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Here comes the 6.4-inch tablet Sony Xperia ZU, in the company of a... cat.

It's widely known that cats are creatures curious of the world. One of them – a very young and adventurous, as the first of its species, put a paw on the surface of the 6.4-inch Sony tablet. The device on which the cat stands seems to be very large. According to the information published on the Xperia Blog, the phone Sony Xperia ZU is equipped with a size 6.4” screen.

The phone presentation will probably take place on June 25. The description of the photograph suggests that at the time of the premiere Xperia ZU will be one of the most powerful devices available.

Tablet Sony Xperia ZU, where the letter U means „Ultra”, will be able to boast a 6.4-inch touch-screen Triluminos and 1080p HD resolution with support from Sony X-Reality technology.

This function, thanks to continuous analysis of the pixels, is going

to improve the quality and the sharpness of the view. Moreover, the screen is to allow work with any subject, like pencil or gloves. Sony Xperia ZU seems to be very interesting. Hopefully, the provided date of the presentation is real and the 6.4-inch tablet will be released soon.



Patryk Mroziński, IIF



The last day in school

Friday- 24th April 2013 was the last day at school for the third class students. The celebration was in the gym and lasted for three hours. First, the students were given certificates and a lot of rewards. Next, the best student made a speech. Finally, there was a performance prepared

by students from the first class. They showed a short scene presenting 'a typical day' at school and a funny clip. On the one hand, the third year students were happy and relieved due to the graduation, but on the other hand it was a sad day. Students had a lot of

friends and memories at school and now they must leave them. They will start real, mature lives. I hope that all of the graduates will choose good ways and will be pleased with their future lives.

Joanna Kowalczyk, III b



Bikes in urban space

“BIKES IN URBAN SPACE- IS IT GOOD FOR US?”

Nowadays there is a lot of air pollution on our planet. More and more people decide to use the bike instead of using cars and motorbikes in urban space. It is said to be a good idea but at the same time it may carry a number of risks.

One point of view in favour of using bikes is that they are not harmful to the environment. They do not emit carbon dioxide and do not contribute to global warming. Another important advantage is that bikes are cheaper than cars or motor-

bikes, so if you break or lose your bike, you can buy a new one for cheap price.

The most important disadvantage of using the bicycle in urban space is that there are a lot of accidents involving cyclists. You can be hit by a car and you can die from injuries you have suffered in an accident. Pads and a helmet do not always save your life in an accident. Another disadvantage is that sometimes cyclists are drunk and pose a threat to other road users.

Taking everything into consideration, using bikes in the city area, in my opinion, is good for our planet and health and we should be opposed to using cars. But we should remember about appropriate behavior and the traffic regulations.

Milosz Gieroń, IIIC

Extreme Sports

Extreme sports have boomed since the early '90s. Sky diving, rock climbing or ice boating and many others feature speed, danger and incredible stunts. They are so fashionable that there are even commercial companies that organize them. This popularity makes us think mainly of the positive aspects of these sports. But nonetheless there are also disadvantages, which need to be taken into consideration when talking about this issue.

There is a wide range of benefits of extreme sports. First of all, they offer many exciting challenges. It is a test for all those who want to take on the forces of nature. A

human being has a chance to push himself to the limits of his or her physical ability and fear. Secondly, it is an amazing experience, as it provides an escape from the stresses of life and breaks the rigors of a daily routine. Last but not least, those who practise also claim that sports develop physical and mental skills.

However, there are also some obvious disadvantages of extreme sports. The most evident, probably, is the serious risk. A lot of dangerous accidents have been reported. The lack of safety partially results from the fact that there are no specific rules for these sports. It is clear, therefore,

that learning such sports is very demanding. Apart from that, as with all nonstandard activities, the equipment costs quite a lot of money.

To sum up, in extreme sports the risk of injury and even death is rather high. In my view, however, everyone is responsible for their own life and for those who are prepared to take this real risk, the advantages outnumber the disadvantages.

Klaudia Antczak, IIIC



Paper or CD? Printed versus Electronic Books

In the text below I will try to look at different aspects of using both electronic and printed books, I will also try to recommend one of these forms.

To start with, I would like to say that electronic books are becoming more and more popular. That fact is not a new discovery, the process began years ago. The problem is, how will readers respond to the idea of having a few volumes packed together on one CD? Will printed books be still popular?

