

# THE PONSONBY TIMES

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## **Congratulations to Sophie Lethbridge from Room 11 for winning the newspaper logo competition.**

We hope that you're enjoying using your voucher!



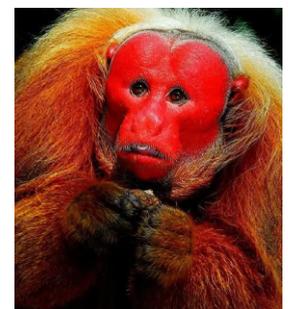
## **Brooke's Wacky and weird animals Uakari kaka (reverse baboon)**

This bizarre creature is the opposite of a baboon. Instead of a red butt with a baboon it's a baboon with its red butt as the head. Man they're ugly, unlike the majestic blob fish. Uakarids are weird stand out creatures, the other non ugly monkeys are good and not a pile of poo. The only interesting features of the Uakari is their unusually short tails which

measure only about 15 to 18 centimeters in length. This is much shorter compared to their body and ugly-as head, which are about 40 to 45 centimeters long 🤢. Their bodies are covered with long and loose fur that usually falls out as they age, giving them a distinctive appearance. Their heads are completely bald and have so many imperfections.

I could go on for years, but alas, I do not have the time. This baldness, combined with very little fat under the skin, gives their faces a striking, almost butt-like look. Uakarids are related to saki monkeys, and unlike them, they are completely normal. Unlike the stand out Uakari they are not at all ugly. What makes a Uakari truly ugly is their red facial skin, which is more vivid and noticeable than that of any other primate on earth. This striking appearance makes them one of the most visually distinctive monkeys in the animal kingdom. So if you ever see one make sure to call it a butt faced baboon and 100% insult them in every way.

– **And remember: stay weird ponsonby** 🤪



# Horoscopes

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## Capricorn

December 22–January 19

When's the last time you checked on your neighbour? Have you introduced yourself before? If not, give it a go, you might make a new friend!

Lucky number: 14



## Aquarius

January 20–February 18

Beware of water this week, whether it's fresh or sea water or even rain! Something is going to get damp that shouldn't.

Lucky number: 12



## Pisces

February 19–March 20

Stop fishing for compliments! Be your best self and someone will notice.

Lucky number: 88



## Aries

March 21–April 19

Don't start something you can't finish. That goes for arguments, big bowls of ice-cream, or making a resolution.

Lucky number: 100



## Taurus

April 20–May 20

Avoid board games. It's only going to end in tears (yours probably)

Lucky number: 2000



## Gemini

May 21–June 21

You're in two minds on what to do. Get some advice from a trusted friend and go from there. Good luck!

Lucky number: 46



## Cancer

June 22–July 22

Be careful who you get grumpy at this week, they might be having a bad week and you're making it worse. You have been warned...

Lucky number: 24



## Leo

July 23–August 22

Check on your friends, see if they're doing ok. Not everyone is having a good time, all of the time.

Lucky number: 5



August 23–September 22

Buy that 2026 diary and get organised!  
Never mind organising 2025 you, you  
deserve it!

Lucky number: 10



September 23–October 23

When you weigh up the options, go for the  
one that makes you happy. As long as it's not  
illegal...

Lucky number: 127



October 24–November 21

Get out of your shell and get to know some  
new people, even if it's saying hi and asking  
someone their name. It's cool to be kind.

Lucky number: 2



November 22–December 21

Hunting around for something to do? Put  
down those devices and head out for an  
adventure outside. You'll feel great  
afterwards!

Lucky number: 42

## Cooking or Selling? Jordan Room 12

### Roblox



This game needs no introduction, whether  
you've played it or not, you know what  
Roblox is. But is it good? Yes, it is.

I would first like to mention that Roblox  
technically isn't a game, it's a programming  
engine where anyone can create a game of  
their ability, and upload it.

But who actually uses it to make games?  
Literally nobody. Roblox studio is outdated  
and is very hard to use, which is why  
everyone on Roblox just plays games.

