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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM WETHERBY HIGH SCHOOL



Happy New Year to all of you from Wetherby High School.

We hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas holiday; bet it seems strange not being back in school, hopefully you will be back soon.





Miss Jefferson
The Headteacher of Wetherby High School

Welcome

from the Headteacher

I hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

It has been an unusual start to the year but one thing that is always important is your education. I am sure you are working on your school work either at home or at school.

I can imagine you are missing being in school and spending time with your friends. Also, it might be that you aren't able to do some of the hobbies and activities that you like to do at the moment; so, we thought we would send you this Wetherby High School Chronicle that hopefully you will enjoy reading. We have also included some ideas for activities you could do at home.

I hope you are well and stay safe.

Happy New Year from Year 7 Manager - Mrs McCartney



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ST JAMES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happy New Year to all of you from Wetherby High School.

I hope that you have had a wonderful holiday.

Since my return to school, I have received some wonderful photos of the trees that you decorated before you broke up for the holidays. These trees were made by Mr Roylance, a member of our DT team. He made them out of plywood and were cut out on a special laser cutter that we have in school. From these photographs, I can see all the attention and careful work that you have done to make the trees look so fantastic.

I do hope that you can find your tree in the photographs shown!

Did you know that...



The first decorated Christmas tree was in Riga in Latvia in 1510. *Can you find this on a map?*



There are many types of firs and pines that are used for Christmas trees, the most popular ones are: Scotch Pine, Douglas Fir, Noble Fir, Faser Fir, Balsam Fir, Virginia Pine and White Pine.

Can you look these up and see what the differences are?

Originally, back in the 17th Century small candles were used to light up the trees.

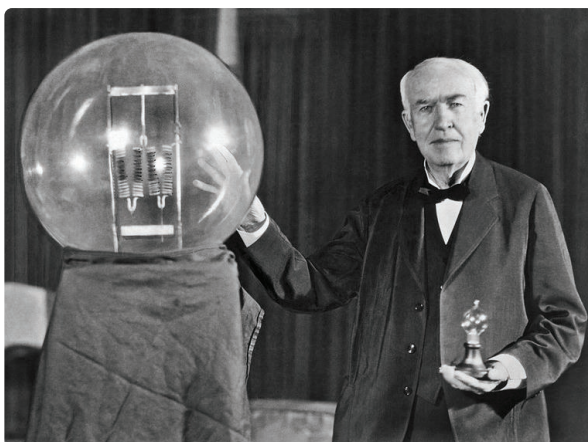


How dangerous do you think this would be?

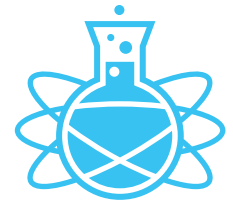
It was not until 1882 that electric lights were used and these were invented by Edward Johnson who was Thomas Edison's assistant.

Do you know why Thomas Edison is so famous?

Thomas Edison



Electricity is an integral part of our lives



Electricity is an integral part of our lives, and that's not just when we flip a switch. The minute electric currents in your body are what allow you to feel, think and move. Have you ever felt a tiny shock during a handshake? That is because of static electricity, which we are all capable of producing!

In fact, there have been recent breakthroughs which could allow us to charge phones with static electricity, which could make carrying around power banks around a thing of the past. But static electricity isn't just for practical use, it can be pretty fun too!

1 / Flying plastic bag

Remember how the Harry Potter cast levitated their feathers using the 'Wingardium Leviosa' charm? Now you can too with the power of static electricity!

What you will need:

- a plastic rod
- a piece of cloth
- a light plastic bag

Steps:

- Rub the surface of the rod with the cloth for 40 seconds
- Flatten the plastic bag and rub the cloth against its surface for 40 seconds
- Release the plastic bag and watch it levitate as you wave the rod below

How it works: *(Hint: It's not magic!)*

The rod and cloth gain become negatively charged after you rub them with a cloth. As like charges repel, the plastic bag appears to repel



2 / Roll a can with static electricity

With static electricity, you can even make a can roll around without actually touching it!

