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"Decor Cafe"

ceremonial opening

On the third of October, 2022, the "Decor Cafe" ceremonial opening took place in our school. Fifteen enterprising third-graders will run a cafe as a part of the "Youth Mini-Enterprise" program.

"Decor Cafe" is a continuation of the cult youth activity carried out before the pandemic in the Second High School in Radomsko. The cafe is located on the first floor next to the nurse's office. Its new, fresh interiors in candy colors give this place unusual atmosphere. Every day, at each break from 10.45 am, a team of employees full of energy and smiling will wait for the students of our school and take orders. The menu of the cafe offers various types of delicious coffee and tea as well as wonderful toasts. The offer also includes special seasonal coffee and delicious sweets. The activity of the cafe will develop all the time and the current offer is only a starting offer.

Young employees have heads full of ideas and cannot wait to implement them. They are very happy about the new project and they invite everyone very cordially.

By Agnieszka Twardowska III E



In the picture we can see a group of people (employees of Cafe Decor). On the left side you can see four students and a teacher, and on the right side there are three students and a teacher. They are dressed in dark colors. They stand in front of the café's door decorated with balloons.

Cafe?

Have you ever dreamed that the place you always go to (for most students, school) would be more pleasant and comfortable? Many students associate learning only with duty and compulsion, but a group of 15 teenagers decided to change that!

On October 13, in our school, 3rd grade students decided to open a cafe, the task of which is to make the breaks between lessons more pleasant. You can buy all kinds of warm drinks there, especially coffee and tea, but you can also go there for lunch. In the future, salads and tortillas are also to appear. Cafe actively helps with various charity donations, employees are constantly available to help you with different problems. Seasonal offers will also appear in the form of Christmas pastries or cool drinks in the summer. The cafe is styled as an 1980s patisserie, there is a lot of pastel colors and other decorations.

Everything looks very encouraging. I hope it will be a great success for the school and many students will be able to make breaks more pleasant.

By Paulina Pólrola, 3E



The picture shows the "cafe decor" logo, which is stylized as the popular Hubba Bubba candy logo.

Help for little Liza

Patrycja Pukacz IIIE

2.5-year-old Liza has a significantly delayed psychomotor development, she lost most of her activity after hospitalization in a Ukrainian hospital - probably as a result of an infection with a bacterium. The girl also suffers from Peters' disease, secondary decompensated eye glaucoma and bilateral sensorineural hearing loss of 2-3 degrees. A rehabilitation stay in Olinek requires 20.000 PLN. Little Liza is the apple of her parents' eye.

On October 25, a fundraiser for little Liza took place in our school. All students were involved and willing to help. From the very morning, in the corridors and in the canteen, there were stands with delicious delicacies baked by the students of our facility. What's more, there were also various games with interesting prizes to be won.

Then, from 12.20pm to 1.20pm, a charity concert for Lisa took place in the common room. The program included performances by musically talented students of our high school (singing, playing instruments), as well as raising money for the treatment of 2.5-year-old Liza from Ukraine. Everyone had a great time during the concert. There were beautiful artistic and instrumental performances.

We admired the beautiful voices of the students and we had the opportunity to listen to the sound of

violins, drums and trumpets live. Even school teachers sang a song to support the action!



In this photo, a student of our school is selling sweets.



In this photo, students from class IIIB organized a game called "Play and help". The task was to shoot the prize in balloons or ships.



The photo shows the chairman of the school - Kacper Kurowski, class IIID, at the posters promoting the charity campaign for Liza.



The photo shows a group of musically gifted students waiting for the start of a charity concert.

Autumn Must Have- Cinnamon Rolls

It's delicious and good-smelling batch, that you can easily prepare in an autumn evening.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup of warm milk
- 2 and 1/2 teaspoons of dry yeast
- 1/3 cup of melted butter
- 2 eggs
- 100 g of sugar
- 1 teaspoon of salt
- 550g of flour

Filling:

- 120g of soft butter
- shows a cinnamon roll
- 180g of brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons of cinnamon



The Picture

Preparation:

In a large bowl, mix the milk, yeast, and 1 teaspoon of flour. Cover with a cloth and leave for 15 minutes.

After that, add the remaining flour, salt and melted butter to the bowl.

Then knead the dough, put it in the bowl, cover and leave for about 15 minutes in a warm place to rise. Roll out the dough into a rectangle shape, brush it with butter and sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon.

Wrap the dough in a roulade and carefully cut into pieces. Put on a baking tray and leave for a moment. Next preheat oven to 180 degrees and bake for 20 minutes. Finally, you can brush the baked rolls with icing made of powdered sugar, water and lemon juice.

The cinnamon rolls are ready.

Bon Appetit!!!

Written by Patrycja S. 1C

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Supernatural series

By Ola Stanikowska kl. IVE

„Stranger Things” is a popular American Internet TV series which combines adventure elements with horror and science fiction and has 4 seasons. It is definitely worth seeing and loved by many thousands of people around the world.

The boy Will Byers (Noah Schnapp) has disappeared in the small town of Hawkins. His disappearance started a series of mysterious events related to the operation of supernatural forces. At their center there is an amazing girl – Eleven (Millie Bobby Brown), who gets closer to Will’s friends, Mike (Finn Wolfhard), Dustin (Gaten Matarazzo) and Lucas (Caleb McLaughlin). Together, they try to solve the mystery of his disappearance. Residents discover the secret of unknown experiments and a strange little girl.

"Stranger things" guarantees the viewers unforgettable emotions and nice moments.

