



Fyling Hall Matters

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Junior School SAT Fears

In the upcoming weeks you may know that years 5 and 6 are doing their S.A.Ts, which may make some of the children worried.

To find out more about this topic we are interviewing year 5 James Brine to see what he thinks about having his birthday slap bang in the middle of S.A.Ts week:

What do you think about having your birthday in S.A.Ts week?

(James came over all poetic and said to me "it's the sunshine in the storm", but seriously what do you think James?)

Ok then, do you think it is unfortunate timing?

"Yes because it will affect my social life"

That's what James thinks; now let's see what a teacher thinks!

Do you think S.A.Ts worry children too much?

"They can do because media sometimes pressures them."

How do you think parents can comfort their children for S.A.Ts?

"By reassuring their children that whatever they do, they will be proud of them."

My own opinion is that they are very helpful, but they can make me worry.

Tomas Richardson and James Brine

Nuclear Unrest

There has been great tension between North Korea and the U.S.A for some time and one of the greatest worries is that Kim Jong-Un (the president of the country) is going to launch a nuclear attack. It is very unlikely that North Korea will launch an attack on the world's super power, although Korea has been a very secretive country for more than 60 Years.

North Korea has technically been at war since 1953 as no peace treaty has been signed. North Korea has threatened attacks almost every day since and has done its 3 test launches. As one Korean news reporter commented, "the state of neither peace nor war has ended". So let's hope this stalemate ends and peace succeeds.

Toby Richardson

On this day in ...

... 1979 Margaret Thatcher became Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. Thatcher, the first female prime minister, is the most controversial PM the U.K. has ever had, having implemented policies that still have a lasting impact on this country. She was dubbed The Iron lady due to her stubbornness and determination. Her decisions to shut down some of the coal mines and privatise many industries are still what most people remember of her, although she was responsible for much more.

Thatcher refused to stand down when the Falkland Islands were invaded and brought about the Falkland's war. This war was resolved after 84 days with Argentina eventually surrendering. The Falkland's war was not without casualty though: around 255 British and 635 Argentines died.

Thatcher's stubborn attitude also resulted in a more favourable deal for the UK with the EU by negotiating a discount on our membership fees. Regardless to what you think of Thatcher, there is no denying that she was possibly the most important Prime Minister in the UK.

Thatcher died in 2013 at the age of 87. The funeral was held in St Paul's Cathedral.

Jack Dudley

Words of the Week

This week Next week

Tricky: **allegiance** **volatile**

Trickier: **dependability** **capricious**

Trickiest: **staunchness** **temperamental**

Anti-Government Protests in Russia

What do we know about Russia? The perception of this enormous country, which stretches across the whole of the Siberia to the Pacific, may be highly varied, with most stereotypes deriving from the Soviet Era. What is less known, however, how life is like as of today?

The society faces being crippled by the iron fist of the oligarchical government that rules over the state, with the head of this "gang", of course being the infamous Vladimir Putin, that appears in modern culture as the representation of Russia's society and serves as the face of the country to the rest of the civilized world.

One might think that because of his image and reputation he is accepted with respect and a high popularity rate. Despite of an alleged incredible acceptance rate of 87%, the government might not however be as adored as they think. Due to a number of recent human rights violations, covered-up corruption scandals and a long history of issues with the bureaucratic system the country might be facing a major revolution. Recently, with the infamous "cleanse" of LGBT+ individuals in Chechnya, followed by a mitigation and lack of

an official response from Moscow, along with the scandal due to the prime minister Dmitry Medvedev constructing an actual house for a pet duck, people began to protest against the government in Moscow, Saint-Petersburg, Kaliningrad among others. The masses came out with the slogan "Fed up (Надоело)", with official letters to Putin to resign.

The anti-corruption protests were mainly organised by Aleksandr Navalny's Progress Liberal Party, Aleksey Laskin's Open Russia Party, thousands of pensioners and students. Not surprisingly, the officials were not satisfied, as in every city the demonstrations were met by police "taking care" of the "provocateurs", deployed by the government. Following those and later accidents, many protesters were jailed and prosecuted for resisting the police and "illegally opposing the constitutionally chosen representatives". One such case was the arrest of Vyacheslav Maltsev, a prominent, openly anti-Putin persona, the arrest of which was live streamed by his wife, during which the special forces (Spets-naz) broke into the house and jailed Maltsev for unclear reasons.

