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WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD?

Flooding in Libya

On Sunday the 10th of September following heavy rainfall, two dams broke in the city of Derna, Libya, causing deadly floods to sweep through the city and washing entire neighbourhoods out to sea. Currently the official death toll stands at 11,300 as efforts work to recover another 10,000 missing. The torrential rain was a result of Storm Daniel, which brought devastation to other Mediterranean countries in the week prior. Due to the damage caused, access to Derna has been cut off making rescue efforts incredibly difficult.

WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT THIS?

Irish citizens should care about this flooding in Derna, Libya, because it directly connects to Ireland's values and responsibilities. The Irish government has already taken action by donating €1 million in assistance through Irish Aid. This crisis, caused by climate change, highlights the need for global solidarity. Ireland's commitment to addressing climate change and providing humanitarian aid is at the forefront here. The Irish Red Cross is also collecting online donations for vital emergency support in Libya. Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs Micheál Martin said, "The Libyan people have already endured years of conflict, poverty, and displacement and the crisis caused by this flooding, a direct result of the impact climate change" This situation underscores Ireland's dedication to international cooperation and addressing the impacts of climate change.

Written by
Anonymous

IRISH NEWS AS GAEILGE

Cad a tharlóidh le RTÉ?

Le linn cruinniú comhlachta le deanaí, tugadh le fios dúinn go bhfuítear ag súil go gcaillfear breis agus €21 milliúin ó ioncam cheadúnais telifíse roimh deireadh na bliana. Tugadh le fios friesin go raibh cailteanas €2.8 milliúin ag RTÉ anuraidh agus an chuid is mó de sin, tháinig sé ón Toy Show: The musical

An Trá Casta

Is de bharr dreigite nó "ocáid chosmaí" nó rud dá leithéad a tháinig an poll "mistéireach" ar thrá Phort Méarnóg. – Dá mbeifeá at breathnú ar Virgin Media News trathnóna inné, seans go bhfaca tú a dtuairisc ar an "bpoll mistéireacht" a bhí le feiceál ar an trá i mBhaile Átha Cliath agus bhí an díograiseoir réaltfhisic áitiúil Dave Kennedy ag insint don eagraíocht nuachta go m'fhéidir gur "ó theas" a tháinig an charraig a bhí sa pholl.

UFO, I ndáiríre?!

Mar sin féin, creideann an fhoireann gur féidir le NASA ról ceannasach a bheith acu maidir le sonraí UAP a bhailiú agus a anailísiú, rud a d'fhéadfadh cabhrú leis an bhfeiniméin seo a thuiscint níos fearr. Creideann an fhoireann freisin go bhfuil sé tábhachtach an stiogma a bhaineann le tuairisciú UAP a laghdú, ionas go mothóidh daoine ar a gcompórd labhairt faoi fhaisnéis na radharcanna seo. Mar shampla, níl NASA ag úsáid an téarma 'Deaglán' go hoifigiúil a thuilleadh ina phríomhchumarsáid maidir le réada eitilte neamhaitheanta sa spéir.

"Excuses" by Ava Murphy

It was outstanding in its field!
Why did the scarecrow win an award?

DID YOU KNOW?
Taylor Swift is currently the person who has won the most MTV music awards!
or
There is enough gold in the planet to coat the entire Earth!



