

Make the Leap...

Issue 14

all gen 3 pokemon by francis



Introduction

Welcome to the 14th issue of 'Make the Leap', the Ada Lovelace School magazine.

The school magazine is curated by Miss Sullivan, Head of Art, as well as Maya in Year 13 and features several submissions from pupils.

If you have any ideas or submissions for future issues please email:
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Here at Ada Lovelace we aspire to be ready for life in the 21st Century. Like our name sake we aim to be bold and imaginative, seizing opportunities to problem solve and think differently. We aim to continually improve ourselves and the wider world.

Our motto is...

Ada Lovelace Day

On the 15th October, the school celebrated Ada Lovelace Day. Ada Lovelace Day (ALD) is an international celebration of the achievements of women in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM).

The school opened its doors to our valued partners and guests, some of whom ran workshops and joined us networking and business sessions.

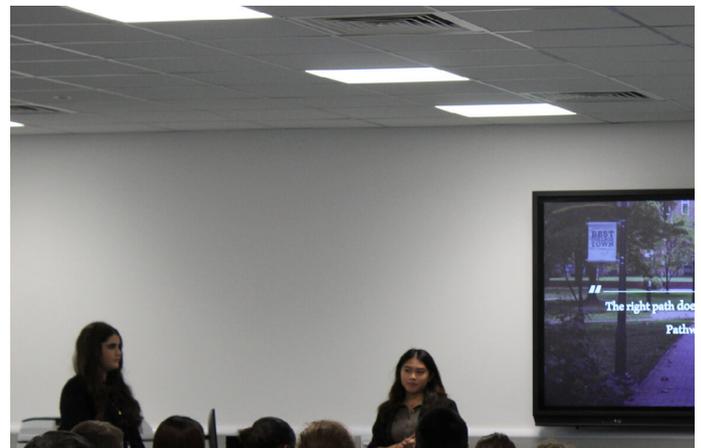
Our T Level students played an integral role in the day. Many of them were tour guides for our external visitors - showing them around the school, dropping in on talks and workshops with the lower school and answering questions. Some of the T Level students had the fantastic opportunity to pitch their digital ideas to our audience - a real Dragon's Den moment!

The students also enjoyed a number of insightful workshops. Amazon and KPMG presented on apprenticeship opportunities and IBM supported them to earn more SkillsBuild digital badges and also delivered an engaging careers session to share their career journey to date and their learnings and advice.

"Make the leap"

Our Aim – help everyone to gain work and tech skills

- Workshops
- Talks
- Projects
- Work experience
- Visits



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Sporting achievements

Despite the cold weather, It has been another exceptional term for sporting achievement at Ada Lovelace!

Some of the highlights have been:



What began seven months ago as a fun challenge has grown into a truly remarkable journey. When the tennis fixtures were first released, a group of then-Year 7 and 8 girls set out to enjoy the round robin matches and perhaps notch a few wins. Fast forward to today, and those same students—now in Years 8 and 9—have exceeded all expectations.

Not only did they top their group of seven teams without losing a single matchday, but they also went on to win their semifinal 12-0, not dropping a single set. In the regional final, they faced off against their fifth private school opponent, City of London School for Girls, and secured a decisive 8-4 victory.

Throughout their campaign, the team has shown extraordinary determination, humility, and teamwork. Perhaps most impressive of all is their attitude: win or lose (usually win), regardless of the score or the behaviour of their opponents, they always play with smiles on their faces and carry themselves with professionalism.

We now await news of their next opponents in a larger regional final. One thing is certain—the girls will continue to represent Ada with the same integrity, resilience, and pride that has defined their journey so far. Well done girls!

Sporting Success



Ada Lovelace CofE High School



Year 8 boys beat Twyford 2-1



Junior Boys Basketball beat Drayton Manor (v good basketball school) 31-20!



Year 7 girls beat William Perkin 10-0!



