

# Thomas' Times

## CHAIR UPDATE

Happy 2019 fellow pupils and teachers . We hope you had a nice holiday break.

As you all know our grand treat, MUFTI and board games for the afternoon is soon coming up. Remember to bring fun games you have at home. The treat will be held on the last day before the break. Our upcoming plans for 2019 are to continue to improve the school - stay tuned in to the Thomas Times to find out more. We hope you have a wonderful new year and look forward to seeing what 2019 holds.



**Let it snow,  
let it snow,  
let it snow!**



My great grandpa used to guard Windsor Castle, unfortunately he got shot 3 times in the back and he had to go to hospital and they got 2 of them out but one was stuck in there but he didn't die it was okay but he was fine. There were lots of bombs in the war, and lots of people got killed, it was terrible. He had 2 children, one is called Clive and the other called Jerry. I never got to meet him but I have seen pictures of him. He wore a soldier's uniform; he had a really big gun with an arm rest on the end. After he recovered he was sent to Windsor Castle to guard the Royal Family. In November my class went to Winsor Castle and I got to see where he worked. I find what my great grandpa did in the war very special to me.

By Peter Carrel



## Dance Rehearsal

Today is Sunday and I went to my dance rehearsal, it was really fun. I did Mary Poppins ballet dancing along to Chim Chimney, then Mary Poppins tap dancing along to Trip a Little Light Fantastic. Next I did The Greatest show, and Matilda, Revolting Children! Please come see the show (which really is the GREATEST show!) It's just before the Easter holiday at the electric theatre in Guildford. it will have lots of singing and dancing from people in my dance school, jsd, with ages from 3 to over 40s. Thank you for reading, hope you come to the show!

Bye!

By Katie Read

# Thomas Times

Snow article by Naomi Masier

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Do you like snow because I do!

Hmmmmmm let's think of things we can do with snow. Let me think, oh I love having a snowball fight, it's just so FUN!!!! Also I like making igloos (TO be honest I haven't made one yet but it's one of my best wishes!)

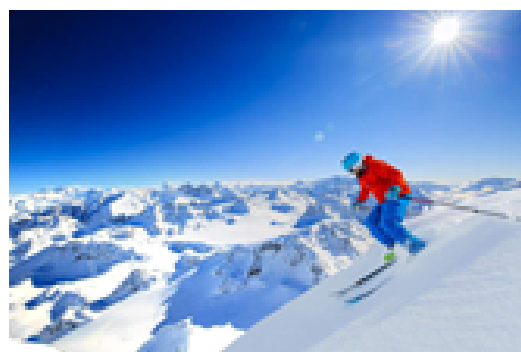
I haven't told you yet but I love doing this even though it's a bit tiring but I'm still fine with that. It is...GOING DOWN THE SNOW HILL

WITH SLEDGES!!!! I can remember one last one, I always forget this one so that's why it's always the last one. You probably do this too. Don't you make snowmen. Now let's think of things that we eat!

## Eating Time

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I am not very sure what you eat when you go skiing, but I definitely know they eat raclette and fondue. Anyway I know that all the time YOU all go skiing you definitely drink hot chocolate.



## Questions

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Have you ever been skiing?

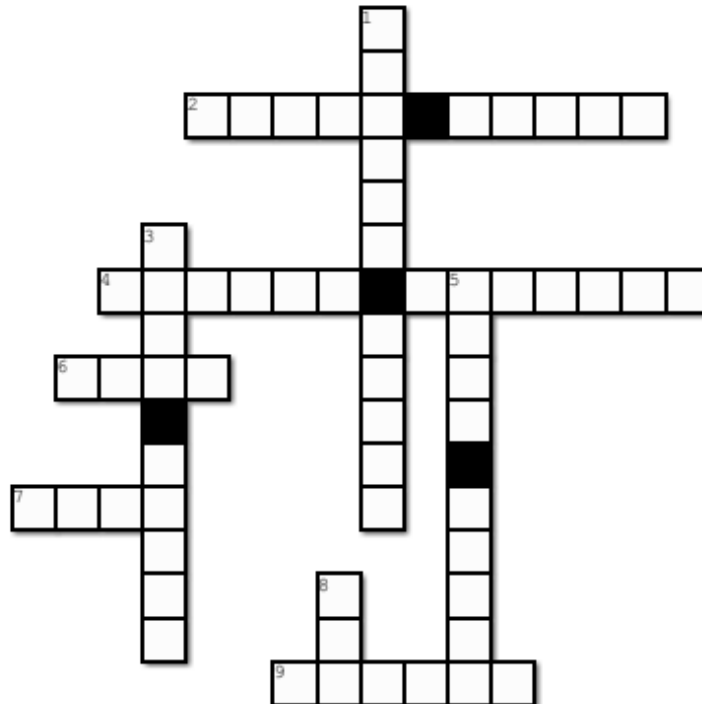
Do you like/love playing with snow?

