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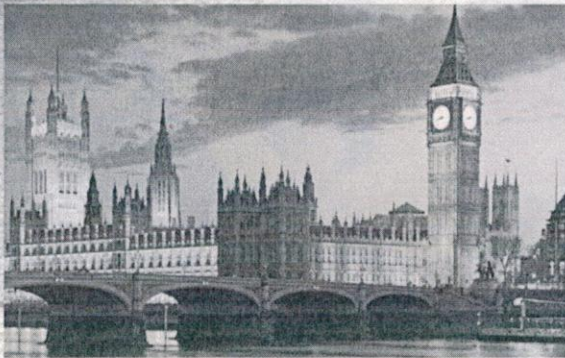
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CONNECTED BY ENGLISH

Life is a foreign language: all men mispronounce it. (Christopher Morley)

MESSAGE OF THE EDITOR

HOMESICK



I can describe myself as an England Lover. I am chained to England as the stars are chained to the sky and as the day is chained to the night. Without England, without having this passion for everything it represents, I would be an ordinary person, with nothing special, nothing to live for I can dream about long days of walking along all of London's streets, feeling London's rain going down my face, running through my hair, feeling it all over my body and absorbing it straight to my heart.

I would be more than happy to go inside a British cottage, have a good Victorian English book in my hands, read it and travel to the Victorian era, with its first Christmas cards, floral wallpapers, Dickens, Gaskell and Indian flavors. However, the atmosphere isn't perfect until I hear the kettle sending those amazing signs which tell me that it's time to go and pour myself a cup of tea!

Hmm... a cup of tea... What more can you ask for than being in an English

drinking an amazing 5 o'clock tea, while watching the rain sliding down the windows? The tea blesses my lips with enchantment, it warms them with its hot steam and sends a state of peace through all my blood. Just touching the cup with my lips casts me to another land; it makes me taste the power, inspiration and limitless creativity of all those people who helped rise England to the tall pedestal where it stands today.

I also see London through a royal window. Royalty is to London what the daffodils are to St. David's. You can't talk about London without mentioning the Royal Family. I am glad to be the bearer of a Royal name, a name that pays tribute to the august Elizabeth. My passion for royalty and for ancient times is so huge that sometimes I daydream about myself along the ages, on Celtic shrines, in medieval castles, or roaming the Scottish hills at sunset.

I was born as a daughter of London and I have to be where my soul is. My body craves to breathe British air. Without Great Britain, I'm nothing. Nothing important. I'm just a ghost that shadows the earth with no point. My life without the British Isles is a cruel prison. Rip and tear me, but don't take away my chance of seeing my country. Destroy all of my dreams, but leave me with just one. Throw away my happiness but before you do it, leave me in London!

By Boldor Eliza,
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CURIOSITIES OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE



THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

English is a West Germanic language which was first spoken in England. Written records and archaeological evidence indicate that the island of Britain was settled by speakers of the ancestor of the English language around the year 450 AD. It is the most widespread language in the world (more widely spoken and written than any other language).

Of all the world's languages (over 2,700) English is arguably the richest in vocabulary: the Oxford English Dictionary lists about 500,000 words.

GENERAL CURIOSITIES

- E is the most used letter in the English language; Q is the least used letter.
- J, V and W are the youngest letters in the English language.
- The most commonly used word is "I".
- TOWN is the oldest word in English.
- SCREECHED is the longest one-syllable word.
- The first letters of the months July to November spell JASON.
- No words in English rhyme with the following words: orange, silver, purple, angel, bulb, depth and scalp.
- In the sentence "The treatment he had had had had no result" the same word is used 4 times with no intervening punctuation.

WORD CONTENT

- The sentence "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet.
- The words ARSENIOUS and ABSTEMIOUS have all the vowels in the English language, all in order, none repeated.
- CARTESIAN is the only adjective derived from a name starting with a different letter: DESCARTES.
- DREAMT is the only word in the English language that ends in the letters MT.
- UNDERGROUND begins and ends in the letters UND.
- THEREIN is the only 7-letter word that contains 10 words without rearranging any of its letters: THE, THERE, HE, IN, REIN, HER, HERE, ERE, THEREIN and HEREIN.
- Only 4 words in English end in the letters DOUS: HAZARDOUS, HORRENDOUS, STUPENDOUS and TREMENDOUS.

LETTER REPETITION

- The only word in the English language that has 4 sets of double letters is BALLOONNEER.
- SKIING is the only word with double-L.
- There are only 3 words with double-U: VACUUM, RESIDUUM and CONTINUUM.
- GODDESSSHIP is the only word with a tripled letter.

PRONUNCIATION

- The letters OUGH have 5 different sounds in: bough [Bau], cough [Cof], tough [Taf], dough [Däu] and through [Thruu].

The following sentence is a traditional illustration of this curiosity: "A rough-coated, dough-faced, thoughtful ploughman strode through the streets of Scarborough; after falling into a slough, he coughed and hiccoughed."

- The words TO, TOO and TWO are all pronounced in the same way: [tu:]
- The word QUEUE is the only word in the English language where only the first letter is pronounced and the other four are removed.



WORDS AND MEANINGS

- The word ROUND is the only word that can be used as 5 different parts of speech:
 1. Noun: We played a round of golf.
 2. Verb: You have to round the bend.
 3. Adjective: She painted a round table.
 4. Adverb: Tim stared at the bird flying round.
 5. Preposition: We gathered round the Christmas tree.
- The word SET has the most numerous definition in the dictionary.
- The word SPRING has 4 meanings: verb, season, mechanical component and the origin of a river.

PALINDROMES

Palindromes are words or phrases that read the same in both directions. Here are some examples:

- Civic, dad, stars mom, kayak, radar, madam, level, Hannah
- A man, a plan, a canal: Panama.
- Live not on Evil.
- Madam, I'm Adam.
- No lemon, no melon.

