

# AWESOME



# SUMMER 2012

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# Welcome to ELC's Summer Magazine 2012!

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We began the year on 1st September by celebrating the opening of ELC's 3rd floor with a fabulous party; see the photos on page 39. Since the party, we have had a fabulous year. Here are a few highlights!

## Christmas Collection

Many thanks to all of you who contributed to our Christmas Collection for Aldeias de Crianças SOS Bicesse. This year we were overwhelmed with the response; we needed 3 cars to transport all the goods you gave!

## Charles Dickens competition

In February, to celebrate Charles Dickens's 200th birthday, we set all students the challenge of writing their own short story. After a great response, the judges chose Sara Carvalho's story as the winner. Huge congratulations again to Sara who won an Amazon Kindle! See Sara's story and photo on page 38.

## World Book Day

In April/May, over 70 students contributed their reviews of books, films, technology and much more to our celebration of the day. What a superb response! We have been proud to exhibit all the review on walls around the school and visitors and students have enjoyed reading them!

This June we are sorry to say goodbye to two great teachers. Both Nick Strutt and Tony Turner are going back to England with their families. We wish them all the very best for the future!

Finally, many thanks to all students who contributed to this year's magazine! Well done to Joana Coelho who created the winning Front Cover design. Congratulations also to all our Students of the Month! We are very proud to acknowledge all your dedication, hard work and progress.

If we don't see you for a Summer School course, have a great summer and see you in September!

All the best

Caroline Darling



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In conversation with...

**BEATRIZ  
SARAIVA**



Jo: Hello Beatriz. So, tell me about yourself; where are you from?

Beatriz: I'm from Portugal, I live in Cascais, I'm 14 years old. My school is António Pereira Coutinho.

Jo: Great, lovely. And when did you start studying at ELC?

Beatriz: I think what I was 8 years old, I'm not sure.

Jo: And why did you start studying here?

Beatriz: Because my parents wanted and British closed and ELC opened.

Jo: So what do you like about studying here?

Beatriz: I like it because the classes are small so we learn more.

Jo: What areas have you made most progress in?

Beatriz: In vocabulary and in grammar, yes.

Jo: Great. And how do you think English will help you in the future?

Beatriz: in my job because English is a universal language, so...

Jo: And what advice would you have to younger students in the school?

Beatriz: to continue studying because it's important for the future and I think it's a good language.

Jo: Great! Thank you very much.

Beatriz Saraiva TB1-2

Interviewer: Jo Smith

Teacher: Nick Strutt

In conversation with...

**DIANA  
IVAKINA**



Nick: Hi Diana. So, tell me about yourself; where are you from?

Diana: I'm from the Ukraine but I've lived here in cascais for 8 years. I'm 16. I go to IBN Mucana in Alcabideche.

Nick: And when did you start studying at ELC?

Diana: Maybe it was about 5 years ago.

Nick: And why did you start studying here?

Diana: Well, first it was my mum. She thought I would need it for the future. But then in just a few lessons I liked this a lot and I don't want to stop.

Nick: so what is it that you like about studying here?

Diana: just the environment; the teachers are really cool, we don't feel like in a school; we don't have the obligations you know, we have more freedom.

Nick: And how do you think English will help you in the future?

Diana: It will give me lots of possibilities in different areas for work and just maybe if you are going to travel or spend some time with our friends – now we have computers we can make friend with people from different countries.

Nick: And what advice would you have to younger students in the school?

Diana: To do homework, to work hard because it's really important – you improve more and more, and don't stop!

Nick: Ok, good! Thanks very much.

Diana Ivakina TB2

Interviewer: Nick Strutt

Teacher: Neil Rush



In conversation with...

## ILDA TRAVADO



Jo: Hello Ilda. So, tell me about yourself; where are you from?

Ilda: I'm from Portugal, I'm born in Lisbon. I'm 42 years old and I'm a lawyer.

Jo: You're a lawyer? Do you specialize in some kind of law?

Ilda: Yes, in commercial and civil and family.

Jo: Ok. When did you start studying at ELC?

Ilda: In January this year.

Jo: Why did you start studying here?

Ilda: Because my husband works in South Africa and I think to move this year to South Africa and I need to practice my English

Jo: O.K. All right, good reason. So, what do you like about studying here?

Ilda: I like the.... everything, I like the teacher, I like Caroline, I like the themes of the book, everything; it's good.

Jo: So what areas do you feel that you have made most progress in?

Ilda: Speaking because I study ... English 20 years ago, and listen and write I don't have problems but speak I'm very bad

Jo: How do you think English will help you in the future?

Ilda: Yes, I think to stay in a country when we talk English I think it's very good because my speaking is not very good.

Ilda Travado B1

Interviewer: Jo Smith

Teacher: Neil Rush

In conversation with...

## MARIANA ALBERTO



Nick: Hi Mariana. So, tell me about yourself; where are you from?

Mariana: I'm 16 and I'm from Cascais. I go to Colégio Amor de Deus.

Nick: And when did you start studying at ELC?

Mariana: In 5th grade, that's 6 years ago.

Nick: And why did you start studying here?

Mariana: Because I started having English at school and I didn't understand because I never had contact with the language. So, my parents thought that it would help me to improve at school, and because it's an important language.

Nick: ok, good. So what is it that you like about studying here?

Mariana: for me, I really like to come to ELC because I have my friends, and the lessons are a lot more fun than at school; I love it!

Nick: ok, excellent. What areas have you made most progress in?

Mariana: speaking – now I'm more confident with the language, what people say to me, and I really understand it.

Nick: And how do you think English will help you in the future?

Mariana: it's a language that everyone speaks so it will help me to understand the other people who aren't from Portugal

Mariana Alberto TB2

Interviewer: Nick Strutt

Teacher: Neil Rush

In conversation with...

**MARIA  
FROIS**

Matt: So, tell me about yourself.

Maria: I'm Maria, I'm Portuguese, I'm 60 years old. I'm from Lisbon but I've lived in Cascais for 10 years. I'm retired and I have more time free and I decided to learn English.

Matt: for a hobby?

Maria: No, I have 6 grandchildren and all of them study in English school and they speak better than me; I need to speak with them and friends, and when I travel I need to speak better English.

Matt: So when did you start studying at ELC

Maria: Last year, I started and I liked it. I like to stay here, I like the teachers, I like the group; it's a different group. It has young people. I like the variety.

Matt: What areas do you feel you've made progress in?

Maria: When I started here I couldn't understand the news in English and now I can understand a little bit more, and even the movies. Sometimes I take the subtitles and try to understand without subtitles.

Matt: Do you read in English?

Maria: I read the books from the library ELC. I try to learn.

Matt: How will your English help you in the future?

Maria: When I travel I feel more comfortable. I need to speak better English. English is the language of the future! People who don't know speak English means problems.

Matt: What advice would you give to younger students?

Maria: My youngest grandchild is 4 years and he sometimes asks me things in English. I think for young people everybody must learn English - it is the language of the world and everyone needs to communicate!

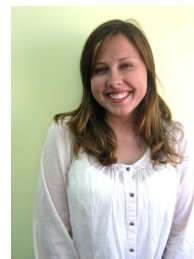
Maria Frois B1

Interviewer: Matt Davies

Teacher: Neil Rush

In conversation with...

**RITA  
BERNARDO**



Caroline: So, tell me about yourself; where are you from?

Rita: I've always lived here in Cascais; about myself, well, I'm finishing my journalism course this year and that's one of the reasons I came here because I want to maybe do a Masters abroad.

Caroline: And when did you start studying at ELC?

Rita: This year, in September.

Caroline: And why did you start studying here?

Rita: Because I had this idea that I wanted to do a Masters in Communication and Culture abroad and for that I had to improve my English and I had to have certificates to show that I know English, so that's one of the main reasons.

Caroline: And what do you like about studying here?

Rita: Well, I like the fact that the teachers are really nice and they are always ready to help you; they really are nice people and you can talk to them easily, and that's really good; we have a good student – teacher relation and also we have small classes and you really know the people you are with. So that gives you more confidence to expose your doubts.

Caroline: what areas have you made most progress in?

Rita: Maybe writing and grammar; grammar was my worst part because I stopped having English for 3 years and I got really rusty and that is the part that I really got better.

Caroline: And what advice would you give to younger learners in the school?

Rita: what advice, well, studying English isn't easy, it's not something that you learn by night, so you have to get used to it, listening to music, watching films – that really helps a lot. For example, one tip is to put English subtitles on movies and even if you can't catch it by hearing, you can read it, and that's a really useful practical tip, because it's a language, you can't really study and memorise it.

Rita Bernardo C2

Interviewer: Caroline Door

Teacher: Gerry Aldridge

English Language Centre VL Book Report (1)

My name and class: Afonso Petinga

On World Book Day - the name of the story I read was:  
What the Ladybird Heard

The story was written by:  
Julia Donaldson Lydia Morris

Did you like the story? Sim ou não gostei?  
Yes I did. ☒ No I didn't. ☐

Here's a picture of my favourite character in the story / Aqui está um desenho do meu personagem favorito na história



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Afonso Petinga

English Language Centre VL Book Report (1)

My name and class: Alex Vaz

On World Book Day - the name of the story I read was:  
What the Ladybird Heard

The story was written by:  
Julia Donaldson Lydia Morris

Did you like the story? Sim ou não gostei?  
Yes I did. ☒ No I didn't. ☐

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Alex Vaz

English Language Centre VL Book Report (1)

My name and class: Francisco Mendes

On World Book Day - the name of the story I read was:  
What the Ladybird Heard

The story was written by:  
Julia Donaldson Lydia Morris

Did you like the story? Sim ou não gostei?  
Yes I did. ☒ No I didn't. ☐

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Francisco Mendes





ELC English Language Centre Y5 Book Report (1)

My name and class: LEONOR K2

On World Book Day - the name of the story I read was:

WHAT THE LADYBIRD HEARD

The story was written by:

JULIA DONALDSON & DAVID MCKAY

Did you like the story? Gostou da história?

Yes I did. No I didn't.

Here's a picture of my favourite character in the story / Aqui está um desenho do meu personagem favorito na história:



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Leonor Cruz

ELC English Language Centre Y5 Book Report (1)

My name and class: MATILDE

On World Book Day - the name of the story I read was:

What Ladybird

The story was written by:

JULIA DONALDSON

Did you like the story? Gostou da história?

Yes I did. No I didn't.

Here's a picture of my favourite character in the story / Aqui está um desenho do meu personagem favorito na história:



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Matilde Vasconcellos

ELC English Language Centre Y5 Book Report (1)

My name and class: Rodrigo

On World Book Day - the name of the story I read was:

THE CAT IN THE HAT

The story was written by:

JULIA DONALDSON & DAVID MCKAY

Did you like the story? Gostou da história?

Yes I did. No I didn't.

Here's a picture of my favourite character in the story / Aqui está um desenho do meu personagem favorito na história:



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Rodrigo Leitão





## Gruffalo the Play!

(based on the story "The Gruffalo" by Julia Donaldson and Alex Scheffler)

The parents were here on the 28th March.  
We made houses for the Fox the Owl and the Snake.

We made masks and the trees for the forest.  
The forest has got big flowers and tree and insects.

There was a small Mouse and a Gruffalo.  
He's got terrible claws and terrible teeth!...  
The Gruffalo Play is fantastic!

## My favourite animal

My favourite animal is an elephant. They are very big.  
It's grey.  
Elephants eat grass.

Laura Matias



## My favourite animal

My favourite animal is a monkey.  
It's brown and white.  
Monkeys climb and eat bananas.

Sebastião Fraga Fontes.



## My favourite animal

My favourite animal is a lion.  
It's brown.  
Lions hunt and eat meat.