REVIEW CORNER



ALBUM OF THE MONTH GUTS by Olivia Rodrigo

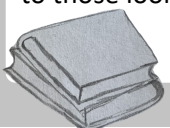
There is no denying that Olivia Rodrigo's debut album SOUR was an instant success the moment it was released, following on from her renowned ballad 'Driver's License' that dominated the music scene throughout 2021. Now, three Grammys and two years later, expectations have been set sky high for Rodrigo's next release and the wait is finally over. On September 8th 2023 Rodrigo released her sophomore album 'GUTS'. On first listen, GUTS immediately sets itself apart from its predecessor 'Sour' with an ever-present rock undertone coupled with more clever and more playful lyrics. The use of sound bites such as snippets of conversations and count-ins at the beginning of some songs give the album a more intimate sentiment, almost as if we are sitting in the studio with her hearing it live for the first time. Lead single 'Bad Idea Right?' as well as 'Get Him Back!' show us a new side to Rodrigo's songwriting previously unseen in Sour, and personally I love it. Her lyrics are as sharp as ever with a tongue in cheek element to them that gives the album a unique sense of fun and wit. Overall it could be argued that GUTS is perhaps missing a big pop moment as seen on Sour, however this is made up for in other areas of the album. In 'Pretty Isn't Pretty', Rodrigo comments on the impossibility of today's beauty standards, singing "I could try every lipstick in every shade but I'd always feel the same 'cause pretty isn't pretty enough anyway". Elsewhere, ballads such as 'Logical' and 'The Grudge' balance out the album perfectly giving it a consistent variety between rock and minimal piano with soft vocals. Personally I loved the album, from the instrumentation to the lyricism and range of topics discussed over varying guitar and piano backing tracks. If 'Sour' didn't catapult Rodrigo to superstardom 'GUTS' sure did.

Written by Ava Burgess

NOVEL OF THE MONTH Rules for Being a Girl

"Rules for Being a Girl", written by Candace Bushnell and Katie Cotugno, is an explosive tale that empowers girls on their quest to take action. For fans of Barbie, the message behind this book breaks all the rules society have placed on girls. "Don't be easy. Don't give it up. Don't be a prude. Don't be cold." This story will inspire others to be proud of their story and take charge of their own lives. I would highly recommend "Rules for Being a Girl" to those looking to learn more about feminism.

Written by Anonymous

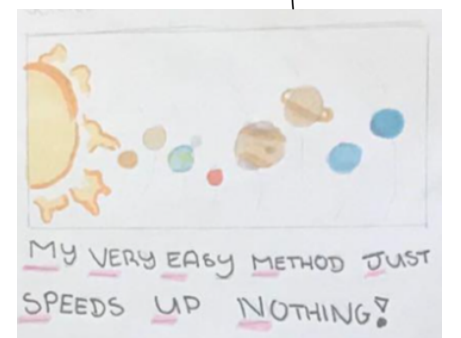
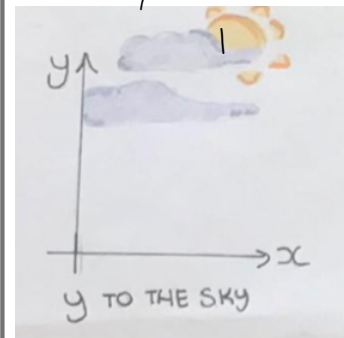


FILM OF THE MONTH The Barbie Movie

The Barbie Movie, directed by Greta Gerwig, released in July 2023, has taken cinemas by storm. A highlight is the symbolism of the Birkenstock sandal. Confronted with a choice between the glamorous high heel, representing Barbie's world, and the Birkenstock signifying the real world's authenticity, Barbie humorously opts for glamour, yet is given the Birkenstock. This decision mirrors Barbie's inner conflict between yearning for reality and her comfortable Barbie existence. By the film's end, Barbie confidently sports pink Birkenstocks, symbolizing her growth and immersion into reality while maintaining her iconic flair. In conclusion, I would highly recommend this film for its comedic brilliance and intriguing storyline!

Written by Kate Goodman

How do I remember....
Which is y and which is x?
The order of the planets?



Artists: Rosie Morley, Aoife Barry and Anhle Jordan

ENTER THE COMPETITION
BELOW AND WIN A PRIZE!
(Read the back for details!)

THE COMPETITION CORNER

MS HARRINGTON'S RIDDLE

A penguin was given €9, a spider was given €36 and a bee was given €27. Based on this information, how much money would be given to a cat?

YOUR ANSWER

TEAR ME OUT!

