

The Ramsey Ram



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Book and Film Reviews

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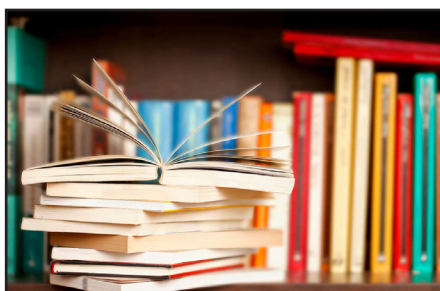
Hello, my name is Tazmin Sloat and I am in Year 10. I have been a member of the Ramsey Ram since it first started when I was in Year 7. One of the things I like the most about the Ramsey Ram is the variety of ideas that are expressed in different ways.

Hi, I'm Maximus Felton an editor for the Ramsey Ram and I am in year 10. I have been with the Ramsey Ram since year 7, just as it started. I joined the Ramsey Ram because I have always been interested in the various forms of writing. I have wanted to be part of the editorial team for a long time and now that I have finally reached this position, I want to influence and make a positive change to the team.

Bonjour, my name is Ellie Chatten. I joined the Ramsey Ram as soon as I joined Ramsey. I have published many articles in the Ramsey Ram and I'm now in Year 8. The reason why I joined and became an editor is because I enjoy brainstorming new ideas and exploring different opinions on significant topics.

Hey everyone, I'm Courtney Sloat and I am in Year 8. I have been a part of the Ramsey Ram since I first joined in Year 7 and was fortunate enough to recently be given the role of editor. I was drawn to the Ram as I liked the idea of working in a team and I am happy to say that the Ram team is one of the warmest and funniest I have worked with - don't be shy to get involved if you want to!

In this issue.....and more!!



Look for a book

Look for a book is where many different types of people hide different books of different ages and different genres for example romance, horror and more.

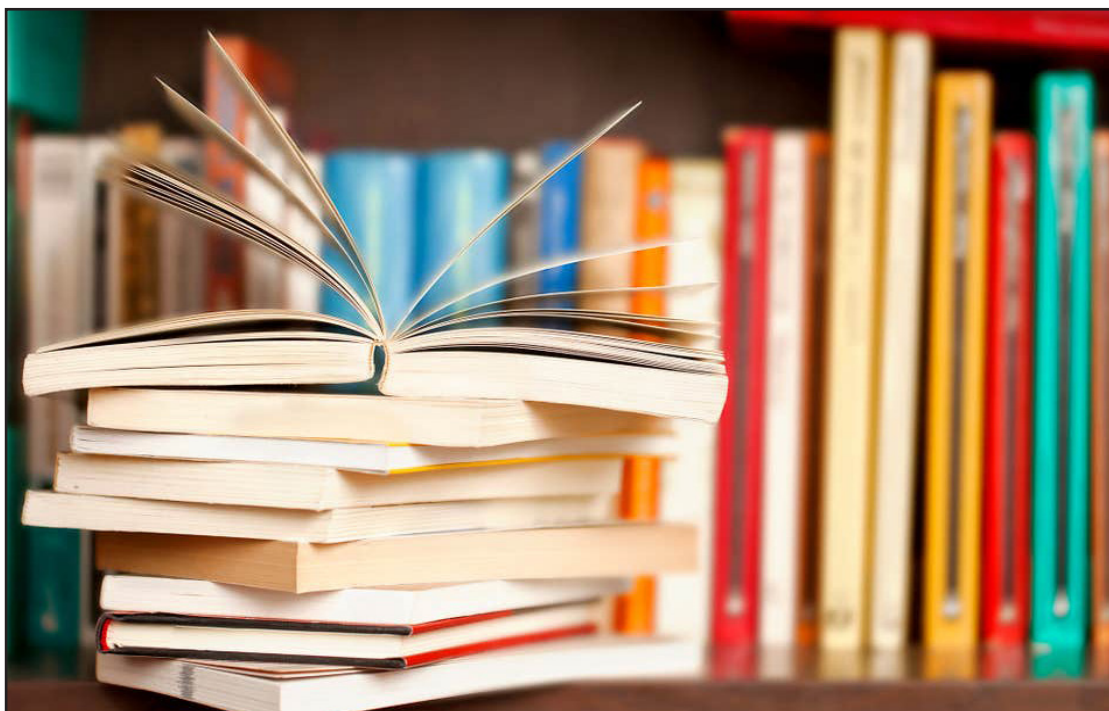
Our school have started a new thing called 'look for a book' so you can find books around our school or around different towns and villages so all around Halsted and Earls Colne also including Great Yeldham.