Other key highlights:





Computing Dept

The school was thrilled to welcome visitors from the Aerospace Careers Programme, who came in to share their expertise and inspire our students about the many exciting paths within the aerospace industry. Students discovered how virtual reality is transforming pilot training, explored what it takes to become a pilot, and learned about the technology behind flight simulators and the gaming industry.

Our guests also opened our eyes to a wide range of aerospace careers beyond the cockpit, including psychologists who support crew health, medics specialising in aerospace medicine, and even space lawyers who help navigate the legal frontiers of outer space.

And of course, one of the biggest highlights was Spot the robot dog. The Boston Dynamics marvel captured everyone's attention as he answered questions about data collection and his special operations missions. The presentations were highly engaging, with students getting fully involved in a variety of hands-on activities, sparking curiosity, creativity, and a real enthusiasm for the world of aerospace.

It was an incredible opportunity to host the ACP and I hope that students from Ada Lovelace, Twyford and Ealing Fields left feeling inspired.

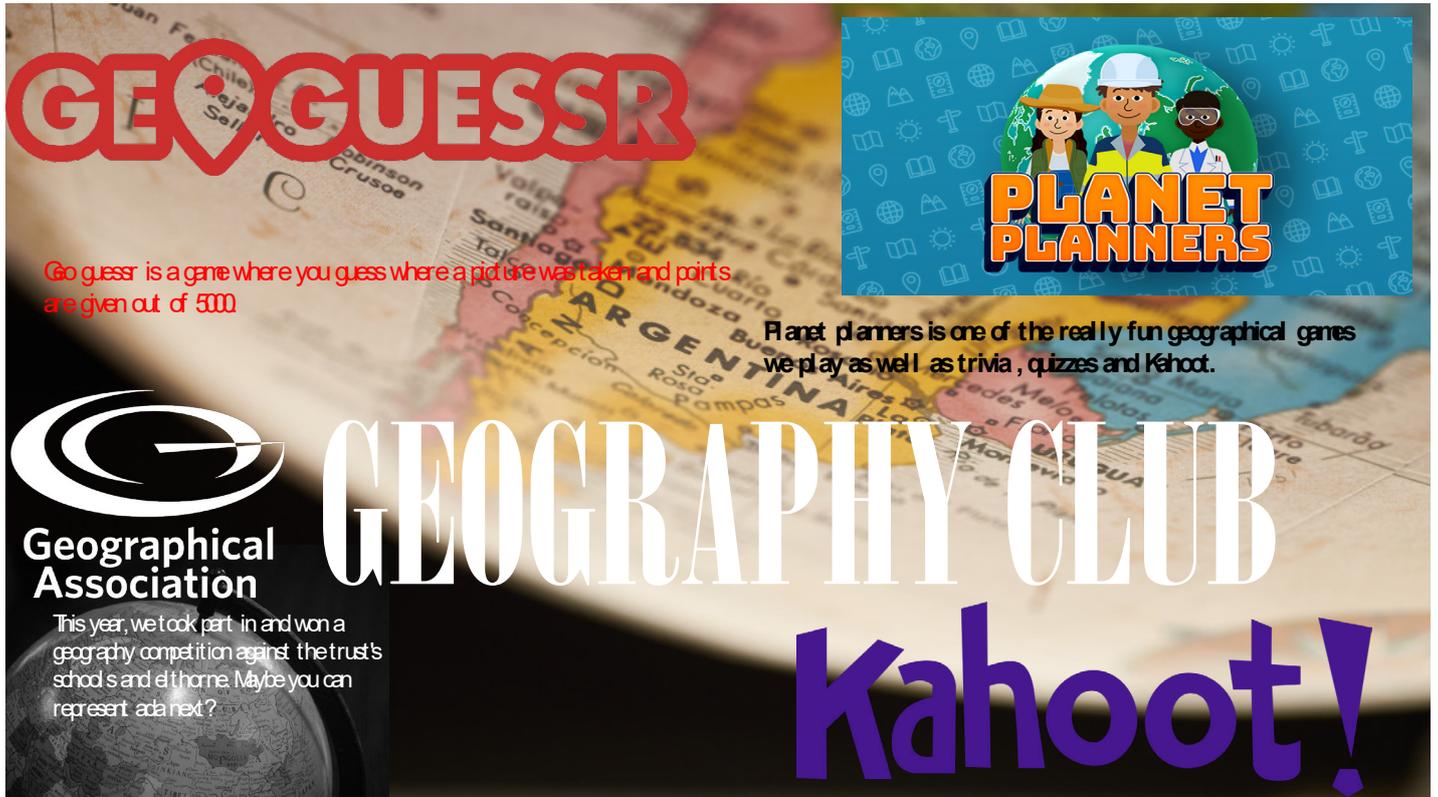
“One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.” – Neil Armstrong.