The most popular of which right now is  
Grow a Garden, which broke the world  
record (which has since been beaten by  
ANOTHER Roblox game) for most  
concurrent users. On July 19th, 21.9 Million  
players were active on this one game, a  
fraction of Roblox's 380 Million monthly  
active users.

So why do so many people play Roblox?  
Because it's fun, and gives you so many  
opportunities. There are approximately 40  
million games you can play on Roblox,  
however only a few are actually good.



So what are these good games? Some of my  
personal recommendations are:

Grow a Garden	Ink Game
The Powder Box	Murder Mystery 2
Guts & Blackpowder	Dress to Impress

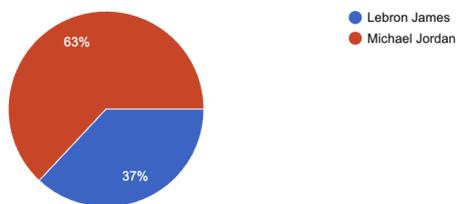
So, is Roblox cooking or selling?

With great confidence, I can say Roblox is cooking, and I think you should definitely try it.

## Newspaper Poll Results

Michael Jordan has been voted the G.O.A.T as per our poll

Who's the G.O.A.T?  
119 responses



**Mr T would like to host a debate about the question we posed in the paper.**

**Firstly, he invites students to write in to the newspaper with who they voted for and why they think that person is the G.O.A.T.**

**To be considered to be a part of the debate, write a paragraph with your opinion, on paper, and submit them with your name and room number, to Ms Collins in Room 12.**

**Due by the end of week 7!**

## Movies with Meika (again)

Have you ever had a voice in your head telling you you're not good enough? (I know I do). Well, this movie is about a girl who had the same problem and this is a story of how she overcame that voice. Jodi Keryman

is an average teenager (well not size wise). The first movie told the story of how she learned to live her life (despite her height) and how she realized that fitting in isn't always everything. This movie is more about what she does with her new found confidence. I choose this movie because I can relate to the problems that Jodi goes through and how though she has found her confidence she still holds back. TallGirl 2 has received a star rating of ★★★★★. The plot moves along which ensures that the audience isn't left bored but it did lack in character growth for Jodi. It had an unrealistic portrayal of anxiety but overall I enjoyed the movie and it had a wholesome ending. Thanks everyone, enjoy the paper!!!



## Books With Your Bro 'Bantasic Beyansh' THE TOP 4

### The boy who fooled the world

From living in the slums to sleeping on money, the boy who fooled the world took an unexpected twist. Written by the same author as goldfish boy, 'The Boy Who Fooled the World' is a suspenseful, captivating book that is a serious must read.

### The Boy at the back of the class

Ahmet – a Syrian refugee – moves to London from his home country, Syria. Towards the starting pages, From selective people, Ahmet experiences cruelty, pity, and rejection, not for how he looks, but for his past. However, the good students set out on a

mission to reunite Ahmet with his father. What makes this book a thrill is the emotional side of the story – there are bondings, empathy, sadness, regret, and hatred. This book is a must read, being an all time favourite.

### **Wonder**

A classic book, grappling in tension throughout. Meet August Paullman, a character whose appearance isolates him from the world around him. August – born with a severe facial difference – struggles with society’s definition of “normal” and “beautiful.” He experiences cruelty, pity, and rejection, not for who he is, but for how he looks. However, what makes this book a thriller is his refusal to let the world define him. August comes to believe that “you can't blend in when you're born to stand out.” August reminds us that most important is the one that happens within – it is learning to reclaim your story, no matter how the world sees you.

### **200 Minutes Of Danger**

*200 Minutes of Danger* is an exciting and fast-paced book that keeps you on the edge of your seat. Each short story is packed with action, suspense, and surprising twists that make you want to keep reading. The characters face life-or-death situations where every second counts, which makes the book hard to put down. If you enjoy thrilling adventures and stories that make your heart race, this book is a great choice. It's also easy to read and perfect for people who like quick but intense stories.

