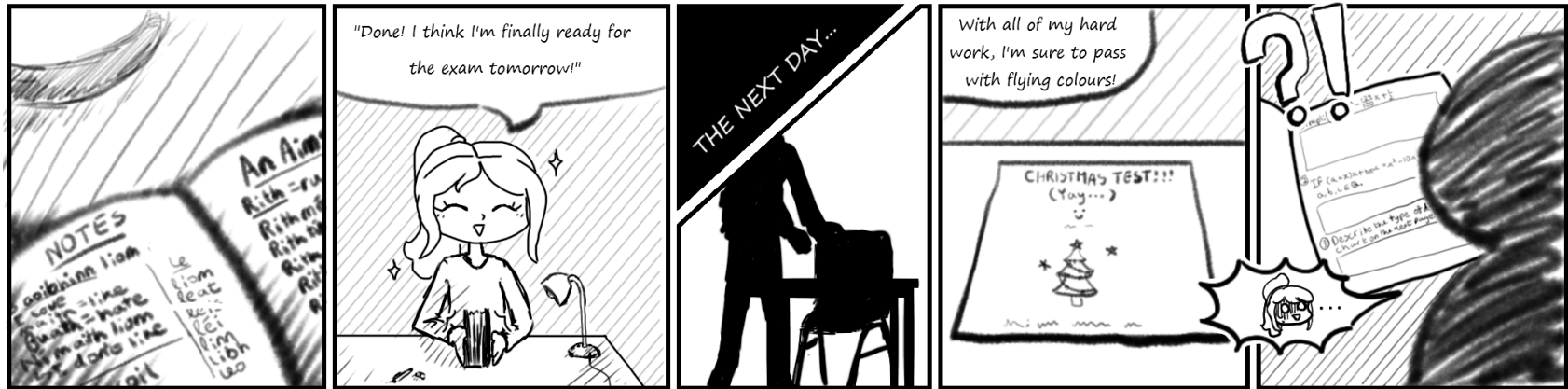


THE MONTHLY MUNDI

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CONGRATULATIONS ON FINISHING YOUR EXAMS!

Monday, 27th of November 2023



LGBTQIA+

Stand Up Awareness Week

Stand Up Awareness Week took place from the 6th until the 10th of November. The theme this year was being an ally.

It's important to take part in Stand Up Awareness Week to help fight against homophobia and discrimination and to support your LGBTQIA+ friends.



POP WARS

Taylor Swift vs Kanye West



Comic strip drawn by Anastasia Butterfly

With awards season just around the corner, I think this is the perfect time to bring back one of the most infamous events in pop culture history. The event that sparked a war throughout social media that has lasted almost *15 years*. But before we delve in on that, let's explore where it all began...

“TAYLOR IMMA LET YOU FINISH”

We start on September 13th, 2009, at the VMAs. On this fateful night, Swift's "You Belong With Me" video was nominated for best female video alongside Beyoncé's Single Ladies video. Taylor proceeded to go up to accept her award, however her celebration was short lived. Kanye West stormed the stage, interrupting the then nineteen year old singer (it is worth noting that West at the time was **THIRTY TWO**). He took the microphone from her and made his infamous remarks "Taylor imma let you finish but Beyoncé had one of the best videos of all time". He shrugged and left Taylor on the stage in disbelief. The night only got more chaotic from there. Taylor was supposed to perform after she received her award, but they instead cut to a pre-recorded section. During the break PINK who was also in attendance was seen yelling at Kanye and later posted about him on Twitter. Towards the end of the night, Beyoncé was found backstage with her Dad, crying, exclaiming "I feel so bad I didn't know he would do that". She later came up on stage to receive her music video of the year award and invited Taylor on stage to have her moment. The next day a sober Kanye went on Ellen and publicly apologised to Taylor saying, "it was a mixture of alcohol and sincerity". This seems to be the end of the story, right?

Wrong.