Let's keep making the leap!



Geography Club

by Leylah (Year 9)



GEO GUESSR

Go guess is a game where you guess where a picture was taken and points are given out of 5000

PLANET PLANNERS

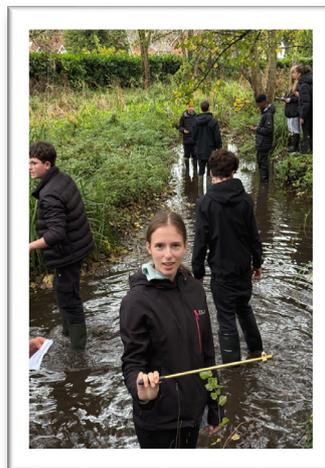
Planet planners is one of the really fun geographical games we play as well as trivia, quizzes and Kahoot.

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Geographical Association

This year, we took part in and won a geography competition against the trust's schools and at home. Maybe you can represent at next?

GEOGRAPHY CLUB

Kahoot!



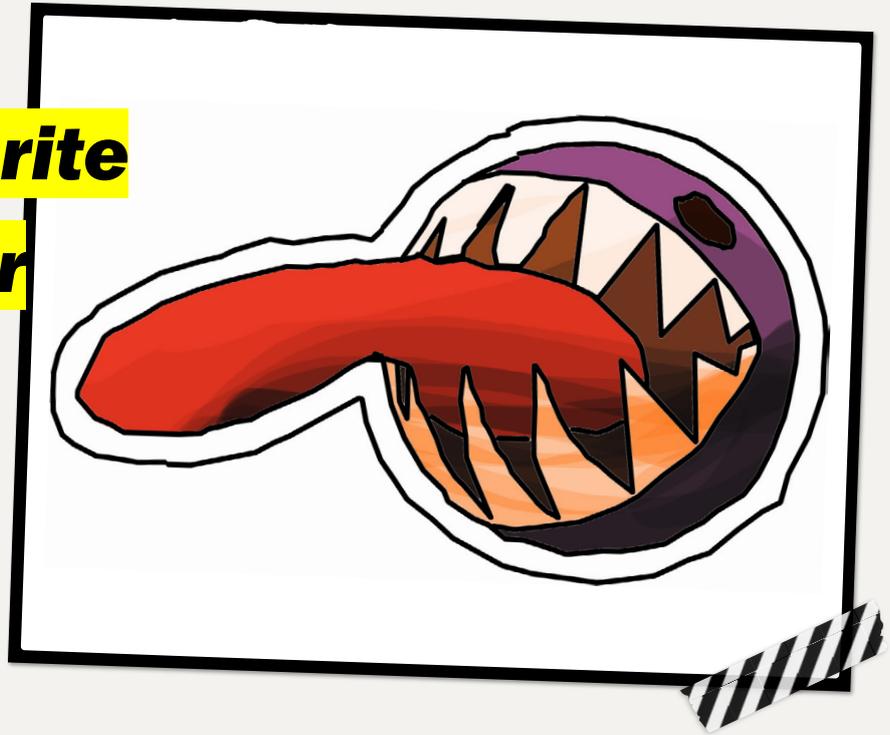
Year 10 Geography river trip!