## **The top eight that's great**

### **with Sabine Room 16**

### **This edition's theme: movies!**

**⚠ SPOILER ALERT ⚠**

1. The Hunger Games is the best movie to ever exist. Who doesn't like 24 kids put into an arena to kill each other? Right?? Katniss is a cool baddie and in the prequel *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*, Lucy Gray is also a baddie. I know people hate the villains, but Clove is honestly also a baddie too. Even though the Career pack killed Rue (REST IN PEACE) and she tried to kill Katniss, she's honestly still cool. Foxface is really smart too, and I've always wondered about what her real name is. But there's also STUPID PRESIDENT SNOW WHO CAN BURN IN A HOLE FILLED WITH SNAKES AND POISON BECAUSE HE DESERVES TO DIE IF HE DIED TOMORROW THE ONLY THING THAT WOULD MISS HIM IS HIS DISGUSTING ROSES BECAUSE HE SENDS THEM TO PEOPLE BEFORE HE SENDS MUTTS AT THEM AND KILLS THEM. I don't really like President Snow. Anyway! Watch *The Hunger Games*! It's really cool!!! ∞/10!!!!
2. Next up, *Happy Gilmore*! This is a funny, thrilling comedy starring Adam Sandler definitely worth the hype.
3. You are so not invited to my bat mitzvah is close behind as a teen favourite because lets face it some of us have been through that.
4. *One of us is lying*: both a great movie and book
5. *The Minecraft movie*...this movie was enjoyable but they could have done a better job. It was just meh. I mean the memes were good but it was a movie that had everything I never wanted and more but I mean some people like it so I'll give it to them.
6. *It*. This is for those horror lovers and or psychopaths
7. *BARBIE*! This movie came out not so long ago. The songs are okay but some of the characters (ahem, KEN) are a little bit sexist and patriotic and annoying and pick me's and beaches...

8. Number 8 lowkey sucks but it's popular... K-POP DEMON HUNTERS, This is an okay watch with all your friends and family but there are some annoying parts and mixed feelings. (SEE BELOW FOR THE GREAT DEBATE that ate...)

## THE GREAT DEBATE

### Topic: Kpop Demon Hunters - good or bad?

*Arguing the negative: Olive Judson*

*Arguing the positive: Sally Youngman*

**Olive:** Kpop Demon Hunters is getting so much hype, but it does *not* deserve it. The whole thing is one of the worst movies I have ever seen. It has absolutely no plot, and is very unrealistic. Three girls singing every new generation so that the demons of the underworld will go away and stop killing people. I still don't completely understand it. The songs make me feel physically sick. Soda Pop? More like Soda FLOPPPPP. I'm so sick of sitting in the car at a red light, and there's cars full of people screaming Golden next to me. It had unfunny dialogue and a dumb concept, because let's face it, it *was* dumb. And I have to point out that the characters' outfits were DISGUUUSTIINGGGG. Especially their pyjamas, like the one with the pink hair, (I don't care enough to learn her name) her purple shirt with the ugly bear with a bow on it. And the main one's pyjamas with the trains and bears on it. And the one with the black hairs weird chunky shoulder pads near the end. I know people love it, but I do NOT get the hype. To conclude, Kpop Demon Hunters is NOT A GOOD MOVIE. For anyone that hasn't seen it, just don't. It has traumatized me for life.

**Sally:** First off, there *is* a reason people hype things. Since Kpop Demon Hunters came out, people have been sending me clips of it, edits of it, even screaming the songs as they walk home (guilty as charged :D). Of course it's unrealistic, it's a fantasy movie! You want to know the secret to its success? ITS AWESOMESAUCE SONGSSSSSS 😏😏😏!!! Some people (Olive >:[]) might think it's not very good, but it is centered around Korean pop culture. So I guess, if you're not open-minded.... Oh well. Guess it's not for you. Do you seriously think their costumes are hideous? Excuse me? How? The costumes are *beautiful*. Personally, my fav are the Golden ones!!! While the name is not a vibe, at least it's not *completely* irrelevant. To conclude, I (and the majority of the internet) think that Kpop Demon Hunters is an amazing movie, you should totes watch it.