I would like to encourage you to watch this series, which is available on Netflix.



The photo shows a group of friends. From the left we can see Max, Mike, Eleven, Dustin, Will. They are standing against dark brown background.

Pentatonix

By Kasia Mariankowska, I C

Pentatonix is a popular American band. Currently consisting of vocalists Scott Hoving, Mitch Grassi, Kirstin Maldonado, Kevin Olusola, and Matt Sallee. In 2011 they won the third season of NBC's The Sing-Off, receiving \$200,000 and a recording contract with Sony Music. They sing a cappella, popular pop, electro, classic, hip-hop, reggae and dubstep songs. They cover famous singers but they have their own songs, too. Their YouTube channel currently has over 19 million subscribers and 5.6 billion views. The most popular and watched songs are „Hallelujah” and „Daft Punk”. Pentatonix embarked on their first national headlining tour in autumn of 2012. The tour was sold out and spanned 30 cities. They are so talented and that's the reason why it's my favourite band.

Pentatonix has a tour on the Europe. This band will have a performance in Poland on 15 May 2023 in Warsaw. Yesterday I bought a ticket because I want to hear my favourite cover of “Bohemian Rhapsody” by Queen live. Pentatonix is amazing and I want to be on their Christmas tour but it is impossible because they will be in Mexico when I am at school. Pentatonix were presenters at the 2014 American Music Awards, introducing a performance by Jessie J, Ariana Grande, and Nicki Minaj. Pentatonix was on the Disney Channel show, K.C. Undercover on June 14, 2015. They made a guest appearance on The Voice on November 24, 2016. They are so popular in the world and they have become international. I can't wait to see them live.

The picture depicts the band Pentatonix. A group of four men and a girl.



English words with uncommon origin

A natural trait of all languages is their constant necessity to change, and improve. Nowadays the biggest 'words dealer' among the languages is English, primarily because most newly used words are connected with technology or science. For example, the word computer is commonly used worldwide (ger. Komputer, spa. Computadora, jap. Konpyūtā). However, English worldwide supremacy is not eternal.

Since English belongs to the West-Germanic language family, many terms have come from German or Scandinavian languages. Most English words have origins in French and Latin which came to Britain in the Middle Ages. (Approximately 30% from each of them.)

Many Germanic words have vanished through the years, or Romanic synonyms displaced them. However, English has been influenced by many weird languages from overseas countries. Let's take a look at a few of them.

The **bungalow** house is probably one of the most recognizable icons of American suburbs. However, this word has its origins in Bengali **বাংলা** (Bengali is a language used in East India and Bangladesh) and means exactly "house in Bengal style". Also, the word **jungle** came from the Indian peninsula. Sanscrit term **जङ्गल** *jaṅgala* means "uncultivated land" and during English rule over India got the meaning of rainforest.

Chocolate, **chili**, and **tomato** which are often used today in kitchens around the world initially existed in the Nahuatl language. It was spoken in Maya society before Spanish colonization. About 1.5 million users still live in central Mexico. Due to intercontinental trade, such food came to Europe, and gained popularity there, together with their names.

Barbecue became a popular activity, especially in the USA, however, this term has its origin in the Arawakan language,

popular in Haiti before the 15th century. *Barbakoa* means "framework of sticks". Furthermore, **tobacco**, **hammock**, and **hurricane** come from the Caribbean languages. They often came to England via Spanish sailors delivering goods from colonies.

When talking about Japanese-origin words most people will think about **sushi**, **anime**, or **karate**. Nevertheless, probably no one would mention **emoji** (絵文字) or **karaoke** (カラオケ - "empty orchestra").

Emoji has been invented in Japan and got called by Japanese programmers. Word got worldwide fame after being introduced on iPhone phones.

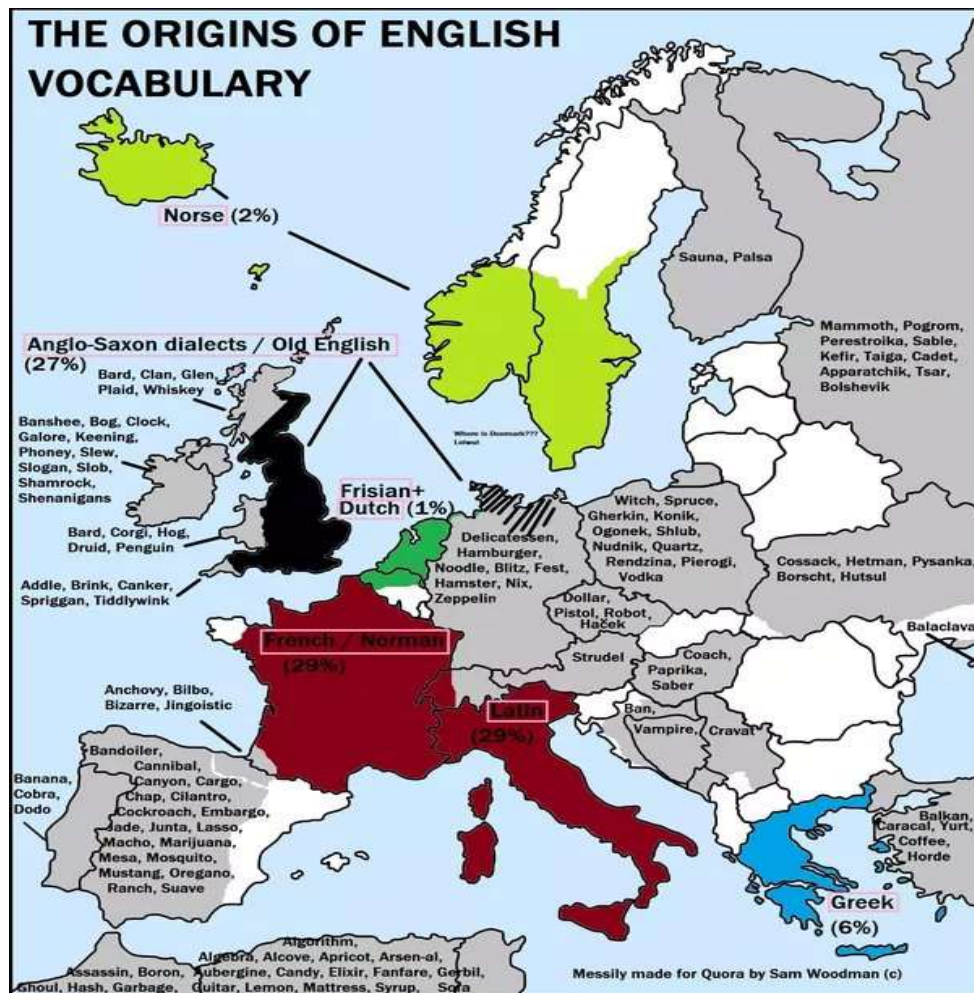
Additionally, due to many black slaves working in America, a few popular words have come from traditional African languages. For example, a **zombie** is a changed form of Kimbundu "*nzambi*" which means god. Furthermore, **jazz** and **cola** (this sweet sparkling drink) also might be connected with Africa. Cola is a plant whose nuts were used to produce Coca-Cola. The name of this tree came to America from the Temne language in the 18th century, and a hundred years later gained popularity as the name of the famous drink.

