

# SKYLINE

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# Welcome back

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*January is always a good month for us, facing the beginning of the year full of energy. This month we have started our Pronunciation Workshops to help our students improve their skills. Also, once more, all our candidates for Cambridge Exams successfully passed, including First Certificate and Proficiency. I guess this is a very good way to start 2013, let's see if it turns out to be the great year that was predicted in our last issue...*

*For the third time, we held our SKYLINE FOOD RACE back in November and December, and the results have been overwhelming. The first year together students and staff raised 54 kg. of food that was to be taken to the Food Bank, the second year we almost doubled that number getting 93 kg. But this year it was just great, 126 kg. that the Food Bank received before Christmas. For all this, how involved you were, so much that even some students helped also with the job of actually taking it to the Food Bank, I want to thank you deeply.*

*In this issue you will find a variety of articles written by our students. If you like sports, try reading a fantastic piece about different sports in Scotland. Or maybe you prefer motorbikes, in that case, don't miss the writing about "Pinguinos". If you are already thinking about the summer holidays, have a look at our Travelling Corner. As always, cinema lovers will have the chance to read about a film that I personally strongly recommend. All this and much more in this issue.*

*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**

The Teddy is on the slide

The doll is under the seesaw

The kite is under the slide

The fishes are on the swim

The ball is in front of the swim



I'm Julia, 7.

## MY CLASSROOM



In my school. We have got a digital whiteboard, the teacher's table and tissues. I have got a shelf and books. We are 25 children. I study maths, Spanish, Science, art, P.E., Religion and French. I have got chairs, posters and pegs. I have got paper, rubbers and a cupboard. I have got a computer, tables and a blackboard.

# Rompe Ralph

I like this movie because it is interesting. This movie is about a boy and a girl in a candy world and a car race with different circuits. My favourite character is Ralph because he is strong and tall.







# Tweets of the month



**matthew perry** @MatthewPerry

5 Jan

Does wearing workout clothes everywhere you go make you healthier?



**Michael Steger** @MichaelStegerJr

11 Jan

"Comparison is the thief of joy." Theodore Roosevelt  
Expand



**Kendrick Lamar** @MrKendrickLamar

19 Jan

Strong people stand up for themselves, but stronger people stand up for others.



**Kat Graham** @KatGraham

22 Jan

"Never love anyone who treats you like you're ordinary." - Oscar Wilde



**Gary Janetti** @GaryJanetti

23 Jan

I'm only interested in talking to you if you're going to say something horrible about a mutual friend.



**Miley Ray Cyrus** @MileyCyrus

24 Jan

You cant always control what goes on outside. But you can always control what goes on inside.



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**@skylinecentre**

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# News

## Theatre

### Madame Bovary

The new adaptation of the 1857 novel, Madame Bovary, is coming on stage with Ana Torrent, Juan Fernández, Armando del Río and Fernando Ramallo. From February 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> it can be enjoyed at Calderón Theatre at a price from 12 to 25 €.



### Anne Germain



The British medium, Anne Germain, will try to contact the audience's loved ones at Zorrilla Theatre on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, at 18.00 and 21.00. Anyone can be chosen. Get your tickets from 30 € on.

## Music

Castilla y León Symphony Orchestra and Josep Pons.

Castilla y León Symphony Orchestra will be coming to Valladolid on February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> to perform their repertory consisting of classical and contemporary pieces. This time they will play at the Auditorium conducted by Josep Pons. If you like music you can get your ticket from 6 to 27 €.



## Exhibitions

### Images of New York

Until February 22nd, la Maleta Art Gallery (Norte St.) is hosting the photography exhibition "Images of New York", Adolfo Ramírez. Free entrance from Tuesday to Friday evenings and Saturday from 12.00 to 14.00.



Valladolid and the Vespa. 70 years  
cruising our streets



The Tourism Resources  
Centre Exhibition Hall (Acera  
Recoletos) will receive until  
February 12<sup>th</sup> legendary  
motorcycles of this brand that  
have been restored as well as  
a collection of images of this  
vehicle from the 1950s.



This essay is about the biggest winter motorcycle rally in Europe, called Pingüinos. It was born in 1982, managed by Turismoto Club and it was one of the first motorcycle rallies in Spain. The first meeting point was Herrera de Duero followed by Fuensaldaña, Tordesillas, Boecillo, Simancas and Puente Duero (Valladolid), which has been the meeting point since 2009.



