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A Series of Unfortunate Events – 4.45 Stars

A series of Lemony Snickets. Their real names are Daniel Handlers. Handlers describe orphans' misfortune.

Misfortune begins when Klaus, Sunny and Violet Baudelaire's parents die in a fire. Handler uses the fake name 'Lemony Snicket.' Snicket splits into a Snicket who describes orphans' misfortune and a Snicket who dedicates descriptions to Beatrice.

Beatrice is Snicket's 'darling, dearest, dead' crush at the beginning of 'The Bad Beginning.' 'The Bad Beginning' splits into stories about Snicket's love for Beatrice and Olaf's desire for orphans' fortune. Their first guardian being Olaf disguises himself as Al Funcoot to trick Violet Baudelaire into marrying him.

Netflix describes Funcoot as a 'distant relative.' His 'ominous arrival' is reverse psychology. Reverse psychology also takes the form of this novel describing itself as 'extremely unpleasant.'

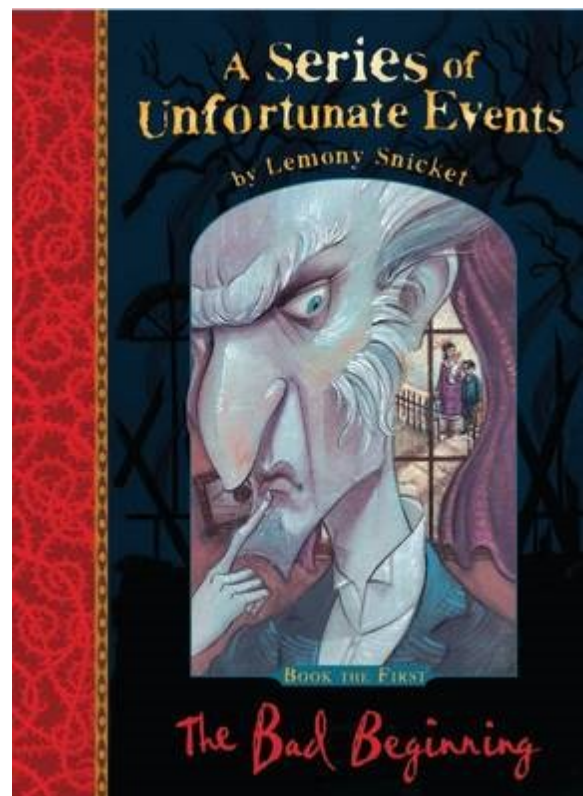
This 'extremely unpleasant' novel treats settings as scenes of investigation. Scenes of investigation take Snicket from a beach to a

hotel where he loses track of orphans and Olaf. He tricks Snicket out of an investigation.

Sunny Baudelaire tracks Snicket in this series. Sunny Baudelaire asks, "Mr Snicket?" They tell one another stories about pirates who either don't or do track a boat BEATRICE back to a beach in this 'extremely unpleasant' novel.

This 'extremely unpleasant' novel is an extremely pleasant read. The extremely pleasant read attracts you by being repellent. This repellence is stronger in this novel than in this series.

Written by Ciaran Heeney



Trinity High School Come Close In Futsal Tournament

Trinity High School Year 10 boys competed in a Futsal tournament on Thursday 20th April at St Augustine's Catholic High School. For those of you that are unsure, Futsal is an indoor version of football that is played on a much smaller pitch. This provides fast-paced action with a higher intensity and increased opportunity for goal scoring. The three teams participating were St Augustine's, Trinity and Tudor Grange.

Trinity Team Sheet

GK – Max

Jack

Kobe

Keon

Joe

Jayden

The tournament would consist of three rounds with two matches being played in each round. Each

match was 5 minutes long. This would ensure that each team would play everyone three times and give a little bit of extra hunger to seek revenge if beaten first time round.

Round 1 – Trinity had a steady start, seeing them come out of round 1 with a draw and a loss. It would take a lot more than that to dampen spirits though. A quick huddle and team talk from Mr Bristowe would see them come out fighting even harder.

Round 2 – This was more like it; a higher tempo and a chemistry-filled side would shock the opponents as Trinity finished round 2 with a loss and a crucial win to put them right back in contention. St Augustine's were looking worryingly good however, as round 2 saw them rack up the goals.

