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# ALMANAC 1



*Shakun Anastasia*

## **Saint Petersburg**

I'll never give it someone else  
I love the charm of rainy streets  
And drown in dark and cloudy mass  
My city's swimming in the mist.

Oh, Petersburg, my heart's in you  
My inspiration is your cold  
So awesome falling stars are blue  
The nights are long, the days are short.

Immortal beauty in its face  
Oh, Petersburg, the muse of mine  
My soul will never leave this place  
Forever, even when I die.

## Языковое дерево

Ложась крест на крест,  
гонимые вихрем,  
Вьются узоры, чертя на  
земле,  
С языкового древа  
срываются листья  
Этого года, шифруя  
послання судьбе.

А там, внизу, давно сочатся  
Сквозь прошлогодние  
пласты  
Листы, что не имеют смысла  
больше,  
Как вечность, старые они.

К иссохшимся корням

спускаясь ниже,  
Всё ближе кажется земля  
Немых, полузабытых ждёт  
она воспоминаний,  
Ворчит и стонет, как всегда,  
Что оторвали ото сна.

А жизнь – мечта внутри  
бутона,  
Что оживает вновь и вновь  
Когда приходит новый год  
Ах, это дерево – загадка.  
В нём трудно уловить  
всегда,  
Что изменилось за года,  
Но удивляет каждый год  
Вдруг появившийся росток.

*Перевод стихотворения выполнила ученица  
Манжа Анастасия, 11 Б класс*

*Brainwave 2, 2012*

# What Are Indians Like?





*Zhanna Kvitko, 8B*

Not long ago I and my friends visited English discussion club, where we listened to the lecture of an American professor, Indian by origin. He is from the state Alabama, south-west of the USA. We were amazed by his unusual appearance as he didn't look like a professor: big, dark-skinned face and long black hair. Mr Johan told us about American Indians. Young American Indians, as all modern Americans, like basketball, watch TV, drink cola. We were sorry to hear that not all Indians can get high education and go abroad. He is an exception. Then he told us that most Indians live in reservations and wigwams only for tourists. It was interesting to know that so many American words have Indian origin. There are many aboriginal tribes in America and that he is from Cherokee tribe. On the whole, the lecture was so exciting, breathtaking and informative. We strongly recommend you to visit one of the lectures that are held regularly at 27, Mayakovsky street.

*Brainwave 3, 2012*

**And my heart will go  
on and on...**







*Frolova Ludmila, 10 «A»*

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 will also be able to see it. You will renew your emotions. The story of legendary liner and its tragedy will always be remembered.

# London Olympiad





*Alexander Firsov, 8 B*

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.

## ***Brainwave 4, 2012***

**Veronika  
Sidorova, 5B**



# **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 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.

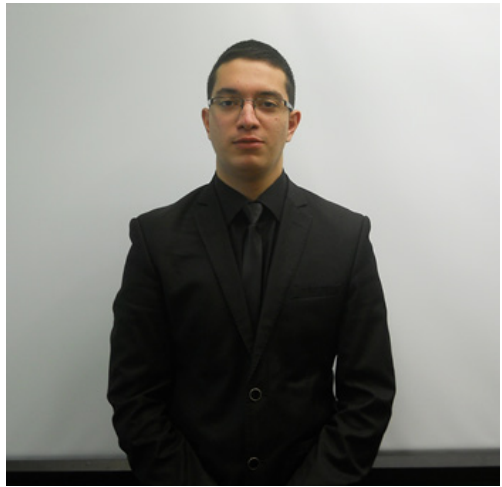
There is one thing that we all love very much in our family, these are our pets: a cat-Tishka and a hamster-Martik.

I love my family and pets.

***Brainwave 6, 2012***

***Guseinov Ruslan***

***10 «A»***



## **Bullying**

There are lots of reasons why people bully. People bully because it makes them feel superior over other people. People bully to get more attention. They think that it makes them popular, but in fact it makes them mean. People who bully are often scared of something. They are unhappy and they may be jealous of the people they are bullying. They make people feel like a victim,

saying, “You are ugly, stupid” etc. I think people who bully need help. If they don't learn how to change their behavior, they usually end up in a trouble with law. The best defense against such people is to love yourself, be confident in yourself, and don't look like a victim. You should never try to beat people who bully at their own game.

If teenagers need help they can turn to parents, friends, teachers. It is hard to solve such problems on your own.

***Brainwave 6, 2012***

***Catherine Pekush***  
**10 «A»**



**The Ig  
Nobel Prize**

The Ig Nobel Prizes are an American parody of the Nobel Prizes and are given each year in early October for ten unusual or trivial achievements in scientific research. The stated aim of the prizes is to "first make people laugh, and then make think". It is organized by the scientific humor magazine *Annals of Improbable Research* (AIR), they are presented by a group that includes Nobel Laureates at a ceremony at Harvard University's Sanders Theater, and they are followed by a set of public lectures by the winners at MIT.

This year the Ig Nobel Prizes were awarded on September 21. Some unforgettable achievements and investigations were: *Anatomy*: Frans de Waal and Jennifer Pokorny - discovered that chimpanzees can recognize other chimps from photos of their backs.

*Hydrodynamic*: Ruslan Krechetnikov and Hans Mayer - a study of how walking splashed a cup of coffee.

*World* : Company engineers SKN under Igor Petrov - for inventing the technology transformation of explosives in diamonds.

*Psychology*: Anita Eerland, Rolf Zwaan and Tulio Guadalupe - a study of why the Eiffel Tower seem smaller, if you turn your head to the left.

*Brainwave 7, 2012*

*Markelov Egor, 10*

«A»



## How Important Are Friends For You?

It is very important for young people to be accepted by their friends. Friend is a person with whom you can find understanding and happiness. The reasons we all need a friend are: to share our problems and express our expectations and feelings.

As for me, friends are a part of my life, they play the most important role in my world. Nothing can be worse for me than falling out with my best friend, because I spend with him most part of my time. My friends make me fun, help when I am in a difficult situation. With them I feel comfortable, my life becomes more interesting, we enjoy time spending together.

As a result, friendship is an integral part of people's lives. Without them we can't survive, that is why everybody should value friendship. And we should remember that the pull of old friendship is enormous.



*An acrostic is a poem or other form of writing in which the first letter, syllable or word of each line, paragraph or other recurring feature in the text spells out a word or a message.*

**Russia** is a country where I live and  
Anny.

**Ukraine** is a country of my Granny.

**France** is a country where I want to  
go.

**Ireland** is a country which I want to  
know.

**Norway** is a country where it's cold.

**America** is a country where a lot of  
gold.

**Fatkullina Rufina, 6A**

**Always** kind and funny,

**Nice** and happy,

**Never**

**Angry.**

**Ermishkina Anna,**

**6A**

**Kind** and clever,

**Orderly** and strong.

**Like** modern boots,

**Yearn** to happiness

**And** dream to rule

the country.

