



*A message
from our
editor*



Hi, my name is Saskia and I'm the new editor for the Kegworth Times. Press Gang is back up and running, with kids writing news articles, stories and doing interviews and new articles online almost every day. Press Gang kids dedicate their lunchtimes to writing articles for the Kegworth Times. Why do we do this? Because it's so amazing to see your work published. Thanks for reading

Special Report: Kegworth Kids Love Their Pets

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Kegworth Band Rocks Leichhardt!



We're with the band! Rapid Fire members Alex, Hugo, Toby and Ethan. Image credit: Chris Burgoyne.

EXCLUSIVE

By Alex B

Rapid Fire started as three friends who played music. I came up with the idea of the band in the playground. As soon as the idea hit my head I rushed to my friends. It took a while to

get started as we never got around to finding time to practice. Now that we've finally found time to practice the band has really started to become a thing in our lives.

The first member is Ethan. He is our acoustic guitarist and CONTINUED ON PAGE 1

Stepping Up For A Cleaner Australia

ENVIRONMENT

By Indie & Cayley

Clean Up Australia Day is an important day on the Kegworth calendar - Press Gang report on what it's all about, why it matters and how we can all take the pledge to step up for a cleaner community and a cleaner Australia

The first clean up Australia day was held in 1990 at Sydney Harbour. Back then, it was named Clean up Sydney Harbour and it was huge, with 40,000 volunteers collecting approximately 5,000 tonnes of rubbish, wow!



Grace and Verity from Y6 collect gold coin donations. Image: Ligita Mikutaite

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Flash Fiction Competition!

We're giving away over \$100 worth of vouchers from Shorties & Glee

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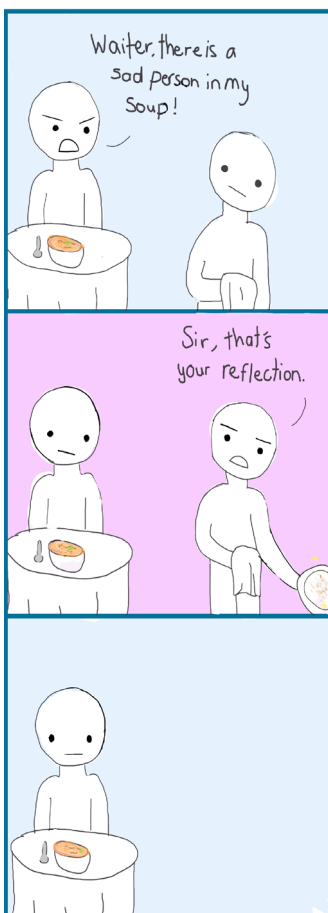
CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1. Dan is one of the amazing music tutors at Kegworth and is also teaching our other guitarist Hugo, our lead electric guitarist. Our third member is my brother Toby, who plays bass. I'm the most experienced member of the band. I play drums.

Rapid Fire: Live at Kegworth

On March 25th Rapid Fire played their first official gig, rocking classics like Seven Nation Army and Smoke on the Water. Use the QR code below to watch our exclusive documentary about the gig.



Waiter! There's a fly in my soup By Olivia W



REVIEW: Harry Styles, Love on Tour

By Lucy

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Stepping up!

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1. We interviewed Ligita from the P&C Sustainability committee. She told us that an average lunch box can generate around 3kg of waste per school year. So with over 300 students in our school, our lunch box waste could be creating as much as 900kg of rubbish a year.

We think Clean Up Australia day is important because less rubbish ends up in landfill. This means that the world is cleaner, resulting in you and me being healthier and the air being fresher.

At Kegworth Public School all classes make a pledge committing to do more to keep our school and community clean. For example, 3V pledged to always turn off the lights and taps, and to close all windows and doors when air conditioning is on.

Although Clean Up Australia Day only happens once a year, Kegworth has a weekly reminder about the importance of reducing waste - Waste Free Wednesday.

Waste Free Wednesday is designed to help kids and teachers remember not to litter and to use less plastic.



