



St George Life

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Meet the team



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A Note From the Editor

We've started out prepared and creative.

The question is: will we end that way? I think you all know that St. George Life is new this year and anything could happen!

I believe that it's possible. We have a strong team to start. Our writers are from Grade IV to VIII including Nansi Hristova, Ivan Baroff, Dimana Arizanova, Kristiana Petkova, Maxim Ivanov and Nia-Katia Barzakova. For the technology side of it, we have Ivan Baroff. Each week we will also feature work from other students in the school. We have Ms. Eleanoir helping us with all of it. And lastly, me, the editor, Merrick. We would also like to thank Mr Buckley and his photography club for the photo contributions.

In our debut edition we have included interviews, fun articles, "Student Voice", a Halloween section, and much, much more. I think I'm speaking for the whole team when I say this, but we hope you like it!

Sincerely,

Merrick Brannigan



Get to know the team...

Merrick
Grade IV
"I can speak
three
languages!"

Dimana
Grade VIII
"My favourite
colour is dark blue
and I have a dog."

Krisi
Grade VIII
"I study Japanese
in my free time -
Konnichiwa!"

Ivan
Grade V
"I like sushi
and
computers.
Simple."



Nia
Grade VIII
"I am the
biggest John
Green fan."

Nansi
Grade V
"I have a dog, I
sing, I dance and I
play piano!"

Max
Grade VIII
"I'm starting a
school eco-project
with my sister."

Interested in joining the magazine? Well, it's not too late! We're still looking for regular writers, technology experts and feature articles. Either join us on Tuesdays after school in Room 401 or submit an article to Miss Eleanoir. It's the perfect way to practise your writing and improve your English. We welcome everyone! If you have any questions, come and find us or Miss Eleanoir. We look forward to hearing from you!

60 Seconds With A Teacher

Did you know . . . ?

By Nansi Hristova and Ivan Baroff Grade V

We wanted to find out more about our teachers. We went around and found some fun, interesting and weird facts to share with you!

Miss Trudy

- Loves popcorn
- Her favourite rapper is Cypress Hill
- Was born in Zimbabwe
- Lived in Australia
- Had a zebra, a hyena and a bat for pets
- Has two children
- Speaks Afrikaans
- Speaks Bulgarian
- Has two rescued dogs called Petya and Brownie



Mr Nathan

- Loves to wear funny socks
- His favourite rapper is Pharoahe Monch
- Has swam 22.5 miles, the equivalent of the Channel
- Ran the Sofia Marathon in 3 hours 41 minutes
- Was a GB team water polo player
- Is a Brighton and Hove Albion fan
- Can't walk through an echo-y space without shouting 'Seagulls'



Mr Buckley

- Loves rock-climbing and snowboarding
- Was part of the British Climbing Squad
- Has travelled around the world
- Has surfed in England, France, Spain, Portugal and Maldives
- Has swam with sharks
- Has lived in Spain
- Part of ABA Boxing



Miss Bea

- Loves arts and dogs
- Has a blue belt in Brazilian Jui-Jitsu
- Has a great sense of humour
- Is part of a basketball team
- Is a top swimmer

Miss Julia

- Has a black belt in karate and kick-boxing
- Goes to aerial yoga class
- Can speak Spanish and has lived in Spain
- Has visited over 40 countries
- Has been sky diving 3 times



Miss Eleanoir

- Can speak five languages (or at least try to...)
- Has lived and worked in Germany
- Spent a month in South Korea teaching English
- Has ran three half-marathons and is getting faster...
- Loves nothing more than a cappuccino and a slice of chocolate cake
- Is a fan of cheese related jokes



Day In The Life . . .

of Mr Nathan

“Have you ever tried beer chicken?”

Mr Nathan, our new maths teacher (the one who wears funny socks), tells us about his daily routine.

“Normally, I wake up at 6:30, but I get up ten minutes later. A lot of times I fall back asleep though. For breakfast I eat yogurt fruit and corn flakes, but Bulgarian yogurt, of course (the best yogurt in the world!). I am a bit of a social media dinosaur, so you won't catch me checking Instagram or Snapchat in the morning. Then after putting on my comedy socks, I walk to school with Ms. Eleanoir. Then, my school day begins!

After the day ends, the first thing I do is kick off my boots and lie down on the sofa. Every Tuesday I eat sushi, but not everyday, because I don't want to turn into a mermaid! In my opinion the best food is beer chicken. You can do this by roasting the chicken on top of a beer bottle. My favourite restaurant is *Fatboy's Diner*. However, the diner is in London, so I don't get to go there very often! To be honest I don't watch a lot of TV, but I listen to a lot of music. At the moment I'm reading *Fermat's Last Theorem*.”



Let me know who you would like to find out more about next time!

Autumn Vacation

By Merrick Brannigan Grade IV

Some people are going back home, some are resting at home, some are traveling abroad, and others had a vacation packed with fun. No matter what you did, it was probably a nice vacation. This so called “Autumn Vacation” is here for two reasons. The first is: on November 1st, in Bulgaria, we celebrate a holiday called The Day of National Leaders (Bulgarian: Ден на народните будители). It is about the Bulgarian revolutionaries, including: St. Paisus of Hilendar, Vassil Levski, Ivan Vazov, Sofroni Vracharski, Hristo Botev, Lyuben Karavelov, and much more. The holiday is an all-Bulgarian celebration, and is known by all Bulgarians. The second reason is: a half-term vacation. It is unofficially “half-term”, which means that we have completed half of the first semester; and a quarter of the whole school year.