Round 3 – Trinity finished with a flourish and a fantastically professional display all round. Round 3 was their best performance across the board, finishing with a draw and a win. This would be good enough for 2nd in the standings with St Augustine’s winning after a faultless outing.

3rd Tudor Grange

Written by Freddy Pope

Mr Bristowe would like to congratulate Max on an exceptional performance in goal which meant Trinity conceded very few in the end.

This tournament is definitely something to build on as much promise and potential was shown. I’ve no doubt that they will be back out stronger and hungrier next time.

Study Tip of the Half Term

Getting a good night’s sleep during exam season can make all the difference. Try to get yourself into a good routine and find yourself more alert in those all important exams.

Official Standings

1st – St Augustine’s

2nd – Trinity High School

How To Beat Boredom: Tips for spending your time “switched off” from your phone

It's no secret that many teenagers spend a lot of time on their phones. Whether it's scrolling through social media or texting with friends, it can be hard to put down your phone and find other ways to spend your time. But there are plenty of fun and rewarding activities you can do without your phone!

Here are some tips to get you started:

Get Outside:

Spending time in nature is a great way to clear your mind and get some exercise.

Whether you go for a hike, a bike ride, or just a walk around your neighbourhood, getting outside can help you feel more energized and focused.

Try a New Hobby:

Have you ever wanted to learn to play an instrument, paint, or write poetry?

Now is the time to try!

Pick a new hobby that interests you and start learning. You might discover a new passion that you never knew you had.

Read a Book:

Reading is a great way to relax and escape into another world.

Pick up a book that you've been meaning to read and spend some time getting lost in the story.

Volunteer:

Helping others can be incredibly rewarding. Find a local organization that needs volunteers and spend some time giving back to your community.

You'll feel good about making a difference and you might even make some new friends (I know I have!).

Spend Time with Friends and Family:

Sometimes the best way to spend your time is simply by being with the people you care about. Plan a games night with your family or meet up with friends for a picnic in the park.

Remember, it's okay to use your phone to stay connected with friends and family, but it's also important to find other ways to spend your time. By trying new activities and stepping away from your phone, you might discover new interests and passions that you never knew you had. Don't let your phone be your life!

There are tons of other things you can do in your spare time that don't involve your devices but do whatever makes you happy and fulfils your needs-you do you! Don't let anyone get in the way of expressing yourself and especially don't let yourself get sucked into your device like a mindless zombie.

Whether it's getting involved in a club, taking up a hobby or even revising, time spent away from the mind numbing vortex that is your device is time spent well!

If nothing seems to be working, keep trying new things; persevere,. There is always something that everyone just clicks with and you'll find that thing too- it may even be spending time with pets-you never know!

Written by Tanya Hewitt

Y9 Tackle the Malvern Hills

On Friday 29th April, the whole of Year 9 went to the wonderfully scenic Malvern Hills.

Long before the trip we all chose our walking groups of 6. On the day, only 4 of mine turned up, including myself. We met up at our designated coach pick up points and waited for about an extra 20 minutes than was scheduled for our coaches to arrive. The coach journey was pretty much as you'd expect. Fairly hectic.

Eventually we arrived at the bottom of the hills which meant the time had come to do the tough part - the walk. The year would be split into two main crowds, half would be dropped off at the bottom and half at the top. The main aim of the walk was to survive the 4 mile hike and reach teacher checkpoints along the way to ensure we didn't get completely lost. We were also instructed that one member of the group should have the what3words app and one should have the Malvern walks app so we could track our route which was Wyche to Wynds Point. Although, not many of us seemed to follow the route.

With all that, we were off. Rob had generously put together a playlist for the walk which consisted of tunes such as The Final Countdown, Eye Of The Tiger and even Barbie Girl. What a treat that was. The first 20 minutes or so were steady paced with a stop to remove a layer or two as it was rather warm. After our stop we appeared to have lost all contact with anyone else and soon had nobody in front or behind us. We decided to take a diversion from the route (on purpose of course) before turning round realizing it was the sensible thing to do. After about another 20 minutes of not seeing anyone else apart from Mrs Kirk and Mr Warnett, and belting out The Final Countdown, we came to a clearing and saw the torture we were about to embark on, as well as another group! By this point we were already shattered so stopped for a quick lunch break.

