



Fyling Hall Matters

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Indonesian Culture at FHS

Between the 6th November to 11th November, some Indonesian students from Labschool school in Indonesia came to visit us on a cultural trip. They stayed for just short of a week and became part of our everyday life at school. The students stayed at host homes in Scarborough for the duration, getting a full taste of life in Yorkshire.

The Indonesian students gave a fantastic assembly all about Indonesia. Firstly there was a video that we were shown. This video covered all the key facts about Indonesia and gave us a general overview about what it is like in Indonesia. Our guests took it in turns to present to us, each talking about something different.

This followed with a fantastic martial arts display. Two of their students showed off their talent in a traditional martial arts display which had amazed us all. We watched in amazement as the two students fought; the fight only lasted a few

minutes but this gave us a valuable insight into their culture.

The students also talked about the geography of Indonesia. This was certainly a cultural experience for us as well as them. A few facts about Indonesia that we learnt were; there are around 255 million people in Indonesia and also that Indonesia covers around 735,400 mi²; and also that their currency is the Indonesian rupiah.

The Indonesian guests finished off with a performance of a traditional piece. This was played on an angklung. The Angklung is made of two bamboo tubes attached to a bamboo frame. The tubes have a resonant pitch when struck and are tuned to octaves. They hold the base of the frame in one hand, whilst the other hand shakes the instrument. To finish off this performance they played Hey Jude; a well known classic which everyone enjoyed.

Samuel Thorogood

Staff Announcements

Congratulations to the former Miss Rowland who married Jonathan Jeeves at half term. We wish them every future happiness. Also congratulations go to Mr. Instone who has just been awarded a masters degree from Oxford University in Teaching and Learning. A fantastic achievement.

Inspirational Quote:

“For every one of us that succeeds, it’s because there’s somebody there to show you the way out. The light doesn’t always necessarily have to be in your family; for me it was teachers and school.” **Oprah Winfrey**

Words of the Week

	This week	Next week
Tricky:	hatred	widespread
Trickier:	animosity	rampant
Trickiest:	rancour	prevalent

On this day in ...

... 1916 the 1st Battle of the Somme was called off. The Battle of the Somme was one of the bloodiest battles in human history with over 1 million killed or injured on both sides. 7 days ago was Remembrance Day, wherein people all over Britain and all over world assembled for two minutes of silence and wore Poppies over their hearts to honour and remember those who have given their lives in the line of duty.

Remembrance Day evolved out of Armistice Day, which celebrated the end of the 1st World War at 11.00, on the 11th of November 1918. Even though Remembrance Day has passed it is important that we all remember the incredible loss of life that has occurred in recent history, and we must give our sympathy and support to the families of those still affected to this very day. **Damilare Williams-Shires**

Opinion Piece: Euthanasia

I know euthanasia should be legalised. Dying is inevitable but what if living is harder? You're alone, afraid and in excruciating pain, just waiting to die, waiting for the pain to stop. Imagine that. Is that how you would want to go? Is this how you would want to be remembered? I thought not. But this is happening to millions of people every single day.

Euthanasia is the practice of ending a life in a painless, legal manner, stopping suffering. It could be for mental health issues or physical issues. The most common illness is terminal illness specifically cancer. As you all know cancer is a horrible disease so if you could end the pain, you would. We have more rights now than we have ever had before: we have free speech, gay marriage is legalised and gender equality is at an all-time high so therefore we should have the right to die within life limiting reasons.

You may be thinking that you could not do anything, well you can. You could sign online petitions or just make your voice heard or just be respectful and make

your positive voice heard. Sandy Alkalai, who went to Dignitas because of a neurological disease, said she "would not see out her life locked in her own body".

Could you imagine living everyday being desperate, in despair and dispirited? Not wanting to carry on. If you are worried about the economic problems, don't be; places like Dignitas use crowd-funding and private investments, this would also release some of the strain on jobs and budgets in the NHS. Places like Dignitas are located in an economically stable country so if you want proof, there it is. Dignitas offer psychological support and offer counselling for those contemplating suicide. Imagine how good this would be for the UK.

Clementine Bentley

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Jack Explores the American Voting System

On 8th November Donald J Trump was elected as the 45th President-Elect of the United States of America. While many were happy with this result, many have protested against it. One reason why some were so resentful of his election is that Hillary Clinton actually received more votes.

