

# The WLD Echo

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Walton-Le-Dale High School

## The first edition of The WLD Echo!



Welcome to the first edition of Walton-Le-Dale High School's newspaper: The WLD Echo! Created by a passionate and incredible team of WLD students, we aim to produce a newspaper once a month, released on the last day of the last school week that month.

## Happy Halloween!

## Recent School Events

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

We had a Macmillan Coffee Morning on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September, organised by Mrs. Lo and Mrs. Shaw. We managed to raise £61.26! Thank you to everyone that brought in or bought a cake, you helped donate towards a cause that makes a huge difference to people and families living with cancer.

### Book Fair

We had the Scholastic Book Fair in the library in October. We collectively spent £94.79 on books and stationery! Every purchase made helps fund free books for the school.

### Open Evening

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October we had an open evening to allow all parents and prospective children to come and experience fun activities, tours and give them a chance to ask the staff and volunteer prefects questions about life at Walton-Le-Dale school! We had around 300 visitors and lots of positive feedback about how lovely and polite the prefects were, along with how fantastic our school looked! Congratulations to all involved.

### Form Tutor Video Guardian Evening

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of October we had a virtual parents evening, where parents or guardians were given the chance to book a time slot with their child's form tutor to discuss the progress and potential.

Mrs. Denwood



# Black History Month October 2024

Black History month happens every October in the UK. Black History Month was first implemented by Carter G Woodson who spent his life trying to promote black history in schools, his parents were former slaves, but despite the racism he faced he went on to earn a PHD in history at Harvard University. In 1926, he started a Black History Week in February.

In America Black History Month officially started every year in 1976. However, the UK didn't celebrate black history month until 1987. It was arranged by a refugee from Ghana – Akyaaba Addai-Sebo - who came to the UK in 1984. Reportedly, he was 'stirred up by the identity crisis black children faced'.

Then he chose October because in Africa it is traditionally a time to talk about important issues but also because it's the start of the school year. He said, "We settled on the propitious month of October, when the weather was not cold and children were fresh after the long summer vacation and had less to worry about exams ...we believed that they would absorb more if their living environment buzzed with positive vibes, instructions and images about themselves and their origins, thus celebrating who they are."

October in the UK as February in the US is to inculcate self-pride and especially in children. Self-pride is the catalyst for achievement and there is no greater "truth" than knowing yourself."

-Alexandra

## Recent School Events

Throughout September and October, a record number of pupils were nominated for the Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher award, this is a special award granted by teachers when a student has proved themselves to be outstanding in various capacities. When awarded the pupil will go to the Library on a Friday afternoon during form time and have a hot chocolate served by Mrs. Ardern with whipped cream and marshmallows! Keep up the excellent conduct and continue earning your well-deserved treats.



“ In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends. ”

Martin Luther King Jr

### BookBuzz

On the last week of half term, every year 7 was given the chance to watch the BookBuzz video and select the book of their choice! In the coming weeks we will have a 'Welcome to the Library' session, where each Year 7 will be introduced to their school library with activities, games and will be presented with their chosen book to keep and take home.



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Politics ought to be the part-time profession of every citizen who would protect the rights and privileges of free men.

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It was the first Prime Minister's Questions since September, and recent exchanges included questions over the upcoming Budget and a few quips over Sue Gray being removed as the PM's top aide and the chief of staff at number 10.

- Tory leader Rishi Sunak pressed the prime minister on whether the government is ruling out National Insurance contribution rises for both employee and employer. Keir Starmer didn't clarify but said he will stick to his manifesto pledge that there would be no increase in the tax.
- PM Starmer announced the workers' rights bill will be published soon - which he said will be "the biggest upgrade of workers' rights in a generation".
- Rishi Sunak squeezed in two digs about PM Starmer's former Chief of Staff Sue Gray, asking when the PM "became a convert to fire and rehire" over upcoming changes to employment law.
- The government will be investing £6.4m to develop new AI software to speed up diagnosis, Keir Starmer also told MPs.

In one of his questions Ed Davey asked Prime Minister Keir Starmer about "red tape" stemming from Brexit, which the Lib Dem leader said was affecting fisherman in the Falkland Islands. PM Starmer said the topic of the Falklands is "personal" due to his uncle nearly being killed there in the 1982 war.