Welcome New Teachers

By Dimana Arizanova Grade VIII

At St George School we have lots of new teachers in both primary and secondary school. We are very happy to welcome these new teachers who are all very intelligent and friendly. After interviewing the teachers I have found that they are all very happy to working with the students. They are also very happy with the school rules such as no phones and no junk food or fizzy drinks in the canteen. As students we think that the teachers have lots of exciting ideas for schoolwork and plan interesting lessons. This means we are enjoying school! What we love is that the teachers speak to us in English, meaning we get better!

World Scholar's Cup, Yale 2017

By Mihail Palmov Grade VII

My recent trip to Yale University, in which Alexander Velichkov, Ivan Marev and I participated in the World Scholar's Cup Finals, has been a wonderful experience filled with fun, new places and friends and many lessons to learn.

We were in a new place, meeting new people and learning to adapt – a valuable lesson, which can help us all in every situation. Each one of us had to change his 'biological clock', each one of us had to change his idea of law and understanding of everyday life. Even though we were still on our planet, it seemed as if we had left Earth, because of the differences between the nations in the world. Because of this, adaptation was crucial to everyone, participating in the competition, which put our differences aside, to unite us, as one global community.

Everyone I met had a different story. They were from different countries and had different ideas on the world. Talking to five people was like discovering five unique planets and talking with their otherworldly inhabitants. Participating in the competition gave us the chance to discover and unite with different students from around the world – a privilege that everyone should have and one that I did not completely use, something I still regret.

The competition itself was an enlightening experience as every category featured questions, which are not to do what we have learned at school, but information, which we seek; knowledge that we find ourselves. The questions did not test our wisdom, but tested our logic, our ability to express opinions and our curiosity – traits that make us unique; traits that make us human.

My experience was amazing and I would recommend it to everyone as it helps us learn, discover, unite, all of which are crucial in our everyday lives. I do hope to participate again, because it is a way to exit your nation and enter a united global community.



A selection of photos from our trip to the World Scholar's Cup at Yale University.



Students from 5th Grade Participated in the Tech4Kids International Festival!

By Ivan Baroff Grade V

On October 17, 2017, the students from 5th grade participated in the Tech4Kids International Festival for children.

The purpose was to make the students learn in a more interactive way. The event was opened with a presentation of the projects of Ivan Baroff (5th grade student of St. George International School & Preschool). The students had the opportunity to meet IT industry executives and manage robots and thus touch the virtual reality.

The students enjoyed the demonstration of autopilot cars, working robots, organized with the help of the students at the John Atanasov. At the end of the day everyone got chocolate and Tech4Kids stickers!



Halloween Gallery

Costume Competition Winners 2017



Science in 60 Seconds

Students at St George School have had the opportunity to submit articles to the magazine **BBC Knowledge**. They are summarising recent breakthroughs in the world of science.

Scientists find crucial compound for the origins of life

What?

Chemists at the Scripps Research Institute have found a compound that may have been a crucial factor in the origins of life. It is called diamidophosphate (DAP).

Why is it important?

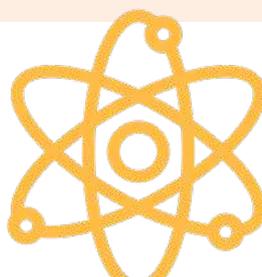
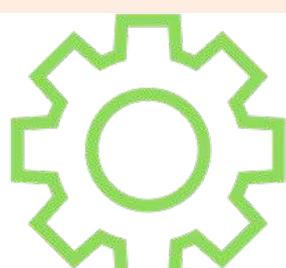
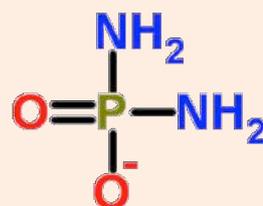
A chemical reaction named phosphorylation may have been crucial in the assembly of nucleotides, amino acids, and lipids. DAP along with the presence of water and the Earth's mild conditions maybe the compound that allowed the assembly of these molecules to occur. That would allow other chemistries that were not possible before to develop, potentially leading to the first simple, cell-based living entities.

Before it was hard to imagine how these different processes combine in the same place to yield the first primitive life form.

What follows?

The scientists now plan to follow these leads, and have teamed up with Early-Earth geochemists to identify potential sources of DAP, or similarly acting compounds, that were on the planet before life arose.

