



# StudentsExtra

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## A Letter from the Editors:

Dear Students,

We hope everyone is having an excellent half term since we came back from the break, and that everyone has had a chance to visit the rodeo since! It's almost one more month until April Fools Day, so start planning! Also, be sure to continue collecting house points and (start collecting) merits, as the first free-dress day will be April 22<sup>nd</sup>!

We would just like to give our congratulations to everyone who preformed in the pantomime last week—both performances were brilliant, and a lot of hard work was obviously put into them.

As ever, we've tried to make this issue as exciting as possible, and we hope you enjoy reading it. If you

have any requests for teacher interviews in next months issue, e-mail us at [newspaper.bsh@live.com](mailto:newspaper.bsh@live.com). Additionally, for those students in Band or BSH Sports teams, we would be thrilled to have a sports columnist or a music columnist to keep other students up-to-date with what you're doing.

Lastly, if any students are interested in receiving monthly issues in their inbox, please tell us your e-mail address so we can send you a StudentsExtra issue monthly.

Again, we hope you enjoy this issue,

Best,

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# Fastest Car On record! - Jamie Harris

Hey all!

This for all of you car lovers! The curtains have recently been unveiled on what is known as the bloodhound project, or what plans to be the fastest car in history. This fabled '1000 mph' car will be a sole British effort to break the land speed record next year. Tests have already begun on what is called the 'falcon motor', a rocket with a pretty big punch of 27,000 pounds of thrust. It will burn a mixture of solid propellant HTPB (hydroxyl-terminated polybutadiene to those who can take large words) and liquid oxidizer HTP (high-test peroxide) for 20 seconds. It's peak performance is said to be enough to power 645 family saloon cars for the same amount of time!

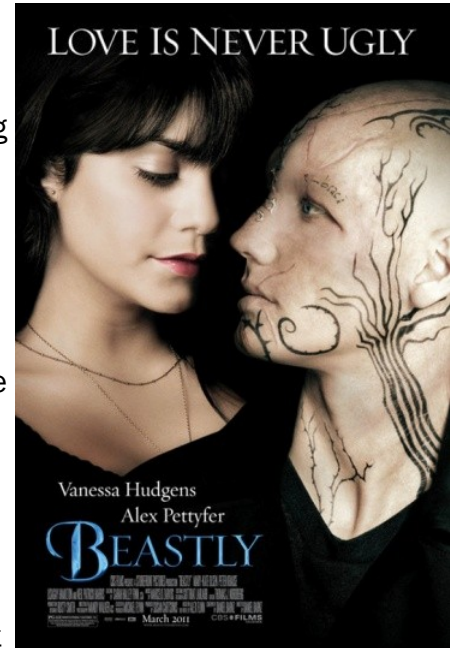
But this isn't all, the legendary car will also be powered by a jet from a fighter plane, plus also an F1 engine! Not just any jet engine either, it is none other than EJ200 Eurofighter-Typhoon jet, which adds an extra 90kN of thrust! With this combined power it should achieve 8km in 100 seconds, which is incredible!



# Beastly Movie Review-Abinaya Chandrasekar

*Beastly* is a modern take on *Beauty & the Beast* set in New York. The story follows a vain boy named Kyle who believes looks are everything, and that not being up to par with looks is going to bring a lot more disadvantages in life. This makes a witch angry, Mary Kate Olsen, who places a curse on him to teach him an important life lesson: it is the inside that matters. However, the only way to break this curse is to fall in love with someone, a task difficult for his new look.

I love the story, which is another example of a great movie that does not need to throw in anything extra. In a lot of ways, I feel like it can be compared to *Twilight*. However, *Beastly* is its own movie, and deserves its own review based on its own merits. Much like the original Disney classic, the story is a sweet love story that proves people can change if needed. The moral of this story is that the person has to want to change. Nothing else can change them, which perhaps helps shape this movie into a believable story. The plot was well thought out, which was surprising. Many thought that it would come out as a bad knock off of the original story, but that is hardly the case. While the movie does not have a twist, it does give an example of how love stories used to be. It took off right from the first scene. It is the perfect blend of chick flick, family film, drama, humor, and romance. Best of all it just a simple film that was written, and acted in good taste. Set wise, a great job was done. The homes were very realistic and so was the school. Besides that, the makeup they gave Kyle deserves special credit. It was realistic and almost gave the audience a hard time believing that it wasn't real.



## Inventions of the Year-Kelsey Young

Look at the future of 2011. Year after year tons of business's come out with new gadgets to try. If you've wondered what might be some of the new inventions of 2011 here are a few of them.