Chloe & Theo get ready to pitch in! Image: Ligita Mikutaite

Make a pledge to improve the environment

There are lots of ways that you can Step Up. You don't have to do everything, if we all make small changes they will add up. As Anne Marie Bonneau, the Zero-Waste Chef says, "We don't need a handful of people doing zero waste perfectly. We need millions of people doing it imperfectly."

There are so many things you can do. Say no to plastic straws, take your empty bottles and cans to a Container Refund Scheme, always bring your own water bottle and compost your food waste. Find out more at cleanupaustriaday.org.au

Press Gang: What were your favourite books when you were a kid?

Sally Rippin Zooms In!



Interview

By Olivia, Lexi, Genevieve & Ale Sally Rippin is one of Australia's best-selling authors. She has written loads of kids' books, like 'The School Of Monsters' series and 'Billy B Brown' series, and she writes new and exciting books every year. We were very excited to meet her via Zoom.

Press Gang: When did you start writing books?

I have been a fan of Harry Styles for at least three years now and every time I hear his songs or voice, I immediately know it's him and if it's a song, I start dancing. I like Harry Styles because in my opinion he makes much better songs than everybody else and has a better voice.

When I arrived, I felt the adrenaline rush through my veins and I was very excited when I started walking to the area where I was sitting. A lot of people

Sally: I've always found reading very easy. My mum was a teacher and so she always gave us lots of books, but I think I probably started making my own books at about your age [10].

So we moved around a lot as children and we lived in a lot of hotel rooms. When we ran out of books to read my mum would give us pencils and paper and we'd make our own books.

were dressed up in bright colourful clothes. I saw some people who were dressed up in eggplant, banana and Teletubby costumes.

One of the highlights was when everybody started doing the wave. Every time the wave came near me my heart started beating very fast and I stood up and did the wave and I could hear everybody around me cheer.

My favourite song ended up playing near the end of the concert and before

Sally: Some of my favourite writers were people like Roald Dahl. He wrote a lot of very famous books like Charlie and The Chocolate Factory and James and The Giant Peach. But my favourite was called The Magic Finger.

Press Gang: Do you have a tip for writing stories?

Sally: When I have a new story idea, the most important thing is to get my ideas down while they're still bubbling away. If I worry too much about spelling or making the sentences beautiful in the beginning, then sometimes all the ideas just go away.

So a good tip for you, when you come up with a good idea for a story, don't worry about what it looks like or who's gonna look at it. Just get your ideas down while they're bubbling away and you can come back and fix your spelling later.

it played, I thought the concert was over, Harry had made us wait in the dark for at least ten minutes!

My favourite song is As It Was and when it started playing everybody knew what song it was because of the iconic start: "Come on Harry, we wanna say goodnight to you!" and then everybody stood up and cheered.

In conclusion, I enjoyed the concert and it was one of the best experiences of my life!

Pet Special: Kegworth Kids Love their Paw-some Pets!



One of these things is not like the other! From top Finm with Dio & Jasper, Mila with Banjo, Angus with Ruby, Harry & Theo with Sonny and Louise with George. Photos supplied.

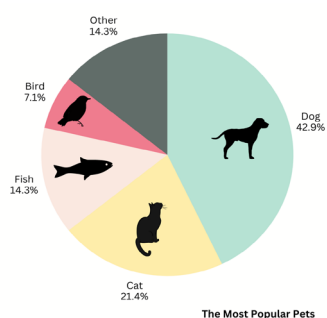
By Celeste, Nina, Poppy, Ale, Olivia, Lucy, Margot & Rosa



Follow the QR code to watch the video

Press Gang has been investigating pets this term. They have discovered that Kegworth Kids really love their pets!

Celeste conducted a survey of the different types of pets that Kegworth Kids have. The results indicate that dogs are the most popular pet at Kegworth (as you can see from the photos above!) followed by cats.



