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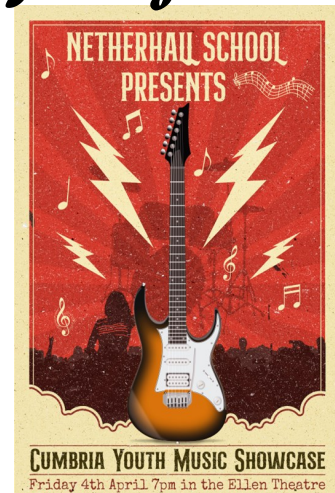
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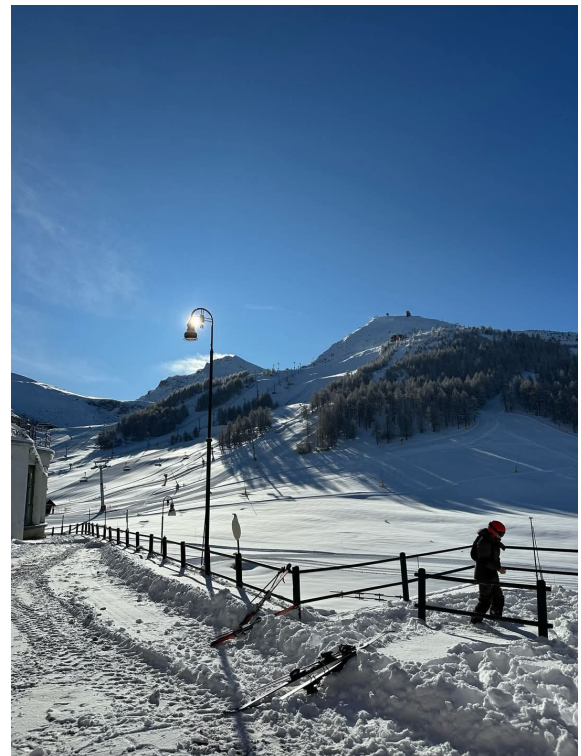
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# Spring celebrations around the world

Article by Alfie Volkaerts

Spring is a season that is celebrated around the world as we welcome the end of the gloomy winter months and the arrival of the warm and sunlit days of a new year. However, the celebrations of the new season are not all done the same, in fact many countries around the world celebrate in distinct and unique ways. For example;

## Holi



Holi otherwise known as the "festival of colours" is a celebration in which celebrants will throw a wide variety of coloured powder and bright paints over one another to symbolise the vibrant hues of spring. Alongside this the festival is also a celebration of the eternal and divine love of the deities Radha and Krishna as well as the victory of good over evil. It is a Hindu festival traditionally; however, it is slowly becoming more widespread over time.

## Songkran Water Festival

The Songkran water festival is a celebration that marks the beginning of the Thai new year. This Buddhist festival symbolises cleansing reverence and good fortune. It is seen as a time to reunite with family and pay respects to your ancestors. During the festival the streets of Thailand turn into one massive water fight with people throwing buckets of water over one another and using water pistols. Other ways its celebrated would be through pouring water over images and statues of buddha as well as the hands of monks as a sign of respect. The water is seen as being able to wash away the previous year allowing the people of Thailand to prepare for the new one.



## Easter



Easter is the most widely celebrated spring festival being celebrated almost worldwide, it is a Christian celebration that can be found in Europe, the Americas, Australia and parts of Africa and it celebrates the death and subsequent resurrection of Jesus. Which is apt for spring which is the season in which plants are “resurrected” after dying off in winter. The iconic “Easter egg” is meant to be a symbol of the empty tomb of Jesus. The Easter bunny however is more of a German tradition in which a mythical rabbit creature called “Osterhase” or

“Oschter Haws.” will come and lay its colourful eggs into nests made by children.

## Flower Parade of the Bollenstreek

The Flower Parade began in 1947, during the post-World War II era, to celebrate Dutch culture and floriculture, and today still brings communities together, bringing out a sense of national pride and unity. More than 1,000,000 people from all over the world come to the flower-growing region of Bollenstreek to enjoy the colourful parade floats decorated with beautiful spring flowers, like hyacinths, daffodils and, of course, tulips.



