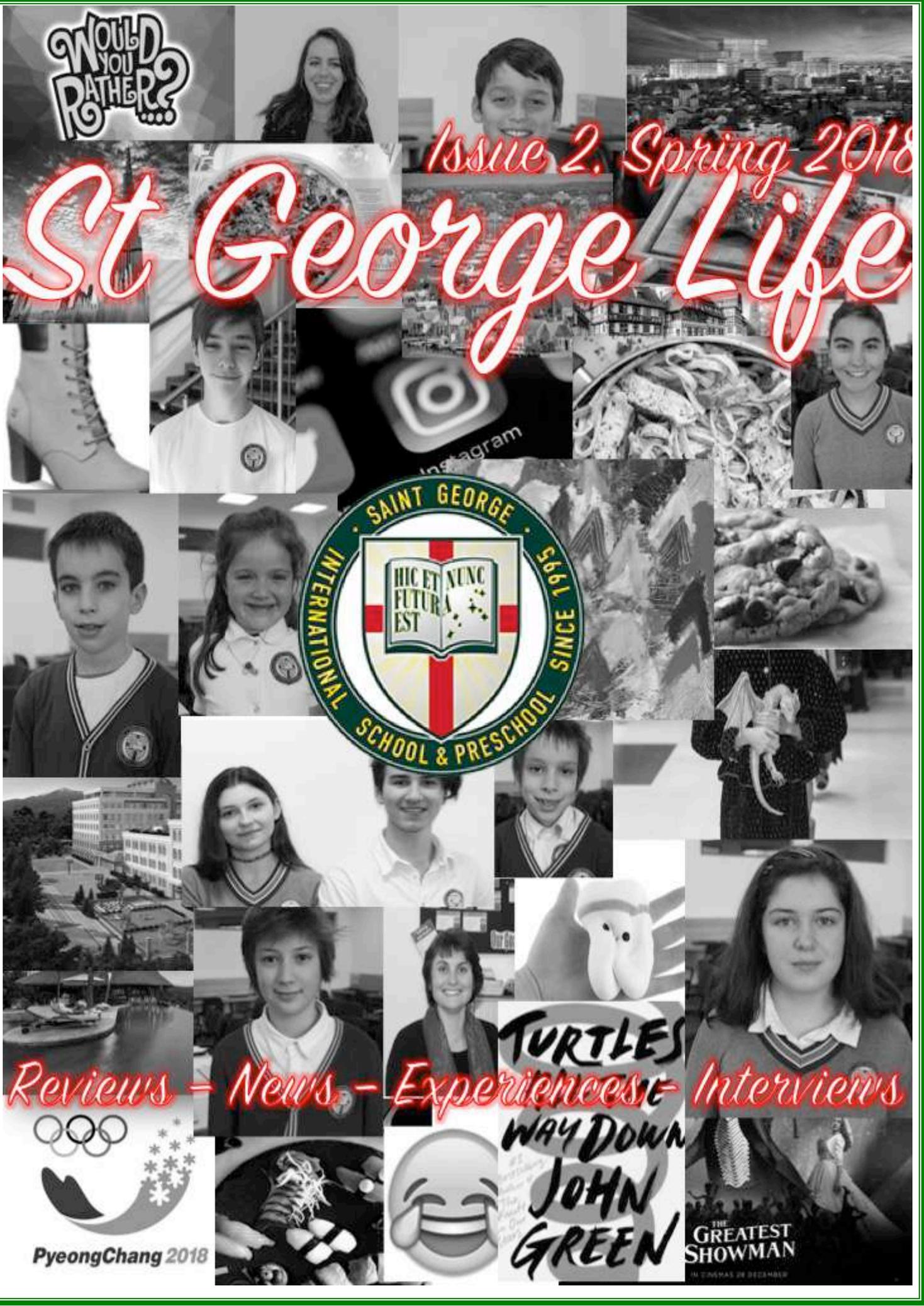


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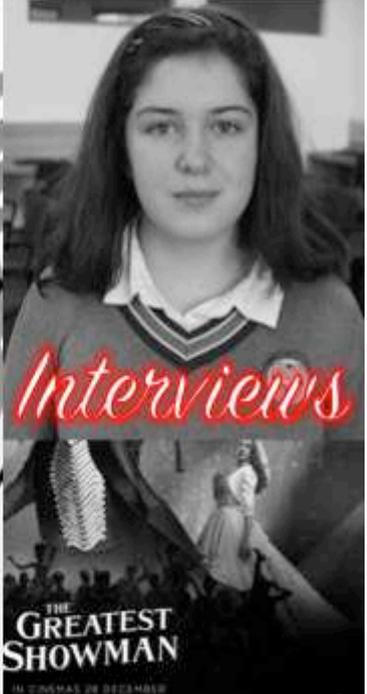
# St George Life



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# A Note From the Editor

*The seasons are changing, so the magazine is changing; we are setting a scene that is brighter, like Spring. A few of our articles resemble the transition from Winter to Spring - they tell us it is time to move on.*

*"St. George Life" has moved on, too. After we understood the concept and responsibility of our roles in the team, we overcame our problems and moved on from troubles; we tried again. Now we have got the hang of it.*

*Additionally, we have recruited some new team members. The team has improved and inspired. Do you know the three Rs? Reuse, reduce and recycle - but that is for preserving the environment. We don't exactly focus on preserving the environment, but we focus on the magazine. I like to think of them as Is instead: improve, improvise and imagine. We improvise when things go wrong, we imagine the impossible, and we inform people of the school and the world around them.*

*I'm feeling spring fever - an idiom that means "a feeling of excitement because spring is coming and the weather is getting warmer" - I can't wait for the long season of winter to end!*

*Sincerely,*

*Merrick Brannigan*

*Merrick Brannigan*



# *30 Seconds With A Teacher*

**By Ivan Baroff Grade V**

*What would your last meal on earth be?*

Mr Buckley – Chicken breast

Mr Nathan – Steak

Miss Galya – Tiramisu

Ms Tsveti Ivanova – Chocolate

Ms Trudy – Vegan Sushi

Ms Aranka – Hungarian goulash made with my grandmother's recipe

Ms Balikova – Crème Caramel

Ms Eleanoir – Lasagne with garlic bread

Ms Bea – Chocolate

*What would your three desert island items be?*

Mr Buckley – Climbing equipment, sunglasses, football

Mr Nathan – Stereo system, cowboy hat, football

Ms Trudy – Magnifying glass, Filipino Sundang Machete, rope

Ms Tsveti – Boyfriend, solar charger, phone

Ms Aranka – Piano, piano music

Ms Balikova – Seeds, water filter, book



# Day In The Life of... Miss Trudy

**Interviewed by Ivan Baroff Grade V**



I wake up at 6'o clock to the sound of the chirping birds. I drink a huge pot of warm milky coffee. I wake my kids up. While they are getting ready for school, I take my dog, Petya for a walk in the forest. She loves smelling every flower. When she comes back from her walk, she goes straight to the shower and I wash her muddy paws. Last Monday, she had rolled in a dead animal so I had to wash her whole coat. What a silly dog! Then I send the kids off to school and I walk to school to teach the best children in the world. When I am teaching, time flies. However, once the students leave the room time slows down. I spend a lot of my time at work planning lessons, filling out tables, writing emails and trying to find the next best video - it is hard to beat "Mans not hot". At 5 o'clock I go home. Petya goes for another walk and I collect my daughter from school. Then it is the exciting stuff - shopping, cooking and cleaning. If I have some time we watch Netflix - "Shrek" is the flavour of the month. 9pm - lights out. Wash, rinse and repeat. At 6 we are up again.

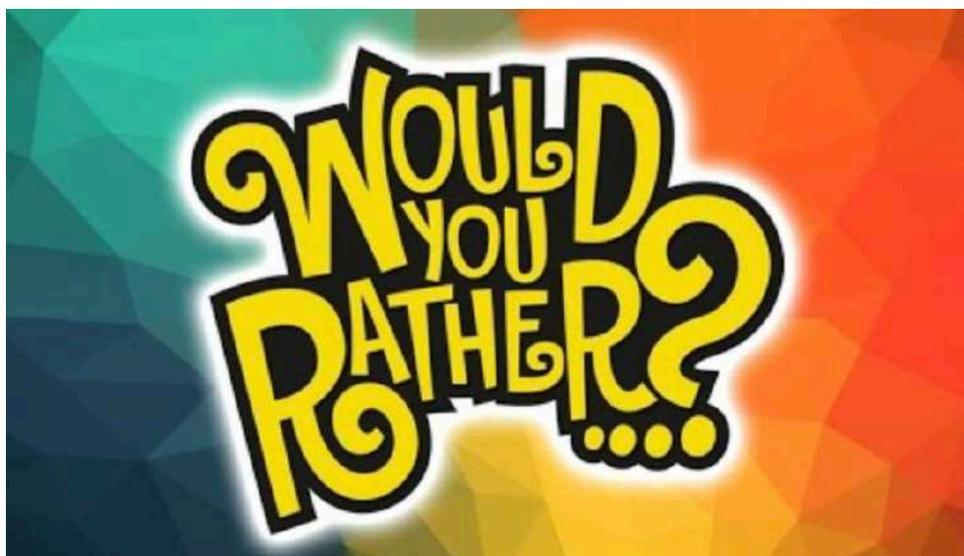


# Would You Rather...?

By Max Ivanov Grade VIII

Have a cat with a dog personality	<b>60% - 40%</b>	Have a dog with a cat personality
Be extremely underweight	<b>70% - 30%</b>	Be extremely overweight
To experience birth of life on Earth	<b>80% - 20%</b>	To experience end of life on Earth
Never be able to eat spaghetti	<b>50% - 50%</b>	Never be able to eat chicken
Have infinite knowledge	<b>70% - 30%</b>	Have infinite money
Win \$ 1 000 000	<b>20% - 80%</b>	Help your friend win 1'000'000'000\$
Be able to run at 100 km/h	<b>80% - 20%</b>	Be able to fly at 20km/h
Continue your life	<b>70% - 30%</b>	Restart your life with all your previous knowledge
Have free Wifi wherever you go	<b>50% - 50%</b>	Have free water wherever you go
Be 5 years younger	<b>40% - 60%</b>	Be 5 years older
Never be able to eat tacos	<b>50% - 50%</b>	Never be able to eat burritos
Speak all languages	<b>70% - 30%</b>	Be able to speak to animals
Know the date of your death	<b>50% - 50%</b>	Know the cause of your death

Ask your friends and see what they would choose!



# *4 Easy Steps To Organizing Your Life In 2018!*

**By Kristiana Petkova Grade VIII**

Do your teachers scold you for not bringing your things for class? Not doing your homework? Not paying attention?

And your excuse has been not having enough time, being sleepy, tired, or just lacking the motivation? Well, let's see the solution for all of that.

In short, you need to sort yourself out!!  
And St. George Magazine is here to help you do it!

## **Step 1 IMPORTANT?**

Start by prioritizing. What is more important? To keep the first spot on that really cool action game or score above 80% on your next math test. Think reasonably. It all depends on you and what you want to improve. Dancing or Spanish? Cooking or karate? You choose! But make sure that at the end it benefits you and makes you happy!

