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Dear reader!

In this number of 'Our magazine' you will find plenty of articles about almost everything. There is also information about our school, reviews...etc.

We have tried to improve it by including our own short stories. We would like to thank everybody who has made this dream of publishing a new number come true again! Read and enjoy it and remember that any kind of suggestions to make the magazine ever better are welcome!

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Bob the detective.

Yesterday in the English lesson, we were correcting homework and some people read their writings about dangerous jobs. There were the typical ones about policemen, bodyguards... But Jose didn't like them and he explained to us how to do an imaginative writing. What's the best way to explain it? By writing a story together. This is our story:

Hi, I'm Bob, and I'm one of the best detectives in this town. The most difficult case I have ever solved is the one of the M&P companies:



I was in my office, like on an ordinary day when a man entered, he looked at me and said to me some words that I will never forget:

- Bob Duncan? Hi, I'm the head of one of the best companies in the world: the M&P. I have it with my associate Paul, but recently I have felt him a little bit strange.

I asked him why he thought like that and he answered me:

- He spends in the office more time than necessary, one day I saw him in my study when he wasn't supposed to be there and I noticed that someone had entered my computer, and this is the biggest problem, because I have some secret dates in my pc.

This seemed to be a very interesting case, and I really love my profession, so I gave him my hand and said:

- Don't worry, mister. I will give my best and you will have the clues you need as soon as possible.

The only thing I could do was getting involved in my business as a spy pretending to be a worker there, so the next day I went there dressed as a normal worker and I asked him an interview for work.

Luckily the one who gave me my interview was Paul, so I could spy him with time. He was a strong tall man and his face didn't look honest. As soon as my interview finished, we went out, but when we went into the room, I saw the password he used in the door, so I entered again alone and I started looking for clues.

Suddenly, I listened to a voice so I hid myself on a wardrobe. Someone went into the room, and he thought he was alone, so he started talking on the phone. Because of the voice, I guessed it was Paul. He started talking about the idea of murdering the boss. I went out of my hide place and I took out my gun.



- You are arrested, and the one who you were talking with, too.
- You don't have any clues – He answered me, but he seemed scared.
- You are wrong, mister. Somewhere there is a secret camera recording everything you have done.

Some minutes later, the police arrived and brought him with them.

This case was the most interesting case I have ever been involved, and I am really proud of my work.



The story of a chalk.

Hi, I'm *chalky* and I'm a chalk. You may think I'm not very important, because you usually break me and you rub out my words whenever you want.



I lived and worked at Niño Jesus School. I lived in classroom with young children, but I didn't like my work there, because children played with me and they pressed me too much to the blackboard.

The new teacher used me to write words and sentences on the blackboard, but sometimes she stopped because the boys and the girls were speaking too much.

There were plenty of teachers in this class, and they were very different. One of them was a man who wrote numbers with me in the blackboard. He spent his classes writing numbers and letters X and Y, and students tried to copy and to make more numbers but they usually made mistakes.

My favourite class was the one of *Arts and Crafts*. The teacher was a girl with short hair and she used me to make great pictures on the blackboard, I really enjoyed her classes. One day, another teacher, who I didn't know before, arrived at our class and she said: "Are there any chalks in this country?" And she took me to her class. That day a new life started to me. At the beginning I was quite frightened, because everything was new to me. Those people shouted more, they were bigger and they made more noise, but they were nice.



Between classes children made hearts and words with me, and at the beginning of each day they wrote the date. It was a beautiful life, and I felt great, but little by little I was getting smaller and smaller. I really loved my school and specially my new class, I learned a lot of things and the students were nice and funny.

Some months later I started to work in the new class I was so tiny that nobody could hold me. Finally I finished my life in the school, but I was very happy because I had a great time with my friends. My last night in the class I got out from the drawer and I wrote on the blackboard: "Each teacher, each class, each person is an opportunity; make the most of them"



Our school

With this writing we would like to thank you for all the help that you gave us during this time and for the regards that you leave in our hearts both students, and teachers.

The worst of the farewells is that you don't know when you are going to say again "Hi"...

When we arrived to Niño Jesus school, we were afraid of being alone and we were worried because we didn't know anyone, we were little pieces of a big puzzle, but when we started meeting people, these people that would leave us in this path, we started being friends and we became a group, our group. Suddenly, we were part of a little family in which we were supposed to be 15 years, and in all this time we became all for one and nowadays we are close friends, friends that after this long time have to say "Bye". But this isn't the final farewell, this is only the start of our life, life that we are going to live with all ours regards.

The arguments are nothing compared with the farewells...

We have had some different arguments but we always get on well. We have learned what being in a group that is always with you and that helps you is, and this is a great experience that you can't change.

Some of us stayed one more step down in the way but this doesn't mean that they have abandoned our group, they are and they are always going to be in our class. Other people arrived to our class like those ones that we told before and they are going to form part of our lives because we have been one year with them and we have beautiful regards with them.

We have been in groups for a long time, with those things we've learned that we can't be separated because we need all of us to feel better because our class has been like our second family since we were children. All the things we have done together I'll keep them all mi life like a present.

I HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN SOMEDAY BUT NOW I WISH YOU GOOD LUCK!!!



A HEALTHY DIET VS FAST FOOD

This report is intended to evaluate young people and their eating habits. Having talked to a number of young people about which food they prefer I came to the conclusion that teenagers are the group of people between 12 and 18 years who prefer eating fast food instead of a healthy diet.

Eating fast food isn't a disadvantage for our health unless it turns into an habit of your life. As I have already said, having talked to a number of young people I found that there were a number of opinions on the subject. However, most people I talked to thought that fast food is healthy. In this table you can see the reasons why people consume this type of food and the disadvantages of it.



ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
-Good taste.	-Weight excess.
-The cheapest food.	-High cholesterol.
-You can eat anywhere.	-Diabetes.
-Less time to prepare it.	-Cardiovascular diseases.
-Eat in few minutes.	-Blood pressure rise.

A research called "Aladino" collected some interesting data about the percentage of obesity here in Spain because of the poor health habits and the fast food.

The 55% of adults are overweight and more than the 45% of children are overweight or obese.



If you want to have a healthy diet these are the main habits you have to follow:

- Have a good breakfast to have energy during the day.
- Drink a lot of water.
- Do half an hour or more of exercise a day.
- Eat 5 meals a day.
- Don't eat much salt and fast food.

As a result of my inquiries, I would like to say that the best for your health is eating healthy but you can also eat fast food once a month because everybody likes it. Don't worry if you think that eating healthy is eating less because it isn't true.

So now you know what you have to do..... **GOOD LUCK!!!**



The adventures of Marisa and Fernando

Marisa and Fernando were brother and sister and they were from Vitoria-Gasteiz. They had great imagination and they invented strange stories about adventures that they would like to star.

One day they were watching the news on TV when the presenter spoke about the end of the world. "A lot of years ago the Mayas wrote a calendar that says the date of the end of the world".

When they heard the news they decided to do something to save their lives. They would build a shelter to be safe.

They started speaking about that everywhere, but everybody thought they were crazy.

Two days before the end of the world they had everything prepared, they collected a lot of food and water and they also decorated it, because it would be their new house for a long time.

The day arrived and all the people were speaking about that, some people thought that a meteorite would fall down onto the earth, the other ones that a nuclear explosion would destroy the planet. Ten minutes before the catastrophe, Marisa and Fernando went to their shelter, suddenly they heard strange noises and they were very frightened. One hour later water started to go into their shelter and they discovered that a terrible flood would destroy everything.

A week later they decided to leave their shelter. They were the only survivors and it was very difficult to begin a new life.



Most Common Eye Colours



Brown

Your brown eyes mean wisdom. You are very smart and wise. Sometimes you can get to your wild side but who doesn't!

Hazel

These nice eyes mean that you are fun loving, spontaneous and gregarious. The greener they are the funnier you will seem to the others.



Grey

Emotionally balanced. The Greek legend says that Athena, the goddess of intelligence and wisdom, had grey eyes.

Blue

People with blue eyes are kind, but they have their *ups and downs*. They're big flirts and regret a lot of decisions they make.



Green

Green eyes are said to belong to individualists, brave and bold, cheerful (but pretty naughty) and very inventive.

Expomanga 2013



What is it?

It is an event celebrated in Madrid every year since 2002. It's also known as "The International Salon of Manga of Madrid", usually celebrated before summer.

Where is it celebrated?

It's celebrated at some facilities with different areas. To enter them you have to pay a five euro ticket for one day. This event is celebrated during 3 days; usually it's celebrated on a weekend.

Areas:

The different areas are: *Nintendo area*, a commercial area where you can buy things related with manga or anime, there is a display area, there's an area where you can play videogames. There's a theatre and a stage where you can see competitions and performances.

What is Cosplay?

Doing *cosplay* is wearing clothes as an anime character, wearing an accessory or looking like the character.

The people doing so are called *cosplayers*. There are some cosplayers who have very elaborated costumes but other ones are just home made.

What type of people go there?

You can see a lot of people. Most of them are *Otakus*. That's to say, fans of the Manga and anime. Some of them are *cosplayers* too but you can see that no everybody is dressed with costumes; you can see casual dressed people.

Japan weekend

It is very similar to the Expomanga but less known. It's celebrated in Madrid, Barcelona and Valencia and sometimes other cities. It's an event celebrated with the purpose of joining people related with the Japanese culture. Usually with Japanese videogames, anime and Manga. Since 2010 famous artists from different parts of the world have attended this event.

Personal opinion

Next year I would like to go to the Expomanga and if I can't, I would like to go to the Japan weekend, where I'm going to go this year with some friends from Madrid. I would like to do *cosplay* too but without wearing a very eccentric costume because I

don't like being stared. For sure, I will be dressed as a character of an anime series because a friend of mine persuaded me to do so.

How to be happy in 5 points

Music to smile. *Listening to upbeat music not only increases the feeling of happiness and a smile on our face, it also increases our ability to perceive happy faces around us, sometimes even when no smiling faces can't be detected. Studies from the University of Groningen, which were published in the journal PLOS One, sad songs, according to research, have the opposite effect.*

Happiness depending the gender. *In elementary school, the boys are happier than the girls. Specifically, according to a study by the University of Ulster (Ireland), only a quarter of the boys are happy as reading, writing and going to school, while 44% are described as "completely happy" doing these activities. However, at the end of our lives, women feel more unhappy and dissatisfied with their achievements. Specifically, women are happier when they are 47 years old, according to a published by Anke Pagnol, Cambridge University, in the Journal of Happiness Studies.*

More television, less happiness. *What you do in your free time defines how happy you are. A study by the University of Maryland, using data from three decades, showed that happy people tend to spend more time doing social activities, reading the newspaper, going over to the polls to vote... The people who don't do that, however, spend most of their time watching television and they are unhappier.*

New experiences. *An American study published in "Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin" claims that you only need two things to be happy: having new experiences and appreciating what you have instead of wanting things. In other words, variety is the "spice of life", and happiness isn't only getting what you want, but, also appreciating what you have.*

Be happy during your life. *According to an analysis published in the Journal of Happiness Studies, the happiness makes bigger the existence of healthy people because it prevents us from falling sick. The researchers think, on one hand, that unhappiness causes stress and disrupts the immune system, Also, when we feel happy we prefer to choose a healthy lifestyle. In the University of Nebraska, 10,000 adults said that being happy and satisfied with their lives makes them healthier and suffer fewer chronic diseases.*



GREEN DAY

Green Day is a punk-rock band formed in Oakland, California, originally comprised of three members, Billie Joe Armstrong (guitar, vocals), Mike Dirnt (bass, backing vocals), and Tré Cool (drums).