Daniel Abreu Jorge



## My favourite animal

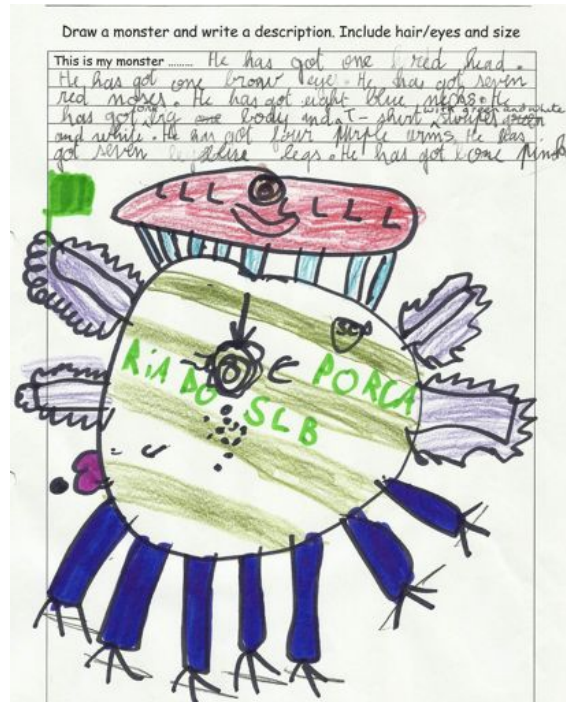
My favourite animal is a flamingo.  
It's pink and very beautiful.  
Flamingos eat fish.

Raquel Costa Gonçalves Ventura

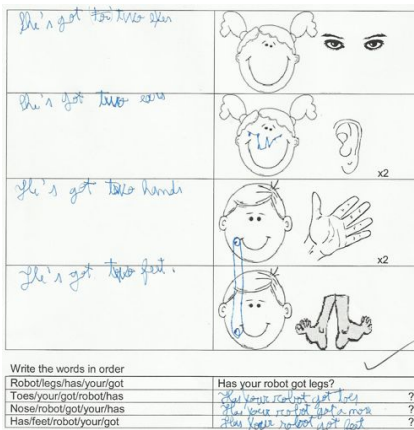




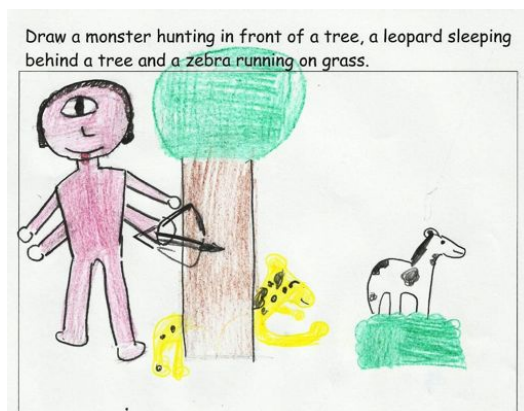
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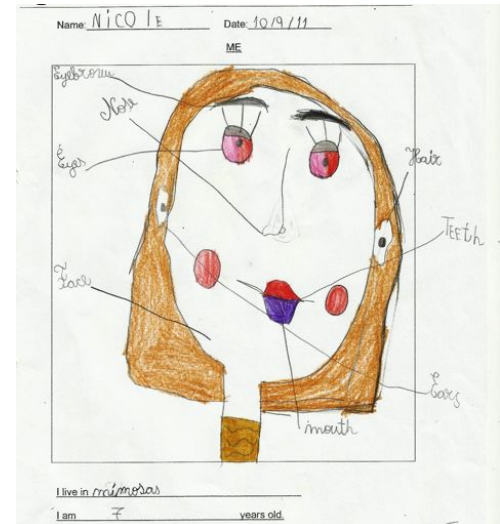
Mateus Correia



Tomás Pinto



Mariana Leite



Nicole Ahern



Sam Gonindard



English Language Centre YL Book Report (1)

My name and class: Igor K4

The name of the story I read was:  
The Big Show

The story was written by:  
Written by Paul Shilton Michael Spence

The characters in the story were called:  
Cathy and Ella and James and Tink  
and and and and and and and

Did you like the story? ☒ Yes I did. ☐ No I didn't.

Here's a picture of my favourite character in the story:



Teacher comment:  
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Igor Guimarães

English Language Centre YL Book Report (1)

My name and class: Tomás K4

The name of the story I read was:  
Dad's Box

The story was written by:  
John's Box

The characters in the story were called:  
Dad  
Box

Did you like the story? ☒ Yes I did. ☐ No I didn't.

Here's a picture of my favourite character in the story:



Teacher comment:  
Excellent Tomás ju

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Tomás Ribeiro

English Language Centre YL Book Report (1)

My name and class: Leonor K4


The name of the story I read was:  
Snow White

The story was written by:  
Brothers Grimm

The characters in the story were called:  
Snow White  
Wicked queen  
Snow White

Did you like the story? ☒ Yes I did. ☐ No I didn't.

Here's a picture of my favourite character in the story:



Teacher comment:  
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Leonor Coelho



## My Band

If I can playing the guitar my first mission is get a band and the type of music we play is pop rock. In the band have a singer, Silvério, a drummer, Jaime, a rocker is me. The our name is "The best" and so we are going immediate buy our clothes and equipment.

We travel in the world and the people love us. We are young, cool and cute.

If I have a band is like this.

Diogo Rito

## Dead

Peter is a boy and he was very bored in China be cause appeared a very small tornado Peter taken an umbrella on the head. He dead.

The parents of Peter they were in Brazil go by car to China and find a clown, the clowns are very fat and tall, pizza was eating, always fun go to China.

Gonçalo Vidal

## The Dragon Rock

Once Upon a time, in a village, was a sleeping dragon. The villagers are lazy, because is very hot. People are not scared of the dragon because his doesn't move. The childrens put their shoes on his ears.

Villagers tell a story at night but everyone has their own story.

Every story has the same rhyme:

In times of Trouble

The Dragon will wake

And Free the Village

By making a lake

There was a drought in the village. After some time the have a plan to wake up the dragon and save the village, the plan is: collect petals and put in dragon nostril.

The children run around the dragon and they faint. The dragon wake up and sneezy.

Achiiim!!!

The earth breaks open and the water comes out. Never mind see the dragon.

Diogo Rito



## A Good Easter!!!!

Hello! I'm Alison. I'm slim and big. I hate rats. I've got Brown eyes and brown curly hair.

At Easter I got a ugly parot. The Easter happened on the moon. I invited Sandy, Inês and my best friend Alice. Alice is an happy girl. Frequently has pizza to lunch and fish to dinner.

We read a book and sing a song together. We are tired to sleep. Tomorrow we going to the park to ride we bikes and playing volleyball.

Mariana Jerónimo

## My concert

My name is Tiago and I'm a musician. My favourite type of music is jazz and classical music and opera and traditional music of various countries.

I also now play in various theatres in Portugal, for example: Tivoli; Auditorio Rui de Carvalho; Casino do Estoril and Coliseu de Lisboa.

I love the music and the instruments.

Tiago Almeida

## My favourite band

My favorite band is Tokyo Hotel is a very good band composed of five people. It is a rock band.

My favorite song is "In Jump" It is my favourite band be cause they are very cooll

Gonçalo Vidal

## MY TURTLE

My turtle doesn't have any name and it is green and brown. It sleeps in it's aquarium in the kitchen. I feed it twice a day and I spend with it 15 minutes a day. My pet loves eating and I love my turtle.

Pedro Almas



## This is my dog

The name of my dog is Zuma. It is a Pomeranian.

It's a very cute and very playful dog.

Her favorite toy is a doll. She loves it. We play around with it and whenever we ask "Where's the doll?" she runs as she cans to catch it because she knows we'll play with her and the doll.

Her favorite dish is everything related to people's food, (not dog's food). Whenever we are at the table she tries to catch a bit of food and if she manages to do it, she runs to eat it over the living room rug. After all, she is a Princess.

Zuma wakes me every day with licks on my face and amuses me when I'm sad. She is the perfect dog.



Maria do Mar Pinto

## The Dragon rock

Is a happy village. The village lives on the dragon. The dragon is lazy and sleeps all the time. The dragon is plump. The dragon is very big and has boots on his ears. The village was very hot.

The village is dying of drought. The village has a rhyme: In times of trouble the dragon wakes up and saves the village.

The children have a plan, to wake up the dragon. They poke it with sticks to annoy but this doesn't work. And they collect petals and put around the dragon's head.

The dragon sneezes and earth breaks open. The water comes and makes a lake. The village lived happily ever after.

Mariana Marinho

## Two good brother

Bill is aboy. Bud one day Bill play to beach one day in summer in England.

Selena is a gril and happy and slim.

Selena was always dancing and hang's out with her parents on holidays.

Bud one days in the street saw the big and fat giraffe and screamed and next ran home and picked up a gun to kill a giraffe.



Tiago Almeida



## A good day!!!

Hi, my name is Mary. I'm short I have got long hair small mouth small nose and big round eyes. I hate flying. I never went to England. I am from Portugal.

Yesterday was my birthday I invited five special friends: Carlota, Joana, Hermione, Irene and Alison. Alison is my best friend she is very tall and a little bit chubby because she is greedy she can be very strange she doesn't like spoons. They are coming to my house. We take things to sing and dance. At the end of the day we are going to have dinner and the next day we are going to the beach. I loved my birthday!!

Mariana Marinho



## Kill a dragon

Tiago and Rodrigo are very ugly and they're not intelligent. Yesterday, in our school they played football with scissors. In the winter, silently they tried to kill a bad dragon. That dragon was imaginary. They have so much imagination. They pretended to be ill. Now they're always pretending to be ill. I know where they are. They're going to New York. They must do stupid things like kill a dragon. In this weekend I'm going to New York to see what are they doing.

Afonso Pereira

## The national team

The best footballers play in the national team! The football players who I think deserve to be in the national team because they are the best are: Fábio Coentrão, Cristiano Ronaldo (Capitan), Pepe, Rui Patrício in GR, Nelson Oliveira, Nani, Ricardo Carvalho, Carlos Martins and others I don't remember at the moment. I think these players deserve to be in the national team. I'm waiting for the next game for the players I said who are going to do good work because they are very good players and they are going to be legendary in footballing history because they are the best Portuguese players.

Rodrigo Martinho

## My typical Saturday

On Saturdays I get up at 7am. Usually in the morning I do my homework and often I study all morning.

Sometimes I go to a restaurant for lunch. Always I go to the park with my dogs.

I go to bed at 11pm. I love my Saturdays.

William Nunes

## My Future...

I will go to university.  
I will live another country.  
I won't stay in the same place.  
I won't be on English teacher.  
I will live near my family.  
I will be rich.  
I will get married.  
I will drive a sports car.  
I will be famous.



Leonor Martins

## Disasters

In the world there are a lots of disasters. It's a shame!!

There are natural and man-made disasters. Natural disasters are caused by nature and man-made disasters are caused by man. One exemple of a natural disaster is a tsumani. A tsunami is when giant waves go to land and destroy the buildings. The tornadoes is a gigantic funnel that destroys everything.

Vulcanoes erupt and expel lava. Inside of a volcano is very, very hot. Fires are a group of flames. They destroy the forest. They relace a lot of carbon dioxide.

The man-made disasters are plain disasters, when cars crash, when a boat sinc, ect.

It's really a shame!!

Gonçalo Marques

## My typical Saturday

On Saturdays I usually wake up at half past nine, because it's the weekend and I like to sleep late. I always study and always do my homework after breakfast. I often go to the shopping center whit my parents and my sister. And we always eat lunch together. I like doing this.

I usually go swimming with my friends on Saturdays and I swim for half an hour. I really love swimming and usually we go at 4pm. I sometimes go to my friend's on Saturdays and we play, talk our watch t.v. If I stay at home I play with my sister. I really love her and we always have fun. I love my Saturdays.

Julia Florencio

## My typical Saturday

My usual Saturday. I usually get up at 9 o'clock because it's the weekend. I always go to music school at 10 o'clock until 13 o'clock.

