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Counselling Service:

The school offers a school time counselling service to all students. It is provided by our counsellor, Debra. It gives you a chance to talk to Debra, about what bothers you with someone who is not connected with family, friends or school. Whatever you discuss with Debra is confidential, unless she believes that you or someone else is being or is at risk of being harmed.

To Contact Debra, You Can:

Email her at: ehelp@buxton.derbyshire.sch.uk
(this can only be used during term time)
Go and see her in B6

Readathon

The Readathon is a school fundraising event that encourages and motivates reading for pupils from schools across the UK. It raises funds for a good cause to ensure that children and young people have access to a wide and vibrant range of books to read and enjoy. Reading can offer all sorts of benefits such as comfort and reassurance, confidence and

security, relaxation, happiness and it's also fun. It also builds self-esteem, widens your vocabulary and helps you practice using your imagination.

How does the readathon work and how can you contribute?

Pupils choose something they want to read; it can be anything from fantasy novels to newspapers. From there,

they can ask family and friends to sponsor them for everything they read (books, comics etc.) or per minute of reading. You can either pay online or bring the sponsor money you've gathered into school. It started on the 27th of January and will end on the 23rd of February, there will be a prize for raising the most money from the readathon!

Presentation evening

On Thursday the 5th December our school held its annual presentation evening. The students picked for this event were students whose progress stood out in their KS3, 4 and 5 achievements. Some students were noticed and were entered for the Christine Pearson Award. This means that they were noticed for their cheerfulness. Students also received trophies and plaques because they helped the school work toward environmental causes, the year 7's wellbeing ambassadors and services to the school and community.



An interview with... Mrs Taylor

What made you want to teach languages?

I have always loved languages since I was little. So, I started learning English when I was about 7 years old and after that I learnt Spanish. Then when I was a teenager I learnt French as well. I studied in a German school, so the nuns of the school spoke in German and we learnt a bit of German but I don't remember any. I did not like German, I thought it was a very weird language.

What did you want to be when you were growing up?

It was a difficult decision because I wanted to be so many things: I wanted to be president of Brazil; also I wanted to work with computers; I also wanted to be a scientist and I wanted to be an actress. It was just when I was towards the end of my secondary school that I decided to specialise in my degree subject.

What is the country you would most like to visit?

That I haven't visited? I've never been to the United States, so I would like to visit there because it's so big and there are so many different things to see. I would love to visit there one day.

What is your favourite language and culture?

I like Spanish a lot and I like the Latin American countries. I've never been to Mexico but I quite like Mexican culture because they have so many artists in music, painting and literature that have contributed to the world. They make me want to visit Mexico to find out what's there that made them create the work that they made.

If you weren't a teacher, what would you be doing?

I can't think of myself not being a teacher anymore because I think it's my vocation, it's what I was born to do.

What's one thing on your bucket list that you would love to do?

Sleep for an entire day. 24 hours without being awakened.

What made you want to teach at a secondary school?

I love my subject and I would like for children to see, perhaps, how languages are from my point of view so maybe they will think like 'ah she's so enthusiastic about it, it must be actually fun to be able to learn another language'.

What is your favourite food?

I like to eat, in general. I think it would be easier if I say the things I don't like to eat. So, I don't like cabbage, I don't see the point in cabbage. If I were a slug perhaps I would like cabbage, but as a human, I don't get any gratification from eating cabbage. But what I like, I like pizza. Anything with cheese I would say is in my top. Yeah, anything with cheese pretty much.

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An interview with... Mrs Taylor

What do you like to watch?

I don't watch TV much because I don't have time, but I watch the news because I like to be well informed. Yeah, I wouldn't say it's my favourite, but it's what I end up doing because that's the only thing I have time for really.

What was it like for you moving to this school and settling in?

It was interesting, I am lucky that I arrived at this school where the staff are really nice and the children are too with only some who are making the wrong choices. So, in a way, I think I was lucky and it was alright to settle. It is different, it's true, but yeah, it's been nice meeting new people because everyone is so interesting and I've been learning a lot. It's been good and I'm enjoying it.

