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Welcome back

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Usually, February is a quite dull month for the school since everything stands still, it is not the beginning of a new term, important exams have not been taken... basically, everything is all same, all same. However, this February I have big news! During the last years all the staff has worked very hard and our students have got involved in all our projects. Some of them have taken official Cambridge exams from PET to Proficiency and they have performed successfully. For this reason, I am extremely proud to share with all of them and all our readers that we are now considered a Cambridge English Language Assessment Exam Preparation Centre. We were even given a certificate!

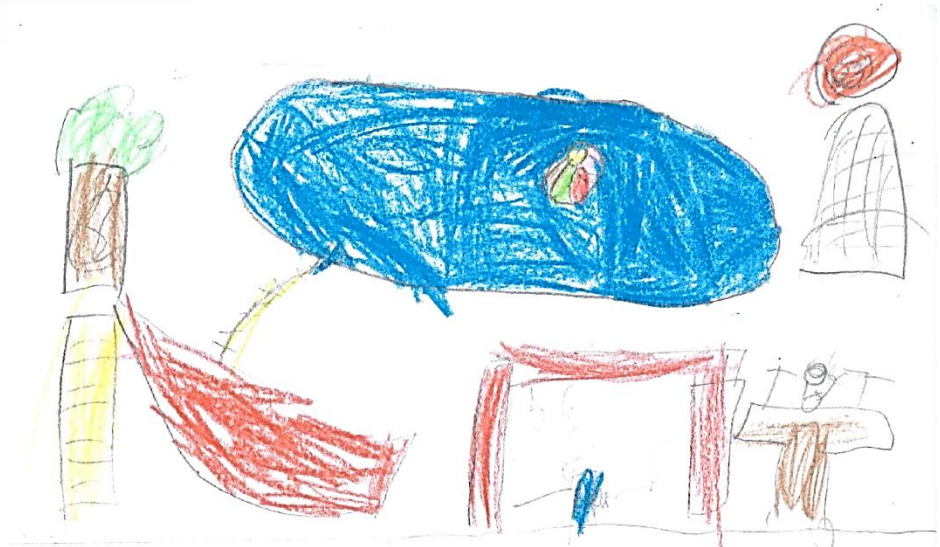
In this issue you will find the second part of an interesting piece on Scottish culture by one of our students as well as one article about Carnivals in the south of Spain, this one is special because the writer is actually from the place she wrote about. The travelling corner has been written by other students, his first time!. As always, we offer you some ideas for your free time during March.

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

Learn well



The ball is in the Pool.
The book is under the sun.
The doll is on the seesaw.
The basket is on the net.
The kite is on the slide.



MY CLASSROOM

In my classroom I have got 26 chairs, a table and 6 shelves. We are 25 children, and we are 8 boys and 17 girls. My teacher's name is Inés. My friends are Julia, Paula, Ana, Mara, Lara and Celia. In my classroom I have got a poster and 2 computers. I have got 6 teachers and their names are Santi, Elena, Miriam, Sala, Roberto and Inés. I have got tissues, games, a blackboard and a digital board. In the classroom I have got an Earth ball and the 9 planets and in my classroom I study art, science, English, Spanish, Maths. In my classroom I have got the books of Maths, Spanish, English and science. My classroom is my favourite classroom!



Sandra - 7

I would switch places with Marta Castillo, because she is very cool and her brother is very cool and he has got 2 piercings one on his eyebrow and the other on his lips.

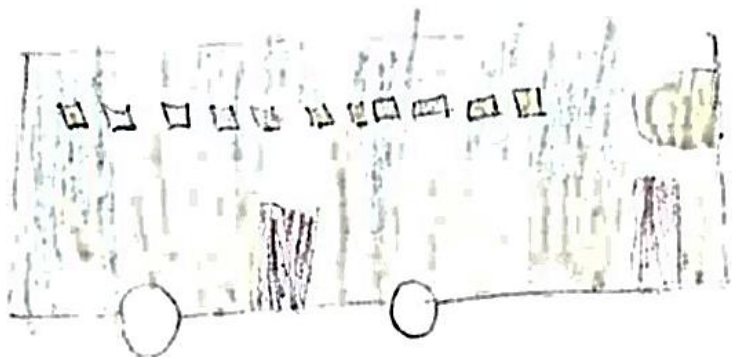
Marta Castillo has got one piercing in her tongue. She has got long hair and her hair is black. Everybody knows her because she is very popular. She is very funny and very nice.



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Two hundred years ago, there weren't any motorbikes, buses, cars, trains and planes. People were wearing hats and dresses. The houses were ancient and old. The streets were narrow. In the school there were few people. There were houses on the roads. People worked in the field. There weren't supermarkets and there were small shops. There were street markets on thursdays were you could by things.