Creative corner

This issue's theme is personal hobbies. Magazine Club have been learning introductory Photoshop techniques, with a focus on digital painting this term.

My Favourite Character

This is BUBBLE from
THE AMAZING DIGITAL
CIRCUS (TADC for short)
My second favourite
character is JAX(not in
image)



by Edoardo (Year 7)



I like animals!

I mostly like capybaras, but I decided to make a piece of artwork dedicated to my grumpy cat!

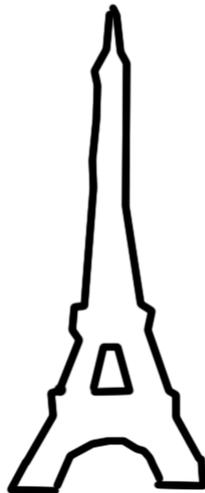
by Marlo (Year 7)



Being in nature by Isaiah (Year 7)



National Animals by Yehia (Year 7)



INTRODUCTION

- France is a European country
 - This country is only twenty kilometers by boat from England.
 - There are famous monuments like La Tour Eiffel (The Eiffel Tower)
 - There is the baguette of bread, the croissant
 - (I could finish the PowerPoint in French)
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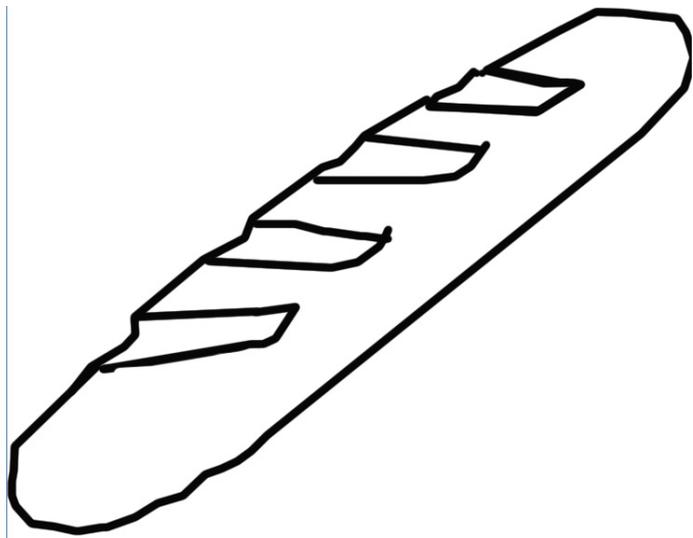
CARTE DE LA FRANCE

- France looks like this
- We call it the Hexagon in France



THE FOOD (LA NOURRITURE)

- There is the baguette 🥖 (la baguette de pain)
- There is the croissant and the pain au chocolat 🥐
- The french fries (created by the Belgians) 🍟



by Dana :)

MY HOBBIES :D

My main
hobby >:]



I really love drawing! After school I spend a few hours drawing in my sketchbook! I draw humans ,objects and I like drawing landscapes and clothing.



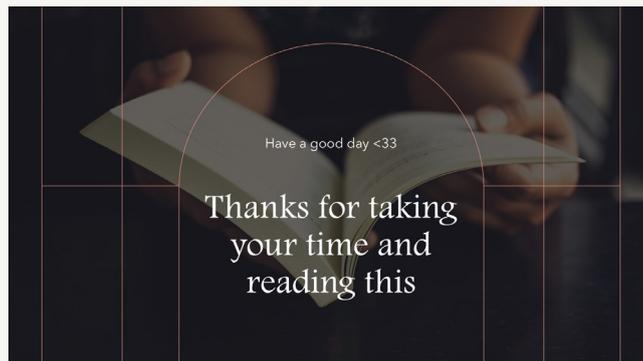
I also love drawing characters from my favorite video game!!