What is your favourite book?

I like Isabel Allende; she's a Chilean writer and I like her books a lot. I probably wouldn't know the names of her books in English because I read them in Spanish but, yeah, I think that with all the books from her I always have a good time and I know they are not going to disappoint me. I also know that I am going to spend some time reading them. I will read a bit and then later I will be thinking about how I want to read the next part.

What was your favourite subject at school?

Maths, I was quite good at maths. I used to like English a lot, but I always found that when I was learning English in school, it was too easy because I was doing language classes on the side. So English classes in school I thought to be too easy because I had already studied it as a club. Maths in school was the one that was a challenge to learn.

What is your favourite holiday/celebration?

I used to like Christmas a lot, but then once I had my children, Halloween became more important because they're absolutely mad about Halloween, more than Christmas. Our family calendar goes up to Halloween and there's all this anticipation about the foods and costumes and then when it comes to Christmas it's nice but it's quiet. So these days, I think Halloween is my favourite.

What is your favourite cheese?

I adore cheese more than anything that exists. I probably like breathing more than eating cheese but it's probably my second favourite thing to do. Yeah, my favourite thing to do is to breathe because it's important and then to eat cheese. Then sleep. My favourite cheese is this Swiss cheese that doesn't smell nice and every time I buy it, the whole house knows because they can smell it. It will smell for a week, even after I've eaten it, the whole fridge still smells. But it is so delicious. It's called Gruyere.

World News Special - USA

A look at the 47th US election and the president's promises

What has happened?

On January 20th 2025, President Donald Trump was inaugurated (formally admitted) as the 47th President of the United States of America, with JD Vance as his vice president. This is his second term as president. Within his inauguration speech, he outlined many plans, including a serious crackdown on immigration, providing a boost to the economy and more work on illegal border entry.

What has he done so far?

Immediately after his inauguration, Trump declared numerous executive orders (rules meant for emergency situations that are considered law but not debated), here are some of the most major ones:

- Withdrawing the US from the World Health Organization
- Withdrawing the US from the Paris Agreement (climate)
- Only recognising two genders by law
- Declaring a 'national energy emergency', and ordering more drilling for fossil fuels
- Designating drug cartels and criminal organisations and terrorist enemies
- Deporting many people from the country

What has he promised?

- Higher tariffs (tax on imports)
- Tax reforms
- Reducing US dependence on Chinese imports
- Mass deportation (being forcibly removed from a country)
- Cutting funding for schools promoting race and gender support which he describes as 'radical'
- US control over Gaza

How can this be bad for us?

Trump's new policies and stretching of his power creates a confusing and tense time for the world. For his allies in Europe, America's distancing from them could be seen as a step to help them achieve European autonomy, or as leaving them to fend against the threat posed by Russia for themselves. Whether it will help the world or not, the ethics and legality behind his choices are already being debated and this rise towards full control worries some that Trump may be focusing on some kind of fascism. Although nothing is certain at this time, it is clear that there will be major global changes, for the better or the worse.



Floods in Queensland



Northern Queensland, Australia, is currently grappling with catastrophic flooding after torrential rainfall over the past several days. The powerful downpours have caused widespread devastation, with thousands of residents being forced to flee their homes, while one woman has tragically lost her life in the ongoing crisis. Authorities are warning of a "dangerous and life-threatening" situation, as floodwaters continue to rise across the region. Since Saturday, some areas have recorded nearly 1.3 meters (4.2 feet) of rain, with no immediate relief in sight. Queensland Premier David Crisafulli has stated that record downpours are expected to persist into Monday, heightening the fears of even more severe flooding.

Meteorologists have raised concerns that these floods could become the worst the region has seen in over 60 years. With continued rainfall, the already swollen rivers and waterways are expected to overflow further, making evacuation efforts and rescue operations increasingly challenging. The devastating floods have forced authorities to issue emergency evacuation orders, while rescue teams work tirelessly to reach stranded residents. Communities in the affected areas are seeing widespread damage to homes, infrastructure and vital services, as floodwaters engulf streets and properties.

