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# Welcome back



After our deserved rest at Easter, we come back with renewed energy to face the last stretch of the school year. As a matter of fact, this last term will go by really fast since there are some bank holidays in between.

This last month of April has been full of good news. All our students who took Cambridge Exams in March passed them and that makes us feel extremely proud, specially because it was the first time for one of them to take an exam of these characteristics. We wish best of lucks to the candidates that are taking FCE and CAE in the upcoming exams in May.

In this issue, you will find some of the work our young kids have been doing. As always some of our students gave us a hand with their writings. One of them, who writes for the magazine for the first time, takes us to Vienna, you'll love it for sure. You can learn about the festivity of Cinco de Mayo, which is extremely popular in United States, or check if you feel like watching the film we recommend for next month. As well, you can see how important music is for us. As always, we offer you some ideas for your free time during April, with the help of Marta. And if you have some free time, why don't you try the recipe? This time we suggest a typical British dish!

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

Learn well

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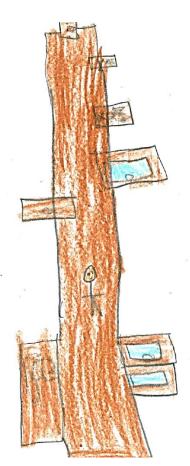


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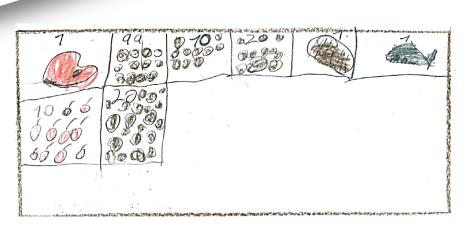


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# CHOC, THE CHOCOLATES MONSTEB

Last Monday night, the Chocolete monster was scared. He had toochache and he went toosk his man and when she worke up his mum said: you can't eat a lot of chocolate, and a little, for example, this chocolate. When he finished he went to the dentist and he was very good and very happy.



# Tweets of the month





Sarah Michelle @RealSMG · Apr 22

"The environment is where we all meet; where all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share." #HappyEarthDay



Trevor S @trevso electric · Apr 17

A friend is someone who knows you are a terrible person who belongs in jail but loves you anyway.



Julius Sharpe @juliussharpe · Apr 16

Everyone in the passenger seat of a pickup truck looks like either a hostage or ar accomplice.



Moshe Kasher @moshekasher · Apr 7

I wish you could say "sorry bad connection" in face to face conversations when you just aren't feelin it.



Jenny Johnson @JennyJohnsonHi5 · Apr 1

Today you can truthfully comment on your friends' Facebook pictures, just add "April Fools!" at the end so they'll think you're joking.

> Send us your favourite tweets @skylinecentre

# News

## **Theatre**

#### Veo, Veo, the Musical

Teresa Rabal turns her circus into a musical for children and brings it to our city on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Music and ballet mixed with songs that went down through generations. A show for all the family, with comedy, colour and imagination. You can enjoy it at Zorrilla Theatre for a price between 8 and 12 Euros.





#### J.J. Vaquero

The comedian J.J. Vaquero is offering a show in favour of AVEM (Valladolid Association of Multiple Sclerosis), on May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 20.30 in Casa de las Artes in Laguna de Duero. Proceeds will go entirely to the functional recovery service of AVEM. The ticket only costs 7 Euros.

## News

### Music

#### Carlos Rivera

The Mexican singer and actor launches his third album in Spain "El hubiera no existe". He won an award for his performance in "The Lion King, the Musical" in 2012. Now, he comes to Valladolid on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9.00 pm. The show will take place in Centro Las Lomas.



#### Bart Davenport

"Physical World" is the title of the latest album by the Californian musician Bart Davenport, who will be coming to Valladolid on May 2th. Davenport has an extensive career both as part of a band and as a solo artist. His show will take place in Sala Porta Caeli and the price of the ticket is 15 Euros.



# News

#### **Exhibitions**

#### Second-hand Cars

From May 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> FERIAUTO comes back to Feria de Valladolid stronger that ever. Twelve car dealerships will take part showing more than 500 second-hand car. Free entrance.



#### Salón de Stocks Inmobiliarios

For the first time in Valladolid, Feria de Muestras holds Salón de Stocks Inmobiliarias. Houses belonging to banks will be shown so that prospective owners have different options. From 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> May with free entrance.



## WHY DO WE NEED MUSJC AT SCHOOL?



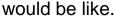
It is a proven fact that music class in school will help develop the brain to a higher level and faster than other students'. Music actually improves communication between the right and left sides of the brain, allowing you to gain better comprehension and memorization skills.

