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Earth is our home

XVII International Youth Festival of Musical Creativity "Earth, our common home" was held on April 27 in Sysert House of Culture. Young artists from the Czech Republic, Azerbaijan and China took part in the festival.



More than 700 people took part in the XVII International Youth Festival of Musical Creativity "Earth is our common home". These were teams from Azerbaijan, Egypt, Kazakhstan, China, Mongolia, Tunisia, Uzbekistan and the Czech Republic. Youth collectives from different regions of Russia, Buryatia, Bashkortostan and Crimea came to Yekaterinburg. From April 25 to April 30 they all competed in four categories: vocal, choreography, instrumental art and folklore. The winners received the grand prix of the festival - 50 thousand rubles and a statuette in the form of a blowing angel made of Ural stone.

The XVII International Youth Festival of Musical Creativity was held by the Sverdlovsk State Children's Philharmonic with the support of the Government of the Sverdlovsk Region, the Ministry of Culture of the Sverdlovsk Region, the Ministry of International and Foreign Economic Relations of the Sverdlovsk Region, the Ural-Siberian Association of UNESCO Centers and Clubs.



The Czech choir "Carmina" opened the concert program. Thirty charming girls and two young men under the leadership of the choirmaster performed several compositions. The Azerbaijani folk group "Alov" ("Flame") sang a beautiful song "Oh, that is not evening" and showed an incendiary and gentle dance. Young Azerbaijani musicians played the national string instruments - canon and tare. Two instrumental compositions were presented by young musicians from China. The artists of "Charm of rhythm" sang a song "Moscow Nights". The participants of the festival were dressed in their traditional national costumes. All the stage shone brightly with all the colors of the rainbow.

The audience were cheerfully applauding to each performance. When the concert was over, everybody was full of positive emotions and energy.

The show ended with the performance of the Ovation song theatre from Sysert.

Yulia Vorotnikova
Photos by the author

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Famous Russians

April 12 is the UN-declared International Day of Human Space Flight. On that day in 1961 legendary Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin made mankind's first ever voyage into space aboard the Vostok-1 spacecraft.

Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin (9 March 1934 – 27 March 1968) was a Soviet pilot and cosmonaut. Gagarin became an international celebrity and was awarded many medals and titles, including Hero of the Soviet Union, his nation's highest honour. Vostok 1 was his only space-flight, but he served as the backup crew to the Soyuz 1 mission, which ended in a fatal crash. Gagarin later served as the deputy training director of the Cosmonaut Training Centre outside Moscow, which was subsequently named after him. Gagarin died in 1968 when the MiG-15 training jet he was piloting crashed.

On 12 April 1961, 6:07 am UTC, the Vostok 3KA-

3 (Vostok 1) spacecraft with Gagarin aboard was launched from Baikonur Cosmodrom. The five first-stage engines fired until the first separation event, when the four side boosters fell away leaving on the core engine. The core stage then separated while the rocket was in a suborbital trajectory, and the upper stage carried it to orbit. Once the upper stage finished firing, it separated from the spacecraft. The spacecraft orbited for 108 minutes before returning to Earth, landing in Kazakhstan. As planned, during descent Gagarin ejected from the capsule and parachuted to the ground. Gagarin thus became both the first human to travel into space, and the first to



orbit the Earth. His call sign was *Kedr*.

The radio communication between the launch control room and Gagarin included the following dialogue at the moment of rocket launch:

Korolev: "Preliminary stage ... intermediate..... main..... lift off! We wish you a good flight. Everything is all right."

Gagarin: "*Поехали!*"

Gagarin's informal *poyekhali!* became a historical phrase in the Eastern Bloc, used to refer to the beginning of the Space Age in human history.



The statue of Yuri Gagarin in Greenwich, London, is a zinc statue depicting the cosmonaut wearing a spacesuit and standing on top of a globe. The figure was originally unveiled on 14 July 2011 at a temporary location in the Mall, close to Admiralty Arch and facing

the statue of Captain James Cook. It was later moved to the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, at a site overlooking the Prime Meridian line, and was unveiled at the new location on 7 March 2013. There had been an unsuccessful proposal to move it to Manchester.

