

# SKYLINE

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# Welcome

# SKYLINE Magazine

## back

*The sun is shining, people are sitting outside having something to drink, all the swimming pools are already open... apparently, summer is here.*

*Our children have finished their school year after 9 months of hard work and some of our adult students are planning on taking some weeks off to relax, spend some time with their families... we hope all of you get a good tan and also good fun.*

*Although Skyline English Centre will not close in the summer, the magazine will also take some time off, but, don't panic, it will be back in October. The creation of the magazine has been a really interesting and fulfilling experience and for this reason I am determined to continue with it.*

*In this issue you will find some writings by our students, two of them have not done it before and, of course, Mada, one of our students, has been as involved as always. You will also learn about Independence Day on the Culture Corner.*

*We must say goodbye to our teacher Sara who is already in Thailand volunteering, we hope the best for her and remind her that she has her home here.*

*We must also welcome back our teacher, Nata, who came back after some time off to have a beautiful baby. We are really happy to have you here.*

*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 and have a great summer*

*Maria Menéndez*  
**Skyline English Centre**

My favourite animal



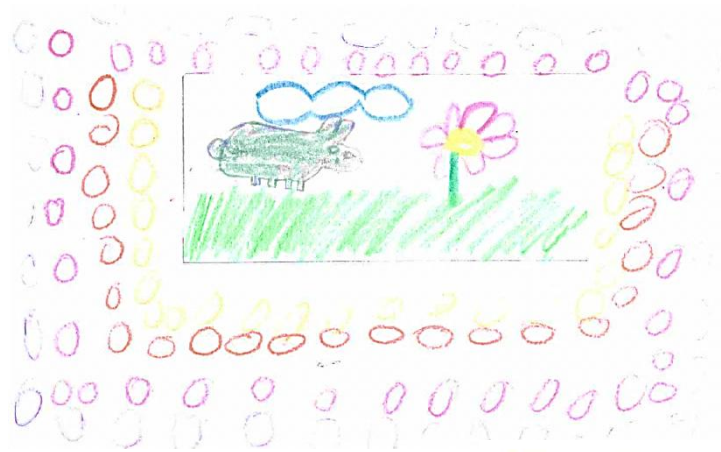
My favourite animal is the rabbit.  
The colour of the rabbit is grey.

It is faster than the cat. It is smaller than  
the lion. My best friend has got a rabbit. Its name

is Tapon. It is very naughty. It has got a blue cage.  
It has got one tube. It has got straw in the cage.

It has got big eyes. The rabbit jumps a lot. The  
rabbit hides. The rabbit has got one nose and

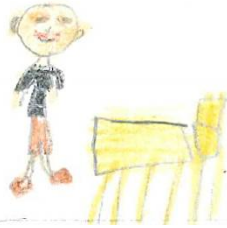
one mouth. The rabbit eats carrots.



# MY FAMILY



TELEFONICA



My names Julia I'm

This is my

This is my

six This is my family

dad My dad works in telgonica

she's a housewife.

This is my  
aunt cristina.  
He's in Oriedo

This is me with  
my sister Her  
names's Inés

We're a  
happy family.



Julia, 6



## MY FAVOURITE ROOM

My favourite room is the computer room. We've got twenty computers. My computer room has got loudspeakers.

I haven't got headphones. There is one table.

My class is very beautiful. My class is big and black.

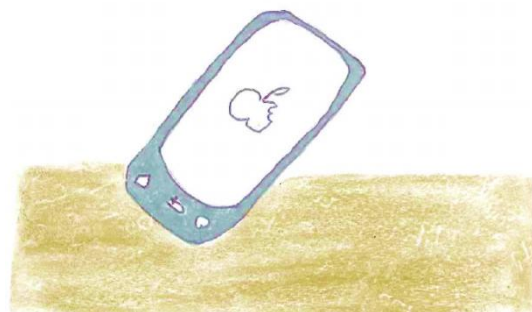
I draw and colour. I do homework. There are two computer rooms. There's a black cupboard, there are brown shelves. There are posters and pictures. There is one black Rubbish Bin.



## The Future

In 2112 iPhone 100 will make homework. The cars will have new roads in the sky and our cars will be very different. In the future we will travel to the space and we will sleep in the hotel in space. Too you'll be able to travel to the past in the time machine. The television will be a minimized television. The people will live in the house breathing under the water. In the future a lot of channels will entertain and enjoy us. The old people will take anti aging pills. There won't be books but the digital book and tablets. Too robots will make life easy. We will travel in the tube and fly cars.