The band was formed in 1987 with the name "Sweet Children", which later would become Green Day.

Discography

1. 39/smooth (1990)
2. Kerplunk (1992)
3. Dookie (1994)
4. Insomniac (1995)
5. Nimrod (1997)
6. Warning (2000)
7. American Idiot (2004)
8. 21st Century Breakdown (2009)
9. Uno! (2012)
10. Dos! (2012)
11. Trè! (2012)



Their album "Dookie" was their first successful album, but after it, they couldn't do another hit like it.

They continued in Dookie's shadow for 10 years.

They decided to take a break for some years to improve their style and sounds, and to think in which was their way to go.

The result of their lethargy was "American Idiot". With it they recovered their lost fans and got a lot of new ones.



Green Day inspired in some albums from The Who! to do this album.

The album tells the history of a central character called "Jesus of Suburbia". This character was performed by Billie Joe who was thinking in who the American Idiot was.

My opinion

I think Green Day is one of the best bands. They had had incidents with drugs and this kind of bad influences from the world of music. But their lyrics are great, and their bassist is one of the best ones all over the world.





My Chemical Romance was an American rock band from New Jersey formed in 2001. Its members were Gerard Way, Mikey Way, Ray Toro, Frank Iero. Band's had several inspirations from some bands such as Queen, Black Flag and Jawbreaker.

The band split up on April 22th of 2013 because of some problems dealing with their label, Reprise Records.

My Chemical Romance was formed by Gerard Way and Matt Pelissier after the September 11 attacks in 2001. The name of the band was chosen because of one book called "Ecstasy: Three Tales of Chemical Romance".

They started their music career in Myspace, becoming like that the first amateur band that let people download songs for free.

They had an incredible success so a discography called Reprise Records signed a deal with them.

Since then, they've recorded four studio albums:



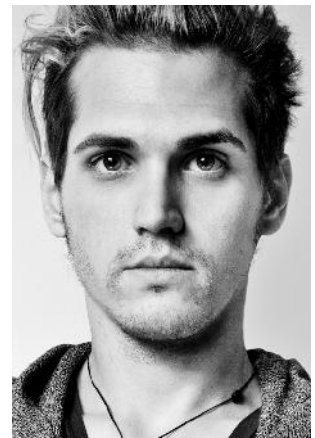
1. I Brought You My Bullets, You Brought Me Your Love (2002)
2. Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge (2004)
3. The Black Parade (2006)
4. Danger Days: The True Lives Of The Fabulous Killjoys (2010)

Here you have the main (and final) members of My Chemical Romance:

Gerard Arthur Way was born on the 9th of April in 1977 in Sumnit, New Jersey. He has Italian and Scottish ancestry and he started singing in a Peter Pan play, at his high school and playing the guitar and the bass when he was 16. As we have said before, his brother, Mikey Way played and recorded with him in My Chemical Romance. He had some problems dealing with alcoholism and drugs, but he has been sober since August 2004. On 2007 he married Lindsey Ballato and two years later they had their first daughter, Banditt Lee Way.



Mikey Way was born on the 10th of September in 1980, in Belleville, New Jersey. He is the younger brother of Gerard Way and he was the person that invented the name of the band. He played the bass on My Chemical Romance but in 2007 he left it to spend more time with his wife, Alicia Simmons; but he returned some months later. He likes punk bands such as Misfits and also metal bands such as Metallica.



Raymond Toro known as Ray Toro, was born on the 15th of July in 1977, in Kearny, New Jersey. He was the main guitarist of My Chemical Romance. He has been playing the



guitar since he was 16 and he also can sing with great harmonies and he has sung the chorus of My Chemical Romance's songs. He is married to Christa and they have just had their first son last December.

Frank Iero was born on the 31st of October in 1981, in Belleville, New Jersey. He is an American musician. He was the guitarist of my Chemical Romance and nowadays he is the vocalist of the bands Leathermouth and Death Spells. In his childhood he played the saxophone and then the guitar. His father and grandfather were drummers so they persuaded him to start playing the guitar. In 2008 he married Jamia Nestor and they have two twins called Cherry and Lily . They also had a son last year.



Our opinion

This band is mostly listened to by people who like rock, punk and heavy metal because they played this type of music. They have done some songs that are really funny, for example Teenagers , and others which make you think about the future after splitting up with your couple and about the bad and good moments you have spent with him or her.

Ana listens to this band and she says that it is one of her favourites bands with 30 Seconds to Mars, Nirvana and Guns N' Roses. Esther hasn't listened a lot from My Chemical Romance, but Ana put her one video and she liked it.

POP ART

The pop art was an important artistic movement from the 20th century that used pop culture pictures taken from the media. As the pop music, it used pop pictures with a different context or combined them with other ones, it also used the irony. It's considered the last movement of the modern art. It started in 1950 in Great Britain and United States with different groups. The 'Independent Group' was formed in London in 1952 and it's the founder of the artistic pop movement. There were young painters, sculptors and writers involved.

The pop art in Spain:

Spain had some influences about the pop art and they represented in the pictures the situation in Spain. Some famous artists were: Eduardo Arroyo, Canogar, Juana Francés, Darío Villalba, and Ángel Orcajo. Also, in 1963, there was a group in Valencia called *Crónica*. The first pictures that they did were similar as United States' pictures because these pictures came from the media. Nowadays, there are some pictures which appear in some newspapers.

