

The Maiden Erlegh Marvel



The Big Decision-The EU Referendum



By Amishi Gupta 7R2

A referendum - a vote in which everyone (or nearly everyone) of voting age can take part - was held on **Thursday 23 June**, to decide whether the UK should leave or remain in the European Union.

British, Irish and Commonwealth citizens aged 18 or over who live in the UK or Gibraltar were eligible to vote. Around the UK, there were polling stations (places people could vote) which were open from 7am – 10pm.

There were two different campaigns: 'Leave' led by Boris Johnson and 'Remain' led by David Cameron. The Leave Campaign had beliefs such as we will be stronger out of the EU as we will be able to control our own country, whereas the Remain Campaign thought that the UK would be stronger in the EU as we would have their support and help, although there were many other reasons the campaigns put forward.

The Results

The results were very surprising as on the **23rd** by 11pm people were predicting that Remain would receive more votes and the percentage would be 52% Remain and 48% Leave. However on **24th**, the results had swapped over, with 51.9% Leave and 48.1% Remain. England voted strongly for Brexit as did Wales whereas Scotland and Northern Ireland both backed staying in the EU. The turnout was 71.8%. The

different voter ages had differing views; older people voted for Leave more and younger people voted Remain more.

Latest News!

- David Cameron resigned on the 24th!
- Boris Johnson backed away from being PM when he had the opportunity!
- Nigel Farage from UKIP also resigned!
- Theresa May will be PM by the time you read this.
- There is now an instability in the political system and in the financial market –as some predicted!

Ramadan

By Anesa Alam 7R1

Ramadan is the month when Muslims all around the world don't eat or drink from dawn until the sun sets. It is the 9th month of the Islamic Calendar, which is based on the phases of the moon. It is the best month of the Lunar Calendar and is a very special time to all Muslims. This is because it was the month in which Allah revealed the Quran to the last Prophet Muhammed. The Quran is the holy book for Muslims, which guides them.

Before dawn at around 3 o'clock Muslims wake up to eat a blessed meal called Sehri (pronounced Sa-hoor). Throughout the day they try to be very good and worship Allah. Then at around 9 o'clock they eat a big feast to end their fast called Iftaar. Usually, the first thing they have is a glass of water and a date or piece of fruit. And after this Muslims hold a celebration called Eid.



Shine – Book Review

By Emma Graugnard 7G1

In book club, we read *Shine*, by Candy Gourlay. It has been described as 'a precious and important novel'. The book is about a thirteen year old girl, Rose, who suffers from a rare condition that renders her mute. She lives on the strange island of Mirasol, where the rain never seems to stop. She is forced to hide herself away from the superstitious community, so she seeks solace online. There she meets Ansel95. She discovers that she isn't the only one with something to hide.

As a whole, the MESiR Book Club agreed that *Shine* is a ghostly, scary, mysterious and horror story. There are many twists and turns throughout, and I am sure that many of you would love to read it. Once you have started, you won't want to stop.

The front of the book says:

This is not a ghost story, even though there are plenty of ghosts in it.

And it's not a horror story, though some people might be horrified.

It's not a monster story either, though there is a monster in it and that monster happens to be me.

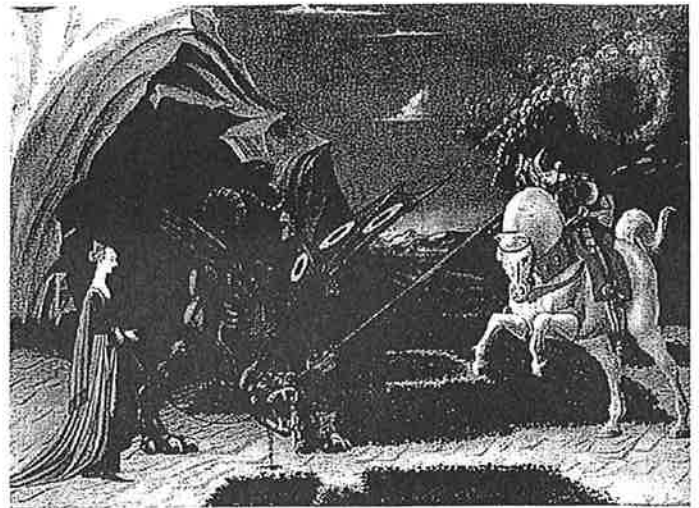
Read the book and find out more!



Not My Best Side

- the horse's point of view

By Narjis Ghyas



Too much heavy weight isn't good for a horse,

I mean, how much does this boy weigh?

With all his armour to protect himself,

Don't I need protection for myself as well?

Besides, a bad back isn't good for

A deformed neck horse,

With squared hoofs.

Especially when people think

Dragons are stronger than horses;

WELL NOT ALWAYS!

Well, here we are rushing

To the damsel in distress,

But to me it looks like

She wants to stay with the dragon;

Putting faces on whenever we are getting closer

To rescuing her.

It's not like I want to be here!

It's never really my decision,

I'm just kind of always forced to go, wherever my rider wants me to take him.

The Seven Stages of Woman

By Trishna Hadap

Firstly, the beautiful baby, the one to be adored,
It's the age that leaves the elder one jealous and
more.

And when this flower blossoms, joy is the scent
of her,

And her love in this family shall always be
conserved.

