

# Communicate Chronicles

INTERNATIONAL EFL SCHOOL

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#### **Welcome to our Newsletter!**

"The teachers are so dedicated and determined and make lots of activities for us - they are just great!" - Marwan, Intermediate.

"Choosing Communicate School was the right choice that I made because the teachers and staff here are like my family and I love coming here!" - Junaid, Intermediate.

Contributions from all of you are very welcome. Please speak to your teacher or our Academic Manager Rachel if you wish to take part in the next issue. It is a fantastic opportunity to show off your English skills and the experience may enhance your CV.

# A Day in the Life

I usually wake up at 5:30 in the morning and brush my teeth. I chant and meditate and then I take a shower. I have breakfast at 7:15. After breakfast I usually do housework and then meditate again at 9:00. After meditation I do my homework, then have my lunch early at 10:30.

I usually go to school by bus at 11:00 and arrive at school at 11:50. I always study English from 12:00 until 14:30. After studying I go to the ice-cream shop and then home by bus. After I arrive home I do my homework and take a shower. Then I usually chant and meditate at 18:00 until 19:30. After that I go to sleep at 20:30.



By Boom, Thailand

# Fantasy Dinner Party

Dear Martin Luther-King,

I am organizing a fantasy dinner party, which will be attended by many famous inspirational people like you.

It will be an amazing opportunity if you came to join us. We have chosen you because you were a big inspirational to so many people. Your attendance will give us a beautiful chance to let us know more about you and about your achievements. Many people and I am one of them, have a fear of giving a speech. How could you give those fantastic speeches in front of a large crowd of people, the same as you did when you gave your greatest speech 'I have a dream'?

As I said before, many famous people will attend this expected fantasy dinner part like Leonardo Da Vinci, J.K Rowling and Lady Diana, who we will have the honour of meeting them as well and learn from their experiences in life.

Regards, Zainab By Zainab, Oman

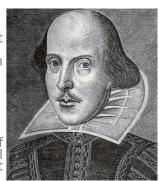




#### With Shakespeare

Meet Shakespeare or Not meet Shakespeare... I would really love to, in another world maybe!

I am not a specialist,
I haven't even read
all his writings (sorry
Shakespeare!) but I am
really fond of his way of
writing and above all
his sightedness about
the human kind.



I remember a metaphor he made that really stuck in my head: the human life compared with a theatre, a play.

In a way, this is how I see the world. I would really like to know what made him tick, how he could be such a good writer! If I could meet him, I would also ask him about the human kind and the life, like having a huge philosophical conversation with Shakespeare, how cool is that?

Besides, I am desperate to know how does it feel to be famous, some people see it as a bad thing, some others as a good things, so how would Shakespeare, a wise man, see it?

Finally, I would ask him if I would make a good 'Juliet' because it is one of my dreams to play this character! By Maud, France



## Interview

#### Interview with your teacher—Nikki

#### Why did you become an EFL teacher?

I studied English at university so my love of the language encouraged me to help others become passionate about speaking it and learn at the same time how natives use it.

#### What were you like in school?

I was in all the top classes but I was a lazy student! I was also easily distracted... but my best classes were English Language, English Literature and Spanish. Also, I loved P.E, I ran for the school and played on the netball team.

#### What do you like to do outside of work?

I don't have much time! But when I do, I love meeting up with friends, going for a drink and I always try to end up somewhere I can dance! When I can, I also like to go away and do some hiking.

#### Who is your role model and why?

Stephen Fry (author, T.V presenter) because he's overcome many obstacles, including depression and anxiety, but yet he still manages to excel in both his public and private life. And he's not afraid to admit that he has made mistakes.



How would your best friend describe you?

I think they would say that I've got a great sense of humour but can be very sarcastic! Open minded, good heart but not always on time...

What would your autobiography be called? My Own Private Disco!

If you could describe Communicate in 3 words, what would they be?

Welcoming, easy-going but vibrant!

# Celebrations Last Month

#### **Bonfire Night**

Every year, Bonfire Night falls on the same day November 5<sup>th</sup>. People in Britain celebrate this day with fireworks, bonfires, sparklers and toffee apples because it's the anniversary of a failed attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament in London. The history of Bonfire Night started in 1605 when a man named Guy Fawkes and a Gunpowder group tried to blow up King James I and his government. The reason why they did it was the religion. The Gunpowder group were Catholic and they wanted England to be Catholic again. The attack failed because one member of the group sent a letter to his friend who worked in Parliament, warning him about the attempt. The King's supporters got hold of the letter and the plot was stopped.



In November there are lots of where places people went and celebrated this day. You could watch a traditional Bonfire Night celebration with funfair fireworks in parks and the city centre. The biggest firework show was in Heaton Park where the fireworks 15 lasted minutes.