Artists:

1. Andy Warhol:

He used photos of the contemporary press and he repeated them a lot of times in the same surface with a different context and using the art. Like that, he described the dehumanization that the means of communication did. "Campbell soup tin" converts a normal object, a tomato soup, in the pop culture icon. He did a lot of portraits, for example "Mick".



2. Roy Lichtenstein:

The most characteristic of Lichtenstein were his compositions of the comics, which were extensions of the characters from the cartoons, made by hand, with the same spots technique and the same brilliant and primary colours used to print them. For example, "Good Morning, Darling"; "Now, mes petit pour la France" or "Whammi!" where the comic technique was more important including the onomatopoeia.



3. Tom Wesselmann:

He was interested in women's body and in sensuality. He mixed some bodies parts with daily things. He situated these things in rooms which were decorated with American bourgeoisie things. His famous paints are *El gran desnudo Americano* and *Bañera collage n° 1*. He also included in his paints real things like phones, WC...



Assassin's Creed III

The game is set in the American War of Independence in 1777. Connor, the main character will have new weapons for you in the game, as hidden blade is the weapon of the assassins, other one is the Towarht weapon which was used by the American natives in the eighteenth century.

Another one is the bow and the arrows used to eliminate enemies,



two guns which serve to kill enemies quickly, and a completely new weapon is the dart or dart rope cord which kills enemies and hangs them from trees, attract them to your position or drag them.

Changes will also be presented on stage, showing more variety in them: there will be

snow-covered areas, making it difficult to walk our way so as to climb. In addition to this, we follow the trail of enemies through the snow, showing a greater reliance on that stage that we are.

In Assassin's Creed III the environment in which they developed the game is more realistic.

In this game we will not see groups of people walking in



circles separated from each other, for days, people just sitting on benches with a space in the middle, doing nothing or just quiet groups of people moving lips or saying just a little conversation but instead each NPC has its own life and things to do in given moments if every NPC will go leaving character at the time to mingle with the public.

In Assassin's Creed III the cities have become more interactive as the old games. Characters can go through the buildings that have windows open while these actions are automatic and cinematic so we can't stand in the middle of the room to see what's inside. They will change the way they move. If for example it is raining the roof will be slippery and it will be easier to move through the soil through the roof as in winter we will make it easier move through the snow on the roofs for snow covered roads to the waist.



My experience in Ireland

This summer I went to Dublin, the capital of Ireland. I went there to learn more English, The day that I arrived the host family went to pick me up to the school. In my case I went to my “new house” with another boy from Bilbao who was my neighbour.

The mother of the family was very friendly and she explained to us where we were going to live, what we were going to do in those three weeks...

In my Irish family there were five members: the father (he was a firefighter) the mother (she was a hairdresser) and three children, all of them were so cute and very very friendly.

The routine of all the days were: waking up at half past seven, having breakfast, taking the bus, and going to the school. In school we had three hours of study, there we learnt Irish, Irish geography, we sang songs, we spoke about different topics...

It was fantastic.

At the weekends we stayed in family, and we did different things, for example: I went to the biggest shop centre of Europe, the *Drumdrum*. Another day the family



brought me to a little “village” called Westford. This village was special because it was like a camping and the houses were called “mobile houses” but they hadn’t got wheels. Another day I went to see the film of Spiderman in 3D but of course, in English, it was a new experience.

I remember that one day the sons were out, and I went with the family to a restaurant to eat something, there were a lot of foods that cannot be found here, but that day I wasn’t hungry and I only ate nuggets. Then we went home and we played to the Xbox, we had fun.

Another day, I went to a zoo and there I saw a lot of animals : pigs , horses ,birds ,rabbits,...(There was a little green area where there were a lot of little rabbits)

That day I dropped with all the family in a big car (also the cousins), and after going to the zoo we went to a beach of the south of the country (it was the most beautiful one that I have seen in my life).

Our last year



We are students from 4th ESO-B and as you all know this is our last year at school.

We have been here since we were almost 3 or 4 years old, and now, these 16 year old teenagers are about to leave the school. We have done a lot of

activities, but the most important one is the close relationship that we have developed since we were children.

Despite the difficulties we have had, we have reached our goal and we are about to finish the last term.

At first, when we were younger we didn't have a lot of things to learn but little by little we have jumped all the obstacles and we have gone up stairs. It has been difficult for us to get good marks but with the incredible help of our teachers, we have been able to pass all these stages.

Now we have to choose our next school in order to continue with our studies. Some of us are going to study a grade and most of us are going to do High school. We have one week to take this key decision and we are under pressure. We all know that in a future we will have to walk different ways.

This last year we have been to Salou as the last class excursion. We only spent there 3 days but thanks to this activity we have known each other more than we thought.

In May our school always celebrates a festivity to remember the birth of Santa Joaquina, a wonderful woman who involved girls at school and gave them an opportunity to study. She was also the founder of our school. In this celebration the schools holds some activities.

We know that it will be a difficult way because we are going to take dissimilar studies so we are going to miss all the people who have been with us in our childhood and in our adolescence. We are sure that we are going to be in touch.

YOKO ONO: A SINGULAR WOMAN

One year ago, a person called Yoko Ono started following me on Twitter. When I saw it, I thought that it was a fake account, but suddenly, I realised that there was the symbol of the authentic account! Amazing!! Since that day, I've been reading about her life and she is a really interesting woman. Did you know that she was a child during the Second World War? Or that she has got married three times? Yoko Ono is more than John Lennon's widow. Here you have a little biography of this singular woman.