SCHOOL NEWS



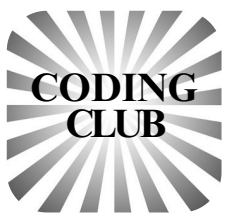
The annual TY musical is already in the works, get ready to see Annie coming to you March 2024!



Regina Mundi warmly welcomes young future students for an open evening to get a taste of the endless opportunities our school has to offer.

Congrats!

The 2023/24 head girl and deputy head girl have been decided! Congratulations to Ciara Bracken who has been appointed Head girl, and Alison McCarthy who has been appointed deputy head girl.



The Regina mundi coding club has been created! It takes place every Monday at lunchtime, please come along because all are welcome!



The first Monthly Mundi has been published (it's us!!). Don't forget to enter the competition on the bottom left and put your answer in the box at the well to be in with the chance of winning a prize before next month's newspaper is out!



Join the Green Schools Committee!
Fridays 1.10pm

Written by Michaela Carney and Clodagh Henry

OPINION PIECE: Assuming

Written by Arden Mallari

Assuming - it's the thing that makes us turn our backs, stop ourselves from laughing at someone's joke or feigning it entirely. It currently runs more rampant than any other illness going around and is an epidemic of sorts. Do you wear your hair down, or have enough to tie it up? Are your bangs above or below your brows? How many holiday bracelets do you wear on your wrists? Docs or Converse? Have you been wearing that jacket around school?

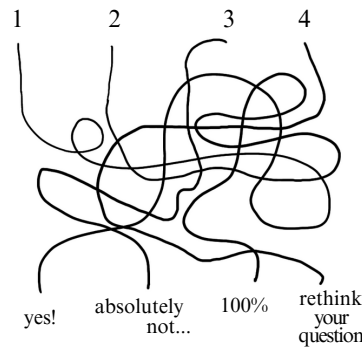
Well then, chances are, you've been a victim of assumption. It's assumption that satisfies us -- our ego is fed, our knowledge 'broadened' and gut-feeling strong. Except it really just constricts us and makes us less perceptive to who people really are. It almost always replaces our interactions with the people we think about, akin to a stalker-fan or an obsessive thinker.

We limit ourselves to these figmentary images all day long - from who we should and shouldn't talk to, to what we expect of others and what we want from ourselves. People who seem to be the brunt of assumption do it all the same, in their self-made prison. I think the familiarity of making assumptions has created this unspoken divide between us all, which could be stopping us from creating unbreakable bonds.

So, go on. Talk to them. Prove yourself right - or wrong.

LET FATE DECIDE!

THINK OF A BURNING QUESTION.
THEN PICK YOUR ARROW OF CHOICE.
FOLLOW THE LINE CAREFULLY...
YOU'LL HEAR THE PUZZLE'S VOICE.



Restart

Every day is an excess. I want nothing more of them.
Constant chatter, movement, an absolute overload of activity for my overflowing mind.
Place me in a dark space,
a quiet one should it be no trouble.
Allow me to bask in simplicity, appreciate the comfort of what is not.
Dwell in a sensory
banished
space.
I need no enrichment,
no companionship; I wish to cleanse my mind, rid it of all corruption of this play.
Strip me of my beliefs, my interests, my opinions, my hates, my adorations
Embody the unaffected, pristine, the new yet always present.
Isolated and deprived I shall become whole.

Written by Anonymous

SHORT STORY OF THE MONTH: A fairytale rewritten

Written by Myah O'Brien

"My name's Officer Elenore Groves with the FairyTale Police Department. You are... Blunderbore the Giant," The middle-aged officer drawled.

Blunderbore nodded.

"Right," she sighed, "You're hoping to appeal your status as a villain?"

"Yes."

"Can you give some background on your Fairytale? I'm aware you died at the end and permanently reside in Fairytale Land."

"I'm from Jack and the Beanstalk. I've been wrongfully painted as the villain, it's Jack who should be hated."