If you've done a snowman, is it a snowman or a snowwoman?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Pop music artists by Daniel Pretty.

Complete the crossword below. They are all pop artists, the kind that you might hear on the radio.



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### Across

2. Had a big hit with 'Wrecking Ball' in 2013.
4. Her debut album is called 'Camila'.
6. Formerly of One Direction, he released two albums on his own, 2016's 'Mind of Mine' and 2018's 'Icarus Falls'.
7. Their self-titled debut album features 'Cake by the Ocean'.
9. Had a big hit with her 2018 track 'Without Me'. It peaked at 3 on the Official Chart.

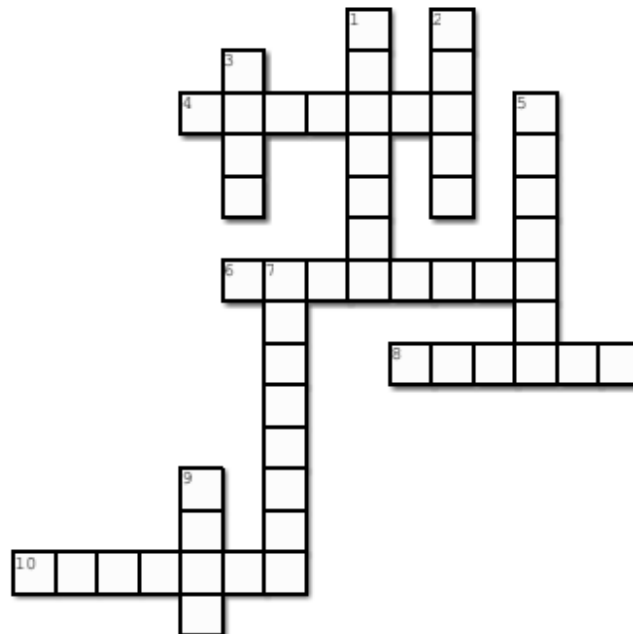
### Down

1. Her song 'Look What You Made Me Do' became a big hit in late 2017.
3. Her biggest hit was 'Roar' from her album 'Prism'.
5. Her song 'Alarm' peaked at 16 on the Official Chart.
8. Known for her 2016 song 'Cheap Thrills'.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sport by Dexter 3E

Complete the crossword below



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### Across

4. you use a heavy ball and you throw it to try and knock over pins
6. the most common sport in the world
8. you can score 15 then 30 then 40 then game
10. when you run and jump at the same time

### Down

1. a sport with bat & ball that is thrown then batted back
2. a rough game where you score tries
3. when you score in football
5. when you throw a sharp pole
7. the greatest sporting event (some people think)
9. a round object that is used in sport

# Year 5/6 speeches

Special edition



This week Year 5/6 have been hard at work, preparing speeches to perform in a competition. Here are just a few from both year groups– we hope you enjoy them and learn something new!

Hi my name is Charlotte and I am here to talk about wildlife. The big question is today should we give up half our planet to wildlife.

Here is a bit about wildlife. More than 3300 species of mammals including Javan leopards and vaquita porpoises are in danger of becoming extinct according to research this year. Humans are cutting down trees to make room for farms and homes and polluting their habitats. Amphibians, birds and reptiles are in danger too and marine life is threatened by plastic polluting the oceans. Conservationists Harvey Locke has a plan. He wants to reserve 50% of the world for wildlife. This doesn't mean drawing a line down the middle of the planet and giving half of it to wildlife. It means protecting and extending wild spaces such as nature reserves national parks in cities.

Is it a good idea? If you think we should then this is a reason why. There are loads of animals roaming our planet before we were and it is our responsibility to protect them. They are beautiful and intelligent.

