



The APS Chronicle

A dedicated team of APS students bringing you the latest news

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Introduction

Welcome to the Summer edition of the APS Chronicle. It has been a challenging year for us all, but we are so glad that we have been able to use Google Classroom to continue bringing you the news from around the world. These articles have been researched and written by Year 5 and 6 students about the news and events we think will be important and interesting to you. To entertain you during the holidays, we have included some fun summery activities too. Our hard-working newspaper team hope that you enjoy reading the newspaper. We wish you a restful and fun Summer break.

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Conflict in Palestine and Israel

This article will make you aware of the immensely serious conflict that has been going on between Palestine and Israel.

The two Middle Eastern countries have disagreed for many years. It all started a couple of years after the Second World War, in 1947 when the Palestine partition plan was voted for by the United Nations. This split Palestine into separate Jewish and Arabic states, which neither side were completely happy with. This resulted in a violent war taking place between 1947 – 1949, which led to the establishment of Israel. Since then there has been constant tension between the two countries, most of which is over an area of land called the Gaza Strip.



In May this year, the area saw 11 days of terrible violence. Israel carried out dozens of air strikes on the Gaza Strip and Palestinian militants fired rockets at southern Israeli cities. Buildings were destroyed, thousands were injured and around 197 civilians died, including many innocent children. Fortunately, the countries decided on a ceasefire, which means for now everyone is safe and there have been a stop in bombs and attacks.

After learning about this conflict in school, we were so sad to hear about what has been going on. We learnt about the difficult lives of Palestinian and Israeli children and wanted to help in some way. So, the school organised a charity day to raise money for the Children of Peace charity. Their mission is to teach children in the Middle East to work together peacefully.

We all dressed up in both black and white to show that opposing sides can still get along and form friendships, much like Palestine and Israel should.



Written by Aleeza 6NC

The Death of Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh

The APS Chronicle is sad to report that the Queen's loyal husband, Prince Philip died on the 9th April 2021. Born in 1921, the Duke died just a few months before his 100th birthday. We would like to thank Prince Philip for many things he did in his life including supporting the Royal Agricultural Society and the P.E Association. He also started the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, which motivated and encouraged young people to be interested in sports, charity and problem solving. Prince Philip was an important part of the Royal Family and was always there for the Queen.

His funeral was a solemn day, his coffin was taken to St George's Chapel, Windsor on a Land Rover (his favourite car). It was followed by close family members including two of his grandchildren, Prince William and Harry. In addition to this, people around the world showed their respect with a minute's silence.

Written by Shankar 5B, Sahasra 5H and Joelin 6K



Eid 2021

Last year, Eid was very tough for all Muslims because it was the first with a strict lockdown. This year, now that people are a bit more used to social distancing rules, we enjoyed it a lot more. Even though the rainy weather made it feel fairly wet and dreary, many had a nice time celebrating with their family and friends.

On Eid, Muslims break the fasting they have been doing throughout the holy month of Ramadan. Read on to hear about how some of our journalists celebrated Eid this year.

Mumtaz recommended spicing up the celebration with some barbecue chicken and watching a new movie such as "Radhe". She also spoke of how important it is to donate money to those who need it during Eid.

Jesliza stated that even though they had to keep a distance this year, Eid was still lots of fun. She enjoyed sharing sweets and gifts and watching fireworks.

Fariha enjoyed dressing in traditional clothes and posing for photographs with her family – she thinks this is the best part! She also has shared an image of her sister's henna designs.

Sumayyah commented on how fun it was playing with her siblings and kitten, Coco, rather than spending time on screens! She was sad not to attend mosque this year, but looks forward to Eid being a bit more normal next year.



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The Super Blood Moon Eclipse

On May 26th, an astronomical spectacle could be seen in the UK – this was the Super Blood Moon. A blood moon is the name given to a full lunar eclipse, which happens when the Earth moves in between the Sun and Moon. Our planet casts a shadow on the moon, which blocks the light of the sun. You might be wondering why it is known as a blood moon? The reddish-orange colour is the result of all of the sunrises and sunsets on Earth being projected onto the moon.