## **Step 2 WRITE ME DOWN PLEASE!**

Once you've decided on the most important things, write them down together with some goals. In our school planners we have a page where when we can create goals for ourselves. But if your goals are not school related, than taking a simple notebook and writing them down might not be a bad idea. Don't get us wrong, it's not because we believe you will forget them immediately. But after a while, combined with other goals it might get quite overwhelming to work on all of them. Even if you have a single one, it is still good you have somewhere to plan on how you would proceed into accomplishing it.

### **Step 3 *PLAN, PLAN, PLAN...***

Most beneficial improvements in life happen after they are planned. So? You want better scores in math? Take 10 minutes every day to solve 2 problems that you find hard. Want to keep better track of your homework? Free two cabinets at home, one for finished homework and one for to-do. Want to eat more healthy? Plan your daily menu and see where you can replace a greasy donut for a nice strawberry smoothie. Most importantly, make those plans realistic, so that you would be actually able to follow them with a little bit of strong will.

### **Step 4 *KEEP IT COOL...PHEW***

Good, you're following your plans.. But keep in mind that even if you slip and fail sometimes That Is Completely Fine.

The worst thing you can ever do is start blaming yourself for every mistake you make. Nobody's born knowing everything and practice makes perfect. So? You failed one time? Big deal.

If you keep failing however, then maybe you should consider extending your goal into an even longer period of time, taking smaller steps. For example, you are used to waking up at 10, but want to wake up at 7:30. It might be good to start easy with waking up half an hour earlier and after a month earlier and then even earlier. But give it some time.

And if you accidentally oversleep one of the mornings, don't ruin your entire mood because of a simple mistake. Just embrace your extra hours of sleep and try again tomorrow!

That was it for how to organize your life in 2018! We hoped we helped and wish you best in luck in achieving your goals, whatever they might be.

# *Science in 60 Seconds*

*The latest submissions to BBC Knowledge*

## **The Large Millimetre Telescope**

The second most distant and oldest galaxy has been found by the Large Millimetre Telescope (LMT) of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and Mexico's National Institute of Astrophysics. Astrophysicist of UMass, Min Yan, claims it is 12.8 billion years old, meaning it was formed during the universe's first billion years.

The LMT is designed to spot very distant objects and Yan is not surprised by its success. The telescope detects radio waves of lengths from 0.85-4mm in a collective area of 1960m<sup>2</sup>. The discovery's code is G09 83808 and has a redshift of 6.34. Although it was first spotted by the orbiting Herschel's telescope making a blurry picture, it was not a problem for the LMT. Later on the object was researched in Mauna Kea's observatory. The discovery can be called 'moonshot' and makes people interest in the future of long-range telescopes.

This is a step towards the discovery of space and its history. Yan said there is a lot more to discover, he is sure. G09 83808 will not be the LMT's only discovery. This job is a roulette; for instance a phenomenon called gravitational lensing (the process of magnifying light passing near space objects) helped LMT to find CO and trace it until it did not have a clear picture. Hopefully future telescopes will not only trace CO, but will be a perfect starting point for developing long-range telescopes.

**Ivan Marev Grade VI**

## Evolution of the parasite immune system

A study solves the enigma of how species can adapt and change their immune system to cope with new parasitic threats whilst at the same time showing little or no evolutionary change in critical immune function over millions of years. The findings help to explain why we humans have some immune genes that are almost identical to those of chimpanzees.

Such kind of a research can help humanity immune itself to parasites like Malaria parasites. Indeed, chimpanzees don't suffer from such kind of parasites. As the research seems to show, humans have immune genes similar to the chimpanzee's one. If work is continued on such a matter, we could be able not only to isolate ourselves from this kind of parasites but also from other conditions such as HIV.

Humans and our close evolutionary relatives respond differently to a large number of infections. While AIDS, malaria, and cancer kill millions of humans each year around the world, several non-human primates appear to be naturally protected against these diseases. For example, chimpanzees can be infected with a form of HIV (called Simian Immunodeficiency Virus, or SIV, in their case), but the disease rarely progresses to AIDS. Furthermore chimpanzees seem immune to infection with *P. falciparum* malaria.

**Kristian Bozhilov Grade VII**



Interested in writing an article for BBC Znanie? Come and see Miss Carthy for a topic and a deadline! Topics coming up include the immune system, animal behaviour, and evolution. You need to write about a discovery, why it is important and what will happen next as a result.

# The Mammal Daytime Switch

In late 2017 a group of scientists from UCL and the Tel Aviv University discovered that mammals switched to daytime activity after the dinosaur extinction. They concluded it is most likely the previously nocturnal animals started roaming under the sun because their reptile predators, also daytime dwellers, had disappeared.

The group of scientists, led by PhD student Roi Maor, made a very important discovery in the field of evolution, as they uncovered the behavioural changes in our mammal ancestors. The methods they created and the discovery they made will help scientists from all over the world learn more about life on this planet and the changes it has been subject to.

The discovery will help humans understand evolution and behavioural changes, while giving us an insight on what our mammal ancestors were and telling us how certain species change after an extinction level event. It is certain this discovery is a giant leap in our understanding of evolution.

**Mihail Palmov Grade VII**

**Find our students' work in the latest edition of BBC Znanie available in most magazine retailers!**

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# *Pyeongchang 2018 Winter Olympic Games*

By Nikolay Marev Grade IV

In 2018, from the 9th to the 25th of February there was the Pyeongchang winter Olympics which was a huge event for South Korea, East Asia and all around the world. The games included alpine skiing, ice hockey, biathlon, bobsleighbing and 11 more fascinating events.



Throughout these 17 days, we went through hundreds of mind-boggling events, but we came up with the Top 5 best moments.

## • **Walkie-talkie man**

During the beginning of the games a walkie-talkie broke free and fearlessly cascaded down the mountain. A courageous race official tried to stop the disaster but he failed again and again.

## • **No makeup**

When Ester Ledecka won the women's parallel giant slalom with just 0.01 seconds it was a big surprise for her and the rest of the world. But then at the press conference she brought her ski goggles. The explanation was "I didn't bring any makeup, I didn't prepare for the press conference."

## • **The stupid squirrel**

Every olympic sportist has worked hard to get to the games, but what is our problem with letting animals compete in them too? Well an animal olympic right activist squirrel showed how animals can snowboard by dashing through the finish line risking life.

## • **Shake it up bro**

Jessie Diggins and Kikkan Randall provided the games with one of the most hilarious moments on the podium. Both of the skiers (the first ever American cross country medaists) shook it up on the podium with a dance.

## • **The best Olympic twitterer**

Chloe Kim establishes herself as the best Olympic twitterer. She shared almost all of her ideas including going for an ice-cream, she wanted to eat two churros and that she is her own valentine!



Source <http://wwlp.com/2018/02/25/watch-the-funniest-moments-from-the-2018-winter-olympics/>

# *Are you ready for your fresh dose of fashion?*

**By Kristiana Petkova Grade VIII**

We will talk about:

- Gucci beheads their models?
- 20 years since the killing of Versace
- Donatella's adorable puppy Audrey

## *Gucci beheads their own models?*

It might come as a shock that the worlds 'hottest' brand goes that far when it comes to fashion, but alas, at the annual 'Milano Fashion Week', Fall/Winter 2018 Collection, Gucci send of models wearing their own decapitated heads instead of old boring handbags.

We do not end there. There were many topics that escalated Gucci to the most talked about brand of the fashion week.

The show took place in a hospital set, some interpreted as a mental asylum. The bright luminescent lights shined on the blank faces of the models, some of which, as stated, were holding their own heads. Several unique creatures also made an appearance. A baby dragon and a snake were used as an accessory replacement.





Last, but not least, white models were seen wearing babushka headscarves, a variety of tribal headdresses, plus hijabs and turbans. It was the latter that sparked the most outrage.

Celebrities and fashion critics alike expressed their disapproval towards the cultural disrespect.

British-Canadian actor Avan Jogia took to Twitter, saying that Gucci had crossed the line. He tweeted, “could you not find a brown model?” with an image of a white male model in a blue turban. Others joined the chorus, labeling calling the Italian fashion house “offensive” and “irresponsible.”



To all those accusations however, Gucci’s creative director Alessandro Michele simply replied with ‘it is supposed to be this way.’ It seemed he was fully aware of what he was doing by bringing these controversial topics to the public. The statement, which links the new collection with the cyborg philosophy of Donna Haraway begins with a nearly incomprehensible quote from the French philosopher Michel Foucault, about how identity is socially positioned within a binary system, forcing people to be categorized as normal or abnormal.

In conclusion the show was designed to be as “abnormal” as possible— meaning putting cultural symbols, like turbans, on people that would not ordinarily wear them and making people wear their own heads.

# *Imagination vs Reality*

**By Lara Ivanova Grade VI**

Don't be fooled by the perfect photographs and seemingly happy lives people lead on social media.

When you look at celebrity photos on Instagram or in magazines, they look flawless and the stars seem to be leading these sparkly lives. Even YouTubers, who are supposed to be 'real', always film exciting and entertaining events. No wonder it's easy to compare yourself and your life to theirs. But let's face it, how many people post the regular, everyday stuff like being half-asleep while eating breakfast or going through your laundry basket checking if your favourite top is clean? The fact is that mostly what you see isn't reality...

For example you would post photographs of something big or exciting, or a highlight – not about your problems and insecurities. So next time you're in your onesie eating chocolate, don't get caught on the hook of your idols.



# Media Critic Reviews

Nia-Katya Burzakova reviews what's new and what is going on in the media.



## The Greatest Showman

I had anticipated the release of this particular movie for a while, so going to see it I had some expectations and hopes. I had listened to the soundtrack about ten times at this point, so I was really hyped to see how the musical numbers would be portrayed. I had also tracked down every single trailer and “Behind the Scenes” clip available online, so I might have already been biased in the movie’s favour, but even still, I will try to stay as objective as possible.

The movie tells the story of legendary entrepreneur - P.T. Barnum - and how he invented the circus. It shows the trials and tribulations he faced, along with how it changed him as a person. Additionally, the movie gets into both the moral implications of the circus and how the people in there felt. The story is incredibly engaging and entertaining, and, despite not being fully historically accurate, it gets the spirit of the original circus and what it meant. The side characters are all interesting and memorable, especially the circus performers, who each bring something different to both the group musical numbers. Among them notable are Lettie Lutz the bearded lady, who is very kind and relatable and Tom Tumb the dwarf who is very encouraging in the darkest times in the movie.

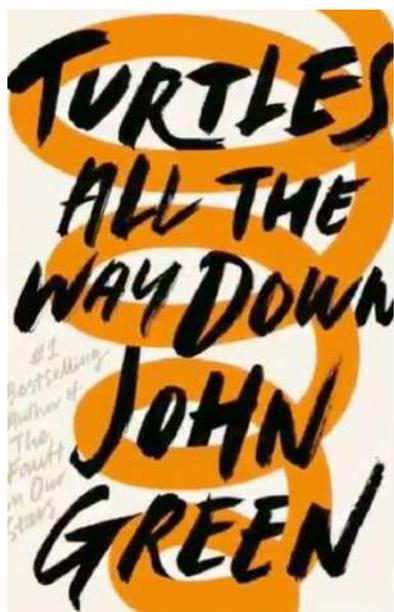
Another interesting thing about this movie are the visuals and the production design. The makers of this movie really made the movie feel like a Broadway production which really adds to the circus feel and the production design is really colorful and well done.