APOLOGY, REVOKED

The following year, Taylor preformed her song "Innocent" at the VMAs. The song was rumoured to be about the rapper. In "Innocent," Swift extends a message of forgiveness, emphasising that his actions don't define his entire existence. With lyrics like "It's all right, just wait and see, your string of lights is still bright to me," she conveys a sense of understanding. She parallels the incident to losing balance on a tightrope, acknowledging that everyone makes mistakes. The reference to West becomes more apparent in the latter part of the chorus when Swift sings, "32 and still growing up now," alluding to West's age at the time of the infamous VMAs stage incident. Kanye however did not see the kindness in her song. He revoked his apology, reigniting a feud that was far from over. In February of 2016, Kanye released his song "Famous" where he not only named Taylor but wrote highly explicit lyrics about her and claimed to have made her famous (keeping in mind Taylor won the VMA award before any of the Kanye West feuding was happening). That same year, Taylor won a Grammy for best album of the year. She indirectly addressed the explicit song, saying, "There are going to be people along the way who will try to undercut your success or take credit for your accomplishments or your fame".

THAT FAMOUS PHONE CALL

Kim Kardashian, Kanye's then wife came to his defence. "She totally knew that that was coming out. She wanted to all of a sudden act like she didn't" she said in and interview with GQ. The conflict only got worse when Kanye's music video for famous was released. This music video was, to put it lightly, degrading and disgusting. Kanye went even as far as to state Taylor is the one who came up with it, tweeting "She was having dinner with one of our friends who's name I will keep out of this and she told him she couldn't be mad at me because I made her famous! #FACTS". Kim once again jumped to Kanye's defence by releasing an edited clip of a phone call between Kanye and Taylor where she seemed to approve the lyrics to his song. In 2017 Taylor releases her album "Reputation", featuring the song "This is why we can't have nice things" which again was rumoured to be about West. Up until 2020 the beef seemed to die down, until a video showcasing the entire 1-hour phone call was released, outing Kim for lying about the clip being edited and finally revealing the truth that Taylor in fact didn't approve of the lyrics in the song!

THE TRUTH COMES OUT

Swift was pressured to address this and posted saying "Instead of answering those who are asking how I feel about the video footage that leaked, proving that I was telling the truth the whole time about *that call* (you know, the one that was illegally recorded, that somebody edited and manipulated in order to frame me and put me, my family and fans through hell for 4 years)...SWIPE UP to see what really matters" and she placed a link to the "Feeding America" organisation. Talk about taking the highroad!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Finally, this chapter comes to a close. So let us reflect on where both artists are now, shall we? Taylor Swift is currently in the South America part of her world tour where she has sold out hundreds of stadiums. It has been reported that this tour is on track to be the highest grossing tour of all time. She is also now dating American football star Travis Kelce. Kanye is now divorced from his former wife Kim, and is dating his former employee, Bianca Censori. He has been cancelled for multiple reasons over the last few years. Reasons for this include antisemitism, supporting the White Lives Matter movement and claiming slavery was a "choice", to name a few.

A REFLECTION FROM THE AUTHOR

Throughout all of this I have learned that for someone who seems to love the sound of their own voice, Kanye says a who lot of nothing. And for you, dear reader, and possible Kanye West Fan, I would advise that if you ever want to start a debate with Swiftes about Taylor vs Kanye, make sure you have the facts to back it up.