I sometimes eat lunch at a restaurant in Cascais with my family. In the evenings I go shopping with my family.

I always go to bed at 11 o'clock or midnight.

I love my Saturday.

Teresa Duarte da Costa Seco



## My typical Saturday

On Saturdays, I usually get up at 10am, then I sometimes watch TV in the living room. I always eat my lunch with my family at half past one.

In the afternoon I hardly ever ride a bike, I sometimes go to the cinema or go shopping with my friends!

I often go swimming with my sister and my brother at about 4pm on sunny days! I love doing this. I sometimes go to my friend's house, and I love doing this. We play computer games, go to the beach, talk... it is lots of fun!

I have dinner at half past eight with my family, after dinner I study for my tests and watch TV. Before I go to sleep, I read my book in bed! I go to sleep at about eleven o'clock. I love my Saturdays!

Joana Rodrigues

## The sound of the music

Music is very cool because it changes people's feelings.

The music has very type for exemple:

- Rock – I's the music more listened!!!

It's my favourite

- Pop – it's cool. sometimes I listen.
- Metal
- Opera
- Instrumental
- Etc

I love music because of this.

Music has a lot of instruments for example:

- Guitar – I's the instruments more famous.
- Piano – It's cool but i'm prefer outers.
- etc.

I play electric guitar because I like the sound.

Tiago Cardoso

## My typical Saturday

On Saturdays I usually get up at 10a.m. because It's the weekend. I always study and sometimes I eat sandwiches while I'm studying. I usually go shopping with my mother in the afternoon. We have lunch together and I like doing this. I often play volleyball with my friends on Saturday evenings although I Hardly ever play basketball. Sometimes I go out with my friends To cascais at night and we talk and eat and just hang out together. I like my Saturdays.

Sofia França

## My story

Afonso wanted to do a round the world trip to fell love.

But the trip stopped in Australia he picked grapes and swam with sharks he saw monuments in Greece and drank water, in Italy a robber stole his money in the country side he went camping in India he saw monuments in Tibet a mountain and helped girls.

In Hong Kong he went on a boat and got stomach ache and vomited in chine rode a bike in Paris saw girls friend. In the end felling love and presented his girl friend to parents .

Carlota Vasconcellos

## My favourite songs

I like rock music!

My favourite singers are: Beyoncé, Shakira, Boss AC, Adele, Britney Spears, Snoop Dog ...

I love they music because they are funny!

My friends like Justin Bieber but I don't like him because I hate his music. My favourite song is "We are young"! I love this song. I like to Black-Eyed Peas, Rui Veloso. I know very music, it's some I can't remember every song and singers.

I also like the singer João Félix – my brother. I like him because he sings in the bath and he sings very well! My best friend Francisca sings very well too!

I love music!

Mariana Félix

## I Visit My Family in Canada

I went to Canada and I stayed at my cousins' home and visited Toronto were I saw a very big skyscraper. I did tubing\* and sledding in the snow with my parents and my brother and later I also saw my cousin Alexia in a dancing competition.

\*Tubing is one snow activity. We need one float(air tube). Next we climb up a slope and sit on the float and then a person will push you.

Andreia Leitão

## The Gruffalo

The play was performed by K3. There was audience participation. We had to say: "Gruffalo? What's a gruffalo?" The audience was made up of parents, staff and students.

The set was creative. The room looked like a forest. The made the masks themselves.

I think the fox (Raquel) and the mouse (Laura) were more confident than the owl (Daniel) and the snake (Sebastião). The owl and the snake were quite quiet and shy. Gruffalo was good because she has more experience. All the actors were very good.

Gruffalo was the title role. Mouse was the main role. Fox, snake and owl were the small parts. It was a full house for the opening night.

Lara Ventura



## Easter Holidays

In my Easter holidays I went to Mexico with my dad's family. There I went to the swimming pool (It's very big and inside of the swimming there is a Jacuzzi). I went to the very blue ocean with a lot of fish and there is a skate too. I slept with my cousin Carolina in a room. There, I stayed in Paladium Resort. I went there by plane. Mexico is a very hot place in the day it is about 40°C!

I enjoyed it because it is a very happy place and because I liked to be there with my family.

Leonor Chaves

## Matilda : My film review

I chose this film, because I really like fantasy and unrealistic films.

I mostly liked it because Matilda, the main character, and her teacher Miss Honey have a great relationship - unlike Matilda's parents.

This film is based on school and about other people's perspective.

I also love this film, because I like the actors and the expressions they make while acting. I recommend this film to everyone.

Beatriz Cruz

## My favourite singer : Adele

Adele graduated from the BRIT school for performing arts and technology, where she was Leona Lewis and Jessie J's classmate.

Adele's father separated from Adele's mother when she was three years old and she hasn't yet forgiven him.

Her album 21 was inspired on her ex-boyfriend and her heart break.

She won six grams awards: the record of the year, the album of the year

Madalena Godinho

## Film Review

I saw the film 'Intouchables', i really enjoyed. The film is French, but is very good. The director of the film are Olivier Nakache and Eric Toledano, the main characters are François Cluzet and Omar sy.

The story is about one rich man, Philippe and a poor man Driss. The rich man is paraplegic and he wants a helper for every day. Driss is a black man, he just left prison and now he wants some papers for unemployment benefits, because that he meet Philippe and he started work to him. They created a great friendship.

I recommend this film because moral of the story is no matter the differences of the persons, everybody can have a best friend.

Maria Moniz



## Interviewing Jonny Cash

His name is Jonny Cash. He was an explorer. He didn't have family and he didn't have friends. He has a pet, his name is Redfoo. He doesn't work at the moment.

Interviewer: Hello, how are you?

Johnny Cash: I'm fine, now...

Interviewer: How did you get stranded on a island?

Johnny Cash: I was in the plane and the plane crash in the island.

Interviewer: How did you survive the accident?

Johnny Cash: I jumped the water and I swam to the island did I crash

Interviewer: How did you find food? what did you eat ?

Johnny Cash: I ate coconuts and bananas, because they have breees

Interviewer: what happened after 2/3 weeks ?

Johnny Cash: I built a house and the raft

Interviewer: What did you do to amuse yourself?

Johnny Cash: I amuse to invented the playstation 5.

Interviewer: What did you do to escape?

Johnny Cash: I escaped because I built an airplane and I scape with this.

Interviewer: What happened in your journey to safety?

Johnny Cash: I found the love of my life.

Interviewer: How did you get saved ?

Johnny Cash: I was saved because I had the women of my dreams. I didn't want to see her die, so continued to live.

Interviewer: So what do you do now?

Johnny Cash: Now I am a vet because I love animals and I don't want this to happen ever again.

Interviewer: Goodbye, thank you very much!

Johnny Cash: Goodbye, I thank you for this interview!

Rita Faria,  
Maria Bandeira  
Madalena Mira  
Mariana Antunes

## Untouchables : My film review

I chose this film, because it's very interesting and beautiful.

It's about a man who is paralysed and a black man who is very funny and crazy.

They will be great friends.

My favourite part is when the black man laughs in the theatre.

In my opinion is the best film in the world.

André Cruz



## Are you an honest person?

1 Imagine your best friend has got a new haircut and it looks awful. Your friend thinks it looks stylish and fantastic. What would you say?

- a) It looks fantastic!
- b) It looks ... different.
- c) Would you like to borrow a hat?

2 Imagine your best friend has got a new boy/girlfriend. She shows you a photo of him/her, but she/he is ugly. What would you say?

- a) Woooooow. Is he/she a model?
- b) He's/she's not my type.
- c) Is that a human???

3 Imagine you borrowed your mum's diamond earrings/ your dad's expensive watch and you lost one/it. What would you do?

- a) You blame your sister/brother.
- b) You replace them/it.
- c) You tell her/him the truth.

4 Imagine you got a good mark in your test. You notice the teacher made some mistakes, and gave you 10 extra marks. What would you do?

- a) You keep quiet.
- b) You only show them one mistake.
- c) You tell them.

5 Imagine you're in a café. You ask for a juice, a sandwich and a cake. The waitress is very rude when she brings the bill she forgot to add the sandwich. What would you do?

- a) You say nothing.
- b) You tell them, but don't leave a tip.
- c) You tell them.

6 Imagine a friend spreads gossip about your best friend. Your best friend asks who started the rumour. What would you do?

- a) You tell them the name of a person you don't like.
- b) You say "I don't know".
- c) You tell them the truth.

Mostly As: You are dishonest all the time. One day, no one will believe you.

Mostly Bs: You are not completely honest, but you do it to protect others. Mostly Cs: You are too honest! One day you might hurt someone.

Vitória Figueira and Lara Ventura

Call of duty it's a war type game who comes out every year. In 2011 was released the call of duty MW3. At the main menu you can choose special ops, type of game where you work with a teammate to do missions like rescue the president's daughter or survive the wave of men who want to kill you; you can also choose campaign where you do missions in many countries like England, Spain, France and USA; or you can choose multiplayer to play with your friends or with people from any country. If you like action you should buy it I am not sure but I think this year will be released call of duty black ops 2.

Miguel Inácio

## Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

The director of the film is Tim Burton and it's based on a book by Roald Dahl.

The main characters are Johnny Depp, Freddie Highmore and David Kelly and the main plot is about a young boy wins a tour through the most magnificent chocolate factory in the world, led by the world's most unusual candy maker. There are five children:

One boy was very fat and he ate a lot of chocolate so he falls down in the chocolate river, another girl who has always chewing gum in her mouth and when it isn't it's behind the ear. There is another boy who is a bad boy who plays videogames.

They all went to the chocolate factory and they had bad luck.

We think that the film is good.

Mariana Antunes

Sofia Matos

João Dias

## Interviewing João Silva

We are here with João Silva, he is an explorer. He has a girlfriend and two pets, one dog and a cat, bobby and quorra.

Interviewer: Hello João.

João: Hi, how are you.

I: Fine, thank you. How did you get stranded on an island? Was there an accident?

J: I was on a boat and a big storm appeared and I jumped out of the boat.

I: How did you find food? What did you eat?

J: By fishing and I ate fruit from the trees.

I: What did you do to escape?

J: I tried to repair my boat, but it broke again.

I: How did you get saved?

J: I got saved because the helicopter of the weather forecast was flying over the island.

I: How do you feel now?

J: I'm feeling better because I'm home.

João Dias

João Paulo Pereira

Tom Gonindard

Maria Moniz

## My family

There are four of us in our family: my mum, my dad, my brother and me. My brother is 15. I don't like him!

My father's 44 and he's a bank employee, and my mother is 41 and she's an account manager.

We live in a big flat with a garage and a terrace.

Our house has got three bedrooms so my brother and I have our own room, we're very lucky.

When I go out during the week, I have to be home by ten o'clock. When I go to a party at the weekends, I have to be back by midnight. I also have to keep my room tidy and have good marks.

Inês Martins



## An Old Friend

When I was four years old, I met a girl called Mariana. She was kind and funny but I didn't know her very well because we were little. After some years, we were in the same class and we became best friends. We talked so much, we had fun and we cried together. We did things that just best friends do ...

In the fourth year, we had to change to school and she told me some really bad news. She wouldn't go to the same school that I would, but it wasn't the worst, she will live to another country, Belgium. I was very sad and she was too.

We are separated now. I have my best friend, she has her best friend. However, we still talk thanks to Facebook (a social network) and last summer I went to her house, in Portugal of course, with other girls that we met when we were younger. That was really good because we are trying to keep in touch and remember the old memories.

Francisca Rodrigues

## The amazing life of Queen Elizabeth I

Queen Elizabeth I's full name was Elizabeth Tudor. She was born on 7 September 1533, in Greenwich, England, and died on 24 March 1603, aged 69.

Her father was Her VIII and her mother was Anne Boleyn.

She had two half sisters, Mary and Catherine, and one half brother, Edward.