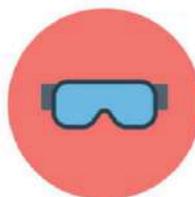
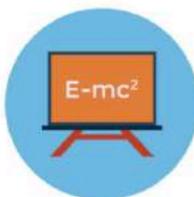
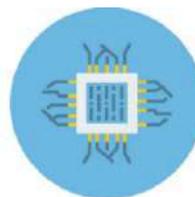
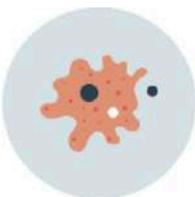
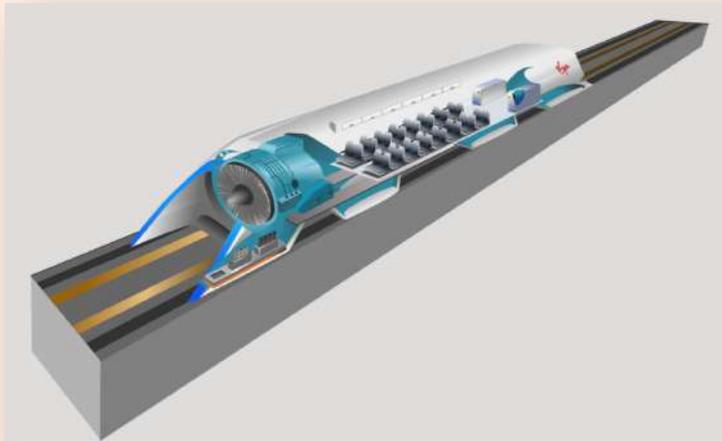
Kristiana Petkova and Maxim Ivanov Grade VIII



The Hyperloop

The Hyperloop is one of Space X's latest projects. Elon Musk calls it "a cross between a Concorde, a railgun and an air hockey table." It is basically a tunnel with low pressure and pods using magnetic levitation and a linear induction motor enforced with air compressors. Hyperloop is claimed to be faster than any sort of vehicle, reaching 700mph. the pods are still being researched internationally, but their common purpose is to transport us safely, quickly and without fossil-fuel consumption – the goal of Musk. Transportation in this form is just as astonishing as moonshot. In 2015 a prototype of the project was built in California and a pod was launched reaching 192mph in a 1-mile tunnel. It is proposed that soon Hyperloop will have a track from Los Angeles to San Francisco (382 miles), however, experts claim it will cost 6 billion dollars per mile, which works out at over 2000 billion dollars! True, you will save time and planet earth. No money should be spared to save Earth so Hyperloop should be built!

Ivan Marev Grade VI "I am interested in technology and believe in a bright future."



Visit Scotland!

Grade VI have been working on their persuasive writing and are going to persuade you to visit Scotland.

Scotland is packed with wonderful and brilliant places. Visit the Royal Mile in Edinburgh for all your shopping and art festival needs. If you love animals, head over to Mull where you can see eagles, whales and otters and take part in regional whale-watching. Is architecture your cup of tea? Then Falkirk is the place for you, with eye-catching buildings and sculptures. Mountain trail fans will be happy to visit Glencoe because there are a huge amount of mountain trails there. To learn more about the Iron Age's impact on Scotland, go to Lewis! Harbours mixed with fish and chips? Sounds impossible, unless you go to Lerwick, where you do both!

Georgi Malchov Grade VI



Scotland is a stunning, country located in the northern part of the United Kingdom. Beautiful landmarks and sights include: Loch Ness, Edinburgh Castle and Ben Nevis. You will find beautiful mountains, hills and lakes where you can practise many sports such as: skiing, snowboarding, swimming and much more. You should consider Scotland for you next holiday if you want an unforgettable experience. If you are looking for fun and adventure, the mystery of the Loch Ness Monster and the wonder of the Northern Lights, Scotland is for you!

Darian Grudeva Grade VI



Scotland is a cultural country full of unusual traditions including the kilt, a traditional Scottish skirt for men! If you are interested in going to Scotland, I can highly recommend visiting: Edinburgh Castle; the highest mountain in the UK, Ben Nevis; the Museum of Scotland and, of course, Loch Ness. The history of the Loch Ness lies underneath the water's surface... the Loch Ness Monster! Because of the outstanding sightseeing opportunities, breath-taking landscape and incredible nature. Scotland offers you the chance to ski, to snowboard or to go climbing over those beautiful mountaintops. What's more, did you know Scots had a thing for unicorns long before anyone else?! The unicorn is the national symbol for Scotland, so keep your eyes peeled when you're there!

Stefania Ribarova Grade VI

Scale the wall!

By Merrick Brannigan Grade IV

Climbing, a recreational and competitive sport, is a great way to stay fit. There are climbing gyms in most areas of the city and you can climb at any time that suits you throughout the whole year, unlike skiing. The sport is popular throughout the world and hosts many fun events to participate in. Furthermore, all you need is gear, an hour wherever it works, and a bit of energy and confidence.



There are many types of climbing, the most common being bouldering, not rock climbing and top roping. Bouldering is traversing across a wall, typically shorter than most walls. Rock-climbing is ascending a cliff using a climbing gear and a chalk bag. Lastly, top roping is when you are on a rope being belayed up a cliff on the wall. Belaying is when a person is below and holding on to you and keeping you steady while you scale the wall.

Climbing exercises your hands, legs and any other part of your part of your body required to ascend a cliff or all. You most likely burn 75 calories per wall, so scale 5 or 6 and you'll be fit! Climbing can encourage and build up your self-confidence, strengths and stamina and self-esteem. Additionally, it makes you smarter! Deciding which move to make next and planning your next climb is good for your brain.

