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## THE BIRTH OF THE NEWSPAPER!

### Grade 6

The first edition of the newspaper is finally off the press and it wasn't so long ago that the first idea of a newspaper flew around the walls of EGS school. It all started in 2020, when Mrs. Kerry and the Student Council had the brilliant idea of creating a school newspaper to share what was happening in the school community with the outside world.

However, it was a new student arriving in Grade 6 at English Gate School, [Nicolò Cosseddu](#),



*Photo by Nicolas Masu, G6*

who wanted to breathe life into the newspaper so he made a little sketch in his bedroom and the next day he went straight to [Mrs Hoatson](#), the new English

teacher in Middle School, and presented it to her. After a few meetings Nicolò and Mrs Hoatson went onto the platform of the assembly and talked in front of the whole school. Everybody was very excited about the idea and a lot of students have volunteered to be editors, reporters and photographers. After the assembly the teachers created a box in the reception to collect proposals of names for the newspaper and in the end the teachers decided it would be called [THE GATE GAZETTE](#), a name suggested by Miss Gina, the teacher of our Adventurers. Nicolò, was then nominated chief-editor and will be assisted each month by sub editors.

This newspaper is important to the school because pupils, teachers and parents need to know what is happening in the school community so we can be together in everything we do. The newspaper will include articles that will give important information, for example: the class and the students of the month, important projects that the school does or some trips

we do in the center of [Cantù](#). The newspaper will come out every month with interesting facts about everyday life in school.

Anyone can contribute to the newspaper so articles are welcome from all the EGS staff as well as the students' family members.

### *Students from Grade 6 working in class on their first article*



*Photos by Mattia Gargano, G6*



## Clubs at EGS

*Reem Davide, Riccardo R, Edoardo R, Giulia, Elisa P and Zoe, Grade 4*

Every Year at English Gate School, the students are invited to join a variety of extracurricular clubs. The clubs are important for the students because they have fun but more importantly they learn new skills.

Starting in October and running until the end of May, the clubs are held during break times or after school.

One popular club that is held after school is the Cooking Club with Ms Mandy. Here the students learn to cook a variety of delicious recipes including cakes and sushi.

During the long breaks after lunch, the EGS teacher runs clubs such as the Fitness Club or Multi Sports club that focus on exercise. Other clubs specialise in learning new languages like German. One club run by Ms Samantha is dedicated to Science and conducting interesting investigations.

Riccardo R, a regular at EGS clubs told us, "I really love Mr Ashley's clubs because they are fun and I learn new things". This seemed to be a popular

opinion of all the club attendees that we interviewed.

If you would like to find out more about the clubs on offer at English Gate, please speak with your class teacher or Ms Erika.



## EGS Playground Upgrade

### *Grade 5*

Over the summer, the English Gate School playground was extensively upgraded and updated with new and exciting equipment.

### **Wish made real!**

Back in September 2020 the School council was set up by Ms Lauren and Ms Kerry. With its new collective voice it communicated the wish of the children in EGS for a new playground environment to Mrs Klodia. She immediately picked up the phone, organised meetings and put the wheels of action in motion for a new vision of our playground. The plan grew quickly and work began in early August.

Workers building, hives of activity, feverishly fighting the bad weather and storms in an attempt to finish the majority of the work before the children returned.

It all began with the removal of sick and overcrowded trees to create a brighter, airier feel while maintaining the shade from the remaining trees. Next came the installation of the new equipment and the astroturf pitches. Deep holes were dug for the concrete foundations of the slide and notice board to make sure they are secure and stable.

Once the concrete had set the children were very excited to begin playing. Volleys of laughter and shrieks of joy filled the air during playtimes. The Astroturf pitches are a big success, giving the children more defined space for games. "I really liked the idea of a private ball for each class." commented Davide Ballestrini G4, Giovanni Maria Lora Moretto G5 said "The slide is the best attraction." Some EGS students expressed their wishes, "I would like new swings" stated Alissa Cinnella, "I would like new skipping ropes" said Riccardo Ramperti.

# English Gate School dives into water polo!

## Grade 8

Since September 2021 the students from Grade 7 and Grade 8 have been going, every Friday morning, to the WetLife Sports Centre in Nibionno from 8:30 to 10:40 by private bus to have water polo lessons.

The students start the lesson with a warm up activity, swimming two laps in whatever style they prefer before doing exercises, which include focusing on different parts of the body and practising handling, passing and throwing the ball.



It has been selected because “It’s a new sport which introduces students to a different type of swimming and includes a variety of disciplines” Mr. Mark clarified in a recent interview.



*Photos by Miss Erika*

## What do the students think of water polo?

Grade 8 students unanimously agree that it’s beneficial to both their physical and mental health. Cameron believes that “building up chemistry in a team sport and uniting as one has a big impact on your wellbeing.”

Furthermore, Diego describes water polo as “a very physically demanding sport since holding the ball and swimming while keeping yourself afloat is objectively challenging for

our current level of skill.” In addition Riccardo explains that “water polo uses almost every muscle in the body, for example just by swimming in a straight line you use your shoulders, core abdominals, quadriceps and glutes.”

The students are looking forward to playing as a team in the near future as their lessons progress.

