



# BRAIN

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# WAVE

## School News

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Very soon, our eleventh grades will come out of the walls of our school. Up to six academic years, our school was their second home, the teachers gave the knowledge to them and tried to instill in each of the individual. On behalf of our school, I would like to wish the graduates good luck.

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Our school team took part in an annual tourist gathering in Orekhovo. Many schools from Admiralteiysky district of Saint-Petersburg participated in different competitions. They showed their skills in orienteering, putting up a tent, making a fire and others. We are happy to inform you that our team won the best and got the first prize.

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There was a festival called «Music against War» in our school. Everyone could express his feelings towards war. Children and teachers sang songs, played the guitar and violin. Guests enjoyed this festival.

**Vasilisa Vakhrusheva, 8B**

## World News



May, 9 is the day when people all over the world say «Thank You» to the veterans. The holiday became a non-labour day only in 1965.

It is considered that the oldest Eternal Flame was installed in Paris, France, under the archway at the Arc de Triomphe, which has burned continuously since 1921, in memory of all who died in World War I.

The Eternal Flame was brought to Moscow from Saint-Petersburg at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Alexander Garden to honor the dead of the Great Patriotic War. Saint Petersburg has two eternal flames. The first is at the Field of Mars and the second is at Piskaryovskoye Memorial Cemetery.

## Hello dear friends!

**Dear school-leavers!**

The crucial moment in your life has come – the State Exams and the choice of your future road of life. With all my heart and soul I wish you to come out of a situation with credit. Face the future with confidence. I wish you good luck in all undertakings! Getting ready for the exams, don't forget that spring has come. Spring will come, life in full swing!

Meet your friends! Listen to music! Play sports! Busy with reading! Enjoy every coming day of your life! I wish you every success! May all your dreams come true!

**Yours Sophia Vladimirovna  
Kosareva**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY, YOUR MAJESTY!



When Elizabeth Alexander Maria Windsor was born nobody believed that she would be a queen as she was the fourth in line to the throne. She became Queen at the age of 25, in 1952. Coronation took place in Westminster Abbey on June 2. It was the first coronation that was broadcast on TV. They say that before coronation she had been wearing the crown for three weeks to get used to its weight. The symbol of monarchy weighs three kilos. The queen is the only person who is to celebrate her birthday twice a year. The first time, when she was born, on April 21 in the family circle; and the second time, traditionally, on Saturday in June

with the whole country.

Her reign of 60 years is the second-longest for a British monarch; only Queen Victoria has reigned longer. Her Silver and Golden Jubilees were celebrated in 1977 and 2002; her Diamond Jubilee is being celebrated during 2012. During her reign she has made 256 official visits to 129 countries of the world, sent 400,000 greetings telegrams, performed 500 ceremonies, taken 11 Prime-Ministers' oaths of allegiance to the Queen.

In spite of the fact that there are skeptics predicting the monarchy no longer popularity, people all over the world still love, admire and respect the Queen.

## LONDON OLYMPIAD



**London 2012 organisers unveiled cartoon animations named Wenlock and Mandeville as the mascots for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.**

The characters are named after the small town of Much Wenlock in Shropshire - which hosted a precursor to the modern Olympic Games in the 19th Century - and the birthplace of the Paralympic Games, Stoke Mandeville hospital in Buckinghamshire. The Wenlock Games gave inspiration to Baron Pierre de Coubertain as he formed his concept of the modern Olympics in 1896. Olympic motifs chime through the design: Wenlock wears the Olympic rings as friendship bracelets, and although predominantly silver in colour, also contains flashes of gold and bronze. Mandeville's head reflects aspects of the three crescent shapes of the Paralympics symbol. In a series of animated updates, linked to the official games website, they will be seen learning to play different Olympic sports in a narrative that will be regularly revised between now and the opening of the Games.