Then the cherished childhood,
Where innocence and curiosity stays,
And where this girl, young and bright,
Plays with dolls for days and days.

But then, the innocence leaves,
And love and gossip plays on screen,
And the will to have a beloved
One seems to steal her childishness.

Convinced by her parents,
For days and nights,
Her eyes see lectures and text in sight,
And in her path has desired success,
When it will happen is for you to guess...

And, oh, the stage of motherhood,
And how she yearns to be young,
And now that her hair is a bird's nest,
Nothing, oh, nothing seems to be fun.

Lonely she is in her life,
Washing dishes can't even get rid of the strife,
When once noise battered her brain,
The silence too brings on strain.

And now she lives with shelves full of antiques,
She sits on her chair,

Strokes her grandchildren's hair,

Telling tales and morals of life,

Knowing that her children shall go through,

The ages to live,

They'll go through the same phases that life has
to give.



Riddles

By Amishi Gupta

- 1) What has to be broken before you can use it?
- 2) What belongs to you but is used more by others?
- 3) I'm full of keys but I can't open any door. What am I?
- 4) Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday?
- 5) What has a thumb and four fingers but is not alive?
- 6) What goes up and never comes down?
- 7) Timmy's mother had three children. The first was named April, the next was named May. What was the name of the third child?
- 8) What kind of coat can only be put on when wet?

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| Answers | 1) An egg |
| | 2) Your name |
| | 3) A piano |
| | 4) Yesterday, paint |
| | 5) A glove |
| | 6) Your age |
| | 7) Timmy |
| | 8) A coat of |
| | Today and |
| | Tomorrow |



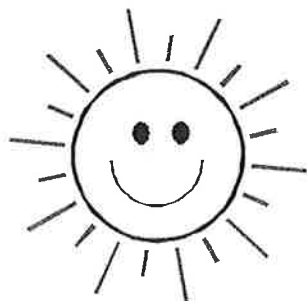
This month's editor –Anesa Alam

Anesa Alam is a twelve year old student in 7R1 who loves to get creative whilst having a fun time with her friends and working hard at school. She likes to debate, go swimming and write imaginative stories. Anesa's favourite subjects are English, Art and Textiles.

Something for SUMMER!

Anesa Alam recommends you have fun this Summer!

- ❖ Go on holiday
The top three recommended luxurious summer beach destinations: Lanzarote, Tenerife and The Blue Lagoon!
- ❖ Visit a resort park
Some of the most thrilling rides are found at: Thorpe Park, Chessington, LegoLand and Alton Towers.
- ❖ See your family
Pay your relatives a friendly visit; your Nan might be a little old but you will make her day when you visit!
- ❖ Watch a play or movie
There are many places you can go to such as the Hexagon or Showcase but you will always get popcorn! And watch something good!
- ❖ Bake a sweet treat
Perhaps bake a cheesecake or a tray of fudge.
- ❖ Read a book or go to a library
It may not be school but you can learn a lot of vocabulary and enjoy an exciting plot in a book.
- ❖ Take a dip in a pool
To cool off and have a splash you can go to a local pool or the sea; or be adventurous and visit a waterpark!
- ❖ Relax at the beach
You can sunbathe, make a sandcastle, collect shells or take a peaceful nap in Britain or abroad. Why not splash in foreign waves?



Update on the new Building

By Emma Graugnard 7G1

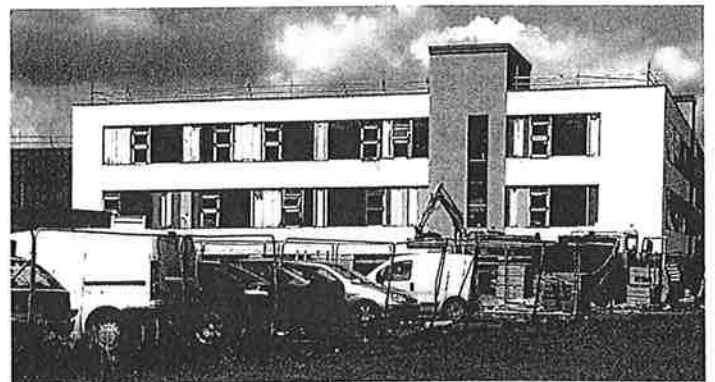
Well, we're almost there! The building is nearly finished, but due to bad weather, we will be moving in 6 weeks after the start of the school year in September. The builders have done a great job, and compared to the start of the year, it is now looking like a real school. The outside is virtually finished, as well as the inside. You may wonder where and how both year groups will have lessons for the short period of time while we wait for the new buildings. In fact, Alfred Sutton School has kindly said that we can use their temporary buildings until the work is finished. So Year 7 will be where we are now, and Year 8 will be in the temporary buildings offered by Alfred Sutton. This will only be for 6 weeks, just while we wait for the finishing touches to our very own, brand new school.

It has been great to see the building take shape, and we will be moving in soon!



From this... to this!

Our school building is nearly complete.



That's all folks!

The journalism team hope you have enjoyed reading our magazine and have a lovely summer not worrying about exams or grades. Just enjoy the sun; but then again, who trusts the British weather? We are all looking forward to being in our shiny new building with new pupils looking up to us as the oldest. Have fun with no school rules - for a while - and remember to do something about that annoying hole on your elbow in your jumper that you've had since February!