**Vasilyev Kolya,**

**6A**

**Kittens** are my favorite  
animals.

**Seven** is my favorite number.

**Excellent** in basketball,

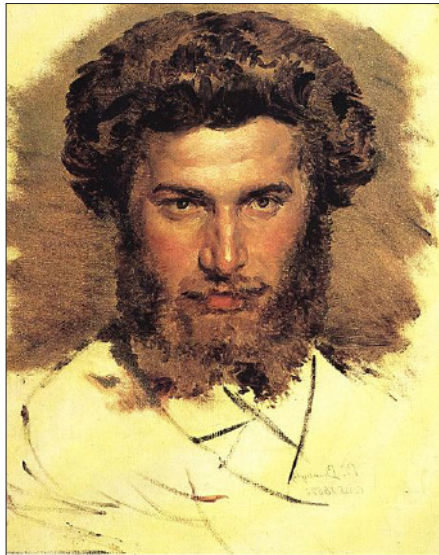
**Nearly** twelve,

**I** am clever

**And** nice.

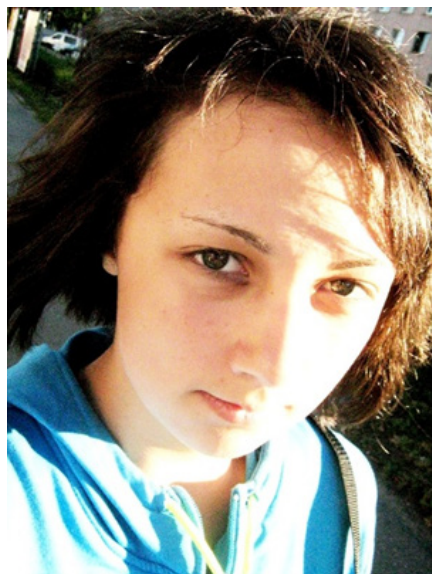
**Ivanova Ksenia, 6A**

# About Art



People all over the world enjoy art. First of all, it has cognitive and informative functions. What is more, it helps people to experience the emotions they are lacking.

The most notable art galleries in my city are The National Art Gallery, art galleries in the Hermitage and in the Russian Museum and The Modern Art Gallery. Personally, I prefer to visit picture gallery in the Russian Museum because it numbers nearly 400



## *Catherine Antonova*

### *11 «A»*

thousand exhibits and includes all the historical periods of Russian painting. It also shows different styles of painting like classicism, romanticism, realism, impressionism and cubism. It's important to mention that the museum holds regular picture exhibitions.

Modern art differs a lot from traditional art. To tell the truth, I don't know much about modern art that's why I don't understand it completely. I consider that the works of modern artists carry some important author's concepts but most of them can't be characterized by great artistic mastery.

As for me, my favourite artist among the other ones is the famous Russian painter Arkhip Kuindzhi who drew in realistic and impressionistic styles. He often experimented with colours in his works and had an unusual talent of depiction of light. His picture "Moon night on the Dnieper-river" is a work of genius. All in all, I want to say that though people can hold different opinions about art it is necessary for them.

*Brainwave 9, 2013*



*Kogan Andrey, 9A*

## **My Family During the Leningrad Blockade**

My mom's parents were little kids in Leningrad during the Siege that took place from September 1941 till January 1944. When the war started, my grandma was 3.5 years old, and my grandpa was 5.5 years old. At the age of 5 my grandma lost her both parents: her father was killed fighting the Germans, and her mother died of starvation and diseases in Leningrad. She was adopted by her aunt Katya, who worked as a nurse at a hospital and had her own son of 2 years old. Grandaunt Katya was helped with the kids by a baby sitter, named Hilda. During those tough times people helped each other and didn't expect anything in return. Since then Hilda has become part of our family.

I want to tell you a story about my grandpa Sam. In winter 1943, when he was 7, his mother was very sick and dying in the besieged city. In order to heal her, special medicine (black currant extract) was needed, but there was no money to pay for it. Thanks to her neighbours who donated their jewelry my Grandpa and his 9-year old friend crossed the whole town on foot to bring the medicine and save the life of his Mother.

On January 27th 1944 the blockade was lifted, and this day is one of the most celebrated and important holidays for all the people who survived the hardships of that ordeal.

***Brainwave 11, 2013***

*The winner of the  
contest for the best  
translation conducted  
by the Future Leaders'  
American Corner*



***Trofimov Maksim, 6A***

## **Spring Pools**

***Robert Lee Frost***

Ещё синеют лужицы в лесах  
Покоем, что царит на небесах,  
Но возле них уже дрожат устало  
Цветы и смерть готовятся принять.  
Придёт черёд, когда водою талой  
Деревья смогут корни напитать.

Набухнут почки, листья на весу  
Раскинут вскоре тень свою в лесу.  
О переменах думает едва ли  
Природа, но, помедлив, иногда,  
Она, быть может, вспомнит, как  
дрожали  
Цветы, синела талая вода.

## **Irina Yuryevna invites you...**



When guests come to our school they are always surprised by the large amount of children's drawings on the walls. There are several exhibitions in our school and each one is dedicated to a special theme. Now, for example, you can see some examples devoted to Saint-Petersburg, to the battle of Borodino, to the natural beauty and to the road safety rules.

The exhibitions exist thanks to our teacher of painting and drawing Irina Yurievna. She has made a lot to beautify our school.

Pupils' works are really fascinating and some of them amaze by their professionalism and unusual idea. If you are found of drawing you have an ability to apply your talent and to make the school better. Our newspaper offers you to take part in a creative competition. You need to make an illustration to your favourite book or film. It may be everything you want: a landscape, a portrait, a genre picture, etc. So, good luck to you.

*Brainwave 12, 2013*

*Véronika Andréyevna  
Roussina  
professeur de français*



## **Bonjour, Mes Chers Amis!**

Avez-vous déjà visité la médiathèque de l'Institut français à Saint-Pétersbourg ? Connaissez-vous ce que c'est, la médiathèque ?

La médiathèque, c'est tout d'abord l'information de toute sorte sur le pays de la France et sur les Français. En plus, c'est la possibilité de rencontrer des francophones, de les écouter, de leur parler et de pratiquer le français vivant. Enfin, la médiathèque, c'est votre chance de participer à des événements de la vie française de votre ville – des séances de films français, des soirées musicales, des rencontres avec des écrivains et réalisateurs, chanteurs et musiciens francophones !

12, perspective Nevsky, Institut français à Saint-Pétersbourg

**Site-internet: <http://www.af.spb.ru/>**



*Véronika Andréyevna  
Roussina  
professeur de français*

## **Pourquoi Apprendre le Français ?**

1) La France, la Belgique, la Suisse, le Canada, les Pays de Magreb (en Afrique)... Plus de 200 000 000 d'habitants sur les 5 continents parlent français. Le français, c'est la deuxième langue après l'anglais à apprendre comme langue étrangère et la neuvième à utiliser dans le monde entier.