School life



Great Victory - 74



One of the most remarkable public events in Russia is Victory Day. It is traditionally celebrated on the 9th of May. The holiday marks the capitulation of Nazi Germany to the Soviet Union in World War II in 1945. It became the end of the Great Patriotic War for the USSR, which lost more than 25 million citizens in the four years of fighting and starvation.



Every year all cities across the country have lots of parades and celebrations. Many people have lost close relatives and friends in this terrible war. Almost every family in Russia has a person who didn't return from the battlefield. On this day we are grateful to our saviors, to those who sacrificed their lives for us.



There are some traditions that we follow. We give flowers to veterans and lay wreaths at war memorial sites. At home, we gather around a festive table to honor survivors and honor those who passed away.

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School Concert «Music of Victory»

Our talents

"FROZEN" : WELCOME TO THE PREMIERE!



The day of the premiere. We finally made our film! More than 100 people came to the presentation to see it, the hall was full. A little intro from our headmaster Mantavya Marwah, a small talk about the film and 10 minutes of total attention. Then our team was invited to the stage. We finally saw and felt audience's reaction. Faces full of emotions... We were very happy to see all of them there!



We have some reviews about our film from different countries. And we have our first selection in London by famous Pinewood Studios. This is an adult film festival, so, our chances aren't big, but the selection itself is quite an achievement for us.

London's Review:

We're very grateful to you for giving us the opportunity to be the first to see this truly great film! It touched our souls! We still have tears that we can't stop. This is really powerful work. Thank you for it! Your film made us think a lot and understand a lot. Thanks to "Frozen", we met ourselves. Thank you!

The actors played well, especially the main character Emma. She had a difficult task, but she coped with it by 200%. She was sincere and true with us, which was very important. The poem was so cool it scared me. Your poem like rays penetrated till the bone. "Frozen" is a magnificent film! Well done!

Last year I became a member of "Globe

Film" project in my local language school. Many students of our school took part in it, too.

We all joined a real film-making pipeline which includes 3 main stages: pre-production (plot, script, story boarding), production (actual filming) and post-production (editing, color-grading, music). We all had got our own roles in the project. Somebody was an operator, the other became an actor, etc. Everybody of the team did something that they were good at. This year our work was much more professional then last year. At that time we barely knew each other. We got an important experience and became close friends... We spent much time together!

It gave me so much - lots of new emotions, knowledge, English speaking practice. It all made me more confident in using English. It was the main goal of the whole project.

Last year the students from schools 1, 6, 23 of Sysert took part in shooting the film "Catcher of Time". The film "Frozen" was made later.

After "Frozen" presentation our headmaster Mantavya Marwah told: "Today is an excellent day. We had more than 100 people watch our film. Each and every one of you did an amazing job and your film shows it. The life of Frozen has just begun and now it will travel to more than 20 countries in the coming months. I'm very happy that I was part of Project Stardust 2.0..."

Alexandra Mavletdinova, 7A



We are the winners !



Marina Kushenkova (1D), Zlata Prosvirina, Anna Bedskikh (2B), Maria Kucheryavaya (5D), Daria Tarabaeva (6A), Sofia Belousova (6C), Marta Mangasarova (6B), Arina Prosvirina (7B), Vera Starikova, Alexandra Balakina (10A), the members of «OVATION»

«Vivat, St. Petersburg!» A wonderful trip

We'll tell you about our amazing trip to St. Petersburg. We were invited to the International Contest "Vivat, St. Petersburg!". While going by train, we drew and painted pictures, read books, told funny stories. On May 3 we arrived in St. Petersburg. The weather was nasty, but our mood was great! We were met by the guide and we went on an excursion around the city of St. Petersburg. We saw many interesting places: the Winter Palace, Saint Isaac's Cathedral, Gulf of Finland, famous fountains of Peterhof. All the fountains are big and beautiful and each of them has its own history. We also visited the most beautiful metro stations of St. Petersburg: Pushkin station, Sennaya square, Institute of Technology, etc. We liked "the second capital of Russia" very much!

On May 5 our art group "Ovation" took part in the contest. We performed four songs in three nomination. The results were wonderful: the 1st place in 9-10-aged group, the 2nd place in 11-12-

aged group, and Grand Prix of the Contest!!! It was an exciting moment! All the teams were invited to the stage for summing up. We were happy to become the winners! After performance we went to the hotel to celebrate my sister Zlata's birthday. That day was full of emotions: we laughed and cried, jumped and danced!