The election in America is now just a few days away, where voters will decide between the two strongest candidates: Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Kamala Harris

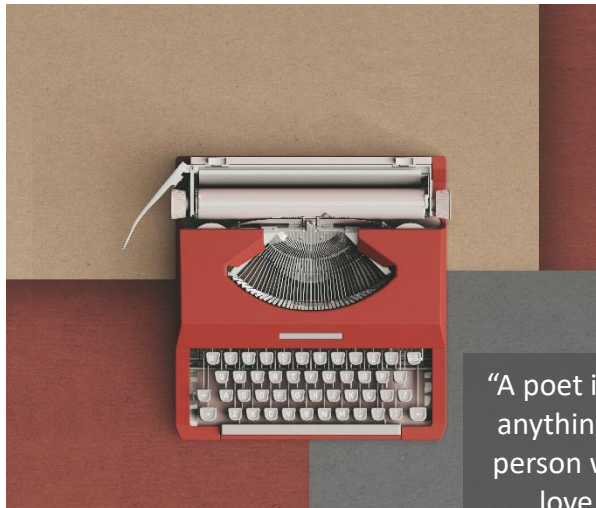
Earlier this month Florida suffered another Category 5 hurricane (Hurricane Milton) mass evacuation was encouraged, though some residents stayed put and decided to see the cyclone through.

North Korea will sever road and railway access to South Korea from Wednesday in a bid to "completely separate" the two countries. Its military said the North would "permanently shut off and block the southern border" and fortify areas on its side. The Korean People's Army (KPA) described the move as "a self-defensive measure for inhibiting war", claiming it was in response to war exercises in South Korea and the frequent presence of American nuclear assets in the region.

It marks an escalation of hostility at a time when tensions between the Koreas are at their highest point in years.

**That is all for now.**

-Taylor W



“A poet is, before anything else, a person who is in love with language.”  
W. H. Auden

“Poetry is the rhythmical creation of beauty in words.”  
- Edgar Allan Poe

**Language of Love**

Poetry is the language of love.  
Words that are etched into someone’s throat  
that no one has ever heard.  
Pieces of paper that hold more truth  
than a confessional booth.  
Literature that requires a sense of curiosity  
to what art can be created with ink.

-Arabella R

**Love Lingers**

The bones of the brittle tend the hearts of the pure.  
Cups of tea bring the warmth of kindness,  
mattresses dent where your body had laid,  
and clouds protect you from the sun's radiation.  
Love lingers in the air  
with your heart to wrap itself around.  
Books shed more light onto the world  
than the blazed flames in hell.

-Arabella R

**6am Breeze**

Suddenly it’s September  
and the walls remember your laugh  
and the bricks build a home for you,  
calling upon your name to stay.

The 6am breeze hits,  
a memory once hidden, now unburied.

-Arabella R

# Poetry & Prose

**November Crawls In**

We live in the silence between heartbeats  
longing for the warm breeze end.  
Autumn was long overdue,  
with its name engraved into your bones  
since January.  
Crisp leaves tangle around your heart,  
creating a new home for themselves  
to bleed through.  
With bitter honey in your lungs  
and damp moss under your feet,  
November crawls in.

-Arabella R

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# Creative Writing

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I woke up, scared, petrified.

Where am I? Why can't I remember anything? Questions running through my head. Then it hits me. The beach. Sand, the invading, itchy sand. The cold, dark, sinister water.

Why can I still not remember anything?

Wait, where is everyone else, why am I alone? I try to stand up from being in my thoughts sat down, I stumble my legs go numb, I stand up again pain shoots through my legs. I look down, cuts, grazes everywhere I look around, trees surrounding me, and water, water seemingly absorbing me, the ship.

My family. Where are they?

How did this family trip turn into a nightmare...

**T h e   L o s t   G i r l**

**C h a p t e r   1**  
**T h e   B e a c h**

**b y   J e s s i c a**



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# Creative Writing

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## **T H E C U R S E O F W E N D I G O B Y A U T U M N T** **C H A P T E R 1 - T H E D E C I S I O N**

Once in the woods of Canada, in the season of winter, there wakes a horrifying monster well not always a monster. The legend says that if you do something inhuman and sick, you will be cursed and punished for the act. Now...let me tell you a story of how a 17-year-old boy, happened to be cursed.

Year: 1987 Location: Westville, Nile-woods. Time: 12:00 AM

Sigh...*its late*, I thought to myself...but I didn't feel tired at all... *Hmm....Why don't I use some tactics like, hmm, meditation? Grrh...never mind, I'm not meditating!*

I heard a loud crash *huh?* I stared out of my window next to my bed. *What was that?!* I looked outside, and I saw a strange creature. It broke through my gate headed towards my door. *What the...?* I get up and rushed to lock my doors and windows, Okay that should do it. I look outside of my kitchen window, and...the thing is gone!...*What the-..w...where is It...then I hear my backdoor open, and my heart dropped,. Oh no, I must've forgot my backdoor! I stand in my kitchen terrified for my life ..s...should I say something? NO! That's a stupid idea Kyle...Oh my god...I think to myself. How do I get out alive?*