After so many examples, you might be wondering if English adopted any words from Polish, and the answer is yes. Most terms are connected with cuisine, like **pierogi**, **kielbasa**, or **kasha**. However, frankly speaking an ordinary English speaker does not use them often, or even doesn't know them. More famous words are **vodka**, **vitamin** (it had been discovered by Polish scientist before World War I), or **intelligentsia** (as a name for a social group). As we see, our influence on English was infinitesimal. However, we could find at least a few examples.

I hope this article will encourage you to pay more attention to the etymology of the words you learn or use. I believe that learning about the history of language might widen our

knowledge about history, and other cultures and also make learning more interesting.

By Mikołaj Janik IVe



The above picture depicts a map of Europe presenting European origin of a few English words. The words are written on the continents but it's impossible to decipher them. As we see, more developed western European countries have had definitely bigger influence on English than Balkans or the Eastern part of the continent.

Girls' education Tomasz Cyndecki, Ila

Have you ever wondered what problems young women have to face in the education process? Women's education is one of the most important issues in the world today. It has been proven time and time again that when women are educated, society as a whole benefits.

Women who are educated are more likely to get jobs and earn higher wages. They are also more willing to get involved in their communities and make a positive difference in the world.

Despite the importance of women's education, there are still many places in the world where girls do not have the same opportunities as boys when it comes to learning. In some countries, girls are not allowed to go to school at all. In others, they can attend school, but only for a few years. And even in countries where girls have the same possibilities as boys when it comes to education, they often face discrimination and are not treated equally. We have a long way to go before every girl in the world has the same opportunities when it concerns education. But there are many people and organisations who are working hard to make this a reality.

In my opinion, when more and more girls have the chance to go to school and get an education, the world will become a better place for everyone.



The picture shows a young girl, holding a placard stating 'right to education'.

Creating breakthrough modules

Have you heard that AGH scientists have developed groundbreaking thermoelectric modules with a power density more than ten times that of photovoltaic cells? They are now looking for an investor to take over the production of a prototype production line.

The technologies used to date to convert waste heat to electricity are characterised by low efficiency and high cost, so their applications

are severely limited. To meet the demand for electricity, we have to burn more raw materials, which contributes to negative climate change and high fuel costs. This may soon change, as AGH scientists and PhD students have developed cost-effective thermoelectric modules with