Chloe & pet dog Brooks

PG: What is your pet called?
 Chloe: Brooks
 PG: We love that name! How long have you had Brooks?
 Chloe: Quite a while!
 PG: What does your pet like to eat?
 Chloe: His treats and his favourite dog food.
 PG: What does your pet do during the day when you are at school?
 Chloe: He plays in his crate and sleeps
 PG: What do you like most about having a pet dog?
 Chloe: I can walk him and play tug of war with him.

Louie & pet snake George

PG: What type of pet do you have?
 Louie: I have a pet snake.
 PG: What is your pet called?
 Louie: My pet snake is named George
 PG: How long have you had your pet?
 Louie: I've had my pet for three years.
 PG: What does your pet do during the day when you're at school?
 Louie: He hides.
 PG: What do you like most about having a pet snake?
 Louie: George mostly just slithers around and hides and he once bit me.
 PG: *wide eyes*

Margot & pet dog Bindy

PG: What type of pet do you have?
 Margot: A toy cavoodle. (But she is real.)
 PG: What is the name of your pet?
 Margot: Bindy (Bindy The Amazing Boo Santa)
 PG: How long have you had your pet?
 Margot: We got her at the end of year 2021 so about a year and a bit.
 PG: What does your pet do when you are at school?
 Play on the couch and miss me.
 Margot: What do you like most about having a dog?
 There is always someone to play with and I love to cuddle her.

Ask Mia!

Advice

By Mia P

Mia is Kegworth Times advice columnist. You can count on her to point you in the right direction.



Dear Mia,
 I lied to my mum and told her that I like tomatoes and now she keeps putting them in my lunchbox. I don't like tomatoes. They are gross. What should I do?

From A Tomato Hater

Dear Tomato hater,
 Tell your mum that you don't like tomatoes!
 From Mia

If you would like Mia to point you in the right direction you can email your problem to admin@kegworthtimes.com or write it down and put it in the 'Ask Mia' box by the school office.

5 Facts About Mrs Perih



Before Mrs Perih set off for her well-earned break, Press Gang members Sadie, Emily, Sienna and Charlise sat down with her for a friendly chat. Here's what they found out...

1. Mrs Perih became the Principal of Kegworth in 2006 – this means that the kids who started Kindy that year are now 21!
2. Mrs Perih says that the beautiful school that Kegworth has become is her greatest success. She loves the staff and says that seeing kids who are excited to learn, warms her heart.
3. Mrs Perih loves all the school events, especially the autumn FARE. (Remember when she went in the dunk tank?).
4. Mrs Perih also loves animals and has a pet dog called Crumpet. Crumpet is a beagle who is 11 years old.
5. Mrs Perih will be missed by everyone at Kegworth.

Term 1 Highlights: Pulse Alive, Harmony Day & A Kegworth Kid at Regional Zone!

Pulse Alive Wrap Up

By Celeste

Pulse alive is a organisation that gets kids to sing and dance. all kinds of people can join and it's not all just primary school kids, it's also high school kids, university students and some adults! Pulse alive is a amazing thing to do!

There is obviously singing and dancing but are also some surprises, such as props and solo songs.

Performing at Pulse Alive was nerve-racking but I felt really proud of myself and I know it will be a great memory to look back on when i am older!

Harmony Day

By Charlize

Harmony day is about a celebration of cultures from around the

world, being noticed.

Harmony day is important because it recognizes the people, their culture and their way of living. Kegworth celebrates harmony day by wearing orange and also by wearing our cultural clothes. Mia from 4R said that harmony day is about celebrating the difference of everyone.

Tiana Goes To Regionals

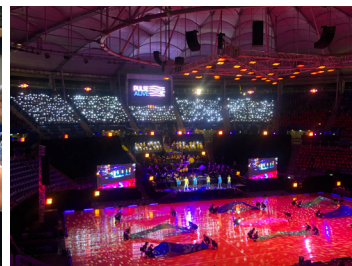
By Miri & Saskia

Tiana from Y6 was the only Kegworth Kid to make it into the Swimming Zone Regionals this year.