This is my favorite character! Hes from the game dandys world in roblox and his name is Dandy :D I like him because he reminds me of myself and I love drawing his design!!



I also like playing football!

- Im not the best at it but I still enjoy it...!



MY FAVORITE HOBBY

GAMING

(MOSTLY ROBLOX)

WHY DO I LIKE GAMING

I LIKE GAMING BECAUSE IT IS FUN,
AND YOU CAN PLAY WITH FRIENDS!

MY FAVORITE GAMES IN ROBLOX

.Forsaken

.99 nights in a forest

.Dandy's world

THE WAY I GOT
INTO GAMING
WAS WHEN MY
FRIEND
INTRODUCED
ME TO
ROBLOX



AN ART I MADE

An controller



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ANOTHER HOBBY I HAVE IS DIGITAL ART

- I started when I joined a club in year 7

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by Adam (Year 7)

My Personal Hobby!

By Raeann

I like watching Netflix!

I mostly watch anime movies, but I have a range of episodes that stands out in particular...

This is The Amazing Digital Circus! My favourite character is Jax which is this guy here>>>>>>

More on next page!



If you haven't watched or heard about it, it's on NETFLIX!

- You can watch it if you're bored or if you are done with any other series (12+ only)
- If you like comedy and gaming, this might be for you.
- Don't believe me? The creator is called Glitch which makes animated series with a pinch of humour. There are other ones which aren't on Netflix but YOUTUBE!
- The name is *Lackadaisy*, based on a 1950s-ish style!

Anyways, I recommend this and a little note!

- Note: Some of the The Amazing Digital Circus episodes are on YouTube and a warning!
- Warning: Horror in one of the episodes!

▪ **Enjoy!**

Levon Art award

Dedicated to the memory of Levon, who loved drawing and being creative. The theme this year is animals as Levon loved animals and drawing them.

Here is a range of winners from KS3 and KS4. The winner Francis in Year 10, is our chosen front cover for this issue. Thank you to all pupils who entered!



MERRY CHRISTMAS

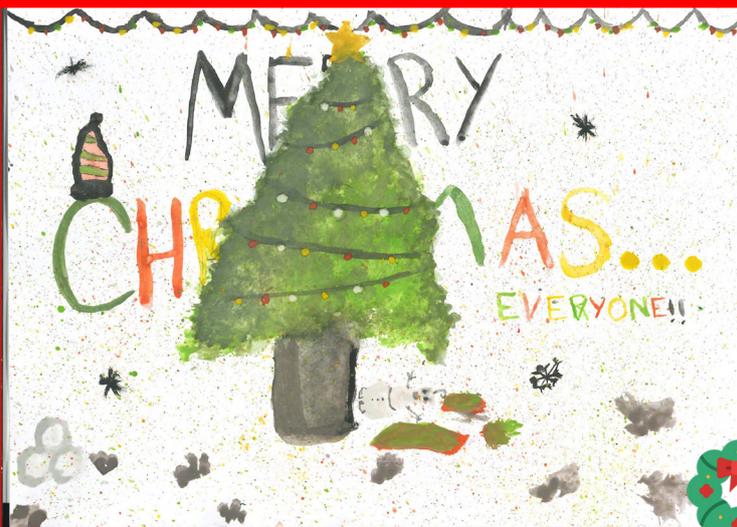


Christmas Card
Competition
Digital Winner

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Abdallah



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Christmas Card
Competition
Physical Winner