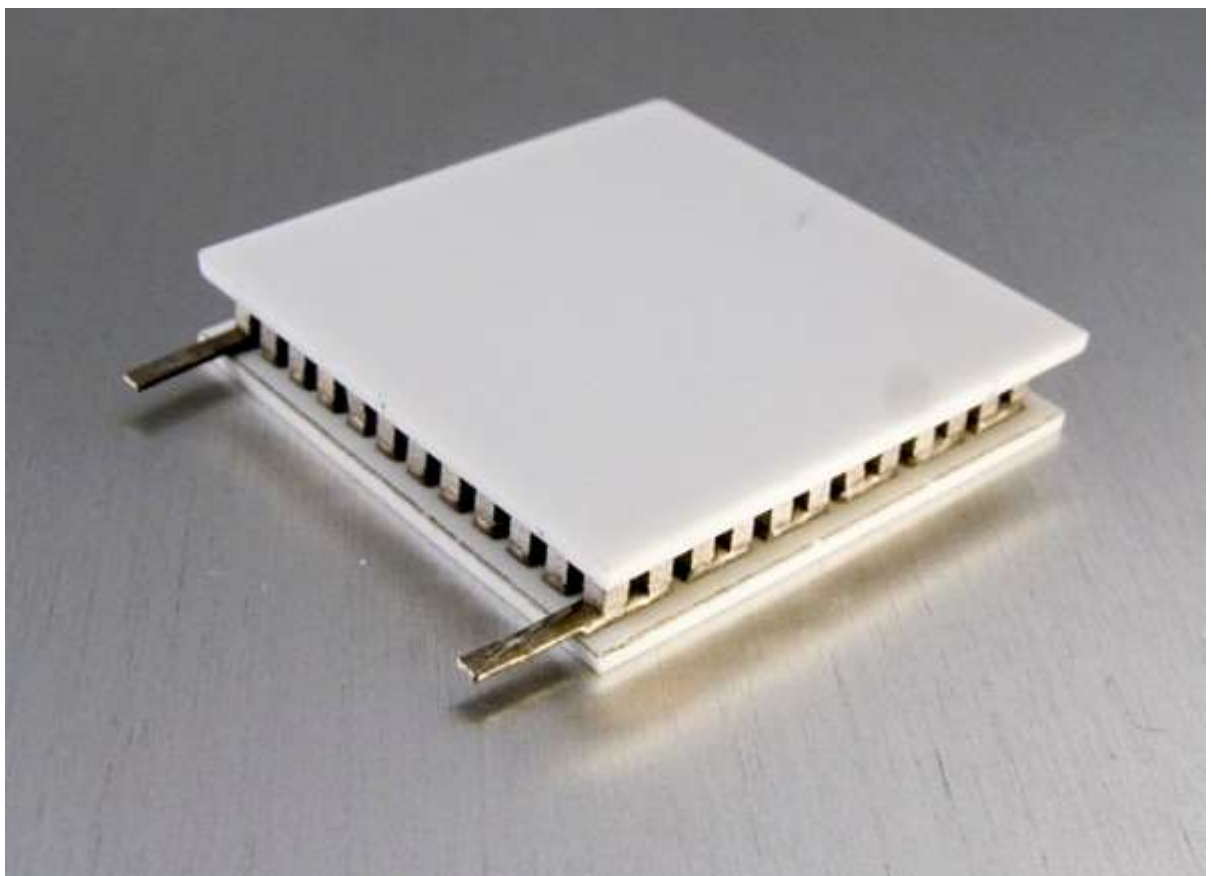
a power density more than ten times that of photovoltaic cells. The cost of the modules has been significantly reduced compared to their commercial counterparts, not least by replacing the ceramic cladding with cheaper and better thermally conductive aluminium alloys.

In addition, aluminium alloys are easier to mould than ceramics, allowing modules to be designed in almost any shape to suit the heat recovery system.

The price of a thermoelectric module developed under laboratory conditions, where all the work was done almost manually by team members, reaches a value close to that of a high-end smartphone.

However, the developers believe that automation and mass production could bring the production costs down to at least the level of generally available photovoltaics. The researchers are therefore looking for an investor willing to take on the challenge. Do you think it could be you?

Przemysław Woźniak, Ila



The image depicts thermoelectric modules for electricity generation.

Indestructible love - Zuzanna Bigora, Ila

Have you ever heard of the book *Romeo and Juliet*? It is the most popular tragedy written by William Shakespeare early in his career dealing with two young lovers whose deaths ultimately reconcile their feuding families. The book was one of Shakespeare's most popular plays during his lifetime and, along with *Hamlet*, is one of his most frequently performed plays. The title characters are considered today to be the archetypal young lovers.

Romeo and Juliet belongs to a tradition of tragic romances dating back to antiquity. The plot is based on an Italian story translated into verse as *The Tragical History of Romeus and Juliet* by Arthur Brooke and retold in prose in *Palace of Pleasure* by William Painter. Shakespeare borrowed much from both, but expanded the plot by developing a number of supporting characters, notably Mercutio and the Nurse.

It is a play about young lovers who are forced apart by their families. Romeo falls in love with Juliet, who is to marry the Count of Paris. Romeo is banished. Juliet fakes her own death to be reunited with her beloved. Romeo believes Juliet is really dead and kills himself. Juliet finds Romeo's corpse next to her and kills herself. This story shows the power of love and how much we are capable of doing for another person. Unfortunately, love in this case ended in death.

Many people around the world consider this book to be the best romantic tragedy. How do you feel about this story?



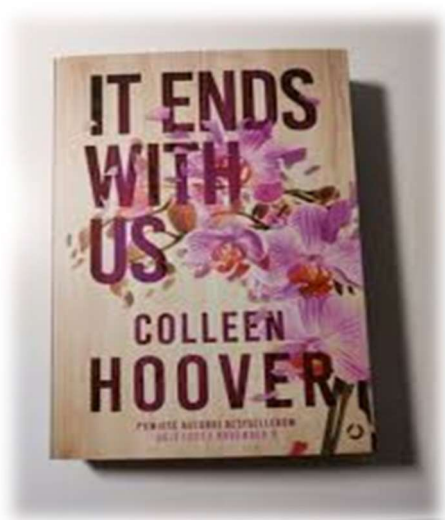
This photo shows Romeo and Julie during their first meeting, with the man holding the girl's hand.

My hobbies

By: Wiktorja Ic

My first hobby is reading books. I love reading romance and youth books. My favourite books are "It ends with us" by Colleen Hoover and a trilogy "Hell" by Katarzyna Barlińska. My favourite authors of books are: Julia Brylewska, Colleen Hoover, Katarzyna Barlińska and Agata Polite. I love all the books by these authors. Books help me when I have a worse time. I also like cooking very much. My special dishes are apple pie, pasta and pancakes with fruits and chocolate. I love listening to music, my favourite artists are: Chase Atlantic, The Neighbourhood, Artic Monkeys, The Weekend, Sia and Lana Del Rey. My beloved songs are: "I wanna be yours" by Artic Monkeys, "Flawless" by The Neighbourhood and "Call out my name" by The Weekend. My hobbies are also running and rollerblading.

