



Edition Five, February 2022

EGS takes to the slopes!

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On the 9th, 10th and 11th February, as has been the tradition since 2016, the Middle and Primary School students and staff headed off excitedly by bus to the ‘Piani di Bobbio’ for their annual ski trip.

After picking up their boots, poles, skis and helmets at the ski hire centre they travelled up to the slopes by cable car. The students were then divided into beginner, intermediate and advanced levels as well as



those who fancied trying snowboarding, before meeting their instructors for a two hour lesson.

After the morning skiing the students were ready for their “delicious lunch at the ‘Baita Stella’. This was French Fries, pasta, polenta and meat cutlet” reported Nicolas, G6.

On the second day the advanced ski group tackled a black slope which gave them immense satisfaction. The snowboarders also learned so quickly that they were soon able to take on red slopes as well as venture down a black one!

The third day’s lessons ended early to make way for the incredibly popular bobsleigh race with students competing in house teams.

When Emerald won the cheers could be heard echoing, ...ing, ...ing, ...ing around the mountains!

All in all everyone loved the three skiing days. The students really appreciated the help and tips from their instructors. Leonardo G6 particularly enjoyed Miss Micol’s Disco music on the bus which “made the journey great fun on Day “ Manuel G3 declared that the bob races were “a very good experience, absolutely to be repeated!” Students are already looking forward to next year’s trip!

Politicando con Chiara Braga

G8

“Il mio non è un lavoro a tutti gli effetti, è più un servizio per il nostro paese”. Martedì 8 Febbraio 2022 Mr. Giuseppe ha invitato a scuola la politica Chiara Braga e la sua collaboratrice Carla Gaiani. Via Zoom hanno parlato della loro esperienza lavorativa nell’ambito politico. Con le loro parole hanno potenziato la coscienza civica degli studenti di Grade 8, i quali hanno ascoltato con passione.

Chiara è stata la prima ad introdursi e ha parlato del suo percorso da politica, deputata del collegio di Como. Alle elezioni politiche del 2008 è stata eletta per la prima volta alla Camera dei Deputati, tra le liste del Partito Democratico. Chi sono i Deputati della Camera? Sono persone che fanno parte del Parlamento

Italiano, vengono eletti da tutti i cittadini che hanno diciotto anni o più; il loro ruolo è quello di proporre, votare disegni di legge, presentare interpellanze, interrogazioni al governo e proporre mozioni. Infine dal novembre 2017 Chiara lavora come presidente della commissione



Parlamentare bicamerale d'inchiesta sul ciclo dei rifiuti e degli illeciti ambientali, in particolare sul sistema dei rifiuti della città di Roma. Poi si è presentata Carla, la collaboratrice che ha aiutato di più e che lavora da più tempo con Chiara. Alla fine gli studenti hanno fatto varie

domande. È stato chiesto inizialmente l’orientamento politico, per poi passare a domande più complesse; per esempio, come la vita di una parlamentare si svolge e se le attività quotidiane portino stress e quanto siano difficili; come previsto, ha spiegato che è necessaria molta dedizione a causa della responsabilità messa sulle spalle di tutti i parlamentari, specialmente negli ultimi anni a causa della pandemia e per la votazione del nuovo Presidente della Repubblica che marca un momento importante per il futuro dell’Italia siccome quest’ultimo è il rappresentante dell’unità nazionale.

Questo incontro è stato molto speciale per la Grade 8. Chiara e Carla hanno insegnato molte cose nuove sul Parlamento Italiano. Loro erano delle persone uniche e spettacolari e hanno usato del tempo molto prezioso per l’English Gate School.

Project in progress!

G7

In January Middle School teachers announced the Galileo Galilei project to Grade 7. This project was introduced in 2021 and gives the students four months to design, create and present an innovative project of their choice. This could be making a piece of art, a dress, pottery, jewellery etc or producing something such as an app, website or video. The possibilities are endless!

The project will be presented to other students and Grade 7 parents in the middle of May.



The project started with a written letter (a proposal) for each student to show the teachers what they wanted to create. The students were then assigned a Project Manager to mentor them.

To help us on 17th February Riccardo-Joe from Grade 8 came to give us some tips. He drew a timeline showing us how to plan our project during the month of

February. He explained that 20% - 30% of the project should be finished by March and 80% should be ready by the end of April. The last month should be used to practise presenting our work. He emphasised “being aware of time and being ready to use complex vocabulary both in English and Italian”. He also advised us to “be prepared to fail and to keep trying.”