When you climb, gear is important and obligatory for you to have a harness, helmet and climbing shoes. A harness is a piece of gear that goes around your waist and keeps you from falling off, while hooked in from a carabiner. Climbing shoes are special for climbers. At the tip, they are pointy so that they can stick into the small cracks.

Overall, climbing is an amazing sport!

What are you reading?

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen A Book Review by Nia-Katia Burzakova Grade VIII

Pride and Prejudice is a book by Jane Austen set in Victorian England that tells a love story challenged by the reservations and expectations of this time.

Onwards with my thoughts on it; I would like to state that I strongly disagree with the customs of the Victorian Era at which point the story is set. I find them absurd and the idea that a woman can only have self-worth after she is married or the rule that you can only marry within your social class is preposterous to me.

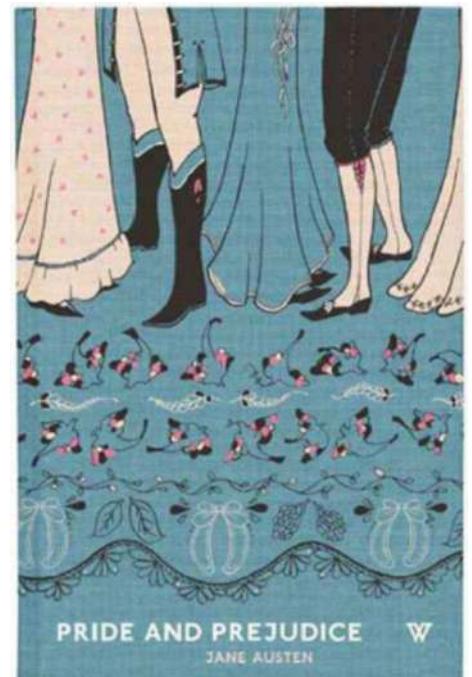
What fascinated me the most was the language in the book. The way the characters speak and the way the narrator describes the scene is graceful as is shown by the rhetorical devices such as metaphors and similes adding flavour to the text. I suppose the speech is reminiscent of the manner in which people spoke during the time of the setting.

I would like to discuss my favourite characters, Eliza Bennet and William Darcy. Eliza, I find, is really not attuned to the time in which she lives and does not consider marriage one of her priorities. I find her character relatable since she does not always fit into her surroundings and is anything but a product of her times. She is smart, caring and holds other peoples' needs before her own. As for Darcy, when we first meet him he is an unpleasant man. However, I found myself rooting for Darcy and Eliza and as a result cheered in the final scenes as he revealed himself to be a thoughtful and generous man. It seems as though Austen creates a parallel between Darcy and Wickham since they both project an image that turns out to be the antithesis of their real nature.

Another topic of note is the portion of events, which arise out of gossip, deception and sabotage, which is testament to how society at this time operated. The situation I speak of is when Ms Bingley wrote to Jane to inform her that her brother is no longer in love with her, when in reality this was not the case. She did it purely for personal gain. Seemingly characters commit such actions due to selfish needs rather than out of care for others.

The romance is vital in the book. Bingley and Jane's love is continually challenged by social circles, yet they prevail and marry. Darcy and Eliza's romance is, however, more complicated; they face infatuation, refusal, outside influences. For me this provides greater fascination due to the struggles they face; the story becomes more suspenseful and the result is more satisfying.

I would like to conclude my review by saying that *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen is a fine piece of literature that contains an engaging story filled with rich and memorable characters, captivating themes of love and challenging social class. It is a pleasant read which makes you reconsider your social and personal life and I could not recommend it more highly.



An Extract from *Forever* by Kristiana Petkova Grade VIII

Interlude: I

“Sky that pours light
I stand under it
Fly as if I’m dreaming
My life is beauty.”



“Jenn!” Someone called. Jennifer turned around only to jerk backwards at a sudden click and a then a flash.

“What just...” she didn’t finish. “Did you just take a photograph of me?” Jennifer tried to take the camera from her friend, but had no success as he moved to the other side of the table. He took out the Polaroid and waved it around, before stopping to appreciate his masterpiece.

“Charles Evans, if you don’t give me that camera right...” Jennifer shut her mouth, as Charlie shoved the picture in her face. Taking a step away, while sending Charlie a disapproving glare, she turned her attention towards the picture and her mouth immediately fell open. There she was, in her apron, cleaning dishes, a full smile on her exhausted face, as her head turned to face the lens.

“You look good,” he declared, retreating his hand and shoving the photo back in his messy apron, leaving the camera on the counter.

Jennifer took a deep breath, before declaring that it was fine, he could keep it, just because it was his dream to become a photographer. Charles just smiled and they went back to their dishes.

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Once Jennifer reached her dormitory she was faced with the usual stack of girls, laughing and running around the hall, generating noises one would think was an army of men preparing for battle.

“Oh wait, darling. There is mail for you!” Mrs Greens, the doorkeeper, exclaimed suddenly, rushing from her couch to the stack of mail on the table.

Jennifer accepted the neatly closed envelope, dark gold in colour and with beautiful swirls around the edge.

“Are you sure this is for me, Mrs...” She closed her mouth upon noticing Mrs Greens had gone back to the couch.