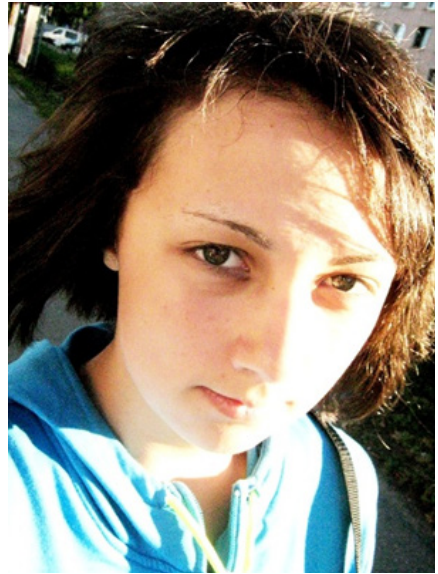
2) Le français était toujours la langue de la culture et des traditions européennes. Aujourd'hui, le français c'est la langue internationale de la mode et de la haute couture, de la gastronomie, du théâtre, de l'art, de la danse et de l'architecture.

3) La France est le pays le plus populaire parmi les touristes. C'est beaucoup plus agréable de voyager à travers la France et savoir s'exprimer dans la langue.

4) Le français est facile à apprendre. Un peu d'application et d'effort, et vous voilà communiquer avec les Français. De plus, si vous connaissez le français, ça sera beaucoup plus facile pour vous d'apprendre d'autres langues, comme par exemple, l'anglais, l'espagnol, l'italien... Le français est une langue européenne de base. Et enfin, la langue française est une langue très belle, mélodieuse. On dit souvent que le français est une langue d'amour.

***Brainwave 13, 2013***

***Catherine Antonova  
school-leaver of 263***



## **Thank you, 263!**

I finished school 263 last year (however, it didn't save me from writing to this newspaper). These were the longest and the most important 7 years of my life. The school has become a second home for me. Here I've got knowledge about the surrounding world. Here I've met my best friends. Anyway, my education at school is already over. Now I'm a student of Herzen's University where I will continue to study English language. It was hard to pass entrance exams but school attainments helped me to do it.

Although it's sad to leave the place where I spent so much time, I'm glad for the changes which will soon happen in my life. I wish good luck to all pupils, teachers and personnel of 263.



***Safiullin Roman, 6B***

*wants to share his impression of his trip during his spring holidays.*

I spent my spring holidays in Europe. My classmates and I travelled on a coach visiting five countries during seven days. We were in Vienna, in Prague, Karlovi Vari, Wroclaw, Dresden and Brest.

Most of all I liked Wroclaw. The main attraction of the city were more than 200 dwarfs made of bronze. Unfortunately we could find only 35 dwarfs in the city centre.

In Vienna I remembered Plague Column and St Stephens Cathedral with its observation tower. We climbed 375 stairs. Also we saw some of buildings of the Hundert Wasser.

In Prague we liked Karlov bridge with a big statue of St Jan Nepomuzki on it. He was dropped from the bridge because he refused to tell the secret of confession. We also saw changing the guard near the President's House.

In Karlovi Vari there were many sources with mineral water from which we could drink. It was fantastic! One of the features of Karlovi Vari is there wasn't plague in the city during its long history because of its very clear air and water.

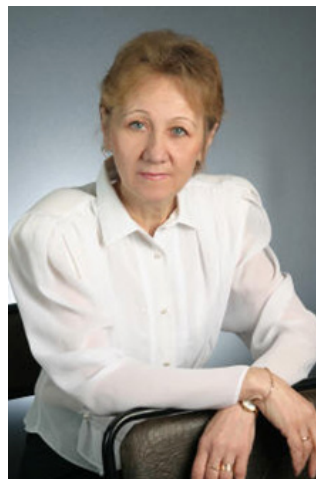
*Brainwave 14, 2013*

# Why Learn Foreign Languages?

*Jwanova Tatjana Fjodorovna*

*Deutschlehrerin*

## **Zwölf Anreizer zum Deutschsprachenlernen**



\* In 400 Hochschulen der BRD sind 240 000 ausländische Studenten, 12 000 unter ihnen sind Russen.

\* Die Zahl der Menschen, die Deutsch in Russland lernen, ist das 2, 3 Mln aus 15 Mln in der ganzen Welt.

\* Deutsch ist weitverbreitete Sprache in Europa.

Deutschsprachenlernen kann uns mit 120 Mln Deutschträger in der Welt verbinden. Die Vielsprachigkeit wurde zur Norm in Europa.

\* Das Wissen um Deutsch gibt gute Möglichkeit Business zu entwickeln. Solche Verkehrsgesellschaften BMW, Siemens, Lufthansa, Bosch, u. a. empfinden Bedürfnis nach internationaler Zusammenarbeit.

\* Das ist kein Wunder, dass Deutschen führende Position im Internet beziehen.

\* Jedes zehnte Buch in der Welt wird in deutscher Sprache ausgedruckt.

\* Deutsche Dichter und Schriftsteller leisteten einen bedeutenden Beitrag zur Weltkultur. J. Goethe und Fr. Schiller, H. Heine, T. Mann und viele andere Autoren lebten in Deutschland. Die Philosophie von Kant, Hegel und K. Marx machen noch heute einen grossen Einfluss auf gegenwärtige Gesellschaft.

*Brainwave 15, 2013*

## **My Summer Memories**



***Julia Schroeter, 7B***

Hi! My name is Julia Schroeter. My summer holidays were wonderful. In June I was asked to play for people in the street with my string trio. We were playing in the centre of Chicago, Illinois in the USA. It was awesome because everyone was very thankful that we played for them. Our trio played music by Ravel and Haydn, Vivaldi and Forel. After we finished playing we got a very loud, roaring applause. I received many flowers, such as roses, daisies and dandelions. We also got a medal for making our community more intelligent. Even little kids liked our concert. It was very cute when a little girl ran up to me, hugged and said that because of me he wanted to play cello. That was an amazing summer experience.

*Brainwave 16, 2013*

## **Our school-leavers report...**

**We didn't say goodbye, we still keep  
in touch. News from Anastasia  
Shakun, student of Russian  
Customs Academy**



This year I have finished our school and entered the Russian Customs Academy. It is very difficult to study here (we even have five lectures a day sometimes). We have a wonderful dark-green uniform which we don't have to wear every day, only for special affairs.

I have already met some friends (professors call us colleagues, by the way) and we have a great time together at the lectures except those terrible minutes when we are near to death because of hunger or tiredness. There are a lot of subjects in our Academy: physical culture, aspects of customs business, history and others. My favourite ones are physical culture and professional English.

I miss my school a little bit and often come here to visit my dear teachers. I'm very grateful to them for all they did for me.

I hope that in the future I will get a profession of customer and will work somewhere in the prestigious place, for example, at Pulkovo Airport. It would be great.

As for my interests and hobbies, I continue writing poems and novels and playing the guitar-it makes me really happy.