"Why is that?" Officer Groves asked, no hint of emotion in her voice.

"He robbed me. He broke into my house!"

Officer Groves looked up from her paperwork, "Would those belongings be..." back to the paper, "Gold, a Golden Goose, and a magic harp?"

"Yes."

"It says you threatened to 'grind his bones to make your bread.' Anything to say about that?" The officer's eyes narrowed even further. Blunderbore shrugged, "There was an intruder in my house. It was a threat I never planned on following up on. I just wanted him out of my house."

"Okay..." Officer Groves took a moment to scribble down some notes, "And how's this negatively affected your livelihood?"

Blunderbore sighed, "Since he killed me, I live in Fairytale Land- in the Village-of-Villains... it's- isolating. The villains hate me while the heroes think I'm evil. So, I either spend my days alone or hang around with Pinocchio, who has the moral compass of- a coat hanger!"

Blunderbore grumbled, "A grasshopper knows better!"

Officer Groves nodded, "Well, Mr. Blunderbore... I think we're onto something. I look forward to working with you."

Sound Box

Everyday I'm surrounded by people who have perfect sounding sound boxes
While mine is broken.

I hear people talking regularly while I stumble with my speech.
Everyone speaks comprehensibly while I speak incoherently.

I'm envious of those around me being able to speak coherently
while I repeat myself nonstop.

I wish that one day my sound box will be fixed and I'll be able to speak like them.

Written by Dani French

SPORTS UPDATES

International- Womens World Cup 2023



The group stage of the Womens World Cup began on the 20th of July until the 3rd of August, with the top 2 teams from each group progressing into the Round of 16. The Quarterfinals were by far the most intense matches of the tournament, with Australia, England, Spain and Sweden coming out victorious and progressing to the semi's. The Semi Finals were just as intense, with Olga Carmona scoring a last minute goal to bring Spain to the final. Sam Kerr's astonishing goal was unfortunately not enough to send Australia to the final as UEFA Champions England came out on top with a score of 3-1. The final between England and Spain was extremely intense, the progression being quite even. However the tournament ended on the 20th of August when Olga Carmona was yet again able to see Spain to a 1-0 victory by scoring the winning goal in the 29th minute.

The awards of the tournament:

- Golden Boot- Miyazawa Hina (Japan)
- Golden Glove- Mary Earps (England)
- Golden Ball- Aitana Bonmati (Spain)
- Young Player- Salma Paralleulo (Spain)

Munster Schools U-15 soccer squad

Congratulations to Holly O'Hagan 3T who was recently selected for the Munster Schools U-15 soccer squad. This team will take part in an inter provincial tournament in November. She was also selected for a year long FAI national academy development squad earlier in the year.

Junior Football

Well done to our Junior Football team who started off the year on a very positive note with a fantastic win over Gaelcholáiste Mhuire on a score line of 7-14 to 2-2. It was a fantastic team performance and hopefully the start of many more to come this year.

Written by Cadhla Murphy

Dear Readers,

A massive thank you to our editor, Anastasia Prybytko, for her exceptional work on the editing and layout of our very first edition of The Monthly Mundi. Anastasia has truly brought each segment to life.

I also wish to extend my deepest appreciation to all contributors, both named and anonymous, for adding vibrant narratives and insights to the paper. Your valuable input is what makes this publication truly special.

If you are feeling inspired join us after reading this paper, I don't blame you! The newsroom welcomes new contributors every Thursday at lunchtime in the library. We hope to see you there!

Thank you for reading!
Ms. Craven

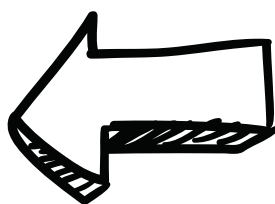
Fill me out and drop me in the box on the stage to be in with the chance of winning a mystery prize!

FULL NAME: _____

CLASS: _____

YEAR: _____

TEAR ME OUT!



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