This project enables us to develop our soft skills such as managing our time, our public speaking to an older audience and our self awareness. Mrs Hoatson encouraged Grade 7 students with her favourite motto “Where there’s a will, there’s a way”. More news about the project will follow.....

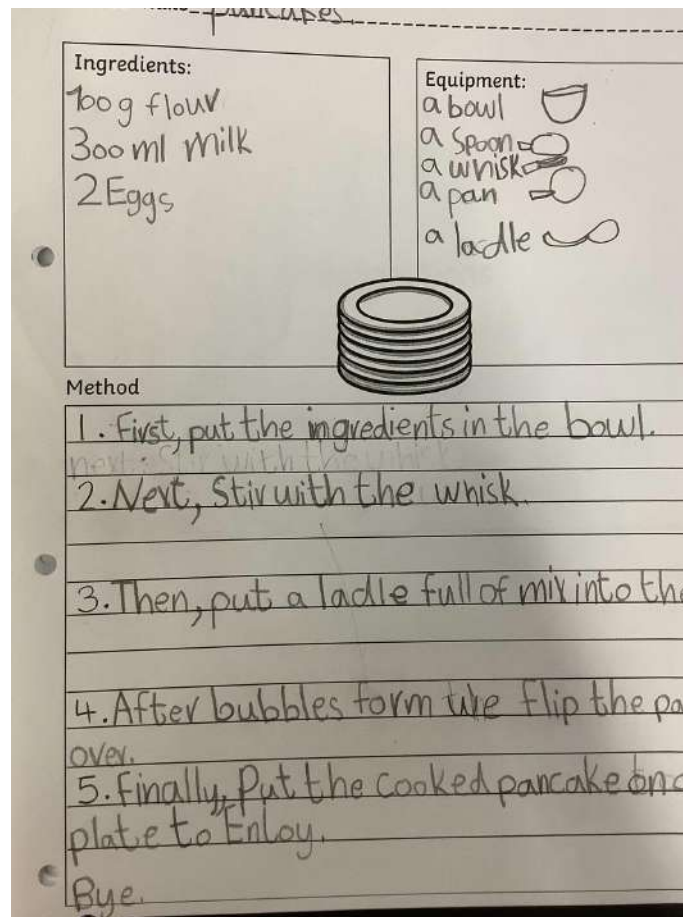


Perfect Pancakes!

G1

Grade One have had lots of fun perfecting their pancake recipes to share with you for English 'Pancake Tuesday' on 1st March.

First they watched The Pink Panther making pancakes and then created colourful pancake pictures and used their knowledge of instructions to create an easy to follow recipe for you to try at home.



They made their pancakes in school on Friday afternoon and enjoyed theirs with a traditional topping of sugar and

lemon - just like the British do - but why not try topping any you make with some chopped fruit, honey or even Nutella if you wish instead!

Buon Appetito!



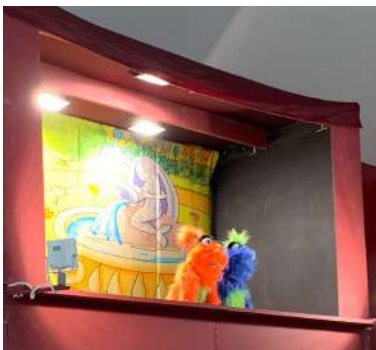
Il Carnevale di Ago il Drago

Nicolas and Alice
G6

On 18th February a great Puppeteer named Andrea arrived at English Gate School and put on a fantastic show for all the children of Kindergarten and Nursery School, narrating an alternative story for Carnival.

It was all about a little dragon that protected the king, but who also needed to find a costume for Carnival. He tried on many costumes but none of them were suitable for hiding from an evil person that wanted to become the king.

Eventually he found a costume of a raccoon



which, when he wore it, made him become unrecognisable.

At a certain point the evil person discovered that the little dragon was dressed as a raccoon and he brought him under the guillotine. With the dragon not there protecting the king the evil man kidnapped the king by deception: but with a brilliant strategy the dragon and the king took the evil person under guillotine.

The king and the little dragon asked the children if they wanted to kill the evil person, but after some thought they asked the evil person to become a good person. He accepted and from that day on they all lived happily ever after.

This show was not performed by the children, but was done by Andrea, a professional puppet master with extensive knowledge of children. The show is very special because the children can freely interact with the puppets used by Andrea.



When Andrea was doing the show he was behind a small stage where he could get up and down depending on the scenes.

Che cos'è L'Italian Week?

Miss Arianna

Ogni anno a intervalli trimestrali vengono effettuate prove in Italiano per verificare e controllare che gli studenti apprendano e conoscano la terminologia specifica di ogni materia anche in Italiano, dato che le materie di studio e matematica vengono insegnate in lingua

inglese.