Due to the cloudy weather here in the UK, it was not very visible. NASA (America's space agency) stated that some of the best locations to see the blood moon were: Hawaii and Alaska. Those who were lucky enough to see this cosmic show had to be quick, it only lasted for around 15 minutes. This rare sight is feared by some who believe that a super blood moon eclipse marks the apocalypse – end of the world! Luckily for us, this was not the case!



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Brentford's Victory!

Brentford FC, a West London football club, have been promoted to the Premier League after beating Swansea 2-0 in the Championship play-off at the iconic Wembley Stadium. Their promotion comes after nine years of defeat.

The play-off final tie was played in front of 12,000 fans on the 29th May 2021 just after COVID-19 lockdown rules were lifted.

Bees captain - Pontus Jansson – stated “I am so proud of this squad – we were in this position last year and were massively disappointed. It’s been a tough year, but we finally got here”.

After turning the tides in English football history, the Middlesex team have advanced to the Premier League, which kicks off on Saturday 14th August. They will face rivals such as Arsenal, Chelsea and Liverpool. Be sure to cheer on our local team!



Written by Yash 6K

Champions League Final – Porto Turns Royal Blue

The stands of Estadio El Drago lit up in Chelsea's home colours, as the blues took the Champions League trophy back to West London.

The 1-0 result was sealed by German Kai Havertz, (who also happens to be Chelsea's most expensive player) who was assisted by Mason Mount. At the rear end, Thiago Silva had to leave early due to injury. Also, City's Raheem Sterling had a hard time fending off a brutal English teammate Reece James.

At the ceremony, each player had a turn at lifting the prestigious trophy, as Pep Guardiola's broken-hearted men looked on.

German Manager Thomas Tuchel reached the final with Paris Saint Germain the previous year, and lost to German side Bayern Munich with the same score. This time though, he was looking to go one further, and did.



Written and illustrated by Eyad 6NC

Tokyo Olympics and Paralympic Games

The Olympic and Paralympic Games 2020 were unfortunately cancelled last Summer due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. It has been rescheduled for 23rd July – 8th August this summer and sports fans can't wait to see their countries go for gold!

Over 11,000 athletes and 200 countries are tipped to take part in the games. This year, new sports such as baseball, surfing and even skateboarding are to be included in the Olympic games. The pressure is on all competitors as they have had an extra year to practise their sport.

The motto of the games is “United in Motion”, which shows how physical activity can bring everyone together no matter what country they are from.

Anime fans will love the official mascots of the games. The bright and colourful Miraitowa and Someity have their own personalities and will be very popular with children.

Hopefully the pandemic does not cause problems with the games. All athletes and spectators will need to test regularly to ensure it is safe. Good luck to Team GB!



Written by Furqan and Aqib 6NC

A Marine Disaster

A Sri Lankan oil tanker sunk in the Indian Ocean at the start of June. The X-Press Pearl, a Singapore-registered cargo ship – was carrying a large amount of toxic chemicals on board, which have since leaked into the ocean. Experts say that this is without a doubt one of the worst marine disasters in history. Following the sinking, the Sri Lankan government banned fishing along the coastline. Sri Lanka's Minister of Fisheries, Kanchana Wijesekera, stated that being unable to fish in the sea is going to be devastating for locals who depend on this industry for their livelihoods.



The sinking is believed to have been caused by an explosion, which damaged the ship. Emergency crews valiantly battled flames for almost two weeks, risking their lives. After many unsuccessful attempts, the crew were evacuated from the craft. Rumours say that the owners of the X-Press Pearl will have to pay 17 million dollars for the clean-up process.



Written and illustrated by Noah 6NC

Terrific Teeth

Teeth help you eat food, talk, form words and help us make different facial expressions. During the lockdown, most of us were home. Which makes a big difference to our teeth. When you are at school or work you have specific times that you eat, however when you're at home you can grab a snack anytime you want. Now that snack could be healthy but most of the time it's unhealthy and your teeth slowly start to decay and you probably won't know it.