Some of her achievements were: defeating the Spanish Armada, great advances in exploration, literacy and the art came about under her rule, she Church of England protestant, she transformed England into a word power and she brought peace to the feud between Catholics and Protestants.

The important events were: she became Queen of England (1558), she declares murder complicity of Mary, Queen of Scots and treaty of alliance with Dutch, under William Orange.

Margarida Ferreira

## My bad day

If I'd know it was going to be a such bad day, I probably would have stayed in bed. It was a free weekend with nothing to do, so we decided to go skiing. when we arrived I was scared because I hadn't done ski for two years but I had some classes and I was doing really well, that I tough that I could go really fast and I fell with my head. I felt really bad that I couldn't remember how I felt and the rest of the day.

In the next day I tough that I couldn't ski, so I felt a lot of times and I was so scared that I rent a helmet. Finally after all the each I can do it well again!

Antonio Petiz

## An Old Friend

When I was ten years old I had a great friend, João. He was in my class and we played every day in the school. He came to my house a lot of times because our mothers are friends too. But one day in school when we were playing football he said: "I have something to tell you" and he told me that he was going to live in the United States and probably we weren't going to see each other in the next ten years because his father was going work in a Bank in New York. I had a lot of sadness. We were together just for four more weeks and than he went. The day that he went was very difficult. I missed him.

Since 2007 I have just spoken four times on the computer with him. But last year when I was having dinner and I went to the door and when I opened I saw João, I couldn't belive, we hugged and we spoken for 2 hours, and he said to me that he was returning to Portugal. And since that day we see each other every week.

Manuel Guedes

## The Life of King Charles I

Charles I was born on 19 November 1600 and died on 30 January 1649. Charles I was born in Scotland at Durfermline Palace and he died in England. His parents were James VI of Scotland and I of England and his mother was Anne of Denmark . He was arrogant and unscrupulous. He got married to Henrietta Maria and she was a Roman Catholic princess. He had six children, Charles, Mary, James, Elizabeth, Henry and Henrietta. Charles I was king of England, Scotland and Ireland, from 27 March 1625 until his execution on 1649.

Charles's reign was also characterised by religious conflicts. Charles's last years were marked by the English Civil War.

King Charles lost the Civil War with Scots during the years 1645- 1647. He escaped to the Isle Wight in 1647, but was captured and was found guilty and executed.

Laura Paquete Matos Figueira



## Elizabeth II

Elizabeth Alexandra Mary II is the current queen of United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Pakistan, Ceylon, and many other countries.

She was born in 21 April of 1926 in London, and was educated at home. She began to undertake public duties during the Second World War, in which she served in auxiliary territorial service.

She became Queen in 1952, when her father died. Her coronation in 1953 was the first to be televised. In 1947 she married Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, with whom she has Charles, Anne, Andrew and Edward.

Before that, Elizabeth had her "Annus Horribilis" (horrible year). Andrew separated from his wife, Anne divorced, a severe fire damaged part of Windsor castle, and Charles divorced in 1996 with Diana and the next year she died in Paris in a car crash.

Today Elizabeth has a reign of 60 years and is the second longest for a British monarch. Only Queen Victoria has reigned longer.

Her silver jubilee (25 years) was in 1977, her Golden (50 years) was in 2002 and her diamond is actually in 2012 the current year!

Here are a few interesting things about the monarch:

- She is patron of more than 620 charities and organizations
- her birthday although it's on April 21, it is celebrated in June.
- She has 30 godchildren.
- Opened 15 Bridges.
- Was the first monarch to visit china in 1986.
- She loves horses and horse racing and has a interest in dogs, Corgis being the most famous.

Filipa Lopes

## Book Review

"Praia do destino" is a Portuguese book and it's about a romantic story.

It is about a couple who fall in love but have some difficulties. The girl is much more younger than the boy and they are in the same family. Is a very beautiful story with a happy ending.

I love the book, is very inspiring, beautiful and makes you feel good. some parts are boring because the romance evolves in detail.

You should read the book, especially those of you who likes romance stories. read it and enjoy!

Catarina Lagarto

## The life King Henry VIII

King Henry VIII's full name was Henry Tudor. His dynasty was called Tudor. Henry was born on the 28th June 1491 and died on 21st April 1509. He was born in Greenwich Palace in England. His mum was Elisabeth of York and his dad was Henry VII of England. He had brothers and sisters called Arthur (Prince of Wales), Margaret and Mary. He is famous because he married six wives. His first wife was Catherine of Aragon with whom he later divorced. His next wife was Anne Boleyn who was executed years later. Then, he married another four women: Jane Seymour who died days after giving birth, Anne of Cleves who was annulled, Catherine Howard who was executed and Catherine Parr. He had three children: Mary Tudor who became Queen Mary I, Elizabeth who became Queen Elizabeth I and Edward who became King Edward VI. Mary was the daughter of Catherine of Aragon, Elizabeth was the daughter of Anne Bolyen and Edward was the son of Jane Seymour. His wives Anne Bolyen and Catherine Howard were his cousins. Edward became King at 18 years of age but shortly after he died then his successor was Queen Mary but she died of cancer and the next successor was Queen Elizabeth (the virgin queen). King Henry VIII was one of the successors of France. He started the Church of England. He enjoyed hunting and loved music. He was buried in St. George Chapel Windsor.

Maria Teixeira

## An Old Friend

One of my old friend's name's António, and we have a strange story.

In the beginning I hated him, and he hated me. For me this was the worst type of person that there is. He was a deceitful person who is bad to others, and he thought he was the best in the school. It's obvious why I didn't like him, and why he didn't like me.

Our mothers were good friends, they worked together and my father operated on her grandfather, and when we were together we pretended we were good friends.

One day we had a big argument and I slapped him hard and he beat me with a spinning top and fractured my skull in the school. When the teacher asked me what happened I couldn't say "It was António" and I said that I fell and I hit my head on the floor.

It was the beginning of a great friendship and now he is one of my best friends.

Zé Correia

Coldplay is a British alternative rock band founded in 1996 in England by lead singer Chris Martin, guitarist Jonny Buckland at University College London. After train Pectoralz, Guy Berryman joined the group as bassist and they changed the name to Starfish. Will Champion joined playing drums, backing vocals and multi-instrumentalist, completing the group. The Manager Phil Harvey is often considered the unofficial fifth member. The band became known as Coldplay in 1998.4 before recording and releasing three EP; Safety in 1998, Brothers Sisters as a single in 1999 and The Blue Room in the same year. The latter was the band's first release on a major label, after signing a contract with Parlophone.

Achieved worldwide fame with the release of the single Yellow in 2000, followed by their debut album released in the same year, Parachutes, which was nominated for a Mercury Prize. The band's second album, A Rush of Blood to the Head (2002) was released with several positive reviews, winning several awards, including the album of the year by NME, and has been considered the best Coldplay album. His next album, XY was initially received with diverse opinions from critics after its launch in 2005. However, the band's fourth Studio album Viva la Vida or Death and All His Friends (2008), produced by Brian Eno, it was met with favorable reviews from critics and earned several nominations for awards, winning a Grammy. In October 24, 2011, the band released their fifth Studio album, titled Mylo Xyloto. Like its predecessors, the album was a commercial success.

Maria Ferreira

## My bad day

It was a Thursday, and my class had game against 7th C. The day seems perfect, my team were winning 7 – 0 and I was playing, but suddenly one guy named Vasco that belongs to the other team kick me with all his force and I have to go to the hospital with my right leg broken. At the hospital, the doctors said it wasn't too bad, they said to don't worry, because it will get better quickly.

One week later, I was back to the normal world.

At the first month it was difficult to walk but then I could used to it. All my friends were worried about me but I said that I was fine.

Joao Felix

## An Old Friend

When I was 5 years old I had the funniest best friend ever, she was from London and we spent good times together playing games. She was in the same class as me and we were inseparable. We went everywhere together and we always had something to do! It was a long time ago but I still remember what we did.

I thought that I would never see her again but last week I was getting home and she was there! In the beginning I didn't recognize her but after I realized it was my old best friend!

I was very happy and we talked a lot about old times.

Maria do Mar Parreira

## Joke

two girls talking:

- I never want to have kids!
- And the other admired asks:
- Why not??
- Because the download takes 9 months !!!

Joana Coelho

## An Old Friend

I have known him for a long time. He is one year older than me and as soon as we met, we became the best friends. We have many memories of that time. We always spent good times together and did a lot of interesting things. he knew me better than anyone and it was the same for me.

When we were twelve years old I came to Portugal and it was very difficult to leave him, but we could always talk on the internet. Almost every year we meet in the holidays and we like to remember that time and laugh.

Vlad Yarosh



## Yosti

Once upon time there was a little 9 years old girl called Natalie. She lived with her parents and her older brother in Madrid, Spain.

Her best friend wasn't a human, it was a beautiful female dog, called Yosti. They were always together. Yosti was a very active dog and she was always playing with her owner Natalie.

One day the two best friends were playing in the garden with Yosti's new ball (that Natalie's mother gave to her). They were having a great time! But, at one point, Natalie threw the ball into the street and Yosti ran after it. Suddenly a car came at a really fast speed and Yosti didn't have time to run away. There was an accident.... Yosti was hit by a car!

All the family went to the clinic, Natalie was crying in a way that she never had before. Her best friend was in danger.. she could die!

Two hours later the doctors came and told the family that their dog was in a really bad condition, but she survived. However Yosti had to stay in the clinic for at least one week.

The family went home really sad and at night, before sleep, Natalie and her brother cried because they were really worried about their good friend.

Everyday after school Natalie went to the clinic with her mother to visit Yosti. She was getting better day by day.

Exactly one week later Yosti went home, she was tired and weak and she had to rest a lot. She received a lot of good caring from her family and two weeks later she was already running everywhere, barking and active like she used to. She started to play again with Natalie and the happiness returned to the house.

The two best friends got through their problem together and they never separated from each other again. They stayed together and all ended well.



Rita Belchior

## My bad day

If I know that it was going to be such a bad day, I probably would have stayed in my bed.

It was an Wednesday in the summer, I had woken up in the morning and I went horse riding, when I was on the horse, the horse scared with dogs that were fighting, then he starts running away with me on top, I couldn't handle myself there, so I end to fell, I felt backwards, I stayed really bad. My teacher called an ambulance and I went to the hospital. I was with my friends and with my teacher.

I talked to the nurses and they say to me the worst words I've ever listened : "You stayed paraplegic". I started to cry without stop.

Then I was looking for my phone and I couldn't find it, I let it stay on the floor when I felt, probably he had been stolen, when my mother arrived she said that the house was on fire.

It couldn't have been worst!

Madalena Cocco Cepeda

## My bad day

If I know that it was going to be such a bad day, I probably would have stayed in my bed.

My friends and I went to the skate park...I was doing great no falls perfect grinds, when suddenly I was on the drop and my friends pushed me and I fell from the ramp.

I smashed the board and broke my arm... minutes later one ambulance came to pick me up and to stay with lint for a month.

Pedro Rendeiro

## My bad day

If I had known it was going such a bad day, I probably would have stayed in bed.

It started on a Wednesday morning, I went to the school and did a stupid thing, I was suspend for one day of the school.

Lather I went to surf and I broke the board and the head surfing, at the same time.

I went to the car to go to the hospital and I lost my phone, probably he had been stolen.

When I arrived at home my playstation was broken and I had lost my favorite games!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

It was my worse day of all! It was a very very very horrible day. I don't want anybody to have a day like this (except benfiquistas).