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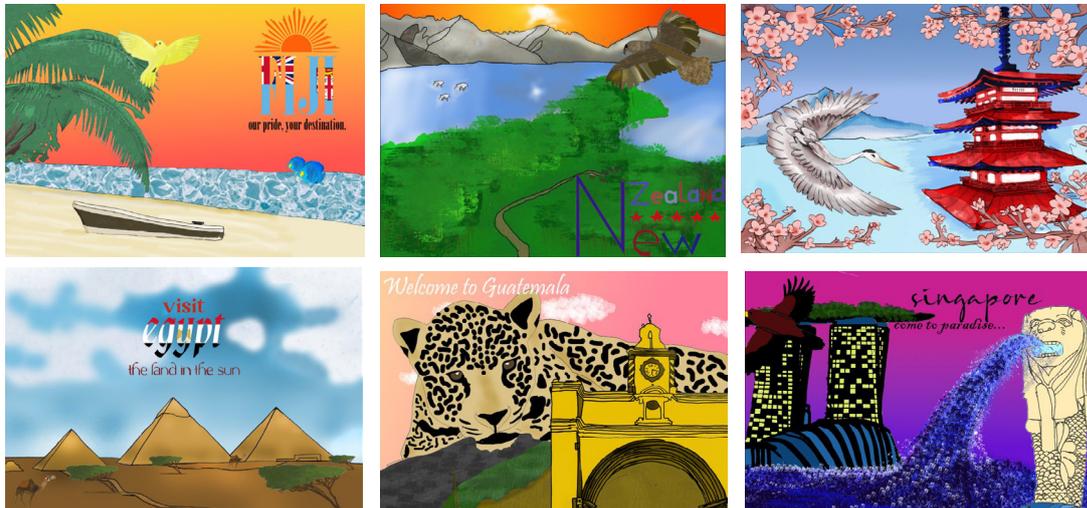
Year 10 Art highlights



Year 11 Art coursework exam highlights



Year 9 Graphics Q2 final piece highlights



Year 11 coursework exam highlights





Young Artists' Summer Show

Last chance Submissions close 4 March

[Young Artists' Summer Show | Royal Academy](#)

[YASS-Submission-Guidance.pdf](#)

Details have been emailed to students and parents/carers

Now in its eighth year, the Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4–18 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Last chance to register and submit, submissions close on 4 March 2026 at 5pm.

'LONDON BEANS'



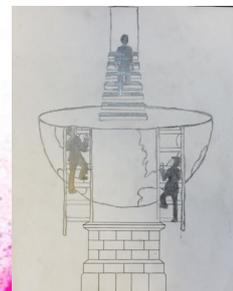
You have been invited to enter the competition hosted by the Mayor of London and the Arts Council England

THE FOURTH PLINTH SCHOOL AWARDS 2026

'BALANCING ACT'



'INTO THE UNKNOWN'



Design a piece of artwork to be displayed on the 4th plinth in Trafalgar Square.

Deadline for entries is 20th March – hand in or email your Art/Graphics teacher!



Magazine Club (every Friday lunch time)

This months theme is:

Endangered animals and mythical creatures

- 1) Write an **article or PowerPoint** about your chosen animal/creature.

Animal: Why do you like the animal? Why are they endangered?
What is being done to help the animal?

Creature: What is the mythology behind the creature? What popular films and books feature this creature?

- 2) Design a piece of **digital art** to go alongside your article

Secret mission: Ask your tutor/a teacher their favourite animal and why?

Completed?



Email mjain@adalovelace.org.uk with your answer/tutor.

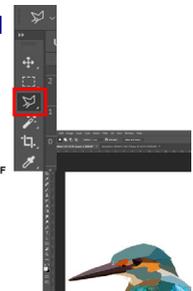
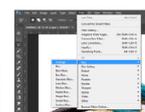
Ms Sullivan will start a digital tutorial at 1.50pm!

Polygon Tutorial

- 1) Google an anima/creature you like.
- 2) Copy the image from Google and paste it onto photoshop CTRL + V



Use the **Polygon Lasso** to select a triangular/geometric shape (third lasso tool down)
and then go to **filter>blur>average**.
From then on Photoshop expects that you want to continue illustrating in this style, so it creates a short cut for you as **CTRL + ALT + F**





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Next issue:

Term highlights

Theme of the term

Sporting successes

Pupils' personal work

Art competition winners and runners up

Artwork by Francis (Year 10)

all gen 3 pokemon by francis