Written by Julie Murray



REVIEW CORNER



FILM OF THE MONTH

Sound of metal

"Sound of metal", directed and co-written by Darius Marder was released in November of 2020. The film follows the main character 'Ruben', played by Riz Ahmed in a passionate and powerful performance. Ruben is the drummer in an avant-garde metal duo with his girlfriend 'Lou' as the lead singer. However, over time the repeated exposure to the loud sounds of his drum kit takes a sudden toll on his hearing. Ruben, who is a hot-tempered and restless person, that has struggled with addiction and other mental health issues in the past, is suddenly catapulted from a life centered around sound and music into one of almost complete silence. His girlfriend/bandmate Lou fears that although he is four years sober, the trauma of losing his hearing would cause him to relapse, unravelling all the work he has put into moving past these issues. This is especially because noise is so often used as a distraction from struggles with difficult thoughts. This jarring experience of losing your hearing is portrayed to the audience by the film's incredible sound design which creates the audio illusion of going deaf. The audience's perspective is frequently switched between hearing only muffled sounds and high-pitched ringing as Ruben does, and the full, intricately recorded soundscape of noise that the rest of the world hears. This clearly highlights the comparison being made, allowing the audience to really sympathize with Ruben, as it translates the isolated and lonely feeling that can come with being deaf, the feeling of constantly being disconnected from the rest of the world. This film also focuses on identity. Ruben previously identified himself as a drummer and a recovered addict who had learned better habits and ways to communicate. However, this was abolished with his newfound deafness, and he was faced with a choice. This choice is symbolized by a quote from the lead councillor of a deaf community that he talked to, "we're looking for a solution to this *points at head*, not this *points at ears*." Ruben's character is conflicted with the choice of correcting his hearing problem surgically even though he doesn't have enough money, or to learn to live with his "disability" and to build a new identity for himself. From this film I learned a lot about the deaf community, as it gave a lot of insight into their struggles, and the fact that many of the actors hired are deaf in real life added to the authenticity of the story. Overall, 'The Sound of Metal' is a very reflective and emotionally powerful film, which I enjoyed immensely.

Written by Clodagh Henry

SERIES OF THE MONTH

THE BEAR

With two seasons now streaming on Disney+, Christopher Storer's The Bear is an immersive experience into the world of culinary arts. The series follows an award-winning chef, Carmy (Jeremy Allen White), that travels back to his hometown to take over his late brother's sandwich shop. He is left to build the shop back up from the ground, resolving unpaid debts, a less than ideal kitchen, and retraining a chaotic kitchen staff along the way. However, he is not alone in this feat, he has his sous-chef, Sydney (Ayo Edebiri) and his brothers best-friend, Richie (Ebon Moss Bachrach). Although the premise makes it appear that there is not much going on, the execution is immaculate. To preface, this is not a relaxing watch. Storer does his job almost too well. The Bear will make you feel as if you are in the kitchen with the crew, behind on countless orders with more flooding in. This series also brings out a lot of emotion (certainly more than you would expect from a sandwich shop). On top of the stress of running a restaurant, Carmy and the crew are learning more about their old manager while also dealing with their own inner conflict. This series is a raw, almost uncomfortable watch that hits deep. The production of this series is stellar. The directory techniques used are as important to the storytelling as the acting. Storer uses 20-minute continuous shots to truly capture the intensity of a commercial kitchen. These are contrasted by heart-breaking monologues interspersed throughout the series that catch you off guard. All these together prove that The Bear truly is a work of cinematic art. Although you might need a Rennie and any heart medication you could possibly need, I thoroughly recommend The Bear to everyone. Storer has become a chef himself by creating the perfect sandwich of emotion, high stakes, and a sprinkling of comedy with The Bear.

Written by Michaella Carney

IRISH NEWS AS GAEILGE

Written by: Kacey Cahill

TEIDEAL 1: "Cad is Seanhfocal ann?"

Tá seanhfocail sa Ghaeilge sean agus tá siad lán le heolas, greann agus ciall. Tá seanhfocail uathúla mar chuid den teanga Gaeilge agus tacaíonn siad leis an gcultúr Gaelach agus an oidhreacht atá thart leis na mílte bliain. Cuirtear seanhfocail Gaeilge ar aghaidh tríd na glúnta agus fós úsáidtear píosai atá léirteanach ciallmhar inniu. Is cuma cá bhfuil tú ar domhan, cuirfidh seanhfocail Gaeilge Éirinn i gcumhne duit i gcónaí. Tá siad an-suimúil freisin mar bionn cúpla brí taobh thiar díobh i gconaí.