Miguel Alfaro Cardoso



Vera Binks was a girl that worked in a restaurant making pancakes. Her boss was Jack, and she felt in love for him a long time. One day, Vera was seeing television and she discovered that she had won the jackpot. She had won 1.250.00\$! A lot of journalists came to her home to know what she would do with all that money. She answered that didn't know. A few days after that she appeared on the television because she had been considered the richest woman in the world. Two days after that, she received a lot of sweethearts letters of self centered persons that didn't care about her before she won all that money. She started to go parties of rich people and one day she met Alex, a pretty boy, that she tough that he would be her true love. After three weeks they married and she was blind with the love that she was feeling for him, so she didn't understood that he just wanted her money. One night they went to a party and when she came back from the bathroom, she saw Alex kissing another woman. She was lost... Her heart was destroyed! To forget all these things, she started drinking and she became an alcoholic. After some months she was already for a new life! She came back to the restaurant, working with Jack. When she recuperated all the money that she loosed with alcohol, she bought a bigger restaurant to work with Jack and to live a new life together. She was in love and he loved her too for the first time. They married in July and they had three kids: Cookie, Chocolate and vanilla. They lived forever together and happy.

Filipa Marques

## My Easter holidays

During my Easter holidays I went to VanGogo on the last day of school and I danced a lot. On the next day I went to Switzerland and then I went skiing in France. I ate a lot of crepes with nutella and drunk a lot of hot chocolate. In the snow I met new family (friends of my parents) and met there boys, Ze, Pedro and Joao. I regretted not taking films when I skiing but my camera was in the room. My friends said that on the other side of the mountains was beautiful and I would have liked to go. In the hotel, at the breakfast I had the tenaency of eating nutella. It's fantastic! When I come to Portugal, my friends ant teacher Francisco text me for surf class, and I went to Carcavelos to do it. On good Friday, I committed the worst error - eat meat at McDonalds! It's horrible...I was in Guincho at championship of surf. At Easter Sunday, I went to my grandparent's house and all of the children searched for eggs. Finally, I appear that the holidays were finished and the classes star.

Marta Amaral



## "A Beautiful Mind"

"A Beautiful Mind" is an American film that was released in 2001. It's a drama about a brilliant guy with a mental disorder that one day discovers that what he thought it was, really wasn't. The plot is super interesting. A math genius that created a math theory that revolutionized the math's world. When he was building the theory he hadn't many friends because of his mental disorder which at this point he was unaware of, the only friend he had is his roommate. The theory was really good and he was called to give lessons while he was searching in a university. He married on of his students and when, some years later, he was called by the Pentagon, he met a guy that asked him to do a secret work for the government and he started being paranoid, he discovers he as schizophrenia and his life takes a turn because realizes that many things he thought it were real, it weren't. I really liked this film, the acting and the screenplay were really good, and the film is very emotional, especially because it's a true story. I recommend this film to everyone of every age, because it's a really good film.

Ana Sofia Mancelos

## My bad day

If I'd know it was going to be a such bad day, I probably would have stayed in bed. It was a free weekend with nothing to do, so we decided to go skiing. when we arrived I was scared because I hadn't done ski for two years but I had some classes and I was doing really well, that I tough that I could go really fast and I fell with my head. I felt really bad that I couldn't remember how I felt and the rest of the day. In the next day I tough that I couldn't ski, so I felt a lot of times and I was so scared that I rent a helmet. Finally after all the each I can do it well again!

Francisco Palma

Hi I'm Sue!

I'm a psychologist and I made this page to help people by giving advice when they have problems.

You can ask any question or write about a problem you have and I will try to help you.

I hope you enjoy my page!

Kisses, Sue

Dear Sue,

I'm getting married next month and everything's arranged, but I can't forget what happened to my sister's wedding two years ago.

It was very bad, for her! Her supposed fiancé left her in the altar of the church, everybody was amazed that he hadn't come, since then he hasn't said anything to my sister again.

How can I make sure the same doesn't happen to me?

Kisses, Sandra

Dear Sandra, It's normal in your case to be a little bit nervous and stressed about the wedding, especially if you know the sad story of your sister. But you will marry with a completely different guy, that loves you so much that wouldn't do that to you. So calm down and I'm sure that everything will be amazing in your marriage. I wish you the best, darling!

Kisses, Sue

Dear Sue,

I'm in love with two people.

One guy is the captain of the football team in my school. He is very popular and everyone likes him.

He's very tall and strong, has beautiful blue eyes and it's the type of guy who every girl falls in love with.

The other guy is my best friend. He's very funny and nice to me. I really enjoy being with him, but I'm afraid of ruining our friendship if we someday have an argument. I know that he really loves me, but I consider him like a brother and now I don't know what to do.

Which one should I choose?

Emily

Hi Emily,

I can't tell you which one you should choose. But in my opinion, I think you should go on dates with both of them and see which one do you prefer and feel more comfortable with. I'm sure that he'll be the right guy.

I hope this could help you.

Bye, Sue

Dear Sue,

I've fallen in love with someone who also seems to be attracted to me, but there is a problem. I'm not sure if he really is attracted to me, sometimes I think he is because he looks at me and talks to me, but sometimes he doesn't do anything so I don't think so. I wanted to ask him if he felt the same thing as I do, do you think I should try to ask him or keep waiting that he comes to talk to me?

What do you suggest? Xoxo, Júlia

Dear Júlia,

I suggest you to talk to him or if you are a bit shy, maybe a closer friend of his has the answer for you. If he seems to be attracted to you, he must be, believe !!!

Bye :D Sue

Beatriz Saraiva, Joana Mendoca, Luisa Morais Aguiar

## A bad day

It was the best bad day ever.

I normally wake up at 10 o'clock (in weekends) but last Saturday something happened. I was sleeping when I heard a boom! I knew it, it was the window so I ran there and I saw my friends shouting my name. I wore a T-shirt and jeans and I went downstairs to see them. They told me that they went to camping and they asked me if I wanted to go with them and I said yes.

When we arrived I saw some 4x4 motorbikes and I said if they wanted to go riding with me. Nobody wanted to, but I went.

Two minutes later they heard a boom (I think), it was me.

They called to the hospital and I woke up there. My right arm was injured and I couldn't move it.

It was really bad but on the other hand it was good because I couldn't write in school!

David Thomati



## The greatest woman alive

Great woman, with long brown hair, extremely skinny and tall with a mysterious look. Perfect wife and awesome mother. Angelina Jolie Voight, also known as Lara Croft and Mrs. Smith. She's a good actress and she also promotes humanitarian causes, like UNHCR in United States. She was named Hollywood's highest-paid actress in 2009 and 2011.

Last year, she started with a new project, she had an excellent idea to make a film, so, she was a producer of "The land of Blood and Honey".

Angie was born on 4th June in 1975 in Los Angeles, California. Nowadays, she's married with Brad Pitt since 2005 and they have 3 children by birth and 3 by adoption. The part that I like the most is her body, she has a perfect structure and the last part is her 12 tattoos, which are amazing (one of them, is on the top of her left shoulder and it has a special meaning for her. First there was the name of her first husband with a dragon, but after her divorce from him she had it removed by laser, and now, there is a tattoo which expresses in the degrees, minutes and seconds notation of where her children were born).

Diana Ivakina

## My Idol

Marshall Bruce Mathers III (or Eminem) was born on the 17th October 1972, in Kansas City, Missouri, USA. When he was born his mother was fifteen-years-old and his father left when he was six months and never returned. Marshall spent his childhood switching schools every two or three months so was difficult to make friends, graduate and stay out of trouble. Marshall was a big rap fan, so he began rapping at the early age of four. At the age of 14, he began to get very serious about his rapping but it wasn't until he was 17 that he actually made a name for himself, becoming M&M, which he would later respell as "Eminem", and at that age Eminem gave up school and dedicated himself totally to his music. Eminem was featured heavily on radio shows, freestyle battles, etc. Eminem became the famous white rapper, even with all his difficulties, he had a difficult life, he was discriminated against, because before Eminem, the successful rappers were all black. I admire Eminem because, even with all his problems, a really difficult childhood, he became famous, a lot of people know him, and because of his work, anger and so much pain, he could keep his head high, made his life better, improve his experience and make good money. I think he deserves it.

Joana Piteira

## My Super Hero

The assignment was to write about my super hero ...well I don't exactly have one but I do have my mum and she is the person I know who is closest to being a super hero.

She has always lived in Cascais with her current best friend, her little sister. When they were my age they used to fight all the time! They used to throw things at each other and my mum tells me stories like "that one time when I broke my sister's head". So, yes, surprisingly enough they go really well now!

My mum is the one person I know I can tell every single thing because no matter how bad it is she will stand by me.

She taught me how to be me... how to be kind and nice to everyone. She's the most caring person I know and I want to be like her in the future, just have to follow her steps.

My mother is definitely my hero and for me, she is super! The best mum in the world!

I love you, mum! <3



Mariana Julião

## Walt Disney

Walt Elias Disney was born on December 15, 1901 in Chicago. Their parents are Elias Disney and Flora Call Disney. Walter was an American animated film producer and animator that started his career in 1920, and finished it in 1966.

Having moved from Chicago to Kansas City in 1910, as a nine year old boy, his family had to live in a rented house for nearly a year.

When he arrived to Kansas, he started looking for a job and after sometime of being unemployed he had to settle for a job in Posman-Rubin Commercial Art Studio. He worked in a partnership with Ubbe Ert Iwerks and in 1922 Disney started making longer shorts based on "Cinderella"

Walt Disney has created 73 films and after his death Disney has already produced more than 3 hundred films, that people still love. Some of his most famous films are: Cinderella, snow white, Pinocchio, fantasia, Dumbo and Bamby.

I've always loved Walt Disney because his films, made my childhood better and I still watch his movies because they are all amazing.

Daniela Marques



## Winston Churchill

Winston Churchill was born in 1874 and he died in 1964. He was English. He was the son of an aristocratic British family he started his political life early

He was several times minister and two times Prime Minister.

Churchill was very important during the 2nd World War because he was the Prime Minister of England.

After the war, Churchill had the idea to create a union between all of countries around the Atlantic Ocean, in 1948 he started thinking about creating a group within the countries of Europe today we are twenty-seven and we belong to the Union European.

He won the Nobel Prize of Literature with the book "Memories of War".

Winston Churchill, during a difficult period in the world he had an amazing personality to strengthen the people worldwide, with his leadership, England wasn't defeated by Germany. He never gave up and wasn't just worried about militaries, he was also worried about English people that were having a bad life because all of the War.

He is a good man and he deserves to be always remembered as that.

I like him because he makes me think that we can do anything, we just want that very much.

Catarina Oliveira

## My Hero

The person who inspires me every day is António Leal Ferreira that was born on 24 January of 1938. When he was young he lived in Penafiel with his humble family.

Later when my grandfather grew up he actually went to school in Paços de Sousa near of his house. My grandfather studied until ninth grade definitely he was an excellent student in his school. Past few years he went to a specific boat because of his job. He worked on a boat trip and my grandfather travelled around America including Brazil. One of the best characteristics of him was that he liked to be in adventures and see a lot of different things. Despite of having a difficult childhood he always had a smile on his face. Some years later he started to go out with my grandmother so he fell in love with her. His life was fantastic but two years ago my grandfather died because of his disease called Alzheimer. I saw him in hospital and the whole situation was so difficult for me and also for all my family. To conclude, I want to say that my grandfather is a hero for me and an extraordinary inspiration. Remember to talk with him about everything when I need to do it. I learned with him a lot of different things, one of them is that I need to be true with myself and with all people around me.

Carolina Mendes

## Mother Teresa

born 26 August 1910, Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, more commonly known as Mother Teresa. Having been born in India, she lived there her whole life.

Having been always a very dedicated catholic, she became a nun, after a while she founded the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India, in 1950.

For over 45 years, she ministered to the poor, sick, orphaned, and dying, while guiding the Missionaries of Charity's expansion, first throughout India and then in other countries. Having died in 5 September 1997, when she was 87, she left at the time of her death 610 missions in 123 countries including hospices and homes for people with AIDS/HIV, leprosy, and tuberculosis, orphanages and schools. She was the recipient of numerous honours, including the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize for humanitarian work, and she inspires me because if all the people were like her, there wouldn't have a lot of misery in the world.

