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A Letter from the Editor

Happy (belated) Valentine's Day, everyone! I hope everyone had a pleasant half term and that you all had an opportunity to catch up on some rest during the weeklong break.

In light of our recent holiday, I felt it would be appropriate to include some Valentine's Day-related articles and puzzles for you to enjoy. Of course, there are also numerous riddles, games and fictional pieces in this month's publication of Students Extra!

This month, there are also a number of new contributors, including some very impressive drawing submissions!

I would also like to mention the names of our winners of the Food for thought riddle

competition in last month's publication. The winners were chosen based on who answered fastest correctly. In first place was **Evie Holmes** in Year 7 and in second, **Harry Lewis** in Year 5. Congratulations to both of you; you may collect your prizes from the main office tomorrow! Anyone interested in finding out the solution I welcome request it via email.

Anyone with an interest in submitting photos, news stories or fictional pieces is welcome to email me at students.extra@me.com. Apologies for the change, but due to technical issues with the old account, a new one had to be created. The deadline for the next publication will be the 26th of March!

Kind regards,

Anja Young

Food for Thought

This month, Food for Thought offers multiple riddles to solve—more to go around. Any ideas for solutions may be submitted via email before March 26th; teachers are also welcome to contribute to win prizes. Good luck!

Riddle Number One:

Two fathers and two sons arrive in the airport terminal and hand over three passports, but legally leave the country. How?

Riddle Number Two:

When is $11 + 2 = 1$ correct?

Riddle Number Three:

A series begins: t n e s s f. What are the next three letters in the series?

Riddle Number Four:

What five-letter word beginning with T contains five words without rearranging any letters?

The Truths and Myths of Valentine's Day!

How well do you know the facts about Valentine's Day? Answer each question True or False and find the answers below.



How well do you know Valentine's Day?

- Over 70 percent of Americans celebrate Valentine's Day.
 - About 53% of women in the US send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day.
 - Hershey was the first chocolate company to introduce the idea of a Valentine's Day box of chocolate.
 - Teachers receive the most Valentines.
 - Women buy over 80% of all Valentines.
 - 12% of all pet owners give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets.
 - Over 200 million Valentine's Day cards are exchanged annually.
 - 2.2 million marriages take place in the United States annually. That's around 6000 per day!
 - Over half of all Valentine's Day cards are bought in the six days before the holiday!
 - During this season, a dozen roses can cost an average of \$75!
- T, F (15%), F (Richard Cadbury - 1868), T, T, F (3%), F (only 188 million), T, T, T

Why all the Hype over Valentine's Day?

"In a school whose student body draws from all parts of the world, it is no surprise that we have so many talented students among us."

Nowadays, Valentine's Day is associated with pink and red hallmark cards and dozens of red roses and sickeningly sweet candies. But where did it all begin?

Strangely enough, Valentine's Day actually originated in the Christian and Roman traditions that recognize three Saints named Valentine, or Valentinus. There are a number of historical rumours (or legends) as to why these Saints are so revered.

The first states that during the third century, a priest named Valentine disobeyed the law under the rule of Claudius II. Claudius had decided that men were stronger without wives to distract them from their duties as soldiers, and decided to ban marriages to strengthen his army. Valentine disobeyed this law and chose to celebrate the holy bond of marriage in

secrecy. However, Claudius discovered Valentine and sentenced him to death.

Another legend claims that Valentine was a prisoner who fell in love with a young woman who often came to visit him (supposedly the jailor's daughter). Before his untimely death, he wrote her a love letter that he concluded with "Your Valentine". Hence the phrase, "be my Valentine". Some say he was beheaded and others say he died of sickness. Regardless, a Valentine's prospects are slightly more cheerful than those of the original Valentine!

Regardless of which legend is true, Saint Valentine's Day remains one of the most widely celebrated holidays around the world, and continues to serve as an opportunity for people to celebrate those around them and the good things they have to offer!

Be There

Bring me home where I'm wanted
Love me and care for me again
Don't leave my heart as you did before:
Abandonment.

My eyes are filled with the daunting
ghost of my unpleasant past
I am alone.

No one understands my despair, my
heart races when you say goodbye
I sometimes feel confused;
Misunderstood.

You don't notice the scars left behind
when you wave your hand
You don't know the pain I feel when
you're not by my side:
Torture.

I want your warmth and comfort to be
there for me

I wanted you're your support—all I'd
asked for;
You let me fall.

I never got back up.
Now I crawl on the floor, scraping my
knees

Staying afloat in the bitterness of this
world but reality hit me—
Hard.

I follow you wherever you go, groveling
at your feet,

I am fallen and still you have not reached
out a helpful hand

I see you laughing in my face.
The betrayal of a friend, the manipulation
of my soft heart
You hurt me, crushed me beyond repair
You are cruel.

Some call you love.



"You let me fall..."

By Kelsey Young

Where there's a Will, there's a way!

"I never got any professional training"

Says Mickey when asked how she had learned to draw so well

In a school whose student body draws from all reaches of the world, it is not surprising that we have so many talented students among us. Yet, it is still incredible how many areas we manage to excel in as a community. Mastering the frontier of artistry is Ampaipak Sanongkun (or "Mickey") in Year 11, who has given the term 'gifted' an entirely new meaning through her artwork.

Despite having had no training whatsoever, after ten years of dutiful practice based on what she saw on television and in books, Mickey has truly mastered the art of anime drawing. Below, you can see some of her most recent work, which seems to rival some of the professional drawing we see on television today!



By Ampaipak Sanongkun

Where there's a Will, there's a Way! (Continued)



Party Wear

Summer is nearing and party season is just about to start, so here are a few simple tips to help you look fabulous!

“My eyes are filled with the daunting ghost of my unpleasant past I am alone.”

Be there, by Kelsey Young



But the perfect outfit is never complete without an accessory, so here are some of the latest trends in shoes, jewellery and brooches this season!



“To catch the reader’s attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”



*Half Frame sunglasses
Urban Outfitters, \$20*



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any comments or queries at:

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*Silver Safety Pin Brooch with
charms*

American Eagle, \$12.50

*Chuck Taylor All Star high-top
sneakers*

Converse, \$50



Strappy Leather Platform Boot

Nine West, \$99

Studded Bracelets

Hollywood Intuition for Target, \$9.99



Fold Over tote with lace-up sides

Converse One Star for Target, \$32.99

By Harshitha Chandrasekar