

SKYLINE

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Welcome back

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Time flies and another thirty days are gone. Last month we started this new project and our students have responded as we expected, you have given us your opinion, some good ideas and the strength to keep on doing it.

In this issue you are going to be shown the great job our kids are doing and also, some contribution by our adult students. For all of you who took part in it, our biggest appreciation.

This last month two important festivities have taken place in the English speaking world and in our Culture Corner you will learn more about them. One of our teachers, Natalia, held a cultural workshop for our students and it was a great success, we hope we can continue carrying out this kind of events.

In a few days the Christmas season will start and we have included a fast agenda in our News section so that you are not lost.

I hope you enjoy the reading and remember that teaching you is our priority, you inspire us every day.

Learn well

María Menéndez
Skyline English Centre

What's my favourite toy,

My favourite one of all?

Is it my train? Is it my car?

No, it's my orange baby.

What's my favourite colour?

You may like it too.

Is it green? Is it red?

No, it's the colour purple

What's my favourite animal

It's furry and it's fat.

Is it a dog? Is it a goat?

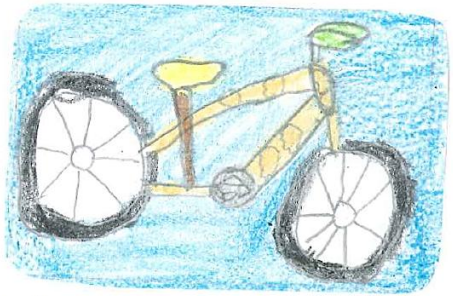
No, it's a lovely cat

Julia 6

MY BIKE

This is a perfect bike for me.
It's blue and purple. It has got one
seat.

This bike is very fast and it runs.



Monta, 7



Jorge, 7

My bike is blue, orange and
red. It has got one seat and two
wheels. My bike is big and very
beautiful.



Sara, 7



Lidia, 8

My bike is perfect for me
This bike is red, white and black
My bike is very fast and fun
I like my bike.



PENFRIENDS !

Hi! My name is
María. I, ten
I'm Spanish, I'm
from Valladolid.
I like doing gymnastics
and going shopping. I
don't like playing
football and playing
the guitar. It's
boring! I really want
a penfriend. Do you like
doing gymnastics?
My email address is:

mariape001
@hotmail.es

Send an email
to me

María

María

10 años

My Me-Time profile

Hello! I'm Isabel. I'm twelve years old and I live in Valladolid. My parents are María and Oscar. I've got a sister called Sofía. She's 9 years old. We've two tortoises. I want a horse, but my parents don't like this idea. I study in Batrocinio San José. I'm in year 8 and my favourite subjects are Art and P.E. I hate Maths and English. At university, I want to study for veterinarian. In my free time, I like listening to music and making "scrapbooking". This is a type of art. I'm very interested in sports. I love riding horses, it's amazing! I go riding horses on Tuesday evenings at Pony club Soto Otero. I like swimming, playing hockey and playing baseball. I've got lots of friends in the school and in Soto Otero. I like travelling during the holidays. In June, I usually go to Gaceta and in August I always go to my village. Every year, we also go to another place for a week.



My favourite
horse

INCA



Tweets of the month



simonhelberg Simon Helberg

If you're the youngest of three sisters, it means your parents were desperate for you to be a boy.

1 de nov



heavyd HEAVY D

Never stop believing.. Magic is just science we don't understand.. Every original idea was considered insanity at first..

4 de nov



charliewalk Charlie Walk

You can't have a better tomorrow if you're still thinking about yesterday.

7 de nov



SkylerSamuels Skyler Samuels

"Intelligence without ambition is a bird without wings" - Salvador Dali

14 de nov



CoryBooker Cory Booker

The world needs no more dull carbon copies, folks shrinking from their truth. We must illuminate the world. We must be brilliant.

26 de nov



paulocoelho Paulo Coelho

You drown not by falling into a river, but by staying submerged in it

25 de nov

Send us your favourite tweets
@skylinecentre

Also on 

News



What to do

✓Artecalles Art Fair from Dec. 9th to Dec. 11th at the Millennium Dome.

✓We highly recommend to visit the ice rink placed in Acera Recoletos from Dec. 5th to Jan. 5th.



✓Don't miss the concert of Amaral on Dec. 16th at the Millennium Dome.

✓On Dec. 31st as usual New Year's Eve celebrations will take place at the Main Square at 24:00



✓The Christmas crafts Fair will be located in Portugalete Square from Dec. 22nd.

✓Christmas town from Dec. 5th to Jan. 8th in the Main Square. Everyone can enjoy traditional food stalls, Santa Claus sleigh, the Wish Tree and the merry-go-round.