Thaís Morias

## Nikki Reed biography

I'm going to talk about Nikki Reed.

Nicole Houston Reed, was born on May 17, 1988, she is an American film and television actress and model.

My favourite film is "Thirteen" and it's when Nikki became known. She was fifteen years old, now she is twenty three.

She is the daughter of a hairdresser and beautician, Cheryl Houston, and the set designer Seth Reed.

Her parents are divorced since she was two years old and she lived with her mother.

Her occupations are being actress, screenwriter, model, singer, song-writer, music video director, but I know her for being actress.

She married with Paul McDonald in 2011.

Lives in west Los Angeles, California, Us.

I like her because she made one of my favourites films, "Thirteen", and she is also very pretty and good actress.

She has made 16 films.

I could tell more about her, but these are the most important things.

Daniela Garcia

## Mahatma Gandhi

His name is Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, commonly known as Mahatma Gandhi. He was born October 12, 1887 in Porbandar, India. Gandhi has three brothers and he is the son of Karamchand Gandhi (father) and Putlibai (mother). In 1883, aged 13 he got married to Kasturba Makanji, who was 10 years old. He graduated in law in London, England.

In 1891 Gandhi returned to India to do his job. Two years later, he went to South Africa (at the time it was a British colony), where he started a peace movement by fighting for the rights of Hindus. He went back to India in 1914 to propagate his movement which is against violence (Satyagraha). With a lot of supporters at the moment, in 1822, he organized a strike against tax increase, where a police station was burned. Arrested in this strike he considered himself as guilty and was sentenced to six years, but he got out in 1924.

The Indians were considered as 2nd class citizens, by this point of view, Gandhi went to London to ask independence for India. His trip wasn't worth too much but, nevertheless, thousands of people were waiting for him in Africa. Not lowered his hands, he said that he will not stop trying to get the independence for India. He went to jail again. The English government sent Sir Cripps to make an arrangement with Mahatma Gandhi to make an agreement to bring about the independence of India, however the "Big man" just wanted freedom for Africa.

Back into peace movement he went to jail once more for two years. In 1947, India as now has independence but there was a rift between Hindus and Muslims. By this misunderstanding and because the Muslims wanted an independent state (Pakistan) there were thousands of corpses in the streets. Gandhi stops eating (for the 15th time), and he accepted the division of India. Aged 78, he was assassinated by a Hindu in January 30, 1948. Gandhi just got the Nobel peace prize after he died, in 1989.

He has several films in his honor, such as: "Gandhi", "Gandhi, my father", "Lage Raho Munna Bhai" and "The Making of the Mahatma".

During his life, he said great phrases, like:

- "Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony"

- "First they ignore you, then they ridicule you, then they fight you, and then you win"

- "Non-violence requires a double faith, faith in God and also faith in man."

Inês Florindo

## The Third Man book

I'm going to talk about a book that I read. The name of the book is The Third Man, written by Graham Greene. It's a thriller. The book talks about a man, Rollo, with 35 years old. His job was writing weterns. One day, Rollo goes to Vienna to visit his old friend, Harry. But when he arrives in the city, something terrible happens... He receives the news that his friend died, in a way very suspect: a car ran over him. In the accident there were three people watching: Kurtz, Cooler and... the mysterious Third Man, the one that nobody knows, but the cause of the accident.

When Rollo knows that, he starts to investigate the death of Harry.

Do you think that he discovered who was the third man? Read the book and find the answer.

Carolina Santos

## Alexander the Great

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Alexander III of Macedon, commonly known as Alexander the Great, was an emperor of Macedon. He is the most known conqueror of the ancient world. He founded an empire that stretched from the Balkans to India, including Egypt. This means that Alexander conquered almost the entire world known at the time.

Alexander the Great was born in 356 BC in Pella, Babylon. His father was Felipe II, king of Macedon, was known for his capabilities. When Alexander was young, his teacher was the important Greek philosopher Aristotle. Since his childhood Alexander had a great vocation to lead and govern. After his father died, he assumed the throne with only 20.

Alexander began to expand his kingdom through conquest. The Macedonian army was unstoppable with Alexander to lead it. The most famous conqueror that he did was the Persia of Darius III because Alexander had far fewer troops, but thanks to his large strategic capacities they ended up winning. In Egypt he founded a city with his name: Alexandria. And he also founded a city only to honor his horse Bucephalus, however this city named Bucéfala doesn't exist nowadays. The Great died when he was 33 years old, a victim of a disease in Babylon curiously.

The importance of Alexander to ancient world was enormous, especially from a cultural standpoint.

He was responsible for spreading the Greek language and culture by the conquered regions. The main reason that I chose this person is the fact of Alexander represents how far the determination and courage of one single man can lead a nation.



Pedro Costa

## My Admiration to be admired!

If I had to select the person that I most admire, I would definitely choose Neil Armstrong. Why? Well let me tell you a few things about him.

Neil Alden Armstrong was born in August 5th 1930, in Ohio USA.

To begin, when he was young, he was a Boy Scout and eventually earned the rank of Eagle Scout as an adult. I'm also a Scout, so I think that's pretty cool.

Then, he was called-up for the Navy, and became a Naval Aviator. He received all kinds of award medals.

After resigning from the Navy he graduated in aeronautical engineering and became a test pilot. He tested a few planes with awesome names! Some of them like: F-100 Super Sabre, F-105 Thunderchief and F-104 A Starfighter!

In 1962, Armstrong was asked to join the NASA Astronaut Corps. He was selected to go on the Apollo Program, where he and the other astronauts went to some missions in Apollo 1, Apollo 9, and so on. In Apollo 11 Neil Armstrong was the first person to set foot upon the moon! And with his first step he said the famous words: "that's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind".

After the huge success and fame, Neil went to teaching as a University Professor of Aerospace Engineering.

Of course that he won tons of awards and honours, he received: the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Congressional Space Medal of Honour and a Collier Trophy from the National Aeronautics Association, among others. The crater made by the Apollo 11 in the moon was named Armstrong, and they named an asteroid after him as well. There are elementary, middle and high schools, streets, buildings, the airport where he took his first flying lessons and other places named in his honour! See why?

Pedro Pereira

## My Biggest Example

It took a long time to choose someone since that there is and was and will forever exist good people in our world that will always serve as an example to all of us.

So after a while of reflection, I finally made my decision. Who better than my mother?

Having lived in Mozambique during her childhood with her parents and older brother, my mum always had a good life, but of course not everything is a fairy tale and, as a child my mother was very naughty and clumsy and constantly getting into trouble.

Nowadays, my mother is my biggest support and teaches me how to be strong and independent like her.

I can't even imagine my life without her, as all mothers should be, mine is my example of how I should act and react.

With all of these, I want to thank her for never giving up on me and for always being by my side.

I am who I am because of you!

Mariana Alberto

## Álvaro Siza Vieira

My idol's name is Álvaro Joaquim de Melo Siza Vieira, but he is known as Siza Vieira, having being born in 1933, 25 of June, in Matosinhos, Portugal.

Before finishing the Course of Architecture in 1954, Siza Vieira has his first built work, four houses in Matosinhos and opened the first private practice at Architecture in Porto.

In 1955, Siza graduated in Architecture at School of Fine Arts, inside the Port's University.

Between 1966 and 1969, he returned to school but this time to teach and returned in 1976. Siza Vieira taught in Porto as professor but as visiting professor he was in USA ( Harvard , Pennsylvania , ... ) Barcelona , Milan , London , ....

Practically the entire world.

Since the mid 1970's, his work was basically public houses, public places and universities.

His work is described as "poetic modernism", his favourite city to work is Porto, the main work in Serralves Museum of Contemporary Art, built in 1997.

Recently, Siza Vieira change a little, in rehabilitation of monuments.

Alvaro Siza Vieira won a lot of awards and medals, but the most important one in the country was in 1993, The National Award of Architecture.

This person is my idol, because he had done many monuments and as a student of architecture he is my idol, my inspiration to the future

Sara Carvalho

## Darling Nadiia

Darling Nadiia,

I'm sorry for being so stupid and don't pay attention to you, I know that there were times that you needed me and I didn't help you and then when I needed you, you were always there!

I hope you get back to me, I'm begging you! I realized that you mean a lot to me and that I can't live without you!

Please, marry me! (We can go to a different country, where our love is a normal thing in society).

With all my love, yours Diana

Diana Ivakina



## My greatest Hero

The person that inspires me and I'm going to talk about is António Valentim Soarez. Having been born on 8th October 1929 always lived in a small city called Barreiro.

He studied until the 9th grade and in 1944 approximately, he came to Lisbon and started work with his father in a industry of soap and food oil.

When he was 23 years old, he met a cousin during a family lunch and they fell head over heels in love immediately. Few years later, they got married and they went to Angola because he was chased by the police of state because he was an Esperanto teacher (an artificial international language).

After some time in Angola, the first son was born and 4 years later a daughter was born.

Having been invited to work in Angola, he was responsible for assembling a factory of food oil.

With 14 years old, his son died suddenly on the beach, which was a huge tragedy for the family. This incident caused him a huge pain and sorrow.

On 25th of April 1974 happened the Revolution Day in Portugal that brought the freedom and independence of Angola. Having come to Portugal after Angola's independency with his family, he was grandfather of two little girls.

At the beginning of the year 2000, he got a stroke, which caused him a 3 days coma. This accident was unexpected and caused a huge sorrow to the family.

For me, he is an example of fight and optimism to life because he has been through lots of problems and difficulties, but he always overcame them with a smile on his face.

Sofia Castanheiro

## My idol

The person that I admire the most is Nelson Mandela. Mandela was born on eighteen July 1918 (age 93) in South Africa. Today Mandela is married to his third wife Graça Machel, and has 6 children, he currently has 3 residences. Mandela had a difficult childhood and when he was 9 his father died of tuberculosis, he completed his junior certificate in 2 years instead of the usual 3. At nineteen he took an interest in boxing and running at school, he after, began to study for a bachelor of arts at the Fort Hare University. Later in his life, while in prison Mandela studied for a bachelor of law from the University of London.

After ending his studies, Mandela began actively participating in politics.

He led prominently in ANC's 1952 Defiance Campaign and the 1955 congress of the people, whose adoption of freedom charter provided the fundamental basis of the anti-apartheid cause.

On 5 August 1962 Mandela was arrested after he was sentenced to five years in prison. He was again imprisoned on Robben Island where he remained for the next eighteen years of his twenty-seven years in prison.

Mandela was released on 11 February 1990. Nelson Mandela won the Nobel Prize in 1993 and was nominated the president of South Africa from 1994 to 1999.

I really admire Nelson Mandela because I found it pretty amazing how a man like the others was able to be in prison for the most part of his life and when he came out he still supported his ideals of a fair life for everybody; and I think that Nelson Mandela is genuinely good man!

Teresa Fonseca

## A real idol

I have an idol that really inspires me, every single day. My idol is my father. He's called Ricardo Solipa and he is 49 years old. I know it's strange having my father is an idol but having seen his path of life, I realised he was a real idol. He has done many good things in his life. He was different from the others. For example, like he told me, when he was younger, seeing his friends doing bad things he ran away from that place, And when his friends went to parties he stayed working with my grandmother.

I don't care about all the times he says no to me when I want something because no matter what, he will always be my idol. He had went through many problems and situations that were too hard for him and not everyone would be capable to face with, but he could pass those bad times. Listening to all the stories he told me about his life I realised he is a really lucky guy.

That's why he can't stop saying to me to not follow him as an example. By talking to him about his experience, he alerted me to listen to him and be careful because life nowadays it's harder then back in times. My father is not a really good example, because he had luck because he doesn't have diploma but he has a really great job in Belgium. Besides that, he is not lazy, he continues studying and he is always saying that one day he will have a diploma. The main characteristic of him that I'm going to be based on is being determinate.

