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Current Events

Global News

Britain leaving the EU

By Jonathan Ballard

Britain is officially leaving the European Union on Friday, January 31st at 11:01 at night...

Britain is finally leaving the European Union after three-and-a-half years, three prime ministers and seemingly endless votes in Parliament since the 2016 Brexit referendum. Britain will finally become the first ever country to leave the European Union at 11:01 p.m. GMT on Friday.

Despite this cataclysmic event, almost all of the immediate changes will be invisible to the public. The United Kingdom will enter the transition period that was agreed between the British government and the EU. And the terms of that agreement mean that for the next 11 months, the UK remains an EU member state in all but name.

Coronavirus

By Mackenzie Douglas

There is a mystery virus spreading all around the world. It began in Wuhan, China, and the killer virus is spreading rapidly. To try to limit the spread of the disease, China has taken the extreme step of closing off several large cities and canceling Chinese New Year celebrations. In early December, the first case of a new illness was found in Wuhan. The disease, which causes pneumonia, had not been seen before, but scientists identified it as a coronavirus. Coronaviruses are viruses that have a spiky ring around them like a crown when viewed with a powerful microscope. Though there are many coronaviruses which affect animals, until recently, only six coronaviruses were known to affect humans. Four of these cause common colds. The other two cause more serious luna illnesses, and can be deadly. Experts say the virus came from an Wuhan seafood market which also sold live animals. The market has now been closed. Scientists believe the virus may have jumped from animals to humans, but they don't know yet what animal the virus came from. Based on these results, the authors said the 2019-nCoV likely originated in bats. However, no bats were sold at the Huanan seafood market, which suggests that another yet-to-be-identified animal acted as a stepping stone of sorts to transmit the virus to humans. As of the time this article was written, the virus has made at least 800 people sick and left 100 of them dead. The virus can easily spread to Hong Kong, Australia, Thailand, and even the U.S.

Sports

7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball

January 31, 2020

 Barre City Bulldogs Vs Echo Valley Owls: 34-32; Bulldogs win!

February 3, 2020

• Barre City Bulldogs at Hazen 37-26; Bulldogs win!

7th Grade Boys Basketball

January 29, 2020

• Barre City Bulldogs Vs Stowe 37-19; Bulldogs win!

February 3, 2020

• Barre City Bulldogs at Hazen 29-38; a loss for the Bulldogs.

8th Grade Boys Basketball

January 31, 2020

• Barre City Bulldogs Vs Echo Valley Owls: 56-29; Bulldogs victory!

February 3, 2020

• Barre City Bulldogs at Hazen: 32-44; a loss for the Bulldogs.

Community

Elementary Students of the Week:

By Emma Sweeney January 31, 2020

- Kindergarten: Austin Cole from Mrs. Laughlin's class.
- First Grade: Madilyn Blandin in Mrs. Foley's class
- Second Grade: David Quinonez in Mrs. Sheffery's class
- Third Grade:
- Fourth Grade: Paige Murray from Ms. Abraham's class

Middle School Stand Up Winners:

By Madison Sleeper

January 20, 2020-January 24, 2020

- Pride: Hannah Lafond and Mathea Fecteau
- Rise: Parker D. and Cameren
- Ujamaa: Kaleb Sayers and Keating Carpenter

January 27, 2020-JAnuary 27, 2020

- Rise: Leah Buzzi, Justus, and Philip
- Ujamaa: Abby Parker and Taiden Grammer

First grade animals in winter project

By Madison sleeper

Mrs. Felches first grade class is learning about woodland animals in winter and the three ways they survive here in Vermont. Last week, the class made cereal box feeders to help adapting animals like deer, cardinals, rabbits, and foxes. The feeders will be hung in the woods by our school. They will also be using a tracking sheet as they look for tracks of the animals that stay active in the wintertime in Vermont. The class is wondering: What other animals do you see during the winter in Vermont? How do they adapt to stay alive during our cold winter weather? What could you do to help? Responses to these questions can be sent to the Bulldog Bulletin care of Ms. Neddo at mneddbce@buusd.org.

Opinion

Gum In School

By Emma Bernes

Kids should be able to have gum in school. The reason why is because most students focus more when they chew gum. The only rules there should be about it is, no bubbles, no stretching it around out of your mouth, no playing with it like putty, and no sticking it under tables. I've found that when I go home to do homework and I have a piece of gum in my mouth, it helps me focus. I'm a very fidgety person when it comes to tests, homework, and long lessons in class. Teachers should allow gum to an extent, meaning they will be able to tell you to spit it out when necessary. That is my opinion about why kids should have gum in school.

Do Video Games Cause Violence?

By Lev Kolomeitsev

Do you think video games cause violence? In case you don't know there has been a big debate even since the 1970s whether video games cause violence or not. I don't think video games cause violence.

I don't think video games cause violence because there is no real evidence that violent video games cause violence. According to the New York Times, "Researchers have extensively studied whether there is a causal link between video games and violent behavior, and while there isn't quite a consensus, there is broad agreement that no such link exists." If there is no evidence to prove that video games cause violence, people can't say that video games cause violence. Also, "Advocates say video games have served as a scapegoat for real-world violence since the 1970s. They note that the highest concentration of video game players is in Japan and South Korea, where many popular titles are shockingly gory, yet those countries experience a minuscule fraction of the gun violence seen in the U.S. 'What's new about the current debate,' said gaming sociologist Katherine Cross, 'is that the scapegoat of video gaming has never been more nakedly exposed for what it is' — a way of avoiding addressing our nation's permissive and freewheeling gun culture." Other countries have the access to the same games and they don't have as much gun violence as the other countries, so why do games get blamed for the violence when we should take responsibility for our gun violence.

Some people think violent video games cause violence well I think they don't Dr. Wester says that "Used responsibly, video games can be a fun and healthy hobby for children and adults. Parents know their children best and need to work together to establish rules for video games." This shows that the parents need to take control and make rules, not just blame the whole thing on video games.: The New York Times states "Some people think that video games that involve fights and battling are responsible for violence in teens. I believe that's a complete and utter lie." "Grand Theft Auto" is one example. It's all about stealing cars, committing crimes, and various other things which are considered to be bad for children." Most people who end up playing games like that don't become violent if they weren't already, though other people may disagree with the adult related content in this game.

Video games do not cause violence. This matters because parents and people are blaming the violence of kids on video games when it doesn't have anything to do with the games they play. Kids need their parents to know that video games don't cause violence. When their parents tell them video games do, now kids should have information and reasons they don't.

Entertainment

Video game news

By Christian Brownlee

Playstation news: Sony has officially confirmed that the PS5 will release "in time for Holiday 2020" in the US, so likely some time between October and December 2020.

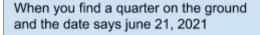
Xbox: Xbox Series X is slated for a Holiday 2020 release, which will put it right up against Sony's PS5. Based on previous console launches, we're expecting it to hit sometime in November.

Fortnite: Big fortnite streamers like ninja ,Faze dubs, and tfue are leaving twitch for 10 million dollar contracts for other big companies.

Jokes!

By: Chase Hopper and Emma Sweeney







The Seven Borders A Prologue to the Fiction Story By Chase Hopper

The plane finally landed. It was raining hard outside as I stepped out of my sleek private plane and sighed quietly, for it had been twelve years since I had stepped foot in Montana. But this time, I had a goal: revenge. To find someone vitally important, someone that had laid a thick layer of guilt on me for twelve years, someone who had forced me from my family and taken care of me, but now the tables have turned. For now, I will take care of him.

To read more, see Chase Hopper, or look for more excerpts in further issues of the Bulldog Bulletin.

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