I also do not lose contacts with my old friends- they are the best and irreplaceable for me. Never forget your friends!

I'd like to wish all pupils of school 263 good luck. Work hard and you will see that there is nothing impossible in your life.

*Let all your dreams come true!*

## Smart And Gorgeous

Oscar Wilde is an Irish writer and poet. Today he is remembered for his epigrams, his only novel («The Picture of Dorian Gray»), his plays, and the circumstances of his imprisonment and early death. Wilde became one of the best-known personalities of his day. Wilde published «The Happy Prince» and «Other Tales» in 1888, and had been regularly writing fairy stories for magazines. The first version of «The Picture of Dorian Gray» was published as the lead story in the July 1890 edition of Lippincott's Monthly Magazine along with five others. Modern critic Robin McKie considered the novel to be technically mediocre, saying that the conceit of the plot had guaranteed its fame, but the device is never pushed to its full.

Wilde was initially buried in the Cimetière de Bagneux outside Paris. His tomb was designed by Sir Jacob Epstein, who asked for a small compartment to be made for his own ashes which were duly transferred in 1950.

*-Experience is simply the name we give our mistakes.*

*-Always forgive your enemies - nothing annoys them so much.*

*-A dreamer is one who can only*

*find his way by moonlight, and his punishment is that he sees the dawn before the rest of the world.*



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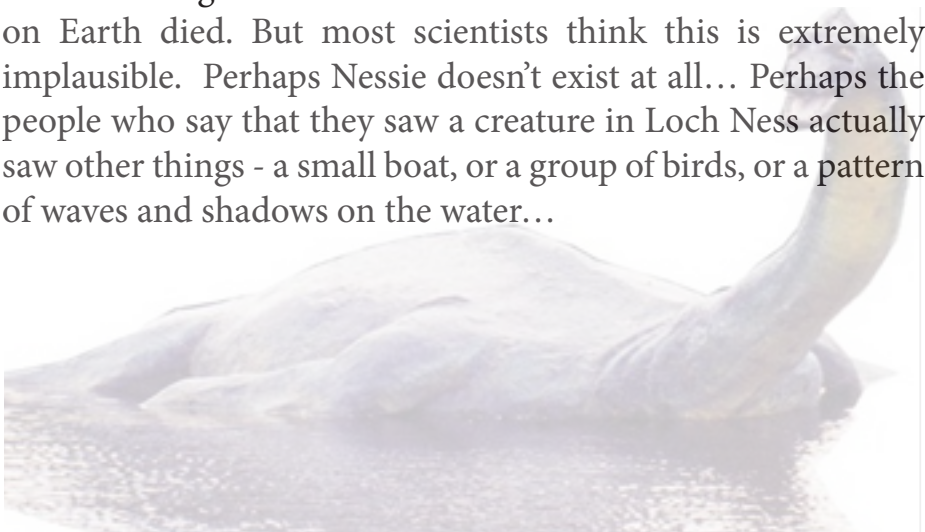
***Nesterova Maria, 10A***

## **Happy Birthday, Nessie!**

Loch Ness Lake is located in Scotland and it's very special. "It's special because it has...its own monster! No one is certain what sort of creature it is, so it has no proper scientific name. But everyone calls the Loch Ness monster "Nessie". And everyone loves him!

The oldest stories about the monster date back to 5th century. The modern stories about the monster started in 1933, when there were three sightings of a large strange creature, about 1 meter high and 8 meters long, with a long neck. There have been some photographs of Nessie as well, but some of them are of bad quality, and some may be fakes.

Some people think that she or he may be a type of dinosaur, which managed to survive when all the other dinosaurs on Earth died. But most scientists think this is extremely implausible. Perhaps Nessie doesn't exist at all... Perhaps the people who say that they saw a creature in Loch Ness actually saw other things - a small boat, or a group of birds, or a pattern of waves and shadows on the water...



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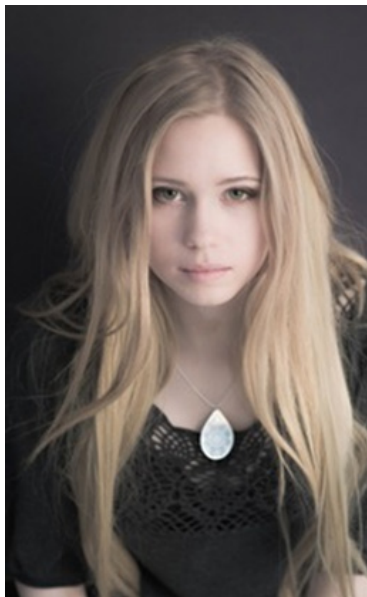
# **One Of The Darkest Pages Of Our History Is The Great Patriotic War**



## *Pavlova Liza, 10A*

### *What could be worse than war?*

About 900 days the city of Leningrad was surrounded by the Nazis. People survived the blockade, recalling its long cold nights, painful for everyone and for many deadly. It is terrible: the terrible frost, hunger and fear. People standing in line for piece of bread, falling dead before reaching home, burning books and furniture, in order not to freeze... There was no food, people ate everything they could find, sometimes it was a crust of bread from the wood shavings and other impurities, sometimes plants that they managed to find, soil, and sometimes rats, dogs, and even people. «Trucks used to go with provisions and the ice was breaking, and the trucks were falling under the ice», said the woman, who was in Leningrad during the war, and who helped pull the drivers out of the water. Despite all the hardships, Leningraders never lost hope; they believed in victory, they were kind and helpful to each other. During the siege theaters, concert halls didn't stop working. Music, theater, singing helped not to lose hope.



## **French-My Love!**

I like to learn French. French language is very beautiful and tuneful. I like to read French poems, watch French films and French music.

I admire French language and hope I will be able to practice it while visiting France some day.

Here is a French poem written by Lionel which I translated with great pleasure.

**JE PASS DES HEURES...**

**Я слушаю день за днём...**

Я слушаю день за днём:

слушаю, как ветер летит,

слушаю, как песня звучит.

И думаю о том, что будет со мной потом,

думаю о жизни моей

и понемногу готовлюсь к ней день за днём;

и жизнь моя с каждым днём становится всё ясней.

И когда я буду готова,

я начну из камней возводить свой дом

и жизнь мою - из годов,

А когда и дом мой дом будет готов,

чтобы стал он

счастливей, светлей, веселей,

я положу последний из камней -

Любовь...

*Brainwave 20, 2014*

*Tatyana Yurievna Ermakova*

*teacher of History*

## **HOT. COOL. MINE.**

Winter Olympics in Sochi... So many words have already been said about them and so many discussions are still ahead. But I'd like to share with you my impressions which I got, having spent the last days of the Sochi Olympiad on the spot. From gloomy and frosty St Petersburg I got into another world which I could hardly imagine in Russia. Everything impressed me: the work of volunteers, absence of traffic jams, luxurious hotels, delicious food, awesome sport facilities. I've been to a ski complex Laura. The stadium is overcrowded. The last set of medals is going to be given to the best of the best who will win in the most prestigious distance – 50 kilometres. Everybody are nervous and awaiting... The four leaders are from Russia, spectators can't hold their emotions! All the pedestal is ours! Spectators hug, kiss and congratulate each other with this splendid victory! In the evening I saw the closing ceremony of the Olympics. It was quite sorrowful, but I felt the great pride of my country, and the atmosphere at the stadium Fisht was unforgettable! After the ceremony there were concerts, discos, parties which lasted till morning – it seemed that Sochi hosted all the best actors, singers and groups!