The picture shows my favourite book "It ends with us" by Colleen Hoover.



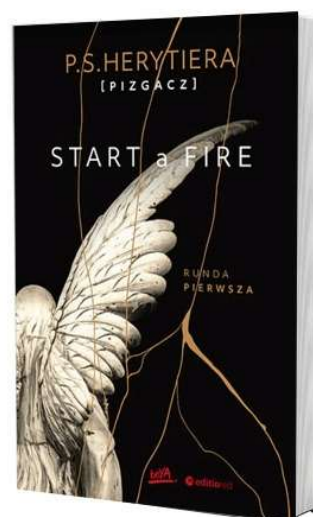
My Hobbies

My name's Zuzanna. I'm 15 years old and I come from Poland and I go to secondary school.

I have a passion for singing and I also love drawing. In my free time I like sleeping, meeting my friends and reading books. I love reading books. It's my favorite hobby. My favorite book is „Start a fire”.

I have been in an orchestra for 2 years. Initially, I played the trumpet and now I play the saxophone. Playing instruments is also one of my hobbies. Playing in an orchestra is a very interesting adventure. You can meet a lot of people and learn something new.

I'm not keen on playing computer games and collecting things because it is very boring and not interesting. Playing computer games is not healthy because we damage our eyesight. I don't mind taking photos but I don't have a photo camera because it is very expensive.



The picture shows my favorite book “Start a fire” by P.S. Herytiera

Zuzanna

My activity

Hello!

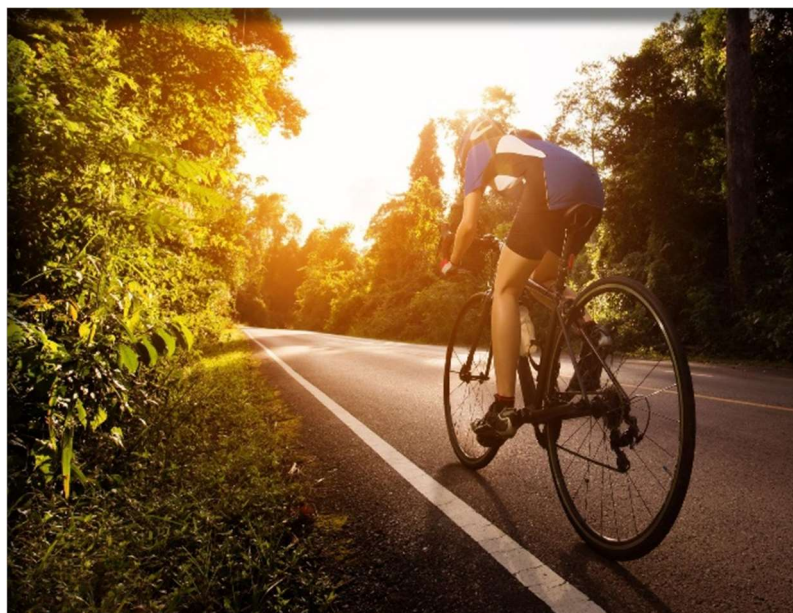
My name is Rafał. I'm 15 years old and I go to the 1st class. I am into modern dance and I like helping around the house in my free time. I am mad about running, because I feel relaxed. But I'm especially keen on riding a bicycle. I love it when I can see the scenery and I can meet and talk with my friends. Thanks to cycling my condition is better.

This is my pastime because I can chill out.

Bye!

Rafał Stolarczyk, 1c

This photo shows a person riding a bicycle along a road trees.



„Electrikhana is coming!”

Nowadays it is more being said about electrification of modern automotive. It means making electric cars more common instead of petrol ones. Over time more and more car brands are deciding to introduce their own electric models. One of the effects of these changes is Electrikhana. This event takes place on 25th October and we can watch it as a movie on Hoonigan YouTube channel.

Electrikhana is a successor of Gymkhana, which was about driving drift cars and making slaloms, twists and drifts with them. The main person behind organising Gymkhana and driving vehicles is Ken Block, an American rally and rallycross driver. He was usually using tuned Ford or Subaru cars. The last Gymkhana edition took place about two years ago. Some time after it Ken announced that new edition will be mostly about electric vehicles. That's happening, because he wants to keep the Gymkhana spirit and decrease the air pollution made by fumes.

Talking about cars which will be most probably used, there are two models previously presented by Block. These are Ford Mustang Mach-E 1400 and Audi S1 Hoonitron. The first one was made as a typical Gymkhana car and the second one was introduced in the movie about Electrikhana. It will be fantastic to see both of these vehicles in action.

In my opinion, the event seems very interesting. It is really worth watching Electrikhana and previous Ken Block movies. They are spectacular!

Dominik Mierzwa 3E



Ford Mustang Mach-E 1400 that has just drifted. Seen against the mountains.



Audi S1 Hoonitron and Ken Block in a studio, against a black wall.

The only unexplored island in the world

Have you ever heard of a mysterious island where people live according to old customs?

The northern island of Sentinel looks as if no one lives there. It is covered with a large amount of forest. Since 1997, the island has been under a three-mile protection zone. However, it is inhabited by a lot of Sentineliens who do not want to have contact with others. They know practically nothing about the modern world. They do not want to meet new life and people.