By Milena (Poland), Oscar (Spain), Raed (Saudi Arabia) and Joanna (Poland)



#### Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is a memorial day and it is part of modern British life and culture. People celebrate the day to remember the soliders who died in the First World War. They celebrate it on the 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11 o'clock. People usually have 2 minutes of silence and they usually go on parades. People now celebrate it to remember all the soldiers who died in all wars. Poppies are used to celebrate this day and they usually sell poppies in shops in November.

By Taif (Kuwait), Aliya (Kuwait), Faris (Kuwait), Jessey (China)





## Film Reviews

#### **Avatar**

It was one of the most successful films ever made because of the usage of new 3D technology. When I saw the advertisement I could not wait to go to the cinema the first day it was released. The idea of using avatars was relevant as at the time all young people had an avatar to surf the internet.

Moreover, the soundtrack was outstanding the cinematography and special effects were amazing in the beginning of the film, with my 3D glasses, I felt like I was inside the most beautiful new planet.

Unfortunately the story was predictable and it had some characters with no credibility. For example, the chief of the army was the most unoriginal ever. I think he is the typical character that usually appears in American films and is responsible for the safety of the world, don't you? Even if I watched this film years ago, I still think that Avatar was the most revolutionary movie ever made.



By Ana, Spain

### **Puzzles**

Complete the puzzles below and leave the answers in the box at the reception to win a prize. The winner will be announced at the student meeting on the last Friday of the month.

#### **Word Ladder**

Change **one** letter a time to find the answers to each clue.

SOFA - Furniture in the house.

\_\_\_\_ - The opposite of 'hard'.

\_\_\_\_ - Black powder after a fire.

\_\_\_\_ - Part of the body.

\_\_\_\_ - You wear these on your feet.

\_ - A floating car.

COAT - A winter jacket.

#### **Animal Word Jumble**

Rearrange the letters to make words on the topic of animals.

OILN GITER
ODG NAPDA
THANPLEE FEFARIG
BEZAR KYEMNA
ROOAGNKA ASUKE





Titanic

A few years ago, I watched a film and I couldn't forget the story. It is most of the most famous films in the word.

The film is a love story and the leading roles were played by Leonardo Di Caprio and Kate Winslet. The story was a real accident which happened in 1912. The story was tragic as most of the people died during due to the ship ship sinking. The distressing scene at the end of the film made me depressed and I started crying like anything. 're if you watch this movie you're going t cry.

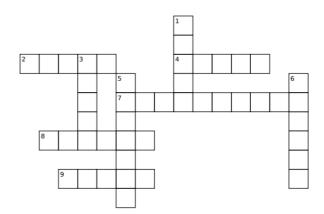
Normally, the Hollywood movies are between one hour and two hours, however this movie was a ridiculous 3 hours long.

The director of the film is James Cameron. He is the director of Terminator, Avatar, and so many other films. My sister loves the way he carried on a story. So she's already watch this film over 3 times.

The plot of the movie is very strong and suits all age groups, however there were some scenes which cannot be watched with your little brother. Anyway, I strongly recommend this film to you. Maybe you've seen it before, but it is wroth watching again.

By Yujin, South Korea

#### Countries and Cities



#### Down:

- 1. Which country has the biggest population?
- 3. What's the capital of France?
- 5. What's the smallest city in the world?
- 6. What's the biggest city in Spain?

#### Across:

- 2. Which country is located North of Jordan?
- Which country is famous for pizza?
   This is a country and city at the same
- time.
- 3. What's the biggest country in the world?
- 9. Which country has the tallest city in the world?

By Pre-Intermediate Classes

## **Useful Info**

Do you know who to contact when:

... you have an emergency and need to contact the school out of hours?

Call our emergency number 07482660030

... you have a problem with accommodation?

... you want to write an article for the school newsletter?

Contact Dora or Federica at the reception Speak to the Academic Manager Rachel

... you have a new phone number or new address? Email the new details to

office@communicateschool.co.uk

... you need help with a personal issue or have a complaint?

Speak to the School Manager Camilla

homework?

... you missed a class and you want to know about Contact one of your classmates or if not possible, email the reception

... you want to change your timetable?

Speak to the Academic Manager Rachel

# Students of the Month





... of November were Andres and Juan Pablo! Their teacher said: "They work very very hard, they started at elementary and worked their way up to upper intermediate". Good job guys, Congratulations!

# We Recommend ...



1. Play football—every Wednesday. Pay £4 at the reception by Tuesday.



2. Ladies Club - every Wednesday - come and join us for tea and cakes!



3. Christmas Markets — 4th December.



4. New IELTS Speaking Club -30 minutes every week! Book your place at reception!



5. Borrow one of the 30 new books from our library. Choose from grammar books, phrasal verbs or exam preparation tests.



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