The American voting system is complex. The party who receives a majority vote from a state receives all of the Electoral College votes from that state. These votes ultimately determine who will become the next president, regardless of whether a candidate is voted for by a majority.

The majority of a populace of each state votes for how they want the electoral votes of their states to be used. Due to its low population, the citizens of Wyoming receive one electoral vote per about 178,000 people whereas states like Texas receive one electoral vote for every 715,000 people. The only other democratic country that has this type of voting system is France. As a result of this, many Americans, with good reason, argue that America is a republic not a democracy. This argument is reinforced in people's minds by the fact that their vote may not be acknowledged, even if they voted with a majority. In the past, 177 electorates voted, legally, against what the people voted for in 24 states. In fact one elector's incompetence meant that an inadmissible candidate was voted for, rendering hundreds of thousands of peoples votes redundant. Even politically engaged states like Washington DC are protesting against this

seemingly outdated voting system. Because the president lives in Washington, members of the state only have one vote for the entire state, as it is classified as a district, which acts as a clear contradiction to the iconic American statement "no taxation without representation".

And to add to the chaos that is the US election system, the election is almost always determined by "swing states". These are states that have no tendency to vote for one party over another. The Democrats and the Republicans target these states as they will almost entirely determine the outcome of any election. Politicians will focus on pleasing these states above other states.

Now you may be wondering why these swing states are so prominent. That is because when a party has a majority vote for them (which only has to be a small percentage over a half and half split) can decide how each state is divided for voting. Both parties divide the states into districts in such a way that their party will almost definitely remain in power. This process happens once every 10 years. It is predicted that up to 80% of votes are made redundant because of this among other factors.

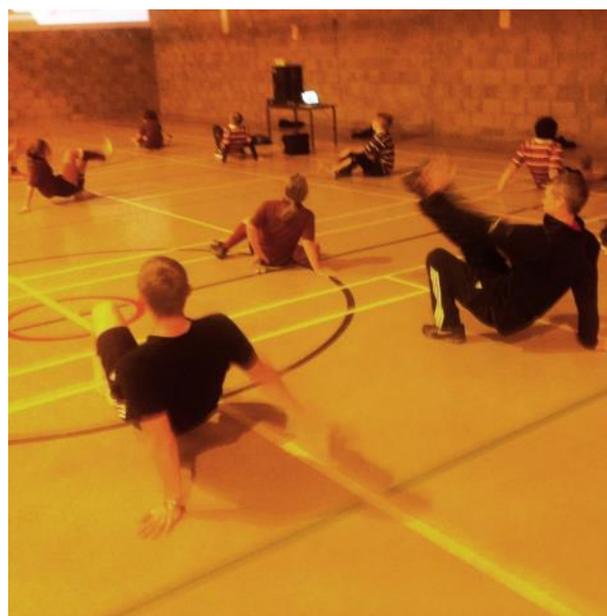
Can a system which, in the last general election, makes a less popular (voted for) candidate President by a landslide victory call itself fair? Maybe this is why over 40% of Americans choose not to vote in elections.

Jack Dudley

Photos of the Week



Labschool performers in assembly



Mr Coates and Mr Parker take part in a year7/8 fitness session



F1/2 enjoying an autumnal forest school



Smiling faces during the 6th form culture trip to London's Shoreditch Electric Cinema



Opera at St Martin-in-the-Fields during the 6th form London cultural trip

The Week Ahead

Sat	19 th	10:30am	1 st XI, U15 Hockey v Durham (Away)
		11:00am	U15, U13 Rugby v Ashville (Home)
		6:00pm	Cinema Trip Teesside Park
Sun	20 th	10:00am	Boarders attend Fylingthorpe Methodist Church
Mon	21 st	2:30pm	U13 Hockey v Red House (Home)
Tues	22 nd	2:30pm	Year 7 Netball Partnership tournament @Lady Lumley's
Wed	23 rd	4:00pm	U13 7 a side Football tournament @ Malton
Thur	24 th	2:30pm	U15 Hockey v Scarborough College (Home)
		4:00pm	U12 5 a side Football tournament @ Pindar
Sat	26 th	10:30am	U16, U14 Rugby v Read (Home)
Sun	27 th	8:00am	Paintball @ Battlezone Yarm

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