"Who's in here?" came an eerie shy toned voice from the shadowed corner. I wanted to say something, but I stayed silent, then I heard heavy but light footsteps coming towards me. I stayed, frozen in fear and shock. I did not know what to do. Then a few seconds later, my phone rang, "AH!" I screamed, then I heard the footsteps fading, I sighed in relief. *Phew, at least the thing is gone. Hmm but who's calling me at this time?* I picked my phone up and realised, my best mate Jackstern was the one to call me. Jackstern has been my best mate since High School, he's a stubborn guy but he's easy to befriend. *But why is he calling me this late?* I stop thinking and I answer my phone.

"Hey Jack," I answer.

"Hey Kyle...uhm...a...are you good?" Jackstern spoke in a very nervous tone, very unusual for him, he's always full of energy, and he's not scared of anything so why did he sound so nervous? "Uhm...yeah I'm good...w...what about you?" I was very curious of why Jackstern was all nervous...*hmm...I should try and ask him.*

"Sooo...Jack, why are you calling me this late, and why you sound so nervous?" I said in a curious but calm tone of voice.

"Oh...w...well uhm...I...uhm...(sigh)..uhm...t...there's a problem...a...and I really need your help with it" Jackstern stuttered, he sounded very worried at this point, and I was growing more concerned by the second.

So I said in a concerned but calm tone, "Uhm...o...okay w...what kind of problem, Jackstern?" Jackstern didn't speak for a while, but he broke the silence followed by a serious yet worried toned voice, "Listen, Kyle, there is something out there, and it not human for sure, and I need your help to hunt it down."

His words shocked me to my core, as before something was in my house, was it the thing Jackstern is talking about, and was it still in my house? I started to get more and more worried, and my breathing quickened, but I asked Jackstern in a very worried tone "Jackstern, please tell me this is a prank...p...please, please tell me its joke man, come on"

Jackstern's silence told me it was not a joke, *he's telling the truth*, I thought to myself ...*No...oh no, oh no, what do I do? Do I help him, or do I just leave him...No, I can't leave him. He's my best friend*, so I make my final decision.

"Okay Jack...I'm in".

# Technology



This piece will be covering the pros and cons of the iPhone and iOS in specific detail.

The iPhone is a smartphone brand created by the company apple and iOS is the operating system it uses. iPhones are mostly known for having good cameras and displays but are also known for having mediocre batteries and being behind when it comes to interface features.

-Kamsi O

“ Technology, like art, is a soaring exercise of the human imagination. ”

-Daniel Bell

## PROS

- **The iPhone 16 pro max has the 4<sup>th</sup> best camera globally.**
- **iPhones are popular for their displays and visual aesthetic.**
- **iPhone come in a variety of customizable colours.**
- **High-quality hardware**
- **Swift performance**
- **Certain software is only accessible on iPhones.**
- **Apple pay.**

## CONS

- **Mediocre battery**
- **Overpriced**
- **Privacy concerns with apple intelligence**
- **60 hertz display which is not enough for the price. It should be at the very least 120 (hertz is how many times your screen refreshes per second)**
- **Issues with overheating**

## Conclusion

In conclusion, it is my opinion that the iPhone is not a great choice. It is highly overpriced, mediocre, and fragile. Leading me to feel you are paying for the logo, not a quality device. This article is based both on facts and my opinion. I recommend investing in an android as they tend to be cheaper and still function at a higher and better standard than Apple products. I will be reviewing android devices in the next issue of The WLD Echo.

-Kamsi O



# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## Ingredients

### For the crust

- 1 1/3 cups of plain flour
- ½ teaspoon of salt
- ½ cup of cold butter
- 3 tablespoons of cold water

### For the filling

- 2 cups of mashed, roasted pumpkin (or canned pumpkin)
- 1 can of evaporated milk
- 2 large eggs (beaten)
- ¾ cup of brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon of ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon of ground ginger
- ½ teaspoon of ground nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon of salt

“Cooking and baking is both physical and mental therapy.”  
-Mary Berry

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## Pumpkin Pie

This recipe felt the most fitting as we all have left over pumpkin guts after we've carved a spooky face in them! Instead of chucking them out, try making a pumpkin pie. You can even save the seeds to be washed and patted dry, spread on a baking tray with cinnamon and sugar, roasted in the oven for about 15-20 minutes at 200C/ 180C Fan assisted or gas mark 6.

