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THE RISE OF VIOLENT CRIME



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In this Issue, the Burnet News Club learnt about the recent increase in violent crime. They uncovered the statistics behind the headlines and explored the different ways the media report the breaking news stories. Following this, each club looked into knife crime in particular, and the reasons why it has increased. They then linked these to possible solutions.

Their final piece of work on the topic expressed their opinions about the issue and took the form of a slam (performed) poem. In this edition of Hub Highlights, we showcase four exceptional poems.

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Violence, Shame on!

PRIMARY SCHOOL
 Michael Faraday School

How do you watch your people perish?
 When it's meant to be the knives that we should banish.
 This message is for the youth and all,
 Stop messing around, it's time to evolve.
 Let me tell you something: violence is not a toy,
 It's not a game, it's not a joke, it's not for joy.
 Let's stop the groom, the deceit and the lie,
 Because in the end people just die.
 How I wish I could show what the future holds,
 So then it would be easier for your life to mould.
 Another one gone in the evening,
 Parents, guardians, they're all stressing.
 A sister gone, a brother gone, a mother, a father, a cousin gone,
 Gang members and murderers we aren't meant to be,
 If you want to be happy then listen to me,
 How would you feel if you mother was gone?
 And your sister and your brother, whose lights, shone. ■



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Knife crime

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Birchwood C of E Primary School

Knife crime,
 Knife crime should stop now,
 Kids dying,
 Living in fear,
 No one to go to,
 Won't someone show us how?
 Not enough police on the streets,
 Too many drugs,
 Youth clubs closed,
 No strong punishments,
 Why don't we all rise to our feet,
 People's lives are falling apart,
 They're scared,
 They're worried,
 People in fright,
 People make their peers part,
 We need stronger punishments,
 More police,
 Open youth clubs,
 Stop selling drugs,
 We need to start our movement,
 Knife crime, knife crime, needs to stop,
 People stop,
 It's wrong,
 Stop crime,
 The statistics on the board need to drop,
 Stop knife crime it's really wrong
 It needs to stop now! ■

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KNIFE CRIME: My Final Piece

PRIMARY SCHOOL

New Horizons Children's Academy

People are dying, gangs are recruiting.
 But who's to blame for the tragedies occurring?
 Youths are getting framed, taking all the blame,
 It's our fault that the world doesn't notice all the shame.
 Born into poverty, born into nothingness,
 And it's even worse that the media aren't telling us.
 Schools, poverty, I can make a list of reasons.
 But as we sit here watching, people are turning into demons.
 Don't be mean, don't be cruel.
 Don't turn your life into being a fool.
 We need to stop this now, before our time is up.
 If we don't stop this quickly, Britain will turn corrupt.
 We can stop them, help them not feel unsure.
 Then they won't change their life and not take the detour.
 With the right guidance, they will not be silenced.
 Finally giving them a voice in the world,
 Will help us gain the peace that we deserve. ■



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No Knife is a Better Life!

SECONDARY SCHOOL
The Ruth Gorse Academy

Youth today are in a crisis,
Whilst knife crime grips the nation as it rises.
Austerity and poverty can be a factor,
Kids feel the brunt of the government's measures
from every public sector.
Scarcity of youth clubs, communities are dying,
But don't blame the teachers; they are really trying.
Resources are stretched to an all-time low, funding
cuts - no one cares.
So of course support is nowhere there.
Home is no sanctuary, merely just a shelter.
Parents are trying to get it together,
Sinking deeper to more stress and pressure.
Kids are neglected, disillusioned or forgotten,
It's probably why their brains get so rotten.
A sense of belonging is what they seek,
Perhaps a little love and attention could've kept
them off the streets.
Easy prey for criminal gang members,
Profiting from their pain and anger.
Peddling drugs in exchange for goods,
But their success rate for life is just going
backwards.
Misguided and blinded by that bling,
Pride and status is not them things!
Surround yourself with silly fools,
Ain't so cool if you were slain by their tools.
Escorted to prison is no joke!
1000 wounded last year did you know?
On top of those killings we already know.

It rips the hearts of the victim's families, in a cycle
of a never ending carnage.
Mentality needs to change, if we want this fear to go
away.
Government needs to listen, to know what's
missing.
Support parents and kids for those most at risk.
Drugs is the currency for all this misery,
So remove hard sellers and go harsh on those
buyers.
Ain't so easy battling this fight, when police
numbers aren't quite right.
Youth club initiatives is more what we need.
Raise more opportunities to get them off the streets.
So crime won't be on their radars of possibilities.
Academic level they fail to meet, kids will end up on
the streets.
If teachers don't engage, the students will end up
enraged.
Unblock their potential, to obtain their credential,
Kids have other talents; sports, theatre or music
could be more their level.
A positive voice, loud and clear.
Instil their minds as early as one, two or three.
Set high values to believe they can achieve and
beyond their dreams.
Parents, teachers, friends and family also have to
preach,
Education you see, the key to all their possibilities.
Role models like Sephton, used to be a gang
member,
Teaches the virtues of a normal life to remember.
Listen to their issues, hear their plight.
Knowledge is power to beat this cycle of knife gripe.
A brighter future can be gained,
Communities must come together, if we want this
change.
Message of hope and I will tell you so,
Violent crime is not the life.
No Knife is a Better Life! ■