If you don't think we should give the planet to wildlife then this is why. There are loads of homes to build and people to feed. If we give half of the planet to wildlife there won't be enough room for everyone or for farms and factories that will be required to meet their need.

So today I have talked about should we give half the planet to wildlife and reasons to or not to. Thank you for listening.

by Charlotte Combes  
5C

Have you ever visited a World War 1 battlefield or War Cemetery?

In August 2018, I went to Belgium and France for a holiday with my family. We started our trip in Belgium, where we visited a World War 1 battlefield, some trenches, and Tyne Cot War cemetery which is the largest Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery in the world. It is the resting place of more than 11,900 servicemen of the British Empire from the First World War.

We also visited the Menin Gate Memorial. The names of more than 54,000 soldiers who died, and have no known grave, are engraved on the walls.

Since 1928, the Last Post has been played every evening at 8pm under the memorial. We were there on one of those evenings in August.

We then went to France and visited the Pointe du Hoc Monument which is on a cliff near Normandy. We walked to this monument and it overlooks Omaha Beach. It was built by the French to honour American soldiers who came in on the beaches on 6th June 1944. These soldiers climbed up the 100 foot cliffs to seize the German guns.

We then visited the Normandy American Cemetery, which contains the graves of 9,380 soldiers. While we were there, we saw the American flag being raised on the flag pole and there was a 1 minute silence, before the flag was lowered and carried away.

We all thought it was very interesting and if you have never been to any of these places, then I would highly recommend it.

By Elena Calvert

5C



### Guildfordians rugby club

I play rugby for Guildfordians rugby club at stoke park on a Sunday. The rugby club was founded in 1932 by the old boys from the RGS school. I enjoy playing rugby, it is a fun team sport. I am very fast and able to score lots of tries and I like tackling. I started rugby at the age of 6, and I now play in the under 10's team. At rugby we have some treads that you must follow. The first one is that you must show teamwork, it means you must work together and communicate and not get cross with each other. Another one is respect it means you must respect the other team and don't complain if they win. You have 3 more that you must follow the other one is enjoyment it means have fun and don't worry about winning. There is also discipline it means you must put on your best behaviour. The last one is sportsmanship it means respect and shake hands with the other team.

At school I do cross country and it helps with my fitness for rugby. When you are in under 9's you stop playing tag and start playing contact. This when you learn more new skills and you must do rucking and mauling. Rucking is when you get in to a tower of power position and protect your player on the floor. Mauling is when you try and wrap up the other teams player and try to win the ball or you must get it of your player so the other team can't get the ball of your team player.

Rugby is a sport were any one can join even the girls can play the teams are micros, under 6's, under 7's under 8's, under 9's, under 10's and all the way up to over 50's!

by Thomas Mansell  
5C



## Different British Monarchs

By Matti

Monarchy is the oldest form of government although now the kings and queens don't have all the power to reign.

Some kings and Queens can be nice. Some can be horrible and some can be crazy. History tells us all about these characters.

In my opinion I will like to point out two of the worst kings that Britain had.

Let's do a comparison between Richard III and John, they reign in different times and did very different things. Richard III locked up his nephew Edward V in the Tower of London and he disappeared. Richard said he was too young to reign so he took advantage of poor Edward. On the other hand, King John didn't want to sign the Magna Carta because it gave the people some power that he didn't want to lose. They were both said to be the cruellest and worst Kings of Britain.

Although, there are some really great Monarchs; again they served the country fairly and peacefully. I am specifically talking about Henry VII and Alfred the Great. Henry VII ended the wars of the Roses and brought peace to England. Alfred the Great made the Viking King Guthrum a Christian and brought peace to the land and he also sorted out the court problems with honest and dishonest judges.

Victoria on the other hand reigned a few years been good. She expanded the British Empire all the way to India but mostly conquered it by going to war. So I would not count her as a great monarch as the country wasn't healthy or peaceful.

Then again you can have some crazy Kings that were out of their mind. The 2 kings I have in mind are: George III and Canute the Great (although he wasn't really so great!). Canute thought that the power of the kings was better than the power of God. To prove this, he tried to stop the waves from hitting his throne while sitting in front of the beach. While wild King George was one day sitting at the theatre watching a play and he was almost shot and straight after this incident he fell asleep at the theatre. There's another story told by his son that the king used to shake hands with a chestnut tree.