There isn't really much to say about the second part of the walk as we didn't have much to say at the time- we were completely breathless. What was stunning though were the views we had from the top of the hills as you can see below. They were brilliant. Just fields and fields for endless miles. It was truly beautiful. It really did make wonder what would happen if we got stuck at the top... Luckily, we didn't. I would say the only downside to the top of the hills was the wind. It's a good job none of us had umbrellas.

The final stretch of hills took about 30-40 minutes but was well worth it as was the whole of the walk. We were utterly worn out by the end of it, but the fantastic views and ques-

tionable songs made it worth it. All in all it was a fantastic day out and I would do it again any time.

Trip rating: 4 Stars

Written by Freddy Pope



Technology and how it affects our day to day lives

Technology. We all know it,;we all use it daily, hourly even. Our phones, laptops, computers, watches, smart boards, etc. These things impact our everyday lives greatly; they are one of our main sources of communication, entertainment, information and working. We all love technology and having access to almost everything on the internet with the simple click of a button. But can this be dangerous?

Social media addiction is a real problem, and general screen addiction is a common problematic situation for many, many teenagers now. Sometimes social media addiction can be extremely harmful to people's health. Yes, it is good to be able to look at what people are doing , to post what you are doing and let likes flood into your account, but can that be addictive? Can you start caring too much about your appearance on social media? Can it push you to be someone you don't want to be? Everyone knows it hurts to get a bad comment on social media, but once that becomes a regular thing that goes unnoticed, it can slowly build up all sorts of insecurities.

"I don't look as good as them."

"I am not as athletic or fit as they are."

"I can't do all the things they can do."

These kinds of self-deprecating thoughts, which you may just brush over, can be extremely harmful.

My next topic is, how do we even know that phones are 100% safe? Smart phones haven't even been around for that long; yes, a few years, but in comparison to other things, they are still extremely new. When cigarettes first appeared, everyone thought they were safe, until they were proven not a few years later. It is scary how much power we hold at our fingertips with this technology. We can spread rumours, share stories, commit online crimes all with our phones. That is a lot of power for everyone to hold. Most people know what it is like having information and rumours spread about them among members of heir community, school, even friends. These pieces of technology give us a whole new form of good communication but also horrible online harassment and bullying. Not to mention the impact it has on our ability to complete tasks. Perhaps something someone said to you online is lingering in the back of your mind, constantly on repeat and it's distracting you from the importance of a test. Maybe perhaps you have

just developed a shorter attention-span from social media shorts. Things like TikTok and Instagram Shorts and YouTube Shorts can dramatically decrease someone's attention span because when we are receiving information, happiness and information on our interests quickly with these short videos, it decreases our focus on main tasks in day-to-day life, if we don't feel like our needs have been met immediately in fifteen to thirty seconds, then people lose interest, because that is what they are used to; they get what they came for in half a minute. Also, when we multitask on our phones, that also affects focus as it distracts us from completing one main task; we just want to do a little bit of everything and then lose interest. It greatly impacts our brain's capacity to focus on anything we deem less interesting.

Of course, tech isn't all bad. We are literally living in the future. We have Artificial Intelligence. There are three types of AI, ANI (artificial narrow intelligence), AGI, (artificial general intelligence) and ASI (artificial super intelligence).

Artificial Narrow Intelligence (ANI) is the most common form of Artificial Intelligence currently in use. ANI is designed to perform a single task, such as recognizing speech or playing a game, and it does so with remarkable accuracy. ANI systems are limited in their ability to learn and adapt, however, and they require explicit programming to perform tasks outside their original design. Despite these limitations, ANI has already revolutionized industries ranging from finance to healthcare, and it is expected to continue to play a critical role in shaping the future of technology. As ANI continues to improve, it is likely that we will see it integrated into more aspects of our lives, leading to greater efficiency and productivity in both business and everyday tasks.

There are many examples of ANI in use today. Some common examples include voice assistants like Siri and Alexa, which are designed to recognize speech and respond to user requests. Other examples include image recognition software used in security cameras or social media platforms, as well as recommendation algorithms used by streaming services like Netflix or Spotify, to suggest content to users based on their previous choices.

In general, ANI is used in any situation where a specific task needs to be performed with high accuracy and speed, but without the need for the system to understand broader concepts or contexts.

An AGI is an AI that is as smart as a human. It can completely any task a human can, however, they don't currently exist. The closest form of an AGI we have is ChatGTP, which I actually used to write the previous two paragraphs of this article. Now, back to me.

The next level is an ASI. An AI that could be smarter than all humans combined.