**Tips for presenting speeches**

## By Milly

Your mind wanders as you stare out the window watching the sun stare blankly back at you. Head etched with pain you stare down at the paper below. Your grade. Your speech grade. The grade for the speech you spent hours memorising. The speech you spent hours writing out and editing. The speech that despite your best efforts, still left you with an unsatisfying grade. A speech that could have mesmerised your audience if only you had presented it with more confidence. So here are some amazing tips to enchant your speech presentation for next time. And not only will these tips make your speech more entertaining, these tips will come from the one and only winner of all speech contests, Olive Judson.

- A direct quote from her: *“It’s only 3 minutes, it’s not that deep”*. Once you’ve told yourself it will be fine, make sure you’re speaking loud and have a good pace.
- If you feel yourself speeding up, pause, find one person in the audience and pretend you’re speaking to them.

But in second place Reyansh Misra, has some interesting tips for your speech.

- *“Be loud and proud, show yourself off to everyone.”*
- So according to him, sell yourself out, after all it’s only 3 minutes. Be loud and be proud!

## Rules on the basketball court from the Newspaper Team

Hello Ponsonby,  
We are talking to all the basketball players in the school, 3 pointers or not. Now, our behaviour on the court is usually pretty good

every but now and then we get that occasional person who just doesn't know what the word “sportsmanship” means and like I said it’s not everyone but just sometimes. So here's some advice for when you're on the court.

- If you see someone get hit by a ball don’t laugh at them. Help them!
- If you catch someone's ball don’t kick or throw it, just hand it back to them.
- Don’t hog the ball, pass it around and have fun!
- Don't scream “LEBRON!”
- Also, people are betting money on the games, so can this please stop, after all, lunchtime sport is for enjoyment.

## History you should know about Jordan R12



Italy! You know it, you love it, a land of amazing food and culture, but also a land with a

deep, dark, traitorous past.

Did you know that Italy fought on the Allies side in WW1, but on the Central side in WW2? Italy has not only fought alongside us, but also against us! But why?

Italy fought in the first world war on our side, but not when the war initially started - they declared themselves neutral until 1915, where the United Kingdom promised Italy lands from Austria-Hungary, so they joined the war.

However, it is worth noting that Italy SUCKS at war. They were tasked with

holding off Austria-Hungary, while trying to advance through the Alps, and they didn't do a very good job. Sure, they managed to drive



Austria-Hungary back, but they lost over 531,000 men doing so, which limited their fighting capability. As a result, Italy did not gain all of the lands promised by the United Kingdom, and most of the land went to Yugoslavia.

The major loss of population and low reward made the Italian monarchy extremely unpopular, which aided this man, Benito Mussolini (left) to come to power.

Benito Mussolini was a fascist dictator, just like a certain Adolf Hitler, they quickly became pretty good friends and Italy allied to the German Reich, agreeing to fight in WW2 alongside them, which led to our own ANZACs fighting in the long, brutal Italian campaign. Once again, it is worth noting that Italy SUCKS at war, and did literally nothing for the Axis besides sending aid to certain es. In the end, Benito Mussolini eventually lost his grip on Italy and he was executed, and after Germany was defeated, Italy was restored to a monarchy (for another year) and then officially became the Italian Republic you know today.

## Where is this?



Submit a piece of paper with your answer to Olive in Room 12. The first correct answer will receive a small prize.

## Baker in the Paper

By Harry R25

(please ignore the formatting, it's been a rough couple of weeks trying to figure out what has gone wrong)

METHOD	INGREDIENTS
1. Preheat the oven to 160°C. Grease two 6-hole Muffin trays or two 23cm cake tins and line the bottom and sides with baking paper cut to fit exactly.	<i>Banana <u>Cakes</u></i> Ingredients:
2. Sift flour, baking powder and salt into a bowl and set aside.	2 <i>Cups</i> of <u>Flour</u>

