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WAVE

School News

Holidays.

We all had holidays last week. Some pupils spent all week lying in bed, but some of us had fantastic time. They visited interesting museums, exhibitions, went shopping, to the cinema or just hang out with friends. I think, all had great time either with parents or friends.

On the spring holidays a group of students went to Moscow to participate in the scientific conference "Лингва". There our students: Nurhametova H., 9B, Paskal V., 11A, Shakun A., 10A, Antonova E., 10A introduced their research works on different themes. The work of Shakun A. and Antonova E. about medieval knights made a great impression on the audience and judges.

If you are creative, full of ideas and want to express yourself, you should take part in different conferences and contests.

Vasilisa Vakhrusheva, 8B

World News

Cosmonaut Day.

Cosmonaut Day - a memorable date which is celebrated on the 12 of April. This date was established to commemorate the first manned flight into space. On the 12 of April, 1961 the Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin on a spaceship "Vostok" made world's first orbit flight. The flight lasted 108 minutes.

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On April, 7 1994 Russia was officially admitted as the government introduced on the Internet.

Hello dear friends!

It's incredible but the most discussed theme of the last weeks has been weather. Yes, incredible as it's likely for the English as it's their favorite theme. We are sick and tired of cold, snowy and windy days. We are longing for days when we will be able to stay longer outside and breath fresh spring air. Well, don't give up hope. Everything has its end. Besides, in the future, some days off in May are waiting for us. And then, summer, the most wonderful time of the year.

Don't relax too much as exams are starting in a month. You have time to improve your marks, but, as you know, spring time will pass very quickly. Good luck!

**Marina Vladimirovna
Moskvina, a teacher of
English.**

And my heart will go on and on...



On March, 30 an exhibition dedicated to "Titanic" was opened in Liverpool. Visitors can see the only saved ticket of a vicar, who stayed at home because of his wife's illness.

Besides, in Belfast, Northern Ireland, a memorial complex "Titanic Belfast" was opened. On the ceremony there was 105-year old Searill Kwigly, who was a child when "Titanic" sailed in 1912. A Four-storey complex includes nine spacious layouts, which tell visitors the history of famous liner. At auction "Henry Aldrige & Son" the menu from the very last supper was sold for \$120,000!

Another exhibition was

opened in Washington, in the museum of National Geographic. There were different items, outlines, plans and models of interior of a drowned liner and its reduced copy. The organizer of this exhibition is vice-president of National Geographic Bill Warren whose great-great parents were on "Titanic". On March, 30 in Albert Hall in London there was a premier of the film "Titanic" in 3D. Our Russian people are also able to see it. You will renew your emotions. The story of legendary liner and its tragedy will always be remembered.

Frolova Ludmila 10 «A»

April Fool's Day

How do you celebrate it? I think you just make jokes on your friends and family. The most hilarious celebration of this holiday was in Krasnoyarsk where people for the seventh time take part in an unusual competition.

Everyone can participate... if you have a wash-basin. Yes, that's right, a wash-basin. Take it and slide down-hill on a wash-basin. The winners are in two events: who slides farthest and who has more passengers on his vehicle.



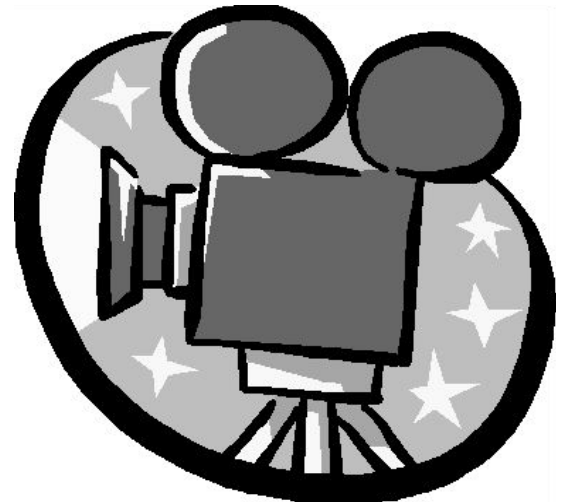
April, 22 - Earth Day

Earth Day is a day early each year on which events are held worldwide to increase awareness and appreciation of the Earth's natural environment.

Movie Quiz

These are last ten questions about films, actors and others. First part of quiz you can see in Brainwave number 2.

Good luck!



11. In which film did Julia Roberts fall in love with Hugh Grant?

12. What do the following actors have in common: Michael Keaton, Val Kilmer, Adam West, George Clooney?

19. What was the title of the Oscar-winning film about the great white shark?

13. Who directed «Star Wars»?

14. Which country is Jean Paul Belmondo from?

20. Who said (and in which film): «I'll be back»?

15. Who said (and in which film): «I'll make him an offer he can't refuse»?

16. What was Marilyn Monroe's real name?

17. Who played the leading roles in «The Bodyguard»?

18. Who wrote the books on which the films «The Firm» and «The Client» are based?

Our congratulations to the pupils who answered the first part of the «Movie Quiz» in Brainwave number 2: Soboleva Dasha 5A, Shagvalieva Elizaveta 5E, Makarova Tanya 5A

If you answer the questions of the second part of the Movie Quiz, you will get prizes!

The winner of «Pure Logic» is Kulaeva Anna 9B. We are waiting for her in the Room №18!



*The world is so full
of a number of things,
I'm sure we should all be
as happy as kings.
R.L. Stevenson*

English Humour

BABY

It was a beautiful spring day. Suddenly a police officer heard a scream. He ran around the corner and saw a man with a huge lion on a leash. The man said that he wanted to show Baby the town. The next day the police officer saw the same man and the same lion again. "Hey, you!" he said. "Come over here! And bring that lion with you!" the man brought the lion over to the officer. "What's the problem, officer?" "Problem? I told you yesterday to take the lion to the Zoo!" "Oh, I did, officer. I took Baby to the Zoo. He enjoyed it very much. But today, I am taking him to the cinema!"



New York City Schools Ban Words

Is it political correctness or political insanity? The New York City Department of Education has banned 50 words in an attempt to be as politically correct as possible.

American schools have a long history of banning controversial books. In fact, it is not just 50 words are banned, but indeed the entire topic cannot be included on any tests administered by the city. They consider that certain words and topics can make students feel unpleasant. The word *dinosaur* made the hit list because dinosaurs suggest evolution which creationists might not like. Halloween and witches are targeted because they suggest paganism; a birthday might not be happy to all because it isn't celebrated by Jehovah's Witnesses.

Words suggesting either wealth or poverty are banned because they could supposedly make children feel jealous or saddened. The words divorces and diseases – because students might have divorced parents or might be sick in one way or another. There are the topics – including rap and rock music, dancing – as it is a dissolute and provocative word, junk food, and television – that all modern students



are pretty familiar with, yet they're not allowed on the tests either.

Tests shouldn't mention various luxuries, homelessness – as a homeless student might be distracted by answering a question containing this word; slavery – as it might hurt feelings of Afroamericans.

According to the list, tests cannot mention homes with swimming pools and computers or anything which could be construed as potentially "disrespectful to authority or authority figures."

What is there to say about people who think up words to keep off tests to avoid people, when it is the very tests themselves – and the high stakes put on the results – that people actually find so offensive?

And what do you think about the banned words?