

# SKYLINE

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# Welcome back

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*From the very beginning of my Skyline adventure, I had something important in mind. I wanted our school to be part of something bigger. In my research, I found out that there was a group of respected language schools that tried to give their students the best quality in teaching obeying the law, which is, unfortunately, quite rare in the private teaching field. I got in touch with them straight away and, after some time of hard work, I can proudly say that Skyline English Centre has become an active member of ACLID (Asociación-castellano-leonesa de idiomas) and FECEI (Federación española de centros de enseñanza de idiomas). This is, undoubtedly, the news of the month. This means that we can assure our students that we are serious about what we are doing. Among the advantages of this membership, we must mention that we now have an agreement with the University of Valladolid and those students who are not part of Bologna plan yet will be able to have their open electives accepted by studying with us.*

*In this issue you will find some ideas for your free time in March as well as a nice idea for your dessert, this time we chose an Irish recipe because, as you know, St. Patrick's day is coming, you will learn all about it in the Culture Corner. Of course, one more time, Natalia takes us to Japan to continue with her Tokyo Diaries. Last but not least, I would strongly recommend all of you to read an interesting article about architecture written by one of our students.*

*I want to thank, as every month, all of you, young and adult, because without your effort this magazine would not be possible.*

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

*Learn well*

*Maria Menéndez*  
**Skyline English Centre**

## MY FAMILY



My name's Laura This is my dad This is my mum

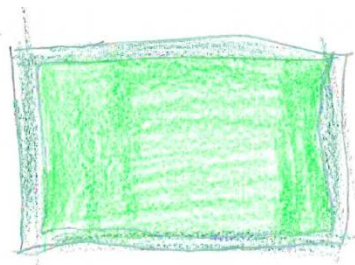
I'm seven. This is my family My dad makes houses. talks to people.



this is uncle he is this is aunt she is an we're a happy  
electrician housewife. family.  
Laura, 7

## MY FAVOURITE ROOM

My favourite room is my classroom, it is big it has got a digital whiteboard. There are twenty three desks. There is one board, its green. There are a lot of chalks. There are twenty three children and twelve desks. There is one cupboard and one shelf. There are twenty three books. There is one poster. There is one rubbish bin.



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## A SCHOOL TRIP

On 15<sup>th</sup> of June I and my friends were in Segovia. We went by saw horses and the aqueduct. We spent all the day in the countryside and after we went to eat in the woods and we played a lot of games and looking a video of animals and the history of Segovia. we wat saw a exhibition of animals and smells too. And after we walked in the village.







## My ideal bedroom:

I haven't got an ideal bedroom because my bedroom is perfect. In my bedroom there's a table, a chair, a bed-side table, a poster and a big orange bed. Then, I've got a shelf with 100 books. In the table there're some pencils and pens, my bed is orange but sometimes I change the orange duvet and I put the blue duvet. In the wall I've got a big wooden wardrobe where I keep my clothes.







# Tweets of the month



**Zoe Saldana** @zoesaldana

23 de feb

Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." — Oscar Wilde



**Will Smith** @LifeAsWillSmith

17 de feb

Before you speak, listen. Before you write, think. Before you spend, earn. Before you invest, investigate. Before you die, live.



**Prophet** @Prophlogic

14 de feb

Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.



**Janet Jackson** @JanetJackson

12 de feb

Please cherish life and those around you. Tomorrow is never promised.



**Alberto Escalante** @Alberto\_E

5 de feb

"@funnyorfact: It took Harry Potter 7 long books to catch the bad guy, when it only takes Scooby Doo 25 minutes. Harry, get a dog!"



**Michelle Trachtenberg** @RealMichelleT

3 de feb

Those who don't believe in magic will never find it. ~ Roald Dahl

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**@skylinecentre**

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## What to do

✓ If you like comics, don't miss the 6th Castilla y Leon Comic and Manga Meeting, with a Cosplay (costume play, representation of fictional characters) contest and the possibility to win up to 250 Euros in different products. The meeting is celebrated on March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in Feria de Muestras



✓ Haute Couture designer Jose Manuel Alonso will lecture for the second time in our city on how to get the best out of you. This Fashion Stylish Course will take place on March 11<sup>th</sup> in Hotel Lasa Sport. If you want to register, you can do so in [info@alonsize.com](mailto:info@alonsize.com)

✓ You can enjoy the Stock Fair one more year March the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in Feria de Muestras. More than 100 shops will offer the best sales in fashion, jewelry, shoes, sports, music... You can find bargains from last season, really handy for crisis times.