On May 6 we walked around St. Petersburg. In the evening we had to leave an amazing city which gave us so many happy moments!

On May 8 we arrived in Yekaterinburg. We were welcomed by our parents and friends with flowers and balloons. It was a great trip! We'll never forget it.

Maria Kucheryavaya, 5G
Arina Prosvirina, 7B

Our talents



Ekaterina Andreevna Pavlenko, a prize-winner of VIII Municipal Festival of musical creativity of educationalists, nomination - "Vocal".



THE FLOWER OF STONE *by Pavel Bazhov*



THE FLOWER OF STONE

It wasn't only Mramor that was famous for stone carving, folks say there were craftsmen in our villages too. Only ours mostly worked with malachite, because there was plenty of it, and the very finest kind. The things they made, you'd just stare and wonder how they did it.

There was a master craftsman in those days called Prokopych. He was the best there was in carving, none other could come near him. But he was getting old, so the Master told the bailiff to give Prokopych an apprentice. "Let some lad learn his craft, all of it, to the last secret."

But Prokopych—maybe he just didn't want to give away the secrets of his craft, or maybe it was something else, but he didn't teach any of them

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vase and ran away.

The village was full of rumors after he disappeared, but no one knew where he had gone. Three years passed. Katya did not marry. After her parents died she came to live with old Prokopyich and helped him in his work. But soon Prokopyich died, too, and Katya lived on her own. She did not have any money, so she decided to try making some brooches.

She went to Serpent Hill hoping to find good pieces of stone. But at the hill she remembered her beloved Danila and wept. Suddenly she saw a beautiful piece of malachite.

Katya took it home and tried to carve several brooches. She worked hard and well and her carving beautifully set off the natural patterns in the stone. Katya was happy when she sold her works to a merchant in the village. She thought, "My brooches are the best in his store. I was lucky finding that malachite. Maybe Danila helped me?"

She ran again to Serpent Hill looking for another good stone. But she thought again of Danila and burst into tears, sobbing, "Where are you, my beloved friend? Why did you leave me?" When Katya looked around it seemed to her she stood in an unfamiliar woods, and the mountain opened before her eyes. "Here is the magic mountain," she thought. "Maybe I could see my Danila".

When Katya looked down, she saw a man who looked just like Danila. The man raised his hands

toward her. She wanted to jump down to him, but the vision disappeared. She told her relatives what she had seen but they did not believe her and decided that she must be ill.

The next day Katya ran to the hill hoping desperately to see Danila. Her sister followed her. Katya came to the same place and found herself in the magic woods. She started to call out, "Danila, where are you? Answer me!" The echo answered: "He is not here! He is not here!" Then suddenly the Mistress of Copper Mountain appeared and demanded, "Why did you come to my garden? If you need the stones, take what you wish and go away".

Brave Katya replied, "I don't need your dead stones. Give me my Danila back. You don't have the right to take another's fiance". The Mistress laughed. "Do you have any idea whom you are speaking to?" Katya cried out, "I am not blind, I know who you are. I am not afraid of you! Not at all! And I know that Danila wants to come back to me". The Mistress said, "All right, let him speak then".

At the same moment Katya saw Danila. The Mistress said, "You have to choose, Danila-Craftsman. If you go with her, you will forget everything you saw and learned in the mountain. If you want to stay here, you have to forget the rest of the world".

To be continued...

All a sudden the Mistress of Copper Mountain appeared before his eyes. Danila began to implore her: "There is no life for me without seeing that Flower!"

She replied, "I could show it to you, but afterwards you will regret it. Those who have seen my Flower have left their family and come to live in my mountain. Think about Prokopyich and Katya who loves you".

"I know", shouted Danila, "but I must see it." "All right", she said. "Let's go then to my garden." So she took him and showed him the wonderful Stone Flower.

In the evening Danila came to the village. His fiancée Katya had a party the day before the wedding. At first he had fun, danced, and sang songs, but then he became sadder and sadder. To Katya's questions he replied that he had a headache. After the party he returned home, broke his

Sysert Porcelain Factory: traditions and modernity



Our schoolmates visited Sysert Porcelain Factory. Tours of the Sysert Porcelain Factory made them acquainted with all stages of production, with the history and modern secrets of making quality porcelain products. Here they took part in a master class on painting porcelain products and sticking labels on the cups. During the excursion,

teenagers visited the roasting shop, the artistic porcelain shop and the molding shop, where plant employees showed them all the stages of porcelain production.