Pingüinos started with only 320 participants though the number of participants has been increasing throughout the years and they achieved their record with the amazing number of 29.812 participants in 2008.





You can find there people from very different countries, for example Olkkonfn Veikko who came to Valladolid from Finland, and reached Pingüinos after driving 18.600km in 2012. Other people come to Valladolid from Santander in scooters (50cc), taking up to 7 hours to get thisgoal. In addition, it always takes place in January and it is usually very cold. They have to stand temperatures up to 15 degrees below zero and even snowstorms and rainstorms; that is why they are called “pingüinos”. Despite all this, they are motorcyclists and that is how they show their love for motorcycles. Many people said that it is a way of life, isn't it surprising?

Moreover, people can enjoy different kind of activities. Organizers give The Gold Penguin Awards to important people in the world of motorcycle. They also have exhibitions, trips, concerts, meals, etc.

In conclusion, Pingüinos is a really nice motorcycle rally where you can enjoy a weekend with people who share your same hobby. Also, it is good for our city because of tourism. Personally, I have been in Pingüinos this year for the first time and, from my point of view, you must go at least once in your lifetime!





# WINE STAR AWARDS

Every year, the editors of *Wine Enthusiast Magazine* honours people who contribute to the wine and spirits industry with the Wine Star Awards. This year, our region, Ribera de Duero has been awarded in the category of Best Wine Region in the World, just 30 years after its formal recognition as a quality wine-producing region.

There are over 270 wineries bracketing the banks of the Duero River in an undulating swath of land that's approximately 70 miles long and 22 miles wide.

The main grape variety in Ribera del Duero is Tempranillo although the Denominación de Origen also allows for the use of Garnacha. Temperatures can be extreme in northern Spain, but the large difference in day and night temperatures is responsible for the ripening and concentration of the grapes' sugars, creating wines of exemplary depth and balance.

The combination of climate, altitude, soil and winemakers' dedication creates wines that are simultaneously powerful and elegant. They are international in style, yet distinctly Spanish at the same time, and a rightful source of national pride.

Ribera del Duero recently launched the comprehensive Ruta del Vino, a wine route that guides guests along a vinous journey of discovery. The beautiful cities of Valladolid, Aranda del Duero, Peñafiel and Burgos are proud gems along the route and are natural destinations for wine and culinary enthusiasts.

The "Drink Ribera. Drink Spain" campaign has also heightened trade and consumer awareness of Ribera del Duero wine, making it easy to locate in wine shops and restaurants.



# Sports in Scotland

Sports are very important in whatever country; knowing which kind of sports are usually played in a foreign country you would like to visit is an important way to find out more about personality, culture and lifestyle people have there.

I mean, here in Spain, there's no doubt football is the most important sport and that's why many Spanish people get together in pubs, canteens or in a friend's house to watch their favourite team match on TV, drinking some beer and arguing about referee's decisions; and I think this could be considered part of our culture or maybe of our spare time preferences.

Now, shall we start with Scottish typical sports?

Well, actually all countries have lot of interesting popular games or sports but Scotland is one of my favourite lands in that way because it has several funny and I'd dare to say even strange ones.



## *Putting the shot (sphere)*

Accepted as the most ancient pitch sport and the easiest for the youngsters of the village as well, due to the natural resources there: large smooth stones from the riverbeds. These stones are made of iron or steel and its weight vary from 5.9 to 12.7 kilos depending on the location because there aren't standard dimensions about the stone. The ball must be thrown with one hand in front of the athlete's shoulders. There's a pitching area where it's not allowed to get out if you want to make a legal attempt.

Scottish Record, 22 pounds (9.97 kgs): 16.2 meters Geoff Capes in 1982, in Crieff  
Scottish Record, 16 pounds (7.25 kgs): 19.9 meters Geoff Capes in 1982 in Oxtou.

# Sports in Scotland

## *Throwing the Hammer*



In any village of ancient Scotland hammers were used either by blacksmiths, in quarries or other farms, very soon also they were served as entertainment for the community.

Not only strength is important in this sport, but also body movements, coordination and control are necessary if you want to get a great pitch.

Athletes must be put back to the mark release to keep spectators safe.