Football

The Premier League is a popular watch and many people follow a certain team. The level of competition in every game is reflected in the club supporters when they argue with the opposite team's fans. The table has changed a lot with Manchester City going from 1st to being defeated by many teams. The new England manager's first game is going to be on 21st March against Albania, then his second a few days later on 24th March against Latvia. Both games will be played at Wembley.

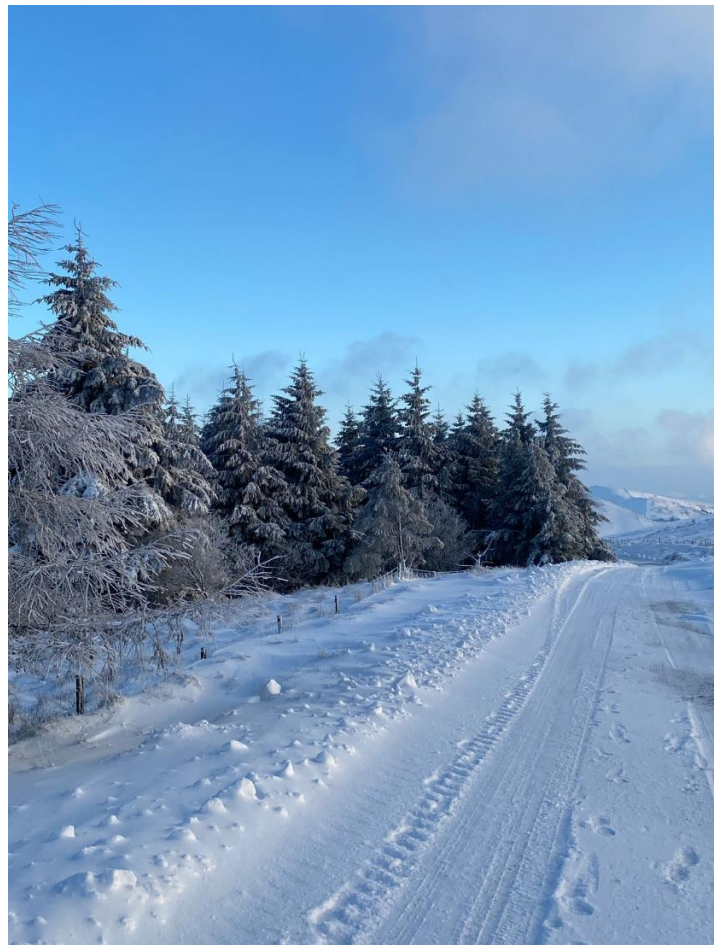
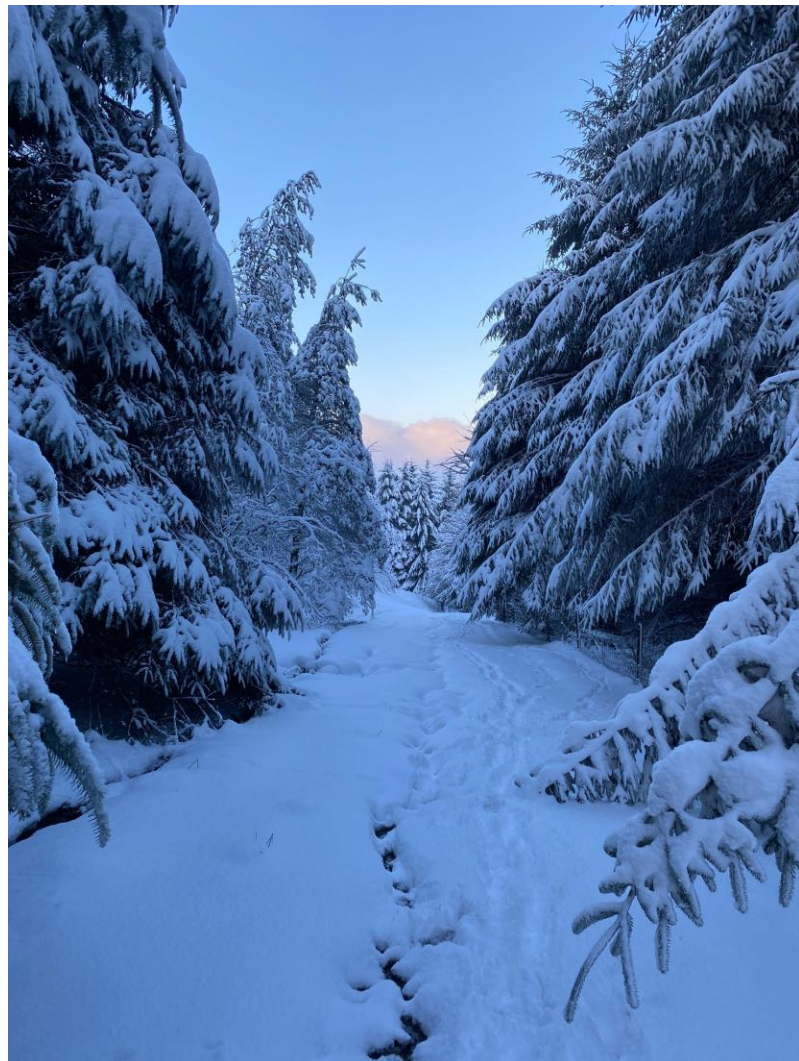
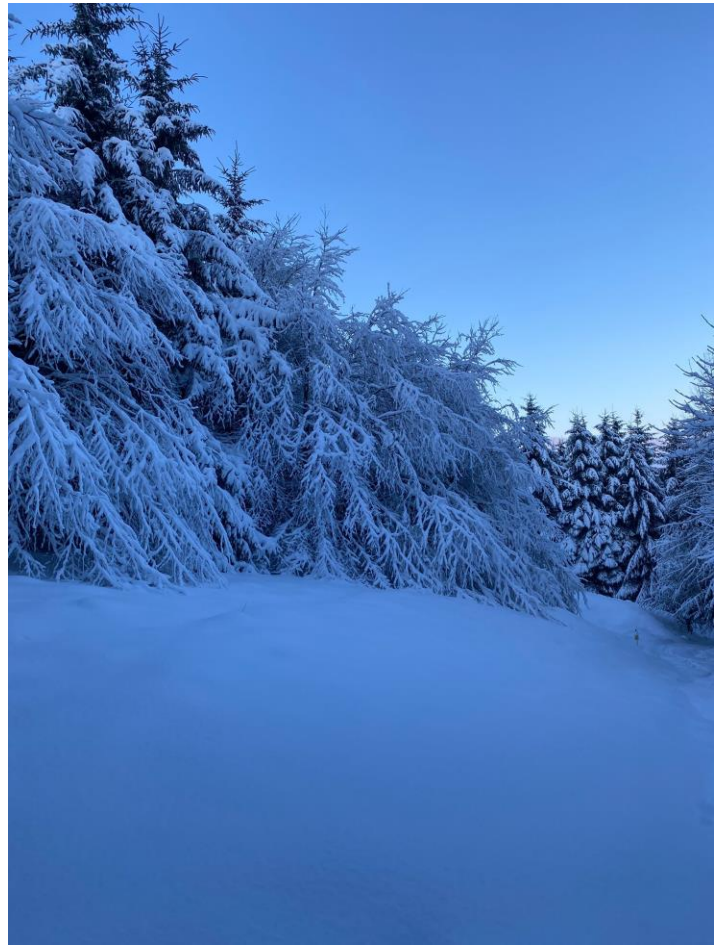