Per questo motivo vengono preparate delle prove di Matematica - Storia - Scienze - Geografia in Italiano.

Tali prove sono multimediali e molto articolate. Per favorire la memorizzazione dei concetti spiegati vengono preparati files multimediali corredati da video, schede di esercitazione, immagini.

Durante la lezione gli studenti prendono appunti per consolidare le conoscenze apprese e, spesso vengono fornite mappe concettuali o tematiche che, in seguito, verbalizzeranno producendo testi espositivi e informativi, con l'uso di connettivi logici e temporali.

Tutte queste attività vengono svolte in tutte le classi della Primary e della Middle school.

In Grade 5 ad esempio, abbiamo ripassato in Italiano i Greci e in Matematica abbiamo svolto le prime prove INVALSI, dato che

quest'anno, la prima settimana di maggio, saranno somministrate in Grade 2, Grade 5 e Grade 8.

Le prove INVALSI sono test che vengono effettuati in tutte le scuole italiane, pubbliche e paritarie.

The 'Fast Web'

Nicolò and Edoardo G5



Mr Alessandro Bono came to EGS and taught G5 the basics of the WWW (World Wide Web). Mr Bono firstly introduced himself and talked to us about his true passion: working at the Fastweb company, his job is to identify failures in the system.

Mr Bono said a very surprising fact; every multi-continental server needs to go through

physical cables from one continent to another. He also told us that the internet was made of three main things: the first is the server. Servers are basically where all the data is stored, you can find a server in enormous buildings where they are kept safely.

The second thing is the optic fibre, the optic fibre is what connects your computer to the servers by sending light signals through a cable. The third thing is routers, maybe you know them as modems but we will call them by their technical name. Routers are a sort of digital postman that takes the data and sends it to servers or to your device.

This is a server



He concluded by giving us this phrase "Use the Internet wisely to create your dreams".

10 times 10: the story of a lifetime.

Nicolò G6



On February the 8th, the chief editor's great grandmother, Laura Gaudin, officially turned a hundred and reunited her family from both Sardinia and Veneto to tell some stories about her childhood and the hard times when World War 2 started.

Before the stories, the old woman explained her

“secret formula” to the interviewer. That’s right: if you want to live a hundred years, stay tuned! She said, in venetian, “*Ghe magno roba buona e salutare*”. This means that she “Eats good healthy ‘stuff’”. And she does! In fact she goes up **AND** down stairs **FOUR** times a day, to go check on her personal garden, from where she gets the vegetables for her meal at noon. For lunch she uses only eco-friendly vegetables other than the ones she grows herself so gets a healthy diet every day!

For her hundredth birthday, the whole family went to celebrate in the “*da Roberto*” restaurant, in the middle of Groane Park. Our Chief Editor’s grandfather, Antonio Stefanetto, wrote a poem for the occasion:

NONNA

Cara nonna, siamo qui riuniti tutti per te. Per festeggiare una gran donna, che dalla vita ha avuto tanti dolori e tante pene, ma sappi che tutti quelli che vedi, ti vogliono un gran BENE.

Tu sei per noi, come la stella polare è; per i marinai in alto mare. Lo sei anche per il più piccino, che chiede sempre di starti vicino. Anche se al fine, diciamola tutta: Lui vuole solo la pasta asciutta. Ti auguro nonna cara di continuare ad essere sempre sana, forte e serena.

AUGURI DI CUORE E DELL'ANIMA. DA TUTTI NOI.

(GRANDMOTHER)

Dear grandmother, we are all gathered here for you. To celebrate a great woman, who in her life has had so many pains and so many challenges, but knows that everyone you see, loves you very much. You are for us, as the North Star is for sailors on the high seas. You are also here for the little one, who always asks to be close to you. Even if in the end, let's face it, he only wants his pasta. I wish you dear grandmother to continue to always be healthy, strong and serene.

BEST WISHES FROM THE HEART AND SOUL OF ALL OF US.

Euroscatola

*Alice, Erika, Giorgia,
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On Thursday 17th February the managing director of Euroscatola, an important packaging company in Italy, came to EGS to talk about his business. Euroscatola was founded in 1973 by Mr Cappelletti and now employs 145 people. It has two offices: one in Cantù for their general customers and the other in Bregnano for famous brands such as Gucci.

Mr Cappelletti began by explaining how the company finds its customers and makes packaging to suit their needs.