Tiana comes from a swimming family so she wasn't nervous about the race. "My sister is a role model for me, she is a state swimmer and helps me with my technique," she told Kegworth Times.



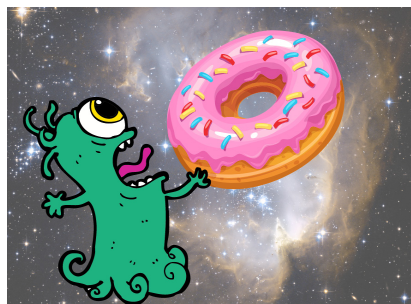
Kegworth Kids performed at Pulse Alive in March. Image credits: Kylie J and Natasha Mc B.



Tiana swam in the 50 meter Freestyle and placed in the top 50 per cent. "It is such a great experience, racing and watching other people swim. It's almost a whole different world when you are about to dive into the Olympic Pool," she told Kegworth Times

Tiana has certainly impressed everyone at Kegworth. Well done Tiana!

Opinion



Why I DoNot Care About Extra Terrestrial Day

By Saskia

Why on earth (haha) do people need an Extra Terrestrial Day? What do people do on those days anyway? Nothing? Highly likely. And yet, why do we have so many newspapers, reminders and even articles about why we should celebrate them?

Thats what I'm trying to figure out.

And then there is, Donut Day. Donuts are just an unhealthy dessert, and they have an entire day dedicated to them. Why not a day dedicated to some amazing role models that have impacted todays society? Or even me! I've done more for this world than a donut.

Extra Terrestrial day is another one. Some of you might know the movie E.T? An alien movie? Hope that rings a bell. Well, E.T day is a really weird day to celebrate. I mean, what would you do? Dress up as an alien? Speak gibberish the whole day? I don't think your parents would like that very much.

Don't get me wrong, writing about the awareness of no smoking day, or national paranormal day, is cool and exciting but there are some really odd ones out there. For example: National procrastination week, National macaroon day or even Country Inn bed & breakfast day. I mean, what in the world are they supposed to give you?

These days are ridiculous and seriously need to stop. I take this all back. I just noticed National Tolkien Reading Day. These days do matter.

The world has lost one-third of its forest already!

By Miri

Have you ever thought about how important our forests are? They purify the air we breathe, filter the water we drink and do so many other things like reduce climate change.

Forests also offer a home to much of the world's diverse array of plants and animals and provide essential natural resources from food to medicinal plants.

Unfortunately, the amount of forest that is getting destroyed is increasing quickly. Around 10,000 years ago 57% of the world's habitable land was covered by forest. But sadly, the world has lost one-third of its forest already!

With the current rate of deforestation, the world's rainforests will be completely gone by 2100. That means the temperature will be boosted up the earth's surface. The food and shelter of animals will be absent. A decrease in the number of trees will lead to natural disasters like floods.

Obviously, this would all be terrible. So how can we stop all this from happening? For starters, you can buy recycled products and stop buying so much paper or other materials that involve cutting down trees. You could even plant your own trees! Raise awareness in your community and area and enjoy forests responsibly.

Some of the animals that will become extinct if we continue to treat our forests like this include orangutans, chimpanzees and gorillas, giant pandas, monarch butterflies and various sloths and elephants.

We'd definitely not survive in a world without forests. So, let's all take part and stop deforestation.

Write toWIN! Flash Fiction Comp!

We're giving away over \$100 worth of vouchers from Shorties toy shop and Glee Books, plus exclusive Kegworth Times drink bottles and pens for the runners up.

To Enter: Write a story that is set in a toy shop. You have a maximum of 250 words to tell your story, but the rest is up to you.

Email your story to admin@kegworthtimes.com by Friday 21st April along with your name, age and parent/carer's contact details.

The winners will be announced on Kegworth Times' Instagram and Facebook pages and we'll publish as many entries as we can in our Flash Fiction special. Good luck and happy writing!