Russian Spy Ship sighted off the UK

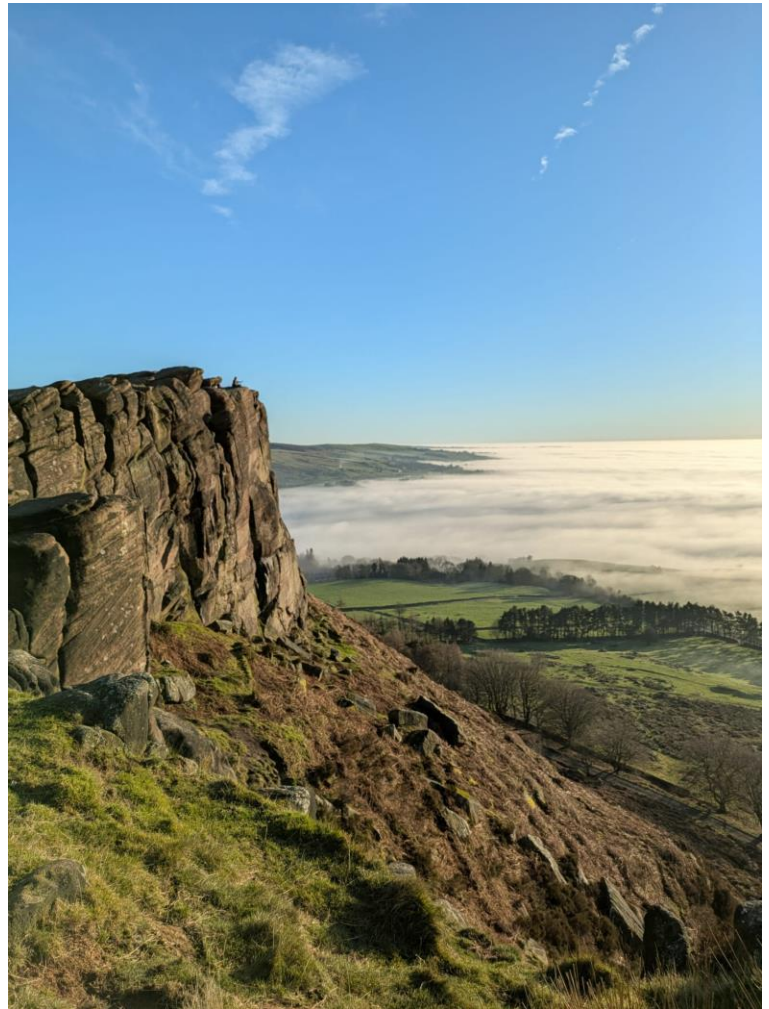
The Russian ship Yamtar was spotted off the coast of the UK. It is suspected to be a Shadow Fleet spy ship gathering intelligence using advanced Russian technology. HMS Somerset covertly launched her Merlin helicopter, which used its powerful sensors to locate the Russian ship

as it made its way north towards the English Channel, keeping tabs on the spy ship.

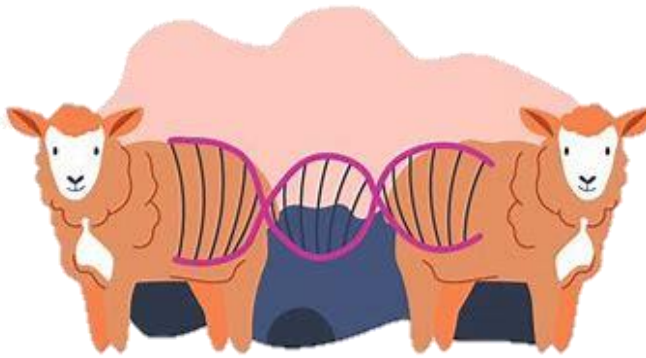




Photos of the local area (Harpur Hill) taken by Max Sherwood



The Debate | Is Cloning a path to success or failure?



The facts:

Across the world, the study of cloning is becoming more and more popular. Cloning is the process of taking one animal's DNA and turning it into an exact copy of the original thing. Although this can be beneficial to the world, it could also be used for malicious or dangerous reasons. This raises many ethical, legal and philosophical controversies within this matter.

What is cloning?