Sighing, Jennifer climbed the stairs and opened her apartment door. Once in, she tossed all her bags on the bed and proceeded to tie her hair into a messy bun, but stopped when her eyes landed on the envelope. Who could it be from? She hadn’t received letters in so long. She took out the paper to find a printed message, surrounded by beautiful swirls matching the ones on the envelope.

Ms. Lewis,

We kindly invite you to our household’s 50th Anniversary masquerade ball. Our family is celebrating a very special occasion and we would be eternally grateful if you attended. The celebration will be held on 13th March. Please make sure you wear a mask with your ball attire. The address is 34 Scott Street.

The Darcy Family

Continue reading in the next issue...

An Extract from *An Alaskan Adventure*

by Merrick Brannigan, Nikolai Marev and Andrei Dobre Grade IV

As the plane landed, I looked out the window at the Alaskan wilderness. The sunrise shined on the deep, dense forests and the miles and miles of snow. My friend Andrew, his face fixed in a stare, uttered:

“Uhh, Sam? Are you seeing what I'm seeing?”

“Yeah, Andy,” I replied. “It's not just you.”

Andrew and his younger brother, Maverick (we called him Mav), had known me and my dad since fifth grade. Mav was short and 8 years old. I also had a stepbrother, Jack. He was an orphan, and in third grade my dad and I adopted him, because we were lonely. My mom and Andrew's mom had both died when we were young; we never really knew them...

My dad, Magnus, and Travis, Andy's dad, would always say Jack, Andrew, and I looked alike. We all had light blue eyes and dark brown hair. We were all around 150 cm and we were 13. And if that wasn't enough, Jack and I shared a birthday and Andy's was a week after! But anyway, here's our story:

The six of us were from Vancouver, Canada. My dad and Andy's dad had both decided to enter the Great Iditarod Race. Our fathers had been practicing in Canada, before we moved here, to Alaska. The six of us were planning on being here temporarily - only for 6 months.

“C'mon, boys! Get your luggage, we've landed!” Travis shouted at us.

“Okay, dad,” Andrew called back to him. “On our way!”

The three of us got our luggage and disembarked from the plane. We took one step off the plane and stopped abruptly. It was sooo beautiful, but very chilly, too!

After about an hour, we got to our temporary house. At the end of the day, my dad literally fell on the couch, he was so exhausted. So was I. We all went up to bed. Days and days passed and it got closer to the Great Iditarod Race.

One day, the six of us went to the dog shelter to get dogs for the race. We ended up getting, in my opinion, some pretty great dogs. We got 10: Black Star, Silver Ice, Blue Sky, Forest Green, Golden Sun, White Snow, Bright Fire, White Crystal, Silver Moon, and Lumberjack.

Finally, the big day came. The race!



Winter Haikus



**A haiku is a form of Japanese poetry.
It contains three lines.
Line 1 – Five syllables
Line 2 – Seven syllables
Line 3 – Five syllables**



Christmas is now here
Outside it's snowing a lot
I am so happy.

By Slavena Gotseva

Drinking hot choco
I'm sure I'm addicted now
Way too much glucose

By Kristiana Petkova

Ice skaing shoes on,
I was dancing, broke my bone
After, I was gone

By Alexander Velichkov and Lily Macdonald

Yellow snow now rains
As even nature hates us,
Dumping it on us

By Mihail Palmov

Snow is falling down
I thought Christmas should be fun
Anyway it's cold

By Sunny Stoyanova

Greasy chicken here
Rotten potatoes here, there
Chef Ramsey's angry

By Dara Petrova

Oh, its Christmas time
I will just go in the snow
And build a snowman.

By Ema Holiokheva

No light, frost taking over
Small bright fire, hope, escape
Closer, closer, gone!

By Maxim Ivanov

There is white stuff here
I hear children's voices
I'm scared and cold!

By Georgi Georgiev

I am really warm
Mom and dad are cooking food
I ate all of it

By Maria Zafirova

Bazaars packed with people
Christmas decorations here
Holidays are coming

By Lia Tchobanova

Have a go at writing your own using the pictures to help you. Think about what you can see, hear, feel, smell and taste.



Going Eco

By Max and Lara Ivanovi

Being eco-friendly is becoming more and more important. What environmentally friendly means is finding ways of taking better care of nature and not harming it. Being one of these people goes beyond just turning off lights when you leave the room. It is about enhancing your lifestyle by convincing yourself and others that is crucial to act right now!



Our first initiative is “Green Human Being” (www.greenhumanbeing.org) which aims to change peoples’ outlook on our slowly dying ecosystem and involve you in supporting and protecting our natural environment. We will make St George School a greener and brighter place by following the *Eco Schools* program (www.ecoschools.global).

This will encourage our school to reduce, reuse and recycle and develop a passionate community consisting of: students, teachers, parents, and allow us to become an official member of *Eco Schools*.

Grade VIII Descriptive Writing

The sunlight carved a gentle path through the thick dark forest. Bright warm beams caressed the pale blanket of snow. It was a new beginning, hope had risen again. *By Krisi and Max*



The skiers gently ploughed through the pearl white snow like water trickling down a wall. The mountain was angrily waiting in the background, spiking into the sky like a porcupine. Scouting over the mountains was the sapphire sky, waiting for the acknowledgement of passing skiers. *By Mark and Georgi*



During the cheerful winter night, the Christmas market was full of joy and happiness. Smiling people looking around for something to buy.



