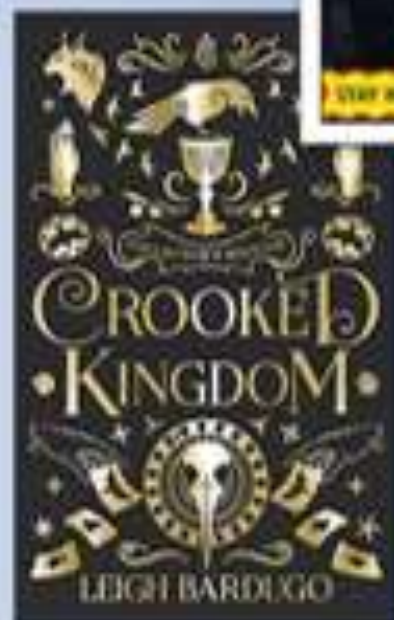




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Welcome

Hello everyone and welcome to this edition of the Hayes Herald and the final one before half term! We have some great articles for you, including features from some of our new Year 7 and 8 members. So, in this edition there is: Information on Red Pandas, some book recommendations, a deep dive into the rule breaking of those in power and much more. Happy reading and have a great half term break!

Message from Mr Brockman

Dear all

Well done on getting through another term at school; the sun is finally shining a bit more and time is flying! Year 9 are coming to the end of their exams and have approached these with a fantastic dedication and I'm sure their hard work will reap the rewards they deserve.

For all KS3 subjects next year, there is a huge amount to look forward to and I know your tutors, achievement co-ordinators and all teachers are looking forward to a very successful final half-term.

Have a lovely break

RED PANDAS

Red pandas are reddish white creatures with “tear” marks extending from their eyes to the corner of their mouth. They live in high altitude forests in places, such as China, Nepal and India,

Why are they endangered?

The main reason why these beautiful creatures are few in number, is hunting. Red pandas are not usually meant to be caught; however, they are still found in nets and traps meant for wild pigs and deer.

Want to help?

All is not lost. We could help by adopting a red panda, or fundraising. Even spreading awareness. What you may think is a little, could definitely be a lot to them.

Where can I donate?

You can donate at Red Panda Network, or at WWF. You can adopt a red panda, and many other endangered species I will write about, at the WWF as well.

Did you know?

Did you know red pandas spend two thirds of the day sleeping? Another crazy fact, a red panda’s diet consists of

98% bamboo! They also aren't AT ALL related to giant pandas?!

- Elysia Roberts

Jacob's Political Deep Dive

'One rule for them and another for everyone else'

To many it will feel like we are going round in circles. It seems common practise now to wake up in the morning and find out that another political figure has broken the law. Under Boris Johnson, everyone watched as a once popular politician tumbled his party down in the polls after holding a series of illegal gatherings. Many thought that with PM Rishi Sunak things would be different, but this has since turned out to not be true. People now find themselves asking, is it really one rule for the Government and another for us?

Earlier this week, it came out that the current *Home Secretary* Suella Braverman had been caught speeding in June of last year when she was the *Attorney General*. The speeding itself was not the problem – speeding is a very common offence, with the *Home Office* reporting that over 6000 people are caught speeding every day. The issue is that afterwards, she is alleged to have asked *civil servants* to arrange a private course for her to take to avoid the fine she would have to pay, as if she took the public course, people would have found out that she had broken the law. She was told that there was nothing the civil service could do and so opted to pay a fine and take points on her driving licence instead. If these allegations are true, then she may be in breach of the ministerial code. The ministerial code is the code of conduct that government ministers are expected to follow and it includes that ministers are not supposed to ask civil servants for help on private issues. The PM has since decided not to investigate her actions, however, this is not the first time senior members of the government have broken the law.

During lockdown, people were not allowed to meet up and, in many cases, even say goodbye to dying relatives. During this time, the then PM, Boris Johnson, along with other key political figures, attended multiple parties which have since been found to have been illegal and many attendees have been prosecuted by the police. Earlier this week Boris Johnson came back into the political forefront as the cabinet office referred him to the police for additional breaches to the law after his diary showed that he had been visited by friends and family in the PM's country home of Chequers during the midst of lockdown. The police are yet to confirm if Johnson did in fact break the law, but if he did, it once again highlights many people's belief that those in power feel are above the law. It is also important to note, however, that the government aren't

the only politicians to have been investigated by the police in the past – although he was found to have not committed a crime, Keir Starmer has also been investigated in the past.

Many people feel that we are supposed to look to those in power for guidance and to follow what they do. However, when they are breaking the law, that becomes harder to do and many people feel that those in power think they can get away with breaking the law because of their position. Only time will tell if the actions of the past will be repeated in the future and if they do, whether those in power will resign or try to battle on.

- Jacob Fenwick-Read

Spix's Macaw

The Spix's Macaw has been considered one of the rarest birds in the world and it also is known as the little blue. It is a macaw species that is endemic to Brazil. It is a member of tribe Arini in the subfamily Arinae, part of the family Psittacidae. It was first described by German naturalist Georg Marcgrave, when he was working in the State of Pernambuco, Brazil in 1638 and it is named for German naturalist Johann Baptist von Spix .