## Valborg

Valborg is a Swedish tradition in which people celebrate the feast of Saint Walpurga, an 8th-century English missionary. to celebrate, people will gather round large bonfires called Majbrasor which are believed to scare away predators and evil spirits as well as burning away the winter brush. in these gatherings the people will sing and listen to speeches and choirs singing spring hymns as a way to welcome spring and a brighter future.

# **“He who’s not busy being born is busy dying”**

## *Human connection through the art of music*

*Written by Isla Hadden*



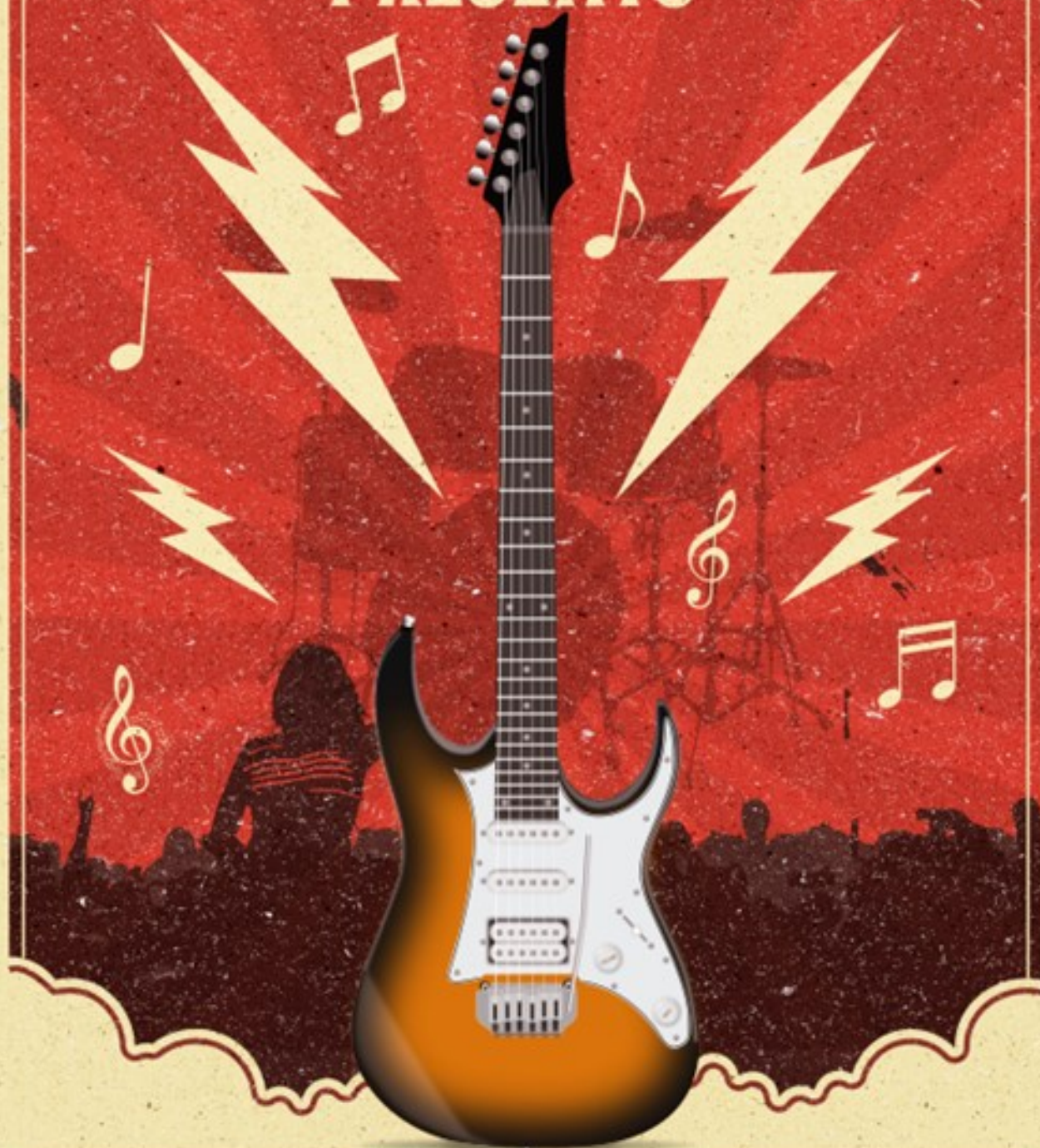
‘He who’s not busy being born is busy dying’, is one of many famous lines by the infamous Bob Dylan. At first glance, it seems pessimistic, the only contempt moments within our lives is the stages of our birth, regarding life as a journey to the inevitable – but realistically it teaches us how these ‘Rockstar’s’ never die – because they are constantly reinventing themselves. Embracing age, changing their hair, making music, hardly ever in a state of placidity, constantly being reborn. This outlook removes the ‘middle stage’ of meaningless existence, once passing childhood until death, and allows us to constantly be new and changing, experiencing life in endless formats.