Aleksandr Akulov



"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door"

Milton Berle

Year 8 Stage Make-up

On Tuesday, years 8 were learning about stage make-up in drama. The whole of year 8 were able to have a go of painting a black eye on someone. We only needed four colours, yellow, red, blue and white if needed. We learnt many things including how to paint a black eye or a bruise.

This is what you need to do to make a bruise or black eye. Start by covering the area that you want to make a bruise or black eye yellow, but not too bright because you will look like a lemon. Then you start to add blue and red to make the bruise or black eye. If you are doing a bruise and want to make it look like a sports injury, then you would need the colours yellow, green and the tiniest bit of blue and red. If you want to do a really good black eye, then in the corner of the eye you need to add a little bit of white. You would only need to use the colour white for a black eye or to make the colour lighter if it is to dark.

Hattie Freer, daughter of Mrs Freer, is coming in to show year 7 and 8 some professional stage make-up later this week. Everyone is excited to meet Hattie, and eager for her to show everyone some new techniques on stage make-up.

Olivia Coates

We invite you to comment on the articles expressed in our newsletters.

Please email news.team@fylinghall.org giving a reference to the article/journalist by name. We are open to new ideas, your suggestions and even a bit of criticism!

The Week Ahead

Sun	7 th	10:00am	Boarders attend St Stephen's Church
Mon	8 th	All Week	Internal exams for years 7-10 and some Y12
Tues	9 th	4:00pm	U13 Rounders v Eskdale (Away)
Wed	10 th	4:00pm	District Athletics trials @ Ryedale School
Thur	11 th	4:00pm	U15 Cricket v CCW (Away)
		4:00pm	District High jump trials @ Lady Lumley's

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Year 9 studied a selection of Victorian ghost stories in English and were inspired to write their own...

“Grace’s Doll” by Phoebe Russell

As Grace climbed into bed her mother read her the calming tale. As soon as Grace appeared to be asleep Mrs Lowing headed towards the door. She leaned out to turn the handle, but it was too late. She peered over her shoulder to see her young daughter. Grace was sat up in bed, her eyes so wide and bright. She was just staring straight through her mother as if she was not even there.

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“Mummy, mummy, mummy. Can we please go to the boot sale, pretty please?” begged Grace and her brother, Billy in unison.

“I’ve always wanted to go!” stated Grace.

“As have I!” wailed Billy.

“Well, if you two would really like to go....” said their father.

“We do, we do!” interrupted their children.

“.... I don’t see why we could not,” replied their mother.

The whole family set out in the car, excited to witness their first encounter with the boot sale. Each person was determined to find something, something unique, something special.

“Are we there?” asked the son.

“We are, we are!” exclaimed Grace.

They got out the car and walked through the gateway. Grace’s eyes automatically fell upon a beautiful china doll, propped up on a stand. It was as if it was calling her.

“I must have it mummy! Look how pretty she is!” Grace was staring at the doll. She was so absorbed in her beauty that she did not hear her mother’s response. The doll had connected with her, they were linked. There was no going back!

The family left the sale, and all were successful. Billy with a steam boat, mother with a leopard skin coat, father with a stuffed stoat and Grace with the china doll now named Raven. On the way back to the car they had to walk through fields of hip high grass and corn. About five minutes into their trek the fog began to float and set in, casting a thick pool of haze around the four of them. Just being able to spot their daughter, oblivious to the weather around her, her parents and Billy set at pace to catch up with Grace. Possibly five metres out of her range, young Billy noticed something out of the ordinary.

He slowed his pace to stare, trying to figure out what he was seeing. It appeared to him as if the raven's head was turning, ever so slowly. Billy pointed, his parents' gaze following his hand. By this time the head had completed a full 180 degree turn. Raven stared at the family, and they stared at her too in disbelief! All three saw the head mouth something, something unclear, something unnatural.