IPHONE 10.0





## Tweets of the month



**My Language Cloud** @MyLanguageCloud

11 Jun

I personally believe we developed language because of our deep inner need to complain. Jane Wagner



**Skyler Samuels** @SkylerSamuels

17 Jun

"Minds are like parachutes. They only function when they are open." - James Dewar



**Rosario Dawson** @rosariodawson

18 Jun

"Selfless deeds are the real foundation of immortality." Rudolf Steiner"  
Expand



**Deepak Chopra** @DeepakChopra

22 Jun

Emotional intelligence begins when you feel what you feel without labels or evaluation.



**matt dallas** @themattdallas

22 Jun

Be present before you arrive  
Expand



**Will** @WillyFerrell

25 Jun

Google must be a woman, it knows everything.  
Expand

**Send us your favourite tweets**  
**@skylinecentre**

**Also on**

**facebook**

**tuenti**



# News

## What to do

- ✓ Coming next on 7th July, sports lovers will be able to enjoy Half ICAN (1,9 km swimming, 90 km cycling and 21 km walking) as well as ICAN 52 (1,9 km swimming, 40 km cycling and 10 km walking). It will start and finish at the Millennium Dome, so if you are into sports, check it out on <http://www.icantriathlon.com/>.



- ✓ Pastora Soler will be coming to our city to give a concert in “Dome nights” on 21st July. This is the perfect opportunity to listen the songs of the new album *“Una mujer como yo”* as well as the single she sang in Eurovision.



- ✓ If you like fashion, you shouldn't miss this exhibition about its history, particularly between 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Just go to Teatro Calderón from 29<sup>th</sup> June to 18<sup>th</sup> August. For more info contact [exposiciones@fmcva.org](mailto:exposiciones@fmcva.org).



# Scraping

Hi, I'm Beatrice Alonso Espinosa and I have a website and a blog dedicated exclusively to the art of scraping.



My blog "Tiz Scrap" (<http://tizscrap.blogspot.com.es/>) is a place where you will find many original ideas that you may use as inspiration, plus, you can follow tutorials step by step.

Scraping is the art of decorating with photos, personal moments, texts, phrases, lots of decorative elements like braids, flowers, buttons, ribbons...

The purpose of scraping is to beautify and personalize photo albums, greeting cards, paintings, reminders... that we created.

Scraping always reflects the personality of the person, develops the imagination and uses many techniques and decorative materials.



Scraping helps you relax and concentrate. It is fantastic!

If you come to my website ([www.tizscrap.es](http://www.tizscrap.es)) you can see all the jobs that you can order. This way you can surprise that person that you love so much with something this original!

**Country of contrasts: tradition and innovation**

Japan is a very big country. Although everybody thinks it is just a few islands, these islands have nearly 400.000km<sup>2</sup> – Spain has about 500.000km<sup>2</sup> – and, more than 127 million people live there. The country has four big islands and a lot of very small ones. We went to the biggest, named Honshu, with almost 100 million people. The most populated cities are Tokyo and Yokohama but there are also bigger cities: Kyoto, Nagoya, Osaka...

Tokyo, the capital of the country, has more than 10 million people. It is a business city. There are people everywhere, at all times. If you take the subway during rush hour, you can see people with their faces pushing the wagon's windows; ushers jostling people to help them enter the subway, and watching people because it is frequent to commit suicide throwing themselves to the tracks.

In the city you can find whatever you want. If you like technology, games, geeks... your district is Akihabara. In there, there are exclusive shops that sell consoles, manga, figurines, everything related to electronics, girls with pitched voices inviting you to the meido's coffees...



A view of Tokyo from Odaiba island.



Kinkaku-ji, Kyoto



In Ginza and Shibuya there are fashion shops. One Zara's Building, another one Louis Vuitton's... Women dressed like models, men with suits... And people and people around. In these districts the air smells of consumerism. And, of course, we were part of this. I bought a pretty and simple belt.

A very peculiar thing in Tokyo is the smell. There is a constant smell of food. In Spain there are bars everywhere; in Japan, the same happens with restaurants, and they are cheap. You can have lunch for 5 euros (soup, rice, a main course and water or tea).

There isn't dessert, but you can buy a lot of different sweets and cakes in the metro stations or in the seven elevens and most of these cakes have very few calories.