TEIDEAL 2: "SEO É DHÁ SHAMPLA"

Seanhfocal is ea "Is fearr Gaeilge bhriste ná Béarla cliste". Ciallaíonn sé "Broken Irish is better than clever English". Is breá liom é mar taispeánann sé conas atá aon Ghaeilge níos fearr ná Béarla cliste i mo thuairim. Is maith liom an seanhfocal freisin mar tá rím idir "briste" agus "cliste" agus fanann sé i d'intinn níos faide. Seanhfocal é a úsáidtear go minic chun páistí a spreagadh Gaeilge a labhairt, is cuma cé chomh maith nó chomh dona is atá a leibhéal Gaeilge. Ceapaim gur smaoineamh maith é seo mar tá sé tábhachtach an Ghaeilge a mhúineadh do pháistí mar is ceann d'fhéiniúlacht na hÉireann í. "Tir gan teanga, tir gan anam" seanhfocail eile. Ciallaíonn sé "a country without a language is a country without a soul". Is maith liom an seanhfocal seo mar tá an Ghaeilge an-tábhachtach do mhuintir na hÉireann agus tá sé ar cheann de na rudaí a léiríonn ár gcultúr Gaelach. Chum Pádraig Mac Piarais (fear tábhachtach i stair na hÉireann) an seanhfocal seo. Úsáidtear é chun daoine a spreagadh chun Gaeilge a labhairt.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD?

The Met Gala 2024

The fateful time has come, the Met Gala 2024 theme has been announced. For anyone wondering, the Met Gala is possibly the most important fashion event of the season, happening only once a year. Why is it so important, you may ask? It's all about who's invited, who's not, and most importantly, whatever it is they wear. This is all dependent on the theme, which has just been announced. It is, of course, Sleeping Beauties: Reawakening Fashion.

Firstly, what is the Met Gala? Well, it's quite possibly the biggest and most important fashion show in history. Headed by the renowned Anna Wintour since 1995, it occurs in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, always on the first Monday in May. The history of the gala dates all the way back to 1948, and was created as a fundraiser for the Costume Institute in the Metro Museum of Art. It displays the fashion of the year, as fashion labels reach out to celebrities to represent their brand by wearing their clothes. There has been a lot of anticipation towards the announcement of the theme, which has finally arrived. Earlier this month on the 8th of November, the theme was disclosed. Many people have reported Wintour being exceedingly critical of who and what enters her gala, and a lot of work, focus and brainstorming goes towards deciding the theme. This year's is very intricate- and a little confusing.

Sleeping Beauties: Reawakening Fashion- what does it even mean? Well, according to the Vogue magazine itself, this is what the theme means. 'Sleeping Beauties: Reawakening Fashion will explore notions of rebirth and renewal, using nature as a metaphor for the impermanence of fashion'. This means there will be a lot of familiar and nostalgic outfits, inspired by past trends and fashion interests. Vogue magazine also predicts that there will be many nature-inspired outfits, as nature is the perfect metaphor for the ever-changing fashion industry. Although the guest list and hosts are yet to be announced, it is absolutely certain that anyone who's anyone will be there, and there's going to be some great outfits.

WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT THIS?

The Met Gala's theme "Sleeping Beauties: Reawakening Fashion" might actually be cool for us Irish people. Ireland holds a rich tapestry of cultural heritage and folklore, often rooted in tales of change and rebirthing as someone/something else. This theme is like that—fashion's always changing, just like those tales we grew up hearing. Plus, the Gala isn't just about clothes; it's a global show where creativity and culture collide. It could show off some trendy styles inspired by our own Irish heritage, mixing tradition with what's in right now. So, it's not just a fancy party—it's a chance to see how fashion and culture connect, and maybe even find some inspiration from our own roots!

Written by Bridget Moynihan and Sarah Lin

ENTER THE COMPETITION

BELOW AND WIN A PRIZE!

(Read the back for details!)

THE COMPETITION CORNER

MS. NOBLE'S MOVIE EMOJIS

Write down the movie name based on the emojis given below



TEAR ME OUT!