WORDS OF FOREIGN ORIGIN

Someone once said that English is “a language that lurks in dark alleys, beats up other languages, and rifles through their pockets for spare vocabulary.”

Indeed, many of the apparently English words gave some of the strangest origins. Look at the following examples:

- The words BUNGALOW, PAJAMAS, SHAMPOO, JUNGLE and KAHKI are of Hindu origin.
- The words PECAN and CHIPMUNK are American Indian words.
- The words SILK, TEA, KETCHUP,



BONSAI and TYCOON are of Chinese origin.

- The words VANILLA and FLAMENCO are of Spanish origin.
- ASSASSIN has its origins in Arabic.

THE ETERNAL PARADOXES OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

- There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple.
- English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France.
- Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.
- Quicksand works slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.
- If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth?
- One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese?
- If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?
- In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital?

- Have noses that run and feet that smell?

PORTMANTEAUX

Portmanteaux are the combination of two or more words into a new word with different meaning, such as the following:

- Huge + monstrous = humongous
- Web + log = blog
- Multiple + complex = multiplex
- Channel + tunnel = chunnel
- Smoke + fog = smog

NEOLOGISTIC COMPOUNDS

Neologistic compounds are innovative associations of lexical units, such as:

- Novel use of affixes:
*“Altarwise by owl-light in the half-way house
The gentleman lay graveward with his furies.”*
(Dylan Thomas)

- Unusual word-class conversion:
*“we slipped thro’ the frenchwindows
And arminarmed across the lawn.”*
(Roger McGough)

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on. English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all.

That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

By Diana Cordea,
English teacher



TRIPS

A wise man travels to discover himself. (James Russel)

New Experiences in Granada, Spain

Recently some students from the 12th form together with their coordinator, Mrs. Amelia Palcu, from “Mihai Veliciu” Highschool, have visited Granada, Spain, as part of a “Leonardo da Vinci” project. Now they are back at school and they want to share with us some impressions of their experiences.

Can you tell us something about your daily programme in Granada?

Cosmin Paca: My day started at 8 a.m. when I woke up and got ready for going to work, because I had to be at the office at 9. I worked from 9 to 2 p.m. and then headed for the place where we had lunch. After lunch I walked a bit through the city with my friends, of course. Then,

if we didn't have any plans we went back to the flat and at 8 we had dinner.

Dan Flueraş: My working hours were from 9 to 1 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

What exactly did you work there?

Laura Popa: I helped old people to communicate on the internet, to search for information and to edit some images using some special programs.

Mihaela Cociuban: My Company kept evidence of all the farmers from Andalucia. So, I helped people from there, keeping their evidence modifying their web pages and change some information.

Cosmin Paca: My Company was dedicated to audio-visual programmes, so when I was at the office I had to edit videos which I liked very much and

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sometimes we did very different things, from interviews to shooting scenes for a documentary.

Dan Flueraş: The Company where I worked was basically a computer club that allowed children to come and learn basic programming. We taught them how to use specific programmes and how to surf the internet.

Dan Vidican: I together with Victor Cordos and Daniela Ungurean worked at Manuel de Falla archives; we scanned photos and inserted them in the database.

What about food? Did you use to cook your own meals?

Daniela Ungurean: We used to eat at a local restaurant during the weekdays and we cooked our own meals at the weekends.

Cosmin Paca: The food was good, but in my opinion we ate too many potatoes.

What is your impression about the Spanish people?

Daniel Hord: Spanish people are very relaxed and girls are beautiful.

Mihaela Cociuban: I have a good impression of the Spanish people because they are friendly, they smile a lot and they always help you when you need.

Laura Popa: I met some friendly people who had always a smile on their faces. They are very kind and sociable.

How did you spend your free time?

Cosmin Paca: In the evenings we usually went sightseeing and at night we went to

pubs, clubs. Our weekends were planned; our hosting organization provided us the chance to visit other cities, such as: Malaga, Cordoba.

Mihaela Cociuban: We also had the chance to see a show of flamenco.



What did you enjoy most there?

Alexandra Pop: I enjoyed shopping, going sightseeing and the city itself.

Victor Cordos: I loved visiting Malaga, it was a relaxing day at the sea.

Cosmin Paca: I think spending my time in a beautiful place with great people was the most enjoyable for me. I will never forget visiting Alhambra and the neighboring places.

Laura Popa: I enjoyed everything I did there and I can't say what I like most, the places, the people, the civilization, the climate, all were perfect for living



there during three weeks.

Mrs. Amelia Palcu, the project leader, shares with us some of her impressions: "My job was to coordinate and supervise the activity of the students at their work place and after work. The Spanish people are open-minded, friendly, relaxed; they don't worry about the day after tomorrow. They were ready to help you whenever you wanted. Absolutely everything was wonderful. We visited all the sights and surroundings from Granada and, of course, I will repeat this experience during the summer when I go there with another group of students from 11th form."

We can only wish them good luck and I think our school is very proud of them.



By Cristina Goldis, English Teacher

A TERRIBLE HOLIDAY

"Was it safe?" was the first question that crossed my mind when my friend Tom came up with a great idea, that of travelling to the African Savannah. After long debates about it, I agreed. The sun was shining brightly, but you could also feel a pleasant wind blowing slowly.

We packed all the necessary things – a flashlight, a knife and some clothes in a rucksack – and we got there before we knew it! Everything was amazing! The landscape was thrilling, and, although the heat was almost unbearable, we took a walk as soon as we arrived.

Suddenly, I found myself on an unsafe bridge. I was blocked because I didn't know what to do. Tom encouraged me from the other side of the wooden bridge. When I stepped on it, it moved all

around. A wrong step would have thrown me deep down into the river, but Tom ran to me quickly and took my hand.

After I calmed down we continued our route, but we exhausted and we pitched a tent. While my friend was looking for firewood, I decided to go for a walk and take some memorable pictures. I was walking around and admiring the spectacular surroundings and my eyes had the unique opportunity to see animals such as zebras, lions, tigers or giraffes. It was so joyful and calm! The giraffes with their gigantic necks defiled in front of us as if they were in a parade, the zebras inspected the place silently, the tigers raced with each other. For most of the time, I must admit I was quite scared, but my heart was also beating with joy because I was so lucky to see these wonderful animals!