When strangers appear on the island, they have to fight for their lives as the locals are intolerant of newcomers. One American planned to go to this island for several years, but did not even survive two days on foreign land.

The Indian authorities have even issued a ban on strangers coming to the island. Breaking the ban often results in arrest.

From my point of view, this island is unsafe for people of other origins and if the inhabitants do not want to be visited, then let people give them that tranquillity. I believe that life there is very exciting, it has not changed for many years, but it is also very insular.

Aleksandra Tyczyńska, IIa



The photo shows the island described above, which is green in colour and surrounded by the sea.

A dream place to see

What comes to your mind when you think of the best place to see? Is it an island or a country far from your home? When I think of my dream trip, I have the Galapagos Islands in my mind. There is something special about every island I know, so I cannot be indifferent to the Galapagos.

This island is in the Pacific Ocean, so it would be a long trip, but certainly a truly spectacular one. First of all, the flora and fauna is fabulous. As I look at the pictures in geographical lexicons, I am more and more fascinated by this place because I have never seen such animals. The land iguanas and turtles are absolutely gorgeous. In my opinion, the fauna is much more interesting than the flora, as I love almost every animal. The flowers I saw in the pictures were also amazing and to see them in real life would be an amazing experience.

In addition, one monument in particular catches my eye - the Wall of Tears on Isabela Island. Its history is terrible, as it was built between 1945 - 1959 by prisoners of a penal colony. The name comes from the screams of these people.

I have to admit that I have many different places that I would love to see, and this is just one of them. And do you have any dream places you want to see? What do you think of the Galapagos Islands?

Marta Krakowiak, Ila

The photograph shows a beautiful blue-turquoise sea with low mountains all around.



Do you think teenagers make up their depression?



The photo depicts a teenager in the foreground. She is holding a sheet of paper where the word 'help' is written. She is hiding her face behind the paper. She may be crying. In the background we can see a wall, so we can suspect she's in her room.

Have you ever wondered why there are numerous teenagers who suffer from depression? Nowadays the problem with mental health is common and that is why people are talking about this issue non-stop. A lot of adults, especially parents and teachers, suggest that children make up their depression. They mostly justify their opinion with saying that young people are just lazy and they are too young to be depressed because they do not know what life means. They also claim that the cause of this issue are internet and mobile phones.

Teenagers cannot agree with the opinion of adults because they do not know what being different from others and being rejected by peers at the same time mean. The present world is too cruel for a mentally weak person. Teenagers think that it is okay to feel down sometimes, no one has to be strong enough to smile and pretend everything is perfect when nothing is right.

Despite scientific research, adults are still unwilling to change their views on this matter because they believe they are always right. In my opinion adults just do not want to admit they might be wrong.

All in all, it would be a good solution to make adults see with their own eyes what children feel every day, how they are being hated just because of their looks and behaviour. Grown-up people also should realise how hard it is to live as a teenager, as a student who does not have a private life.

By Ola Piskorz IV E

Put down the phone and live

Almost everyone has a phone now and it does not matter how old you are, how much you earn or where you live. You are probably even reading this on your phone right now. Well, we cannot stop the development of technology. And I am not saying we should. But I do think it can get a bit out of hand.

Almost everyone I personally know is addicted to their smartphone in some way. This includes not only teenagers, but also adults and even children. People can spend hours and hours just staring mindlessly at a screen and scrolling through social media, believing everything they can see, read or hear online.

But there are still people here who are trying to draw our attention to this problem because this is a huge, widespread issue. Now in cities all over the country you can see posters and even signs in front of crossroads encouraging people to put down their phones and get on with their real lives. Doing this, for me, is a formidable action. Personally, I think we should do as much as possible to address this problem. This is the time to get rid of the phone addiction.

Oliwia Paśko, IIA



The photo shows people staring at their phones.

Our Queen

Have you heard that Queen Elizabeth II was the longest-reigning British monarch in the history of the world? She ruled for more than seventy years.

She died on the eighth of September 2022 in Balmoral, Scotland.

This queen had a very exciting life. Elizabeth was a wonderful woman who was very courageous and dutiful. Even as a teenager she joined a military school. She did not study at school, but was taught at home by private teachers. The Queen had four children: three sons and one girl. She was respected by the British people because she was very polite and open-minded about society.

Queen Elizabeth was always tastefully dressed. She loved bright and colourful skirts, blazers and hats so that people could see her from great distances. The woman travelled extensively around the world. She visited Poland in 1996, for example, and was also in Panama, Jamaica, Kenya, Malaysia. Canada was a particularly attractive country for her, which she visited twenty-seven times. It is also interesting to note that she loved dogs. She had about thirty dogs in her lifetime.

Queen Elizabeth was, and still is, a woman who is held in high esteem by millions of people around the world. This woman proved that she was the right person in the right position. The world will always remember her.

Patrycja Gąciarek, Ila



The picture shows three different pictures of Queen Elizabeth II dressed in beautiful and colourful outfits in each of them.

PRINCESS DIANA - QUEEN OF THE PEOPLE'S HEARTS



In the photo, I can see a young Princess Diana getting off the plane and waving to the crowd of people.

When Diana, Princess of Wales, died in a car crash in Paris in 1997, the world was shocked. This woman, still new to the royal family, died at the age of 36, orphaning two sons, Prince William and Prince Harry. Now let's find out more about her.