We understood from our speaker that everyone in the company is really important. Mr Cappelletti gave the example of when his cleaners were sick and the problems this created. To be a successful leader, he explained, you need to help others and work together with them and not just be a 'boss' telling people what to do.



The cardboard Euroscatola uses is made from tree branches and not tree trunks and the boxes are stuck together using cornstarch which is cheaper and more environmentally friendly than glue.

To be successful Mr Cappelletti highlighted the need to be "competent in the sector, motivated, trusting and optimistic".

At the end of the talk Mr Cappelletti gave everyone an object made of cardboard and students had to guess what it was for. He then explained that it was packaging to protect the corners of fragile products and the students had to make one themselves.

More importantly, he went on to explain, this cardboard packaging is an ecological replacement for polystyrene as it is recyclable and costs less to transport,

winning him an eco award for his company. Furthermore, for every tree his company needs to cut down they plant three more to replace it.

From the talk the students understood how companies like Euroscatola can help the planet.

Photos by Mattia G6



***From this.....
To this!***



What Lurks Beneath?

G8

In the October edition of the Gate Gazette Grade 5 reported on the mysterious 3rd floor. Since then Grade 8 have been intrigued with the basement of the School. Stories have been told that skeletons lurk in this underworld. Why is this? It's because of the building's past.

English Gate School moved from 25 Via Torino to 38 Via Ginevrina da Fossano

Our gym as an old courtroom



While it was a courtroom under the school there were two very small cells which were used to detain potentially dangerous criminals.



The old English Gate School in Via Torino

the beginning of April 2019 because the school needed more space. Students in Grade 8 who were in Grade 5 at the time, remember the building as being huge but did not realise it had such an interesting past!

Until 2012 the building was home to the court of Cantù, but then in 2017 the building became a library, later leaving space for the school San Carlo Fecchio in 2018.

These rooms had no windows and must have been particularly claustrophobic.

Fortunately the school decided that these two cells wouldn't be needed and so they were knocked down. The cells might not exist any more but the stories certainly still do!

The spooky entrance to the cells downstairs by Ziena and Bianca



Time for history

Leonardo G6

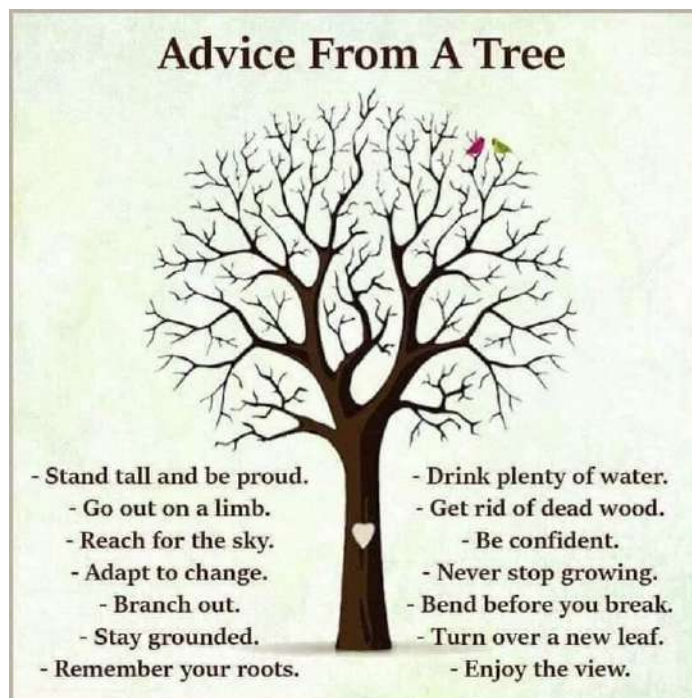
This column will tell you all the important events that happened in this month of February

1797	<i>The Republic of Venice surrenders to Napoleon.</i>
1849	<i>The Republic of Saint Mark is occupied by Austria.</i>
1900	<i>King Umberto I is assassinated in Monza.</i>
1918	<i>Vardar offensive in Greece, the Italo-French free North Macedonia.</i>
1992	<i>The UN send in Somalia a Blue-helmet division (with an Italian battalion).</i>

Thought for the month

Mrs Hoatson

As we move towards spring and we look forward to the fruit trees blossoming in the garden here's some advice from a tree for us to reflect upon.



I'm honestly very happy with how the newspaper is developing. I am pleased with the people collaborating on this idea! Thanks, everyone. I appreciate ALL THE WORK! Thanks!

If you'd like to write an article for the Gate Gazette then we'd love to hear from you. Please write to our chief editor, Nicolò G6 at gategazetteegs@gmail.com

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