I was taking photos peacefully, when I heard Tom screaming. He had



been going around our camp, looking for wood to make a fire, when he stepped into a pointed log. He was bleeding abundantly, but I used the first aid kit to stop the bleeding as soon as I reached him. This last event made us change our minds about spending the night in a tent in the savannah, so we decided to go back home as soon as possible.

Even



though awful things happened, I still couldn't believe that my eyes actually saw those wonderful African creatures, that my skin was caressed by the soft African wind and that my hands saved a friend from the dangers of this wild

continent! It was a terrible, but wonderful and unforgettable holiday!

By Flavia Murgociu, clasa a-X-a R

EVENTS

“Memory is deceptive because it is colored by today's events. (Albert Einstein)”



The 23rd of April 2013 was special day for English speakers worldwide: English Language Day, as marked by the UN, on the date traditionally observed as the birthday of William Shakespeare. The Day is the result of a 2010 initiative by the Department of Public Information, establishing language days for each of the Organization's six official languages.

Since this day involves the celebration of a language which actually „sets the tone” in international communication, I have decided to ask all my friends on Facebook the following questions:

„How much do you love English? Why do you study it? What makes it so important?”

Here are some of the answers I got:

❖ I really love English & I study it because I know it will help me in the future. What makes it so important? Hmm... I think it's important because everyone knows even a few words and it helps you communicate with people who speak other languages. My opinion. ☺ (L.N.)

❖ I find English a constructive thing to do in my leisure time. I love it not only because it is an international language and this is a point of huge importance, but because I can express my words better and I feel like I am really myself talking in English. Sometimes I find myself knowing the meaning of a word only in English. It is important for me, it will always be, and I will study it because I simply can't imagine my life without it! (E.B.)

❖ I like English very much because I think it is very educational, exciting and captivating. Currently, English is sought everywhere. This language helps people to get jobs faster. My guess is that English is especially important in the realization of a better future. (A.J.)

❖ I really like to speak English because it is an easy language which you can learn quickly and sometimes it is really exciting. I study it because it's an

international language which everybody knows and understands. In my opinion, English is important because it helps us to communicate with people from other countries. English is an elementary language which can help us to have a better future. (R.C)

❖ It's simple... I ♥ English because it's the only language that I can handle ☺ (A.V.)

❖ What do you think when you hear an English word? Your mind is still precessing... Yes, English is a fairy who can actually make you smile by one tap of pixie dust ☺. Of course we all love our English teachers, and I really love to speak English because it is offering me an oportunity to dream about my future! Once again: Keep calm, don't be sad, be happy and excited and speak English!! ♥♥ (L.R)

❖ Why do I study English? Not because it is an easy language and not because it is international! It's because its native country is a beautiful country with kind people and because when you speak English with for example a Swedish person, you feel something strange and exciting and the other one feels the same thing ☺. And secondly, because the more languages you learn, a greater man will you become ☺. Sorry if I've made any mistakes...at least we learn from our mistakes ☺ (A.M.)

❖ I love English not only because it is the most popular language in the world, it is also one of the most demanded languages on earth. I'm studying English because I want to get a nice job, earn money and be rich. During 4 years of study I found out what English is and what I want from it. English is a very popular language because you can twist it and speak it as you want. I mainly like this language because it went viral. I have to admit that I like American English more than British English. (M.C.)

❖ First of all, it's an international language, so it's important for everyone to know it. Secondly, you need a brain to

learn it, so if you're an idiot you will never learn to speak and to write it correctly. When I search something on Bing/Google I always write in English. Who can hate this language? I'm telling you: NO ONE. I ♥ English! (D.B.)

❖ I love it. I study it because it's an international language and it's important for me to understand anybody who wants to talk to me. ☺ (Z.C.)

The survey also attracted the contribution of a programmer who works in a large computer science firm in Arad. Here is what told us:

❖ English is a must in my line of work. I spend at least 8 hours a day in front of a computer screen reading and writing in English, so you could say it's a big part of my life. Every bit of information I need for work and personal projects is written in English. I can't find anything of value on the Internet in Romanian. Just compare any page on the English Wikipedia to our Romanian counterpart. The lack of information in the latter is disappointing. (O.B.)

So, why do we all learn English? Why do so many people on Earth speak it? Why do you study it at school?

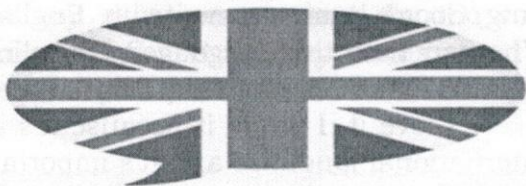
Take a few minutes to think about what the people cited above said, think about your own answer to these questions and (who knows?) maybe you will get a new perspective on the issue, maybe you will understand it differently and maybe you will get to love it even more, like so many of us already do!

HAPPY ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAY
from a proud ENGLISH teacher! ☺

**By Diana Cordea,
English Teacher**



SAINT GEORGE



Saint George's Day is the feast day of Saint George. It is celebrated by the several nations, kingdoms, countries and cities of which Saint George is the patron saint. Saint George's Day is celebrated on 23 April, the traditionally accepted date of Saint George's death. Countries which celebrate Saint George's Day are: England, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Georgia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Macedonia. It is also celebrated by cities like Moscow, Genova, Ljubljana, Beirut, Qormi, Victoria and many others.

Saint George's Day feast is ranked higher in England and in other regions. For example, in Catalonia, it is the second most important National Fest and is traditional to give a rose and a book to a loved one.

Also, UNESCO declared this day the International Day of the Book, since 23 April 1616, was the date of death of both the English playwright: William Shakespeare and the Spanish author Miguel de Cervantes.