During the tour, our classmates were told about the history of the creation and development of the Sysert Porcelain Factory, which is a unique place for the manufacture of highly artistic items.



found its own unique style – painting household utensils and folk Ural house painting. The compositional motif "Sysert-skaya rose" was firmly established at the plant together with hand smear painting. At present, iconostasis has become a priority for the factory. Sysert iconostases adorn the temples of Verkhoturye, Nevyansk, Yekaterinburg and other towns and cities of the Urals.



An outstanding Ural writer Pavel Bazhov became the art inspirer of the plant. "Mistress of the Copper Mountain", "Danila-Master", "Golden hair" and other series of sculptures were made on the basis of his fairy tales. Description of the process of making porcelain and the works of masters and artists helps to evaluate the exclusivity of products.



Sysert Porcelain Factory was founded in 1960 on the basis of the ceramics production cooperative, and in 1963 the staff was enlarged with artists who increased the artistic level of the factory's products. In 1970, the factory

Today Sysert Porcelain Factory maintains the best traditions of the Ural folk art crafts. New raw materials allow to increase the whiteness and transparency of porcelain

to the level of world standards. A new generation of artists and technologists makes a new direction in the development of traditional craft. Products "Porcelain of Sysert" has a great popularity, both in Russia and abroad. The products of the plant are loved by customers for their impeccable quality, which is achievable only in the manual version, the whiteness of porcelain, respect for traditions and sense of modernity. Sysert Porcelain Factory preserves and develops the traditions of folk art of the Urals of the XIX-XX centuries. Among its popular items are tea and coffee sets, dinner sets and individual objects, as well as small series and individual decorative objects such as vases, jewelry boxes, gifts designed to decorate various interiors.



Some Churches of Moscow



Moscow is a very big city. Its people practice many different religions, but almost all of its places of worship are Russian Orthodox. Wikipedia says there are 711 Russian Orthodox churches and chapels in Moscow. I photographed a number of them last October and am presenting a half dozen here. I selected churches that you may not have seen before - most people have seen pictures of St Basil's Cathedral!



*Church of the Conception of St Anne
in the Corner*



*Church of the Tikhvin Icon of the
Mother of God in Alekseevsky District*



*Church of St Maximus the Blessed
on Varvarka*

Saint Anne was the mother of Mary and the grandmother of Jesus. Her church is on the eastern edge of Zaryadye Park near the Moskva River. Its full name ends with "in the Corner" because it was located in the southeast corner of the old fortification wall. That wall surrounded the Kremlin and Kitay-Gorod. St Anne's is one of the oldest churches in Moscow, and was first mentioned in writing when it burned to the ground in 1493. The stone church was built in the middle of the 16th century. The building was restored in the 1950s.

The Church of the Tikhvin Icon of the Theotokos is located in the Alekseevsky District. It's close to the Museum of Cosmonautics and VDNKh (Exhibition of the Achievements of the National Economy). The church was completed in 1680 and the bell tower added in 1824. Alekseevsky Cemetery adjoins the church. It's a large, compact urban graveyard surrounded by a wall. Many noteworthy people are buried there, including the locally venerated hieromonk Innocent (Ivan Ignatievich Oreshkin).

Sparrow Hills' first wooden church was built during the 15th century. At that time, the land belonged to the Vorobyov boyar family. Trinity Church was mentioned in 1644 as a "very ancient" church in the Village of

Vorobyovo. A stone church was completed in 1813 and survives, a little altered, until today. The village wasn't quite so lucky. It was completely demolished in 1956 after the nearby Moscow State University was completed.

Znamensky Monastery no longer exists, but several of its buildings, including the cathedral, still stand on Varvarka Street. In the 16th century the land belonged to the Romanov boyar family. There are two versions of the monastery's origin: it was founded in 1631 in memory of the "great nun" Marfa (Kseniya Ivanovna Shestova - mother of Mikhail Romanov); or it was founded in 1629 to honor the birth of an heir to Tsar Mikhail I. The cathedral was badly damaged by fire in 1668, and rebuilt in 1684.