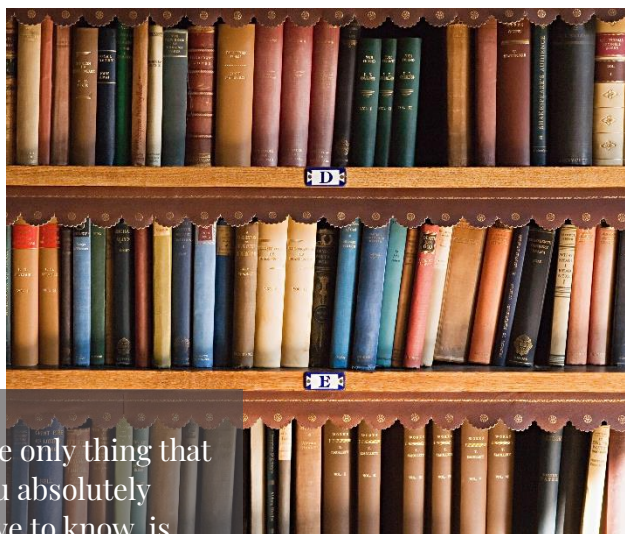


### Method

1. Preheat your oven to 200 C/ 180C fan assisted/ gas mark 6.
2. Make the crust first, by combining the flour, salt, and butter, mix together until mixture looks like fine crumbs. Add in 3 tablespoons of water until the dough is moist enough to hold together. Add more water if needed.
3. Shape dough into a ball with lightly floured hands. Roll out and place in a 9-inch pie pan, mould with your fingers and cut off excess dough.
4. To make the pie filling, beat the pumpkin, evaporated milk, brown sugar, eggs, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, and salt in a large bowl with an electric mixer until well combined.
5. Pour the filling into the prepared pie crust.
6. Bake in the preheated oven until a knife inserted into the filling 1 inch for the edge, comes out clean (around 40 – 60 minutes, but keep an eye on it!) Cover the edges with foil if needed to prevent burning as the filling cook.
7. Remove from the oven and cool to room temperature before serving.



# WALTON-LE-DALE LIBRARY



The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.  
-Albert Einstein



Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.

Margaret Fuller-



## Upcoming Events

- Year 7's Welcome to the library event will take place in the coming weeks where they will receive a free book and activities in the library!
- Book Swap Day. Once our Book Swap Box is full, we will be doing the swap on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November at lunch!
- On the 15<sup>th</sup> of November a select group of students will be chosen to video chat the author David Baddiel as he speaks about his new book Small Fry.

## Book Recommendations by the Student Librarians

- Oscar and Morgan recommend: The Heartstopper Books
- Ethan recommends: Charlie & the Chocolate Factory
- Will recommends: The Avengers Book
- Noah recommends: Small Town Hero
- Arabella recommends: The Perks of Being a Wallflower
- Kamsi recommends: The Horimiya comic series.
- Chloe recommends: The Vampire Diaries Book 1&2
- Mrs Denwood recommends: The Hobbit

## Clubs

**Mondays:** The library is open at break and lunch for all students to enjoy.

**Tuesdays:** The library is open at break for all students but limited numbers at lunch for The School Newspaper team to meet. Please come along if you would like to join!

**Wednesdays:** The library is open at break and lunch for all pupils to enjoy silent study and revision on the computers or desks and to make use of the books.

**Thursdays:** The library is open at break and lunch for all students to enjoy.

**Fridays:** The library is open at break and lunch for all pupils to come along and enjoy 'Film Friday' where we watch films that are based on books.

The library is also open every day before school between 8:00am – 8:45am for quiet reading and after school until 4pm, except on Fridays when it closes at 3:30pm

It can be overwhelming to sit down and attempt to cram more informative and knowledge into a tired brain when you've just gotten home from school. It's always best to create a plan and start a routine. The first question is: how do you learn best? Is it more helpful to sit in a group of peers and discuss the homework or coursework? Or does that become a social event that pushes the revision out of your mind and leaves it unfinished?

There are clubs and staff before and after school that can help you to study if you are struggling to create a routine at home. The computers in the library can also be reserved to be used for studying, with Wednesday being a 'Silent Study' day where you can access the computers and books in a silent space with two staff members on hand to help you.

Revision cards can be a fantastic method to help you retain important snippets of a certain subject. For example, KS3 are currently studying Frankenstein and My Sister Lives on the Mantlepiece, these can be large works and it can be difficult to retain every piece of information about these, but keeping short bullet points can help refresh your memory about what happened. And when approaching a test, having memorised certain points through revision cards will help you to write more concise and well-informed answers.

Revision cards can be bought in supermarkets or stationary shops, but you can also make your own by cutting card into A6 sized rectangles and writing your bullet point notes on them.