To rediscover the beauty of the English Language which was spoken by only three tribes, 1500 years ago, today become the most flexible mode of intercommunication for nearly two billion people. The day of the April 23 is a historical day, because that is the day that William Shakespeare were born. Because is so widely spoken, English is often referred to as a "world language" or the "lingua franca" in the modern era.

Why I love English? It is a simple question. I love all about English. First of all, it's an international language and it's very important to know it. But I love English because it makes me feel happy,

relax and I can express better my words. NO ONE can hate English language.

By
Madalina Dragos,
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First Steps in English

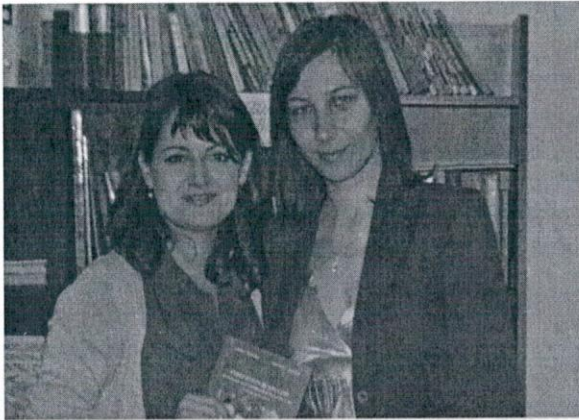
Last month, our school had the honor to take part to a premiere. Two of our English teachers published their first workbook. Diana Cordea and Cristina Goldis brought together all of their powers which required creativity, perseverance and hard work and succeeded, the result being worth all the work. The target audience of the book are young children, the beginners in the study of the English language. Our teachers wanted to create a few steps which should guide the children in the wonderful world of English Grammar and Vocabulary.

"First Steps in English" is divided into 13 chapters, every chapter being always practical and useful. They put in a simple workbook all the essentials of English, thus helping our students to walk smoothly through the first steps, as the title says.

The event was very welcomed in our school, everyone appreciating our teachers' work. Every person which knew that we have value in our English department took presence and stood by, listening cheerfully to what the authors said. Every person got a book and an autograph from the authors.

The ambition that Diana Cordea and Cristina Goldis denoted is marvelous. Having them in our school, seeing them working hard for the students makes us proud of the English department. Hopefully, in the future, our students,

who are lucky to have them as teachers, will know English well and love it as well.



By Eliza Boldor, clasa a-X-a R

English Chained Us

Our school has the highest ambitions when it comes to English conversations. Having students skilled in conversation we decided to start a partnership with a school from Hungary. The partnership "Tickets for Building a Successful Career" contained 3 meetings, every one of them having a purpose.

In October, our students, including me, went to Hungary. They welcomed us and we spent the whole day in a different

school, seeing different types of teaching and learning a few things about our

professional personality. We have found out what kind of job fits with our personalities.

We welcomed our Hungarian partners in January, where, hopefully, we impressed them with our school's warm atmosphere. In our second meeting, we all learned how to write a CV.

Our last meeting was a surprise for all of us. Destination: TIMISOARA. We knew we have to visit all the Universities around. When the tour was over, our bus stopped near the Mall. We went down and our teachers told us: "The last lesson: "Stay together!". We could do whatever we wanted, go wherever in the Mall, but together.

Our partnership was worth the work. We now have new friends, we are more confident in speaking and we learned how to build a successful career. Hopefully, in the summer, we will spend a few days together in a "Summer Camp".

By Eliza Boldor, clasa a-X-a R

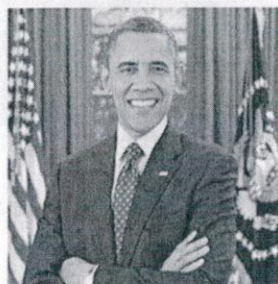
CREATIVITY REQUIRES PASSION

"Great dancers are not great because of their technique; they are great because of their passion." (Martha Graham)

IMAGINARY INTERVIEWS: STUDENTS VS. BARACK OBAMA

BARACK OBAMA IS LOOKING FOR A DOG!

- Hello, I am a reporter who works for NBCTV. Can you answer my questions about a few things?



- Yes, of course. I will be glad.
- What is your greatest wish?
- To have a supernatural power.
- What kind of power?
- I wish I could speak all languages of the world, so in whatever country I go, whenever I meet someone who speak a different language, I wish I could talk to them in their language.
- Which is your favorite activity?
- I love playing golf in my free time.
- Those who play let you win just because you're the boss?

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- I never cheat when I play golf and I'm proud of it. I doubt anyone lets me win just because I am the president and I often get beaten. On the golf course we are all equal.

- What are you going to do next, now that you won?

- I will help the middle class families and I will try to recapture the American dream.

- What is your opinion about your age?

- I have a good feeling about the fifty years that I've got. Obviously, I'm much more gray since I have had this function, but I feel good.

- What does your wife think about you?

- Michelle told me that she thinks I'm still cute. And that's all that matters to me.

- What gift do you want for your birthday?

- I would like an agreement about the debt ceiling...and maybe I could have a hamburger and fries for my birthday.

- What are you going to do to solve the pensions and social benefits? When will you send the payment checks?

- I cannot guarantee that those checks will go on 3 August if we don't solve this situation, there simply might not be enough money in the treasury.

- What are you going to do about the war in Afghanistan?

- The U.S. will withdraw some of its military forces in early July, with the goal of transferring all the security responsibilities to the Afghan government in 2014.

- With what will you reward your daughters for their patience during the election campaign?

- I promised them that I will buy everything they want.

- And what do they want?

- It seems they have decided to choose between a Portuguese water dog and a mongrel between a Labrador and a Canis dog.

- And when do you plan to buy the dog?

- We started looking in dog shelters.

- Is it true that Malia is allergic to dog hair?

- Yes, so we want to take a



hair or it would be more convenient not to have hair at all.

- What do you think about the search?

- We are about to succeed, but it is harder than finding a commerce secretary.