**The paradise for gourmands like me.**



In contrast with this mega city, you can visit Kyoto. Although it seems small, more than 1 million people live there, but when you are walking you feel as if you were in a village. Except in the centre of the city where there are small houses with window boxes in the entrance hall, old women walking, people wearing traditional costumes. You can feel the peace all around you. Everywhere you see the mountains that surround the city, with maples and bamboo trees.

People are different too. In Tokyo, people look like stressed, in a hurry. In Kyoto there is no hurry. People asked us if we needed help. In fact, a woman accompanied us to a temple by bus, though she had to get off the bus at a different stop. She was really kind, and we were lucky because she spoke English.

There are many temples in Kyoto, with incredible gardens. All around is green: trees, bushes, flowers, and moss without grass... The contact with nature is very close, and you don't need to go far away to find these calm places. And it is easy to watch a religious ritual between the visits to the temples and gardens.



Mount Fuji





# Movie of the month



In 1997 the producers of what will become a franchise created a sci-fi comedy based on a comic book series by Lowell Cunningham published by Marvel Comics. One of these producers was, of course, Steven Spielberg, aka Hollywood's King Midas. The started with a budget of \$90m and earned almost \$600m.

The franchise focuses on a secret organization, *MIB*, *Men in Black* who cleans the messes made by aliens in our planet. Agent K (Tommy Lee Jones) recruits Agent J (Will Smith) for that purpose.

Although the first installment was highly praised by the critics, the second one (2002) not so much, in my opinion because it was not a new thing anymore. The comedy continues in the second installment paying some more attention to supporting characters such as Frank, the talking dog or the worms, both of whom we miss in the "threequel".

This third installment, released in Spain on 25th May, has already earned a worldwide total of \$579,253,796. In spite of the figures, there are mix feelings towards the film. Some say it is better than the previous one but not as good as expected. There is a gap in time of 15 years between this one and the opening of the franchise and of course a lot of things have changed especially visual effects. The movie is lucky to have two masters of that craft as *Men in Black 3's* dual Visual Effects Supervisors, Ken Ralston and Jay Redd.





# Movie of the month



The gist of *Men in Black 3*, in brief, is that Agent J bewilderingly loses all traces of the saltier Agent K and must perilously time-jump back to the Warhol, flower power and moon launch of super-groovy 1969 to save Young Agent K. Apparently the whole idea of time travelling was Will Smith's back when *MIB2* was made.

There has always been an incredible chemistry between Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith and there was a risk of that changing with Josh Brolin (young Jones), however, their chemistry was as good. As a matter of fact, Brolin's performance is one of the best things of the movie although they want to make us think that he is 29 when in real life he is 44.

Another change in the franchise is that Will Smith is not in charge of the soundtrack as in the second installment, in *MIB 3*, Pitbull remakes an old song to create "*Back in Time*".

So, if you liked Men in Black 1 and 2 you should not miss this one, you will have 88 of fun, action and visual effects.



# INDEPENDENCE DAY

## History



What we know today as United States of America was once under the government of the British Empire. However, in 1775, people in New England started fighting for their independence. On 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1776, the Congress secretly voted for independence from Great Britain and the Declaration of Independence, which is nowadays on display in the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C., was written explaining the justification for separating from the British Crown. John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress at the time, was the first to sign it on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1776 although the remaining 54 delegates would sign it later on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 1776. The document was publicly read on 8<sup>th</sup> July and a celebration took place in Williamsburg on 25<sup>th</sup> July. In spite of the celebrations, the term *Independence Day* was not used until 1791. In 1870, Independence Day was made an unpaid holiday for federal employees. In 1941, it became a paid holiday for them. Today, Independence Day is a federal holiday celebrated all over the country.

Interestingly, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, both signers of the Declaration of Independence and presidents of the United States, died on July 4, 1826 - exactly 50 years after the adoption of the declaration.





# INDEPENDENCE DAY

## Celebrations



Independence Day is a very special celebration and it is understood as a family holiday. Quite a lot of people use one or more of their vacation days to create a long weekend to escape to the beach or the mountain. Independence Day consists on celebrating all the positive things of the United States as well as celebrating the American tradition. Some of the typical activities on this day include watermelon or hotdog eating competitions and sporting events, such as baseball games, three-legged races... A lot of people have picnics on Independence Day and there are some typical American things that you should try that day, for example, hamburgers, corn on the cob, apple pie and cranberry juice.