Yoko Ono was born on the 18th of February in 1933 in Hanoi. She's a descendant of an Emperor of Japan and also the daughter of a very important Japanese banker called Eisuke Ono. At the age of eight, she started school in the exclusive Christian primary school run by the Mitsui family; four years later, during the Second World War's great firebombing of March 9, she was sent with the younger members of the imperial family to the Karuizawa mountain resorts' special bunker. When war finished, her family moved to New York City and there Yoko started studying in Sarah Lawrence College. In 1956, when she was 23, she married Toshi Ichianagi, but they got divorced in 1962 after living a lot of years apart. On the 28th of

November that same year, she married the jazz musician Anthony Cox. From their marriage was born Kyoko Chan Cox in 1963. Unfortunately, they had a lot of problems and they hit each other so they finally got divorced in 1969.

Ono first met John Lennon when he visited a preview of an exhibition by Ono at the "Indica gallery" in London on November 9, 1966. Since that day John referred to her in many of his songs and they started a relationship during his marriage with Cynthia Lennon.

Three years later, John and Yoko got married in Gibraltar. The same year, they were arrested because of cannabis possession and Lennon started drinking heavily; the couple had a really important and serious argument but luckily, they made it up. In 1975, when they had their first son, Sean Lennon, John stopped working in the music's world to become a househusband and to look after his son until he was murdered in 1980.

Yoko has always been an activist for peace and human rights. For example, when she married Lennon, they held a "Bed-in for Peace" in their honeymoon suite from Amsterdam. She supports the same sex marriage and she's



released a fashion collection to raise money for charities. The designs are a bit singular, but she's also; so that's the final legacy she has left on us by now, she's a singular woman indeed!

The X Factor (UK)



The X Factor is a famous British television music competition; it is also broadcast in Australia, the U.S.A. and Ireland. It was created to replace Pop Idol, by the programme judge member Simon Cowell and it started to be televised in September 2004. The first presenter was Kate Thornton (2004-2007) and now, the presenter is Dermot O'Leary. The first judges were Simon Cowell, Sharon Osbourne and Louis Walsh, but now, they have changed, for example, this year these are the members: Louis Walsh, Gary Barlow, Tulisa Contostavlos y Nicole Scherzinger. There have been nine winners of the show since it started: Steve Brookstein, Shayne Ward, Leona Lewis, Leon Jackson, Alexandra Burke, Joe McElderry, Matt Cardle, Little Mix (who now are a British four-piece girl group) and James Arthur, but also from this show some artists have appeared that haven't won the X Factor, like One Direction, that at the moment are a very famous British and Irish boy band.

The X factor has had 9 seasons and it has been one of most successful pop idol TV programmes. This programme has different categories, like, boys, girls, groups, "over 25s" and "over 28s".

Each participant has a mentor who judges his or her participant in his or her own house and then, they can appear or not in the live show. The selected participants move into the X Factor's house to take part in the live shows. Then, in those live shows the singers sing a song, if the crowd likes it they pass and if the crowd doesn't like the song, they must repeat it and if they aren't chosen they must leave the X Factor's house (they're eliminated). The winner of The X Factor wins 1 million and a contract with Syco Music Company that is associated to Sony Music.

At the end of the season, The X Factor makes "The X Factor Live Tour", that is a tour which goes around the UK and Ireland, there the finalists of the seasons are those who sing on the live tour.



THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER

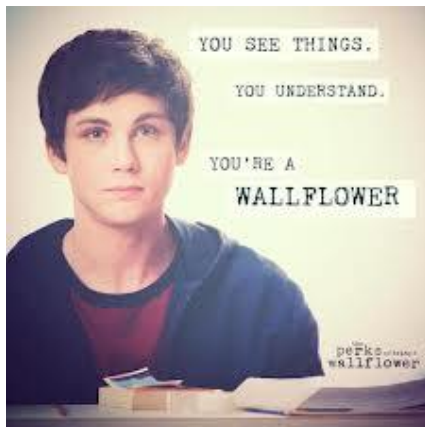
The perks of being a wallflower is an American film based on a 1999 novel. It was shot on 9th May 2011 and it was premiered on 21st September 2012. The film director and the writer of the novel is Stephen Chbosky.

This photo is the cover from the book and at the same time it is the billboard poster for the movie.



THE BOOK

The book is made of letters from Charlie (Main character) to a friend. And the writer tried to make the reader feel like that friend. In the letters Charlie narrates his experiences during his first year in high school. The first day he didn't talk to anyone, except the literature teacher. But then some days later he met two guys from year before, Sam and Patrick, who are step-siblings. They were a group of wallflowers, but are happy and have a lot of great moments.



When Charlie was young his aunt was a really nice person and he loved her, because he thought that she was the only person who understood him. But she died in a car accident on Charlie's birthday.

Before Charlie came to high school his best friend killed himself, and Charlie was very sad.

At the end of the book he discovered something very weird.

THE FILM

In the film Logan Lerman plays the role of Charlie, Sam by Emma Watson and Patrick by Ezra Miller.

One of the reasons that the book and the movie became so famous is because of the amazing quotes that Charlie and the other characters say. The most famous quote is: "we accept the love that we think we deserve".



THE MONA LISA PAINTING

The Mona Lisa or the Gioconda was painted by Leonardo Da Vinci. It is in the Louvre museum in Paris. Its name ,the Gioconda, comes from Gioconda's husband's name, Giccondo. It's an oil painted on a wooden board. It was painted between 1503-1519 and retouched by the painter. The gioconda is very famous because it has many mysterious things around it and also because is the last painting by Leonardo. Leonardo used the technique of sfumato. It consists in shading the outline. The painting has a crack of 12cm in the top half.



Leonardo used to play with shadows and lights. An ultra



modern camera digitalised the Gioconda's painting. This technique allowed them to work without touching the painting. With this technique, scientists found the original colors. At the bottom of the painting, we can see two different

landscapes: one on the right and the other one on the left side. But a very strange thing happened with this painting: the model doesn't have eyebrows or eyelashes.



The woman appears sat in a gallery because on the left side of the painting, we can see the base of a column.