However, Mo Farah is visiting schools and teaching children how to brush their teeth. Many children have been saying their teeth have gotten yellow and some stains over lockdown.

So how can you help? Well first start off by brushing your teeth! Not only will your teeth look nice but your teeth will stay healthy! Try not to eat junk food all the time. Try something healthy! Remember to clean your tongue too!



Written by Kinjal and illustrated by Jana 6NC

Black Lives Matter Movement

You may be aware that around this time last year, George Floyd – an American man – was killed by a police officer Mr Chauvin. Many argue that Floyd did not commit the crime that he was accused of.

Since this incident, there have been many protests in America and all over the world about putting an end to racism. The Black Lives Matter movement has been significant to spreading this message to all.

We know at APS that the world should be a better and respectful place and the only way to ensure that is to treat all equally regardless of their nationality, skin colour or language.



Written by Joelin 6K and illustrated by Zahra 6NC

Final thoughts from the newspaper team

We hope that you enjoyed reading this Summer edition of the APS Chronicle. The whole team have spent a great deal of time trying to make it enjoyable for you, the readers.

If you have any ideas for the next edition, please feel free to let your teacher know. We hope you have a wonderful and relaxing summer break.

See you next year.

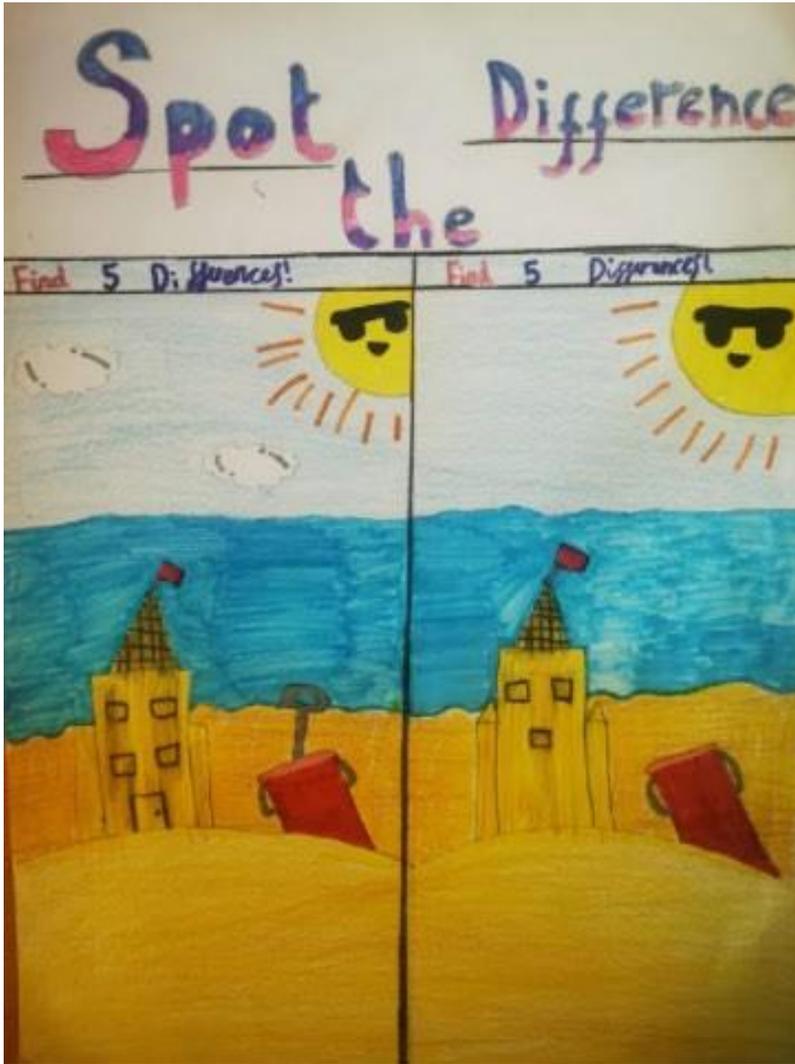
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Activity Corner



Can you spot 5 differences in this summer sketch?