There were lights everywhere, the shops were colourful, Christmas decorations, presents, Santa Claus, jingle bells and delicious smells were wafting around. Christmas is a warm blanket of happiness. *By Iveta and Paola*

Grade VII Writing

Arriving in Ireland... by Ryan Welsh Grade VII

Six weeks have passed since I landed in the gorgeous green county of Ireland. Even from the plane Ireland's beauty captivated me. The vast green rolling hills created a spectacular contrast between the white sky and the intense green. It was a sight to cherish for a lifetime.

We landed with a thud, that shook the water out of my glass on the permanently dirt stained floor, creating a pool of murkiness. I kind of felt sorry for the plane cleaners. Swift was our experience at the Dublin airport, which sadly didn't match the car journey. A gently zephyr brushed the even land, pierced the cold air and made my cheeks red. Halfway through the three hour car journey, I suddenly realised I hadn't eaten in 6 hours and in immediate response my stomach waited for food. We stopped at a small pub and the menu was full of traditional food like champ, stew, colcannon and chowder. My memory of chowder drew me to it and I ended up ordering it. Impatiently I waited for my fish when I saw the waiter come over and deliver my request my eyes lit up and I started shovelling it in my mouth. The creaminess of the soup immediately satisfied my cravings.



A Short Story by Ava Hristozova Grade VII

I get up on stage with a wide, forced kind of grin. My nerves are at their peak. Just thinking about speaking and arguing against the people makes me sick to the pit of my stomach. Bright, intelligent men with velvet suits and Mercedes, open-minded ladies with tanned skin and jewelled dresses; who wouldn't find that intimidating?

However, I, Leah-Mae, am so beyond determined and motivated to earn the votes of these life-changing people I begin with a deep breath. It is like everything is in slow motion.

I begin stating my argument and how I would like to abolish animal testing.

“Ladies, that Maybelline lipstick you're wearing was tested on an adorable poodle that did not deserve that kind of life,” I say, trying to win over the ladies' hearts and emotions.

Just when everything is going perfectly fine, I choke. All it took was the word 'and.' My heart starts racing, blood pumping faster than ever before. My vision gets blurry and my head feels like it's about to fall off. In the distance I hear a loud scream, “You can do it!” I am suddenly energised with motivation.

I start off by mumbling the first few sentences, but my confidence grows with time. I end my speech. Expecting applause, I feel pride. The crowd stays silent as if they were totally frozen or paralysed. Suddenly the whole audience roars with applause. I take a bow and humbly walk off the stage. Little did I know I had just made history...

Student Voice

By Merrick Brannigan Grade IV

Student Voice will be issued in every edition Of “St. George Life”. It is a fun poll where the magazine team goes around the school and asks random students ”would you rather” questions. If you have not been asked, come find us so your vote can be counted in our survey!

Here are this issue’s questions:

Sushi	60% Sushi - 40% Pizza	Pizza
Batman	60% Batman - 40% Superman	Superman
Superpower of flying	40% P. O. F. - 60% P.O.I.	Superpower of invisibility
Book	40% Book - 60% Movie	Movie
Skiing	30% Ski - 70% Snowboard	Snowboarding
Summer	80% Summer - 20% Winter	Winter
School for 365 days	50% 365 days - 50% 0 days	No school!
Get good grades	70% grades - 30% athlete	Be a good athlete
Pet cat	20% pet cat - 80% pet dog	Pet dog
Hero	90% hero - 10% villain	Villain



Fictional news report written by Martin Dimitrov Grade V

Miss Eleanoir brings sushi for Grade 5 party

On the 22nd December 2017 Miss Eleanoir Carthy (5th Grade English Teacher) decided to bring the popular Japanese food, sushi, to have a pre-Christmas party with her Grade 5 class.

The teacher decided to hold a sushi party to reward her Grade 5 class who have worked so hard throughout the school year and have achieved outstanding marks in their test.

Most of the students were amazed and surprised by Miss Eleanoir's good deed and other teachers were shocked by such a party. Miss Eleanoir said, "It was a delight to share my favourite food with my favourite class at my favourite time of year." She explained the main goal was to boost morale of students after a long and difficult semester.

It is hoped by the rest of Grade 5 that other teachers will begin to bring food and host parties with their classes to celebrate achievements of their class and to keep spirits up in difficult day.

Overall the party was spectacular and hopefully not once-in-a-lifetime. "We want more food parties," stated Niki.



The delicious sushi on offer at the party.

Ping-Pong Tournament January 2018

Written by Yan Abadjiev, Martin Alexandrov and Alex Karageorgiev

In January 2018 in the Lozenets District of Soifa, a ping-pong tournament will take place with many schools involved. Our school will be represented by Yan Abadjiev, Martin Alexandrov, Boris Stoev, Nedyalko Dimov, Alex Karageorgiev and Alex Stoyanov.