I cannot end this speech without talking about the ruler with the most wives and known for looking a bit overweight.

You know who I am talking about?

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# TEOTIHUACAN

LUCA MAIOLI

I will talk about an ancient city I have visited called Teotihuacan. This city is in the outskirts of Mexico City and its name means "City of the Gods". The city was active between 100 BC and 600 AD and up to 25,000 people used to live there.

The citizens abandoned Teotihuacan for unknown reasons. When the Aztecs arrived at Teotihuacan around 1400 AD they gave its name to the pyramid of the sun. The pyramid was built on a specific spot to align it to the mountain to the North and sunrises and sunsets.

The Pyramid of the Moon is the second largest pyramid in Teotihuacan, it is newer than the pyramid of the sun. When I visited the city I climbed to the top of the pyramid of the Sun. The view was amazing and I could see the whole deserted city below in the jungle within lots of trees and beautiful temples. I could see the ancient roads that connect the temples with each other. It was easy to go up but very hard to come down because the steps were very steep.

The Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon are the tallest buildings in Teotihuacan however they are not the largest pyramids in Mexico. The largest pyramid is located in Cholula, it is so big that there is a catholic church at the top.

## **My Family**

**Jacob McGrath**

My name is Jacob and I am here today to talk to you about my family.

They mean every to me and I would do anything for them and I love them very much.

My Mummy tidies up the house and keeps it clean for us. She looks after us by feeding us everyday and doing the washing. She helps us get ready to get ready before we go to school and fixes things for us when me and my brothers need anything. In the mornings she does my hair and I appreciate it. She buys us lovely things and likes to treat us. My mummy does well to help me grow up to be a nice boy and I am happy when she is happy. I think she is the best mummy in the entire world. I love her so much.

My Daddy, goes to work very early in the morning and works very hard. Daddy earns money for us so we can have a nice house. When he puts us up to bed and I ask him read me a book he always says yes. He helps with my homework and sometimes when he comes back from work he gets us something from the shop. When mummy works and comes back late, Daddy feeds us and tidies the house. I am very lucky that I have my Daddy and he means the world to me, I love him so much.

Isaac is my Brother. I am very lucky I have him as one. I love him very much. He is patient, kind and also sometimes generous. When I need help he is there and when I ask him to do something he always does it for me. He helps with my homework and plays with me and we like to go outside and play football together. He makes me feel happy. I am looking forward to helping guide him in life to help him get a good house and have a nice life.

Hugo is my little Brother. He is everything to me and I could not love him anymore. He has always got a smile on his face and likes to play with people. He is a very good boy at going to bed and makes it easy for my mummy and daddy. He makes me laugh and he is a very sweet baby. When its nearly Hugo's bedtime we like to snuggle together. I am very lucky to have him as a brother and I look forward to helping him in his life. He will look up to me as I am the biggest brother out of everyone.

I am passionate about my family because all of them help me in all different ways and helping guide me through my life. I love them very very much.

## Chocolate Chocolate Cake

Good afternoon, my name is Aimee and I am here to tell about the <sup>most delicious</sup> thing - Chocolate cake. Most people like ~~chocol~~ chocolate, ~~I mean~~ I love, ~~because~~ it I could live on it, its a bad idea, but it will be tasty. This speech is about the loving layers of <sup>a</sup> ~~the one and~~ Chocolate cake. It is full of chocolaty & imagination.

Making at number 5, ~~of the chocolate cake,~~ is the a Super sponge that holds it all together the amazing goodness is full of ~~lots~~ wonder and joy. The smell will blow you away with delight. ~~With~~ Speed walking at number 1, is the delicious filling with all the glorious of heaven it will blow your mind, its ~~texture~~ <sup>texture</sup> is like ~~mass~~ <sup>chocolate</sup> mass.

nothing in your mouth.

Topping at number 3

is the second ~~and~~ super layer of sponge.

Its ~~softness~~ <sup>softness</sup> will bring you to a wonderland of hope

A forest of chocolate, once you're in you can't come out

Running at number 2

is the ~~scrumptious~~ <sup>icing</sup> icing on top it is the color of ~~a~~ <sup>choc</sup> ~~garden~~ brownie and the taste of a gorging cake of goodness.