For an ANI to turn into an AGI it could take years, decades even. But for an AGI to turn into an ASI it could take a matter of a couple of hours. The reason behind this is that we would have to code the AGI because we are still smarter than the ANIs. For now. But when we create an AGI, with access to the internet, it could scroll through the entire internet in a matter of seconds. It took ChatGPT one second to generate those paragraphs that could have taken me a good twenty minutes. An AGI could learn code and rewrite its own code to be better, and with that intelligence it can rewrite it again to be better, and again, and again, and again. That would be like us being able to rewire our brains to be smarter.

Now there is a lot of good that AI can do, but to have these positives we would be risking the annihilation of human kind. With access to the internet, what is stopping an AI with no sense of mercy or value of human life from figuring out we have control over it? The easiest solution to the problem would be getting rid of humans, which isn't good news for us. One of the only ways we can teach an AI to value human life is to base the programming around an already existing human brain. There has been progress with this. There is a thing called a Neural Lace which has been able to allow people with amputated limbs to connect to and move their prosthetic limbs. But, if we followed this type of superhuman AI, would we have to follow the original person's morals and beliefs? We obviously know we can't get everyone to agree on one thing. Just look at the comment section on social media! And not to mention, even if we end up coding this AI 'right', what is our definition of 'right'? What are our goals as humans? Technology is just one big question mark.

Technology isn't all bad; it has carried us into the future and where would we be without it? But, it is always worth addressing the dangers of everything. If we are going to allow technology to carry us into the future, we must proceed with caution.

Written by Sophie Davies

Joke of the Half Term (from Mrs Barr)

What do you call a man on the edge? Cliff.

What do you call a man in a bush? Russell.

Word of the Half Term

Matutinal (from the 18th Century) meaning to be cheery, active and alert in the morning.

Although, most of us would be classed as "crumpsy"- the opposite.

X Vs Y band– The Football Game to End All Football Games

On Friday 19th May, after school, the eagerly anticipated battle between X and Y band took place, to see who would be crowned the superior band. The Trinity field was glistening in the sunshine and with Mr Green in the commentary box and Mr Bristowe the referee, this had all the ingredients to be a cracking game of football.

The teachers Pre-Match predictions were as follows:

Mr Green – Head Of Year 11 and the commentary box was hoping to see a thrilling game with action aplenty and the result being a 4-4 draw.

Mrs Senior – Pitch Side Assistant and Co-Commentator was backing Y band with them to have a comfortable 3-1 victory.

Mr Lawrence – In charge of Crowd Management went for a 1-1 draw and a good solid defence for both sides.

Miss Hopkins – Photographer predicted an enthralling 3-2 result to X band.

Mr Bristowe – Head Honcho / Referee went for a fascinating 3-3 draw with it going to extra time.

With that, the teams were set as they lined up down the side of the small gym. X band strutted out to the popular 80's dance track *Insomnia* by Faithless whereas Y band preferred *Can't Stop* by the Red Hot Chilli Peppers.

Kick Off

Y band got things underway with a long hoist up field which was swiftly dealt with by X band's solid defence, as they would prove to be throughout. Y band were in charge for the first 5 minutes or so as both teams struggled to keep the ball but X band seemed to come under the most pressure. With the drone flying high capturing some great shots of the players, Y band soon turned up the heat even more and started to make X band think about defending. X band were valiant in their defence but were still struggling to maintain possession. At one moment the ball was headed by a Y band centre back with the shout "Not today baby!" asserting nothing but fear into X band. The intensity was good from X band but eventually Y band were able to break them down, as a ball from the left wasn't dealt with properly. It bobbed through the defenders and found its way to the back post where a Y band attacker was waiting. He slotted it home nicely and wheeled away in celebration.

There was an almost instant response from X band though as some tidy footwork got them in a good position. However the shot lacked accuracy and rocketed off one of the windows of the building, giving Mrs Roberts quite the fright I'd imagine.

Mr Bristowe then took the opportunity to grab a green bib

as he was blending in nicely with the X band Trinity PE kit. A corner was whipped in from the right hand side, for X band, which was met by a thunderous header that crashed off the bar. It then fell to another X band player, whose shot from the edge of the area crashed off the post this time, before eventually being scrambled over the line to level it up at 1-1. There was a moment to forget from the X band goalkeeper shortly after this; he missed his kick which sent the ball right across the face of goal but thankfully, for him, wasn't turned in.