**Alexander Firsov, 8 B**

## HELLO!



My name is Veronika. My surname is Sidorova. I am 11. I have a small but a happy and friendly family. There are three of us. My dad's name is Vladimir and he is interested in collecting stamps and coins. He has a fine collection of different and rare coins and stamps. My mum's name is Helen. She is fond of reading. We have a lot of fine books in our library. As for me, I am keen on collecting minerals. I have started my collection not long ago that's why it is small. I find this hobby very interesting as there are many beautiful minerals in the world. There is one thing that we all love very much in our family, that is our pets: a cat-Tishka and a hamster-Martik.

I love my family and pets.

Veronika Sidorova, 5B

ROYAL FAMILY  
QUIZ

1. What is the family name of the present royal family?
2. What are the Queen's favourite animals?
3. Which university did Prince William attend?
4. What is Prince Harry's real name?
5. Who was once part of the British horse-riding team in the Olympic Games?
6. Which member of the royal family is president of England's Football Association?
7. How many rooms are there in Buckingham Palace?
8. Lady Jane Grey had the shortest reign of any British monarch. How long did she reign?
9. Where are the British monarchs crowned?
10. Where do Prince William and Prince Harry live?

**Our congratulations to the pupils who answered all parts of the «Movie Quiz» in Brainwave2,3: Soboleva Dasha 5A, Shagvalieva Elizaveta 5E, Makarova Tanya 5A. Come to room 18 and get your prizes!**

SHAKESPEARE'S  
QUIZ

1. Where is house where Shakespeare was born situated?
2. How old was William Shakespeare when he married Anne Hathaway?
3. How many children did he have?
4. Which is the longest (and most filmed) of Shakespeare's plays?
5. Shakespeare himself played in some of plays. Which part did he play in «Hamlet»?



6. What titles have the English people conferred to William Shakespeare?
7. What is a sonnet?
8. Who gave Shakespeare's sonnets new life and made them part of Russian poetry?
9. How many parts is Shakespeare's work divided into?
10. How many sonnets and plays did Shakespeare write?





*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

### THANK YOU, I FEEL MUCH BETTER

A doctor whose medical skill was much better than his handwriting, sent an invitation to a patient who was his friend to spend an evening with him. He said that there would be music and other things.

The friend neither came nor sent any explanation. When they met the following day, the doctor asked whether he had received the note.

"Yes, thank you," replied the other. "I took it to the chemist, he made up medicine and I feel much better now".

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A London policeman stopped a girl crossing the street at the wrong place and said: "My dear young lady, you will be getting flowers, and you won't be able to smell them!"

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Guest: «Why does your dog sit there and watch me eat?»  
Hotel Host: «I don't know, maybe it's because you use the plate he usually eats from.»

### WHO SAYS THE NUMBER 13 IS UNLUCKY?

In the Great Seal of the United States there are: 13 stars, 13 stripes, 13 arrows, 13 letters in the motto, 13 laurel leaves, 13 berries on the branch, 13 feathers in the left wing, 13 feathers in the right wing and 13 feathers in the tail.



### THE LONGEST METRO

The longest underground system in the world can be found in Shanghai, China's largest city. It has 12 lines, 277 stations and over 434 kilometres of tracks. It opened in 1995 and continues to grow.

### STRANGE LAWS

In the past, there were very strange laws in the USA:

- In Alabama it was against the law to wear a false moustache in church.

- In Illinois animals could go to prison.

- In Kansas you couldn't eat snakes in public.

- In Michigan a woman's hair was the property of her husband.

- In Idaho you couldn't buy a chicken at night without the sheriff's permission.

### DAY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

At first this holiday was celebrated, as other official languages of the United Nations, in 2010. The UN chose 6 days in the calendar, one at its official language. April, 23 is The Day of English language as it's W. Shakespeare's birthday

– English poet, writer and one of the greatest playwrights of the world. Thanks to the fact that English is widespread and considered to be world's language many people are able to read his books in the original.