

# MPJ NEWS

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## A letter from the Team:

Welcome! We hope that you enjoy our newsletter. Every issue is full of amazing facts, incredible artwork and useful information.

Our newsletter is a fantastic way for all students to show off their writing and artistic skills. If you would like to appear in the newsletter, please collect a form and put it into the red letterbox. The letterbox can be found in the hall, outside of 3M.

## Meet the Team:

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## AN INTERVIEW WITH AMY SMITH

By Mariyah (Y6)

In November, Amy Smith visited our school. Smith, who is an Olympic swimmer, told us how she became an Olympic gold medal winner. She also led an exercising activity for the whole school! The newsletter team and I interviewed her and you can read the interview below.



### Q. How did you first get introduced to swimming?

My mum and dad took me swimming lessons, and I did swimming in school. I really enjoyed the lessons and wanted to continue as I got older.

### Q. What was your favourite subject in school and why?

P.E! It was always different and I could move about. I worked hard each lesson to get stronger and faster in as many sports as I could.

### Q. What were the biggest challenges you faced in your career?

There are hard days where you're just tired or injured. Then you start to feel down, and it reflects on your performance. Resilience (picking yourself up) is definitely so important in any career.

### Q. How do you overcome fear when you are about to perform?

I often get nervous. I will get butterflies in my stomach and start doubting myself. I reminded myself that nerves show that I care about what I'm doing. I will try to keep myself calm by sitting quietly, listening to music or reading.

### Q. If you couldn't be a swimmer, what would you be?

A gymnast or a physiotherapist (helping others who have been injured through sport).

## SCIENCE

By Reuben (Y6)

Space is the biggest amount of area we think exists. It is endless and billions of metres long. As a human, it is impossible to fully comprehend how big space truly is. We have managed to reach the moon, but nowhere else as of yet. Did you know that the first animal to walk on the moon was a dog?

### Experiment (The Flying Balloon):

- A piece of string (as long as the room)
  - Sellotape
  - Washing line peg
  - A straw
1. Use the sellotape to attach the rope to one end of the room, and then attach the other side to the other end of the room.
  2. Blow up your balloon (do not tie it up, use the peg to stop air escaping).
  3. Place the balloon on top of the straw with the peg facing the wall. Use tape to wrap around balloon and straw (make sure no tape touches the string).
  4. Let go of balloon, and watch it go from one end of string to the other.

## WORD AWARE

By Imogen (Y5) & Noel (Y5)

Excluded: to prevent or restrict the entry of.

*"Many years ago, the Academy excluded women from its classes."*



## FACT FILE

By Beaux (Y6)



Here are some facts about the Harry Potter films:

- Rupert Grint rapped his way into the role of Ron.
- J. K. Rowling requested that the cast were British.
- Harry Potter was almost American!
- Emma Watson did not want to play Hermione at first.
- The actress who played Luna made her own jewellery.

## QUIZ SECTION

By Mason (Y6)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Which sport did Amy Smith compete in?

Running

Gymnastics

Swimming

2. Which medal represents first place?

Silver

Gold

Platinum

3. How many rings are there on the Olympic logo?

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**WIN A PRIZE!** - Post your answers into the letterbox by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. One child will be picked to win a small prize. (Remember to put your name and class on your answers!)