If we have a look at the landscape on both sides, they are totally different. At the top it is inspired by the Alps and at the bottom we can see the city of Bobbio and Lake Como in Italy. When we look at the left side, the model is more erect.

But nowadays, the Gioconda is still a mystery.



Big Time Rush



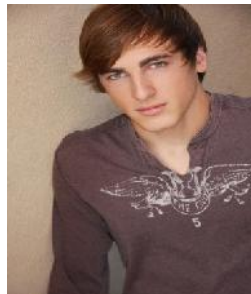
The Big Time Rush is a music group. It has got four members in the group, Logan Henderson, Carlos Pena, James Maslow and Kendall Schmidt.

Big Time Rush is a TV programme too, and the members from the group work with Ciara Bravo, Stephen Kramer Glickman and Tanya Chisholm. The TV programme

is about four boys that are hockey players but one of them (James) wants to sing and the four boys go to a audition to be famous. The director of the programme is Scott Fellows. The programme started on 18th of January of 2010. It has 6.8 million of spectators.

On 31st March 2011, Big Time Rush was confirmed by MTV, as the PUSH artist of the month again, and they released the song “boyfriend” as a duet with Snoop Dogg

This group have a lots of songs: Big Time Rush (like the name of the group), Any Kind Of Guy, Windows Down, If I Ruled The World, WorldWide...



TAD, THE LOST EXPLORER

Tad, the Lost Explorer was created by Spanish film-director Enrique Gato in 2012. This film was produced by *Mediaset Spain* and it premiered in 3D format on the 31st of august 2012. The film lasts about 92 minutes. Some of the Spanish actors that are voiced by the actors José Mota, Michelle Jenner and Oscar Barberán.

This film had a lot of publicity before its premiere.

Summary:



Tadeo Jones is a Spanish bricklayer who lives in Chicago. He dreams about being a famous explorer. His friend Miguel Humbert gave him an opportunity to be an archeologist to discover the lost city of Paititi in Peru. There, he met Sara, Jeff and Belzoni who will accompany Tadeo and his dog in this adventure. But also he would compete against other enemies to discover the lost city faster than them.

A song was released for this film a long time before the film. This song is called “te voy a esperar” and it is sung by Juan Magan and Belinda. It became very popular and it was released on 7th of August of 2012. You can find more information on many different websites.



So disgusting!

Each country, city or village has its own traditions and customs and in gastronomy. We can find many weird recipes around the world. These are some some examples:



1) **Lutfisk:** we can find it in Scandinavian countries. It is a kind of fish cooked with caustic soda. This food has a terrible smell.



2) **Wine of small rats:** it comes from China and Korea. It consists of a bottle with rats inside and then it's covered with wine and rice.



3) **Crocodile heads:** we can find this meal in some provinces of China. To cook it you have to fry the crocodile head and cover it with a sweet

sauce.



4) **Balut:** If you want to prepare this recipe you have to cook one duck egg, fertilized with the embryo. We can find it also in Asia.



5) **Dancers shrimp :** We can find it in Thailand. For this strange dish you have to take a live shrimp from one lake and put it into your mouth, and you have to chew it until the shrimp

stops moving .

Paris Saint-Germain

PSG wasn't very popular some years ago, but in 1998 they qualified for the UEFA Champions league and they became more popular. Before PSG, there were two teams called Paris Football Club and Saint Germain Football Club, but they both joined together in 1970. Nowadays, PSG is very popular, it is the best club in France and it is always in the top positions in its league.

In PSG there are some good players, such as the top Swedish striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic. David Beckham is also in this team, and he came in the winter transfer market at the end 2012. Recently they have played in the "UEFA Champions league" quarter finals.



These are their titles:

- 1 Intertoto cup
- 2 "Ligue 1"
- A "Ligue 2"
- 2 Trophée des champions
- 2 "Coupes de la Ligue"
- 8 "Coupes de France"



ZLATAN IBRAHIMOVIC' Zlatan Ibrahimovic' was born in Malmö, a city in Sweden, on the 3rd of October in 1981. He has played for Ajax, Juventus, Barça, Milan, Inter and PSG. He is one of the most important strikers for PSG and one of the best Swedish strikers ever. He has scored 30 goals this year for his team and he finished as the top goalscorer in the "Ligue 1".





One Direction is a British-Irish boyband formed by Zayn Malik, Harry Styles, Niall Horan, Liam Payne and Louis Tomlinson. The band was formed in 2010 as part of the programme “The X Factor” by Simon Cowell and Nicole Scherzinger. First they went to the programme individually but the judges put them into a group because they thought that they could be better together. They decided to call the group “One Direction”. Finally they came third in the competition.

Their first single is “what makes you beautiful”, in 2011 and it became number one in the UK and Ireland. With this song they got a Brit and an MTV video music award. After that they did a CD called “Up all night”. After that, they did another CD called “take me home”. The first single of the second CD is “live while we’re young” it was in the top ten most sold singles. Their second single was “little things”. Nowadays they are travelling all over the world promoting the CD “take me home”. They took part in an event with “children in need 2012” to get money for poor children. They went to Africa and they recorded a version of “one way or another” to help them.

LOUIS TOMLINSON: was born on the 24 of December of 1991 in Doncaster. He has four sisters, Phoebe, Lottie, Felicitie and Daisy. When he was 11 years old he got a role in the film “fat friends”. He went to school but he left because he didn’t pass his first course and he worked as a waiter in Doncaster Rovers Football Club. Louis participated in “The X Factor” singing “Hey there Delilah”. His idol is Robbie Williams, they worked with him on the programme. Now he has a girlfriend call Eleanor Calder.