Saint Maximus's church is located on the northern edge of Zaryadye Park. Maximus (Maksim) was a holy fool [юродивый] in Moscow. He died in 1434 and was buried in a tomb at the Church of Boris and Gleb. He was canonized, i.e. declared to be a saint, in 1547. In 1568, after fire destroyed the wooden one, a white stone church was built. Saint Maximus was reburied in the new church, which was consecrated in his honor. The stone church was almost completely rebuilt in 1699, and the result extensively renovated 1965-67.



Cathedral of Znamensky Monastery



Church of the Holy Trinity in Ostankino



*Church of the Holy Trinity
on Sparrow Hills*

The Church of the Holy Trinity is located on 1st Ostankinskaya St. It's next to Ostankino Palace and across the street from Ostankino Pond. A country estate, including the original Holy Trinity Church, was built at this location in 1584. However, the buildings were destroyed during the Time of Troubles (1598-1613). The current brick and stone church was built between 1677 and 1692. Ostankino Palace was built between 1790 and 1798. Today the City of Moscow operates the Ostankino Museum-Estate, which the church complements but is not part of.

**Bruce Bertrand,
Lake Placid, USA**
Photos by the author

Leaders of the Year: The future starts today!

**18 May 2019: XVIII Meeting
of active senior pupils**



The meeting was held in our school. Students from the 7-10 grades of different schools of Sysert district took part in the meeting. All the participants were divided into groups and worked in discussions, interesting master classes, shows and exhibitions on different directions. Senior pupils from Sysert schools had a good time, made new ideas and got lots of positive emotions!

Our schoolmates Alexander Antropov, Elizaveta Pasyutina, Vyacheslav Filyakin were given letters of thanks.

We are proud of our creative schoolmates!



Our guests



Our school museum

In every school there is something that helps to keep the history of school building, its students and teachers. Our school is not an exception. We have a "Museum of the history of our village and school". The mu-

seum's exhibits help to develop students' tolerance and patriotism. Thematic tours are often held and war veterans are often invited to the school.

Our museum was founded in 1982. The head of the museum is Galina Alexandrovna Ognivova. All the visitors of museum can get acquainted with the life of peasants' huts, the history of the pioneer organization and many other interesting things.



We often take part in contests and shows. It is necessary for everyone because thanks to it children

study the history of their homeland. Our museum is not a silent keeper of the past but a source that develops the students' qualities and skills necessary for our future.

***Svetlana Ekaterincheva, 10th Form,
School № 16, Nikolskoye***



Our football-players

Chess Club

There are many clubs at our school. Many pupils attend the Chess club. I will tell you about it.

Chess club is very interesting. Everybody can measure one's strength in games with other opponents. Sometimes we take part in chess tournaments in the town of Sysert or Yekaterinburg. Our chess-players often take top places in competitions.

Our Chess Club is led by Sergey Sergeevich Vyatkin, the teacher of Art. He plays chess very well and can beat anyone! I am a member of the club and I really like it. I participated in the tournament and took the 3rd place.

Our leader explains us the winning tactics in chess. Sergei Sergeevich often plays with us. My schoolmates who can't play chess well but want to learn this sport come to our club. Sergey Sergeevich tells and explains everyone how to play right. He tells children about the chess figures and much more! Do not be shy! Come to our wonderful club!

***Uliana Mironenko, 5th Form
School № 16, Nikolskoye***

I want to tell you about our School Football Club. Football is a game played by two teams of eleven players. One team usually scores another one. In our school there are two teams: senior and junior. I am a member of junior team.

The leader of our Football Club is Yakushev Viktor Sergeevich. I am a goalkeeper. We have trainings twice a week. At the weekends we like to play with teams from other schools.

I like playing football. This game is popular all over the world. It helps to make new friends. It develops my physical strength and skills. I dream to be a professional footballer in the future.

***Yaroslav Ozhegin, 5th Form,
School № 16, Nikolskoye***





"Chuggington": English is fun!

Everybody loves travelling, and even more so if this is traveling by trains from Chaggington! On March 27, an English holiday for pupils of the 2nd grades «Chuggington» («Chuggington's Engines») was held in school №15 of Sysert.



Four schools took part in the arrangement: №18 (a teacher Yu.A. Lysenkova), №16 (E.A. Dergunova), №1 (G.V. Maksimenko), №5 (O.Ya. Eshchanova).