The final thing to mention and perhaps the greatest thing about this movie are the songs and the score. Written by the same people who did the songs for Oscar winner La La land, the songs here are truly brilliant both in lyrics and in melody. The performances as well are just mesmerizing, all of the actors can sing beautifully and the visuals and production are at their best. Notable among the songs are The Oscar nominated This is me that has become an anthem for feeling proud of who you are and many more including Rewrite the Stars and The Greatest Show.

To conclude The Greatest Showman is a truly amazing movie with great characters, an engaging story, masterful visuals and fantastic songs and I recommend it for teachers and students of any age.



## Turtles All The Way Down By John Green



I don't know how I feel about this book if I have to be honest I know I liked it but I also know that there were parts when I barely kept myself reading because I felt like an orange snake was slowly tightening its slimy body around mine until I suffocate. When it ended I didn't feel happy, but I wasn't sad either. I didn't know how I felt. It was (and half an hour and a visit to the gym later still is) a feeling that was new to me. I hoped that their paths would cross again I hoped that he was the one she didn't know she would end up with, but that's the thing I was hoping I didn't know and my best guess is that I never will. After I read the acknowledgements and underlined the last sentence of them partly because I am obsessed with the final words of books and partly because I felt it might help me figure out my dilemma I stared at it for a bit.

The book tells the story of a girl named Ana homes and her struggle to solve a million dollar mystery while struggling with OCD and living a normal life. On this journey she reconnects and ends up falling in love with her old childhood friend Davis who is deeply connected to the mystery due to the fact that his father, Russel Picket, is the person missing.

Something that I was thinking about after finishing this book is who am I. When someone says to me to be me I now realize I don't know what me is. I thought I was what I was thinking and that the very fact that my thoughts were mine made me who I was, but now I realize my thoughts are a result of a variety of outside information. I don't decide to go to school I know that's what I am supposed to do because if not I will be late and a chain of event would occur. I thought there is no way of knowing if you are fictional or not because your story is manipulated by a dozen powers beyond your control. But now as I am writing this review I realize I have one control no one and nothing else has. I know I have to go to school but I totally have the choice not to I can literally do anything the only thing that changes is the chain of events that would follow. The reason why I am the author of my story is that I choose the chain to follow even if that choice is guided by outside knowledge I make it and I understand I totally can decide not to.

In the beginning I mentioned there were parts of this book that made it hard for me to keep reading. It was during the moments with the thought spirals. I felt like I was the one going through it and it was painful. It was also frustrating because it ruined many moments that if not for it would have been happy.

I have hailed John Green as one of my personal heroes for a while and I knew he struggles with OCD, but I never understood what that meant and I think I never will because nobody understands anybody fully because we are stuck in ourselves I do feel like I am a bit closer to comprehending it though. I knew that doing what he does can't be easy but after reading this book I admire him even deeper than I did before. I know pain isn't romantic and that it sucks which is why I can't imagine the strength one needs to get passed pain in this level. All I know is that it happens and that blows my mind.

The final thing I would like to mention is this quote from this book it was mentioned several times and I think it represents my thoughts (but not me) on it: "The thing I love about science is that it doesn't give you answers it only makes you ask better questions." But I guess life is also like that it doesn't give you answers it only makes you asks better questions.

## View From the Stage

At the Christmas bazaar, I was scheduled to sing, and the experience from arriving to getting to the stage was very interesting. I arrived at 10 o'clock at school for the rehearsal. The plan was for us to have a rehearsal until 11:00 and then we were supposed to be at the stage at 13 o'clock, because the concert started at 13:30. The main thing I was trying to avoid was eating up to an hour before I was on stage, because it affects the throat (at least for me). I was pretty nervous additionally because even though I had practiced the song a lot I wasn't very sure I was going to do well and I also as I said hoped the food and the stress won't have an ill effect on my singing abilities.

At 1 o'clock I was backstage getting ready to perform and I felt as if I was going to barf on the spot. The bazaar was going super well and now everyone: parents, teachers and mostly terrifyingly students were all gathered together in the middle of the salon to watch the concert. I couldn't just get it over with either I was 16th on the list so I had a long time to wait. The only thing that kept my mind off all this were my fellow performers who seemed even more scared then I was so I spent most of my time comforting them. Time actually flew pretty fast and about an hour or so later the host called out my name. I stepped on the stage and was greeted with applause. I looked down to see my music teacher (Miss Nevena) and seeing her did calm me down slightly as the music started. I powered through my song and it went really well even though my ending could have been better.

When I finished I played a little game in my head I went "1001, 1002.." and suddenly the room erupted in applause. I smiled and bowed down before going backstage again. There all my fellow performers hugged me and we smiled and giggled.

If I have to give advice to any future school performers I would say forget that your friends are there, just perform for everyone, you are not doing this for you you may enjoy it, but it's not for you it's for your audience.



# *What's new?*

## **Fortnite Battle Royale**

By Nikolay Marev Grade IV

You want to play an online Battle Royale game? Well then Fortnite is the game to go with!



A battle bus, a storm, towns, weapons and other people to compete with in an epic fight to see who will win. And you shouldn't worry about your friends being left out, because you can play the game and in squad, duo and if alone solo. Place your landmark somewhere on the map, jump down from the battle bus, deploy your glider and gear up with a huge variety of weapons, explosives, shields and healables. You can harvest materials and even build structures to keep yourself safe from other people and shoot down people easier.

In addition this game is very realistic. Although it's cartoonish, you have limited ammo and there is bullet travel. But the most realistic thing is that you have finally one life.

Even the most famous gaming YouTubers are addicted to the game!



# Top 5 Kids' Movies of the Year (2017 - 2018)

By Merrick and Raina Brannigan

## 5. Wonder

If you're looking for a heartwarming and inspiring story, this movie is for you. Based on a book by R. J. Palacio, "Wonder" is a movie about a boy with a facial problem, who goes to Beecher Prep, a middle school in upstate New York, and faces the struggles of a middle-schooler. In addition to these struggles, he is bullied. "You can't try and blend in, when you were born to stand out."



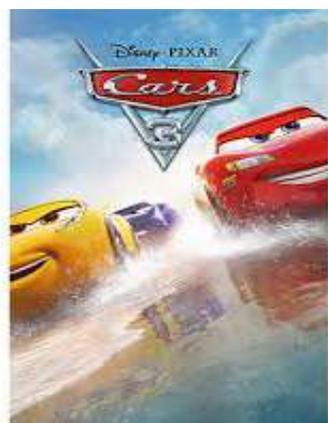
## 4. Ferdinand

Funny movies are the best. "Ferdinand" is one of them, starring famous wrestler John Cena and comedian Kate McKinnon. It tells the story of a giant bull with a big heart. After being mistaken for a dangerous beast, he is captured and torn from his home. Determined to return to his family, he rallies a misfit team on the ultimate adventure. Set in Spain, Ferdinand proves you can't judge a bull by its cover. The movie is perfect for family movie night and popcorn!



## 3. Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle

"Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" is a sequel to the original "Jumanji", made in 1995, and the film is about four teenagers that are sucked into a video game and become the avatars they chose. In the original film, it is a board game, not a video game. It is hilarious and well-plotted, with a twist at the end. This movie will make you laugh out loud.



## 2. Cars 3

Another favorite, Cars 3, is about the well-known character Lightning McQueen is pushed out of the sport he loves: racing. Anxious to get back in the swing, he turns to Cruz Ramirez, a car who has her own dreams of winning. With inspiration from a fellow car, and a couple unexpected turns, McQueen prepares to compete in Piston Cup Racing's biggest event. If you liked the

previous ones in the series, this movie is for you.

## 1. Beauty and the Beast

An adaptation of the 1991 animated film, this newer version brings it to life, literally.



## **Top 5 Places to go in Spring**

### **Athens, Greece**

Athens is named after the Greek goddess Athena. She was the goddess of wisdom, war, and civilization and the patron of the city of Athens. Her shrine, the Parthenon, sits on top of a hill in the centre of the city.

The Acropolis was built on a hill in the middle of the city of Athens. Surrounded by stone walls, it was originally built as a fortress where the people could retreat when the city was attacked. Later, many temples and buildings were built here to overlook the city. However, it was still used as a fortress for some time. I liked Athens a lot because of the Acropolis, especially due to the architecture.



### **Brussels, Belgium**

Chips, also commonly known as French Fries were invented in Brussels. In fact, in almost all the eateries in the city, you will find a variation of French Fries being served. There are actually 3 types of Belgian waffles including the common Liege waffles, rectangular Brussels waffles and thinner breakfast galettes.

Brussels has 138 restaurants per square mile.

### **Bucharest, Romania**

Bucharest is also called “*Little Paris*” because of the architecture and lifestyle.

By population, the European Union’s 6th largest city is Bucharest. The most popular Romanian dish, “mici” or “mititei”, was invented in Bucharest.



### **Jerusalem, Israel**

There are over 30,000 volunteer workers in Jerusalem. The length of the wall surrounding the old city is 4 kilometers.

King David was buried on Mount Zion.

### **Istanbul, Turkey**

Istanbul is the only city in the world that spans two continents. Istanbul is built on seven hills to match the seven hills of Rome.



# Nantucket: The Ultimate Getaway

By Merrick Brannigan Grade IV

Ever had trouble finding an easy getaway on the East coast of the U.S.?

Well, Nantucket is your best bet. An island off the curved coast of Massachusetts, Nantucket radiates a quaint feel in the Winter, while in the Summer it is a popular tourist destination.



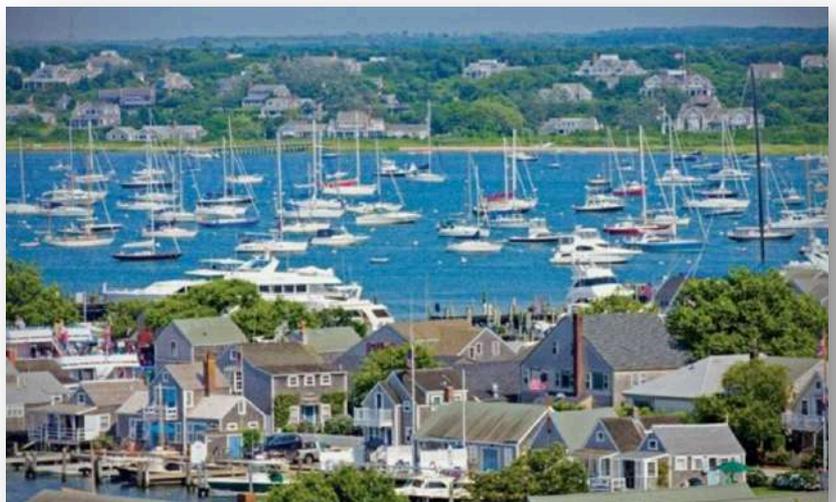
The tiny island is shaped like a Nike strip. Its name originated from the Native Americans' Wampanoag tribe, which transliterates as *natocke*, *nantaticu*, *nantican*, *nautica* or *natockete*. If you are interested in Native American history, this is the place to be. You've got go!