Finally Sprinting at number 1

is the Super sunset strawberries to top it ~~off~~ <sup>off</sup>.

There ~~the~~ juiciness will fill you with joy and ~~love~~ <sup>peace</sup>.

There Sweetness will give you hope and wonder.

and Finally, there goodness will fill you all the way up the brain with love.

<sup>do</sup>  
~~does~~ not chocolate <sup>does</sup>  
Some people ~~does~~ like chocolate or cake that ~~does~~ not  
it.  
matter you will like other things. ~~then~~ ~~chocolate~~ or ~~cake~~  
Everybody likes something different but we should treat  
everyone equal to live ~~a~~ happy, ~~world~~  
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Thank you for listen.  
I hope you have enjoyed my speech,

By Aimee 6G





Now you can understand why I am so passionate.

About our world, most of it has still yet to be  
discovered. Treat it with dignity. Treat it as

you would like to be treated, help the world while

you can. It's not just the new world the night class. It's  
Go out now and make our world right.

Thank you all, for taking your time to listen  
to this important message.





amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> so that it acts like a blanket in the atmosphere keeping the some of the Sun's heat. We have already added 1°C to the Earth's average temperature, and this continues droughts might be far more.

My brothers and sisters, we know what we must do to be careful and ~~not~~ mindful of what we do.

We shall bindage it up, care for its resources with all our Earth. Our natural wonders are safe and healthy for

continues to come.

By Sam Tedder 6G



Good afternoon, today I am going to be telling you about the Holocaust and about Adolf Hitler, the leader of the Nazis, which basically means – National, Socialist, German, Workers Party or, as many would say, NSGWP. I will also be telling you about the kinder transport and a young girl whose death is most famous.

First, I will be telling you about a young girl's diary: her name is Anne Frank. Anne Frank is best known for her diary 'Kitty'. Anne lived with her mother Edith, her father Otto and her sister Margot. Anne's diary begins on the 12<sup>th</sup> June (her Birthday 1942.) Over the next 2 years, she vividly describes her life. Anne went to a normal school where she was a bit too talkative.

One day, her parents received a call up for labour camp. It was for Margot. Otto Frank managed a warehouse and his most trusted workers were secretly moving furniture into an annexe, a small, secret room. Because of the call up, they moved in, 10 days before Margot was due to go. There was another family who they shared the annexe with, whom she code named 'The Van Dannels.' Not long after, a man named Fritz moved in and shared a room with Anne; his code name was Albert Dussle. Her diary ends abruptly when she and 7 other people were discovered by the Nazis. Anne and Margot both unfortunately died in Bergen Belsen near Hanover. Otto Frank was the only one who survived the camps and devoted himself to spreading the word of his daughter's diary.

I shall now tell you about the 10 thousand Jewish children saved via the Kinder transport. During the Kinder transport, the Jewish children were sent to families in England who were willing to adopt them, by the allied troops. Although you may think this was kind of the Nazis, the conditions were terrible. The children were separated from their families, all given numbers and crammed into a very small carriage. This happened 9 months prior to the war. There is a statue of some Jewish children outside Liverpool Street Station in central London.

It is terrible how people treated the Jews but it is always going to be a part of history, so we should try to learn from it. What you will be hearing about next is about Concentration camps and about Adolf Hitler.

Adolf Hitler first came to power in 1930 and he hated Jews. He forced all Jews to sew golden stars to their clothes so they could be identified. They were banned from public places like parks and theatres. After a few years he came up with a final solution; to kill all the Jews! He sent all Jews to concentration camps, with lots of other people he disliked such as gay people and disabled people. Those in good condition were put to work. Those who were not were killed. He came up with some horrible death such as gas chambers and death marches. At around 1945 camps started to be liberated by allied forces! This was the end of the Holocaust.

To this day we still remember the Holocaust and will never forget what happened to all those innocent Jews. We should try to prevent this from happening ever again, to anyone because we now know the terrible consequences. Thank you!

By Norah (6B)

# 1980s

Good day! Today I am going to convince you to embrace the wonderful decade of the 1980s and why it was one of the best decades in history !

I am going to talk about music.