During the month of November 2017 an internal tournament was held here at St George School by Ms Tanya and Mr Anton, in which ten kids took part from Grade IV, V, VI and VII. Six were selected, but four will have the chance to take part in the January tournament. There will now be two matches to help decide who will be the final four participants. The committed team train daily after school and at lunch breaks and even meet in Paradise to squeeze in some more training.



Our top tips for pro ping-pong!

- Keep on your toes, don't stop moving!
- Always practise, in school and outside!
- Try and trick your opponent – keep them guessing!
- Always keep your cool!

En Garde!

By Asaph Aharoni Grade VIII



What is Fencing?

Fencing is a sport in which 2 competitors fight each other using a musketeer like sword called either Épée, Foil or Sabre.

What are the rules of fencing?

As I mentioned earlier there are 3 different types of weapons Épée, Foil and Sabre, each one of them comes with different rules.

With the Épée the rules are simple, hit wherever you would like with the tip, no slapping or cutting allowed (Épée is the only kind of fencing you will find in school).

With the Foil, almost like the Épée, you can only use the tip of the weapon but you cannot target the arms, leg, or head.

With the Sabre, unlike the other two, you can both cut/slap and use the tip but only from the waist and up.

Where can I try fencing out?

In school every Tuesday and Thursday from 15:45 until 16:30 or 16:35 until 17:25 on the 5th floor Mr Nikolov's fencing class



takes place.

What My Dog Would Say If He Could Talk

By Nansi Hristova

My dog's name is Eddy. He is 4 months old. Eddy is Cane Corso breed. His weight is 14 kilograms. His fur is light brown, whereas his eye colour is dark brown. Eddy is a really good and cute dog.

My name is Nansi Hristova and today I'm going to tell you what my dog would say if he could talk.

7:00 am - "Good morning, Nansi!"

8:00 am - "Can you give me food, please!"

9:00 am - "I want to play!"

10:00 am - "I want to hug you, Nansi!"

11:00am - "Wash me!"

12:00am - "Food, please!"

13:00pm - "Can we go to walk outside and to play!"

14:00pm - "Sleep!"

15:00pm - "Hi, Nansi!"

16:00pm - "Want to play!"

17:00pm - "We can go to the mountains!"

18:00pm - "I want to eat!"

19:00pm - "Want to play!"

20:00pm - "I want to play with my friends!"

21:00pm - "I want to eat!"

22:00pm - "Good night !"

So it seems all my dog wants to do is eat, sleep and play. Oh, to be a dog!



Easy 15 Minute Cookies!

by Kristiana Petkova Grade VIII

Cookies! Who doesn't love them? Well, we have prepared for you 2 easy recipes that can be done in 15 min or less! Ready? After all stuffing yourself with cookies is everyone's Christmas wish, right? No? Just me...well. Merry Christmas!

Santa's Trash Cookies

3/4 c. cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
1/2 c. sugar
1/2 c. brown sugar
1 large egg
2 tsp. vanilla
2 1/4 c. all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1/4 tsp. kosher salt
1/3 c. crushed potato chips
1/3 c. Crushed Pretzels
1/3 c. semi-sweet chocolate chips
3 tbsp. red and green

1. Preheat oven to 350° and line two cookie sheets with parchment.
2. Cream together butter and sugars until light and fluffy, 3 to 4 minutes.
3. Mix in egg and vanilla.
4. In another large bowl, whisk flour, baking soda, and salt. Add dry ingredients to wet and mix until smooth. Dough will be thick.
5. Gently stir in chips, pretzels, chocolate chips, and sprinkles.
6. Make tablespoon size balls of dough. Slightly press them down onto the cookie sheet and sprinkle with sea salt.
7. Bake until edges are just starting to get golden, 7 to 8 minutes.
8. Remove from oven and let cool 2 to 3 minutes, then transfer to cooling rack to cool completely.