Additionally, the island is famous for old The Whaling Museum, in case you want to learn about whaling in the historical times. You will want to visit it during your stay!

*"One of the most informative museums in the US the team has ever been to. A wonder."* - National Geographic Magazine

After a day or so, you will be overwhelmed because of the breathtaking beauty. The houses are shingled with old wood and gives it a cultural feel. There is a walk around the island that fully shows what Nantucket is. Try the hike! It is simply wonderful.

Whether you go by yourself, with your family or with friends, you must definitely check the stunning island out!



# *My Visit to Strasbourg*

**By Boian Gouginski Grade V**

On June 30<sup>th</sup> I stepped into one of France's cities, Strasbourg. My parents and I settled into an apartment hotel named Appart Hotel. We had a hard time finding the parking lot and yes, we went on a road trip from Frankfurt to Strasbourg. The rooms were quite nice and had a few things to keep us entertained. However, it was lunch time and we had to find a restaurant. There was a mall nearby and a Vietnamese restaurant (it's called Pho Kim Saigon). We looked around and we decided to settle with Italian restaurant in the food court called Vapiano. Funnily enough I didn't eat pizza, but I ate rice (yup, that's right!). So, after we finished lunch with my parents we went to the European Court of Human Rights, where we were welcomed by a judge. The next day started and I was ready to go and have breakfast. We ended up going to Starbucks, where I waited for an iced drink resembles a strawberry. After that we had a walk to the tallest place in the city; Cathédrale Notre Dame de Strasbourg and I successfully climbed; at the top I made an instagram post. We also went to a place of worship called Mont Saint-Odile. It's a Christian church, which is very beautiful and unique. It had one of those phones where you can put in a Euro and hold the phone to your ear to learn about something in the room in either English or French. There are something here like La Chapelle des Larms and Engelkapelle. Tomorrow we will head back to Frankfurt for 2 days and return to our lovely home, Sofia.



# *A trip to paradise...*

## **Grade VI Persuasive Travel Writing**

Bali is a luxury traveller's dream, where visitors can relax and find themselves transported to another way of life by the scents of blossom trees and burning incense.

You will not only be offered the calmness and time to refocus, but you will also be able to take private day trips, try out snorkelling on the Lembangan reef and visit the magical nature and wildlife Bali has to offer.

Picture a perfect lagoon and barrier reef surrounding it; it's the quintessential location for rest, relaxation and romance. You will be surrounded by sparkling water, which is home to more than 800 species and corals.

Made famous in the West by the classic Broadway musical South Pacific, this tiny island has more than its fair share of unique cultural offerings, not just spectacular rice fields. The population of Bali is 3,890,757, and that does not count the wildlife! The species, for comparison, are 7 times as many in number as the entire Caribbean!

Bali's sculptures of Gods, magic in the air, coral species and landscapes are the most remarkable sights you will behold in your life.

What are you waiting for, go!

***Dara Dimova Grade VI***



Have you ever heard of the Maldives? The Maldives are a group of islands located in the Indian Ocean. You can go snorkelling, scuba diving and fishing. Not only that, but you can also explore the island and experience Maldivian culture. Find a local to show you the beauty of this spectacular island! Try something different every day! I promise you, you will never get bored in the Maldives!

The Maldives' wonderful landscapes will melt your heart when you see them. Its astonishing coastline and crystal clear oceans full of mysterious creatures will make you feel like you are in marine heaven. The secluded, clean beaches are full of fascinating seashells, so take your pick! The memories you collect here will be unforgettable.

Did you know that the Maldives is the lowest country? It's only 1.5 metres above sea level! The Maldives' national flower is the pink rose and the national bird is the white-breasted water hen. The most famous fruit in the Maldives is the coconut. If you're interested in learning, then there are many fascinating places to visit such as the Maldives National Museum, Malaguraidhoo Beach, Mirihi Islands and Kudahuadhoo. At the heart of the Maldives is the capital Malé, the most populated city. Covering 298m<sup>2</sup>, the Maldives has a population of 427,756, which makes for a bustling atmosphere!

Here in the Maldives you will gain unforgettable experiences and memories to cherish for a lifetime. The best place to visit this year? The Maldives!

***Stefanie Ribarova Grade VI***



# Dari's Corner

By Darian Grudeva Grade VI

## Did you know?

12 Sweet Facts that you probably didn't know...

1. Germans eat twice as much candy as Americans.
2. The average kid's Halloween bag contains over 1000 calories.
3. More candy is sold at Christmas than at Halloween.
4. About 2 billion candy canes are sold at Christmas.
5. M&Ms are the top selling candy in the US.
6. President Nixon used to eat Milky Way for breakfast.
7. Cotton Candy was invented by a dentist; his name was W.Morrison.
8. Most gummy bears are made with pork skin.
9. White chocolate is called 'sugar confectionary'.
10. Tootsie Rolls were part of WW2 soldier rations.
11. Circus Peanuts are all banana flavour.
12. The largest lollipop weighs more than 3000 kg.

## What to do when you're bored in the vacation...

1. Make Edible Slime – You need cornstarch, Starbursts/Frutella sweets and powdered sugar. To make the slime you have to microwave the sweets and add cornstarch and sugar.
2. Make a bullet journal or bucket list.
  - a. A Bullet Journal is a journal in which you plan all the things you want to.
  - b. A Bucket List is a list in which you write goals or place you to want to go or visit.
3. Bake gingerbread men.

Ingredients: 170g butter, 160g sugar, 250g molasses, 1 tsp salt, 2 tsp cinnamon, 2 tsp ginger, ¼ tsp cloves, 1 egg, 1 tsp soda, 120g flour.

Recipe: 1) Melt the butter and stir with sugar, butter, molasses and salt. 2) Let it cool and stir with an egg. 3) Add soda, flour and baking soda. 4) Refrigerate for 1 hour. 5) Preheat oven to 350 degrees. 6) Shape the gingerbread men. 7) Bake them for 8-12 minutes. 8) Enjoy!

# *Should we ban zoos?*

## *Grade 5 persuade us!*

Everyone thinks zoos are the best, but in reality they are a gross waste of time and money and a great source of cruelty, which are ruining the animal world.

Firstly, did you know that 70% of animals in zoos are caught from the wild? This means they are being enslaved against their will and this is all for entertainment. Furthermore it has been discovered by the government that almost all of animals in zoos suffer from stress and boredom. Some people might say that these 70% are taken so that they can have a better quality of life. Ultimately zoos are for entertainment and moneymaking purposes, not to save animals.

Secondly, some people say that zoos have educational value because they teach people about animals. In some respects this is true, but in most others it is not. What is a zoo? A zoo is a park with enclosed animals. From my point of view, this only educates kids that it is acceptable to enslave living beings for your own interests. There are 124 zoos in the USA; and as shown by the New York Times only 10 of these 124 provide enough space for the animals? What about the remaining 114 zoos?

How about the stress, disease and death the animals must face? Furthermore, the New York Times found that in Copenhagen Zoo a 2-year-old giraffe was executed due to surplus capacity. Yet, if these surplus animals were not killed, perhaps they would be in a circus where the treatment is not much better. An incident has been caught on camera in an American circus; it can be seen that a rhino was being forced to do tricks on ropes. Again, this only teaches us about enslaving animals.

In conclusion zoos are harmful to animals, killing innocent creatures and encouraging the capturing of animals. We need to stop this misery; not tomorrow, not the day after, but NOW. Save the fate of ginormous amount of innocent beings for them, for our children and future generations.

**Niki Yordanov 5a**

Many animals are bullied by humans. Do you think this is acceptable? Actually, animals have feelings, so the violence we use to act with them, cannot continue.

Firstly any animal rights activities believe that animals are mistreated by circus keepers in a brutal way. For example a circus in Los Angeles used bull hooks to punish their animals (mostly elephants) so that they are forced into performing the tricks, which you see at the circus. Furthermore, when an animal is trying to escape from the circus keepers' hands, they tie up the legs and trap them in cages. Do you know how much pain this causes? If you were being punished in this way, you would wish to die.

**Mira Kaneva 5a**

Imagine innocent animals captured like prisoners for other people's fun. You wouldn't be happy if you were treated like this, right? That is why I believe zoos should be closed. For example, at Dallas Zoos a gorilla named Jabaric tried to escape his enclosure because some teenagers were throwing rocks at him. After his last try, he was shot by the police.

Another reason why zoos should be shut down is that animals cannot live in small enclosures. For instance, at Edmoton Zoo an elephant called Lucy got painful arthritis from not having enough motion; all caused by the lack of space in the enclosure.

In addition 20-30 animals are killed each day. Let's say in Animal Park in Washington D.C. the owner of the park literally drowned a wallaby because the animal was in surplus and the owner did not need it for the park any more.

Some people may say that going to zoo has high educational quality, because when looking at animals you can learn about their daily life, diet, reproduction and habits. However, whilst not in the wild, animals have very different lives. Also sometimes zoos give animals drugs so that they act differently from in the wild. Furthermore there is a disease called zoochosis, which affects the animal, harming their mental health.

In conclusion I say that animals in zoos should be set free, because the wild is their only true home, where they can be nurtured by their own kind and develop naturally without human interference.

**Ani Sotirova 5a**

# *The World's Biggest Buildings*

By Dimana Arizanova Grade VIII



Have you seen the most beautiful buildings in the world? From the top there are good views, but if you're scared of heights, don't look down!

The tallest skyscraper in the world is in Dubai and the name of the tower is Burj Khalifa.



The biggest building in New York is the Empire State Building which has 102 floors.



The second big tower is in Toronto, Canada. The name is CN tower. Here there is even a restaurant for lunch and dinner.

## *Meanwhile in Sofia...*

By Nia-Katya Burzakova Grade VIII

### **Greenwich Book Center**

It's located on "Vitoshka" street in the center of Sofia. It's a very cosy bookshop that contains a small coffee shop inside. There you can find a wide variety of books that include some titles that are not found in the usual more commercial shops like Orange. Additionally you can find some additions not found in other Bulgarian book shops. We highly recommend it for book lovers and nerds of all sorts.



### **Sofia Theater**

It is located in the park 'Zaimov.' The Sofia Theater is the place to be if you want to see more modern Bulgarian theater with amazing actors. It's also really calm, and hipster as it were, which really makes it enjoyable for more bookish types.



# *Immersed Within*

An extract by Merrick Brannigan Grade IV



## **Chapter I - A Thought About Magic**

You look down. You see a vivid image that some people know as Earth. It is a swirl of colors, changing one after another. Blue, green, white. The vast oceans are a deep blue, almost a periwinkle. The land is a beautiful, stunning green. Words spiral around it, some peaceful words, some harmful. You see words like 'conflict', 'love', 'hate'. The words. The colors.

My name is Aidan Smith. I am lost in space.

I was born on Earth. I came from North America, more specifically the United States. I was born in the year 2037. My parents met in engineering school and founded their own business, Flight Corp. It was after they started planning for the ideas of creating a spaceship to take tourists into space that they had me. I am an only child, and my parents said I was their 'most prized possession'. But that was before they made the spaceship. It was called SpacecraftOne, made to take tourists to space, just as originally planned.