✓ On March 15<sup>th</sup> we have the opportunity to see Madame Butterfly, the opera was opened for the first time in 1904 in la Scala in Milan. The story is set in Nagasaki where an American man and a Japanese girl fall in love. The Concerlirica International Opera Company with 120 artist will help us enjoy this masterpiece in Jose Zorrilla Theatre.

# Guinness



## History

Guinness is today the most iconic trade brand in Ireland and one of the most successful beer brands worldwide, brewed in almost 50 countries and available in over 100 countries. 18,000,000,000 US pints (8,500,000 m<sup>3</sup>) are sold annually. But it all started back in 1759, when Arthur Guinness started brewing ales at St. James's Gate, Dublin. It was not until ten years later, on May 1769, that Guinness first exported his ale to Great Britain. The company continued growing for almost two centuries and in the 1930s it became the seventh largest company in the world. Guinness merged in 1997 with Grand Metropolitan to form Diageo PLC, however, Guinness has been maintained a separate entity inside Diageo to retain the rights of the products.

## Facts



- ✓ Guinness only produced three variations of a single beer type: porter or single stout, double or extra and foreign stout for export.
- ✓ Guinness is frequently used as an ingredient in recipes such as Guinness oatmeal bread or Guinness beef short ribs.
- ✓ A pint of Guinness should be served in a slightly tulip shaped pint glass.
- ✓ Researchers found that "antioxidant compounds" in the Guinness, similar to those found in certain fruits and vegetables, are responsible for health benefits because they slow down the deposit of harmful cholesterol on the artery walls.
- ✓ Legend states that Guinness aided the recovery of a cavalry officer wounded at Battle of Waterloo.





In 2000 the Guinness Storehouse, Home of Guinness, was opened to the public, where a self-guided tour of the attraction starts with an overview of the ingredients used to make Guinness followed by a step-by-step description of how Guinness is made.







# Movie of the month

## *My Week with Marilyn*



Norma Jeane Baker (1926–1962) started her career as a model in LA and step by step she got minor appearances in movies that lead her to her break when she was cast for the leading role in *Niagara* (1953). Two years before that she had enrolled at University of California, LA to study literature and art appreciation. She made a name in Hollywood even before having leading roles in movies. She worked with the best actors and directors of her time and took part in some of the most famous films of the golden age of Hollywood, such as *All about Eve* or *The Misfits*.

Marilyn Monroe had a complex personality. She spent her childhood in foster homes and this would mark her forever. In an interview in the May 1952 edition of *True Experiences* magazine she said: "Do I look happy? I should — for I was a child nobody wanted. A lonely girl with a dream — who awakened to find that dream come true. I am Marilyn Monroe. Read my Cinderella story." Hollywood created a stereotype of the actress as a blonde bimbo, very useful for her comedy movies. However, Jane Russell, her co-star in *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* described her as "very shy and very sweet and far more intelligent than people gave her credit for".



She got married and divorced three times with James Dougherty, Joe DiMaggio and Arthur Miller, her second husband took charge of her funeral and sent her grave a bunch of roses weekly until the day he died.

She was and is known as a pop and cultural icon whose light put out on August 5th, 1962 as a result of barbiturate poisoning. Even today, there are doubts where she committed suicide or somebody killed her. Whatever the reason, Marilyn Monroe will always be remembered as one of the greatest female actresses of all times.