Diana was born into a British aristocratic family. She grew up on the family estate in Sandringham. In 1981, at the age of 20, Diana married Prince Charles, heir to the British throne. The couple had two sons, William and Harry. Despite being a member of the royal family, Diana was focused on the day-to-day affairs of her people. She was known for her charity work, particularly for children and the homeless. At London's Middlesex Hospital, she did something that no other member of the royal family had done before. She shook hands with HIV patients. Her kindness amazed everyone.

I do not know if you realise, but Diana's marriage to Prince Charles was not a happy one. The couple divorced in 1996. A year later, Diana was tragically died in a car accident. Her driver probably exceeded the speed limit and lost control of the vehicle. The whole world mourned Diana's loss.

Diana was a much-loved figure and her death was shocking to everyone. Queen Elizabeth II said that Diana was the best Princess of Wales. In keeping with Diana's dream, she is still present in people's hearts to this day.

Natalia Łuszczyn, Ila

NOT ONLY A TRADITION

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you think of Japan? For most of us, the Country of Cherry Blossom is simply a country with many traditions, such as the tea ceremony and the wearing of special costumes such as kimonos. Not only tradition, but entertainment is also important to Japanese people of all ages, especially after a long and tiring day at school or work.

The older generation of Japanese enjoys more sophisticated entertainment. Seniors prefer various kinds of shows, meetings with peers or Japanese shogi chess. It is always attractive for seniors to organise trips to hot springs. They also often enjoy karaoke.

Middle-aged Japanese, those who work hardest, have no time for entertainment. They get home so late that all they have left is television. Of course, going out to a bar or restaurant together after work can also be considered entertainment. However, for most Japanese it is more of a chore than relaxation. If a supervisor invites employees to a pub, it is impossible to refuse.

Teenagers also have plenty of entertainment dedicated to them. During the festivities they can watch parade carts, characters in historical costumes, dancers' shows and horse archery competitions.

In my opinion, it is a great way to spend your free time and keep yourself entertained. It is universally important to at least relax a little after a challenging day. What could be better than that?



In the picture I can see Japanese teenagers playing taiko drums, which have to be hit with sticks to the rhythm displayed on the screen

The Trains

I use trains three times a week. Pretty nice score, I guess. In the last 7 weeks, I managed to gather a few short stories. All that makes the whole of them is the railway. The Polish railway. Today, I want to share only a single one. It does not deserve a Nobel prize; still, I feel it's sufficient to be narrated.

In the half of October, I had my train at twenty past 7 AM. While I was having a good time going to the train station, 6 noisy police trucks crossed my way. We were heading the same direction, yet I didn't know it then. I arrived at the platform – not alone – I saw thirty policemen coming from another entry, each one was fully prepared for riot.

What were they waiting for? It was hard to judge. All I was certain of was

that they didn't meet their match. The first train was coming from the north. It stopped. The riots came closer and... nothing. They didn't let us (me and the others who were waiting) get to know that they felt disappointed. The

"southern" railway started to squeak. Then, there came the big one! About ten wagons full of passengers. "Everybody get ready!", you might guess that the police'd received that order. The train's door opened and a bunch of

people with guns, with batons started jumping off! Now, would you let them fight!...? No, these were policemen too.

By Kacper Guziak III e



Bonus: this photograph shows a broken screen on a train door (only its left side

Studying abroad

Adrianna Mularczyk IVE

Many of the young people are presented by challenge to choose the right path of their future. There are a lot of possibilities these days to educate wherever and whatever we want. Maybe not everyone is aware how easy it is to study abroad. We can easily travel and educate ourselves at one time.



In the picture we can see a map of the world, two passports, a plane and plates with names of the countries.

Moreover, apart from the advantages of studying in a new country you can also meet plenty of lovely, open-minded people who will create your personality. Having international friends is the best friendship you will ever have. The experience of living by yourself far away from your homeland will make you feel more confidence. You will have to learn how to organise your life without your relatives, because everybody is too far from you. But there is a load of online websites that help you choose and find yourself in a new place.

The opportunity of the new future has never been as easy as today. The only thing you need to do is search for a good platform to guide your way.

That one song – a short story taken out of context

And what now? I was completely confused. Should I do something? But what? After all, I couldn't... I was helpless, I was weak. Yeah, like always.

Normally I'd be with Anthony now. It was the day they didn't have a band rehearsal. Maybe he could help me? He always helped me. He was always on my side. And if I had gone to him, I wouldn't have to be here. Yes, I'll go. I just need to find more strength. What do I have to lose?

I closed the notebook that was in my lap. I didn't write anything. This time, I didn't know how to describe how I felt. God, what's it gonna be when I have to talk to someone about it? Am I going to say nothing of myself again? Nothing will be able to pass my throat again?

"I'm going out," I said and quit and left quickly. I didn't want to listen to the objection. I'd have gone out anyway, even through the window.

At Anthony's house, I felt relieved. I didn't have to do anything. I had a moment of respite. His mother opened the door and let me in. Anthony should have been at home. He was; I heard him playing his guitar loud. The sound was coming from his room.

I went in there. I found him lying on the floor playing with such passion that the whole world didn't exist for him. He wasn't a normal guy. Well, that's probably why we understood each other so well.

"I have no idea what time it is, but I'm sure you're late," he paused and turned to me. "Since when do you care so much about being punctual?", I asked him, trying to sound somehow natural.

"I don't. But in more time, more can be done. Although now..." - he hesitated but after a while he continued, "Take out the guitar, there is something I should teach you today."

Oh, God, please, no... as soon as I heard the first sounds, I felt dizzy. Was he even serious? How could he do this to me?

He played the introduction to the song I listened to every day from the recording I'd got from the rehearsal. He played that song that once made me feel better and now was the cause of my pain.