School teams received tickets and set off for stations where secret missions and exciting adventures awaited them. Together with the orga-

nizing teachers E.B. Golubkova, A.Yu. Sharnina, A.V. Beloborodova, the lessons were conducted by pupils of 5-9 grades of School №15.

When "locomotives" arrived at the last station, they were expected by a pleasant surprise from the teacher of foreign languages E.B. Golubkova – master class

"English pudding".

At the end of the trip, the participants and their leaders received certificates, thank-you letters, small prizes, and also a good mood!

*Anna Beloborodova,
school №15, Sysert*



BRITISH BULLDOG - 2019



Every year our schoolmates from 4-11 grades take part in the Contest «British Bulldog».

This year Maria Kucheryavaya (5G), Artyom Kochetkov (6A), Alexandra Mavletdinova (7A), Timur Novosyolov (9A), Uliana Mukhlynina (11A) took the 1st place at school and district level.

Well done !!!

Discussion Club

Computers: pros and cons

Computers have become an important part of our lives. We use them everywhere: at school, at work, at home, in the hospitals, at the shops. We can't imagine our life without computers and electronic devices. We use them for checking home tasks, watching maps, downloading different documents, paying tax, buying tickets, etc. They help us to save a lot of time and energy.



Of course, my computer is my best friend. It helps me to get any information in a couple of seconds.

Computer-based training is what is most suitable for busy people, saving their time. I actively use various tutorials and games, tests, online courses. In a cozy home environment, I learn English by talking with the teacher. Here, regardless of my age, I can improve my level of English. In addition, I can simply communicate in various social networks with peers and relatives, as well as make new friends in many countries. And, of course, a computer for me is: movies, favorite music, exciting games.

What harm can you expect from a computer? As for me, my eyesight has deteriorated. Many of us have Internet addiction, and it is very difficult to get rid of it. Computers can be dangerous from the point of view of the fact that now there are a lot of scammers, as well as really dangerous people. Asocial people often offer themselves as friends who may try to incline you to terrorism or suicide.

As they say, trust but verify!

Vasilina Starkova, 5C

But what about our health? First of all, computers are harmful for our eyes. The most number of people who work on computers wear glasses. More than that, computers make us lazy. We don't want to use information from books - we just find it on the internet. We don't meet our friends every day, because we can just talk to them online.

What computer is for you - a

Computer is our assistant at work and rest. It is a source of information and means of communication. It helps us to study and entertain. If choose useful programs and games children can learn to write quickly and correctly, do the tasks, broaden their horizons, etc. Computer is a good helper for disabled people. Using computer they can communicate and even find a suitable job.

But it is worth remembering that using computer for a long time may have negative consequences. First of all, computers damage people's eyes. To be healthy we should not use computer more than 1 hour a day.

Alexander Buzuev, 5A



useful tool for study or the worst enemy for your health? Find the golden mean and enjoy your life!

Kirill Khvoshch, 5D

To be successful means...

I think, all people want to be successful. But what does it mean? Somebody says: "To have enough money, much time, a good family and job, to be healthy". In my opinion, to be successful means to have a goal and achieve it ONLY by YOURSELF. To be successful in career and relationships isn't enough to have a success in life. Success doesn't need money, somebody's help or something else, only your wish and plans. I think, to be successful is the ability to do things you like. Simple, doesn't it? Maybe, yes. But not many people achieve it and become really successful in their lives.

How to become a successful person? Just do what you love every day, be happiness and don't give up the way to a goal.

Alexandra Mavletdinova, 7A

Who is a successful person? In my opinion, the word "success" means different things for different people. One person wants to be rich and to have an expensive car. Another one wants to have a small and cosy house for his loving family. There people who dream to be famous actors or singers...

For me to be successful means to have a well-paid job and loving family. A successful person is the one who knows how to set goals and achieve them. This is someone who knows how to overcome difficulties.

My example of a successful person is my brother. He is only twenty-four years old, but he has a high-paid job, loving family, his own car and a beautiful flat.

Ekaterina Maximova, 9A

How to spend free time



Everybody has their hobbies. Despite the fact that I have little free time, I try to spend it on my hobbies: dancing, watching interesting films, reading books, meeting friends. I am a pupil of the secondary school. So, to have excellent academic results I always have much homework to do.