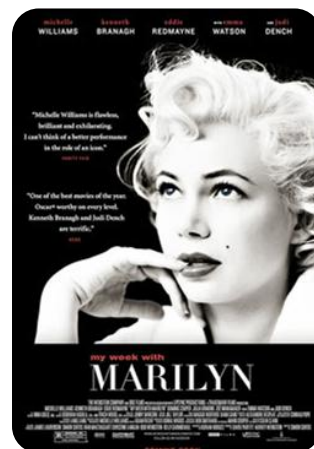
# Movie of the month

## *My Week with Marilyn*



In 1957, Marilyn Monroe Productions released *The Prince and the Showgirl* starring Marilyn Monroe and Sir Laurence Olivier. *My Week with Marilyn* is based on two books written by the third director assistant in that movie, Colin Clark who became Monroe's favourite in her stay in England while shooting the film. The book *The Prince, the Showgirl and Me* reveals some features of Monroe's personality as well as her stormy professional relationship with her co-star.

The best asset of the film is undoubtedly the cast, starting with Kenneth Branagh who revives Olivier with wit, intelligence and charm, continuing with Judi Dench whose only presence is impressive. However, the most outstanding performance is that of Michelle Williams as Monroe. She spent months reading about her, watching her films, photographs, interviews... and she conveys the tension between Monroe's public persona and the woman behind that. She talks, walks and moves like Marilyn and for that she has won a Golden Globe as well as some other big nominations.



Another important part of the film is the costumes and the make-up, Jill Taylor got the costumes in six weeks, sourcing many of the items from vintage shops, auction houses and markets. As for the make-up, the biggest challenge transforming Williams into Monroe. Michelle's eyes are completely different. Marilyn had very distinctive eyelids, so we had to try and form that shape on Michelle's eyes by the use of light and shade.

The film has been nominee for best actress, Michelle Williams and best supporting actor, Kenneth Branagh, If you watch the film, pay attention to locations such as Eton College, Saltwood Castle and even Windsor Castle.





## NEW LONDON ARCHITECTURE

London is living a transformation. The architectural renaissance of the British capital at the turn of the millennium has affected the design of everything: from residential skyscrapers to corporate offices; from important sports facilities to chic new houses and boutiques. These are some samples of the new London Architecture, a few of the best buildings that are the portrait of the new urban London's landscape.

### **SWISS RE HEADQUARTERS.**

**Foster and Partners 1997-2004**



One of the principal features of New London Architecture is the influence of just one firm: Norman Foster. There is a remarkable image of London skyline created by Foster designs, like pieces in a jigsaw.

The office for Swiss Re Headquarters, informally referred to as "The Gherkin" is one of the striking towers that Sir Norman has built in the heart of the city. It is one of the most singular buildings of recent architecture, not only for its form but also for its energy design. This skyscraper is more than 180 metres high, and its spiral structure makes it a great beauty object. This spiral continues inside around the interior gardens, forming "vertical villages" integrated into the workplace. The result is an office block that uses fifty percent less energy than a conventional building.

Swiss Re won worthy the Stirling Prize in 2004. The building has also featured in recent movies such as Match Point by Woody Allen.



## NEW LONDON ARCHITECTURE

### **CITY HALL LONDON BRIDGE CITY.**

**Foster and Partners 1998-2002**

The new City Hall of London is the headquarters for the Mayor of London and the Greater London Authority, GLA.

This building has an unusual shape too. It has been compared to a motorcycle helmet or an egg. The form of the building is also a reflection of the effort to get an optimum energy performance.

It has a very nice interior, with a 500 meter helical walkway that ascends to the top floor. A top public space is used for exhibitions, parties, and public roof-terrace



### **TATE MODERN. BANKSIDE London.**

**Herzog & de Meuron 2000**



The Tate Modern Art Gallery is in a former power station, in an amazing location on the south bank of the River Thames, opposite St Paul's Cathedral and the City of London. The original building of Bankside power station was designed by Sir Giles Scott, the designer of the famous London red telephone box

The Swiss architects Herzog and de Meuron won the international competition for the design of the conversion of the old building.

They have kept the original brick facade, windows and chimney. The result is a very elegant building that combines past and future. A nude architecture, a huge space for the modern art.