I spent only 3 days in Sochi, but all the emotions I experienced made me think I rested for 2 weeks. I'd like to give you some pieces of advice: love your country, be interested in sports, be proud of our victories and your life will be happy for sure!

***Brainwave 21, 2014***

***Soboleva Darya, 7 A***

## **Greetings Cards**



There are many traditions in Russia, one of them is sending greetings cards. Greetings cards are very popular in our country. The most popular kinds of greetings cards are birthday cards, congratulations cards and cards for special days. Usually people send these cards to their relatives, friends, teachers, colleagues and many other people.

Traditional cards have pictures of flowers, emblems of different holidays, scenery. But the greetings cards have chnged, and now they are different: there are greeting cards with already written words of congratulations; there are 3D-cards, musical cards, funny cards and so on.

People can buy greetings cards at the post-office, in different shops and supermarkets.

Many people like to send and to get greeting cards. Some people send them traditionally from the post-offices, but many modern people send greetings cards by the Internet. As for me, I prefer to send greetings cards by the Internet or to make them myself.

It is wonderful!

*Brainwave 21, 2014*

*Ekaterina Viktorovna  
Klementeva, teacher of  
English*



## Emerald Island





I have recently visited one of the most interesting, gorgeous, wonderful countries in the world – Ireland. Though we stayed in Dublin, we also went to some places in the country. Dublin – is an ancient town, which was founded in 830 A.D. The spirit of history is felt everywhere and in everything – in its old buildings, in its narrow streets, in the monuments to famous people. Celts, Vikings, Saxons – different peoples made its history.

When we speak about Guinness Book of Records we don't associate this name with Arthur Guinness who is one of the most prominent Irish not only because of this book, but because of the world well-known beer.

Oscar Wilde, James Joyce, Bernard Shaw, W. Yeats – are famous writers and poets who were born in Dublin. We saw the monuments to them in very unexpected places and poses.

Famous Irish Molly Malone is still selling the cockles and mussels and pushing her wheel-barrow along the crowded streets of the old city.

However, Ireland is not only Dublin. It is a great green space of pastures where sheep and cows are grazing. Its nature is a mixture of hills and mountains, cliffs and sea, which surrounds the Emerald island. Traditional industries of weaving and cheese-making are wide-spread in the farms of the country.

It was a wonderful experience of visiting this amazing country and if you have an opportunity to see Ireland – don't miss it! You will never regret!



***Brainwave 22, 2014***

**Véronika Andréyevna  
Roussina  
professeur de français**



## **Bonjour, Mes Chers Amis !**

Et voilà la nouvelle année scolaire qui commence! L'été est fini et les grandes vacances sont déjà passées...

Mais il n'y a rien de quoi devenir triste!

Je vous félicite d'une bonne rentrée et vous souhaite beaucoup de succès pour toute l'année scolaire, beaucoup de choses nouvelles et intéressantes à apprendre, de bonnes relations avec vos copains et vos profs, d'émotions surprenantes, d'idées extraordinaires.

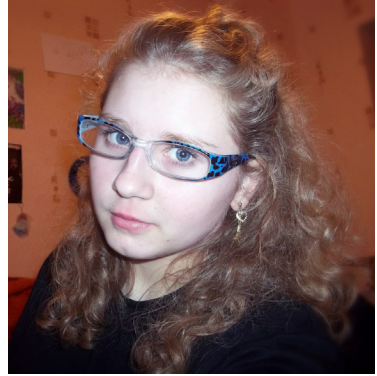
J'espère que votre année scolaire sera pleine d'étonnant, d'amusant, d'inoubliable!

Bonne rentrée à tous les garçons et toutes les filles!

Bon courage!

*Brainwave 22, 2014*

*Nastya Kh., la 11-ième*



## ***Pourquoi apprendre les langues étrangères ?***

***Voici les opinions de trois nos écolières***

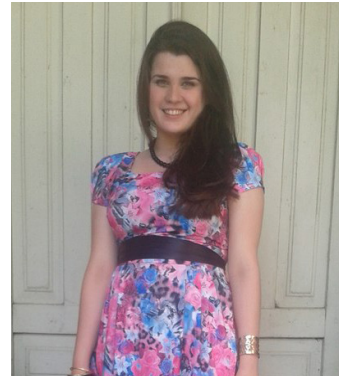
J'apprends le français depuis l'an 2008 quand j'étais en cinquième. Je devais choisir entre le français et l'allemand, et voilà, c'était le français! J'adore le français pour sa prononciation et parce qu'il est très mélodieux. Je rêve de vivre à Paris et de parler français couramment. J'aime regarder des films et des émissions en français et je voudrais comprendre les paroles sans les sous-titres, mais malheureusement, à présent ça reste encore difficile pour moi. De plus, j'aime écouter et chanter des chansons françaises, lire des revues en français.

Je crois que grâce à mes bonnes relations avec le professeur de français j'ai aimé le français encore plus.

Pour savoir le français mieux, j'utilise un programme éducatif pour l'ordinateur et je continue de faire un cours de français.

Pourtant, je ne me sens pas trop forte en français, mais quand même j'essaie de faire des devoirs d'olympiade pour les écoliers et j'espère d'avoir du succès un jour.

***Natia Ts., la 11-ième***



Depuis l'enfance, je m'intéresse à la culture et aux traditions des pays étrangers. J'aimais toujours lire sur la culture et les traditions des autres pays. La langue est un de ces outils qui approche une personne à une autre culture. J'apprends l'anglais car c'est une langue de communication internationale , et j'en aurai besoin un jour quand je vais choisir mon emploi, mais le français, je l'ai commencé à apprendre juste parce que la France m'attirait toujours par sa beauté et son romantisme. La France me semble un pays merveilleux avec des gens merveilleux, elle est incroyablement belle et romantique. Tant d'histoires, de poèmes et de légendes sont composés de ce pays. La littérature française est connue dans le monde entier. J'aime lire des œuvres des écrivains français, comme par exemple, Victor Hugo et Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. Je voudrais lire les œuvres de la littérature classique française dans le texte. Le français me semble une langue très belle et mélodieuse, c'est une langue extraordinaire. Il est impossible de confondre le français avec d'autres langues étrangères. Sa prononciation est originale. J'espère que bientôt je pourrai lire et parler français très bien.