News

city.people.light Award 2011

ESP | PHILIPS | LUCI



Valladolid has been given the City People Light 2011 award last month. This is an annual contest organized by Philips and LUCI (Lighting Urban Community International Association).

These awards are given to those cities where light is used to pass on their humanity, incorporating the needs of urban life to the concepts of *city*, *person* and *light*. In the final stage we could find cities such as Perth (Australia), Sao Paulo (Brazil), Shanghai (China), Copenhagen (Denmark), Kanazawa (Japan) o Seoul (Korea). The city hall has received 10,000€ for this award which is considered the Oscar of lightning.

The jury, consisting of an international group of architects, lightning designers and local managers, followed different criteria to choose the winner. They took into account the influence of street lightning on the cultural and architectural heritage of the city as well as its shopping life, nightlife identity and its contribution to the environment.

As the award shows, our city fulfills all the requirements due to its project “Light Rivers” with the aim of creating a high quality street lightning that brings out the architectural treasures of the city.



Congratulations!



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The fact that there are a lot of people in need is part of our lives. Fortunately, there are also a lot of people who are willing to help and some of them belong to food banks. A food bank is a non-profit, charitable organization that distributes mostly donated food to a wide variety of agencies that feed the hungry. This type of organizations exists all over the world and, of course, there is one in Valladolid.

The most important asset in any food bank is the group of volunteers who spend their free time trying to help others. In the case of Valladolid Food bank, in 2010 there were 38 volunteers, most of them retired people who were promoting different events, talks, food salvage and food harvest among others.

The main aims of the food bank are:

- Fighting against hunger and food squandering
- Promoting efficient use of resources: maybe we cannot sell something but we can use it.
- Helping people and families who are not in their best moments
- Following the most important human right which is the right to have enough food





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The food bank of our city has been doing such great social work that they have been acknowledged with the Gold Pine Kernel 2010. Thanks to this group of people, approximately 30,000 people were helped in 2010, having harvested 37,004 kg, according to the annual report of the organization.

20% of the harvested food comes from supermarkets. The rest comes from different sources such as restaurants, schools... In Skyline English Centre we are proud to say that we also collaborate for this cause.

Last year we created the **SKYLINE FOOD RACE** and with the help of our students we could collect up to 54 kg that were taken to the food bank afterwards. During all November through half December our **SKYLINE FOOD RACE** will be available to all those who want to help bringing some food because as our motto says *every little grain counts*.



For more info, visit:

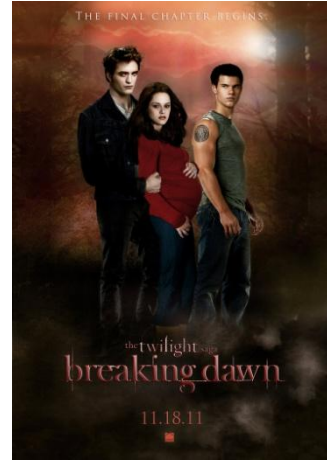
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Movie of the month

The Twilight Saga Breaking Dawn: Part 1

The story starts when Bella Swan moves in with his father in Forks, Washington. She is quite shy and has an observer personality. She met Edward Cullen at high school. He is a vampire who belongs to a family who do not feed on humans. Although it seems impossible, they fall in love. It is not until we have seen three movies of the saga that we are invited to their wedding.



The last film has not received very good critics but the response of the fans has been resounding. The first weekend after the premiere Breaking Dawn has beaten the box office record in USA. This part of the saga is, undoubtedly, the most emotional of all, focusing not on death but on life. When the two main characters get married, they go on their honeymoon and the unexpected happens, she gets pregnant. The problem is that the baby is half human half vampire and is draining Bella before being born.





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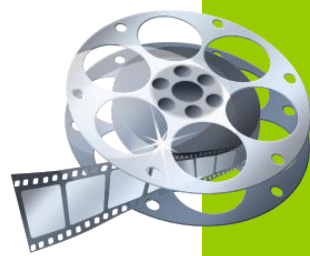
The Twilight Saga Breaking Dawn: Part 1

There is a secondary, really secondary, plot about the fight between vampires and werewolves in which Jacob, Bella's best friend who is in love with her, is involved somehow. The good thing about *Breaking Dawn: Part 1* is that the story is compact, unlike the previous movies that were slower with different storylines: the love story, the werewolves, the Volturis, the vampire enemies and an endless list of different distractions to what is really shown in this movie. In addition, this is the only part of the saga in which we can find some spikes of humour.