Ricardo Solipa

## Mr and Mrs Santos

Mr and Mrs Santos spend eight hours a day working five days week. Before working they take away their children to school, and to have about onself after working. They sleep between six and nine hours day.

Mr and Mrs Santos don't see their son making housework. Their son spend a lot of time using their computers or talking mobile phones with friends.

At the weekend, Mr and Mrs Santos go to beach, when the time is hot. They like do a lot of exercise: they go for a walk near the beach, or go to gym. They like cinema and sometimes going to it.

Their son, two boys, like going with their fathers to beach and have lunch there at the Restaurant.

This family likes going on holidays to London, but going more Brazil or other tropical Countries for beach.

The sons of typical family Portuguese, when adults, sometimes don't think in the future. They like the good cars very expensive, and when they need to buy house, haven't got money.

Three years ago, a boy and your girlfriend, liked an apartment (flat) of my building, to live together. They go to bank for to get mortgage. The bank after study their process, answer, they need first liquidate the car BMW top game, because this car also has a mortgage.

May be now, with this crisis, the people change their way of thinking.

They think more about the cost of living.

Adriano Veríssimo

## An Average Bulgarian family

In Bulgaria Mr Petrov and Mrs Petrova normaly usually spend eight hours a day sleeping. Mr Petrov spends ten hours working and Mrs Petrova spends eight hour s day. They love watching TV. She loves watching a lot of soap operas and news. They spend two or three hours a day watching TV. Mrs Petrova often cooks one or two hours a day. She also does her house work. Mr. Petrov spends all his free time watching TV. Mr and Mrs Petrovi have a lot of guests also have many invitations. Their children spend two ot three hours a day using computers or playing games. They also walk with friends and love playing basketball, football or love riding a bike. Their son doesn't do a lot of house work. Their daughter loves playing violin half hour a day. The family Petrovi every holiday love going to black sea or to mountain tourism

Mariya Ruseva

## An Average Portuguese Family

In Portugal Mr. and Mrs. Antunes, spend eight hours a day working and eight hours a day sleeping, but the other eight hours they also spend watching TV, they watch TV three or four hours a day they eat of course Mrs. Antunes love walking, he spends six hours a week for walking, Mrs. average loves going to the gym and she spends three hours a week doing a lot of exercise at gymnasium. Mrs. Average reads magazines, when the weather is sunny, they like going to the beach with their pets, and they usually go to the cinema in the weekend. They children spend a lot of time studying and their son love playing football, and talking to his friend and family. This is the true story of a really Portuguese family

Isabel Madeira Marrote

## Painting

This picture is a painting by Georges – Pierre Seurat and it's called Bathers at Asnières (1884).

I can see people on the grass and children in the water. There is a red dog next to the man.

I can also see factories and smoke far away.

I like the picture because it's the same as Lisbon.

The weather is sunny and the temperature is warm.

Benjamim Aguiam



## "Make it your self" Cake

### Ingredients

2 cups boiling water  
1 cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup butter, softened  
2 1/4 cups white sugar  
4 eggs  
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

First preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease 3 - 9 inch round cake pans. In medium bowl, pour boiling water over cocoa, and whisk until smooth. Let mixture cool. Sift together flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt; set aside.

Then in a large bowl, cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Next, Beat in eggs one at time, after then stir in vanilla. Add the flour mixture alternately with the cocoa mixture. Spread batter evenly between the 3 prepared pans.

Bake in a preheated oven for 25 to 30 minutes. Finally allow to cool.

In our point view this recipe is very easy, delicious and we're feel happy because the chocolate is good for the brain and for mind.



Abílio Mateus  
Camilla Cavalini  
António Sousa  
Rodrigo Salema

## A Portuguese Meal

In our country you can eat all kind of food, but if you want to try something different you can have a taste of fresh fish like grill sardine with boiled potatoes and a delicious salad seasoned with Portuguese olive oil. For dessert try baked apple and you would like for drink a cold beer from Portugal (Sagres). To end the meal in style a black coffee with a little drop!

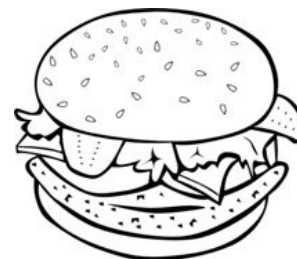
Rui Herculano  
Camila Cavalini  
Abílio Mateus

## A Portuguese Menu

In our country you can eat a steak with white rice. You can join a salad with tomato, lettuce and onions. For dessert, you have a big variety, but we recommend chocolate mousse with some fruit for example strawberries and cherries. You can drink a typical Portuguese red wine. When you finished bring me a piece of that meal!

Liliana Carreira  
Cristina Musteata

## ELC BURGUER



### Ingredients:

2 tablespoons olive oil  
3 onions , thinly sliced, separated into rings  
8 hamburger patties (1/4 lb. each)  
3 tablespoons A-1 Steak Sauce  
2 tomatoes , sliced  
8 hamburger buns , partially split  
8 slices cheddar cheese

### How to make it:

First preheat grill to medium heat.

Meanwhile, heat oil in large nonstick skillet on medium-high heat.

Then add onions; cook 5 minutes, stirring frequently.

Next cover with lid. Simmer 20 minute or until onions are golden brown, stirring frequently.

After that grill patties 5 minute on each side or until medium doneness (160°F). Stir steak sauce into onion mixture.

Finally place 1 tomato slice and burger on bottom half of each bun; cover with 1 slice cheese, 3 tablespoons of the onion mixture and top of bun.

It looks delicious and it is, try it.

Andreia Leal  
Cristina Musteata  
Liliana Carreira  
Rui Herculano



## This text is a reflection about the daily use of a computer for young people.

Nowadays, most of European young children use easily the new technologies like the virtual games or a computer. But we should think how this can affect their lives now and in the future. I think we allow young children to spend too much time in the computer and I think this can be more negative than positive.

Like in every issue, we can find some points positives and negatives. In my opinion, in this issue I think we have more negative affects than positive, despite we analyse in short or long term implications. The most problematic point is the possibility of generating a tomorrow society of individualist and introverted persons. Despite, exchanging experiences, or the contact with other people, or the strength, ambition and challenging game they can play in the computer they can have with this kind of technology they must have contact with "real" people, things, situations or problems. Although, we have to admit that a computer could help a child to develop some characteristics faster like ability to deal with a series of codes we even think when we use a computer; how to use a touch pad, a mouse, a keyboard; even solve some problems logically...this kind of stuff.

But I think, they can learn these things with a game ("in an old fashioned way") played with their parents or friends. We can't learn to play football with a computer; we can't learn how to plant a tree or take care of a dog...People have to interact with each other. It's common to hear news related with the wrong use of the computer from young people...because of this kind of stuff, they have to be able to learn in real situations...and probably they don't have no one to teach them... Values, can a computer teach values?



Paulo Ricardo

## A special occasion - New Year in Madeira

If anyone arrives in Madeira on Christmas time, it's quite normal to be surprised with the atmosphere surrounding the city.

Most of the streets, trees and gardens, are decorated with colourful lights and here and there, we can see exhibitions or other events about Christmas mixed with the soul of the local culture.

Traditionally, the native people used to exhibit their folklore, handicrafts, embroideries, flowers and typical food. So, while we are walking down the streets, always with the accompanying of the melodies of Christmas music, we can appreciate the adornment and embellishment all around and taste the wheat soup, "bolo do caco", Madeira wine and "poncha", which gives a special touch to this festivity in Madeira.

These events last more than a week, but the most exciting day is December 31st. Indeed, almost the whole city or village turns out to enjoy the day and night, as well as the foreigners who came from different countries. Most of them has been travelling over the world on cruise ships and stopped here just to celebrate the New Year and curiously leave after midnight.

The biggest tourist attraction is the firework, at midnight. Before that, all people rush to take place on the higher roads around the mountain, hotels and houses where they can get the best view over the city and the sea. It's like an amphitheatre in front of the sea, crowded and over lighted. Some groups arrive early and start the celebration with firecrackers along with laughs, songs and drinks.

In front of the sea, there is a mountain and up there the current year is displayed with colourful lights and one minute before midnight, everybody is looking to the same direction, waiting and counting the seconds for the year to change to the New Year.

Then at midnight, the mystic ambience happens: the number of the New Year appears and a big firework explodes in the sky, coming from the sea and mountain. The ships send strong whistles together with the bangs of firework and firecrackers. The noise and fumes mixed with the pyrotechnic smell could take our minds to the middle of a war. Fortunately, it's a war of celebration, happiness, champagne bubbles where everybody through the enthusiastic HAPPY NEW YEAR, start the feast which will last all night.

How amazing and remarkable it is to see how this event brought the Madeira Island to the outside world. Nowadays, it's known everywhere as the most famous celebration of the New Year!

Fátima Côrte

Cosplay is a word that comes from the English costume playing or costume roleplaying and consists in disguising as a character and represent it the best you can.

This practice is tightly associated to Japan, however, this is not its birthplace. The first cosplayer was Forrest J. Ackerman who, in 1939 at the first Worlcon (a sci-fi convention) disguised as a character from a movie. From then forward, cosplay became an annual performance at Worldcon. Cosplay only arrived Japan around the 80's, where it gained lots of fans who started to disguise regularly as their favorite characters from animes, magas, video games and movies .

Nowadays, with the popularization of anime and mangas, cosplay has a place in the worldwide culture; there are even cosplay contests in which the winners get good prize money.

## Conventions and contests

You may be asking yourself “But, where do you use those costumes?”, well, there are lots of conventions all over the world where cosplayers get around, showing off their costumes an even taking group cosplaying photos (we call group cosplaying when they all get together as characters from the same anime/manga/video game). In Portugal, these conventions happen regularly, mostly in Lisbon and Porto; people from all over the country travel to these cities just to be able to go to these fun social weekends.

Anime conventions are mostly organized in pavilions where merchandizing and food stalls are available with whole new and different foods to taste and cute and unique objects to buy. There are also special places in the convention dedicated to video and board/card games, so beloved by some of the otaku (fan of manga and anime). It is costume to have some workshops about Japanese culture with special Japanese guests and lots of contests are available such as video games, karaoke, and the most wanted and watched of them all – the cosplay contest.

The contest is competition where you participate to show off your costume and acting ability. It is, usually just for fun. But there is a more serious cosplay contest in Europe - the Eurocosplay – it has lots of eliminatories so that the best cosplayer in the country is the one who will represent it internationally. These competitions consist in a performance by each cosplayer. This act, called a skit, is a small theatrical representation of the character they are dressed as, it can be anything you want, and so the sky is the limit!

The contestant is then judged on how well the character was represented – in costume and in personality. This year's Portuguese winner was Leoneor Garcia, who played Mirka Fortuna, from the anime Trinaty Blood; she will represent Portugal in the Eurocosplay.

If you ever participate, remember, you may do it for fun, and it will be, and, if your costume is a good one, you will receive lots of respect in the community.

## How to get a cosplay?

You always have two choices to get a cosplay – or you make it or you buy it. It's easier to buy, of course, but good cosplays are no less than 90 euros, and only the costume, you still need the wig and accessories. So to buy a cosplay gets pretty expensive; plus, if you buy it all, you can't participate on the contests.

In my opinion it's better to make it. Yes, it is hard work, especially making a big cosplay, but it is always more rewarding when people say “Wow, it looks great!” and you say “Thanks, I made it all by myself!” right?