- Ok, thank you for this beautiful interview and I hope to see you soon for new information.

By Chifiriuc Raluca, clasa a-X-a UB

BARACK OBAMA ABOUT HIS WINTER HOLIDAYS

Reporter: Hello, Mr.President. Can I get an interview?

Barack Obama: Yeah, sure.

R: If you have to look at your life can you tell me what is the biggest mistake that you made?

B.O.: In my lifetime I had ups and down, I had a hard childhood, my dad wasn't there for us. There were times when I was a drug and alcohol addict and I put these things on my selfish personality.

R: How long have you been president?

B.O.: I have been president for four years.

R: How many children do you have?

B.O.: I have two daughters.

R: What are your daughters' name?

B.O.: Sasha, aged 9, and Malia, who is 12 years old.

R: Why your favorite movie?

B.O.: My favorite movie is "Police Academy". It is a comedy film based on police.

R: What are your plans for the winter holiday?

B.O.: I think I will go to Alaska with my family.

R: Your daughters like to play with snow?

B.O.: Yes, they are great fans of snow, they enjoy it very much.

B.O.: Yes, that's the reason.

R: Will you spend your new year's eve with your family or only with your wife?

B.O.: I will spend it with my wife at the White House and our daughters will go to a party.

R: Let's talk about serious things. What was the biggest failure of U.S.A?

B.O.: I think the biggest failure of U.S.A made since I was born was that we are still not following the bill percept that "everything you do for my little brothers you do for me".

R: What was your biggest politic measure that you were up for ten years ago, but you aren't up for it today?

B.O.: I always thought that our social assistant service for the poor ones must be changed.

R: What do you want to improve in U.S.A?

B.O.: I was thinking about increasing the number of factories.

R: Do you enjoy being a president?

B.O.: Yes, I do because I feel like I can do something for the U.S.A.

R: What do you think about the damages made by the Sandy hurricane?

B.O.: I think that it is an economical crash but we will handle it. It also made sentimental crashes because it threw many houses away.

R: Would you like to visit Romania?

B.O.: Yes, I would like to come and see Romania. I heard that there are beautiful landscapes.

R: What would you like to visit in Romania?

B.O.: I would like to visit the Bran and Peles castle and the Black Sea.

R: Have you met our president, Traian Basescu?

B.O.: Yes I did.

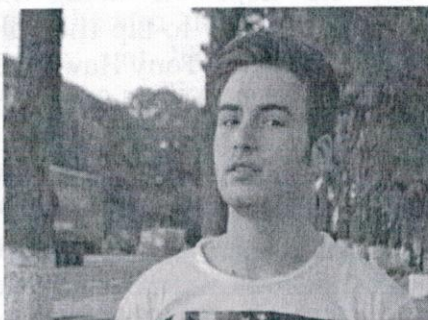
R: How did he seem?

B.O.: He seem like a very nice person.

R: Tell me the last thing you want to say?

B.O.: I would like to thank you for this interview.

By Andrei
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Peter Pan

-All Children, Except One, Grow Up-



To begin with, I think everyone knows who Peter Pan is. If, by mistake, you've never heard of him, it's not too late, my friend. I'll tell you all about him! Peter Pan is a character created by Scottish novelist and playwright J. M. Barrie. A mischievous boy who can fly and who never ages, Peter Pan spends his never-ending childhood adventuring on the small island of Neverland as the leader of his gang the Lost Boys, interacting with mermaids, Native Americans, fairies, pirates, and occasionally ordinary children from the world outside of Neverland.

The adventure starts when Peter comes to Wendy's window to listen to her stories and he loses his shadow. He comes the next evening to get it back but she catches him crying. She helps him and the two of them and Wendy's brothers Michael and John go back to Neverland. They spend a lovely time together, with good and bad parts.

The problem comes when Wendy remembers her parents and she realizes that Peter is not capable of feelings, he just wants to stay immature forever.

"Forever is an awfully long time"

Captain Hook is Pan's "enemy", he wants to make him pay for his lost hand. Peter is in a constant fight with him, but he has helpers like Tinker Bell and the lost boys. Hook manages to capture

Wendy but of course, Peter and the boys save her. Peter teaches Wendy how to fly, to dream, to be forever young. But in spite of all that, she still wants to grow up. To find out what happens when you grow. I bet she regrets that now.

“I’m youth, I’m joy, I’m a little bird that has broken out of the egg.”

Every adventure has its end. So their adventure must have one. And it does, just not the one you want. Wendy left Neverland to grow up. She left him, because he wouldn’t even think about growing up.

“There is a saying in the Neverland that every time you breathe, a grown-up dies.”

Peter Pan in my opinion represents youth and magic. He’s just a boy but he has the mentality of a grown up. He can fly, he has friends Indians, mermaids, pirates, lost boys, fairies. Everything about him is magic, pure. He has no idea what a kiss is. He makes you believe that everything is possible and can be done. When I think about him, I feel like I’m just a 5 year old that draws fairies and believes in Easter Bunny.

“In time they could not even fly after their hats. Want of practice, they called it; but what it really meant was that they no longer believed.”

“All the world is made of faith, trust and pixie dust! “

You just have to believe. Have a leap of faith, it doesn’t cost you anything. Let me tell you something, we’re all children stuck in a grown-up body. We never grow, we just learn how to behave in public. Always remember about Peter Pan!

“Just always be waiting for me.”

**By Larisa Nicolaie,
clasa a-X-a R**



Street Sk8ing



Street skating has just appeared from nowhere, some people say that Rodney Mullen has invented it, but Rodney only invented most of the street tricks, mind he’s a freestyle skater.

Imagine, that skateboarding just came out of friendly jokes, exactly the same as “street” skating, some surfboarders, wanted to use boards on other places not only on the big and grateful waves, therefore they “stabbed” their boards, added some wheels to them and that was all, no tricks no nothing, it was boring that time, because it didn’t require that much courage or patience, with years, the “stabbed” wheels, became axles(trucks), the board shifted it’s shape it became concave, the tail became bigger, and at least after 30 years the “modern” skateboard appeared, the 2 tailed concave board.