Nowadays, there are houses, and more people. Ferries, buses, helicopters, motorbikes, planes, trains, taxis. There are more frames, schools, banks, and more jorks. The houses are modern and beautiful. Now the horses don't walk in the streets. Now there aren't so many weapons. Now there are taxis that go to our houses.



Julia, 10



Tweets of the month



Will @WillyFerrell

Feb 26

"Are you home?" "No.. I just picked up my house phone from Burger King."

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Harry Shum Jr @iharryshum

Feb 26

"Failure is merely a harsh word for the experience we all seek in our constant drive for self-improvement." -John Tamny

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Julius Sharpe @juliussharpe

Feb 25

Ikea meatballs pulled from shelves because they contain horse meat. Man, that's the last time I buy meatballs at a furniture store.

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Damien Echols @damienechols

Feb 22

Nothing in life happens to you. It happens FOR you.

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devon sawa @DevonESawa

Feb 17

"The man who has no imagination has no wings." ~~
Muhammad Ali

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Michael Steger @MichaelStegerJr

Feb 2

"When there is no enemy within, the enemies outside cannot hurt you." ~ African proverb

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Also on 

News

Theatre

Elling

From March 8th to 10th, everyone can enjoy this comedy based on the novel by Ingvar Ambjørnsen, *Elling & Yarne*, in which Carmelo Gómez and Jordi Aguilar play the part of two mentally ill people who try to adapt to daily life. Try it at Calderon theatre with tickets from 12 to 25 Euros.



Zapatos

The Caramuxo Company is coming to Valladolid on March 23rd and 24th with their children play "Zapatos". On Saturday the performance will take place at 17.00 and 18.30 and on Sunday at 11.00 and 12.30. Tickets for adults are 9 Euros and 4, 5 Euros for kids. At Calderon Theatre.

Music

El Consorcio: "Noche de Ronda"

On March 14th at 21.00, El Consorcio will put on their show "Noche de Ronda" at Calderon Theatre. The price of the tickets ranges between 25 and 35 Euros.



Exhibitions

Valladolid in Watercolour

The exhibition hall ARVA (12 Mariano Miguel López St.) holds until the end of March the exhibition “Valladolid in Watercolour” by Pascual Aranda. A number of urban watercolours and the city surroundings.



Other Activities

Science and you: 10 years of science

Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Science Museum, the institution in collaboration with the newspaper El Norte de Castilla put forward the topic “Science and you: 10 years of science” for the 3rd Competition of short stories. The deadline to hand in the stories is April 8th.

News

Wiki-workshop

On March 8th, in collaboration with Wikimedia España, the Science Museum holds a “Wiki-workshop” about truths and lies about Wikipedia and how to become a real wikipedist.



WIKIPEDIA

Monologues at Querido Watson



If you like comedy and a good atmosphere, you must try a recently opened pub, Querido Watson, at 201 Paseo Zorrilla that holds every Saturday a Comedy Club. Enjoy the monologues by Gonzalo Jiménez, Sergio Encinas and Chapu, Julio a secas and Miki Dkai. You can book your table for only 10 Euros per person, including two drinks. Don't miss it!



Sports in Scotland

Part II



Last issue, I was talking about traditional Scottish sports but all of them were played by men, weren't they? Well, as I promised, this new chapter is women's turn.

Not being a sport literally, dance represents the ancient culture and traditions as good as sports can do or even better, so let's talk about dance.

Highland dance

For many Scots, traditional dances are the show that best represents and identifies the essence of Scotland, if we are lucky to witness them live, hearing the sound of bagpipes accompanying their steps, we can realise it right away. The Scottish national dance is considered one of the most sophisticated national dances in the world

Traditionally, exhibits and dance competitions include traditional Scottish dances such as the Sword Dance, the Seann Triubhas, the Reel of Tulloch, the Highland Fling, and also from 1986 the Sailor's Hornpipe and the Irish jig.



Sports in Scotland

Part II



The Seann Triubhas – damned trousers-

"Triubhas" in Gaelic means "trousers". "The seann triubhas" is a Gaelic sentence that means "damned trousers". It is an old Scottish exclamation to express the desire of the people of the Highlands to repudiate and remove the hated Scottish trousers they were forced to wear, after prohibiting the traditional skirt because of the rebellion of 1745.

In this slow tempo dance, the dancer shows his annoyance to the imposition by the British on wearing this garment. In contrast, faster steps show the dancer's attempts to shake it off, remove the garment and express pleasure later, when this law was overturned in 1872.