Cátia Guedes

## Steps and tips for a good homemade cosplay

- 1 – Choose your character.
- 2 – Make a plan of the costume: be sure to know what you will need for that costume before you start (which cloths, accessories, wig, etc)
- 3 – Break the cosplay into parts: chose which parts you will make first and how you will make them.
- 4 – Go shopping: go buy the fabrics for the costume, be sure to buy more than you think you will need! You can also go to cheap cloths stores and see if there are any pieces that you can modify to make your costume; it's always some time you spare.
- 5 – Get started: measure yourself and start doing the patterns for your outfit. Be sure to cut a little larger than the pattern so it will fit correctly after you trimmed off the edges and sewn.
- 6 – Test it: be sure it fits you. Dress it up and do some adjustments that it may need to be perfect.
- 7 – Accessories and wigs: most characters have hair colors that you can't find naturally, so, instead of painting your own hair, you can buy a wig to do the character. The same goes to the accessories, like weapons, those can be hard to make, but you can always find a similar one in a store and then modify it.
- 8 – Time to shine! Go out and show off your awesome new homemade cosplay!

Cátia Guedes



## The best job in the world

I never thought I'd grow up to be a photographer. I was never the type of person that likes to take pictures. In childhood I hated it a lot. I remember that I wanted to be a dancer or a scientist, being a photographer never crossed my mind.

However, one day I saw an album. There are fantastic and amazing pictures. The photographs I like the most were the wildlife pictures. I remember I was petrified to see these pictures. Then I decided to research about photography.

My research showed that there is an exhibition of photographs in the next week, so I wanted to go and I went. It was wonderful, In addition, the exhibition showed the story of photography.

The next summer I took part in a photograph course. I loved it, so I made a choice: I want to be a photographer and travel the world taking pictures. And I did it, so I gave up my biology studies.

Since this moment it was what I do. I've travelled the world taking pictures, some of them were landscapes, others about wildlife, and others portraits. I enjoyed a lot, sometimes I took part in photography courses.

Can I say? I love my job. I see wonderful things and I have adventures that I never expected to experience. And the most important, I travelled the world and I meet different people from different places.

To sum up, I can't have a better job!

Cláudia Santos



## The dark side of gaming ...

One of the problems of nowadays is that some sorts of video games are really violent and that could be connected to kids being violent. If we ask to a teenager what kind of games they play one out of four will say that they play war games or games with lot of blood in them. Some parents try to hide these games from their children but as it always know "the forbidden fruit is the most wanted". If parents give more freedom to their kids perhaps they wouldn't be so obsessed with playing these types of games.

In some countries these types of games are banned. I know a story of young teenagers who tried to simulate a really violent video game who ended really bad. It's not just violent games that do this to teenagers, there are lot of teenagers that pass their all life playing online games, most of these games are paid and when these children are scammed in the game they starts to become violent until they realizes that they lost all their life playing a game.

I'm not against these type of games but all we need to know it's when to stop and know that it's not good for our life.

Francisco Martins

## Holidays for young people in Cascais

The purpose of this report is to suggest the types of holidays that would be possible in the region and that would appeal to young people.

Cascais is a town situated between the coast and the mountains that has mild weather. It has wonderful beaches and warm waters during summer so a type of holiday that would appeal to young people, especially them as they are very active and have a small budget are activities on the coast. They could do several things on the coast that are not very expensive, for example: swimming, surfing and diving which a local watersports could make a special discount just for young people. Also a local mountaineering club could be employed to run sports such as hiking and climbing.

Cascais offers young people a great range of activities that can provide them a good time and some nice holidays.

To conclude Cascais is a region that would appeal to young people that want to have some fun, make new friends and that want to have new experiences.

Ismael da Trindade



On the day of my first gymnastics competition, I was really nervous, I could hardly sleep the night before because I was feeling really excited and anxious. I had been practising for months and had already participated in a few small gymnastics events, but nothing like this.

Gymnastics requires courage, strength, flexibility, among other requirements. The routines are performed to music and require expression and synchronised body movements. As I said earlier it's necessary to have confidence, self-esteem and courage, but on that day I had nothing.

Fear had taken hold of me and I couldn't believe it, I couldn't control my nerves. As I was preparing to do somersaults, my stomach was already doing somersaults. The waiting time was the worst of all.

Finally, when my turn came all went well but the truth is that every thing went well. It's common for me to be nervous and anxious before something important. Nerves are already part of me.

In the end, excluding the fear and the nerves, it was quiet a really nice experience because it was a new life experience and is gived me the oportunity of meeting new people. It's also really rewarding to do something that give us pleasure.

Marta Belchior

## Should we judge people by their appearance?

Have you ever thought about fashion and why people dress in a different way? This difference between people is very noticeable in schools with teenagers. They are always looking at people that have a "strange" style or that dress very different from what they call normal style.

Probably you have already seen American films about bullying at schools, and they normally are related with people that dress differently. That happens because teenagers generally judge each other by their appearance. In my point of view this is a very strange way to judge people, because if you dress all in black it doesn't mean that you are a rude or dangerous person and in the other hand if you dress in what you call the normal way it doesn't mean that you are a good person.

In our world we have different kinds of people, they all have positive and negative things about themselves and it isn't the way they dress that is going to change that and the way they are. Don't judge people by the way they dress and don't choose your friends because they dress like you. People are all different and they have so much to offer you, even more when they are different from you.

Marta Jeronimo

## Story

I never thought I'd grow up to be an astronaut. Actually, that is not quite true because in my childhood sometimes I used to play a game with my cousin called The Flight Through the Universe. But I never took that serious, for me that was just an entertainment game not my future career plans.

When I was already studying in the Physics University of Chicago we went on a trip to NASA. It was fascinating to find out all about the astronauts' training and how it was living up there. I loved the visit so much that in the end of it, simply for fun, I put my name and personal information in a box I didn't even know what was the point.

It was my graduation day and I received a call from NASA saying they wanted to make an appointment. One week after I went to NASA's office for a job's interview, They explained me that they were interested in my curriculum and if I wanted I could start training to be an astronaut right away.

I couldn't refuse an offer like that so accept it and here I am today at the International Space Agency admiring my beautiful planet Earth.

Marta Tirano



## Ski – Adrenaline Hobby

I first got interested in Skiing, when I went to Andorra, specifically Pas de La Casa with my parents and sister some years ago.

My dad usually does a lot of snow trips with his friends. Generally they go skiing every year. So he is an experienced skier. I really enjoyed when I started to get with my skis down the slopes and for the first time I felt a sensation of freedom.

I began with ski lessons and it's not as easy as it looks. It's necessary to have equilibrium and a lot of practice. I learnt some tricks. For me the worse part of it is in the morning when we've to dress all the ski clothes and walk with the ski boots to the sky slope. (God, it's so hard!)

I'd recommend it as a hobby because is funny and it's smashing if you like adrenaline. If you have never tried before snow sports and if you like to be in contact with nature, you've got to try because it is a good way to spend a really good time with your friends and family!

Raquel Freire

## What is it to be Portuguese?

Why are Portuguese people always putting themselves down? In fact we're the kind of people who never recognize our qualities, especially in these days that we're going through, caused by the crisis.

Despite this, it must be said, Portugal isn't just a small portion of land near Spain, we're much more than that. We must be proud, because Portuguese navigators were the first ones that let the world know lots of undiscovered countries like Brazil, India, Cabo Verde and Timor. This reveals the patriotism of our nation, they had given their lives to raise a Portuguese nation.

In addition, we must be proud of all Portuguese athletes, we've one of the best team players of football in the world and mainly one of the best international football players Cristiano Ronaldo is Portuguese, even one of the best football coaches, José Mourinho.

In conclusion, Portuguese people have no reason to always be depreciating themselves, we have a wonderful country with lots of beautiful places like Alentejo and Algarve where everyone loves being even foreigners and our climate enhances your stay.



Margarida Pina



## Holiday Limericks

There once was a fellow named Dan  
Who was always driving a van.  
He went down a track

And he broke his back  
And was helped by a Mexican.

There once was a girl named Jane  
She had never been on a plane.  
But the first time she flew  
The plane had no crew  
So she never got on one again.

There once was a guy called Raul  
He thought he was so very cool.  
Cause he wore a sombrero  
And he drove a Camero  
But really he was just a fool .

Niccolo Mazzetti

There once was a silly young fool  
Who just didn't want to finish school.  
So he ended up lost  
At a very dear cost  
Choking in his own sticky drool.

There once was a guy named Scott  
Who wrongly believed he was hot.  
He met this girl Jane  
Who said he was insane  
So a slap was all that he got.

Tomas Carvalho



There once was one crazy fan  
He didn't stop following our van  
He ran like a train  
It was really insane  
He looked like a Mexican

There once was an odd Italian  
He told me his name was Stan  
He started to drink  
My patience did shrink  
I had to hit him with a pan

Nadir Silva



There was a young women called Jane  
She travelled the world by train.  
She carried a jewel  
But she looked like a fool  
Because she had no brain.

There once was a train that was lame  
Its owner had just named it Jane  
It drank so much fuel  
It didn't work like a jewel  
So its owner went insane

There once was a moth named Scott  
Who liked eating food that was hot  
But his mother's fame  
Drove him insane  
And in the end he got shot

The was a pink van named Stan  
And he had been made in Japan  
He had no brain  
He was very vain  
So he got made into a can

Ana Facha

There was an old man called Stan  
He wanted to go to Japan.  
He got there in the rain  
Which was a bit of a pain  
So he flew right on to Iran.

Joana Mensurada





## Charles Dickens writing competition

Early in 2012 we held a short story competition to celebrate the 200th birthday of Charles Dickens. All ELC students were invited to enter the competition and a variety of stories were submitted but the judges were unanimous in choosing Sara Carvalho's (TB2) entry called: Elizabeth Swan as it was interesting, exciting and we all wanted to know what happened in the end!! Sara received a Kindle as first prize in a ceremony held at ELC. Well done Sara.



### Elizabeth's Story

When Elizabeth Swan was a little girl. Her grandmother gave her an old key, she didn't know but it was for, but she kept the key in a special box, also given by her grandmother.

Some years later, Elizabeth had a family, a new home and a new life. At this point she no longer knew where was the box or the key, but that was about to change. Finally Elizabeth found the box when she was tidying up her bedroom, and she remembered what her grandmother had told her. As she opens the music box, she noticed that there was a small paper hiding. She opened the paper and inside had a serial numbers and an address, strange that it looks she went to the place and she found a deteriorated house. She wouldn't stop there so she went into the house.

At the beginning was just a dark room, but she continued and there was another door with a keyboard. Elizabeth didn't know what to put, then she grab the paper and tried to put the serial number, and opened.

She entered and found a completely different room, one round white room with a huge staircase, slightly off of the normal style. As she went down the stairs, she heard a huge noise from the deep. She started to walk fast but before she gets there the stairs began to move, when she noticed she was in another room, this one was special. It was her childhood room but was something different, the music box, at the top of the table with another paper inside and it said "I only asked to be free. Butterflies are free" at that moment everything around her was turned into butterflies and left through the roof.

Sara Carvalho, TB2

### World Book Day April 23rd

ELC wanted to celebrate World Book Day this year so we planned a review writing activity. We didn't want to solely concentrate on books though so we invited students to write reviews about books, films, music, restaurants and we even had a review about a teacher! Over 60 entries were received and they are currently on display in the school. Well done everyone!



## ELC's September Party 2011



## ELC's Christmas Party 2011





## Students of the Month 2011 - 2012



João Paulo Pereira



Sam Gonindard



Mariana Silva



Hugo Marques



João Almas



Patricia Ferreira



Sofia Mira



Diana Ivakina



Carolina Santos



Joana Rodrigues

João Areias Ribeiro



Maria Machado

**Congratulations to all our Students of the Month!**  
**Why did they win? Here are some of the teachers' comments:**

*"She did well in her recent progress test and is always cheerful!"*

*"makes an excellent effort in class"*

*"always works hard in class and his spoken English has excelled this term"*

*"works hard and always tries his best. He helps his other classmates"*  
*"constant effort and class participation have resulted in a great improvement in her written and spoken English."*

*"has taken advantage of ELC's library and has quickly moved from Level 4 to authentic books. This has contributed to an increased range of vocabulary and accuracy in grammar"*