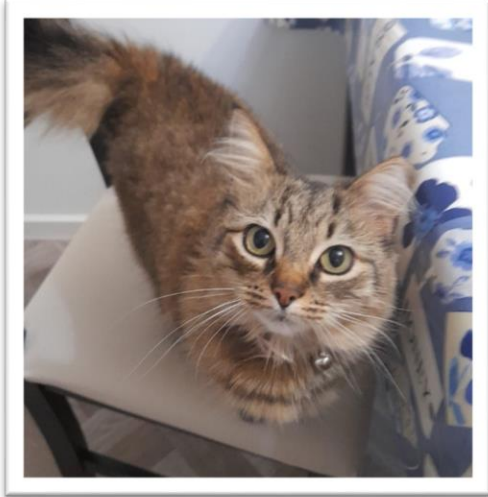
These vicious characters have surprisingly great techniques when hunting food. These include hypnotizing, chasing prey over long distances and hunting in packs. Hypnotizing is a key aspect when hunting big animals, like rhinos, because while they briskly walk around in circles, they ever so slightly close in and attack!

Macy (7GOE)

Our Pets –

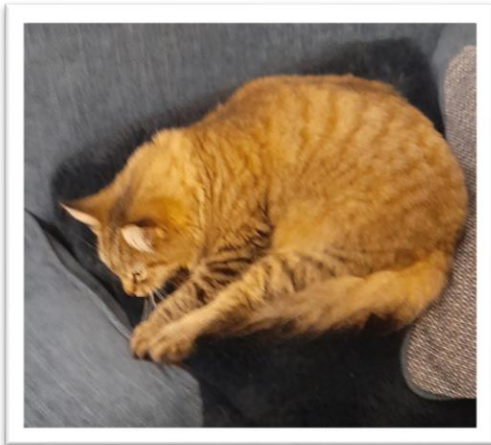
Sandy the cat

This is my cat, Sandy.



Sandy is a cat that my mom and I rescued off the streets. She is three years old, and she has found her forever home with us. She loves sleeping with us in bed and is always cute and fluffy. She has an odd obsession with turkey, but is not particularly fussed with chicken, and is definitely not one of those cats who are obsessed with cheese.

She often does funny things, like running around the bedroom when it's time to go downstairs or sprinting up the stairs at any time of the day.



There are a great many things that confuse her, one being the fact that I am suddenly taking so many pictures of her.

Fay (7GOE)

Her favourite pastimes are eating, sleeping, chasing red dots and being absolutely adorable!

Manchester United

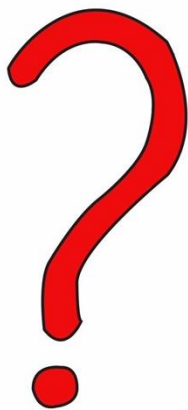
Manchester United are an English football club in the Premier League.

They were Founded in 1878.
However, in 1880 a rivalry formed with Manchester City!

So now 2 stadiums have been built in the English city of Manchester, Old Trafford and Etihad Stadium.



Isaac (8OPY)



The Riddle Master Challenge

As a tutor group, see if you can solve this riddle. When you do, email us the answer!
The first tutor group in each year to send us the answer will be added to our tally.
Whichever tutor group in each year has guessed the most first by the end of the year wins.

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They come out at night without being called and are lost in the day without being stolen. What are they?

A Message from the School



I hope that you all managed to have a good break, despite the weather.

This is the longest term that we all face and one of the real benefits of a two week half term is the real break that you managed to get, the downside is that by the time we return to school, the clocks have changed, and we are really into the challenge of winter. It's time like this when the weather is hard, the days are short and illnesses are passed around, that it becomes all too easy to give in and your attendance suffers.

If your attendance falls to 95%, then the impact over your five years in school, is that you have missed a quarter of a year's learning, if it then drops to 90%, you have missed half a year's learning. All this time that you miss, means it becomes harder for you to learn, harder for you to achieve, and most importantly harder for your next steps in life. We want the best for you, and the staff will work extremely hard to help you achieve the best that you can, however, the more time you miss from school the harder you make it for yourself.

So, when it is dark, and you don't feel that great, just remember being in school every day is the one simple thing that you can do to make sure that you are successful in school and in life.

- Mr M Everett
Headteacher

Have any Questions, or want something put in the paper, Email us!

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