To use them for study, read the points on the card and then place it face down, try and say out loud, or write down on a separate piece of paper, everything you remember from that card. Turn it over and see how much you memorised!



## Tips on revision and GCSEs

Another helpful tip is to try and explain what you've learned to a friend or family member, try explaining the plot of the book you're reading at school, or the experiment you did in science, why certain materials reacted the way they did.

For languages, alongside our languages section in the library, a brilliant app to try is Duolingo, where you can learn multiple languages at once by learning words and phrases and conversing with Duo and his friends, he will often send you notifications if you have missed a day of practise, embedding the skills and keeping them fresh in your mind.

If you study art, it is always a good idea to go and visit the art galleries we have dotted around us, The Manchester Art Gallery is free entry and has beautiful works for you to explore and become inspired by!

# CAREERS & LIFE SKILLS



One of our journalists has decided on a career in the British Army once leaving school. Chloe has included a bit about the history of the British Army below. Interesting facts for those considering this career path: The minimum age to join the UK armed forces is 16 years old, but the age requirements vary depending on the role you want to join:

- **Regular Soldier:** You can join as a Regular Soldier at age 16.
- **Regular Officer:** You can join as a Regular Officer between the ages of 17 years, 9 months and 28 years, 11 months.
- **Army Reservist:** You can join as an Army Reservist at age 18.
- **Medical roles:** Different medical roles have different age limits.

At Walton-Le-Dale High School, along with our head of Careers Mr. Turner, we also have Ms. Berry from Parklands with us, every Wednesday in the Careers Office (attached to the library). You can meet with Ms. Berry to discuss your options and career path choices where she will advise you on the grades needed to continue your studies at college level, or the qualifications you will need to seek to begin your ideal future profession.



“The development of practical skills, leadership and management within the military are second to none, friendships that lasts a lifetime as well as travelling the world is why I would recommend a Military career.  
-Mr. M Barrow”

The British Army was founded in 1660 and from the late 17th century until mid-20th century, the United Kingdom was the greatest economic and imperial power in the world, and although this dominance was principally achieved through the strength of the Royal Navy, the British Army played a significant role.

As of 2015, there were 92,000 professionals in the regular army (including 2,700 Gurkhas) and 20,480 Volunteer Reserves. Britain has generally maintained only a small regular army during peacetime, expanding this as required in time of war, due to Britain's traditional role as a sea power. Since the suppression of Jacobitism in 1745, the British Army has played little role in British domestic politics (except for the Curragh incident), and, apart from Ireland, has seldom been deployed against internal threats to authority (one notorious exception being the Peterloo Massacre).

The British Army has been involved in many international conflicts, including the Napoleonic Wars, the Crimean War and both World War I and World War II. Historically, it contributed to the expansion and retention of the British Empire. The British Army has long been at the forefront of new military developments. It was the first in the world to develop and deploy the tank, and what is now the Royal Air Force (RAF) had its origins within the British Army as the Royal Flying Corps (RFC). At the same time the British Army emphasises the continuity and longevity of several of its institutions and military tradition.

- Chloe R

# SPORTS

The big news in football this week is that Manchester United have finally decided to replace their manager Erik Ten Hag. After a shocking season and poor plays throughout, this is a huge relief for Man U fans everywhere.

Real Madrid won the club of the year award but were absent from Monday's Ballon d'Or ceremony in Paris, where forward Vinicius Junior was beaten to best men's player by Manchester City's Rodri.

India crashed to a humiliating three-day home defeat by 113 runs in the second Test in Pune on Saturday as New Zealand became the first touring team to seal a series win in the country for 13 years.

It was also the Kiwis' first series win India and comes after they ended a 38-year wait for a Test win in India in the first match of the series.

-Ethan R



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You have to fight to reach your dream. You have to sacrifice and work hard for it.

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-Lionel Messi

## F1 UPDATES



This weekend we had the Mexican Grand Prix where Carlos Sainz cruised to victory 4.705 seconds ahead of Lando Norris with a huge gap back to Charles Leclerc at 34.386 seconds. But the big topic of the weekend is Max Verstappen's time penalty of 20 seconds which was given to him due to an incident with Lando Norris which has been called an "overreaction" by many people. Norris says the incident was "extremely dangerous" and "Max deserved the penalty. Also, there were 3 retirements including Yuki Tsunoda, Alex Albon and Fernando Alonso on his 400<sup>th</sup> race start in F1. Yuki was ok after the massive impact into the barriers emphasizing how dangerous the sport really is. Make sure to watch the Brazilian Grand Prix this weekend as the paddock moves to Interlagos.

-Will D