On October 4, 2048, they launched the ship. My parents had held a massive party at their mansion the night before takeoff. There was champagne, wine, beer. It was one of the best nights ever.

Unfortunately, the ship only made it so far. My dad, William, was yelling into the communication device with an urgent voice:

"Mayday, mayday! Engines down! Send help immediately!"

SpacecraftOne, my parents' invention, which they had worked on for 12 years, fell towards Earth. All I remember was silence. Then, suddenly, the spaceship exploded. It was a loud noise that followed the devastating blast that ripped my world apart, literally. It tore the ship in half. I'm living in the wreckage of the ship, with, surprisingly, the air generator in tact. The explosion left me with nothing except food and water and a floating island of metallic debris. To be honest, I'm not sure where I find the food and water. I keep discovering unlimited supplies in my 'home'. Perhaps it's a miracle. Perhaps it's the technology. Perhaps it's magic.

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**An Interesting Idea**

Magic is real.

# *Where to...* *... eat in Sofia.*

**By Alex Karageorgiev Grade VI**

## **Italian Restaurants – Leo's Pizza or Golden Nero**

Leo's pizza is a restaurant where the pizzas are made by an Italian and are the most sumptuously delicious to eat, whereas at Golden Nero you have quality over variety on the menu. Both offer mouth watering Italian delights and both are conveniently located – Leo's is right next to school and Nero's next to South Park.



## **Sushi Restaurants – Edo Sushi or Hamachi**



Both Edo and Hamachi provide Japanese food packed with many flavours – you can sample sushi, teppanyaki, noodles, tempura and so on... All dishes are prepared before your eyes with the freshest of ingredients sourced both locally and from further afield!

## **Steak House – Crystal Burger & Steak**

Crystal is the best place to eat when you want something as simple as a burger or as elegant as a steak. The dishes are cooked to perfection and to your taste and the atmosphere is welcoming, yet sophisticated. Perfectly located at the Ring Mall, Crystal is both convenient and delicious.



# *Trattoria Giuseppe Verdi*

**By Dimana Arizanova Grade VIII**



Do you love Italian food? Would you like to try the best Italian food in Sofia? Then come to Trattoria and try delicious, fresh and authentic Italian food. On the menu there are over twenty different dishes including crispy pizza, homemade pasta and sweet tiramisu. The food is so tasty that 10 out of 10 people would come again. My personal favourites are pasta with tomato sauce and parmesan and blueberry cheesecake for dessert. Imagine the taste of fresh tomato and salty cheese and the taste of creamy cheesecake and crunchy biscuits. You will be served by friendly waiters and your food will be cooked by top chefs from Italy. With the traditional setting and authentic food, you will feel like you are in Italy in a restaurant in Serravalle. 9 out of 10 customers agree this is the most authentic Italian restaurant in Sofia. Go now and get excited! It will be a taste explosion!



# Let's talk about...

## TIMBERLAND BOOTS

**By Stanimira Stoyanova Grade VII**

One of the most popular shoes this year are Timberlands. Half of the seven graders have a pair and also celebrities like: Kanye West, Hailey Baldwin and Justin Bieber.



One of the reasons why Timberlands got so popular is that they are waterproof, but stylish too. You can combine them with all kinds of cloths and they are unisex:



You can find them in different colors, types, and prizes. (Fake: 12\$, Original: 200\$)



# The Cool List

By Mira Kaneva Grade V

Squishy is the best cure when you are stressed! These cute toys are slow – rising and soft and you can choose many different types on [Amazon.com!](https://www.amazon.com)



Want to end up with the boring ball – point pen? Then buy the pen “What would a sloth do?”. This is a pen which is funny and cute and might help you making decision! You can buy it from [Asos.com](https://www.asos.com) !

When the island’s dormant volcano begins roaring to life, Owen (Chris Pratt) and Claire (Bryce Dallas Howard) mount a campaign to rescue the remaining dinosaurs from this extinction-level event. Owen is driven to find Blue, his lead raptor who’s still missing in the wild, and Claire has grown a respect for these creatures she now makes her mission. Arriving on the unstable island as lava begins raining down, their expedition uncovers a conspiracy that could return our entire planet to a perilous order not seen since prehistoric times.



Stella’s adoptive father, Felix, is a member of The Polar Bear Explorers’ Club, and Stella has always wanted to be an explorer as well. Technically girls aren’t allowed to join The Club, but when the chance arises to join Felix, Stella is determined to prove she can be as good an explorer as anyone.

She soon finds herself on an expedition to find the coldest part of the Icelands. But it doesn’t go to plan, as she and her fellow junior adventurers get separated from the group and have to find their way across the Icelands together. While the Icelands is full of incredible places and creatures to discover, it’s equally full of danger.



# 3 silly products that can actually help you

By Ivan Baroff Grade V

1)

## The squatty potty :)



This convenient, sturdy structure is engineered to mirror the angle and efficiency of natural squatting, while allowing for the luxury and comfort of your own toilet.

2) The product unicorn gold is actually going to make your fart smell good.



3) The Poop Emoji Plunger features an extended suction cup and fits securely on all types of drains. This plunger clears any clog with minimal effort. The best part? The Poop Emoji Plunger is happy to do the work for you.

## Top Tips for Doing Ballet By Raina Brannigan

My top tips:

1. You need to practise lots - even at home!
2. You need to wear ballet shoes.
3. You need to wear a ballet skirt.
4. You need to wear a leotard.
5. You need to wear ballet tights.



# *What's happening in Grade 1?*

## **Why I like St George School** by Boris Baroff

- We have a new building.
- We have interesting clubs - especially magazine club!
- There are students and teachers from different countries.
- We have fun lessons (I love mathematics)!
- We have yummy food!
- We have interesting teachers.



## **The New Building** by Boris Baroff

The new building is gigantic. It is on 3 floors and it's connected to the school. It has a swimming pool and a big hall in which we celebrated the Christmas Bazaar, and the World Scholar's Cup. Additionally, it has a tennis court, a racetrack, and it has a big physical education room. Moreover, a big stage, on which people from St. George show their talents, and it also has a fencing room. The size of the swimming pool for students is 25 x 12.50 meters, and the kindergarten swimming pool size is 6.60 x 5.50 meters. The school's gym has a area of 1025 square meters. Also, it has a kindergarten gym, a relax zone and a sauna. It will be very exciting once it officially opens!



## **Fun facts about our teachers... by Raina Brannigan**

### **Mrs. Metodieva**

- She is a teacher, because that was her dream
- When she was a child she swam for 3 years
- Her hometown is Pleven
- She never been in Saint Paraskeva church, even though it is located in Sofia
- Always dreamed to have straight hair
- Her first 2 in her markbook was from English.



### **Mr. George**

- He likes to go snowboarding
- When he is at the cinema he watches only animated movies
- He excels in boxing
- He has allergy from cats, but has one anyway
- He likes to do origami
- Making furniture as a hobby
- The first time he taught was in 11 grade when he prepared his class for a math exam

## **My Field Trip... by Raina Brannigan**

At 12 pm we walk to the dentist and we talked all about teeth. We learned about cleaning your teeth. Let me teach you some things:

Tips for cleaning your teeth:

1. Brush your teeth 2 times a day.
2. You need to brush your teeth for 2 minutes.
3. You need to brush everywhere.
4. You need a toothbrush and toothpaste.
5. You need to rinse your mouth after you brush your teeth.



# The Island Fox

By Merrick Brannigan Grade IV

## What is the island fox?

The island fox is an animal from the fox family with the scientific name of *Urocyon littoralis*. It is a cat-sized omnivore that is the largest of the Channel Islands' native mammals, but one of the smallest canid species in the world.

## Population

Unfortunately, this species is becoming one of the most endangered animals in the world. About six years ago, on the Channel Islands, there were around 6,000 of these foxes, but nowadays there are fewer than 1,660. Additionally, on one of the islands, Santa Cruz, the population has fallen from 1,500 to less than 100 in a five year period.

## Diet

The fox is omnivorous and eats a wide range of food, including summer holly, cholla cactus, roses, native deer mice, ground-nesting birds, grasshoppers and crickets.

## Habitat

The island fox is can be found on six of the islands in the southern California Channel - this is the reason why the word 'island' is used in the fox's name. The climate is semi-arid and the average rainfall is around six inches per year.

## Appearance

The animal is related to the grey fox; the island fox has similar markings, and, however, in contrast, is one third smaller than the grey fox.

This fox has grey coloring on its back, a unique rust color on the sides and white underneath. You will find the animal to be distinctive in terms of color. Its face has a special black, white and light maroon-colored patterns.

## Cool facts

- It is the only carnivore unique to California
- Some individuals have been known to live for 15 years

Visually, island foxes show signs if dominance through facial expression



# Most Amazing Natural Phenomena

By Niki Marev Grade IV

## Lenoid meteor storm

This phenomenon occurs when the earth passes through the orbit of the comet Temple Tuttle ( every 33 years ). It consists of 1000 meteors and lasts 15 minutes.



## Total solar eclipses

Total solar eclipses are the state when the moon fully covers the sun's light, but even though that on some places (depending on where the eclipse is set) you can only see a partial eclipse.

## Volcanic

Volcanic eruptions are a volcanic going through it lightning comes generated from the eruption.



## lightning

lightnings (also known as thunderstorms) are not eruptions with a lightning from the sky. The lightning comes from the energy



## Fire rainbow

The fire rainbow (also known as circumhorizontal arc) is formed by sunlight shining through horizontally-flat, hexagonal ice crystals from the side.

## Blue lava

Blue lava is a very, very rare phenomenon happened only once when the Indonesian volcano Kawah Ijen erupts with blue lava.



# Get Your Racket!

By Nikolay Marev Grade IV

You want to lose weight, start body building or just use your time usefully? In this situation, tennis is the perfect sport to do!

I think tennis is the best sport sport for many reasons. Firstly, it's great fun! You can play this sport with your friends, having a great time, while you are training all your muscles. In addition to this, you also use your brain. People who play tennis need to concentrate on many things.



Tennis is a 19th century Olympic sport invented in Birmingham, England. In those times it was called lawn tennis, because it was played on grass. Right now the sport we all know as tennis is a very popular sport. I know this from my own experiences, because all the time I want to book a tennis court, it is very rare that there is availability.

However, tennis is not only about amusement. It's a big challenge. You need to train for a long time, but it's worth it. There are many rules, but the main reason of the game is to hit the ball back to the opponent's field, without having him hitting it back. If this happens it's called a point. The first point is 15, then 30, 45 and a game. If your opponent does the same he also gets points. If the two of you have 45 points it's called a deuce. At this point, you need two more points to win the game and if you have one you get advantage, but if your opponent wins a point then you get back to deuce. You can win a set by having a game difference of 6/0 6/1 6/2 6/3 6/4 7/5 7/6. If you get to 6/6, it's called a tiebreaker. I know that this stuff seems hard to learn, but watch two tennis matches and you will remember it! There are also in zones and out zones. But the most important thing is how you hit the ball. There are names of the kinds of hits. For example there is forehand, backhand and serve.

