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This month, we have a range of exciting and thought-provoking content for students and teachers as well . From inspiring songs and interesting interviews to amazing puzzles, there's something for everyone! Here's what you'll find inside:



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SONG OF THE MONTH



This Song Gave Me The Strength To Fight One More Day

We're recommending this song because it's all about never giving up, no matter how hard things get. The lyrics talk about struggling, facing setbacks, and trying to stay positive, even when everything seems to be going wrong. It reminds us that no matter how many times we fail, we should keep trying, because one day things will go our way.

As students, we know school can sometimes feel like a lot of pressure, with homework, exams, and other challenges. But this song is a great reminder that if we keep pushing and don't give up, we can get through it all and reach our goals. It's all about believing in yourself, even when things seem tough.

For teachers, this song could be a way to be inspired to stay motivated, even when you're feeling discouraged. It's a perfect message to keep us going through tough times, showing that with effort and determination, things will get better.

So, we think this song is a great reminder to all of us—students and teachers—that no matter what obstacles we face, we can overcome them if we keep trying. Keep believing in yourself, and one day, things will go your way!

Scan the QR Code to listen to the song :)



Interview

Hello everyone,

In this section, we're excited to share an interview with one of our teachers—Pepa, who not only teaches mathematics but also serves as the coordinator. Alessandro Huachohuilica from 2A had the opportunity to sit down with her and learn more about her role and experiences. Here's the interview he did to get to know her better.

Alessandro: Hello Pepa, First of all thank you for accepting to have this interview with me. I would like to ask you some questions about your profession

Pepa: Hello Alessandro, thank you for choosing me.

Alessandro: Well, let's start with the first question: What advice would you give your students?

Pepa: I would suggest that they make the most of their time. They have plenty of it, and they shouldn't waste it. This is my advice.

Alessandro: That is very good, thank you. The other question is: What is the most important thing you have learnt from your students?

Pepa: They allow themselves to be easily corrected, they are patient and they forgive easily. I try to do the same.

Alessandro: And what motivated you to become a teacher?

Pepa: I started when I was still studying because I wanted to earn some money. I taught first as a volunteer and I liked being with teenagers and then I started teaching in schools.

Alessandro: Why did you want to teach this subject?

Pepa: I think it's very important because it's the foundation of everything. We all need math in our everyday lives.

Alessandro: How would you describe your classes?

Pepa: I would describe my classes as practical, useful and enjoyable.

Alessandro: If you didn't work as a teacher, what would you like to work on?

Pepa: I would like to work in engineering, specifically agricultural engineering, as it involves biology, which I enjoy a lot.

Alessandro: What experience have you had in educational centers?

Pepa: I have been in two schools, both of which were good, satisfactory and enjoyable.

Alessandro: What methodology do you usually use in your classes?

Pepa: I always explain the topic, a lot of practice and corrections so my students understand everything better.

Alessandro: How would you think your students would describe you?

Pepa: I don't know, we would have to ask them. I expect they describe me as someone close to them.

Alessandro: Well, Pepa thank you very much for today, I really enjoyed this interview with you.

Pepa: Thank you Alessandro, Good Luck.

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INTERVIEW



Book recommendation

In this section we are going to recommend you a book to read in your free time. It is 'Gulliver's Travels'

Gulliver's Travels

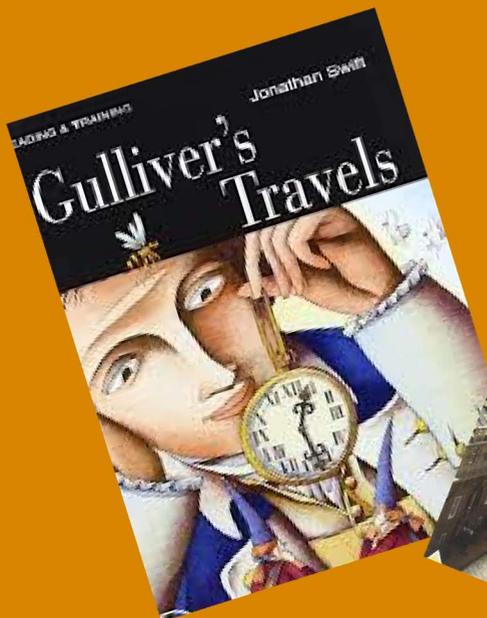
Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift follows the adventures of Lemuel Gulliver, a surgeon and sailor who shipwrecks in strange lands. First, he arrives in Lilliput, where tiny people see him as a giant, and then in Brobdingnag, where giants treat him as a curiosity. His journey continues to Laputa, a floating island ruled by distracted intellectuals, and finally to the land of the Houyhnhnms, intelligent horses who dominate the primitive Yahoos (wild humans). Through these travels, Swift satirizes politics, society, and human nature.

Why?