3. Using an electric mixer, beat the butter on a low speed until light and creamy.	<i>1 Teaspoon of <u>Baking powder</u></i>
4. Slowly add sugar and continue to beat on low speed until light in colour and fluffy.	<i>1 Pinch of <u>Salt</u></i>
5. Add eggs one at a time, mixing well after each addition, and making sure to incorporate each egg before adding the next. Stop the mixer and scrape down the sides of the bowl with a spatula. With the mixer on low speed add the banana.	<i><math>\frac{3}{4}</math> Cups Of <u>Caster Sugar</u> (Not salt)</i>
6. Dissolve baking soda in hot milk.	<i>2 <u>Eggs</u></i>
7. Fold flour mixture and milk into the banana mixture in three equal measures. Lastly, fold in walnuts.	<i>3 Cups <u>Mashed Banana</u></i>
8. Divide mixture evenly between prepared cake tins and bake for 20–25 minutes for small cakes or 45 minutes for large cakes, or until the tops spring back when touched	<i>1 Teaspoon <u>Baking soda</u></i>

lightly and a skewer comes out clean when inserted into the middle.	
9. Let cakes cool completely in tins before turning out.	<i>4 Tablespoons of <u>Hot Milk</u>.</i>
10. If making small cakes, carefully cut them in half horizontally. To assemble the cakes, spread caramel over the bottom layer, then spread a thin layer of mascarpone over the top. Place the second cake layer on top. Spread with a thick layer of Cream Cheese Icing. Drizzle with extra caramel and decorate with walnuts or banana chips.	To assemble:
Enjoy!	<i><math>\frac{1}{2}</math> Cup <u>Caramel</u></i>
	<i><math>\frac{1}{4}</math> Cup <u>Mascarpone</u></i>

	
	<p><i>Enough Cream Cheese Icing</i> to put on 12 small Cupcakes.</p>
	<p>(Optional) Walnuts or Banana Chips to <b>decorate</b>.</p>

and you and the cradle fall to the ground?  
 Could you even survive such a terrifying drop?

The lyrics of "Rock-a-bye Baby" were first printed around 1765 in Mother Goose's Melody, likely published in London. Where did this **exact** version of the song come from? I guess nobody will ever know. But what we do know for sure is that putting a baby in a cradle hanging from an old rickety tree on a windy day is not a great idea...



## Rock-a-bye baby meaning behind the lyrics

BY AMELIA VERCOE

*'Rock a bye baby, on the tree top,  
 When the wind blows the cradle will rock.  
 When the bough breaks the cradle will fall,  
 And down will come baby, cradle and all.'*

If you're like most kids, you have probably innocently sung this lullaby to your baby doll, rocking them to sleep. Most of you were doubtless too young to absorb the words. If you *did* understand the lyrics, you'd probably be horrified.

I mean, think about it! You're in a cradle up high in a tree on a windy day? Who thought that was a good idea? Then the branch breaks

## We need to look after our bathrooms!

Written by: Brooke Room 22

Have you ever been busting, gone to the toilet at school and there was pee on the seat, well boy oh boy have I been in that situation it's not a great feeling is it?? Well I'm here to tell you what to do in the bathroom and how we can take care of it and create less work for our amazing caretakers

- When there's pee on the seat please take the time to wipe it with the toilet paper
- Flush the toilet !!! there is no worse feeling than looking into the toilet and there being a giant chocolate shaped turd
- Don't spend your time in the bathroom giggling away to your friends SOME PEOPLE ACTUAL NEED TO GO AND CAN'T WHEN YOUR

## SITTING IN THERE WITH YOUR FRIENDS

- Keep the bathrooms tidy so our caretakers don't have to spend there afternoon plunging the toilets instead of being with there family
- Don't plug the toilet, you only need 2 pieces of tissue paper. Fold it in half for gods sake

After reading this I hope you will take better care of our bathrooms

**-Stay clean ponsonby! ✨**



*Why is he perched like a bird?*

## The Ponsonby Pet Series!!!

Reyansh Misra 23

Teddy (with the white fur) and Koala (with the very light greyish tinged fur) are the first pets of our new Ponsonby Pet Series. Teddy and Koala are the mini-lop breed rabbits, aged 8 weeks old. They were reared by their mother and father for the first 5 weeks of their life, before being introduced to our family.



**Do you have a pet that you would like featured in the Ponsonby Pet series?**

**Look out in the notices for instructions on how to submit your pet to be showcased.**