

School life



Issue 3 - March



Hello, readers,

We are pleased to present another issue of our school newsletter. This time, it is all about spring – the season when birds start singing and the sun finally begins to shine again.

Of course, we cannot forget the star of this edition: Saint Patrick. You can read about his legend and discover how he became a saint. And if that is not quite your cup of tea, you can enjoy our comic, find out about the students' holiday plans, and try our wonderful games.

We hope you enjoy this issue!



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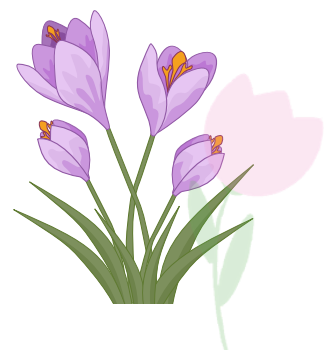
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Spring in nature

Spring is one of the most beautiful seasons of the year. After the long, cold winter, nature slowly wakes up again. The days become longer, the sun shines more often, and the air feels warmer and fresher.

Plants begin to grow. Trees start budding, and early spring flowers such as snowdrops and crocuses appear. The grass becomes greener as temperatures rise.

Birds build nests and lay eggs.

Mammals such as deer and foxes give birth to their young.

Frogs and other amphibians lay their eggs in water.



Birds that flew south for the winter return north to breed.

Fish such as salmon migrate to their spawning areas.



Animals that slept through the winter become active again.

Bees and butterflies pollinate flowers.

Animals spend more time gathering food and caring for their young.





Saint Patrick's Day



Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He was born around 385 AD in Britain. As a teenager, he was captured and taken to Ireland as a slave. During this difficult time, he became deeply religious. After several years, he managed to escape and return home. Later, he became a priest (and eventually a bishop). Patrick then decided to return to Ireland to spread Christianity.

According to a legend, he used a shamrock, a small three-leaf plant, to explain the Holy Trinity – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Saint Patrick died on March 17, 461. Today, St Patrick's Day is celebrated every year on March 17. It honours his life and his work in Ireland.

People celebrate this day with parades, music, and festivals. Many people wear green clothes, which is a traditional colour of Ireland. The shamrock has also become an important symbol of the day. St Patrick's Day is not only a religious holiday, but also a celebration of Irish culture, traditions, and history.



Carrying out Morena

Welcoming Spring in Čimelice

In Čimelice, a traditional spring celebration is coming soon, and younger students are especially excited. Schools are already preparing for this event, which is one of the oldest traditions in our country. It is a great opportunity to learn something about the past while also enjoying time with classmates.

During this tradition, we sing songs and recite rhymes as we carry a straw figure called Morena. At the end of the procession, the figure is thrown into a nearby pond. This symbolises saying goodbye to winter and welcoming spring. And, as many students would happily add, it also means going home a bit earlier!

Morena was a Slavic goddess of winter and death. In the past, people believed that by removing her, they could help bring the end of winter and the beginning of a new season. It symbolised the return of warmth, life, and the blooming of nature. Although today this tradition is mainly a fun school activity, it still reminds us of old beliefs and the strong connection between people and nature.





Spring holidays



Spring holidays are one of the most popular breaks during the school year. Students look forward to them because they can relax, spend time with friends and family, and take a break from school.

Some students like to travel during the holidays. They go to the mountains, where they can ski or snowboard for the last time this season. Others prefer staying at home and enjoying a slower, more comfortable week.

The weather during spring holidays can be quite unpredictable. Sometimes it is still cold and snowy, but other times it already feels like spring, with sunshine and warmer temperatures. This makes it a perfect time for outdoor activities such as walking, cycling, or just spending time outside.

For many students, spring holidays are also a chance to catch up on sleep and recharge their energy. Of course, some teachers might remind us that it is also a good time to revise a little... but most students would probably disagree! Overall, spring holidays are a great way to relax, have fun, and get ready for the rest of the school year.

Our school had spring holidays from 9th to 14th March. Most of the students stayed at home, but some didn't. For example:

Patrik and his family were in Egypt near the sea for seven days. He played beach volleyball. The weather was great, around 25°C. They were driving quad bikes.

