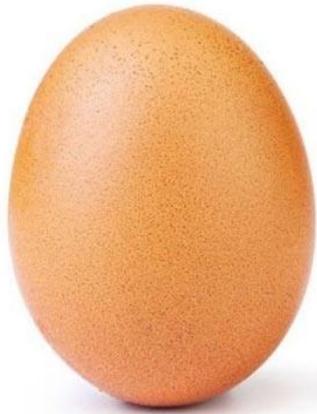


# The Branch



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World Record Egg

Recently on Instagram, a picture of an egg..... yes, a random, ordinary, brown egg, hit 50 million likes making It the most liked picture on Instagram ever! This picture was uploaded onto social media on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January, with the intentions to set a world record of the most likes on Instagram. The current record was held by Kylie Jenner, one of the Kardashian sisters', with 18 million likes on a picture of her daughter Stormi. Miraculously this picture of an egg went viral EVERYWHERE!!!!!! Gaining more than 200 likes per second and over 8 million likes after the first day it was posted. To be honest I'm quite proud of myself as I liked the post when it was only on 300 thousand likes. I digress, the egg ended up being an advert for the phone company O2 and according to the Independent, this record-breaking egg post could now be worth more that £250,000. The fact that a picture of just an egg, managed to get more than an average persons' wage a year is absolutely mad. The whole idea of an egg becoming the worlds most liked post is hard to believe but nowadays social media is unpredictable.

By Tilly Elliston, UTS

## Young Voices 2019!

### Remove Inters and LT's Trip



On the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2019, the Remove, Inters and LT's headed off to Birmingham to the Resorts World's Arena. The first thing we did when we got there was a whole choir warm up with our conductor David Lawrence. Then for the next 3/4 hours we rehearsed all the songs and dances.

### Special Guests

A little later on we were introduced to the special guests. This year they were Beau Dermott, Tony Hadley and Sharlene Hector!



Beau Dermott



Tony Hadley



Sharlene Hector

At 6:00pm the doors opened to let the parents, friends and family in. And all of a sudden it was 7:00pm and the show was underway!!! It was very exciting!

Overall the experience was amazing and I'm certain that everyone enjoyed it.

Young Voices 2020 here we come! [Symbol][Symbol][Symbol]

By Caitlin Masey, Remove

## Billie Eilish

Billie Eilish is best known as a singer; her two most popular songs are ocean eyes and bellyache. She is also a daughter of Maggie Baird and actor Finneas O`Connell. Billie and her brother ( Finneas) were both home-schooled. She first discovered on social media in 2016 and it had reached over 194 million views and she was only 14 when she wrote it with a lot of help from her brother and it was realised in November 18, 2016. Billie Eilish has just turned 17 year old and her birthday is on the 18 of December 2001. How did Billie Eilish get so famous? Also, when Billie was eight, she joined the Los Angles children`s choir and that`s how she knew how to do high notes. She also made another track `bored` which was also part of 13 reasons why on Netflix. In 2018, Billie Eilish contributed a track to the second season of 13 reasons why, collaborating with Khalid with the song `lovely` which charted globally. Finally, Billies brother (Finneas) started writing songs when he was 12 years old.



## Rats – One of the most Misunderstood Creatures

Rats are one of the most misunderstood creatures on the earth. However, most rats now are Fancy Rats. So supposedly...

- They spread the Plague
- They`re diseased
- They`re dirty and germ ridden
- They`re disgusting
- They`re anti-human

The thing is... they`re not. Well apart from street rats (I can`t really defend them, but they`re still not diseased), anyway... the fact is, they`re not. This is what is true...

- They didn't actually spread the Plague, the fleas did. So, dogs, cats and other animals spread it too
- They're extremely clean
- They're very friendly and sociable
- If they are kept with no other rats, they live a much shorter life and are depressed



A Pet Rat



A Street/Wild Rat.

Street Rats naturally look dirty (but don't carry diseases) and sick but don't worry they're not!

After reading I this hope you have learnt that you shouldn't always take things from the past! Thank You!

By Caitlin Masey, Remove

### Llama antibodies nasal spray

Could this nasal gene spray inspired by llama antibodies prevent all types of flu?

As some of you might know the influenza or flu virus changes every year, so it is very hard to find a vaccine that will be effective every year. Which is why you have to get a new flu jab every year to prevent you from getting the horrible virus. A new recipe for a nasal spray based on four llama antibodies designed to prevent infection from all types of influenza. The virus engineered to make a protein derived from llama antibodies that has been made into a nasal spray has passed its first animal test. The test which used mice showed the effectiveness of the spray by protecting the mice from every known flu strain that infects humans. Although this spray must go through more testing on animals before they move on to humans this is still a huge achievement as scientists have struggled to find a universal vaccine that protects people from the ever changing virus. This spray may benefit the elderly the most as they are usually the most affected by this virus and only get

weak protection from the current vaccines. So hopefully this vaccine will be the one to work for a long time and will be revolutionary.

Lily Forster



The branch logo competition!!!!!!!

Hi, this is a message from the heads of the branch just reminding you of the logo competition. As most of you the branch is having a logo competition. We unfortunately have only had a few entries in so if anyone would like to enter please get your entries in before 1<sup>st</sup> of march and we have extended the deadline so that you have more time to enter. Please could they be on the computer and relatively simple. They also must include something to do with trees and branches (hence the name the branch). All entries will be in the branch and the winner would get to have their design representing the newspaper which will be all over the school for the rest of the time the branch is around. Thank you to everyone who has entered so far and if you haven't please do! We look forward to judging all the entries. Thank you and happy valentine's day.

The heads of the branch, Lily Forster and Mabel Kinnings