ZAYN MALIK: was born on the 12 of January 1993. He has three sisters, Waliyha, Doniya and Safaa. He grew up in Bradford. When he was a child he was hyperactive. In 2009 he did an audition for X factor but he left the program because he was ashamed. After that, he did another audition and he enrolled in One Direction. He has a relationship with Perry Edwards from Little Mix.

LIAM PAYNE: was born on the 29 of August of 1993 in Wolverhampton. He has two sisters Ruth and Nicola. When he was born he had a lot of problems that the doctors discovered three weeks after. The doctors said that these health problems were because only one of his kidneys worked. He wanted to be a professional runner, so he goes running everyday. But he decided to be a singer when he discovered his talent at school. While he was studying he suffered from bullying. He auditioned for the first time in The X Factor in 2008 but Simon Cowell drove him out because he was too young. In 2010 he auditioned again and then he joined One Direction.

NIALL HORAN: was born on the 13 of September of 1993 in Mullingar, Ireland. He had a brother, Greg. When his parents got divorced they had to live sometimes with his mother and sometimes with his father. Then they decided to live with his father. One day he was singing in the car and his uncle thought that it was someone from the radio, but he realized that it was his nephew. He entered the “The X Factor” in 2010 and he said that he wanted to be a popular singer like Justin Bieber or Beyoncé.

HARRY STYLES: was born on the 1st of February of 1994 in Cheshire. He has a sister called Gemma. His parents got divorced when he was seven years old. Before going to the “The X Factor” he worked in a bakery. In 2010 he auditioned with the song “isn’t she lovely”. He likes The Beatles and Coldplay.



Moai

A moai is a stone statue that can be found only on Easter Island, owned by Chile.



It's believed that the statues were carved by the inhabitants of the island, the rapanui, between the XIIth and XVIIth century, as representations of their ancestors.

There are more than 600 moáis distributed over the whole island and they are made of volcanic stone.

They are fitted into holes in the ground, so we can only see their heads, but they have bodies. They all have their faces looking inland and some statues wear a cylinder on the head.



The same residents of the island knocked down some of them, probably during wars.

They thought that in order to move them along the island they had to use ropes over roads of which there is still some proof.

WORLD RECORDS

The biggest videogame controller



It measures 366 cm x 159 cm x 51 cm. It was created by Ben Allen and Stephen Van't Hof and Michel Verhulst helped. To play with this control pad we need at least 2 players.

The heaviest bike

It weighs 750kg. It was made from bicycle pieces, four little back wheels and one big front wheel of 1.95m high. It was made by Wouter van den Bosch for the Fine Arts museum but he isn't sure if it's art or not.



The biggest paint in 3D



Joe and Max did an anamorphic paint on the floor of 1160.45 m². This attributive art was presented to the people in the West India Quay, London to celebrate Guinness World Records Day.

The biggest cake

The weight of this cake is 6,818 tons. It was made in New England (EEUU). The cake had seven floors and 59,000 people could eat it. They needed lift trucks to raise every floor.



The highest slide

The highest slide in the world is at Kilimanjaro.

It was built in 2002 and it has a height of 49.9 meters, and descends with a 60° slope and at a speed of 96 km\h.



The biggest hot dog



It has got: ketchup, bread, mustard and a sausage.

It weighs 3 kilograms and measures 1.4 meters

It was made in Chicago in the USA (United States).

If you wanna eat it you'll have to pay 80€.

The smallest bull

It is only 29 months old, its name is Archie and its breed is Dexter.

It is from Antrim (It is a county in the Northern Ireland).

It's 76 centimetres high.



The biggest collection of barbies



Bettina Dorfmann is 52 years old.

She is from Germany and she started collecting dolls 20 years ago. Nowadays she has got more than 15,000 dolls.

Curious things about:

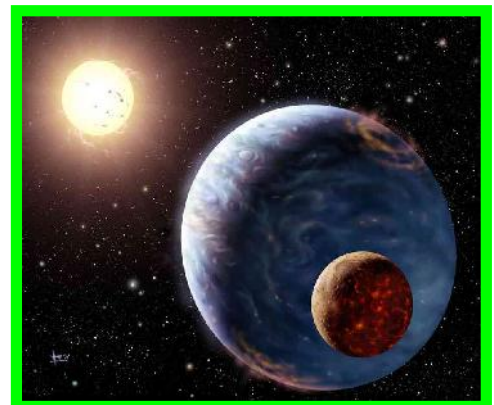
The human body

1. Every day we lose more than 100,000 brain cells. A bottle of wine kills millions.
2. Our brain consumes 70% of the calories in our body.
3. 75% of our body weight is water.
4. We can spend 7 days without food, but we die in 48 hours without water.



The earth

1. The speed of light is approximately about 300,000km/second.
2. The biggest hailstone weighed 1kg and it fell in Bangladesh in 1986.
3. The Earth is 4,560 million years old, as are the Moon and the Sun.
4. The biggest tree in the world is an Australian eucalyptus that measures 123m high.
5. A water drop can reach the speed of 28km/h.



Animals

1. The eyes of the giant squid measure 38cm; they are the biggest in the entire planet.
2. The biggest dinosaur was the Seimosaurus, 30m high and weighed more than 80 tons.
3. The gestation of the African elephant lasts 22 months.
4. The gestation of the short nose bandicoot lasts only 12 days.



THE BEST EIGHT FESTIVALS:

La Tomatina

This festival started 7 decades ago when some angry merchants started a food fight. The people there thought this fight was funny and decided to participate in the fight. This tradition has become very famous around the world.



La Tomatina is celebrated during the last Wednesday of August, in Buñuel, Valencia.

30 thousand people go every year to this village. It is recommendable to not bring expensive clothes and bring goggles to avoid any problems with your eyes.

La fiesta de la Luna llena

The beginning of this celebration comes from a little party celebrated in the 80's, during the hippy decade. Nobody knows how this celebration has lasted till now, but the number of visitors increases every year, 20 thousand more people year after year, more or less.