***Brainwave 22, 2014***

***Yaroslava T., la 11-ième***



J'apprends le français depuis ma cinquième classe, donc, c'est déjà sept ans. Je l'ai choisi parce que je le trouve plus mélodieux que l'allemand, par exemple, et j'aime sa prononciation. Malheureusement, ma prononciation en français n'est pas idéale mais je ne perds pas d'espoir comme j'ai assez de temps à le faire.

Notre famille aime beaucoup voyager, et la France est un pays que l'on n'a pas encore visité. Un jour, quand nous allons en France, je pourrai me sentir plus libre et parler français, non pas anglais comme toujours à l'étranger.

À mon avis, le français est la langue la plus commode à faire de la poésie, sauf la langue russe pour moi, bien sûr. Il possède une beauté et une légèreté nécessaires dont on a besoin pour composer des œuvres poétiques. Pour moi, c'est très important car je fais de la poésie, je l'adore et je l'apprécie.

***Brainwave 22, 2014***

***Schabunina Lisa, 9B***



## **Miene Sommerferien**

Im Sommer lebte ich am Meer in Spanien. Dort war es schon und warm. Jeden Tag badete ich im Meer. Ich ging auch oft zum Strand, um dort viele intressante Menschen kennenzulernen. Es war sehr schön ans Meer zu gehen.

Nach Spanien war ich in Deutschland und Frankreich.

In Deutschland sah ich eine schöne Landschaft.

Ich habe viel Intressantes über Deutschland gelernt. Ich war auch in Frankreich in Riviera. In diesen Ländern hat es mir sehr gut gefallen.

***Brainwave 24, 2015***

***Simonova Rita, 7B***



# **My English Lessons**

I began learning English in primary school in the first form. My first English teacher was my first class teacher Yulia Nikolaevna. I remember how we learnt English alphabet and how we sang funny and simple songs in English. The most interesting thing for me is history of England, the most amusing - poems, tongue twisters and songs, the most useful - is ability to write letters in English, know English grammar, irregular verbs, especially if you plan to use English in future. Actually, it is useful to know more than one language!

Our teacher gives us summer reading books. I know that it is very useful for us, so I read them all. It usually isn't that easy, but reading English books you find a lot of new words and phrases and your language is becoming more fluent and correct. I also use dictionaries when I read a text with words I don't know. I prefer reading difficult texts, because reading stories in easy English I find useless.

Grammar drills – are the main part of our English lessons. To tell the truth, they are quite boring for me and sometimes difficult, but I understand well how important they are. We must learn and know grammar in any language!

While learning a language we learn to listen and understand what you hear, write correctly, learn new words. I suppose the most difficult for my friends and me is learning large texts by heart. In general, I have good marks in English, but sometimes I have hardships with grammar. I think about using English in future, but I haven't made the final decision yet.



*Marina Egorycheva, 10 A*

## **Elizabeth II Broke the Record of Queen Victoria**

Elizabeth II officially became the longest reigning monarch in British history. September 9 at 17:30 UK time (19:30 Moscow time), she surpassed the record of her great-grandmother Queen Victoria on the length of staying on the throne, which was 23, 226 days, 16 hours and 23 minutes.

On the day of the establishment of a new record Elizabeth II rode on renewed Borders rail train with steam traction. The route started in Edinburgh and ended in the village Tvidbenk, where the Queen opened the new building of the station and made a solemn speech. Monarch thanked the



citizens for their kindness, noting that she never sought «such lavish celebrations.» Closing celebratory event, Elizabeth II went to her residence at Balmoral Castle. British Prime Minister David Cameron in his congratulatory message called the British monarchy during the reign of Elizabeth II «an island of stability in a changing world.»

Elizabeth Alexandra Mary was born April 21, 1926 in London in a family of the Duke and Duchess of York. She was proclaimed Queen of Great Britain on February 6, 1952. On this day her father King George VI died. The official ceremony of coronation took place on June 2, 1953 in Westminster Abbey in London. Great-grandmother of the current monarch, Queen Victoria ruled from June 20, 1837 to January 22, 1901.



*Brainwave 26, 2015*

*Nikita Gavrishev, 11 A*

## **70 th Anniversary of Our School**



I am a student in one of the schools of St Petersburg, school # 263. It is near the center of the city. Around the school there are big, old trees. Every time when autumn comes, the road to school is covered with bright leaves.

Our school is large and bright. There is also a big school library, a cozy canteen. But, of course, a favourite place for many students is a gym where you can play your favourite games.

In our school there are many traditions, for example, we hold discos, contests, music festivals. School is proud of its students, who are the winners of district and regional Olympiads on different subjects, in sports competitions and others.

I would also like to tell about the teachers. Sometimes we think that they are very strict with us, but despite this, we have a lot of respect for their job. They try to teach us many things that will be useful in our future life. They are kind and wise, you can always ask advice and receive it.

I love my school and even after many years passes I will remember it with gratitude.

***Brainwave 27, 2015***

***Polina Rymshina***  
***school-leaver***



## **Happy Birthday!**

My name is Polina Rymshina and I am a graduate of the school 263 of the year 2015. During my studies, this school became like a second home to me and I gained a lot of knowledge about some physical processes and historical events as well as the knowledge how to communicate with each other, to work in teams and to be more independent and diligent.

I am grateful to all my teachers who supported and helped me. They always tried to make lessons interesting and informative at the same time. Teaching children is not an easy job and I really admire our teachers' patience and kindness. All the teachers encourage us to improve ourselves, to overcome our laziness, to think about our future and do our best for it.

I think I was really lucky to study in such a good school and I believe that my classmates think the same. Though we all study at universities now, we still keep in touch and often visit the school as we miss our lovely teachers and our favourite second home.

*Brainwave 27, 2015*

# How To Be A Good Friend?



*Seda Gasanova, 10 A*

Friends play an important role in a person's life. Everyone has friends. They encourage us when we are sad, they entertain us when we feel lonesome, they listen and help us when we have problems. However, it is too hard to find a good friend nowadays. So, what person could be named a good friend?

First of all, a good friend must be a trustworthy and loyal person. If you trust him, you can tell him everything and you needn't worry that he can betray you.

Secondly, a true friend needs to be honest. If he is able to tell you things you should try to work on, he definitely helps, make yourself better.

A good friend is everything. He loves, cares, he is fair, positive and happy. He will be with you no matter what happens. That is who a good friend is for me.

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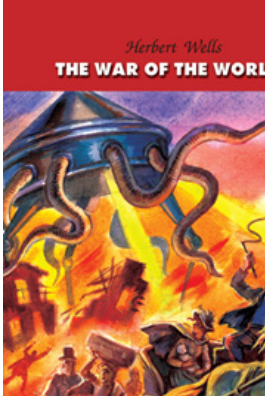


***Ksenia Frolova, 10 A***

Every day we meet new people. some of them are just people of our known but some of them become our good friends. I would like to share my thoughts about how to become a good friend. As for me, a good friend is a person who has the same interests and views as I have. It doesn't mean that he is supposed to like everything I like , it's having the same life values. A good friend is ready to help me whenever I need his help. He is honest, devoted, understanding, encouraging, he respects and trusts you. Good friends entertain and cheer you up when you are sad and lonesome, they listen to you if you have problems. Friends play a very important role in our life. It's a long and lonely road of life when you know you walk alone and it's so great when you have a real friend.