# ***St. Patrick's Day***



Around 385 AD a boy, whose name was probably Maewyn Succat, was born in Ireland. He was growing up as any other boy, a pagan, until one day pirates came to his town and he, among others, was captured and sold as a slave. He was a slave for six years and during this time he dreamt of God, who told him to escape. And so he did. He escaped and went to England and then to France, he became Christian and changed his name to Patrick. He went to a monastery in Gaul where he had a training of twelve year and after he had the mission to come back to Ireland to convert the Gaelic Irish to Christianity. For this He traveled throughout Ireland, establishing monasteries across the country. He also set up schools and churches. He converted so many pagans that Irish Druids arrested him several times but he managed to escape all of them. He died on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 461 AD; he has been commemorated this day since then.



St. Patrick has always been linked to legends, actually, by the 7th century he had already become a legendary figure. Legend says that Saint Patrick put a curse of God on venomous snakes in Ireland and drove them all into the sea where they drowned. However, this may only be a metaphor and the snakes may refer to the Irish pagans because snakes have never been native in Ireland. Also, Patrick is related to the shamrock because he used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Trinity. He used it in his sermons to represent how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity.





# St. Patrick's Day



## Celebrations

In Ireland there are a lot of parades and activities related to this day, people wear green, tourists, more than Irish people drink green beer... However, Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world, not only in Ireland and, although it started as a religious tradition, today is a celebration of being Irish. In the past, a lot of Irish people had to immigrate to other countries such as USA or Australia and today, there are big communities with Irish heritage who continue Irish tradition far from Ireland.



✓ In Great Britain, Queen Elizabeth used to present bowls of shamrock flown over from Ireland to members of the Irish Guards, who came from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland; these Irish Guards still wear shamrock on this day, flown in from Ireland.

✓ London, since 2002, has had an annual Saint Patrick's Day parade which takes place on weekends around the 17th, usually in Trafalgar Square. In 2008 the water in the Trafalgar Square fountains was dyed green.

✓ Saint Patrick's Day is widely celebrated in New Zealand and Australia; everyone must wear green clothes to celebrate. The Irish made a large impact on the social, political and education systems, of both countries. Due to the large numbers of Irish people that emigrated, Saint Patrick's Day is seen as a day to celebrate individual links to Ireland and Irish heritage.





# St. Patrick's Day



## Celebrations

✓ The Saint Patrick's Day custom came to America in 1737. That was the first year St. Patrick's Day was publicly celebrated in this country, in Boston. It was only some years later, in 1762, that New York held the first Saint Patrick's Parade, which is still celebrated today. Some years, the Empire State Building gets kelly green lights.



✓ The city of Chicago developed a unique tradition of colouring the river water green. It started in 1962 when 100 pounds of green vegetable dye were added to its river, enough to keep it green for a week. The tradition has continued till date. Now, 40 pounds of a green food coloring keep the river green for only a few hours.



✓ San Diego's St. Patrick's Day Parade is "the largest St. Patrick's Day Parade west of the Mississippi"; in 2010, the Parade featured more than 150 parade entries and the Parade and Festival were attended by over 30,000 people.



## Tokyo Diaries

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### Tsukiji Fish Market

The second day I was there I did not go to bed and I waited until 4:00 a.m. to visit the **Tsukiji Fish Market**. It was amazing!

This huge wholesale fish market, the largest in Japan and one of the largest in the world, is a must for anyone who has never seen such a market in action. And the action here starts early, at about 3:00 am, boats begin arriving from the seas around Japan, from Africa, and even from America, with enough fish to satisfy the demands of a nation where seafood reigns supreme. To give you some idea of its enormity, this market handles almost all the seafood consumed in Tokyo. The king is tuna, unloaded from the docks, laid out on the ground, and numbered. Wholesalers walk up and down the rows, jotting down the numbers of the best-looking tuna, and by 5:30am, the tuna auctions are well under way. The wholesalers then transfer what they have bought to their own stalls in the market, subsequently selling the fish to their regular customers, usually retail stores and restaurants



When the ritual has finished, only the brave ones will have sushi and sashimi for breakfast!!!