I have one day off. On Saturdays and Sundays I usually help my mum about the house. Then I have a rest. What to do depends on my mood. Reading, dancing, talking or chatting with my friends on the phone, or just lying on the sofa.

I think we must do something interesting in our free time because we become bored and tired after everyday hard studying and doing homework.

How do you spend your free time? Share your ideas and opinions about interesting and useful spending free time and hobbies.

Olesya Kolyasnikova, 6C

There are a lot of different ways to spend free time according to your hobby, age and interests. At the age of 10 teenagers might like computers, at the age of 14 teenagers might like walking with friends, at the age of 18 they might like clubbing.

As for me I like reading books, playing computer games or just watching TV. It depends on my mood. If I feel a little bit sad I better

stay at home and watch a movie. Sometimes me and my family go to the country for playing basketball, football or frisbees. I like it very much because all of my family gather together. My mum cooks some food to take with us so after playing together we have a fantastic sandwiches and hot tea. What can be better!

Kirill Khvoshch, 5D

Sometimes you may feel boring. You did everything you could do, but you still have much free time... I've got some tips for you.

Try to do something special, something you haven't tried before! Visit some cities you haven't visited before! Taste some food you haven't tasted! Do something you haven't tried to do yet!

Read books! The world of books is great! Reading can help you to concentrate yourself, it can tell you about a lot of things you didn't know. While reading, you can find a lot of answers you were looking for a long time.

Play musical instruments! Do you like listening to music? I'm sure you do! And what about composing music yourself? You can learn to play the piano, the violin, or the guitar, as I do.

Alexander Bogomolov, 7A



Teacher's comments

School magazine as a means of developing students' cognitive interest in learning English

To be popular among the readers the magazine should have fresh ideas, new interpretation of old themes, and new original topics. The magazine should provide its readers with unusual, creative unexpected information, give the ideas to think over and discuss with friends, relatives and teachers. It should be connected with its readers. They should have an opportunity to write to the magazine, to come here with their problems and be sure that the magazine will be able to help them. So the magazine is successful only if it has close relations

with its readers.

Our magazine contains information and materials written in English, and it is rather difficult not only to compose it but also to write it in English correctly. So our authors are the pupils who really love English and have fluency in it, and of course our English teachers who are always ready to help their pupils. Many students who don't have fluency in English yet (among them the pupils of Primary school), want to become correspondents of school magazine. So, without any doubts, they have

to do all their best to improve their English. They have to work hard to learn English grammar and increase their vocabulary. They often read books in English, write compositions and sketches, translate texts from English into Russian and from Russian into English. So, making English magazine schoolchildren develop their cognitive interest in learning English and improve their English.

Elena V. Vatoropina



Keep up your English

English Idioms



Выражения, которые не стоит понимать буквально и переводить дословно, чтобы не попасть в неловкое положение.

Выучите их, чтобы сделать свою речь более живой.

To take the cake - не торопитесь брать пирог, это значит «превзойти всех» (в хорошем или плохом смысле). Отдаленно напоминает русское «возьми с полки пирожок».

A leopard cannot change its spots - как человек не может изменить свою натуру, он «такой, как есть», так и леопард не может изменить пятна на шкуре. Хороший аргумент для тех, кто не хочет меняться.

Blood, sweat, and tears - выражение означает огромные усилия или напряженную работу. Буквально «кровь, пот и слезы»: в русском есть близкое «семь потов сошло».

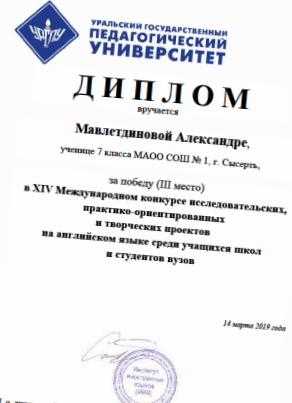
Pushing the envelope - это выражение про человека, который всегда предлагает что-то новое и выходит за рамки привычного.

To save your breath - буквально «побереги дыхание», значит что не стоит тратить силы и говорить о том, что не принесет пользы. Лучше промолчать и не сотрясать воздух.

To know where the bodies are buried - когда услышите это, не пугайтесь - в этом предложении нет ничего о настоящих захоронениях, русский аналог: «вот где собака зарыта» - значит понять в чем суть дела.

To be continued...

Our achievements





We wish you a great vacation!