This bird has been completely extirpated from its natural range; the species has been inhabited in riparian Caraibeira (*Tabebuia Aurea*) woodland galleries in the drainage basin of the Rio São Francisco within the Caatinga dry forest climate of interior northeastern Brazil. It had a very restricted natural habitat due to its dependence on the tree for nesting, feeding and roosting. Due to deforestation its limited range and specialised habitat, the bird was rare in the wild throughout the twentieth century. The bird was already rare by the time of Spix's discovery of it in 1819 following 100 years of intensive burning, logging and grazing of the Caatinga. Centuries of deforestation human encroachment and agricultural development along the Rio Sao Francisco corridor following European colonisation of eastern Brazil preceded its precipitous decline in the latter part of the 20th century. Naturalists surveying its known remaining native habitat in the Curaçá region have estimated that it could have supported no more than about 60 birds at any time in the last 100 years. But thanks to a remarkable international rescue project, Spix's macaws – with their grey heads and vivid blue plumage – have made a stunning comeback. A flock now soars freely over its old homeland in Brazil after being released there a month ago. Later this year,

conservationists plan to release more birds, and hope the parrots will start breeding in the wild next spring.

- Lara Griffiths

Book Recommendations

This week's article is on a book called Crooked Kingdom by Leigh Bardugo. It is the sequel to a book I previously reviewed called Six of Crows. If you read Six of Crows, then you would know that at the end of the book Kaz Brekker and his team are in a bad place after being cheated out of the money they had been promised for the impossible heist they had just pulled off and a teammate captured. Crooked Kingdom continues the story really well, explaining how the gang attempts to bounce back from this mess and tells the story of how they try and get back the money they are owed and get revenge on those who did them wrong. Crooked Kingdom is an adventure and fantasy fiction book that is told from the perspective of the eight main characters which I really liked because you get to see the story from so many different angles and points of view that it adds a whole other level of emotion and depth to the book. I also really enjoyed this book because you also learn more about many of the characters backgrounds and you get to see what their dreams for the future and for a better life away from the dangerous streets of Ketterdam. Both Six of Crows and Crooked Kingdom are a part of the Grishaverse which also includes the Shadow and Bone Trilogy and the King of Scars Duology. The Shadow and Bone Trilogy is made up of the books Shadow and Bone, Siege and Storm and Ruin and Rising and the King of Scars Duology is made up of King of Scars and Rule of Wolves.

This week I am also going to write about two other books called Good Girl, Bad Blood and As Good as Dead by Holly Jackson. These are also sequels to a book I have already reviewed called a Good Girls Guide to Murder. Good girl, Bad blood takes place after Good Girls Guide to Murder and even though Pip's podcast about how she solved Andie Bell's murder has gone viral she insists that she is done with investigating. But one day someone close to her disappears and no one else will help find him so it is left up to her once again to solve the mystery but as she hunts, she finds out more terrible secrets of her small town. I really liked Good Girl, Bad Blood and

once I started to read it I couldn't put it down. The final book in this series is *As Good as Dead* which is a very fitting title as if Pippa doesn't solve this case she really will be as good as dead. Pip has a stalker and as she tries to find out who it could possibly be she finds a worrying link between her mysterious stalker and a serial killer. As usual the police are useless and unable to help and soon enough this dangerous case is escalating, and Pip knows that there is no going back. I love this book so much because you see such a different side to Pip and there is so many amazing plot twists.

- Emma Prayag Baltanas

Russian Victory Day Parade

As the world celebrated the end of World War II, various countries have commemorated this historic event in different ways. One of the most notable is the Victory Day parade which is held annually in Moscow, Russia on May 9, to mark the victory of the Soviet Union over Nazi Germany in the Great Patriotic War.

This commemoration is traditionally marked with military parades, fireworks, concerts, and speeches by government officials.

Russia's Victory Day parade is an elaborate event that showcases the country's military might and patriotism. The parade takes place on Red Square in Moscow, an iconic location that is steeped in history. The event is attended by a plethora of dignitaries, including military commanders, government officials, and foreign diplomats. The parade typically begins with the flag of Russia being raised, followed by the playing of the national anthem.

The highlight of the parade is the march of the troops, who are dressed in full military attire and armed with the latest weaponry. The troops march in formation, and they have tanks drive besides them to remember the time when they were at war against Nazi



Thank you for reading this edition of the Hayes Herald – we hope you enjoyed it! 😊

The next edition of the Hayes Herald will be published on 16th June – have a great half term!

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Last fortnight's riddle was what 4-letter word can be written forward, backward or upside down, and can still be read from left to right? The answer was NOON because written backwards it is NOON, upside down is NOON and however it is written you can still read it from left to right. This fortnight's riddle is a maths riddle. It is 1 rabbit saw 9 elephants while going to the river. Every elephant saw 3 monkeys going towards the river. Each monkey has 1 parrot in each hand. How many animals are going towards the river?

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