Like the shot putters, the resin is a good help to firmly hold the hammer.

The old hammer was replaced with an iron ball attached at the end of a wooden stick.

Record Scottish hammer 16 pounds (7.25 kg.): 47.76 meters by Bruce Aitken in Aboyne Games, 2000.

Record Scottish hammer 22 pounds (9.97 kg.): 39.58 meters by Mat Sandford in Halkirk Games, 1998.





# Sports in Scotland

## *Throwing the Weight*

### **Shot with ring**

There are two different modes of shooting with ring: height and distance pitch. The one in the picture belongs to the height one. Here, different from the sport we have talked before, strength is more important than body movements' control.

The athlete has to put himself turned back and under the bar he's trying to surpass with that heavy weight which swings between 24.5 -25.4 kilos keeping the record in 5.13 metres.

Shot put distance  
the weight is held by his ring  
with one hand, to be released  
after a three-hander's body  
turns to the greatest possible  
distance.

Inevitably remembering sister  
mode in the Olympics, but in  
these, the grip is made with both  
hands. In this case 28.2 metres is  
the largest distance an athlete  
has ever got.



# Sports in Scotland

## *Jossing the caber*

### **Trunk Release**

This is my favourite competition of the Scottish Highlands, there's no doubt.

"Caber" is a term derived from Latin that means "to take", and refers to a large trunk stripped of his branches and bark.

The competitor must grab the trunk in crouching, then take it down on the narrow side with both hands while the race starts to get the highest impulse in order not to pitch the trunk as far as he can but to turn the entire trunk describing a vertical imaginary circle.

Caber Dimensions and weight:  
Standard measures are around 68 kg weight  
- 5.5 meters length - 23 cms and 13 cms in  
each end of the pine trunk.



If you have practiced all these sports, they are indicated for storing men but what about women then? I promise tell you about traditional Scottish women games or plays in the next issue.

I hope you enjoy this article, see you soon.



# Movie of the month

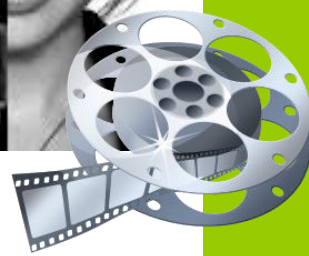
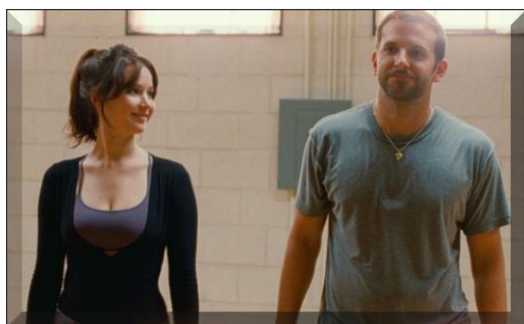
## SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK

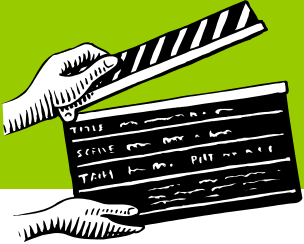
When you think of a movie about mental disorders and social rehabilitation, the word drama may cross your mind and if you add the word love to that combination, for sure the word would be cheesy. However, this is not the case.

After a violent incident with his wife and her lover, Pat (Bradley Cooper) is diagnosed with a bipolar disorder and locked up in an asylum for eight months. After that period he is released to go home with his parents. In his efforts to come back to “normal” life, he meets a young widow, Tiffany, who also has a mental condition. She tricks him into being her partner in a dancing competition and this will help him to improve his mental health.

The story itself is emotional and troubling as well as funny and romantic and it makes you feel good about humanity, leaving you with a smile as the final credits roll. It exposes the fact that normality is just a chimera, nobody is normal and that is what makes us human. The whole movie is about optimism, about the silver lining of things, although in the case of Pat, this is a bit obsessive.

*Silver Linings Playbook* is an adaptation from the 2008 novel of the same title by Matthew Quick. It premiered at the 2012 Toronto International Film Festival and it received highly positive reviews. It has also been awarded, among others, with a Golden Globe and the list of nominations is endless.