It’s well known that music makes us feel ‘alive’, for listeners it embeds somewhat unique emotions into a lyrical art form – feeling connected to the artist who has somehow magically experienced the exact same things as themselves. For the artist, it’s a form of therapy, an explosion of emotions neatly formed into verses and choruses – singing with such deep intent and certainty as if they are preaching the words of the Bible. Music links us as humans and allows us to see we are more connected than we imagine, your favourite song usually links perfectly to a specific life experience, feeling like the artist has nuzzled themselves into your brain and begins ‘singing my life with his words’. Just as every human, artists have accomplished so much that they can no longer bear to relive these moments in their heads and *must* share this art of life with the rest of the world.

A universal and unexplainable feeling of ‘love’ has had countless reflections throughout the history of music. We, naturally, link specific songs to stages within our lives, with certain songs arising incapable memories of past lovers or friends – dopamine is released when we listen to a specific, meaningful song, similar to satisfying our need to eat or sleep. But, nothing is being physically indulged in – a song is simply a single musical composition that has a melody and, often, words that are sung by a vocalist, but not something that can be held or touched. Arguably, music is an experience (good or bad) that is vital to our existence, it regulates our mood by helping us to feel happier or more relaxed, helping us to regulate and understand our emotions (such as the inexplainable emotion of love), it links us to others in our experience of human existence, and most simply its pleasurable.



# NETHERHALL SCHOOL PRESENTS



## CUMBRIA YOUTH MUSIC SHOWCASE

Friday 4th April 7pm in the Ellen Theatre

# **Rising Stars set to Shine at Music Showcase**

*Article by Harri Mossop*

On the 4th of April, the Netherhall music department will be performing once again, this time for the Cumbria Youth Showcase taking place at Ellen Theatre. This will be a 2-hour concert consisting of several acts from 7pm until 9pm, a great way to end this term! This showcase will feature performances from the 3 bands of Netherhall School (the junior, intermediate and advanced band) all playing their own setlists with different solo performances in between each act; these solo performances being, Lily Nolan, Destiny Paterson, Georgie Wilkinson and Joe Hoyles, as well as these solo acts there will be an acoustic duo consisting of both Kadie Harrison and Harri Mossop, each of these individual acts playing around 1-2 songs each with the different bands playing different length sets each, around 2 songs for the junior band, 3-4 songs for intermediate, and 5 for advanced bands\*.

Grab your tickets now! The tickets for this event will be general admission ranging from £1.50 (children's ticket) - £3.00 (Adult's ticket) and are on sale from now until 04/04/2025 with 130 seats available, please keep in mind that these tickets can only be bought online from the Netherhall School website and cannot be bought at the door. We hope to see you there!



# Timeless Crochet Collection Set to Sell out in Record Time'

Article by Laila Brown

This half term we have organized a two day long pop up stall featuring spring themed items such as flowers, coasters, hearts and different animals. Our most popular product by far was the crochet frogs which were the first to sell, we also managed to sell out by the end of the day.

Over the two days we managed to sell over £100 worth of our crocheted goods, achieving our most recent goal as a team. Overall our pop-up stall was a great success, allowing us to finally sell to the public and achieve more information of what products sell the best.