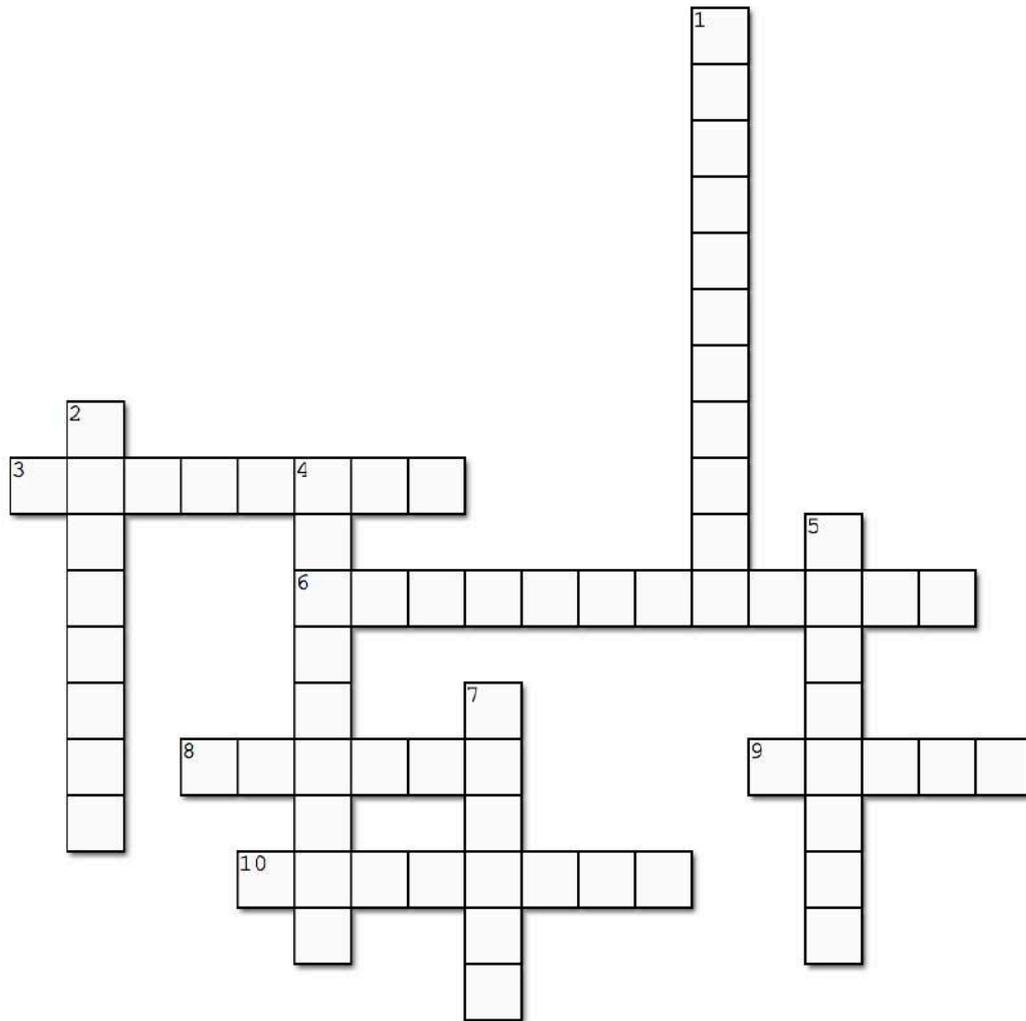


Thumbprint Cookies

1 3/4 c. all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. kosher salt
3/4 c. butter, softened
1/2 c. sugar
1 large egg
1 tsp. vanilla
Assorted jams, for filling cookies

1. Preheat oven to 350° and line two baking sheets with parchment. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, and salt.
2. In another bowl, beat butter and sugar until pale and fluffy, 5 minutes. Beat in egg and vanilla, then add dry ingredients in two batches until incorporated.
3. Using a small ice cream scoop, scoop 1" balls onto prepared baking sheets. Press a thumbprint into center of each ball, 1/2" deep. Fill with a small spoonful of jam.
4. Bake until edges of cookies are golden, 13 to 14 minutes. Cool on baking sheets before serving.

Word of the Day Crossword



Across

- 3. Meaningless talk; nonsense; being up to no good.
- 6. Noisy or lacking restraint or discipline.
- 8. To speak or write at length in a vague or trivial manner.
- 9. To be overcome with emotion for someone or something.
- 10. A large amount or variety of something.

Down

- 1. Something that is minimal, the least amount.
- 2. An orthodox or independent-minded person.
- 4. Fuss or commotion about something.
- 5. To trick or deceive someone.
- 7. A soft, gentle breeze.

- 1. diddysquat
- 2. maverick
- 3. malarkey
- 4. kerfuffle
- 5. hoodwink
- 6. rambunctious
- 7. zephyr
- 8. waffle
- 9. swoon
- 10. plethora

One last thing...

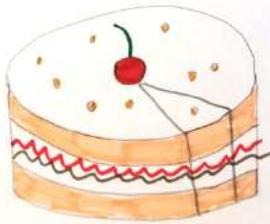
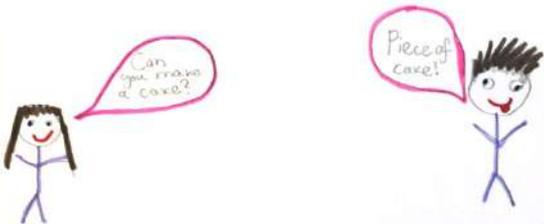
Grade V would like to share some of their favourite idioms.

Mark Gladishev

Anastasia Dimitrova

Piece of cake

People say "piece of cake" when something is easy.



To roll someone's leg

To joke with someone.



Steal Thunder

• Explanation

When somebody stole your idea.

• Example

For example I had a super idea, and then somebody says it and then you are awared.



That's the bee's knees

Excellent or very high quality.



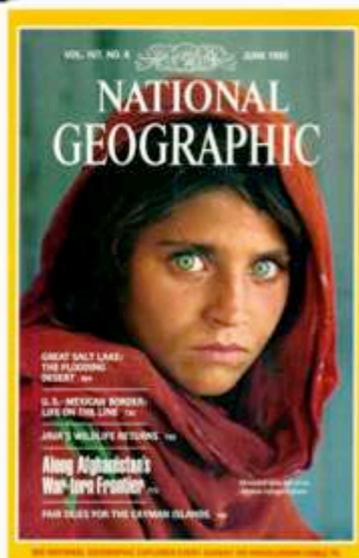
Example:
Your car is the bee's knees.



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Nikolai Kolev

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