Cloning is the creation of a copy of a cell, or an entire living thing. This thing is then called a clone. The science behind (artificial) cloning is very complicated, but it mostly involves taking the DNA out of an animal, 'formatting' it into an eggs DNA, taking the DNA out of an egg cell and replacing that DNA with the changed one. This egg is then given to a different animal to raise as that animal's baby. This egg then begins to develop into a baby, which will grow as an identical copy of the thing the original cell was taken from.

Cloning is a path to success:

It has a lot of medical potential, for example things like advanced organ transplants which could save many lives
 It could allow creating things like animal and human 'models', which are already dead, to be used for advanced testing, education and science
 It also advances general genetic engineering, which can allow people becoming more advanced and resistant to many natural problems.

It could expand the average human lifespan and health-span
 Could (with certain moral beliefs) 'replace' lost family members (eg: a baby that didn't survive birth)
 We could use it to revive extinct species
 Faster and more efficient food production
 Biodiversity conservation (boosting species numbers)

Cloning is a path to failure:

The results on society could be very unpredictable, and could cause a very wide class distinction between people who can afford cloning and people who can't
 Cloned people would not be the same as the original, due to much of a person's defining factors influenced heavily by experience

Raises many moral and religious problems, such as The Teletransportation Paradox
 Also raises many legal questions such as 'Does a cloned human have the same human rights as a naturally born human?'
 Too many clones could lead to overpopulation, and could take up jobs, similar to how AI is in the modern world?

DID YOU KNOW?
 The first cloned mammal was a sheep named Dolly!

Please vote by scanning the QR code on the right.





CLUB ADVERT

Due to the recent surge in popularity, we would highly suggest joining D&D club. D&D is a unique adventure game, where anything is possible! Want to play as a frog casting a fireball while attacking someone with an axe? YOU CAN. Come and visit us: KS3 on Tuesdays after school, or KS4 on Thursdays in the Hub!

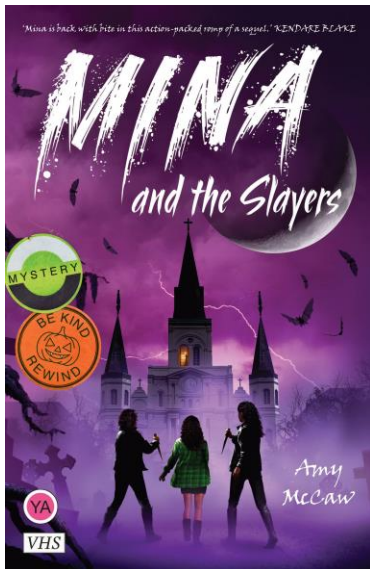
Game News:

Rain World is a game about the player partaking in the lowest ranking of the predatorial world. The character plays the race known as a “slug cat”. Slugcats are small, agile creatures with two arms and two legs.

The objective of the game is to find your family who was lost in the floods. The name “RAIN WORLD” was given because of the cycle of rain that wipes everything out. The way to stop this is to find enough food to hibernate for the cycle. Do you think you can finish the game?



Book Review – Mina and the Slayers



MINA AND THE SLAYERS is a vampire horror mystery. It is the second of three stories by Amy McCaw about a teenage girl called Mina who lives in New Orleans in 1995. It is a story of vampires, vampire slayers and detective work. Mina has grown up with vampires having spent her childhood in Whitby, North Yorkshire, the home of Dracula but now she knows vampires are real! It is a sort of murder mystery that finds Mina undertaking her own detective work whilst on work experience with the Police Department. Detective Cafferty is her mentor and she gets drawn into investigating a savage masked killer and a rise in suspicious ‘animal attacks’.

Mina meets a group of vampire slayers who are battling to control rogue vampires in the city. Mina gets drawn into the slayer group spending time with them at night whilst working with the Police by day. However, the slayers have a code, and Mina finds herself caught between them and her friends and family. The story has plenty of twists and turns and there are plenty of action and scares too. This book is a must read. The author makes the characters feel real and she grips your attention. You never know what is going to happen next. The story will appeal to teenagers and adults alike.