The 1980s had wonderful music. The top songs were Pop and they were not much different from today, but these songs were special, they were some of the first of its kind and people loved it . Children were dancing up and down the halls singing take on me by a-ha, Fans are dressing up as Michael Jackson and are pretending to be in thriller, Teenagers are lying around listening to the latest Duran Duran track. But the best British popstar was David Bowie, singing starman which is still a bestseller even today 30 years later, applying peculiar makeup before running out on stage to see thousands of fans and millions more watching at home on television. This music was the start of pop culture. The Beatles singing and dancing. This music was the best.

Now I am going to talk about films.

Different genres of films were erupting like a volcano, men and women dancing around the set, James Bond in a cream tuxedo in a casino, a little boy on a tricycle riding down the hall, these films were the best in the history of films. They were full of life and colour, seriousness and action, horror and fright, these films shaped our movies as we know them. Films like the shining, blade runner and Indiana jones are becoming box office hits. Many good actors are leaving films like Roger Moore. Films made in the late 70s like Star Wars, Saturday Night Fever, Grease and Rocky are the craze of the decade. Normal people with a talent could become rich and famous

Now I am going to talk about dance,

This decade was great for dancing and dance moves. Dance moves like the moonwalk, worm, batman and much more are becoming the normal thing to see. Films like Saturday Night Fever and Grease encourage these dance moves and much later a dance in fortnite called Disco Fever . These dance moves are still as popular today as they used to be many years ago and people still enjoy them which is why the 1980s was a great decade. The dancing was sometimes simple like the Macarena, some were very hard like the Moonwalk. Some were very jazzy, some very calm. Some very peculiar, so made lots of sense. Whatever type of dance it was, it was great and has influenced dance today. This is why I want to spread the word of this superb decade and how to embrace it today.

Now it is time to talk about video games and other toys.

All of your modern first-person shooter games like Fortnite, Call of Duty and Halo would never have existed if it were not for games like Space Invaders, Star Wars and, surprisingly, Pony. You wouldn't have racing games like Forza and Need for Speed if it wasn't for the Atari games and you wouldn't have fighter games if it wasn't for Street Fighter. You wouldn't have games like Minecraft if the commodore 64 computer and Atari hadn't made the game called Adventure. None of those games would exist if Dungeon of Daggaroth and Tennis for Two(which was made by a group of students) hadn't been made. So you have the 1980s to thank for all your computer games.

Now it is the fun part- fashion.

Men wore smart suits without ties and buttons undone, women wore bright dresses and tights with crazy hair-styles; they danced around on the dance floor and their hair would get sweaty, their lipstick would smudge and mascara would start to water, but they would not care. Because this was the type of fashion that they loved, this was fashion. When they went home they would just go to sleep and wear the same clothes the next day. Men wore white jackets and black shirts, women pink and yellow and bright blue. The fashion would take a long time to die out and, in nightclubs now, people still wear it and still do the same dance moves because it was so great and it looked so good.

By Oliver (6B)

## The Irish Civil War

Good afternoon, today I am here to tell you about the history of the Irish Civil War which occurred in 1922. The purpose of my speech is to inform you about the historical facts that happened during this war.

After the British Empire left Ireland, a detrimental civil war broke out between two sides –Irish Republicans and Irish Nationalists. The Provisional Government supported an Anglo-Irish treaty and soon they became a free state in December 1922. But the Irish Republicans believed that it was betrayal of the Irish Republic and so they went to war.

Many of those who fought on both sides of conflict had been members of the IRA (Irish Republican Army) during the War of Independence (against the British when they took over). This left the Irish society divided and embittered for generations. Even today, two political parties in the Republic of Ireland are direct descendants of the two main sides of the civil war.

The Anglo-Irish treaty, which the Provisional Government supported, was agreed to end the 1919 Irish War of Independence. It provided for a self-governing Irish state having its own army and police force. The treaty also allowed Northern Ireland to decide whether to stay in the new state of their country or return to the United Kingdom. Soon the parliament of the Irish Republic narrowly passed the Anglo-Irish treaty's agreement, the British recognised that the Provisional Government of the IFS (Irish Free State) was established and Northern Ireland remained within the United Kingdom.

After the war finished in 1923 (one year later) the two sides split and they didn't fight anymore. Still today Northern Ireland has remained in the UK because of the Irish Nationalists before the war.

Thank you for listening to my speech

By Beatrice 6B