There is a great display of American symbols such as the US flag and the Statue of Liberty. Many communities also arrange fireworks and people usually gather to see them. There are also different public events as parades, for instance. Tourists, and non-tourists, who are in USA on this day can visit some colonial attractions such as *the USS John F. Kennedy* in Boston, it often sails into the harbor while the Boston Pops Orchestra holds a concert on the banks of Charles River featuring American music. Another example of this is Philadelphia, which holds its celebrations at Independence Hall, where historic scenes are reenacted and the Declaration of Independence is read.

Independence Hall, Philadelphia



# TRAVELLING CORNER



## *Thessaloniki*

Last week I went to Thessaloniki, (also known as Salonika or Saloniki) because I wanted to visit my brother. He is studying in Greece.

My plane landed and I took a bus at the airport and I could see that Salonika was bigger than what I thought. When I arrived my first impression was that I was at home. Salonika is not very different from Spain. Greek people are like Spanish people. They are lively and fun people.

They are kind people and they always help you with whatever you need.



My first tour was the town walls where you can get a spectacular panoramic view of the city. Also the city has beautiful examples of Byzantine art like the Church of St George.

But the best known landmark in Salonika is the White Tower. This tower was built by Turks and it was a major element in the system of walls and fortifications. This is the place where everyone meets. Salonika has an excellent nightlife, if you visit this place at night you will see a fantastic party.







In my opinion the best place is Aristotle square. This is the most famous and popular square of Thessaloniki. This is an ample, paved square surrounded by Neoclassical buildings, with a green park in the middle. Many cafés are found there and in a walking distance you can find the best place to drink a café **frappé**.

Other day we went to the Mount Olympus. It is the highest mountain in Greece. Olympus was known as the home of the Twelve Olympian Greek gods. We were walking all the day but it was worthy. You can see a wonderful view. Salonika is very beautiful but you cannot imagine how its beaches are.



First, I visited Chalkidiki and then Pieria. Both are easily accessible from the city. There are small villages with a lot of restaurants where you can eat nice fish. A fantastic place if you want to swim or sunbathe.



But I will never forget the day when we rented a van with German and French friends. We were driving three days around the coast. We were in the best beaches that I know. It has incredible clear water and the entire beach for us. It was a paradise.

We were sleeping in different beaches during 3 days. We drank and made a fire (I don't know why, but in Greece it is legal) We got lost but it was so funny.

**You have to visit this fantastic place!!!**

## Cherry pie

### Ingredients

5 cups fresh sweet, dark cherries, rinsed and pitted, or frozen pitted cherries  
3 tablespoons lemon juice  
1 1/2 cups fresh blueberries, rinsed and drained, or frozen blueberries  
1 cup sugar  
1/4 cup cornstarch  
Flag pastry  
2 teaspoons butter or margarine, cut into small pieces  
Vanilla ice cream (optional)



1. In a large bowl, mix cherries with 2 tablespoons lemon juice. In a smaller bowl, mix blueberries with remaining 1 tablespoon lemon juice. Combine sugar and cornstarch; gently stir 1 cup of the mixture into cherries and 1/4 cup into blueberries.
2. Spoon cherry mixture over 3/4 of the pastry in pan, leaving 1 quadrant free. Spoon blueberry mixture into unfilled area. Scatter butter evenly over fruit.
3. Top filling with stars and stripes as directed for flag pastry. Set pie in a foil-lined 13- by 17-inch baking pan.

4. Bake on the bottom rack of a 400° regular or convection oven until fruit is bubbling in the center and pastry is well browned, about 1 hour. If pastry edges brown too quickly (check after 40 minutes), cover loosely with foil.

5. Let pie cool on a rack at least 3 hours; let stand at room temperature up to 8 hours. Cut into wedges and serve with ice cream, if desired.

Note: If using fresh cherries, buy about 1 3/4 pound; if using frozen, you'll need about 1 1/2 packages, 16 ounces each.

# LEARNING CORNER



## IDIOMS

- ✓ **To feel like/be a fifth wheel** : to find yourself in a situation where your presence is unnecessary and as a result you feel useless.

*Everyone seemed to have a specific role except me. I felt like a fifth wheel.*

- ✓ **To be a wet blanket** : to spoil other people's fun, or make an event less enjoyable than it could have been.

*Come on Mike! Don't be such a wet blanket. You're spoiling the party.*

## PHRASAL VERBS

- ✓ **Iron out**: to resolve by discussion/ eliminate differences.

*The meeting tomorrow will be an opportunity to iron out difficulties.*

- ✓ **Own up**: to admit or confess something.

*The boy owned up. He said he kicked the ball through the window.*

# Have a great summer!



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