SCHOOL NEWS

Exams are finally over!



Thank you to everyone for taking part in Science Week 2023 and Stand Up Awareness Week 2023!



It's almost December! Have your class started preparing for your Christmas concert show yet?



Coding club is going strong! Make becoming a computer whiz your new years resolution and join them each Monday at lunchtime in the computer room. No experience necessary!



The French exchange is heading away Monday the 27th. Enjoy yourself girls!!



Our Transition Year students learned how to carry out life saving CPR lately in their First Aid module. This is a huge achievement and one that everyone should strive to add to their skill set!



OPINION PIECE: The World Doesn't Care

Written by Anhle Jordan

The world doesn't care, and it expects you to be the same. You may have lost someone. You can cry yourself to sleep every night. You could be injured physically or psychologically. The world doesn't care. It doesn't matter how much pain you are in. Life goes on...that's the callous part of it all. Nobody should be expected to continue functioning when their vision of life is coated in shadows, yet that is an unwritten, unspoken, expectation of the world. It doesn't care and by doing so it has a way of silently trapping us, making it harder for us to accept that it's okay to feel whatever pain or emotion that consumes us. Emotions are a reminder we are still living. That you don't have to smile and proceed with your day, pretending to be okay. Nothing hurts more than trying to pretend you're okay when you're slowly shattering. The world will carry on. For to the world, you are just a person, and it doesn't care. Except to someone you're their person. There will always be someone who cares about the thoughts and emotions that encase you. I think the world's expectations limit what you allow yourself to feel, mercilessly constricting you. **My advice to you is, don't let the world dominate how you think you should feel, for it's your life and nobody else will walk it!**

Aries (March 21 - April 19):

December ignites your passions, Aries. Expect career opportunities or projects that invigorate your ambitions. Your charisma is magnetic—networking and socializing could lead to unexpected connections that set the stage for an exciting year ahead.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20):

December encourages Taurus to savour the simple joys. Embrace the holiday spirit with close friends and family. Take time to recharge and reflect; it's a perfect period for self-care and setting intentions for the upcoming year.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20):

Communication becomes your superpower this December, Gemini. Expect lively discussions and brainstorming sessions that could lead to innovative ideas. Social gatherings or virtual hangouts bring new acquaintances and potentially fruitful connections.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22):

December highlights emotional balance for Cancer. It's a period to nurture connections with loved ones and create a cosy atmosphere at home. Introspection fuels personal growth, offering insights that help you navigate the upcoming year with emotional intelligence.

Leo (July 23 - August 22):

Creativity flourishes in December for Leo. Expect artistic inspiration and opportunities to showcase your talents. Socially, your magnetism draws attention, making this a time for celebrations and being the life of the party.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22):

December emphasizes structure and health for Virgo. Organize your tasks efficiently and focus on wellness routines. Balancing work and relaxation ensures you end the year on a productive yet rejuvenated note.

Libra (September 23 - October 22):

Harmony reigns supreme in December for Libra. Focus on fostering peace in relationships, resolving conflicts, and creating a serene environment. Your diplomacy and charm help smoothen any rough edges, making this a heart-warming period.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21):

Transformational energies swirl around Scorpio in December. Embrace change fearlessly; it's a time for shedding old patterns and embracing personal evolution. Trust your instincts as you step into a phase of renewal and self-discovery.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21):

Adventure calls to Sagittarius this December. Explore new territories, whether physical or intellectual. Your enthusiasm and curiosity lead to exciting experiences and connections, setting the tone for an adventurous year ahead.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19):

As Capricorn season begins, December brings a spotlight on your ambitions. This is a period of setting goals and laying foundations for future success. Work hard, but also take time to celebrate your accomplishments and enjoy the festive season.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18):

In December, Aquarius is poised for innovation and exploration. Embrace your unique ideas and seek out communities that resonate with your vision. Unexpected encounters and unconventional paths lead to inspiring discoveries.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20):

Intuition guides Pisces through December. Trust your gut instincts and inner wisdom. Focus on acts of kindness and empathy; your compassionate nature brings comfort to others and sparks positive changes in your surroundings.