A few days passed, and the family tried to put the incident in the dusky field behind them. Most things were back to normal in the Lowing household except one thing. One thing that involved a little, young, Grace Lowing. Ever since that day at the boot sale Mr and Mrs Lowing noticed that their daughter had not been acting like herself. As the days passed they noticed that their sweet and innocent Grace was slowly transforming into something ugly.

The first changes were recognizable precisely two days after the strange occurrence. It was as simple as her body language at first. She was not sitting up at the dining table as she normally would but slouching, and staring out the window.

The next morning her behaviour grew even stranger. Grace was sat at the table simply murmuring something to herself, and whenever anyone in her family asked what she was saying, she would merely turn around and shout, "GO AWAY!"

After five days Grace returned to her usual self, and stated that she did not remember a single thing from the past few days. Grace said she seemed to recall hearing voices in her sleep, but it was all in a different language. Polish, German, Russian maybe? But of course no one believed her. Her parents were only focusing on the fact that their sweet and innocent Grace had returned ... or had she?



A week following the outburst, everything is back to the way it should be. Mrs Lowing has taken Raven off her daughter to hopefully prevent any future incidents.

One night Mr and Mrs Lowing decided to go out for dinner and left their children in the caring hands of their grandmother. The children played games like snakes and ladder and hide and seek. As Grace was hiding she came across a box in her parent's bedroom that looked identical to the box in which her dear Raven came in. She was just about to open the box when a lightning bolt struck on the house, making the doll's packaging fall over with a **SMASH**. Part of the doll's china face fell out leaving the toy with only half a face. Grace took the doll back to her room and quickly hid Raven under her bed. She then went back into her parents' room and put the box back into their cupboard. Just as she closed the cupboard door she heard the sound of the front door swing open, and heard a friendly and a familiar voice saying, "we're home!" Grace raced downstairs to greet her parents before heading back up the stairs for bed. Her mother followed her upstairs to say goodnight. Mrs Lowing came into her room, closed the door and got out Grace's favourite story. As Grace climbed into bed her mother read her the calming tale. As soon as Grace appeared to be asleep Mrs Lowing headed towards the door. She leaned out to turn the handle, but it was too late. She peered over her shoulder to see her young daughter. Grace was sat up in bed, her eyes so wide and bright. She was just staring straight through her mother as if she was not even there.

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To her misfortune she heard the door lock being twisted. There was no getting out. Mrs Lowing screamed and screamed but no sound came out of her mouth. Meanwhile her daughter rose out of her bed and was drifting across the room towards her mother. They stared right in each other's eyes before Grace, or what was left of her, snapped her fingers and held up, what appeared to be someone's head. The decapitated head slowly turned around and reveal to Mrs Lowing who its owner was. As soon as she saw it Mrs Lowing realized that the head actually belonged to her! What had this creature done to her daughter and what will it do to her?

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Mrs Lowing was truly petrified! That one action gave her one image locked into her mind. She was so alarmed that she fainted and did not wake until the following morning. When she did wake, her husband, son and daughter were at her side.

"Oh thank God" said Mr Lowing relieved.

"I thought you were dead!" cried Billy.

Mrs Lowing didn't even give Grace the chance to speak. She stood up, held Grace by the shoulders and shouted out, "You, whoever you are, GET OUT OF MY DAUGHTER!"

Grace instantly broke down in tears and raced back up to her room. Mr Lowing was so confused all he could say was,

"Billy, please go up in your room whilst I talk to your mother."

So Billy did just that, and Mrs Lowing explained everything that happened to her.

"It must be the doll that we saw last week- now it all makes sense, that doll is haunted! I noticed the box had been moved in our room it must be because Grace took it!" revealed Mr Lowing.

"Then we must destroy that thing. Whatever it takes we must destroy it!" exclaimed his wife.

So one night they did just that. Whilst their daughter was sleeping, they snuck into her room and found the hidden doll under her bed. They took the creature outside and with their paranoia took everything out on that doll. They spent all night smashing it with bats and anything they could get their hands on, until only wire, the doll's eyes and some damaged clothes remained. Mr and Mrs Lowing hand in hand walked back into their house just in time to escape the looming torrential storms. But as they close the house's front door, the fragmented doll emerged. It stood up and screamed,

"Jesteś martwy, you are dead!"

The End