1. One of the most exciting contraptions that you may encounter for 2011 is flying cars. MIT students from the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics have actually succeeded in creating and flying a winged car. This is said to be the wave of the future. The company that is reported to release the space ship looking cars is called Terrafugia. So be sure to look to the skies in 2011.

2. Pranav Mistry, an MIT graduate student and his adviser, Pattie Maes, have contrived this fascinating gesture-controlled computer interface that recognizes and responds to hand signals and conducts appropriate searches. Though the SixthSense is some time away from being available, it can already recognize a book placed in front of the camera, retrieve the book's Amazon listing from the Web, and project the book's rating onto the cover of the book! The SixthSense can also place a watch face on its user's wrist if he needs to know the time. It can place a phone call when its user taps a virtual phone pad in the palm of his hand... Sounding like science fiction yet?

3. In China a new robot is being designed to help kids with autism. The robot is being constructed by University of Hertfordshire. The robot is said to have artificial skin and is suppose to be in a child like form. It is suppose to help kids with autism to help them learn how to socialize better and interact better with their peers.

4. The Powermat Charger: Imagine how many chargers you have to carry everywhere, what will happen if you couldn't find enough plugs? The powermat answered that question; you only need one plug to charge four Hi Tec gadgets at the

same time. You don't need wires to attach three of your gadgets- just place them on the mat, and you need to connect the forth with the USB entrance. The Powermat is a wireless charger for hi tech gadgets.

5. IPT (Induction Power Transfer) is the world's first commercially available wireless electric car charging system. The company's unique charging system has been described as the safest, most efficient and most effective way to transfer power without wires.

The idea of the system is by using magnetic induction. The Inductive Power Transfer system allows a car provided with an integrated receiver pad to be charged automatically when parked or driven on electrified roads.

These are just a few of the ideas for 2011. They have already started constructing them and getting them ready for selling and research in 2011. I'm sure more inventions will come for 2011.



# Who Was Saint Patrick?

Even though Saint Patrick was the patron saint of Ireland and one of the most celebrated religious figures around the world, the factual information about his life is quite vague. Most information about St. Patrick has been twisted, embellished, or simply made up over centuries by storytellers, causing much ambiguity about his real life. Saint Patrick is traditionally thought to have lived "between 432-461 A.D., but more recent scholarship moves the dates up a bit." Saint Patrick worked as a shepherd and turned to religion for comfort. After six years of slavery he escaped to the Irish coast and fled home to Britain.

While back in his homeland, Patrick decided to become a priest and then to return to Ireland after dreaming that the voices of the Irish people were calling him to convert them to Christianity.

After studying and preparing for several years, Patrick traveled back to Ireland as a Christian follower. Although there were already some Christians living in Ireland, St. Patrick brought upon a religious movement to Christianity by converting highly-ranked people.

But Patrick's desire to spread Christianity was not met without opposition. Patrick ran into trouble with the local pagan priesthood, the druids: and there are many stories about his arguments with them as well as his survival of plots against them. Saint Patrick is also brought written word to Ireland by studying the Bible. Previously, storytelling and history were reliant on memory and orally passing down stories.

Patrick's mission in Ireland is said to have lasted for thirty years. The first year St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in America in 1737 in Boston, Massachusetts. The first official St. Patrick's Day parade was held in New York City in 1766. Over 100 U.S. cities now hold Saint Patrick's Day parades.

And that is the little-known story of St. Patrick.



# Tech Stuff With Chae Ramnarace

eReader's are becoming more and more common in today's world. The choices are also becoming more abundant. With this year's introduction of the new android tablet capable of using eBooks (the Motorola Xoom(Yes, Xoom)) the choices are becoming overwhelming. Compared to 2 years ago when you could only buy an Amazon Kindle, we now have, the iPad, the nook, the Samsung Galaxy Tab and Motorola Xoom – aswell as the afore mentioned Kindle - to choose from as well.

These technological innovations can range from \$139 all the way up to \$699, but they all offer similar features.

The benefits of eReaders are fairly simple, they're

thin, and they're portable. This means you can take a large book – say, Under the Dome – and take it with you for a fraction of the weight. Along with portability, eBooks for eReaders are much cheaper than regular books because they don't need to be printed on paper. An average book cost's roughly \$12 - \$15 whereas an eBook's average price is \$10. Overall, an eReader is a great piece of technology, they are constantly being updated which leads to a host of new features. It's a great investment and adds a new dimension to reading, making it more fun and encouraging you to read.

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