What you will need:

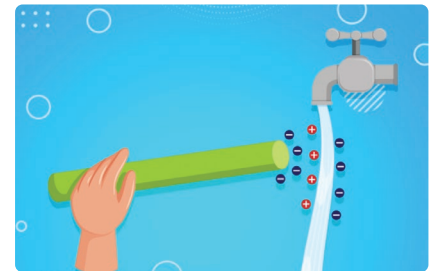
- an empty can
- a plastic rod
- a piece of cloth

Steps:

- Rub the surface of the rod with the cloth for 40 seconds
- Place the can on a flat and smooth surface
- Hold the cloth close to the can without touching it and watch as it follows the movement of the rod!

How it works:

Rubbing the rod with the cloth creates static electricity. The rod, which has gained electrons, becomes negatively charged. Hence the can, which is positively charged, is attracted to it as opposites attract.



3 / Waterbending with the power of static electricity

In the movie 'The Last Airbender', The Water Tribe who learned water-bending by observing the tidal force exerted by the moon, you now can do the same with static electricity!

What you will need:

- a plastic rod
- a piece of cloth
- running water

Steps:

- Rub the surface of the rod with the cloth for 40 seconds
- Turn the tap on so there is a steady stream of water
- Put the rod near the water and watch it 'bend'

How it works:

When the negatively-charged rod approaches the water, it repels the electrons in the water. This gives the water nearest to the rod a positive charge. The attraction between this positive charge and the negatively charged comb asserts a net force on the water. This allows you to 'bend' water.

New Year's Resolutions

Have you made any New Year's Resolutions this year?

Did you know that making New Year's Resolutions is a very old tradition that is thought to date back 4,000 years ago to Babylon. The Babylonians celebrated the first new moon after the spring equinox, (*An equinox is when the day and night are of equal length*) in an 11 day festival called The Akitu festival. All their festivities were dedicated to the rebirth of the sun god Marduk and the Babylonians would make promises to make sure that they got on the right side of their gods and had a good start to their New Year.

A New Year's Resolution is usually when you reflect on what you did last year and then choose to start something new or improve something.

These are some of the most popular:

- Stop biting my nails
- Help more at home
- Clean my room
- Go to bed at a decent time
- Exercise for at least half an hour a day
- I will pay better attention to my teacher, especially in my remote learning.

Are any of these yours? Or do you have a different one if so write it here and then you can keep checking that you are achieving it.

Happy New Year



My New Year's Resolution is to

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Wordsearch

Z G N S T U D E N T L V Q
 P D O S A Y U A J E I G U
 Y E T E L X A O Y G L U E
 Q J E C L U B O O K S E F
 W U B E E J N S T G H R R
 R U O R T E A C H E R A K
 I R O X J I X T H Q P S R
 T P K O W J P B M B E E E
 I M A M D E Z H U D O R L
 N A L P N I G Z T M R X U
 G T K C E R M L B N L G R
 R H I L G R G N I D A E R
 P L A Y G R O U N D R E I

BOOKS
 DESK
 ERASER
 GLUE
 LUNCHBOX
 MATH
 NOTEBOOK
 PAPER
 PENCIL
 PLAYGROUND
 READING
 RECESS
 RULER
 STUDENT
 TEACHER

10 fun quiz questions

- 1 When you mix red and blue paint together, what colour does it make?
- 2 What happens on 25th December each year?
- 3 The Eiffel Tower is in which country?
- 4 What is a herbivore?
- 5 How many years in a decade?
- 6 Bees create what sweet substance?
- 7 Name the vowels?
- 8 Name the 4 months that only have 30 days?
- 9 Is 63 an odd or even number?
- 10 What season follows Autumn?

Spot the difference



- Answers**
- 1 Purple
 - 2 Christmas
 - 3 France
 - 4 An animal that only eats plants
 - 5 10 years
 - 6 Honey
 - 7 A E I O U
 - 8 April, June, September, November
 - 9 Odd
 - 10 Winter