## Student Council back on track!

### Grade 7

## What is the Student Council?

The student council is a group of students who collect ideas from the students and propose them to the teacher councillor. These ideas are developed with the aim of them being implemented by the principal, Ms Klodia Gaudino and the management team of Ms Erika Citterio and Ms Amanda Arnaboldi. Last year, as a result of the Council, outside tables were suggested for the garden. A Free dress day once a month



and international food day were also introduced.

### **Why did it start?**

It was started to give the students an opportunity to express themselves and improve the school through their ideas, to enable students to have a better experience at English Gate. It also empowers the councillors to make decisions which are announced during our monthly assemblies.

### **The story of our council**

The Student Council started in September of 2020. Both this year and last year it was organised by Ms Lauren, our Grade 4 teacher, much to the enthusiasm of our students. Two councillors are elected from each class at the start of the year in an election. Each year they meet once or twice a month to present fresh, new ideas from each class and propose appropriate projects.

Student Councillors for Grade 7, Ginevra De Marchi and Martina Cissè feel “honored to represent our class and we look forward to the next meeting to hear the wonderful and original ideas of the other classes! We feel very responsible in our role as school councillors”. More

news about this year’s proposals will follow in future editions of the Gate Gazette!

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### **An eco-correct school**

#### ***Nicolò G6 and Francesco G8***

The new student councillors have already gone to work. They are already thinking of making the school an even more ecological place and some changes have already been made! As students have probably seen, rubbish bins have been added in the playground so that when people finish eating their snacks they can throw their waste away instead of taking it back to class.



#### ***Grade 6 students carefully putting their rubbish in the bins***

Every day the Student Council is trying to

implement, in the school, even more ideas to make the school sustainable. Some of these eco-sustainable ideas can be found already in the school canteen, like using your own water, metal-made, bottles instead of their plastic counterparts.

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## **A spasso per la città di Cantù: storia locale**

#### ***Miss Rosa***

Lunedì 18 Ottobre siamo andati in giro per la città di Cantù per conoscere la storia del territorio in cui viviamo, con Miss Verdiana, Miss Arianna e Ms Rosa, e con le classi G4 e G5.

Camminare per le strade di Cantù ci ha permesso di conoscere il centro che affonda le radici nel Medioevo, come i resti delle mura e qualche monumento che conserva un ‘pezzo’ storico come il campanile della Chiesa di San Paolo che è stato costruito con la torre appartenente all’antico Castello di Pietrasanta.

Abbiamo ammirato i murales creati dagli studenti dell’Istituto d’Arte Melotti, i

quali hanno riprodotto il Miracolo delle spighe di grano dopo un periodo di carestia e siccità e il miracolo del dirigibile 'Città di Milano', caduto proprio sopra Cantù nel 1914 e che non ha fatto vittime, come era stato previsto.



Abbiamo capito che il luogo in cui si vive ha una storia che è il risultato di vicende, eventi e trasformazioni operati dall'uomo nel corso del tempo, ed è condizione indispensabile per sviluppare nei confronti di esso atteggiamenti di rispetto e di tutela.



**Photos by Miss Verdiana and Miss Arianna**

Due guide ci hanno accompagnato nel percorso effettuato: Patrizio Colzani e la moglie Rosy che fanno

parte dell'associazione Charturium. Grazie a d essi abbiamo conosciuto l'aneddoto del Leone di Vighizzolo di Cantù riportato sulla Domenica del Corriere del 23 Novembre 1958. Questo leone era scappato da un circo e si era rintanato nella 'cameretta' di una neonata. Lo hanno ritrovato che soffiava addosso alla piccola Teresa: meno male che il leone era sazio perché aveva già mangiato!!! La neonata è viva ed è una bella signora di 63 anni!



Per saperne di più

Informazioni dettagliate su wikipedia

<http://www.percantu.it/la-storia/>

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Il sig. Patrizio Colzani e la moglie Rosy fanno parte di questa associazione e il loro sito web è in costruzione...

## Climate change can be changed

A Gate Gazette initiative.

Climate change is a very serious issue and EGS is also trying to have an impact on "saving the world". In this rubric all the news about what we are doing will be reported.

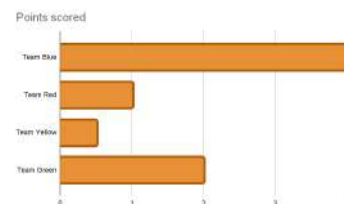
There are different teams:

Team **Blue**: Add bins

Team **Red**: Reduce plastic

Team **Yellow**: Make Eco-Sustainable food

Team **Green**: Add trees



# Time for history

**Leonardo G6**

This column will tell you all the important events that happened in this month of October in previous years.

1492	<i>Columbus discovers America</i>
1739	<i>Russia gives Crimea to the Ottoman Empire</i>
1839	<i>The Napoli-Portici is Inaugurated: the first railway in Italy</i>
1866	<i>Italy signs peace with Austria</i>
1904	<i>The Russian fleet arrives in Port Arthur but is destroyed in one month</i>
1911	<i>Italy invades Libya</i>
1917	<i>The communist revolution starts in Russia.</i>

# And finally.....

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 Cosseddu at

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