Although electronic books seem very convenient at first glance,

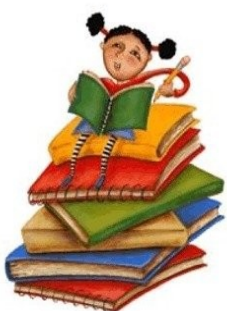
to use one of them you need a computer or a laptop. The former makes reading a book on a bus or a train nearly impossible, the latter is not the cheapest thing to spend money on. That is why printed books hold an indisputable advantage with their lower cost. Of course there is always the possibility of using printouts. But can you honestly imagine readers swapping from bus to train with all those piles of paper?

Another important factor which makes printed books still popular is the fact that people are

very much used to reading them. It is very hard to convince many readers to switch from paperbacks to a computer screen.

When it comes to my personal opinion, I would full-heartedly recommend traditional, printed books. They are not only portable, they also offer a sense of "true" reading. In my opinion you can't really say you read the book if you did not read it in print.

Klaudia Antczak, IIIC



Studying a few subjects

Nowadays more and more young people are deciding to study a few subjects. Is it a good or bad solution?

On the one hand, in the future, they have better chances to find work, because they are more flexible. If they can't work in one specialization they have an alternative. Next, people who have completed a lot of subjects feel more intelligent and self-confident. It's proved that these people are happier and lead less stressful lives. Finally, the time of studying is apparently the best

time of everyone's life. So if we only have the possibility why not grab this chance.

But on the other hand, if we want to do everything we do nothing really good. So maybe it's better to complete one good study than a few worse. Secondly, if we have been studying so long and so hard where is the time for us? We must forget about setting up our own family. Our life would be grey and sad. Thirdly, these days studying is quite expensive, we usually must rent a flat, buy books

and learning materials. If our parents pay for all of this, it's surely hard for them.

To sum up, studying more than one major subject has a lot of pros and cons. It depends on how ambitious we are and what is most important in our lives. Everyone must choose.

Joanna Kowalczyk, III b



Studying a few subjects – is it good?

What is special in reading books?

Books have always been in our lives. For ages, books have had a special role for people. They have been a teacher and a friend. Books were only entertainment in the past. Probably it was the reason why books took a special place in the house. They were on the mantelpiece or in a huge house-library.

Books have a lot of functions: we learn and acquire knowledge from them. We can get to know our country, culture, history, technique, nature and other things which interest us. Books are a way of relaxation and enjoyment, too.

They give us a lot of benefits. Books develop our imagination and teach new words or ideas. They give us emotions – books can give a smile, tears and happiness. They are real centre of knowledge and sensation. Books teach us to express our ideas and understand other people. They have an important role in upbringing small children because they teach respect and esteem.

Some people see a kind of pleasure in books. Others love the smell of paper and the sound of turning pages. Today books are being replaced by computer, Internet

and e-book. However, is it good for us? Of course, we can read books in an easy way and don't care about carrying them. But books lose one of their functions – they are the only carrier of knowledge.

Umberto Eco, the world-famous writer said: "Who reads books, lives twice". It's a beautiful statement about the special role of books in everyone's life. Thanks to books we become better and cleverer people.

Sylvia Cieřlik, III C



Zawisza Czarny 13th

Black Pack

I am a scout in Zawisza Czarny 13th Black Pack. Everybody asks me why I am a scout? It's easy! Because I want to help people and I can learn how to be independent and helpful. Scouting supports young people in getting physical strength. The youth may play important roles in society.

In 1906 and 1907 Robert Baden-Powell wrote a book for boys about scouting and generally, he founded scouting in this way. People from all parts of the world started supporting his idea. During the 20th century, in many

countries there appeared a lot of films about scouts and wars. Scouting mainly helps people and forms their personality. It's doesn't matter if you're black or white.

Do you want to be a better person? In our pack, we try to make people better. Nowadays, almost no-one cares about anything. People are selfish and egoistic. More and more people are living more comfortably. They aren't polite. They don't care

about poor people or environment. Zawisza Czarny 13th Black Pack scouts share their energy with the community. We try to break down the borders, and be better step by step. So that's why I am a scout.

Weronika Mala, Ie



Black Pack

Top Gear in Poland

Yes, three the most famous moto-journalists and their friend, a race driver, were in Poland at National Stadium (if you like the national swimming pool). Obviously, I am talking about Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammon, James May and The Stig.

I was there (21.09.2013) in the beautiful capital of our country, and now, my colleagues, I want to recap on this incredible event. So? Let's begin.