Some people, specially teenagers, love the saga and, therefore, this film, some other may not be great fans of *Twilight* in general and some others may hate it; however, we have to bear in mind that the books have already sold 7 million copies in more than 37 countries and the franchise of the movies is being extremely profitable and has made the actors involved real stars, so much that the three lead actors: Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart and Taylor Lautner recently got their own stars in Hollywood Walk of Fame.



Breaking Dawn: Part 2
will come to the cinema in
November 2012



ART

In 1848, three painters met in Gower Street, in London. They were John Everett Millais, William Holman Hunt and Dante Gabriel Rossetti. All of them were against the academic art that was imposed by the Royal Academy of Arts, whose best representative painter was Sir Joshua Reynolds. This Academic art was influenced by painters like Raphael and the neatest Michael Angelo and the topics of their paintings were superfluous and meaningless.

These painters created the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood to show a more realistic world. They preferred following the artists before Raphael like Giotto, Botticelli, the Flemish Primitives, and a few years before them, the German Nazarenes.

Their paintings represent different topics, from religion and mysticism to social injustice, but all of them copy nature with an incredible realism -they painted what they saw; they used to go to the countryside to copy the landscapes-. Due to this social critic and the excess of realism, they were rejected by all art critics except John Ruskin. He became their principal supporter in the artistic world.



The sleep of King Arthur in Avalon. Edward Burne-Jones

One of the themes that they used, and that is genuinely English was the Arthur King's Story. This historical character represents honour, honesty, courage, justice and equality. These were the features that Pre-Raphaelites longed for in their society, that is why they painted works about the most pure Christianity, classic literature, and also paintings that condemned child exploitation, male chauvinism, social inequality...

Returning to the Arthur King's topic, there were two painters who were especially interested in this figure: Edward Burne-Jones and William Morris. The first one reminds us to Botticelli's paintings. He travelled to Italy and his paintings seem like painted poems. He made windows too.

William Morris was a very important member of the Brotherhood. He portrayed his wife, Jane Morris, as Lady Ginebra and she was the muse for some painters of the Brotherhood like Dante Gabriel Rossetti. We can see her face in a lot of paintings. William Morris was interested in the decoration.

Decorative Motif. William Morris.





Guy Fawkes Night

November 5th is known as "Bonfire Night" or "Guy Fawkes Night", and all over Britain people fire off fireworks, light bonfires, and burn effigies of Guy Fawkes. Guido Fawkes was an Englishman who, in popular legend, tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament with barrels of gunpowder. He was caught, imprisoned, tortured on the rack, and finally executed.

400 years ago, Guy Fawkes was a co-conspirator in the "Gunpowder Plot" of 1605 in England. He and his cohorts decided to blow up both of the houses of Parliament in London and kill King James I upon the inaugural opening of the Parliament, and succeeded in smuggling several barrels of gunpowder into the basement of the Parliament.

This "Gunpowder Plot" occurred two years after King James I (of the "King James Bible" fame) ascended to the throne. A group of English Catholics, of which Guido Fawkes was a member, decided to kill the King because it was felt he had reneged on his promises to stop the persecution of Catholics. To this day, it is the law in Britain that a Roman Catholic cannot hold the office of monarch. And the Queen is still Supreme Head of the Church of England.





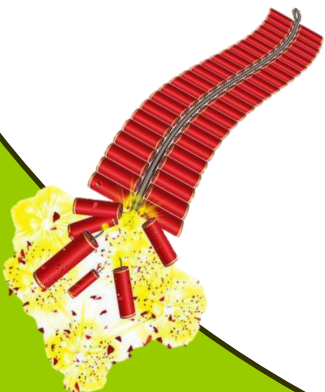
Guy Fawkes Night



The plot was foiled at the eleventh hour; some of the plotters escaped, some turned King's Evidence and reported on the rest. The unlucky Fawkes was taken in chains to the Tower of London. He was hanged, drawn and quartered. After Guy was hanged, he was torn asunder and drug through the streets of London behind a horse cart. The charge was treason, though some people in England prefer to remember Guy as "the only man ever to enter Parliament with honourable intentions."



To this day, one of the ceremonies that accompany the opening of a new session of parliament, is the searching of the basement, by a bunch of men in funny hats. Parliament somehow made political capital out of the close call, and poor Guy Fawkes is burned in effigy every November 5th on bonfires all over Britain. They sell a lot of fireworks too, and children beg for money on the streets to buy them. The children usually exhibit the "guy" or dummy that will be put on the fire. "Penny for the guy, mister?" is a common refrain at this time of year.





Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is an American festivity celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in memory of the Pilgrim Fathers. It is one of the most important festivities in the USA and, along with Christmas, the most familiar one.