It is celebrated every month when there is a full moon.

It is essential to wear normal clothes, make up for the face and good shoes to dance.

Burning man

This festival is perfect for those who love weirdness. The most important thing of this festival is each main part, which consists of a 72 feet wood statue. This statue is burned on the very last day to give an ending to the whole festival.



Another important thing about the burning man festival is that everything is via exchanges, so money is useless.

This festival takes place only eight days before

"Labor day" in the USA, in a great desert in Nevada. Things for exchange and also camping material are necessary to gain access to the party.

Songkran

Is there a better way to start the year than forgiving all the sins we have done?



This is a very wet festival in Thailand where a huge water party takes place every first of January. For this one, it's convenient that you choose old clothes, so you don't care too much about them. You also must have a lot of

water, and of course, the ability to have an amazing time is also very important.

Glastonbury festival

In this very special festival they try to mix earth, music and art. So, it's a three day long festival full of concerts and different performances.



It's held on the very last week of June and you are supposed to bring a tent, a sleeping bag and finally but not less important, the tickets!

Bay to breakers

This festival is a 7 mile costume race and a beer barrel race. It was created to help the population of San Francisco enjoy themselves after the earthquake they had suffered. It has been carried on til now. It is held on



the third Sunday of May, when people wear a costume, although some of them prefer to go naked, and drink much beer!

EGYPTIAN CIVILIZATION



Ancient Egypt was located in the north of Africa, around the River Nile. It was captured by the Roman Empire and they left in 31BC. Egyptian people could live because the Nile provided water for their harvest. The Egyptian people called the desert “red land” and the valley “black land”.

The Ancient Egyptians taught small children to be scared of crocodiles and hippopotamus.

The pyramids were the most important monuments in Ancient Egypt. In the pyramids they buried all the pharaohs who died when

they were twenty years old, because they had a poor life in there. The builders had to be prepared for the hard work that they had to do.

Since that moment they built a lot of pyramids.

In the pyramid there were a lot of traps because they didn’t want anyone to destroy the pharaohs or steal something from there.

When a person passes away, their body disappears over time. Because of that, the people in the Ancient Egypt put something in the body of the pharaoh because they didn’t want the body of the pharaoh to be destroyed.

In the first step they took the heart, the lungs and the other organs that waste away immediately and then they put inside of the body of the pharaoh strange things. After that, they put the body of the pharaoh into the sarcophagus. They also placed inside a lot of treasures near the sarcophagus and they buried the sarcophagus with his servants although they were alive.



Coliseum

The Coliseum is a roman amphitheater of the roman age. It was built in the first century. It's located in the center of Rome, in Italy. At first, it was called "Amphitheatrum Flavium" but then they called it Colosseum because of a big statue situated near it, the Neron Colossus. It has been declared a World Heritage site in 1980 and it is one of the New Seven Wonders of the Modern World since 7th of July 2007. ///The Coliseum is next to the roman forum.

The Coliseum served as an amphitheater where famous fights and sea battles were held and plays about roman mythology took place. 50,000 people can fit inside the amphitheater and it has eighty rows of seats. In the roman coliseum between 500,000 and 1,000,000 people died because of these famous fights.

We actually don't know the architect who designed the roman coliseum. This is true in most roman buildings. It was finished in 105 A.C. Some years after the Hipogeo was built.

The floor was made of wood, the floor was destroyed and nowadays we can only see the Hipogeo. The Hipogeo is a myriad of tunnels and dungeons. It was used for the plays, the actors and the gladiators stayed there and waited until the plays and the battles began. The floor



was covered with sand and gravel.

The Coliseum has a drain system, because after the sea battles the water had to drain out.



STRANGE CUSTOMS

CHEESE-ROLLING AND WAKE

Cheese-rolling and wake is an event which is celebrated once a year, on Spring Bank Holiday at Cooper's Hill. This hill is near Gloucester in an English region called Cotswolds. Nobody knows the origin of this tradition, but the first mention of it was written in 1836. People from all over the world participated in this event which has been very popular during the last few years.

What you have to do in this event is run down Cooper's Hill to win the cheese thrown down, called Double Gloucester. Because of the large number of participants, many people get injured. Four races are celebrated during this event.



CHESSBOXING

Chess boxing sport takes place in a ring and alternates between two minutes of boxing and four minutes of chess, there is a minute break between them. In total there are twelve rounds.

You can win by way of KO or because of a checkmate, but if any of the chessboxers don't win in this way, a jury decides. The current world winner is Nikolai Shazin, a 19 year old Russian.



HOROSCOPE

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You're happy at work, but try to be more patient in other things, like listening to your family, friends.....

You have to change something from your work because you are extred, but be aware! you can get in love during this week.

One important person in your life is going to have some health problems, so it's not going to be a good month for you and your relatives.

Be carefull with some of your friends, some people will try to destroy you phisically, your family might help you.

Leo, this month is going to be a special month because you're going to meet someone special but you don't have to trust in all the people that say that they love you, be careful!!!!

You have had bad experiences in the past but you have to try to smile and be positive in the future.

This month it will be good, because you will go out and you will meet new friends, and it will happen something important in your life.

You can be mean sometimes, and will probably knock your beep out, if crossed the wrong way!! .

This month sagitario will be very relaxed. They will have a good month.

Escorpio are good friends, they always look out for their friends with caring and generosity and will protect them should the need arise and encourage them with their natural optimism.

You're often inclined to keep your opinions to yourself to maintain the peace. However, someone may push your emotional buttons today and provoke you to say more than is necessary.

Capricornio is a special symbol because the scientists say that a lot of Capricorns have the same personality, they have good mood, but if they have a bad day be careful!.