People didn’t know so many tricks back then, they used their hands to flip the board, and the Ollie. One day, a random skater, Rodney Mullen tried to do an Ollie and he failed it, but the board flipped, he was amazed by that and for 1 day he kept on doing it, until he discovered how to flip the board with his feet(meanwhile Tony Hawk was doing the Finger Flips). After learning how to flip the board, he tried more and more positions and ways to flip it(Heel Flip and Casper Flip appeared), tried to do two tricks at once (variations appeared), and the last but not all, he tried to do a double variation and he invented the Tre-Flip, people say it’s a pro trick, but my opinion is that everyone can learn it.

And people said that's too hard to learn everything, and they started learning tricks that are done the same way, therefore street skating and freestyle skating appeared.

It was just a joke at the beginning, but it became a very popular sport that require patience, courage, focus and some of the skaters say it's a Gift because it's peacefully, skaters don't usually fight, and they stick together, and never get angry.

I'd recommend the teenagers to try and skate, they say it can change lives, it happened to me.

**By Cristian
Sasu, clasa a-
X-a R**

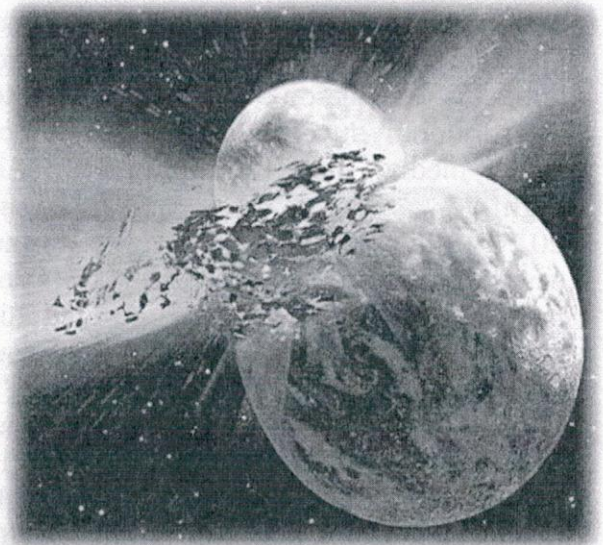


HOW THE WORLD IS GOING TO END

Nothing lasts forever. Not even the earth, the sun, the galaxy not even the universe is eternal. According to the maya calendar something of epic proportions, that was going to affect Earth, should've happened in 12.21.2012 because of the destructive force of the sun. The mayan calendar is based on the cycles of the sun. Now the cycle that can affect earth and us, the people who live on it, is the poles shifting of the sun and that happens every 11 years, not like earth's, that happens every two millions years. When the sun is very active and produces the strongest and dangerous solar winds. And this solar winds come also with powerful radiations that are capable of destroying our DNA, our satellites and cause a global power break down. But luckily we have our magnetic field that protects us from the radiations and we

won't get our DNA destroyed but just a strong sunburn. Never the less, back 2000 years ago the maya people just vanished from their lands. That means that something bad happened and maybe will happen again, but probably the radiation affected their crops and had to move to better lands.

Back in the present, nothing happened. There was no apocalypse and no destruction, then how will the world end? Maybe we will kill ourselves with a Third World War? That's possible, since we have nuclear fuel to destroy life on earth three times so it shouldn't be a problem. Or there will be too many humans living on Earth and there will be no more room for us to live? Or we'll consume all the resources of Earth's and die? Or we'll live in peace until a meteorite or comet will fall from the sky and eliminate life. Even our own planet can pose a threat to us, with its "Yellow Stone Park" supervolcano that passed its time limit of erupting, its smoke will cover all our planet and stop the sunlight coming in. And plants will die and eventually we too will die. Or super powerful radiations coming from the death of neutronic stars that will destroy the magnetic field and make us



vulnerable to our own sun.

The only hope that mankind has is "there"...in the outer space. On

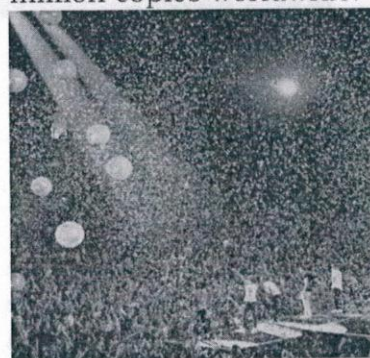
another planet where we can have a fresh start and making it work...for once at least. But that road is long and shrouded in darkness and it won't always take us where we wish to go, but we'll travel it down none the less...we MUST to and we need to hurry. The clock is ticking and when that countdown reaches zero...we won't survive...

By Emil Chirila, clasa a-IX-a R

One Direction

Meet Niall Horan, Zayn Malik, Liam Payne, Harry Styles and Louis Tomlinson - together they are One Direction. It's hard to believe that just two years ago these five boys hadn't even met each other. But with the help of the biggest television show in the UK, The X Factor, their millions of loyal fans and some killer songs, One Direction have just seen their debut album go to number one in 15 countries around the world. They have become a global phenomenon. And this is their incredible story. Now let's start, One Direction are an English-Irish pop boy band based in London, consisting of members Niall Horan, Zayn Malik, Liam Payne, Harry Styles, and Louis Tomlinson. Propelled to international success by the power of social media, their two albums Up All Night and Take Me Home, released in 2011 and 2012 respectively, broke several records, topped the charts of most major markets, and generated hit singles, including "What Makes You Beautiful" and "Live While We're Young". Their first single "What Makes You Beautiful" was released in August 2011, is highly regarded by critics and wreaked havoc around the world. Their debut album is called "Up all night" and became the fastest-selling debut album of the year 2011 (138.631 copies in the

"What Makes You Beautiful" bowed at number one on the UK Singles Chart, after becoming the most pre-ordered Sony Music Entertainment single in history. Subsequent singles "Gotta Be You" and "One Thing" both peaked within the UK Singles Chart top ten. "What Makes You Beautiful" was released in the United States in February 2012, where it debuted on the Billboard Hot 100 at number 28, becoming the highest debut for a British act since 1998. They were inducted into the Guinness World Records as a result. Up All Night also became the first album by a boy band to sell 500,000 digital copies in the US and as of August 2012, had sold over 3 million copies worldwide.