When children listen to a song, their brains are building connections to the sounds and the words they are hearing. And when they sing, they develop early literacy skills. If they play rhythms using body percussion (clapping hands, stamping feet) or rhythm instruments, they develop pre-reading skills. Consequently, the more music your children have in their lives, the better they will speak and read.

Music is a wonderful way to develop the creative process. Choose a familiar song like "A mi burro, a mi burro..." and encourage your child to say words to go with the parts of the body: "...le duele la nariz, y el médico le ha dicho que coma regaliz." Does your child smile? That is because music develops their self-esteem. There is no wrong or right. It is just what it is.

So, why do we need music in our school? Well, music is just as important as all the other classes. What is more, music is all the subjects in one: science and maths (rhythm subdivisions of time, repeated patterns), history (time in which it was created), physical education (coordination of fingers, hands, arms, lips...) and even a foreign language (symbols to represent ideas).

Music is what will help children's minds grow and develop like no other class. Music is a very important part of our life, and if we take it away, who knows what the world







# Movie of the month



Godzilla is probably one of the most, if not the most, popular monsters of all times. The character is commonly known as king of monsters. The original Godzilla was created in Japan by Ishiro Honda in 1954 and to this day it keeps on being profitable appearing in books, comics, television and, of course, films. Its name comes from the mix of two words in Japanese meaning gorilla and whale, although the monster has always been portrait as a type of dinosaur or huge reptile. In its origins, Godzilla represented the fear and despair that the Japanese had experienced after the bombs of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, although, as time went by, this purpose was forgotten.

Godzilla was given a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 2004 to celebrate the premiere of the character's 50th anniversary film, *Godzilla: Final Wars.* 



1954





# Movie of the month



It is clear that Godzilla belongs to the Japanese pop-culture and it is, indeed, an icon of the cinema of this country. However, the Hollywood industry started flirting with the monster back in 1998 when a movie starring Matthew Broderick came out to get mixed feelings by the audience. As a matter of fact, Toho, the "parents" of the monster, did not accept it as part of the Godzilla universe.

It is now, in May 2014, when Toho comes back to distribute a movie about the famous monster. In this version Godzilla will be 350 feet (110 meters) tall, the tallest incarnation of Godzilla to date, and it will be based on animals such as bears and Komodo dragons.

As for the cast, there is no big name except Juliette Binoche and Bryan Cranston. The actors have already appeared in some other action movies. Aaron Taylor- Johnson was the main character in the two movies of Kick-Ass while Elisabeth Olsen, sister of the famous Olsen twins, will complete the cast of the second installment of The Avengers.

All in all, I guess it will be a good movie in terms of action and visual effects, let's hope that we can enjoy something more than that.











#### History

In 1862, at the time the Battle of Puebla took place, the United States was engaged in its Civil War. The French presence in Mexico was a strategic move - by gaining a toehold in Mexico, the French could then support the Confederate Army. The defeat of the French at the Battle of Puebla was not definitive, but it helped to stave off the French while the U.S. Union forces made advances. Thus Cinco de Mayo can be seen as a turning point in the U.S. Civil War. Cinco de Mayo was first celebrated in the United States in Southern California in 1863 as a show of solidarity with Mexico against French rule.

At first, it was seen as an opportunity to celebrate Mexican identity, promote ethnic consciousness and build community solidarity. Now Cinco de Mayo is promoted as the day to celebrate Mexican food, culture, traditions.











#### **Celebrations**

There are various Cinco de Mayo traditions that are celebrated around the world. In Mexico, most of the Cinco de Mayo celebrations that take place occur in the town of Puebla (where the battle took place). There are large parades that feature people dressed up as Mexican and French soldiers. Vendors sell traditional Mexican foods as well as patriotic clothing and accessories for people to wear during the celebration. There is also sometimes a reenactment of the Mexican's victory over the French troops that takes place in Puebla for visitors and residents to attend.

In United States people celebrate in a similar way. The colors of the Mexican flag (red, white, and green) often appear in costumes and party decorations. People decorate for Cinco de Mayo with balloons, streamers, and flowers. Mariachi bands or other Mexican folk music is also played at these celebrations and there is often traditional Mexican dancing.











In the United States...

Denver, Colorado - lasting two days, the Cinco de Mayo Celebrate Culture Festival attracts 400,000 people. Hear live Mexican regional, Spanish rock, Latin jazz, salsa, ranchero, Tex-Mex, and Chicano rock music outdoors.

Chicago, Illinois - Douglas Park draws as many as 200,000 people to its colorful Cinco de Mayo celebration that includes a festival, musical events, food booths, games, kids area, and cultural displays.

■Reno, Nevada - more than 100,000 visitors attend this Cinco de Mayo celebration, which includes Latino music and food booths.