The whole show was preceded by the showcase of hundreds of great cars. Fifteen thousand people were allowed to take part in PIT PARTY. For me, a person who loves cars so much, it was a great experience. In the PIT there were different types of cars. We could see British legends of roads like this Morris Mini and a couple of

Aston Martins, model V12, 565 BHP new Vanquish.

Apart from manufacture cars, special racing vehicles attracted great attention. I counted, more or less, one hundred cars of this type. A typical "Smith" could admire iconic, for motorsport, Porsche 911 GT3, Mitsubishi Lancer, or Saleen S7, which is a very unusual race vehicle.

I think the drift cars were the best of all. They are specially modified cars to do competition pirouettes. Let me explain to you the ideology of drifting. It is a technique of driving in controlled slide. A car must be powerful to do the drift. Most of drifters use turbos or supercharges to increase amount of horse power and torque.

Verva Racing was some kind of pre-show before Top Gear Live. We could see drifters in action. Of course, there wasn't a lack of famous Polish drivers. At Verva they turned on their big, powerful

toys and did the showcase of their skills. For example, on the track we could find: Krzysztof Holowczyk, Michał Bębenek, Łukasz Byśkiniewicz, Adam Malysz and Kuba Giermaziak. Some of them did very crazy things like doing a wheelie with a truck. Yes, you have read it well, they did a wheelie in a huge road monster.

Finally, we have reached the merits of the article. THE TOP GEAR LIVE. Three great moto-journalists had prepared an amazing show for fifty-eight thousand Polish fans. They chose the most beautiful car in history, they raced chariots made of motorcycles, they did a lot of stunts, they even set a couple of expensive cars on fire.

Apart from their great, sometimes crazy exploits, they made a lot of people happy by their presence and typically British humor. H.N

Marshall Mathers LP 2 - the 8th solo album of Eminem

Eminem started working on his new album on 24 May 2012. That was the day, as he said, when he ended working on Slaughterhouse album and started working on his new album. The first single of Marshall Mathers LP 2 - Berzerk - is a crazy track, which reminds of the old Slim Shady - loony countenance of Eminem. The planned release date is the 5th November 2013, by Aftermath Entertain-

ment, Shady Records and Interscope Records. On the cover of Marshall Mathers LP (Eminem's third studio album) and Marshall Mathers LP 2 there is the house where he was educated. This house is on sale in Michigan Land Bank, but doubtlessly it is very expensive. Marshall Mathers LP 2 is a sequel to Marshall Mathers LP. The executive producer of this new album is Dr. Dre. Maybe on

this album we will hear the continuation of the older classics like "Stan" or "The Way I Am"; maybe something about his family and feelings, as MMLP. The coming album may be really an exciting piece of music!

Dawid Góralczyk, ID

Feel like a bird!

If you want to feel like a bird, you will try to fly a glider. It is a small airplane without an engine. A winch or airplane helps a glider to take off. A glider works like a kite, it flutters. In the sky the world looks beautiful. It is a different world. People look like ants

and you can „touch” the sky. Your problems don't exist. The world is yours. You can do everything you want. You can fly everywhere you want. You are free and nobody can change this. If you want to learn how to fly a glider or if you want to fly, you must

go to the nearest airport and find someone who will show you how to do this. Gliding isn't simple but it is the best thing in the world

Karolina Gal, IE

Get ready for your matura exam !

Students have already chosen which subjects they want to take in this year's matura exam.

After all, now it is time to revise and practice the whole knowledge they have gained during the last two years of studying. This huge amount of learning material could simply make them lose their temper. It seems to be impossible to make it only in a few months.

For all these students who face some struggles in preparing for their matura exam, here are four useful tips you have to bear in mind before you start:

Make a plan of revision

Take your calendar and find out when you have enough time to revise. Write down particular parts of material you don't remember and divide them into

this spare time, so you have a clear plan of revising.

Make yourself mock exams

It's good when you choose one day a week when you can sit in complete silence and spend about two hours doing tests. It will surely help you to get into the pattern of matura exercises. Moreover, it is a clever way to train your brain and make out what needs to be revised, too.

Let yourself relax

It's better to make an hour-break during learning than to "stay in books" for a whole day. It is even better to do some physical exercises like yoga or fitness. By moving your muscles your body "wakes up" and gets ready for further effort.

Eat healthily

Apart from exercising, your body needs some essential elements to function well during this tiring time. In your diet you should include products like: dark chocolate, nuts and fruits. Their significant influence on human health has been known for ages so you shouldn't forget about them.