The Sword Dance

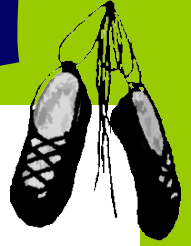
It is believed that it was originated in 1054 when the Scottish King Malcolm Canmore (Malcolm III) faced, in a battle near Dunsinane, one of the chiefs of Macbeth's clan. After killing his opponent, to express his happiness, Malcolm crossed his sword over his opponent's, making the sign of the cross and began to dance on it with enthusiasm. After this dramatic event, Macbeth's clan members began to cross their swords before the battles: if they performed the war dance without touching the swords, they would be the winners in the battle.



"Gillie Callum" or Sword Dance.

Sports in Scotland

Part II



The Reel of Tulloch

The word *reel* refers to the dancers' movements, crossing and turning. This dance started in a northeast village of the Scottish town of Tulloch. While villagers were waiting for celebrating the usual church service in a freezing winter morning, one of the parishioners had no better idea than to start kicking the ground, in a rhythmic way; someone dared to clap his hands to warm and other one joined them with a whistle. That same day, an original dance spontaneously was created to accompany this "music" creating an improvised Scottish dance which has survived to this day.



The Highland Fling

It is perhaps the best known Scottish dance. It is believed to have originated around 1790, when an old shepherd was teaching his grandson the old Scottish songs when suddenly, on a hill near there, a deer appeared and jumped up changing its direction quickly. To make their lessons more fun, the grandfather asked his grandson to do what they had just seen while singing. This dance represents this scene, with rhythmic steps and graceful postures, with dancer' arms raised imitating deer antler.

The Irish Jig

It is not an original dance of the Highlands, but it has been hosted in many meetings in the Highlands with great interest, in latest years, so it is usual to see this as one more of their dances. This dance represents the argument between the man and the woman to shrink her husband's pants once washed.

Carnival of Aguilas



“The Carnival of Águilas” is a festival of National Tourism Interest. This year, 36 “peñas” (clubs enjoying the festivity) and more than 2.000 participants are going to parade in the most important streets.

The Carnival starts with “The Show of the Change of powers”. In this event, the characters of the last carnival give their symbols of power to the new characters. The characters of the carnival of Águilas are: “Don Carnal”, with a powerful stave; “Doña Cuaresma”, the baton; “Musa”, the beautiful scepter of the eagle; and “Mussona”, this character is unique in this carnival and he has the “water stick”. All these characters have their children’s version.

The next day, “The paper dress competition” and “The body painting contest” are celebrated. Also, “El Pesaje de los Personajes del Carnaval”, they will receive their weight in land products. And many other contests and activities: sports, literary, drawing...



Carnival of Aguilas



And finally, “La Suelta de la Mussona” takes place on Thursday; it is the signal of the start of the carnival, this event happens at night. The Mussona is half-human and half-animal; this character expresses the duality between the civilized man and his wild side that he keeps inside. The Mussona must be invoked in the castle “San Juan de las Águilas” with a spell.



The Mussona wears esparto, and all the years it's a different animal: a dragon, a shark, a Minotaur... When the Mussona is free, he goes down the streets to Plaza España. During this route, he enters the houses, jumps on the cars, climbs lamps, and scares people and snarls. The people that follow the Mussona are wearing also esparto and all kinds of things from the sea, and they are making shells sound. And the people chant his name to make him angry and they sing “Mussoooooona na!! Mussoooooona na!!”. When the Mussona arrives at Plaza España, the tamer and others Mussonas of previous years complete the spell and the carnival is starts.

And all the kiosks, music stands and food and bars open and offer delicious “Cuerva”, the typical drink f the Carnival of Águilas.



Carnival of Aguilas



People of all the places of Spain go to Águilas for this event.

Sunday is the big moment. "The First Grand Parade of Troupes and Floats", the most important streets are equipped with boxes. And all the balconies of the houses are full of people. The "peñas" of Carnival are preparing throughout the year for this moment. There are comical, dance schools, wonderful floats, amazing trellises and headgear, critical, children and ¡the dwarfs! The fantasy, the happiness and the spirit of carnival is around all the time.

Monday holds "The Second Grand Parade of Troupes and Floats", all the "peñas" parade with costumes of previous years and a lot of "peñas" of others places come for parade.



"The Carnival of the night" comes this day, a special night because all the people show their best and most original costumes. You can see four girls with a zebra costume that it's so amazing, costumes of films, fantasy, comedy... This night there are competitions of costumes and photo calls. Many of these people have been making these costumes for months.