They won a lot of awards in two years: at ARIA Music Awards they won Best International Artist, at Bambi

Awards- Best International Artist, at Guinness World Records- Up All Night went straight to number one on the United States Billboard 200, making One Direction the first British group in US chart history to achieve this feat with their debut album, at In: Demand Honors they won 5 awards, they have one Japan Gold Disc Awards, at EMA they won 3 awards, at VMA they won 3 awards, at People's Choice Awards they won 2 awards, they have two BRIT Awards, and many more. In total they won 61 awards and were nominated at 99. One Direction performed "Little Things" at the 2012 Royal Variety Performance, in the presence of Queen

was at Madison Square Garden on 3 December 2012. In February 2013, One Direction released a cover version of "One Way or Another" and "Teenage Kicks", "One Way or Another (Teenage Kicks)", as the 2013 Comic Relief single. In addition, the Official Charts Company revealed that One Direction have sold 2,425,000 records in the UK by February 2013.



Meet **Niall James Horan**, born 13 September 1993. He's from Mullingar, County Westmeath, Ireland. His parents divorced when he was five, he and his brother lived between each of their homes for a few years before eventually deciding to live with their father in Mullingar. Horan has been playing guitar since his childhood.



Zain Javadd "Zayn" Malik, born 12 January 1993. Is from Bradford, West Yorkshire, England. He has one older sister and two younger sisters. He as well as other members of One Direction further notes artists such as Bruno Mars, as a "dream collaborator."



Liam James Payne, born 29 August 1993. Is from Wolverhampton, West Midlands, England, he has two older sisters. Until the age of four, Payne had regular tests done in



hospital as doctors noticed one of his kidneys was scarred and dysfunctional. To help cope with the pain, he had 32 injections in his arm in the morning and evening as a child.

Louis William Tomlinson, born Louis Troy Austin on 24 December 1991, is from Doncaster, South Yorkshire, England. He has five younger half-sisters. As a student at Hall Cross, Tomlinson starred in several musical productions. Tomlinson revealed that landing the lead role of Danny Zuko in the Hall Cross musical production of Grease motivated him to audition for The X Factor.

Harry Edward Styles, born on 1 February 1994, is from the village of Holmes Chapel, Cheshire, England. He has an older sister, Gemma. He was seven when their parents divorced, his mother subsequently getting remarried. He was in a band, White Eskimo. Prior to participating in The X Factor, the then sixteen-year-old Styles had a part-time job at the W. Mandeville Bakery in Holmes Chapel.



By Gace Maria,
clasa a-IX-a R

Music of England



Many composers in England were not and are not known in all the countries.

But in 19th century there were many known composers such as Thomas Tallis, William Byrd and Henry Purcell.

Today they are popular all around the world.

England is the country which gave birth to numerous music genres: heavy metal, hard rock, punk rock, drum and bass. The best music sold worldwide were the songs of The Beatles (pop-rock genre), the Queen (rock genre), Led Zeppelin (heavy metal and hard rock). The music of England kept on progressing in the 20th century when famous composers like William Walton, Edward Elgar, Frederick Delius and Benjamin Britten became known worldwide.

Music is like a response that you give without having put any question, isn't it? Well, this is what these men realized without asking any questions, the music became their best friend, their support and their consolation.

Surely all the countries of the world have something in common because music is the universal language.



By Stana Antonia
Clasa a VII-a B

Childhood

My dear childhood
By the time you were hidden
I've been looking for you for so long
Where are you? Where did you go?

My sweet childhood
You've forgotten my friendship
I'll wait for you on the road
I hope to be back soon.

Time passed slowly
I'll also wait for you
I know you won't come anymore
But I remain with the same thought
My dear childhood.

By Mara Daliana, Clasa a VII-A

The True Friendship

Friendships are like the stars in the sky
They are a lot
But true friendships are rare, I wonder why?
It's like a knot
If the knot breaks
It's the end.
This world is full of fakes.

You'll always be happy near your friends
Doesn't matter if you're sad or mad
They will make you feel glad
That you have true friends.

Well I'm not good at poems
But I try to keep in mind
True friendships are
long terms
True friends are hard to
find.

By Szabo Viola,
Clasa a XU-A



London

London is the capital of England and the United Kingdom. It is one of the most important cities in the world. London's population is about 7,421,229 people.

Here live permanently or temporarily, some of the wealthiest people in the world.

In London there are many important buildings: palaces, museums, theaters, concert halls, airports, train stations, numerous embassies and consulates.

London covers an area of 1579 km². The City of London is a historic center!

London is an international center of the arts, music, museums and many others.

London is the host of famous carnivals and parades such as the Notting Hill Carnival, or the parades organized to celebrate Saint Patrick (17 March) and St. George (23 April).

**By Anca Jivan
VII B**



CHILDHOOD



When I was a little child
It was very interesting
I used to think at bunny
I used to go for a walk in the field.
All day long full of joy
For good or for bad.
I loved and joined my childhood
And now just playing with my dog
I sit and wonder: what am I to become?
What am I to conquer?
A world of new perspective
Sits and waits for me
So that's why I wonder....

**By Borza Diana,
Clasa a VII - A**



What's life?



What's life if not the shadow of a dream that runs? This is the question that I put myself after I lost one of the dearest persons in my life.

It all started on Christmas. My parents and I decided to go visit my grandparents. When we got there, grandma was waiting for us with cakes and many other sweets that I liked when I was little. The atmosphere was incredible and everyone was happy. I will never forget that Christmas night, it was the last night that I spent with my grandmother because the next day was going to happen a tragedy.