Minneapolis, Minnesota - Cinco de Mayo takes place in District del Sol on St. Paul's West Side with music, food and a salsa-tasting contest, a parade, sports zone, wellness village, crafts, children's section and history area.

San Antonio, Texas - Cinco de Mayo festival with music and food, concerts and other commemorations takes place at historic Market Square.

San Francisco, California - the Mission neighborhood goes all out in a joyous Cinco de Mayo celebration. Includes free all-day cultural entertainment, health screenings, Lucha Libre wrestlers, and a Mission Dolores tour.

San Diego, California - there's live Cinco de Mayo entertainment at Bazaar del Mundo in Old Town and a maracas-and-margaritas Cinco de Mayo blow-out in

Gaslamp.



Fiesta Broadway. Los Angeles



San Diego

# TRAVELLING CORNER





**Have you ever visited Austria?** It is a country in central Europe, where art, music and history make Austria a very interesting country to visit. Do you know the capital, Vienna? If you like quiet places with beautiful monuments, full of history; Vienna is your holiday city.

# The most characteristic places of Vienna

#### Austrian Parliament, Ringstrasse and the Vienna Opera.



The first, Parliament of Austria, is a beautiful white building with big columns. It was built in the 19th century in classic style and it is the most important building in the city.

The Ringstrasse is the second place; it is the most important avenue of the city. It has the most famous buildings in Vienna. It is in the center of the city where you can visit the Royal Palace Hofburg, Town Hall, the Exchange, the Parliament, the Votiva Church, the University, the Museum of History of Art and the Museum of Natural History.





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The third interesting place is the **Vienna Opera**. Curiously, its first architect killed himself because, at first, people didn't like the building. A second architect finished the work but he died of a heart attack because of the pressure of public opinion for the building they wanted.



### Palaces

Apart from all these places, if you like palaces, in Vienna you can find three of the most amazing palaces of Austria, like: Schönbrunn Palace, famous for being the main residence of the Austrian Imperial Family, Franz Joseph and Empress Elisabeth (Princess Sissy).



Next to this palace is Tiergarten, the oldest zoo in the world, other important place to visit especially for its aquarium.



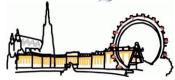




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Other palace is **Hofburg** that has been the residence of the Habsburgs for over 600 years. This palace is the museum of the Empress Sissy and official royal apartments.



**Belvedere Palace** is the last important place to see. It was built as a summer residence for Prince Eugene of Savoy. It is interesting to see it from the outside and to walk by the gardens, because its interior is not as beautiful as the other two.



Finally, another interesting place to see in Vienna is the **Prater**, a magic amusement park, the oldest in the world, built in 1897. There is a big wheel made of wood, 60 meter high, it is a symbol in Vienna, "Wiener Riesenrad". It was the biggest in the world until 2000, when the big wheel, "London Eye", was build in London to celebrate the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

After visiting these places, at sunset, you can relax taking a boat on the **Danube River**.

Taking all these points into consideration, I would recommend you to visit Vienna sometime. And I hope you like it.





# COOKING CORNER

# Shepherd's Pie

#### Ingredients

1 cup quick cooking oats

3/4 cup milk

1 Tablespoon crushed beef

bouillon

1 egg

2 teaspoons parsley

1 Tablespoon onion flakes

1/4 teaspoon thyme

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1 pound lean ground beef

1 cup diced, cooked carrots

4 cups hot mashed potatoes

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

1 teaspoon onion powder

8 oz. shredded cheese



#### Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

In a large bowl, mix together the oats, milk, egg and bouillon. Add the parsley, onion flakes, pepper, thyme, beef and carrots. Mix well.

Place this mixture into a pie plate and bake for 45 minutes.

While the beef mixture is baking, mix the onion powder and 1/4 teaspoon of black pepper with the mashed potatoes.

Remove the meat pie from the oven and drain the fat. Sprinkle the meat crust with 6 oz. of the cheese.

Spread the mashed potatoes on top, sprinkle remaining cheese on top of them. Broil until the potatoes are lightly browned and the cheese is melted.



# LEARNING CORNER

#### **IDIOMS**



✓ **To live on the breadline:** to have barely money to survive.

Due to the recent crisis, there are more people on the breadline than ever before.

✓ **Down at heel:** someone whose appearance is untidy or neglected because of lack of money.

The down-at-heel student I first met became a successful writer.

#### PHRASAL VERBS

✓ **Account for:** To explain.

They had to account for all the money that had gone missing.

✓ **Bank on**: To count or rely on..

I'm banking on your help; I can't do it alone..

#### IN OUR NEXT ISSUE...

Movie of the month: X-MEN (Days of future past)

> Culture: Wimbledon





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