# TRAVELLING CORNER

## Tokyo Diaries 2.0



### Ginza

Ginza in Japanese literally means "Silver Mint", which historically related to the coin mint located in the area in the 1600s and 1700s. It is an area of town, as well as the name of the most popular shopping complex in Tokyo, Ginza is where you will find the city's most expensive and contemporary department stores, galleries, shops, bars and restaurants. You can find here the Sony Building which offers floor after floor of state of the art technology.



Sony  
Building



### Hama Rikyu Detached Palace Garden

You can peacefully walk through the Hama Rikyu Detached Palace Garden after a shopping morning in Shinjuku or early in the morning before a visit to Akihabara, the district for electronic and otaku goods.

It is in the south of Tokyo central, is 25ha of Tokyo's greenest and most finely landscaped real estate. In the 17th century it was the happy hunting ground for the Tokugawa Shogunate but passed into the hands of the good citizens of Tokyo, post WWII. The park is actually on an island, cut off from the surrounding metropolis by an ancient walled moat and accessible by only one entrance over the Nanmon Bridge.





# TRAVELLING CORNER

## Tokyo Diaries 2.0



### Shinjuku

The Shinjuku district is, without doubt, the most vigorous part of Tokyo; **two million people per day pass through Shinjuku tube station** alone. This is the most contemporary Tokyo, here you can find everything which makes Tokyo an interesting place: luxury department stores, great offers in galleries, bright neon lights, shy civil servants, crowds who shove way through, huge screens in the street, bars selling take-away noodles or eating them standing, night clubs, hidden temples.... the two sides - east and west - sit side-by-side in mutual harmony; west Shinjuku is the staid, buttoned-down commercial hub of the city, while the east is its colourful, seedy and exotic counterpart. The west is planned, administrative and skyscrapered, while the east side is rambling, chaotic and full of fast-food joints and pawn shops.

### Imperial Palace

Japan's Imperial Palace is regarded as the heart and soul of Tokyo, standing on a huge site that still bears the remains of Edo Castle, stronghold of the Tokugawa Shogunate. The present palace was completed in 1888 and is still home to the emperor of Japan. The palace is off-limits but its grounds and surrounds provide a much-needed green open space for the city with Higashi Gyoen (East Garden), site of the Edo Castle keep, open to the public. On 2nd January and 23rd December each year visitors are able to enter the inner grounds and see the Imperial family make public appearances from the balcony.

In spring the gardens are abloom with cherry and almond blossom, along the castle moat, particularly.





## *Creamy Irish Liqueur Fudge*

### **Ingredients for 36 squares**

397g can condensed milk

150ml/ ¼ pint Coole Swan Irish Cream  
Liqueur

450g/1lb Demerara sugar

125g/4oz Glenilen Farm Handmade  
Country Butter

2 tbsp Cooley Distillery Irish Whiskey

Grease a 7inch/18cm square tin.



Place all the ingredients, except the whiskey, into a large non stick saucepan and heat gently stirring until the sugar has dissolved.

Bring the mixture to the boil and simmer for 10 minutes stirring continuously until the temperature reaches 116°/240°C on a sugar thermometer (make sure you stir continuously scraping into the sides of the saucepan or the cream and butter will burn and give you brown specks in your fudge) - don't worry if you don't have a sugar thermometer fill a small bowl with cold water and drop a teaspoonful of the mixture into the water - roll it between your fingers it should form a soft ball. If not simmer and stir for a little longer and try again until a soft ball is formed.

Remove the pan from the heat and beat for 5 minutes with a wooden spoon until thickened and slightly grainy. Stir in the whiskey and pour into the prepared tin. Allow to cool. When cold cut into squares. Store in an airtight container for 1 month if it lasts that long!





# LEARNING CORNER



## IDIOMS

- ✓ **To Pay the piper:** to accept the consequences of something that you have done wrong or badly.

*You can't get away with that forever. You'll have to pay the piper someday*

- ✓ **To get a handle on:** To come to understand it something you did not

*We need to get a better handle on the effects of climate change*

## PHRASAL VERBS

- ✓ **Have round:** to entertain someone in your home

*I had a few friends round yesterday*

- ✓ **Take away:** To remove.

*The police took the protestors away*

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