All these tips will make preparing for your matura exam easier to come by. You should remember to keep calm and not to overdose learning and revising. Reasonable thinking is a key to success :)

Agata Zienkiewicz, III B



Elephants have feelings!

Elephants are the biggest mammals. They live in Africa. These animals are not dangerous; they eat plants. Elephants live for about 70 years. After death, one member of a herd arranges a funeral. Elephants say goodbye and visit a grave from time to time. They have their own cemeteries. Lawrence Anthony was an

elephant whisperer. When he died, the elephants came into his house to mourn his death.

In a zoo in Africa a newborn baby elephant was not accepted by its mother. The baby elephant cried for a few hours. It stopped crying when its mother came to him.

It's amazing that such big animals are so emotional.

Tomek Mickiewicz, Ib



True emotions at volleyball matches

Do you know how it is like when you approach a sports hall where there is a match and you feel the incredible power? If you don't know, I want to tell you about it.

With the first step, it is immediately possible to feel the power emanating from the fans. Although no-one there knows each other well, everybody feels like one big family. Everybody cheers on the volleyball players, all spectators burst out with happiness (and sometimes with sadness)- this is why it is worth to

go at least once to see a Polish volleyball players' match. You do not know at which moment you'll try to scream the loudest to support the players. You will do everything for them to win no matter that the next day you will not be able to speak. It isn't so important at the time of the match, it's important to cheer with all my heart. Of course, sometimes there are losers, but it isn't important because sometimes you win and sometimes you lose. You can't have every-

thing. But all true fans are loyal to the defeat, and proud after a victory. They don't care about opinions of people who just are not interested in volleyball and think that after watching one match, they know everything. The players only care about the opinion of the real fans of volleyball. To sum up, all Polish volleyball fans are amazing and exceptional.

Paulina Kil, IB



Discover an unusual world of books



In the 21st century fewer and fewer people are reading books. The statistics are horrible. In 2011 only 12% of Polish population read more than six books in the whole year. This is incredible!

Why is that happening? I think that people are just lazy. We spend too many hours on the Internet. We play computer games, check Facebook, read gossips or watch movies. So, we waste our valuable time to trifles. The computer substitutes everything. In my opinion, we should change it because the books have a lot of

advantages:

1. They develop our imagination. We can imagine other worlds, strange places and original characters. We can 'see' something which the films couldn't show.
2. The books are really relaxing for us. They help us to detach from the boring and gray reality.
3. We can let us know interesting things, 'meet' new cultures, broaden our knowledge.
4. You can also read books in

other languages. You start with easier texts and in the future you will read a real novel! In this way you will increase your knowledge of words.

The books are really great. I hope that you are not a statistic person and you read more than six books in twelve months. I believe that these scary statistics will change for the better.

Kinga Walczak, IIA

BARTOSZ KUREK - THE BEST PLAYER IN THE POLISH VOLLEYBALL TEAM



Bartosz Kurek was born on 29th August 1988 in Walbrzych. Thus representative of the Polish national volleyball team has played in three Polish clubs: AZS PWSZ Nysa, ZAKSA Kędzierzyn-Koźle and Skra Belchatów. Bartek is 205 centimeters tall and he weighs 107 kg. His range in the block is 340 centimeters, and the range of the attack is 375 centimeters!

This year the Polish national volleyball team has appeared at the European Championship in Volleyball 2013. Unfortunately, they have been eliminated in the quarter – final. They have lost 3:2 with Bulgaria. Bartek Kurek blamed himself. He said, 'I think we lost the third set, as we descended from the air. I must say sorry to my colleagues. I've been taught a lesson. Those were my two errors'.

In my opinion, it wasn't Bartek's fault. This is a very good volleyball player. Anyone can have both good and bad days. Bartosz Kurek is an example of a man who has left his entire heart on a volleyball court.

Katarzyna Piotrowska Ib

MIDDLE SCHOOL and what next?

Last year was difficult. I was a senior in the middle school in Gidle. I had to write an important middle school exam and I had to choose my 'next school'. I had been preparing for the exam for a long time.

I was really stressed out. I didn't know what I want to do in my life. Do you want to be a doctor? No, I don't like Biology. Do you want to be a teacher? I don't think so. STOP! I am good at Maths, Geography and English. I should go to a maths and language class. But where? In Radomsko there are Secondary School number 1 and

number 2. Which one is better? In the opinion of my friends, Secondary School number 2 is better than number 1.