Supporting this, is the fact that remembering all these rules and challenges teaches your brain. You always need to concentrate on where the ball is, how will you hit it and where you or your opponent will hit it. Now that you know that tennis challenges your brain, let's talk about the other things it challenges. When you hit the ball you train your arms, when you run to hit it you the your legs. You are always on the move!

Finally, let's talk about career. Tennis can mean a way of life for some people. And it's great! Firstly because it's not a boring job and secondly it's the insane amount of money you get. 16 times Grand-slam champion Rafael Nadal has a net worth of 31 million U.S. dollars! Yes, 31 million! I told you, it is the perfect sport and it has a great explanation for every reason.

So, I would recommend to you to get your racket right now and hop on to tennis!

# Zombie Apocalypse

## Sofia's Terrain Will Allow People to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse

By Merrick Brannigan Grade IV

Zombies aren't the type that will be paving roads, educating students, or constructing monuments. They're the type that will not stop trying to kill you, the type that shows no mercy. What if a zombie apocalypse appeared in Sofia? Would it be fatal to Bulgaria's cultural capital, or would the city survive the attack?



Zombies are known as the undead. They are creepy creatures that radiate a terrifying feeling when their name is said. Furthermore, there have been legends that zombie apocalypses have been happening all around the world. Sofia is a suspected target.

Sofia is the cultural capital of Bulgaria, geographically located in the deep, vast Balkan Mountains. If a zombie apocalypse happened, Sofia could possibly survive it. Sofia has a variety of terrains. Supporting this fact, is that the city is surrounded by mountains, there is an underground metro, farmland is nearby, and many buildings in the center are the perfect places to hide. The mountains are among the best places to hide during an apocalypse, due to the relative remoteness and massive forests. Furthermore, the ski resort on the mountain would have at least a small amount of food. You could easily hide from the terrifying creatures.

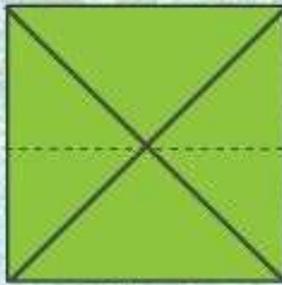
In addition, the underground metro travels throughout the entire city and you could escape easily from the zombies' grasp. The underground shops would be ideal to ransack after the owner has left. You could easily sleep without any nightmares. The farmlands and plains that surround the city are good, but nevertheless, depending on the height of the grass the zombies may be hard to spot.

However, if the zombies attacked the center of the city, we would have more of a problem. Sofia has many wide-open parks, and it would be harder to lie low. Unfortunately, the buildings aren't well protected, either. This would definitely earn a point to the zombies.

Nevertheless, the citizens could overcome their fears and weaknesses and stop the apocalypse.

# Origami with Ivan Baroff

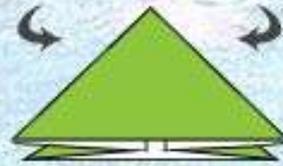
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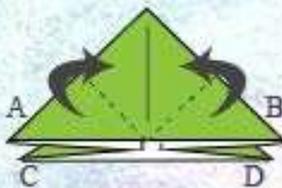
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Step 2



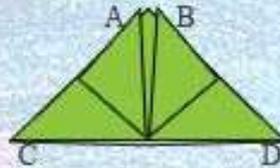
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Step 3



Now fold the two top flaps A and B so that their edges meet at the middle

Step 4



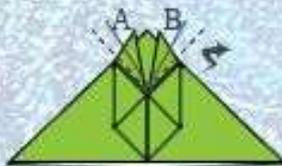
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Step 5



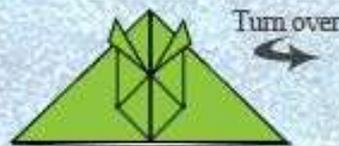
Fold points A and B so that they meet at the center.

Step 6



The belly of your frog is almost finished. To create the arms, pleat flaps A and B by folding...

Step 6 cont'd



... them down along the dotted line and then back along the solid line.

Step 7



Fold sides C and D so that their long edges meet at the center.

Step 8

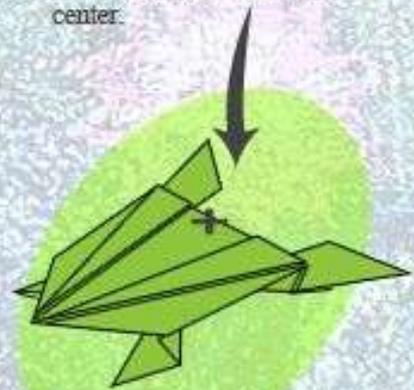


Fold the inner edges of flaps C and D towards the outer edges.

Step 9

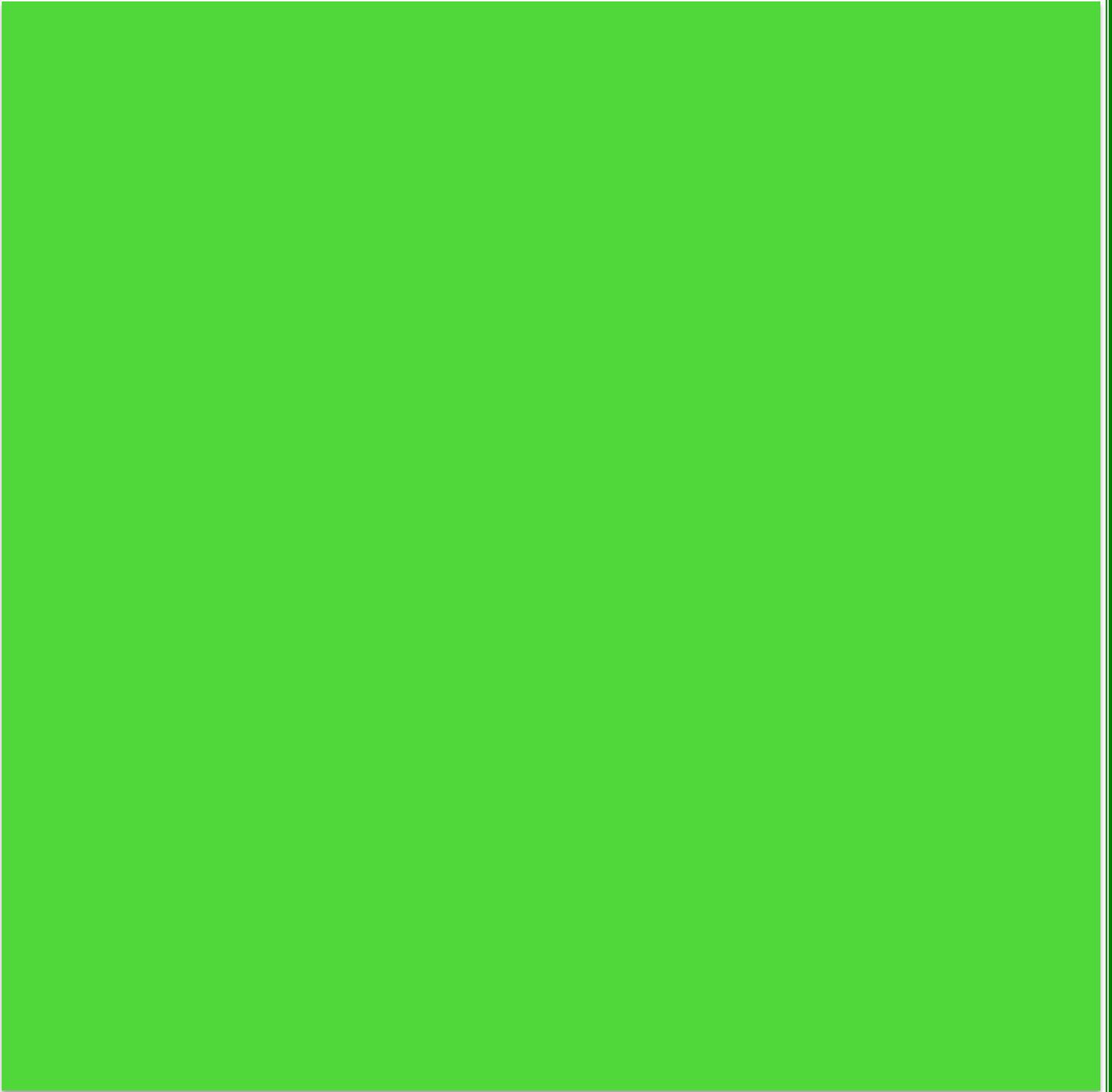


To create the spring, pleat the lower quarter of the figure by folding under along the solid line and then out along the dotted line.



To make the frog jump press the end of its back with the tip of your finger.

Use this for your origami...



# Simple Life Hacks

By Ivan Baroff Grade V

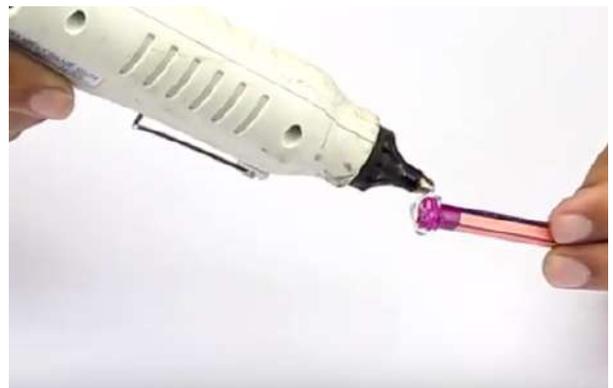
## How can you create a zoom without zooming with your phone?

- \*Firstly, take a bottle of water.
- \*Under a sink, put some drops of water on your finger.
- \*Put the drops of water on your camera.
- \* Open your camera app.



## How can you create a rubber for your pencil?.

- \*Take a glue gun
- \*Make sure that the glue gun is hot (DO NOT TOUCH THE GLUE GUN TO SEE IF IT'S HOT).
- \* Take a pencil.
- \*Put the pencil in your right hand, and your glue gun in the left.
- \*Put some hot glue at the top of the pencil.
- \*Wait to dry.



## How can you pour your pancake mixture with ease?

- \*Empty and clean an old ketchup bottle.
- \*Pour in your pancake batter.
- \*Squeeze the batter from the bottle



# 10 Weird Alien Facts

By Nikolay Marev IV

- **UFO sightings back in time**

The first alien sightings were found in an ancient Egyptian fresco which is estimated to be around 3468 years old. On the fresco you can spot a helicopter, submarine, pontoon and plane's picture.

- **Help aliens**

Some American flame warriors are prepared and taught how to help the wounded aliens.

- **Government doesn't want us to know**

As some of you may think, visitors from outside the Milky Way have already found and visited us. The government knows it all and keeps it in secret

- **Kidnapped by aliens**

Mr. Ilyuzminov from Kamalyka claims that he was kidnapped by yellow aliens in September 1997.

- **Unexplained space mystery**

Three days after the launch of the Apollo 11, the team spotted a strange, unknown flying object. They thought that it was one of the Russian rocket's part, but NASA, until these days couldn't explain it.

- **How often?**

According to all our info, there are 70,000 UFO recordings every year. This means 192 UFOs every day.