Both teams started to settle down a bit but the game was still very much being played in the middle of the field, with crunching challenges flying in. Neither side held onto the ball for over a minute at a time as intensity and aggression was in full flow on both sides. Then, a blow to Y band who conceded just before the end of the first third of the game to make it 2-1 to X band, who had come from behind.

Second Third

X and Y would come flying out of the blocks again, with Y band looking to equalise. X band however were not sitting back by any means and soon added to their advantage with a clinical counter attack that was finished off sublimely. Y band were simply caught out. A few fouls crept into the game with Y band becoming agitated. Despite the fouls being given, there was nothing but respect for Mr Bristowe in the centre of the pitch.

Y band knew the task ahead was tough, but a defence splitting pass was slotted through nicely setting the Y band striker 1 on 1 with X band keeper Troy. The man in the sticks came out on top this time with a strong hand to deny the goal. The crowd were clearly enjoying this and plenty of cheering and support was offered at the side from the audience.

The next thing that happened was inevitable- the ball cannoned over the fence and ploughed straight into a bush. Thankfully, Mr Bristowe was already prepared for this eventuality and the game resumed. Not long after this, X band seemingly took this game out of sight with a blistering finish from the edge of the box giving the keeper no chance.

The next goal would come from Y band and this was a lightning bolt of a free kick. An absolute peach from the edge of the box found its way underneath the wall and straight in the back of the net. Was this to be game on? X band's number 5 would resume play with a hard but fair challenge stopping a dangerous attack. It was not his first as he was a big part of their strong performance at the back.

Final Third

The final third started with a near miss... for Mrs Lall that is as she very nearly had a large repair bill coming her way for a rather heavy dent in her windscreen. There was another break in play as another ball was cannoned into the trees. The new ball was kicked into play by Mrs Senior, who in doing that lost her shoe, giving the crowd a cheer and a laugh.

The game at this point became one way traffic as Y band really lost their way. Y band were a bit deflated at this point and X band piled even more pressure on, being encouraged all the way by their two managers on the touchline. X band would strike again to make it 5-2 with another scrappy but well taken goal.

A bizarre event occurred as X band's keeper Troy wanted a piece of the action and, despite a comfortable lead at 5-2, went up for a corner. Well, the ball was cleared and a space was found, as Y band poured up the pitch with Troy nowhere to be seen! It was the easiest finish in history as an empty net was gaping from three yards out making it 5-3..

The next goal was quite special and was easily the goal of the game. A breathtaking free kick from a tight angle was whipped perfectly into the top corner leaving Mr Green speechless and the Y band goalkeeper 'Big Daddy' Ayaan rooted to the spot. He could only watch this one sail past. Y band had run out of time as the full time whistle blared. A simply brilliant game ended with handshakes from all players and X band the victors. There was no question the crowd had been entertained as the X band celebrations begun.

I managed to grab a quick word with Y band player Riley Styler. He was overall happy with his performance and a nice goal capped off the game for him. He also felt that Y band struggled to keep up with the speed and intensity of X band. He admitted that X band deserved the win but was glad that he performed well, especially when slotting back into defence.

Man Of The Match went to X band's Kenzie McKeon, awarded by Mr Bristowe. He said it was a fair game with both bands displaying quality. He felt though that X band's team spirit and communication on the pitch won them the game. He strongly believed X band deserved the win and was happy with himself getting a couple of goals and being solid up front.

And finally, I caught up with the main man Mr Bristowe, who expected the game to be a bit closer than it was and less one sided. "I think Y band started well but eventually just started to run out of steam and just couldn't get back into it".

Lastly, he would like to thank Mr Green for making it all be able to happen as would I and the players, supporters and staff. A fantastic event to have for Year 11 and a great way to reward them for completing their first week of exams.

The big question now though, will there be a rematch? I'm sure Y band will be well up for it.

Written by Freddy Pope

REDDITCH PRIDE PARADE 2023

FREE ENTRY+ Family Friendly Event

Saturday June 3rd 2023 - Starts at 11am from Redditch Town Hall

Food, Business and Community Support Stalls, Local Live Bands and speakers at the Bandstand

Thanks to RBC, WCC, Stilt Walkers, Bangra Dance, Dan Sealey, Redditch BID, Red Vengeance, Cindy, The Rock Choir and everyone who has made this event possible.



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