CHECK YOUR HOROSCOPE HERE!



DID YOU KNOW?

The opposite sides of dice will always equal 7.

DID YOU KNOW?

The flashes of light when you rub your eyes are called phosphenes

Recipe of the month: Flapjack

By Myah O'Brien

INGREDIENTS

- 175g butter (diced)
- 175g soft light brown sugar
- 4tbsp golden syrup
- 350g porridge oats
- 50g corn flakes
- 50g Raisins, nuts, chocolate chips (optional)

METHOD

- Preheat oven to 180C. In a saucepan, melt the butter, sugar, and golden syrup over a low heat, stir with a wooden spoon until the sugar is fully dissolved.
- Remove the saucepan from the heat and stir in the porridge oats and corn flakes (and any optional extras).
- Tip the mixture into a 28 x 18cm tin (or whatever you have) and spread it into the corners. Gently press down with the back of the wooden spoon to create a flat top.
- Bake for 25 minutes or until golden and firm. Allow to cool for ten minutes before cutting it into bars. Allow it to cool completely before lifting the bars from the tin.

Enjoy!

Note: the mixture is really nice even before baking it, so some might end up eating it all before it makes it to the tin ;)

HOW TO REMEMBER.....

HOW TO SPELL

"BECAUSE"

Drawn by Aoife Barry

Speaking

Why must we speak to be able to communicate with most people?
I desire to live in a world where we don't have to speak
So then people won't hear how I
Repeat my words
Run out of breathe
And Jumble up my words.
I'll never be able to enjoy speaking
Because of these characteristics of myself
If I could I'd go all my life without speaking
So people wont hear me
So people will forget me
So people wont judge me

I desire to remove my voice from humanity
So people will eventually forget my voice
I wish it was easy for my desire to be fulfilled
But I know it will never happen
So I'll just have to deal with my voice

Written by Dani French

BREAKING NEWS IN THE SPORTS WORLD

Luis Diaz Written by Lauren Doyle

The Liverpool winger's parents were released by kidnappers in Colombia.

Luis Diaz's mother and father were kidnapped in Colombia last month; special forces has been searching a mountain range that straddles the country's border with Venezuela; police have offered a €45000 reward for information.

The parents were seen on now released CCTV footage of them being snatched by armed, masked men on motorbikes on October 28.

The father spent 13 days in captivity after being snatched by the guerrilla group National Liberation Army, at a petrol station in Colombia near the border with Venezuela.

Luis Diaz's mother was also kidnapped in the incident but she was rescued within hours after the police set up roadblocks.

On November 9, the father was handed back over to his family. Reports say he was handed over to the UN humanitarian commission, the church and medical personnel in the Serrania del Perija region.

box on the stage to be in with the chance of winning a mystery prize!

FULL NAME: _____

CLASS: _____

YEAR: _____

TEAR ME OUT!

SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

U18 Munster Rugby

Orlaith Morrissy (5 Pi) and Lily Byrne (4 Pi) travelled to Corinthians RFC in Galway recently to play Connacht in a friendly match. The Munster U18 girls won the match 31-5. Congratulations to you both and well done!

Swimming success

The RMC girls 13-19yrs senior medley relay team won Gold in the 200mts (4 x 50mts) event, qualifying for the Irish Senior Schools Relay Finals, to be held in NAC Dublin in 2024.

The RMC girls 13-19yrs senior free-style relay team won Silver in the 200mts (4 x 50mts) event, qualifying for the Irish Senior Schools Relay Finals, to be held in NAC Dublin in 2024.

Amy Lynch girls 15-16yrs butter-fly individual won Bronze in the 100mts .

The stand-out swims of the day were both the Senior girls' relays, where Regina Mundi represented the school in style, winning a gold medal and a silver against mighty competition!