*Brainwave 28, 2016*

*Alexander Mal'kov, 7B*



## The War of the Worlds

This book was written by Herbert Wells in 1897.

There is one main character—unnamed young man, a resident of Victorian England, beginning of XX-th century, who tries to survive in war of the worlds, which begins with the Martians' invasion of England.

Next events show their evil intentions. Many inhabitants of the country are killed by the unknown Terrain weapon — the heat ray. People don't understand the seriousness of the threat, they believe that the Martians will not be able to move because of gravity. However, the Martians are able to fix their vehicles and begin to enslave the Earth.

This book is very interesting for science fiction fans. It is a very serious book, because Herbert Wells saw in the Martians humans from the future. Many science fiction writers and critics admit influence of Wells and his "War of the worlds" on their work.

It is certainly worth reading. You will like it from the beginning!

# **The Year of Russian Cinema**

2016 year is named «The Year of Cinema» in Russia. But what we actually know about cinema and Russian cinematography? The movies are truly an art of our time. It is the greatest aesthetic and educational force in the world today. The invention of the photography in 1828 played a very important role in the development of the cinema. 1895 became the year when the cinema was born. After the brothers Lumier had invented the cinematography, the cinema widely spread all over the world. The spreading of cinematography in Russia started with the demonstration of the Lumiere brothers' film in May 1896 in St. Petersburg and Moscow and later in Nizhniy Novgorod. The first sound films simultaneously appeared in three countries, the USSR, the USA and Germany at the end of the 1920's. In October 1929 the first sound cinema house started its work. Since that time the Russian film industry was going its own way.

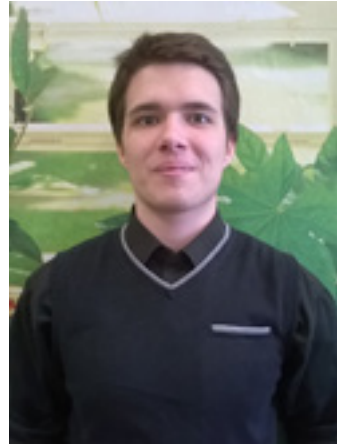
Now film industry in Russia is rapidly developed. More than 20 films are produced every year.

One of my favourite films is the film «Hipsters» («Stilyagi»). The film is directed by Valery Todorovsky, based on the book Boogie Bones by Yuri Korotkov. This is the story of young Muscovites in the 50s who had to fight for the right to be different: to listen to different music, to boogie, and to wear different clothes. It's a truly celebratory movie. The film became popular all over the world.



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*Sergey Sharaevsky, 11*



# **Cheburashka Then and Now**





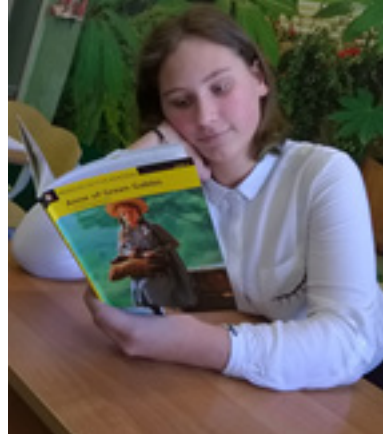
This year Cheburashka is celebrating his 50th anniversary. Cheburashka was created by Eduard Uspenskiy. In 1966 he wrote a book “Crocodile Gena and his friends”. Actually, in his childhood the author had a toy with defects which, according to Eduard’s parents, was exotic species of an animal from the tropical forest.

At the beginning this character looked awfully with little ears and brown fur but after coming out of the Soviet cartoon, Cheburashka got his usual appearance – a strange animal with pretty eyes and big ears. There were 4 puppet cartoons about adventures of Crocodile Gena and Cheburashka based on the book of Eduard Uspenskiy who also took part in writing of the script. This cartoon made Cheburashka very popular, Later in 2004 on Summer Athens Olympic Games he became a national mascot of our Olympic team. Talking about popularity of Cheburashka in the world, Japanese animation studio has bought rights on showing our cartoon about strange animal on Japanese television. There are successful anime series “Cheburashka Arere?”( Who is Cheburashka?).

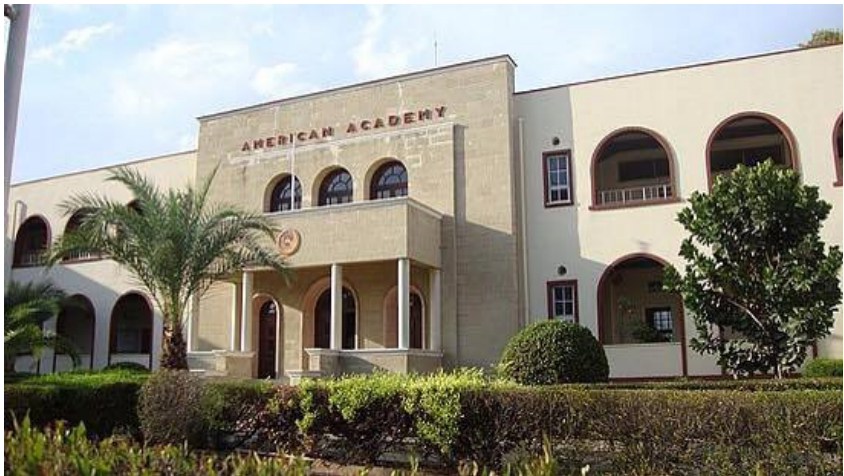
In conclusion, Cheburashka is one of the most famous symbols of children’s idols. And it’s popular all over the world that makes us proud of this character.

*Brainwave 29, 2016*

*Ivanova Darya, 7 “B”*



## **American Academy Larnaca**



The America Academy Larnaka is a non-profit making school. Its core purpose to prepare for University. It's a private, co-educational, independent school, founded in 1971, in the Republic of Cyprus and is run by its own graduates.

To enter the school you must write an entry test and at the end of each year you must take a test, which shows that you can move up.

In this school most of the students speak English and Greek. In the Academy you can meet many people from different countries: Britain, America, Russia, Japan and others. In Academy there are 5 junior classes and 7 senior classes, from 21 to 36 students. Can you imagine that there is more than 4000 people in one school.

### *Now let me tell you about a usual school day!*

School begins at 7:30 and finishes at 12:55 or 13:35. Usually we have 7 lessons, but on Tuesdays and Fridays we have 8 lessons. Each lesson lasts 45 minutes, and a break lasts 15 or 20 minutes. We have 4 semesters , at the end of each semester we must do a test on Mathematics, Science, Greek, English, Geography and Literature. At the end of each semester we are given final results. School finishes on June 21 and starts on September 10. American Academy makes its own uniform and we have to wear it. Girls are wearing a dark blue skirt, a white T-shirt and black pants,. The boys are wearing grey pants, grey shorts and a white T-shirt or shirt. Both girls and boys are wearing a coat, a jacket and a jumper.