- **Illegal number. ALIENS?**

In Title 14 section 1211 of the Code of Federal Regulations, it is fully illegal to call this number for all US citizens.

- **WOW**

Ohio State University discovered a strange light signal from 220 million light years. They found it so intense that they named wow.

- **ALIENSSSSS!**

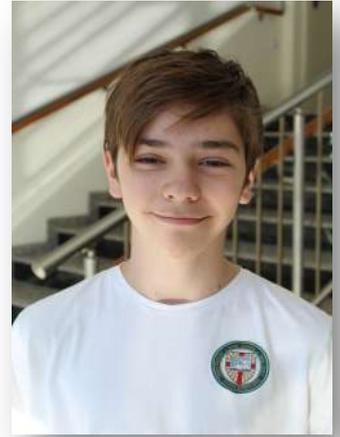
From 2012, there are very strange and strong buzzing sounds every year. We hear the sounds from the sky, but scientists think that it's the Earth's cores moving and the sound reflecting from space, but then why didn't we hear them sooner?



# *Faithful events which will happen before 2030*

**By Kristian Bozhilov Grade VII**

The future is something most people cannot predict. Indeed, not all future events are unknown to us. That's why here's a list of events which will happen before 2030. Before we start, it's good to know that as we said in the begging-the future is something almost unsure, so don't be surprised if some of this events get delayed or cancelled in the near future.



We start with this year (2018) with its most faithful events. Two new countries may appear in Oceania by the name of Bouganville and New Caledonia as they hold independence referendum from France and Papua. Indeed, my personal opinion is that there should only exist the countries that humanity created through the last two centuries, because in present day laws are harder to form and especially to enforce them in a country. Per example South Sudan, which was found in 2011, is still under a lot of oppressions and even till present day the country is suffering through third world consequences. We move to the exciting 2019 (next year). As far as we know the UK has big chances to leave the EU, but their position is not yet entirely clear. Good news for women who like football are that the FIFA women's cup will be hold in France. As for 2020, we will see a new record be broken - Jeddah tower in Saudi Arabia will be completed and take the place as the world's tallest building. This colossus will stand at the magnificent 1000m height! Also, the world's first space hotel will open and will have the capacity to carry up to 6 very wealthy guests.

As we start the next decade we are going to have a lot of space research progress. In 2021 India will launch their first manned space mission. In the following year (2022) China will build their own space station, in addition the FIFA world cup will be hosted once again in Qatar and the Winter Olympics will be hosted in Beijing China. In 2023 the copyrights on the earliest Mickey Mouse cartoons will expire under current US copyright law. On the other hand in 2024 we will see SpaceX launching their first rocket carrying cargo to Mars in a preparation for a future manned space mission. Sadly the International Space Station will eventually run out of funding this year and be decommissioned as a result this may be delayed to 2028. Also we will see the Fenarn Belt Fixed Link finally completed, which will provide a direct rail and highway link between northern Germany and Copenhagen in Denmark. As we enter 2025 we will see the giant Magellan telescope completed and it will be the largest observatory in the world at this point and have ten times the resolution of the Hubble Space

Telescope. The UK will have completely phased out all of their coal power plants. In the following year, 2026, SpaceX will launch their space mission to Mars if everything goes according to their plan. Nasa also has plans on sending humans to visit an asteroid and construction on the Catalan Cathedral Sagrada familia will also be ready after it started all the way back in 1882. It has been under construction 144 years!

We start the next three years with so much promises before starting the next decade! The SpaceX crew that went off last year will finally reach Mars in the year 2027. This means that we will see for first time in history humans on Mars. Also the full autopsy report on Elvis Presley which was agreed to be sealed for 50 years following his death will finally be publicly available. In 2028 the Summer Olympics will be hosted in Los Angeles. At the end of the decade the cities of San Francisco and L.A. will be connected by a high speed that can transport people from one to the other in just two hours and twenty minutes! We finally reach the year of 2030 in which NASA will probably land the first humans on Mars but that is if SpaceX failed in 2027. Sometime around now China has plans on launching their own manned space mission to the moon and the following year Russia will also launch their first cosmonauts on the moon.



# Let's Cook!

## **Chocolate cookies** By Nansi Hristova Grade V

- 4 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 2 teaspoons baking soda
  - 2 cups butter, softened
  - 1 1/2 cups packed brown sugar
  - 1/2 cup white sugar
  - 2 (3.4 ounce) packages instant vanilla pudding mix
  - 4 eggs
  - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
  - 4 cups semisweet chocolate chips
  - 2 cups chopped walnuts
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Sift together the flour and baking soda, set aside.
  2. In a large bowl, cream together the butter, brown sugar, and white sugar. Beat in the instant pudding mix until blended. Stir in the eggs and vanilla. Blend in the flour mixture. Finally, stir in the chocolate chips and nuts. Drop cookies by rounded spoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheets.
  3. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes in the preheated oven. Edges should be golden brown.



# One-Skillet Chicken Alfredo Pasta

By Merrick Brannigan Grade IV

Serves: 6-8 people

## INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breasts
- Kosher or coarse salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 4 cups chicken broth, preferably low-sodium
- 1 package (1 pound) pasta of your choice
- 1 1/2 cups heavy (whipping) cream or half-and-half, warmed
- 1 cup freshly grated Parmesan, plus more for serving
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley (optional)
- (Special ingredients: thyme and garlic powder)



## PREPARATION

- Cut the chicken breasts into 1-inch pieces. Season with salt and pepper.
- Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the chicken and sauté until nicely browned on the outside, but still a bit pink inside, about 5-6 minutes - the pieces don't have to be browned on all sides; two sides is fine. Then, remove the chicken and set aside on a plate.
- Do not clean the pan! Those brown bits on the bottom of the pan are going to add flavor to the sauce. Now, add the garlic to the pan and sauté over medium heat until you can smell it, 30 seconds. Turn the heat to high, add the chicken broth, and scrape the bottom of the pan to loosen up all of those delicious caramelized bits. After 30 seconds to a minute, bring to a simmer, lower to medium heat, and simmer for 6 minutes.
- Add the pasta in slowly, stir well, and simmer until the pasta starts to soften, about 8 minutes. After the pasta has softened, stir in the warm cream and the browned chicken with any juices that have accumulated on the plate. Simmer, stirring occasionally, until the pasta is tender, most of the liquid has been absorbed, and the chicken is cooked through, about 4 minutes more.
- Stir in the Parmesan until well incorporated, and adjust the seasonings. Now add the special ingredients. Transfer the mixture to a serving bowl and sprinkle with the parsley, if desired. Serve hot and pass extra Parmesan at the table.



# Grade 9 Stories

It was quiet. The trees shook their branches in tune with the gentle breeze. The sun shone upon the village, its tranquillity magnified in turn. I didn't find it enjoyable, especially not the village life. With the wall protecting us, I was certain no danger or whatever was out there would try and scale it. I could never really express my defiance, mostly due to the fact that I'm mute. Yup! The only rebellious kid and I'm mute.

The village itself was almost divided, not just by people but by their ideologies as well, three parts were acclaimed by different groups though they argued as if they were a nation. I lived in the southwestern part, near gate 3; gate 1 and 2 were taken by two other groups. The first being the protective area, no name but I found it fitting since their security was tighter than the chance of me leaving. The second, quite cliché but an aggressive group, an army if you will. They controlled whatever goods came through, though anyone crazy any enough to pass through would be thrown in the pile a very boring experience, I would know. The third, the more peaceful area, a democratic group with the intention of infuriating everyone. Undoubtedly their arguing has evolved into a nit-picking style, but nevertheless they resolve things.

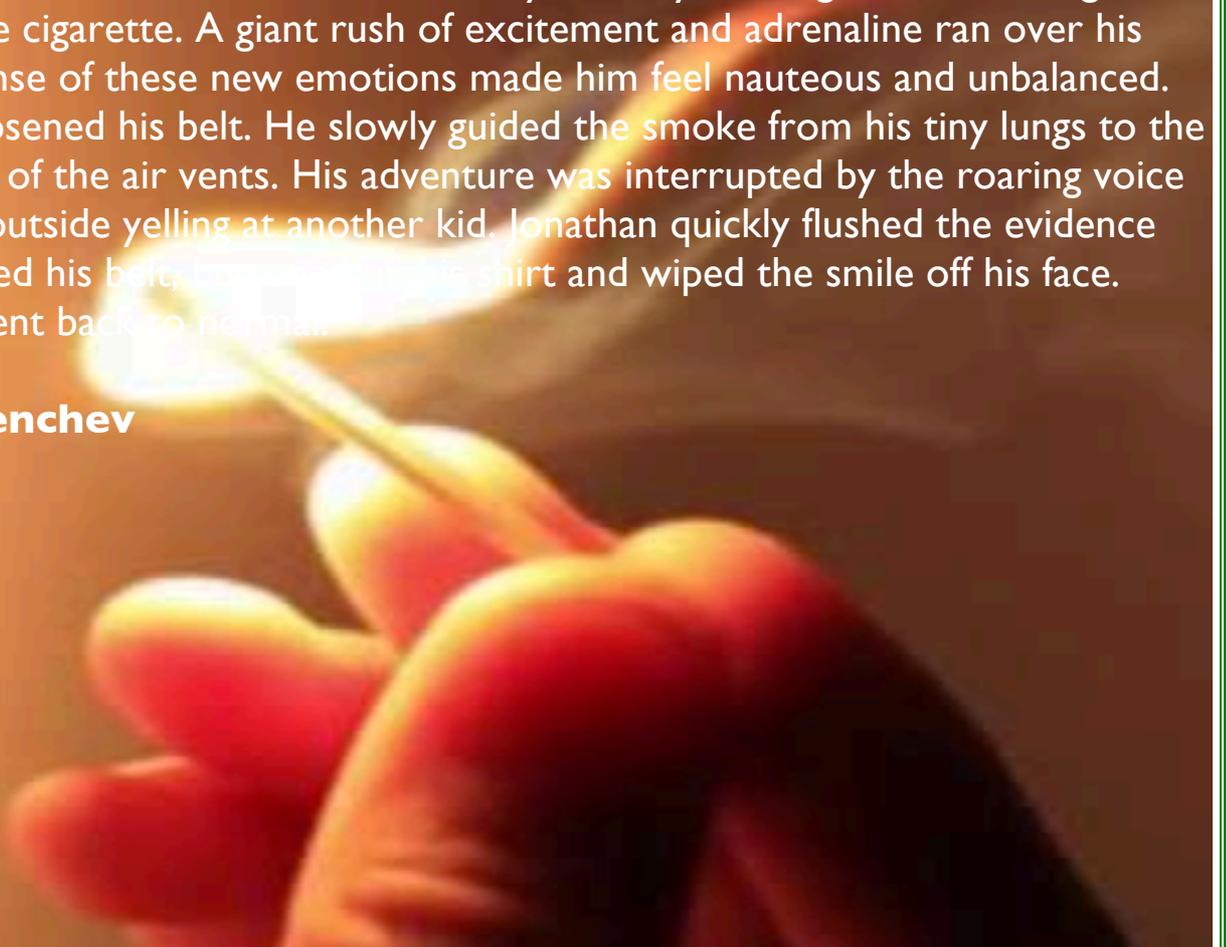
After wheeling the stones for the new building in B-4 I decided to have a look around the wall. There were dents, I don't know where they came from but they were obvious. I tried feeling around for the bottom of each pillar. Normally they would tend to use less clay. The pillars were planted deep into the ground so structure was not a problem. I felt a squishy part of the wall. I started digging through it. My eyes widened. I could see through the hole. I got a shovel and returned at night. Luckily the guard had been suspended for illegal trading.