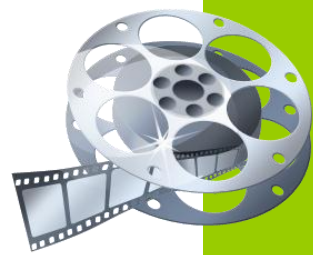
# Movie of the month

*Silver Linings Playbook* pulled off something that hasn't been done in 31 years, it got nominations in all of the acting categories in the Academy Awards. Only other 14 films in history had the same recognition.

**Best actor:** Bradley Cooper (*The Hangover*, *Limitless*) has a brilliant performance showing a delusional and optimistic character with pains and anxieties without forgetting certain touch of humour. Although the other nominees play in the premier league, he has a real chance of winning.



**.Best Actress:** Jennifer Lawrence (*Hunger Games*). Her performance is outstanding, she plays the part with such an aggressiveness that lets she keep up with an actor as Robert de Niro. She has already been acclaimed by different guilds and associations and it would not come as a surprise if she won her first Oscar for this role.







# Movie of the month

**Best supporting actor:** Robert de Niro (*The Godfather*, *Heat*) plays quite a different role to what we are used to, in this case he portrays a loving father with kind of a gambling problem. This could be his third Oscar.



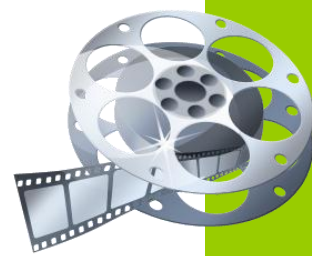
**Best supporting actress:** Jacki Weaver (*The Five-Year Engagement*) is a stage, television and cinema Australian actress whose performance is correct, I personally would not consider it as outstanding. However, she has received her first Oscar nomination for the part of Pat's mum.



In addition, it also has nominations for Best Film, Best Adapted Screenplay, Best Film Editing and Best Director.

David O. Russell (*Three Kings*, *The Fighter*) is not a newcomer in the world of nominations. He has already been Oscar nominee for his directing work in 2010 for *The Fighter*. Whether he wins or not this year, something is sure, no one could have done a better job with this story. He gave the characters strength and opened them up so that we could love them. His work seems simple, without any ornaments to make the plot itself the most important thing. I don't know how he did it but I fell in love with the movie and although drama is not my cup of tea, I have to admit that this is one of the best films I have seen in a long time.

*Life doesn't always go according to plan*



# GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS

The beginning of the year is known in USA as the Award Season which ends with the Academy Awards, commonly known as the Oscars. However, in the race for the Oscars, one award ceremony stands out: the Golden Globes. Some people understand these awards as the prelude to the Oscars.

The Golden Globe Awards were created in 1944 by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA), which consists of 93 members, to recognize excellence in films but also in television. That is one of the reasons I like them so much, because, although I love the Oscars, they do not pay any attention to TV and I think it is something to take into consideration due to the fact that acting, directing, costume design... are also involve in TV shows.



The Hollywood Foreign Press Association's annual Golden Globe Awards have enabled the non-profit organization to donate more than \$15 million in the past nineteen years to entertainment-related charities, as well as funding scholarships and other programs for future film and television professionals. In the year 2012 the donations reached a total of \$1,243,00 in grants destined to 40 different entertainment-related non-profits, institutions and charities.



# GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS

The ceremony tends to be a bit more relaxed than others, especially because the HFPA tries to choose a host who can provide the audience with some humour. However, this has not always been the case. For some reason, and this is just a personal opinion, the organization chose the British comedian Ricky Gervais to be the host in 2009 and then made him return two more years. He tried to be funny but, actually, he was extremely offensive.



Thankfully, this year the HFPA made a better choice with Tina Fey and Amy Poehler, two well-known comedians who started in the late night program Saturday Night Live. They were pretty funny and in spite of teasing the guests, they were not offensive. We will see if they come back for next year's ceremony.



# GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS

## Curiosities

Meryl Streep has the record in acting categories with 8 Golden Globes (not surprising). However, Barbra Streisand leads with 9 because of their honorary award. Also Meryl Streep has the record in nominations with 27, followed by Jack Lemmon with 22.

Only four people won two acting awards in the same year:

**Sigourney Weaver** in 1989 with one to Best Actress in a Motion Picture-Drama for *Gorillas in the Mist: the story of Dian Fossey* and one to Best Supporting Actress in a Motion Picture for *Working Girl*.