In the next morning, when I was at the cafe with a friend, my mother told me that my grandmother feels bad and that she is home alone.

I quickly ran home. Grandma was lying on the bed and when she saw me she started to smile. She told me that she feels better. We talked and watched TV for a long time.

After a while, I went to the bathroom and when I returned, my grandma didn't respond when I talked to her. In those moments I felt like the sky fell down on me. I called for help but it was too late. When my parents got home, grandma was dead. The doctors could not save her.

Then I realized that life is like a thread, we don't know when it may break. For



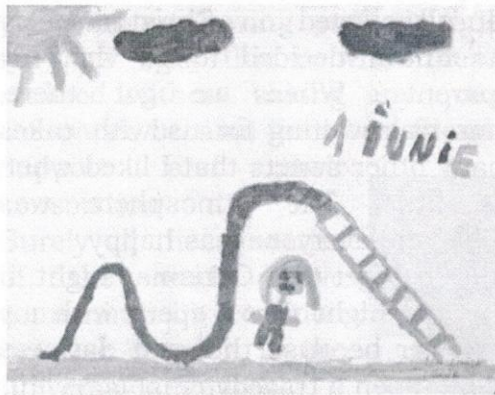
this reason we must consider what we leave behind and we must try to be better for the people around us.

I'm sure that my grandma was happy until the last moment and that she will never leave me.

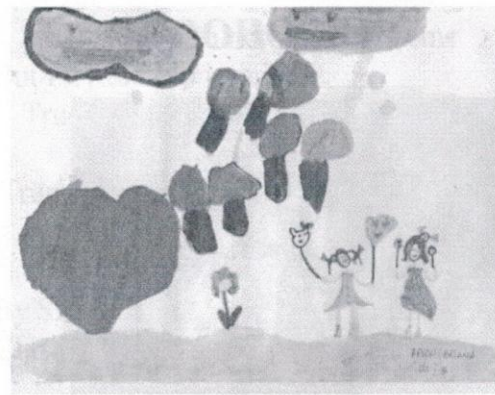
**By Pop Ana Maria,
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1st of June ☺

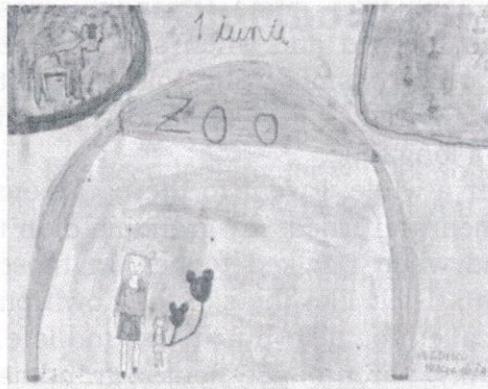
1st June – The International Children’s Day – a day to remind all the world of how special and important our children are. The children are the future of the mankind. Tomorrow is in their hands. These are some of the drawings made by the children from primary school.



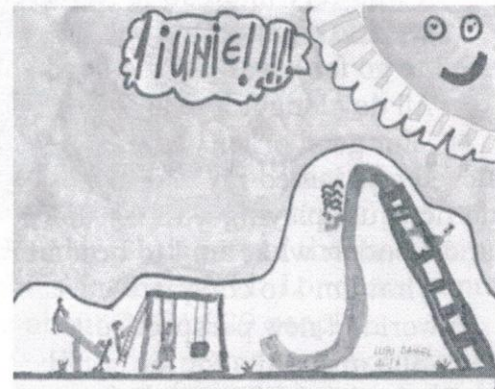
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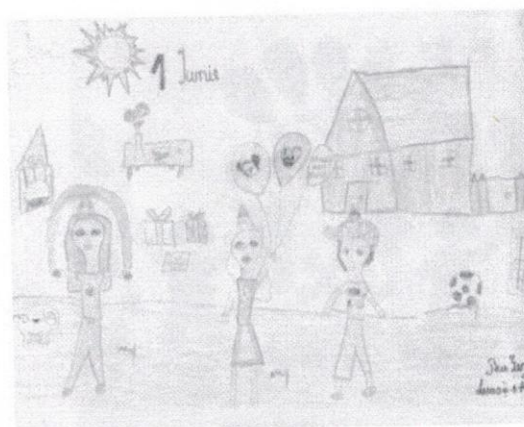
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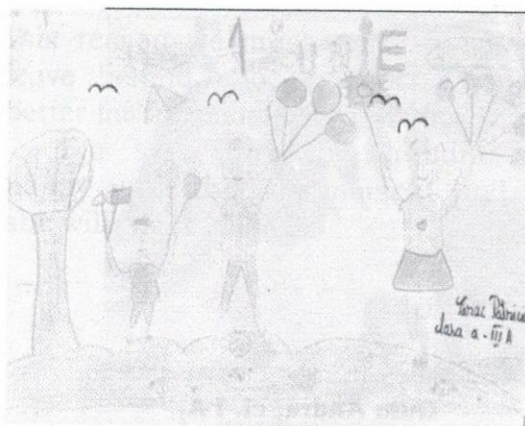
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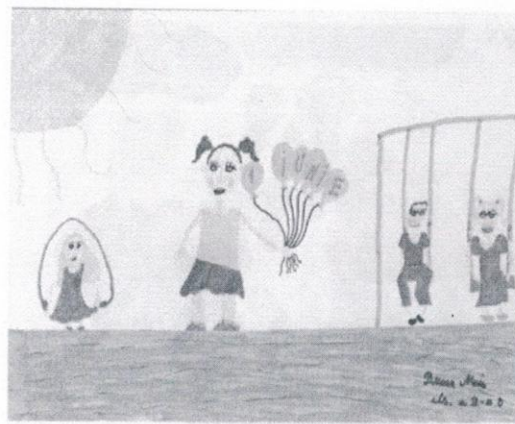
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