I decided to take part in Open Days at both schools in Radomsko. I was in 1 and 2. I asked a lot of people, I spoke with students and I saw a lot. I decided where I wanted to go. My next school is Secondary School number 2.

I have enrolled in the school. I am really happy.

It's 1st September and I am going to my new school. What will it be

like on the first day? The school is really big. It's got two floors and there are classrooms everywhere. When I look at my timetable I am laughing. Where is the room number 255? I don't know. Fortunately, I am not the only person who doesn't know. It's funny to search for a classroom.

In my class there are 36 students. They are nice and friendly. Now we are shy, but this will change soon.

Strawberry, Ie



WHAT NEXT?

History of World War II and The Time of Honour”

I'm really interested in the history of World War II. It was the biggest armed conflict in the history of the world. It took place on all continents, for example in Europe, Africa or Asia. It started in Poland on 1st September 1939.

I watch all films and documentaries about this event. My favourite series is the Polish production, *The Time of Honour*. It is directed by Michał Rosa and Michał Kwieciński. An author of the music is Bartosz Chajdecki. I have all compositions on my mobile phone. I listen to them very often. The series tells the story of young

saboteurs - Bronek (Maciej Zakościelny), Janek (Antoni Pawlicki), Michał (Jakub Wesołowski), and Władek (Jan Wiczorkowski) and their close friends. They live in occupied Warsaw. They fight with invaders (they conduct sabotage missions and establish the Polish underground resistance movement).

This series is my favourite because it presents the history of such a period in an unusually interesting and exciting way. It is one of a few films which is educational. I've watched all episodes of this series two or three times. They

are emitted every Sunday at 9 p.m. The episodes are shown on TV many times. If we do not manage to watch the first emission and the replay, we can always visit tvp.vod.pl site. There we have an access to all episodes of all series for free.

I recommend this series to everyone, because it is very fascinating, interesting and thought provoking. I think that I've managed to convince at least a few people to watch this series.

Krzysztof Sabela, IIA



History of World War II and The Time of Honour”

GOOD POLISH MUSIC

I'm a big fan of Polish music, especially rock. I really appreciate female singers such as Katarzyna Nosowska, Mela Koteluk, Maria Peszek or Edyta Bartosiewicz. Their songs are so moving and touching. They are real and very different from foreign artists. They sometimes cause a lot of controversy, but that's why they're so special. Artists that I mentioned above aren't afraid to express what they think in the songs which they write themselves. I admire their power and voices.

Another Polish artist that deserves our attention is Piotr Rogucki and the band called COMA. The band is from Łódź. The members of the band grew up there. 'Deszczowa piosenka' is all about this city. They also support Łódź a lot. Coma was founded in 1998. It's one of the most successful Polish rock bands.

The band has released four Polish-language studio albums, two English-language

studio albums, and two live albums so far. Personally, I love each of their albums. Their songs are a bit sad and melancholic. They make us reflect on our lives and future every single moment. There are also some powerful, happy songs such as 'Pożegnanie z mistrzami'.

I love Rogucki's voice.

Ewa Markiewicz, ID



For people curious about the world...

Do you like travelling? Are you interested in lives of people in different places on the Earth? If your answer is 'yes', you may like this book- 'Kobieta na krańcu świata' written by Martyna Wojciechowska.

The author is a journalist and a traveler. She became my idol when I first saw her at the Explorers Festival in Łódź three years ago, where she was presenting her project of reaching the highest mountains on each continent. That day I bought the book and asked her for an autograph. After I had come home, I started reading and I literally fell in love with the book!

The book was being written during Martyna Wojciechowska's travels, which

purpose was filming because 'Kobieta na krańcu świata' is also a TV programme made for TVN. It's a collection of reportages about women living in various parts of our planet. Each of them is different. They live in different countries and they belong to different cultures. They have only one common thing- sex.

Every story is very moving. My favourite one is about Daphne Sheldrick from Kenya, who is a founder of an orphanage for elephants. She loves those animals so much that she has devoted all her life to rescuing them.

Wojciechowska writes lightly but not silly and she easily balances between happiness and

sadness. When I was reading this book, there were moments when I was laughing and there were moments when I was weeping with emotion. 'Kobieta na krańcu świata' is not only a source of information about other cultures and a good geography lesson but it also teaches us about love and sacrifice.

Apart from the text in the book, there are lots of amazing photos so it's a good choice for people who find photography interesting.

I strongly recommend 'Kobieta na krańcu świata', both the book and the TV programme.

Agata Toczyńska, Id