Previously, we also added a box of our products to the staffroom containing valentines themed items, where a majority were also sold, this allowed us to have a better understanding of what to sell in the pop-up and how many products we would need to make.

Due to the high demand, we plan on having more pop-up stalls in the future with a larger variety of our products for sale and completing further orders which we got from the pop-up. Overall, we thank you for supporting us and buying our products, we hope to continue this in the future.



# Wicked Film Review: A Magical Adaptation'

*Article by Amber Walker*

The film adaptation of the first act of the 2003 musical 'Wicked' premiered 18th November 2024 and captivated the hearts of many. From the unforgettable casting to the setting and further developments of characters, there is no denying the fact that this is a thoroughly well-executed adaptation. With the musical also being an adaptation in itself of 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz', it follows Elphaba's background before she is dubbed 'the wicked witch of the west', and her relationship with Galinda before the events of the original source material transpired. The casting of Cynthia Erivo as Elphaba is undoubtedly one of the best decisions for the movie, with her pre-



existing background in theatre (most notably as Cecilie Harris in 'The Colour Purple') allowing her to execute some brilliant vocal scores, and elevating the emotional essence. Similarly, Ariana Grande as Galinda (Glinda the good witch) brings immense character and charm within her role, and is able to also showcase her singing capabilities. With cameos from the wickedly talented Idina Menzel and Kristin Chenoweth (the original two characters on Broadway), and Jeff Goldblum as The Wizard, it is evident that the success of the movie would be inevitable. The world-building was also just as spectacular, replicating the extravagancies and intricacies of how Oz would be imagined and perceived as. Moreover, the vocal performances from the entire cast were unmatched, and held the same level of brilliance as the original – with many being trained in theatre. An anticipated success is awaiting the second film, releasing 21st November 2025. Continuing the musical with its second act, 'Wicked: For Good' will hopefully be just as good, if not better, than the first instalment, especially with the inclusion of the song 'No Good Deed'. There is no doubt the excitement for it nonetheless!





## **A League of their Own**

*Article by Amber Walker*

Within the Sixth Form, a quiz league has been introduced – wherein both year 12's and year 13's go head-to-head with a variety of bi-weekly quizzes each Friday in different teams. This adds a thrill to tutor, and allows students to be more active in the mornings! As of the fourth quiz which had previously taken place, 'Wile E. Coyote' sits in first with 54 points, followed closely behind by 'Awesome Foursome Minus One' in second at 52 points, and a joint third of 51 points between 'Knowledge Knights' and 'No Eye Deer'.

**The Netherhall School**  
**Sixth Form**  
**Quiz League**  
**2024-25**  
**QUIZ 5**

Rank	Team Name
1st	Wile E. Coyote
2nd	Awesome Foursome Minus One
3rd	Knowledge Knights

# Sadie Reed Foundation

£2,790 raised

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The Sadie Reed  
Foundation

Organized by  
Beth Harrison



Following the tragic bereavement of our much-loved student Sadie Reed, Netherhall School is proud and honoured to support the Sadie Reed Foundation. The Sadie Reed Foundation has been founded by Sadie's super family, who are establishing the foundation to support the young people of Maryport.

Sadie's excellent friends have been instrumental in organising a beautiful memorial plaque to be situated in the year 9 group area, which will read **'Sadie Reed always in our hearts, memories cherished forever. Best friends for life. 24/10/10 - 10/02/25'** and there will be a memorial bench sited in the McCarron area which will carry the inscription, **'In Loving Memory of Sadie Reed 24<sup>th</sup> October 2010 – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025'**, which will be complimented by beautiful pink flowers pots, which was one of Sadie's favourite colours. Both spaces will be a place where students can sit, reflect, share stories, memories and their love of Sadie.

The superb Maryport community has stepped forward immediately to support the Sadie Reed Memorial Award at the excellent annual Netherhall School awards presentation event that will be presented to students who inspire love, kindness, joy, laughter and fun.

Thank you once again, your actions and the people that you are have made all the difference in the most challenging of circumstances. I know from talking with Sadie's lovely family that all of your kindness, generosity and consideration is truly appreciated.

**Netherhall School**