Many of our teachers are from England or America, but one is from Cyprus, because he teaches kids Greek.



## *I have chosen the most important rules.*

#1. You are strictly forbidden to use your phones in school, even if you need to call your parents to pick you up from the school. A student must go to the main office and ask for permission to call his parents.

#2. You are not allowed to run in the corridors.

#3. If you bring your own food to school, and occasionally a teacher sees you eating not in the canteen you will probably be punished.

If you break the rules, you might be eliminated from school.

And what I like about the school is FOOD. Food in school is amazing. School starts from a morning coffee/tea or an easy sandwich and finishes with milkshakes, pasta, pizza, chicken. Even junk food and ice-cream are there! I thought I was in heaven!

*Brainwave 29, 2016*

*Moskvina Marina  
Vladimirovna,  
teacher of English*



## Leonid Ptitsyn an artists with “golden hands”



I and my class went on excursion dedicated to an artist, Leonid Ptitsyn. When people visit his exhibitions, they often write in a reference book that this artist has golden hands. However, it is a paradox: Ptitsyn doesn't have hands at all!

His story might be quite impressive and motivating as it shows how amazingly optimistic people can behave in the toughest situations of all.

To begin with, Leonid was a kind of child who was absolutely determined about his future life path. Since early childhood, he has been drawing everywhere. But war ruined everything. After war while searching for mines and disarming them, one of the mines exploded in his own hands. It's impossible to imagine how depressed Leonid felt when after the hospital he realized that he no longer could make his dream of becoming an artist come true as he was from that moment a disabled person.

However, Leonid showed an incredible strength of spirit. He learned how to draw using only his forearms. Leonid became the first student in the Academy of Art in Saint-Petersburg who had such physical difficulties that he overcame though. Nowadays Ptitsyn is quite respected as an artist although he marks that during Soviet times it was a little bit easier to make a profit because the system itself supported the Union of Artists to which Ptitsyn belonged.

All in all, that story might be hard to believe but as long as such people walk on the Earth we definitely won't have any lack of inspiration for performing great deeds and personal feats.

The whole life of Leonid Ptitsyn may be a striking example to the younger generation how people can overcome difficulties and make a supreme effort to their dream come true.

*Brainwave 12, 2013*

*Zinfira Madiyarovna  
Gilmanova  
teacher of English*



## **UK's Greatest Prime Minister**



*The first woman to be UK prime minister, Baroness Thatcher, has died at the age of 87 following a stroke*



Mrs. Thatcher was the first woman to become prime minister of Britain and the first to lead a major Western power in modern times. Hard-driving and hardheaded, she led her Conservative Party to three straight election victories and held office for 11 years — May 1979 to November 1990 — longer than any other British politician in the 20th century. Mrs. Thatcher was the first woman to become prime minister of Britain and the first to lead a major Western power in modern times. Hard-driving and hardheaded, she led her Conservative Party to three straight election victories and held office for 11 years — May 1979 to November 1990 — longer than any other British politician in the 20th century. Baroness Thatcher was seldom one to hold back her views. Here are some of the things she said - and which were said about her.

*«She has the eyes of Caligula but the mouth of Marilyn Monroe.»  
French President Francois Mitterrand*

*«I love argument. I love debate. I don't expect anyone just to sit there and agree with me - that's not their job.» 1980*

*«She was always an attractive woman. She had not merely a film star's attractiveness; she could also behave like a film star when she chose to do so.»*

*Sir Bernard Ingham, her Downing Street press secretary*

*«There is no such thing as society. There are individual men and women and there are families.» 1987*



*Brainwave 18, 2014*

*Zinfira Madiyarovna Gilmanova*  
*teacher of English*

## **Happy Birthday, Chocolate!**



*At the beginning of January chocolate celebrates its 195 anniversary.*

More than a century people have been arguing about the benefits and harms of chocolate. It ascribed magical properties but also people called it the works of the devil. Cocoa tree likes the tropical warmth and moisture and hates direct sunlight that's why it hides under the shadow of banana trees.

Nonrandom the Aztec called their beverage of cocoa beans "chocolatl" which is translated as "bitter water". Magical elixir, as the priests said, filmed fatigue and treated the blues? That's why this tree was considered real godsend.

In one fruit there are from 20 to 40 cocoa beans. To make one kilo of chocolate one needs at least 900 cocoa beans. Can you imagine that?

Hernan Cortes brought dried beans to Europe but the name of a person who mixed sugar with cocoa is unknown. What a pity! He would have been erected a monument. New taste shocked the yard of the Spanish king. Chocolate was immediately declared a state secret. However, they didn't manage to save it.

195 years ago the first chocolate was made by pressing cocoa powder. Anyone can't help tempting it.

Chocolate museums are opened all around the world. Chocolate sculptures, clothes are made of it. In Shanghai there is a real chocolate park of 30 thousand square miles. Only one castle contains 160 tons of this chocolate treat. "Some day we will built a Great Chinese wall. Why not?" Said chocolatier Han Sung.

*Brainwave 24, 2015*

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*teacher of English*



## «Gatsby» – a Novel of 50 000 Words Without "E"

In 1939 a writer Ernest Vinsent Wright created a novel “Gatsby”. The name of the main hero was John Gatsby and the plot was quite ordinary. A very unordinary thing was the fact that the novel, containing more than 50.000 words didn’t contain letter “E”!

The novel was written in the genre of “Lipogramme” (from Greek language) when the author avoids using this or that letter. In the case with letters Z, X, Q – it is not a problem – such letters are not often met in the words. But for the letters T, E, A – it is quite a problem! To solve his task Wright had not to use the numerals more than 6 and less than 13 and to avoid using the verbs in the Past tense (they have the “ed” ending).

*Brainwave 25, 2015*

*Zinfira Madiyarovna Gilmanova*  
*teacher of English*



August 13 is designated International Lefthanders Day by Lefthanders International. It was first observed on the 13th of August, 1976. It celebrates their uniqueness and differences, who are from seven to ten percent of the world's population. Left-handers Day is now celebrated world-wide. Interesting fact: left-handers are far more likely to develop schizophrenia than right-handers, for reasons not well understood. Most left-handers draw figures facing to the right. There is a high tendency in twins for one to be left-handed.

Stuttering and dyslexia occur more often in left-handers.

Here are some famous left-handers people: Barack Obama (1961- ...) 44th President, Queen Victoria of England, Prince William of England, Winston Churchill, Lewis Carroll, Carl Philipp

Emanuel Bach, Michelangelo, Charlie Chaplin, Greta Garbo, Marilyn Monroe and many others. It is fun to celebrate this day when right-handed family members, friends, colleagues do everything left-handed for the whole day.