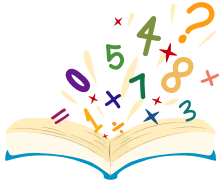
Luke was in Germany with his mother and a friend for 4 days. They were cycling and went hiking to the Czech, German and Austrian border.

Vojta was skydiving in Austria for five days. The weather was little warmer it was about 15°C but there was still some snow. His best memory was eating a noodle soup with spezi.

Interview with Mrs. Zieglerová - our Maths and Chemistry Teacher

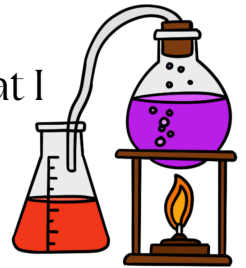
What do you like the most about our school?

„I have been working here since the year 2000, that is why I have experienced a lot. There were good and bad times, but in general I like teaching here.“



Did you always want to be a teacher?

„No, I studied Chemistry in school, it wasn't until I was 25 that I went to teacher training school.“



Why did you decide to teach Math and Chemistry?

„I have abilities for technical things and Math, I have problem with languages.“

Has teaching changed during your time as a teacher?

„Definitely, mostly changes in behavior and students feelings. Mostly in Chemistry I try to make the lesson more interesting with quizzes and so on. Math is about drill, we can't play there.“



What would you like to do if you weren't a teacher?

„I have a lot of interest in things, I don't know. I like working with kids, so I probably wouldn't change it.“

What do you enjoy most about this job?

„I enjoy, how students develop and grow. I enjoy to lead them on their journey and I'm happy to help them or listen to them, if they are interested.“



What advice would you give to students?

„Live so that you don't have to be ashamed of yourself in the future. Try not to slide to activities, that can ruin your life.“

Apple crumble

During one of our English lessons, class 7B tried something a bit different – we baked an apple crumble using a recipe from our textbook.

First, we divided into three groups. Each group had its own task, so everyone could help. We started by preparing the ingredients. Some students peeled and cut the apples, while others measured sugar, flour, and butter.

Then we followed the recipe step by step. We mixed the ingredients, cooked the apples, and prepared the crumble topping. It was not always easy, but we helped each other and had a lot of fun.

After everything was ready, we put the apple crumble into the oven and waited. The classroom soon smelled amazing!

Finally, the best part came – tasting our dessert. The apple crumble was warm, sweet, and delicious. We all enjoyed it very much.

It was a great lesson because we didn't just learn English, but also practised teamwork and cooking skills. And we would definitely like to do something like this again!



Cooking Currywurst - group 8A



We just finished a food lesson in German, so we decided to cook some currywurst! First we split into pairs and chose a working spot, then we prepared the ingredients such as onion, sausages, orange juice, tomato paste and etc. Then we started cooking and caramelizing onions and added curry, then we made chips and our sausages, and it turned out very good, some were way too spicy or tasteless but some were top notch. Currywurst is a popular German fast food consisting of steamed, then fried, pork sausage typically bratwurst cut into slices. It is smothered in a tangy, spiced ketchup-based sauce blended with curry powder and served with chips.





Learning tips

Study in Short Sessions

Instead of studying for three or four hours straight, try working in 25–45 minute sessions with 5–10 minute breaks. Your brain focuses better in short bursts of concentration.



Space Your Practice

Review the material over several days instead of cramming the night before a test.

Example:

Day 1: Learn the material

Day 2: Quick review

Day 4: Practise questions

Day 7: Final review

This method helps your brain store information in long-term memory.

Use Active Recall

Close your book and ask yourself: What did I just learn? Can I explain it without looking? Testing yourself is far more effective than simply re-reading your notes.

COMPARATIVES & SUPERLATIVES

Comparatives = comparing 2 things

Use \: **adjective + -er + than / more , + adjective + than**

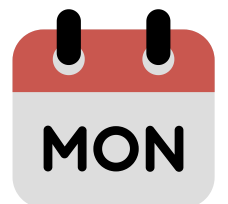
- Tom is taller than Jack.
- This book is more interesting than that one.
- Maths is easier than English.