Movie of the month



HITCHCOCK

When we hear the name of Alfred Hitchcock, birds and horror at the Bates Motel come to mind. However, this is not what this film is about, it gets deeper into the man, not the icon, and his relationships with both wife and cast.

The movie claims to be based on Stephen Rebello's non-fiction book *Alfred Hitchcock and the Making of Psycho*, although it only takes some details from it. With two big names in Hollywood, Oscar winners, Anthony Hopkins and Helen Mirren, one may think that it is piece of cake, that whatever project they are involved in together will work; unfortunately, this is not the case. Obviously, their performances are correct, of course, if we talked about other actors, the performances would be outstanding, but this is not the cases. The problem, however, is not the actors; I would rather say that the problem is the film itself, the plot. Anyone who likes Hitchcock's movies would like to see something more related to the film making, to be a bit closer to the genius, we don't really care about the man, whether his wife was jealous or he flirted with the actresses, we would like to see how he came up with one of the best horror movies of all times.





Movie of the month

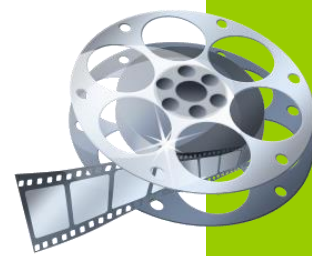
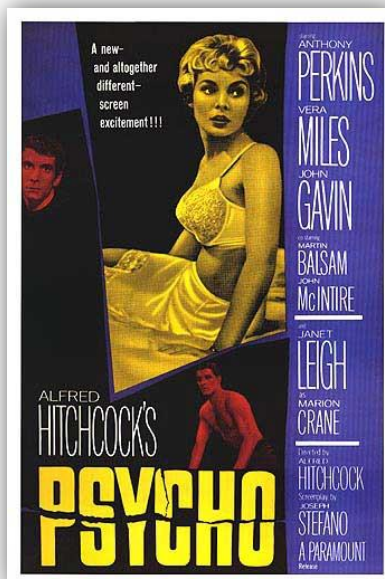
HITCHCOCK



After the success of *North by Northwest*, the latest Hitchcock's film, a journalist suggests the film maker to consider retiring, which challenges him in such a way that will lead him to the creation of a masterpiece, *Psycho*. Nevertheless, the project cannot find a producing company to back it up and, consequently, Hitchcock has to finance it himself and use the crew of his television show *Alfred Hitchcock presents*... So far, so good. From that moment, director, *Sacha Gervasi*, focuses on the marriage, the lack of trust, and how they finally prove to be a great team.

The movie has not been very profitable since it has underperformed at the box office. As I said before, not a lot of people want to hear so much about Hitchcock's personal life.

If you are interested in Alfred Hitchcock, you'd better watch his work rather than a biopic that, to be completely honest, does not deserve some of the recognition it got, such as nominations at the BAFTAs and the Golden Globes. My recommendation: try watching *Psycho* (the original, not the infamous 1998 remake), *The Birds* or almost any other of his movies.



Presidents Day


United States is known to be a very patriotic country and this federal holiday is one example more of their patriotism. February is a month in which Americans celebrate the birthdays of two very famous presidents, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington, the first president of USA. However, Washington's Birthday was already celebrated when he was in office, so, to be accurate; Presidents Day celebrates Washington's Birthday, although it also honours Lincoln's. It takes place every third Monday of February, but this was not until 1971 because, before that, it was celebrated on Washington's actual birthday, February 22nd. It is considered to be the first holiday to honour American citizens.

In the past, this holiday was strictly celebrated by everyone, but as time goes by, traditions tend to be forgotten and if you are anywhere in USA on this day, you may find most of the stores open; actually, a lot of them hold sales this day. Yet, some schools are close all the week as a mid-winter recess, although those open usually have some special lessons about the presidents of the country and, in particular, about George Washington. In general, government agencies observe Presidents Day.





Presidents Day

How to celebrate

 In British tradition, the birthday of the ruling monarch was celebrated with a ball. After the Revolution, George Washington's birthday was celebrated with a Birthnight Ball for several years, and the tradition lives on in Alexandria's Gadsby's Tavern Museum, with costumed actors, a period-inspired meal, and 18th-century-style dancing in the historic ballroom.



 States are not required to adopt federal holidays, which only affect federal offices and agencies. Thus, the states have a right to call this holiday what they want. In New Jersey, “Washington’s Birthday” is celebrated and “Lincoln’s Birthday” is also an official state holiday. In Massachusetts, the state celebrates “Washington’s Birthday” and has their own "Presidents Day" on May 29 to celebrate Massachusetts born Presidents. Alabama observes the day as "Washington and Jefferson Day," even though Thomas Jefferson's birthday is in April.