"Anthony, tell me why you are doing this to me. You know perfectly well it's just killing me," I said, gasping for breath. He looked at me supportively, "I know. That's why you should play it. This is your song. It'll help you. You know he wrote it for you. And now he's probably writing another... which he'll also sing to you. When he's ready".

"But it's my fault... Everything is my fault. I don't blame him at all. He'd be better off if he let it go", I said while sitting next to him and putting on the guitar strap. I felt that he may be right. He always had been. He knew me better than anyone else. I should trust him.

"To be honest, I'm sure when you leave me, you'll find him waiting outside your house, as always. Nothing has changed. He had a worse day and that's it. And this song is a proof of that. If you only knew how he sings it in rehearsals... Every time he sings that so emotionally, but I suspect it wasn't the same as the first time he had sung it to you, before any of us heard it. Before we started working on it."

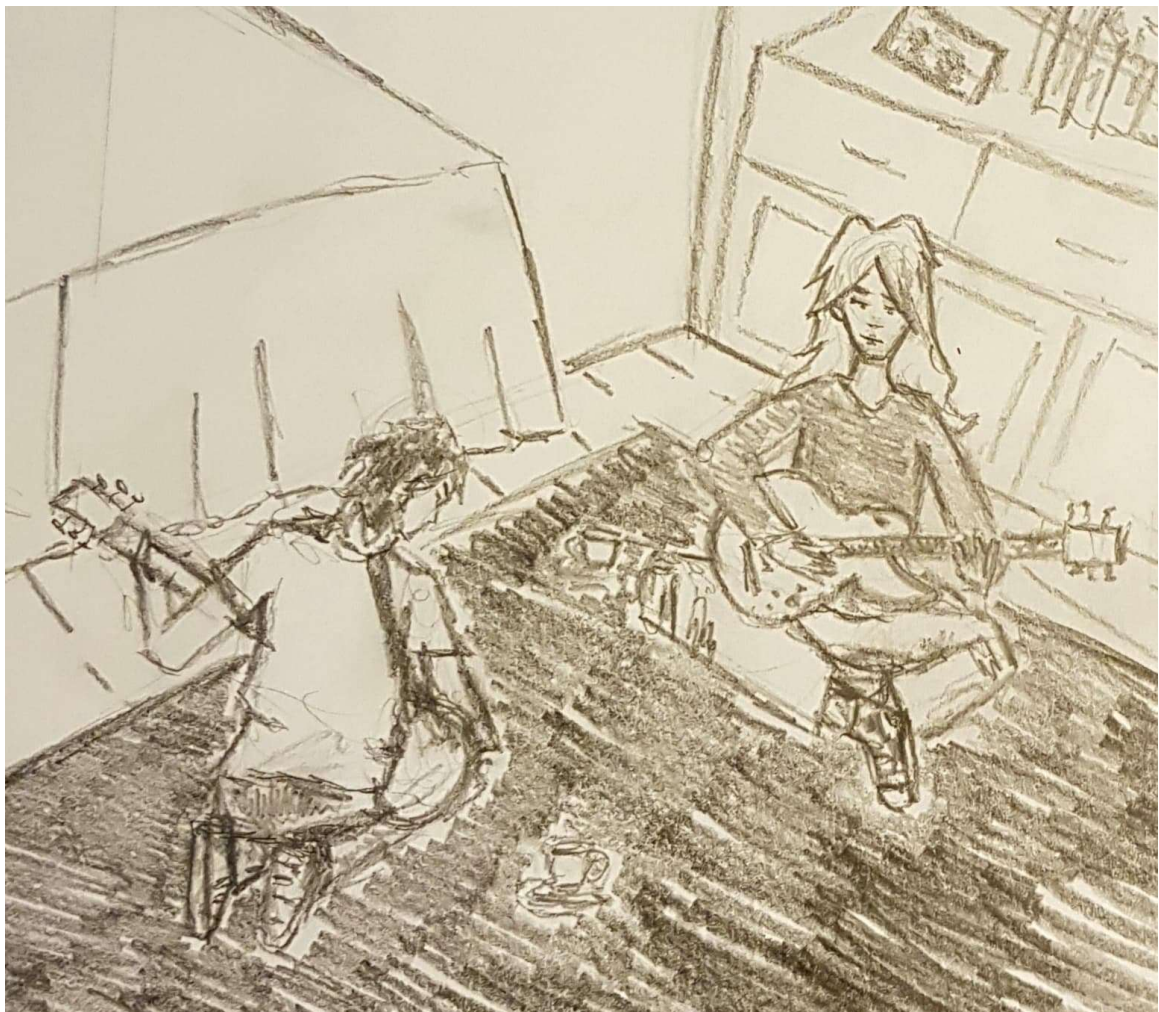
"I wish you were right, so badly," I sighed and then we started playing together.

I felt this sick song even more. It was a part of me. The best one.

"Thank you for everything," I looked at him gratefully and then I said goodbye to him. He smiled and waved at me. Then Anthony went back to playing. It was heard at the end of the street. This short man was insane. He was the best person I have ever met.

In the light of the street lamps I saw an outline of the silhouette standing restlessly. I just wasn't sure if I was making it up. No, he'd really come... Now I won't make the same mistake. I'll trust him now. I'll understand everything. After all he wrote a song about it. He really felt it. And he came to tell me about it. But what am I going to tell him?

By Leora



The sketch shows two teenagers, a girl and a boy, who are sitting on the floor in a room. They are playing their guitars.

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