Superlatives = comparing 3+ things

Use: **the + adjective + -est / the most + adjective**

- Tom is the tallest in the class.
 - This is the most interesting book.
- Monday is the worst day of the week



Spelling tips

- big → bigger → the biggest
- happy → happier → the happiest
- nice → nicer → the nicest

Irregular forms

- good → better → the best
- bad → worse → the worst
- far → further → the furthest

The recommendations of the school life issue 3

The song of this issue

I thought I saw your face today is a song from the group she&him from 2008 and it fits the spring vibe perfectly, it's happy and lovey dovey



A game you should try

Red dead redemption 2 is a old west themed game from rockstar studios which follows a cowboy from a gang who commits crime, then after a big event he chases redemption, a must try game with amazing graphics and story

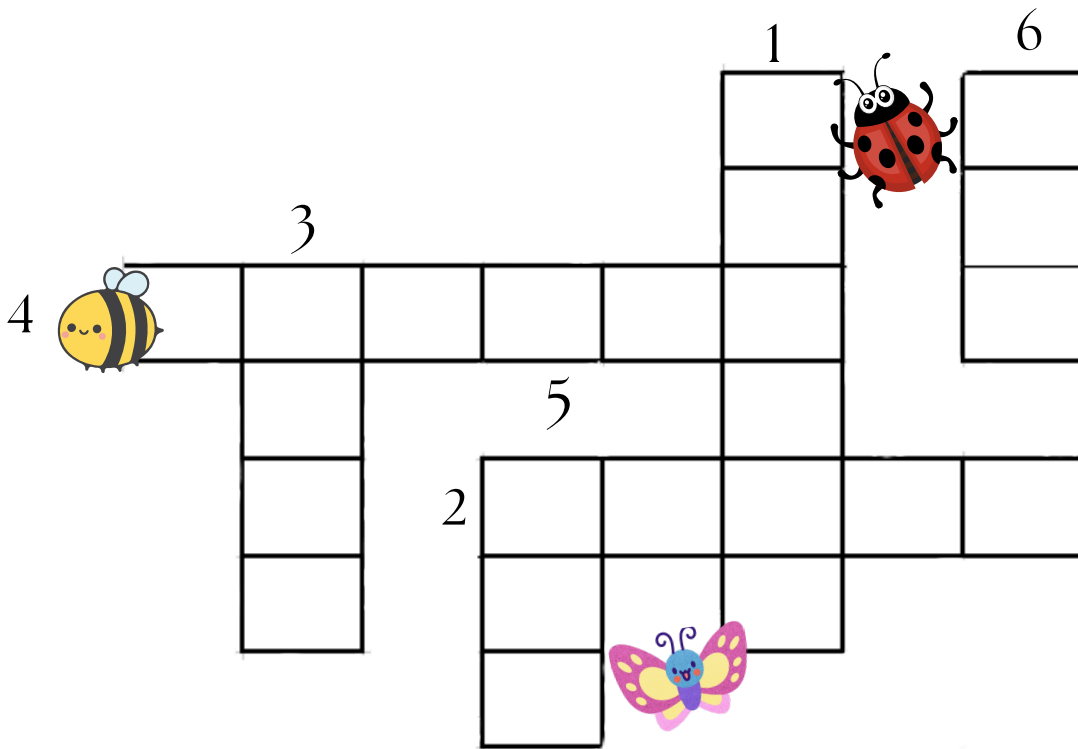


A series to watch

Percy Jackson and the Olympians is a series of books, movies and a newly released series about Greek mythology in modern America, it's about a half God child named Perseus Jackson who stumbles into the world of the Olympians.



Crossword



Across():

2. Bees are making this this delicious item.
4. What grows in spring and smells nice?

Down():

1. The season after winter
3. Baby sheep
5. A female chicken
6. It grows on trees and squirrels likes it.



Spring is back



Hello, Spring is here and I am gonna tell you more about it :)

Saint Patrick is coming back



The flowers are starting to get "alive"



Thought bubble



All of the trees are starting to feel alive



Spring is the best!!!



Are you excited for spring?