 Each year on Presidents Day, a member of the U.S. Senate reads Washington's Farewell Address. Delivered at the end of his second term as president, Washington's speech warned of the dangers of factionalism.





Malta

Last summer I went to Malta on holidays. It was a good idea because I think it is a stunning destination, but I recommend not to go in summer because the weather is very warm and the humidity is very high and it is like that even at night.

Malta is an archipelago in the centre of Mediterranean Sea, 93 km south of Sicily and 288 km north of Africa. It consists of three islands, Malta, Gozo and Comino, occupying an area of 316 square kilometres. It has a total population of over 400,000 inhabitants. This country is a member of the EU and you can pay in Euros, so you don't need to exchange your currency and this is an advantage. There, they speak English, Maltese and a little bit of Italian.

Malta became independent from Great Britain in 1964 and that is the reason why they are very influenced by British in some key issues, like administration, education or legislation; as an example, driving is on the left. In my opinion, despite all the British influence, the real feeling when you are there is that you are in southern Italy. This may be because of the sun, the weather, the food or the personality of Maltese people and their look, none of them seem British at all.

In the island of Malta, which is the largest of the three islands, you can go shopping, enjoy the architecture of its towns, visit museums and churches, eat in Italian restaurants, and have fun going out at night to a trendy pub. Having a bath at the beach can be a good choice, but nearly all of the beaches in Malta are rock ones. To enjoy sand beaches, you have to go to the west of the island. One of the best ones is "Golden bay", it is named "Golden" because of the colour of the sand. A boat ride around the islands is a good option if you want to have a sight of Malta from the sea.





Malta

To move around the island of Malta, you have several options but the cheapest one is the bus. You have a lot of buses that can take you anywhere in the island. The problem is that they are always unpunctual, sometimes up to a 40-minute delay. Renting a car is a good option if you want to visit several places in the island in a short period of time or go to some particular beach that is far from your accommodation and spend your day there. By train this is not possible, there aren't any.

If you want to visit one of the other two islands, you need to take a ferry. Several times a day, a ferry can get you there and bring you back to the island of Malta.

Comino, the smallest island, is perfect for diving. The water surrounding the island is clear and you will always see. In addition, there are intriguing caves and a variety of natural and artificial reefs that you can enjoy while you are submerged in the water. You can take classes to learn diving and snorkelling too.

In Gozo, you can visit some beautiful towns as well as find good sand beaches. But if I must say just one reason to visit Malta is seeing the amazing "Azure Window". It is a natural arch made of rock that seems to be disobeying the laws of gravity.



A.Q. Upper-Intermediate



Chocolate Cherry Lincoln Log

Ingredients

3 eggs
1 cup sugar
1/3 cup water
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/3 cup baking cocoa
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
Confectioners' sugar
1 quart cherry ice cream, softened

FROSTING:

1 ounce *unsweetened chocolate*
1 tablespoon *butter*
1-1/4 cups *confectioners' sugar*
2 to 3 tablespoons *milk*



Line a greased 15-in. x 10-in. x 1-in. baking pan with waxed paper; grease the paper and set aside. In a large bowl, beat eggs for 3 minutes. Gradually add sugar; beat for 2 minutes or until mixture becomes thick and lemon-colored. Stir in water and vanilla. Combine the flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt; fold into egg mixture (batter will be thin).

Spread evenly into prepared pan. Bake at 375° for 10-13 minutes or until cake springs back when lightly touched. Cool for 5 minutes. Invert onto a kitchen towel dusted with confectioners' sugar. Gently peel off waxed paper. Roll up cake in the towel jelly-roll style, starting with a short side. Cool completely on a wire rack..

For frosting, in microwave-safe bowl, melt chocolate and butter; stir until smooth. Gradually beat in confectioners' sugar and enough milk to achieve desired consistency.

Unroll cake; spread ice cream evenly over cake to within 1/2 in. of edges. Roll up again. Place seam side down on a serving platter. Spread with frosting. Cover and freeze overnight

LEARNING CORNER



IDIOMS

- ✓ **To live from hand to mouth :** to survive on very little money.

Chuck and Alice are living from hand to mouth since Chuck lost his job.

- ✓ **To go with the flow :** to take things as they come.

There's no need to worry. Everything will be OK , just go with the flow.

PHRASAL VERBS

- ✓ **Make of:** To understand.

Can you make anything of this message?

- ✓ **Hit on:** To discover accidentally.

He hit on a plan for making money easily.

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE...

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- Culture: Irish Legends



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