**Joan Plowright** in 1993 with one to Best Supporting Actress in a Motion Picture for *Enchanted April* and one to Best Supporting Actress in a Series, Miniseries or TV Film for *Stalin*.

**Helen Mirren** in 2007 with one to Best Actress in a Motion Picture - Drama for *The Queen* and one to Best Actress in a Miniseries or Television Film for *Elizabeth I*.

**Kate Winslet** in 2009 with one to Best Actress in a Motion Picture - Drama for *Revolutionary Road* and one to Best Supporting Actress in a Motion Picture for *The Reader*.





## ***Lanzarote***

Last summer I chose to go to Lanzarote on holidays. I didn't know the Canary Islands and I saw a cheap flight from Valladolid to Lanzarote, so I decided to go there.

We reserved a hotel for a week with all-inclusive in Costa Teguise. We were on the beachfront with a beautiful swimming pool in front of our room.

There were a lot of foreigners, we were in Spain but it seemed that we were the foreigners. It was amazing! For example: we had eggs, sausages, beans and toast for breakfast, the lunch started at 12 p.m. and finished at 2 p.m. (usually Spanish people begin eating at 2 p.m.), the bar closed at 10 p.m. because the foreigners go to sleep very early, people put their towel in the beach chair very early, sometimes I looked out the window at 8 a.m. and there were a lot of towels on the beach chair...

Historically, the name of César Manrique is very important in Lanzarote. He was a painter, sculptor, architect and artist originally from Lanzarote Island. The "Cactus Garden", "Jameos del agua", "Mirador del Río" were created by Cesar Manrique.





## *Lanzarote*

There are a lot of places of interest in Lanzarote, we visited some of them:

**“Cactus Garden”.** There are more than 10.000 different kinds of cacti. You can find a restaurant and other services in this garden.



**The National Park of Timanfaya.** There are three options to visit the park: a camel ride, a bus-tour or on foot. We decided to get on a bus; we saw the landscape while we were listening to the narration about the volcanic eruptions.

**“Jameos del Agua”.** It was formed by the lava flowing from the eruption of the volcano. The “Jameo Grande” has been turned into a beautiful garden with tropical plants and a wonderful swimming pool.



The most beautiful beaches in Lanzarote from my point of view are:

**“Famara beach”.** It is uncomfortable to be on the beach when it is windy. It is famous for the people who go surfing.

**“Papagayo beaches”.** When you’re there you can imagine that you are in “Punta Cana Beach” because the sand is golden.

We had nice holidays in Lanzarote Island, I hope to visit the other places of Canary Islands one day.







## *Tiny Texas Sheet Cakes*

### Ingredients (4 servings)

1/4 cup butter, cubed  
1/4 cup water  
1 tablespoon baking cocoa  
1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
Dash salt  
2 tablespoons beaten egg  
2 tablespoons 2% milk

### Frosting:

2 tablespoons butter  
4-1/2 teaspoons 2% milk  
1 tablespoon baking cocoa  
3/4 cup confectioners' sugar  
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract  
2 tablespoons chopped pecans, toasted, optional



-In a large saucepan, bring the butter, water and cocoa just to a boil. Immediately remove from the heat. Combine the flour, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon and salt; stir into butter mixture. Add egg and milk; mix well.

-Pour into two 5-3/4-in. x 3-in. x 2-in. loaf pans coated with cooking spray. Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to a wire rack to cool completely.

-In a small microwave-safe bowl, melt butter; add milk and cocoa. Microwave on high for 30 seconds. Whisk in confectioners' sugar and vanilla until smooth. Spread over cakes. Sprinkle with pecans if desired.

# LEARNING CORNER



## IDIOMS

- ✓ **To a new lease of life:** to have a new enthusiasm for living.

*After recovering from her illness, Kathy had a new lease of life and made lots of plans for the future.*

- ✓ **To be sick as a dog:** to be very sick.

*I've been as sick as a dog since I ate those sausage rolls.*

## PHRASAL VERBS

- ✓ **Hand down:** To give something used to someone else.

*I handed my old comic books down to my little cousin.*

- ✓ **Wear off:** To fade away.

*Most of my make-up wore off before I got to the party.*

## IN OUR NEXT ISSUE...

- Movie of the month: Hitchcock



- Culture: President's Day





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