So, if you find a book with a plastic wallet, read the instructions on the front where it will have a Ramsey Academy logo. So, make sure to read the instructions and one thing that you need to do is read this book and hide it back whether you want and post it online onto Facebook page Look for a Book or on the Ramsey Academy page.

If you have any questions, ask Ms Williams or a literacy leader including me. Look out!
By Ellie C



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Activity Week – Textiles

For activities week, Lois and I decided to do textiles with Mrs Gerrard. We made a lot of interesting products such as decorated glass bottles containing fairy lights, woollen dolls, felt, and woven letters.

To make the decorated glass bottles, we painted the outside with patterns, flowers and unique designs and after letting them dry, we added in the fairy lights. When we turned the fairy lights on, it was a very magical sight to see and we were very proud of ourselves for doing so.

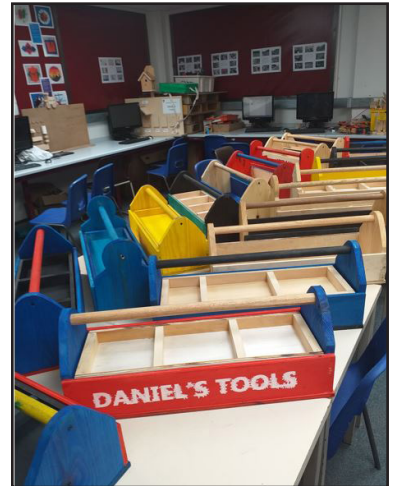
For the woollen dolls, we used woollen string and they were very easy and fun to make. They make very good decorations as well.

When making felt, we used coloured wool and started off by pulling the wool into tufts and laying them on top of each other. We then used a bamboo rolling mat and dish soap to make the fibres stick together. Finally, we thoroughly washed the piece of felt and dried it off.

Lastly, for the woven letters, we used string and wound it around nails that have been hammered into a board in the shape of the letters A, D and E to represent the three houses: Aspiration, Diversity and Endeavour. They can be seen while walking up or down the stairs near the languages department in New Hall.

This was a entertaining experience, and we enjoyed it very much.

By Angel D and Lois C



Making Drones

Last year during activities week, I took part in making drones with Mr Hendry and we made them out of coffee stirrers and glue. We were given a circuit board to create the main electrical components and propellers and wires.

We were tasked with making the drone light weight so it would fly and then we tried to race them. After hours of designing the drones we tried to fly them but unfortunately no one's drones got off the ground, but we still had a lot of fun making them.

Hopefully, next year someone will have what it takes to make Ramsey drones fly!
By Hannah S



Spiderman, Far From Home Review

In the second instalment of the Spiderman franchise we see the return of Peter Parker on a school trip around Europe. Sadly, he wants to get away from the superhero life after the events of Endgame, so he decides to try to be a normal school kid and live a normal life. Not so easy if you are Spiderman!

He goes to many places on the trip but can't seem to escape his superhero life when Nick Fury tries to contact him. Nick Fury needs his help to defeat the elementals with the help of a new superhero called Mysterio. Find out if they can defeat them together by watching this thrilling, gripping and funny blockbuster movie.



By Hannah S



Teacher Talk – Miss Prior

1. Have you always wanted to be a teacher?

No, I wanted to work in a bank or something like that so I tried working in a bank as work experience for 2 weeks but then I realised it was really boring, so I decided to rethink my decision.

2. What has been your biggest achievement so far in life?

Probably graduating from University and completing my teacher training.

3. Did you ever get a detention in school?

Yes, I did, I kind of ignored the rule about length of skirts and I talked a lot when I was sat with my friends..

4. What were you like at school?

I was quite shy, but I talked quite a bit when I was with my friends, I tried to do well, and I was responsible and behaved.

5. Why did you decide to teach Maths and were you good at Maths in school?

I was good at Maths in school. I decided to teach Maths because I had an opportunity to practise teaching at University and I like to help change people's opinions on Maths. Most people hate Maths because they don't understand it and I helped a few students think maths isn't all that bad.





GETTING DUG IN!