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Your Step to Step Guide On how to create a Comic (In comic form)

By Teacher Pom!

Hello my name is Teacher Pom, I'll be teaching today!

Your first step in making a comic is a Subject and a main character.

Then you are going to want to think of a story line.

After you've got that finished you should start drawing squares

There are two main ways of making squares Non-touching and linear.

At least that is what I call them

To make your squares, use a ruler, or not! Depends on how you like them, (squares).

Then draw your character on the squares.

And what they are going to say.

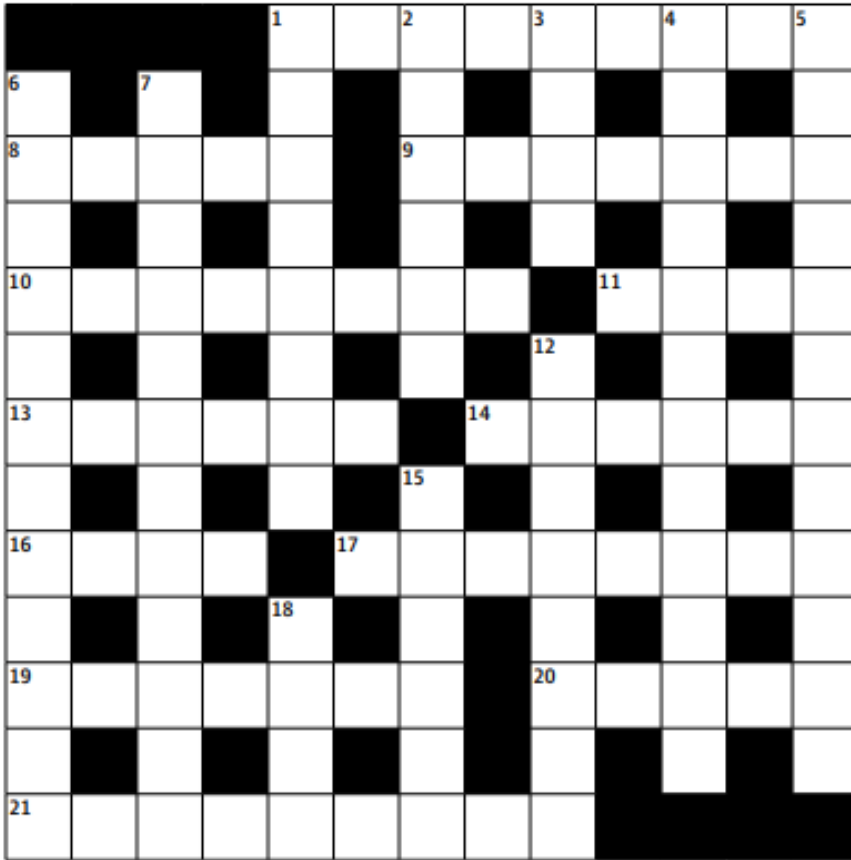
Make sure to get proper spelling

And remember to write your words first then speech bubble

Thank you for listening To my lecture, See you next time!

BYE!

PUZZLES



Anagrams

Lobyogi
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Across

18 Window, admiral or guard? (4)

- 1 Cornish Lizard, for instance (9)
- 8 One-time humble pie ingredient (5)
- 9 His/her turn will surely come (7)
- 10 Drugs taken to boost muscle mass (8)
- 11 Swarm (with life) (4)
- 13 Sounded disapproving (6)
- 14 Protein-rich seed (6)
- 16 Run this way to go berserk (4)
- 17 Shocking (8)
- 19 Prized pieces of information (7)
- 20 Song of praise (5)
- 21 Knocked off the top spot (9)

Down

- 1 Stop the car (4,4)
- 2 Not a single person (6)
- 3 Practically (4)
- 4 Anonymous (12)
- 5 Yes-man libels (anag) - means of mass production (8,4)
- 6 Domesticated (5-7)
- 7 It only occurs to one later (12)
- 12 Upped and left (8)
- 15 It may detain one (6)

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