Surely I would break through. After a couple of hours I finally made a hole big enough for me. I took my dad's extra lamp and a carving knife. As I stepped out a non-descript breeze embraced me, subtle but nice and cool, the area was surrounded by trees and multiple fauna, the flowers coloured ever so beautifully. I started delving further into the forest. I tried taking everything in but it was a fool's errand, yet something felt particular, like something was following me.... To be continued...

**By Maxwell Fleet**

As Jonathan walked through the halls, sweat began to emerge on his palms and his heart started speeding up. 'What if someone comes in? What if they catch me? Can I actually do this?' He thought to himself. He firmly kept his hand inside his pocket, hiding something. His belt tightly squeezed around his waist almost restricting blood flow to his legs completely. His shirt was tightly buttoned up and his collar hugged his neck with immeasurable force. With every teacher or kid who looked at him for just a second too long, he became anxious. As he approached the door the floor somehow felt steeper. It felt as if he was being pushed. At one point it felt like he was climbing up a mountain but he clenched his fist with determination and walked through. As he opened the door a sudden overwhelming sense of fear came over him. He felt as if the gaze of a million eyes shifted onto him. Everything seemed larger. It was as if he had shrunk. As he entered the stall he carefully pulled his hand out of his pocket revealing a small box of cigarettes. He pilled out a match and scraped it against the rough terrain of the box. A blindingly bright spark emerged from the head of match and engulfed it in a passionate fire. It felt as if that one simple match heated up the whole room to an immeasurable level. Jonathan slowly unbuttoned his shirt and felt a breath of fresh air. He could smell the raw nicotine that came out of the burning wood. He slowly touched the match and the tip of the cigarette together. He looked at the burned black tip of the cigarette and the pure white end. He hesitated. But nevertheless he went on with his decision by clumsily inhaling and slobbering over the end of the cigarette. A giant rush of excitement and adrenaline ran over his body. The sense of these new emotions made him feel nauseous and unbalanced. He slowly loosened his belt. He slowly guided the smoke from his tiny lungs to the vast labyrinth of the air vents. His adventure was interrupted by the roaring voice of a teacher outside yelling at another kid. Jonathan quickly flushed the evidence away, tightened his belt, buttoned his shirt and wiped the smile off his face. Everything went back to normal.

**By Alex Denchev**



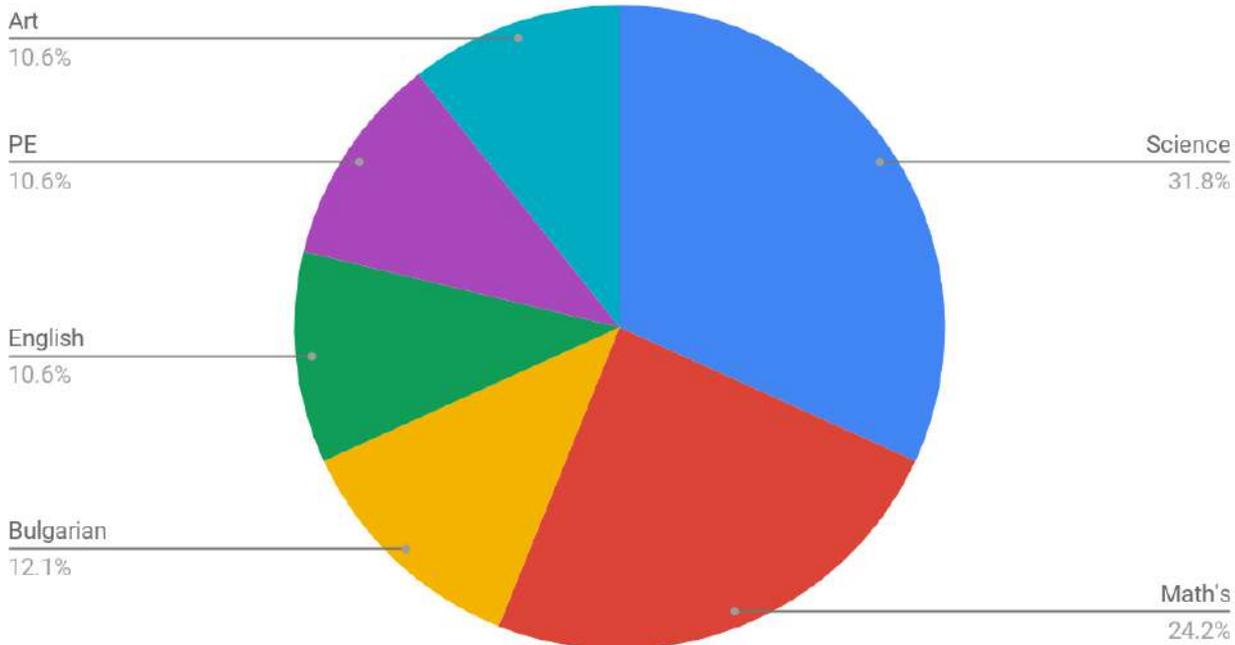


# One more thing...

## What are the top 5 school subjects as voted for by students at St George?

By Ivan Baroff Grade V

### Votes



# An Announcement...

Something exciting will happen. Something you are surely excited about. The St. George School Band launched their first performance at the Christmas Bazaar, and came up with a new name - St. George Band is a bit boring, isn't it? Well, being the lead singer and guitarist, I am proud to announce the new name of the band:

## "Just Us"

We chose this name because we are new - we're trying out new things, and, most importantly, we are a small band. It's just us. Four of us.

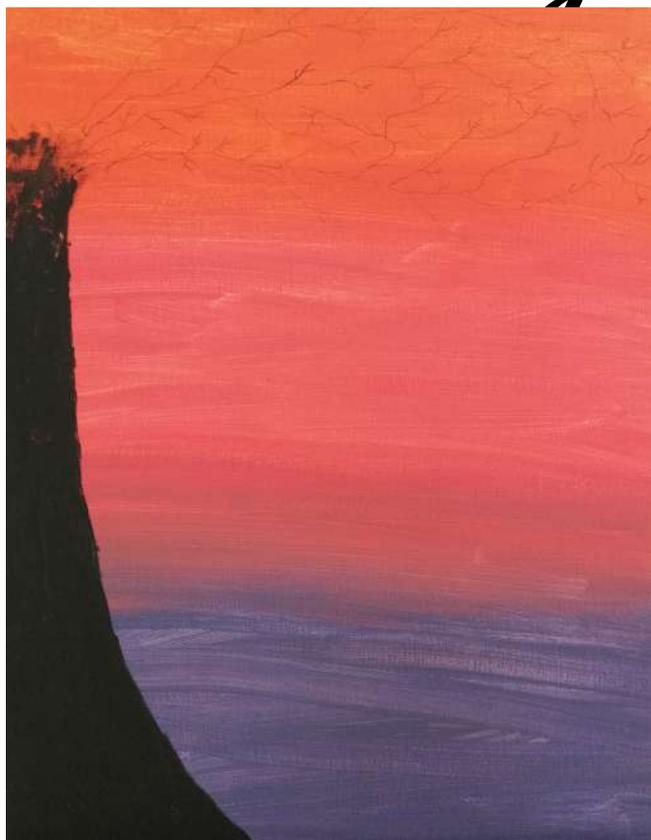
I'm going to end this with an even more special announcement: a cliff hanger. On the 2nd of May is the talent show. We will be performing not only songs, but something else that can't be advertised quite yet. If you figure it out (which you won't unless you're told by one of us), come find me...

**Merrick Brannigan**

# Grade 7 Gallery



*Aleksandra Nikolva*



*Ava Hristozova*



*Dana Petrova*



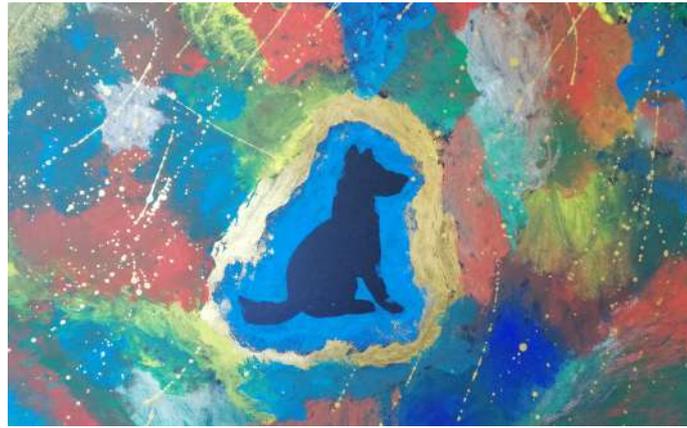
*Alexander Stoyanov*



*Jenny Mateeva*



*Sunny Stoyanova*



*Lily Macdonald*



*Maria Zafirova*



*Lia Tchobanova*

Thank you to Ms. Tsvety for sharing such beautiful artwork. Grade 7, look out for your artwork being displayed around school!

# Joke Page

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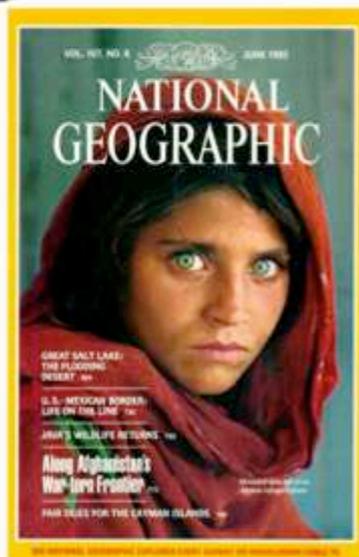
1. Q: What's the difference between a guitar and a fish?" A: "You can't tuna fish."
2. Q: What belongs to you but others use more? A: Your name
3. Q: Why do fish live in saltwater? A: Because pepper makes them sneeze!
4. Q: Why did the man put his money in the freezer? A: He wanted cold hard cash!
5. Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? A: Frostbite.
6. Q: What is the best day to go to the beach? A: Sunday, of course!
7. Q: What do elves learn at school? A: The elf-abet.
8. Q: What's a snake's favourite subject? A: Hisstory.
9. Q: Why are teddy bears never hungry? A: Because they're always stuffed!
10. Q: Why did the computer go to the doctor? A: It had a virus.
11. Q: What starts with the letter "t," is filled with "t," and ends in "t"? A: A teapot.
12. Q: Why did the teacher wear sunglasses inside? A: Her students were so bright!
13. Q: What kind of shoes do all spies wear? A: Sneak-ers.
14. Q: What is a cheerleader's favourite drink?  
A: Root beer.
15. Q: What do you call a funny mountain? A: Hill-arious!

Did you like the jokes? No? Just me?

Oh, well. Enjoy!



# Come and join St George's magazine!



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