We went into the forest and collected sticks and twigs for our open campfire. We cooked burgers and smores they were very delicious. We also put lots of mud on our foreheads for camouflage. But the best part was BUSHCRAFTS GOT TALENT. We all came up with our routines and showed them to the rest of the camp. The Simba tribe won, they did a Disney medley.

The weather

The weather was really good it got up to 34 degrees! It was really nice and cool sleeping in our shelters because it was colder than in the muggy, humid tents.

This article was by:
Morgan N and Sophie T

BUSHCRAFT

THE BASICS OF BUSHCRAFT

Some of us were lucky enough to go on a residential trip to Bushcraft. We left on the 23rd of July 2019 and took 3 coaches and went off to Kent. Despite the bad traffic we had a good journey and arrived safely. When we got there our tribe leaders told us what camps we were in. The tribe leaders were friendly and funny.

ACTIVITIES

We enjoyed lots of different activities including:
Making smores,
Cooking food on an open fire,
Swimming in the lake,
Making survival wristbands,
First aid,
Saw the baby badgers
Eating fish eyes,
And much, much more!

SURVIVAL SKILLS

We learned many survival skills including camouflage and shelter building. On the first night we built our shelters out of string and tarpaulin and we slept in them. It was amazing to have the opportunity. Some people saw animals like badgers and deer, even a fox. The only downfall was the thunder and lightning but there was no rain!

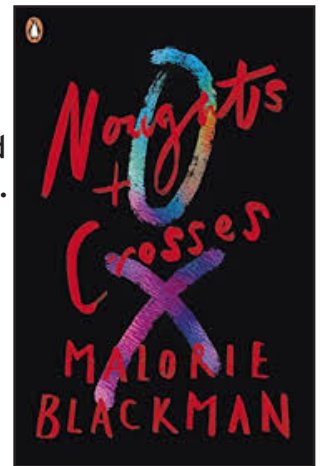
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Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman

'Noughts and crosses' is a story that takes a modern twist on the classic tale of Romeo and Juliet. It's a story about two types of people. The noughts: white poor people. And crosses; black rich people. The story starts with two main characters, Phesperone (Sephya) - a cross whose dad is a widely appreciated and revered politician. She is Callum's best friend. Callum is a nought whose dad and older brother have involvements with the Liberation Militia (a group who fight against the way the crosses run things). The story explains how both their lives are changing for the worst. As everything seems to be crumbling around them Callum and Sephya realise they've fallen in love and they need each other. Can their relationship survive? You can find out if you read this gripping novel.

By Lois C

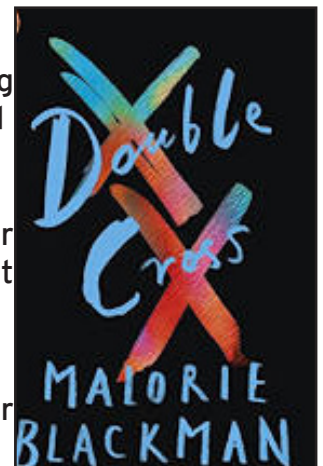


Double Cross by Malorie Blackman

This book follows the noughts and crosses story. It explores how Callum and Sephya's child, Callie-Rose, has to put up with life and constantly being called names like 'filthy halfer' and how she has begun to learn more and more about her past and her parents. The more she learns about her parents the more she starts to hate them. The story takes place in her grandmother's wine cellar where she revisits moments of her past with her mother she starts to learn why her father did all of the terrible things that he did and why her mother lied to her about it all.

Personally I loved the book and thought it was a perfect follow up to the first one. I think the idea of having different perspectives for each chapter is really interesting and effective and I really love Malorie Blackman's writing style.

By Lois C



Vox by Christina Dalcher Review

Vox is a story that is set in the future, in America. Where women are only allowed to speak 100 words a day. If they speak any more, the word counters on their wrists (metal cuffs that are fitted when they are born) will send 100 volts of electricity coursing through their veins. They are also not allowed to read or write and schools have reverted to the (male) teachers asking yes/no questions and the girls nodding or shaking their heads. The main character, Jean, has three sons and one daughter. Jean dreams of running away with her daughter to Italy with her parents, where women don't have to wear metal cuffs.

The story tells Jean's story of how she falls out of love with her husband, helps her son with a crime he committed, kills and runs away. A brilliant story of her rise to freedom.

Lois C 9D2