In 1620 a group of British people sailed to the New World to escape religious persecution in England. These people would be known as the Plymouth colony because they left from Plymouth, England and arrived in Plymouth, Massachusetts. When they disembarked, they decided that they had to grow food themselves because there was no more ship food left. The first winter was devastating to the Pilgrims; luckily, the Native Americans helped them by providing seeds and teaching them to fish. A year later the houses were finished, the crops were growing. The first harvest gave them enough food for the next winter. To celebrate this, they decided to have a day's holiday, Thanksgiving Day, and a big dinner, Thanksgiving Dinner. They had turkey, corn, sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie.



Thanksgiving was not established from that moment and there were different opinions about the festivity during a lot of years. It was President Lincoln who proclaimed the holiday of Thanksgiving Day in 1893 and all presidents after him. And in 1941, Thanksgiving was finally sanctioned by Congress as a legal holiday, as the fourth Thursday in November.



Thanksgiving Traditions

Food: turkey is essential in a Thanksgiving dinner. Usually it is accompanied by stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet corn and cranberry sauce. The dessert is often a delicious pumpkin pie.



Macy's Parade: Macy's is one of the most important department stores in New York City and it has held, since 1924, the Thanksgiving Parade from the Upper West Side every year. This Parade is broadcasted nationally by NBC.

Thanksgiving Classic: The National Football League has played games on this day every year since the League was created. It is very typical to watch the football game before having dinner with the family.

Presidential Pardon: This tradition started during the first Thanksgiving of President G. Bush Sr. in 1989 when one turkey was officially pardoned from being slaughtered. It takes place some day before Thanksgiving.



Black Friday: it is the day after Thanksgiving, when the Christmas shopping officially starts. Most shops open at 4.00 a.m. that day and the sales are incomparable. That is why you can see people waiting in line during all night after Thanksgiving.

TRAVELLING CORNER



Gran Canaria,

where the sun always shines...

No so far away from here, a little paradise is hidden: the Canary Islands. This archipelago includes seven islands where you will relax and switch off any time of the year.

One of those is Gran Canaria island. Beyond its volcanic and desert landscape, Gran Canaria hides some beautiful places that are worthy of visit.

If you like the beach, you must visit Maspalomas beach. It is a long stretch of sand, a line of golden sand stretching from Playa del Ingles to Maspalomas lighthouse, just on the borderline of the Natural Dune Reserve. This area is an enormous and exceptional natural space.

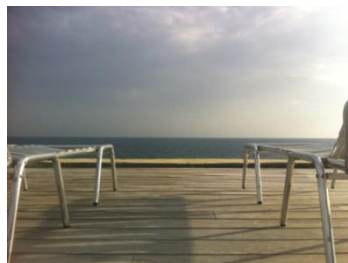


The beach is not the only place to go to. You can find more nice places in the island, such as the small villages and the natural world in the center of the island. A landscape of contrast with different climate and habitats (forest, desert, valleys with palm trees...).

You can't forget to visit La Vegueta, a neighborhood in Las Palmas, the county town.

La Vegueta is a wonderful historic area with narrow streets built around the cathedral, where you will have a nice walk.

So, take a break and set out on your Canary adventure!



LS Intermediate





Cheese Soufflés

Many different cheeses are suitable for these soufflés. Cheddar is the most obvious but Stilton and Sage Derby are also good.

Ingredients (6 serves)

40 Gram Butter (1 1/2 oz)
40 Gram Plain flour (1 1/2 oz)
200 ml Milk (7 fl oz)
75 Gram Cheese, grated (3 oz)
2 Eggs, separated

Pre-heat oven to 190 °C / 375 °F / Gas 5. Grease 6 ramekins. Heat the butter, flour and milk together in a saucepan, whisking continuously until thickened, boiling and smooth. Simmer for a minute or two. Remove the pan from the heat and add the cheese. Stir until melted then beat in the egg yolks.

Whisk the egg whites until stiff. Carefully fold into the cheese mixture. Pour into the ramekins and bake for 30 minutes. Serve immediately accompanied with brown bread and butter.

Other soufflés can be made such as ham or fish, simply replace the cheese with cooked ham or flaked smoked haddock.



LEARNING CORNER



IDIOMS

- ✓ **To steal someone's thunder:** to take credit for something someone else did.

My workmate always steals my thunder by using my ideas.

- ✓ **Beating around the bush:** Avoiding the main topic. Not speaking directly about the issue.

Our daughter beat around the bush when telling the news.

PHRASAL VERBS

- ✓ **Pitch in:** Work together to help achieve an objective.

The boss pitched in and we got the project done in time.

- ✓ **Doss about:** Spend time doing very little or being unproductive.

He has been dossing about all day long.

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE...

- Movie of the month: Alvin and the chipmunks 3: Chipwrecked



- Culture Christmas



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