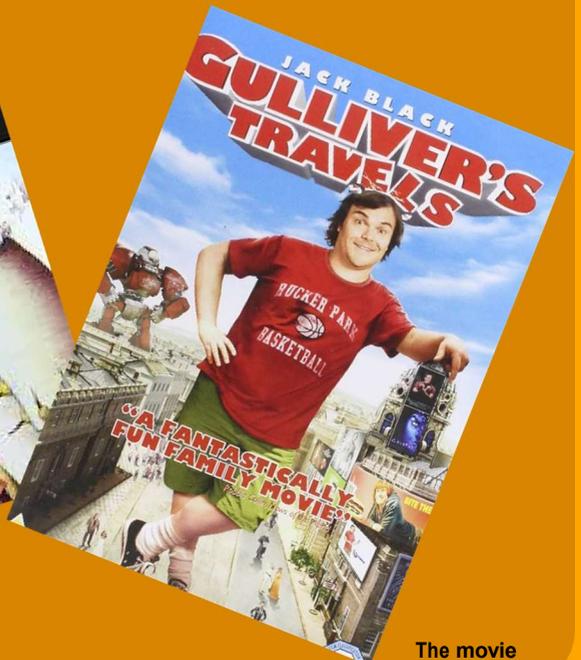
Gulliver's Travels is a classic that you can't miss. Jonathan Swift masterfully blends adventure and satire in a captivating narrative that transports you to fantastical worlds, where each encounter challenges our understanding of human nature. Through his critiques of political corruption and social norms of his time, Swift invites us to reflect on issues that remain relevant today. With memorable characters and thought-provoking themes, this novel offers a reading experience that is both entertaining and profound. You won't just enjoy a great story! You'll also gain valuable insights into life and humanity.

Some curiosities:

1. Jonathan Swift created this book to criticize the politics in his moment, he uses satire to question power, corruption, and society of his time, themes that remain relevant today.
2. The book has seen multiple editions and adaptations, some of which have softened or altered the original content to make it more suitable for a younger audience.



The book



The movie

A popular movie.

Matilda

- We've chosen *Matilda* (1996), directed by Danny DeVito, for this school magazine because it's a fun and inspiring movie that students and teachers will both enjoy. Based on the famous book by Roald Dahl, *Matilda* is a great mix of humor, fantasy, and important life lessons. It's a movie that's not only fun to watch but also teaches us valuable lessons that can help us in everyday life.

Why is it worth watching?

1. A Great Story

Matilda tells the story of a young girl named Matilda who is super smart and has magical powers. Unfortunately, her parents don't appreciate her abilities and are not kind to her. But Matilda doesn't let this stop her. She finds a kind teacher, Miss Honey, and uses her powers to stand up for what's right. The movie shows us that no matter how hard things get, we can always find ways to fight for ourselves and others.

This story is perfect for students, especially when school feels hard or unfair. It reminds us that we can overcome challenges if we keep trying and believe in ourselves.

2. Memorable Characters

The movie is filled with fun and unforgettable characters:

- **Matilda:** She's a smart, kind girl who isn't afraid to stand up for herself. Her character shows that brains and kindness can change the world.
- **Her parents:** Played by Danny DeVito and Rhea Perlman, they are funny but also very selfish and mean. They remind us of what not to be.
- **Miss Trunchbull:** The strict and scary principal who is one of the most memorable villains in kids' movies. She's the opposite of everything Matilda stands for, and it's fun to watch her get what's coming to her.

These characters are easy to love and hate, and they make the movie exciting and full of surprises.

3. Magic and Fantasy

One of the best parts of *Matilda* is her magical powers. She can move things with her mind, which makes the story feel like a fantasy. Watching Matilda use her powers to fight injustice adds a fun, magical twist to the movie. It reminds us that sometimes, even in the real world, we can find amazing strength in ourselves.

4. Important Life Lessons

At its core, *Matilda* is about standing up for what's right, no matter how hard it is. The movie shows us that we should never give up, even when things aren't going our way. *Matilda* teaches us the value of using our talents, being kind to others, and fighting for justice. For students, it's a reminder to believe in ourselves and always do what's right, no matter how difficult it seems.

For teachers, it's a reminder of how important it is to support and encourage students, just like Miss Honey supports Matilda.

5. Fun for Everyone

Matilda is a movie that anyone can enjoy, no matter how old you are. Younger viewers will love the exciting adventure, while older viewers will appreciate the deeper messages about family, education, and doing the right thing.

In conclusion, *Matilda* is not just a fun movie; it's a story about finding strength in difficult times, standing up for justice, and believing in yourself. It's a perfect film for students and teachers, and we think you'll enjoy it as much as we did.



Did you know?

As teenagers, we're often full of questions and curiosities about the world around us. Sometimes, we come across questions that are tough to answer, and it can be hard to satisfy our curiosity. That's why we decided to add a special section to our school magazine filled with fascinating facts from all over the world. These facts will not only make us smarter but also even more curious. We've gathered some interesting facts we found online, and we think they're too good not to share. We hope you enjoy learning something new!

- Identical twins don't have the same fingerprints. You can't blame your crimes on your twin, after all. This is because environmental factors during development in the womb (umbilical cord length, position in the womb, and the rate of finger growth) impact your fingerprint.
- Earth's rotation is changing speed. It's actually slowing. This means that, on average, the length of a day increases by around 1.8 seconds per century. 600 million years ago a day lasted just 21 hours.
- The fear of long words is called Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia. The 36-letter word was first used by the Roman poet Horace in the first century BCE to criticise those writers with an unreasonable penchant for long words. It was American poet Aimee Nezhukumatathil, possibly afraid of their own surname, who coined the term how we know it in 2000.
- Mount Everest isn't the tallest mountain on Earth. Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa in Hawaii, the twin volcanoes, are taller than Mount Everest due to 4.2km of their heights being submerged underwater. The twin volcanoes measure a staggering 10.2km in total, compared to Everest's paltry 8.8km.



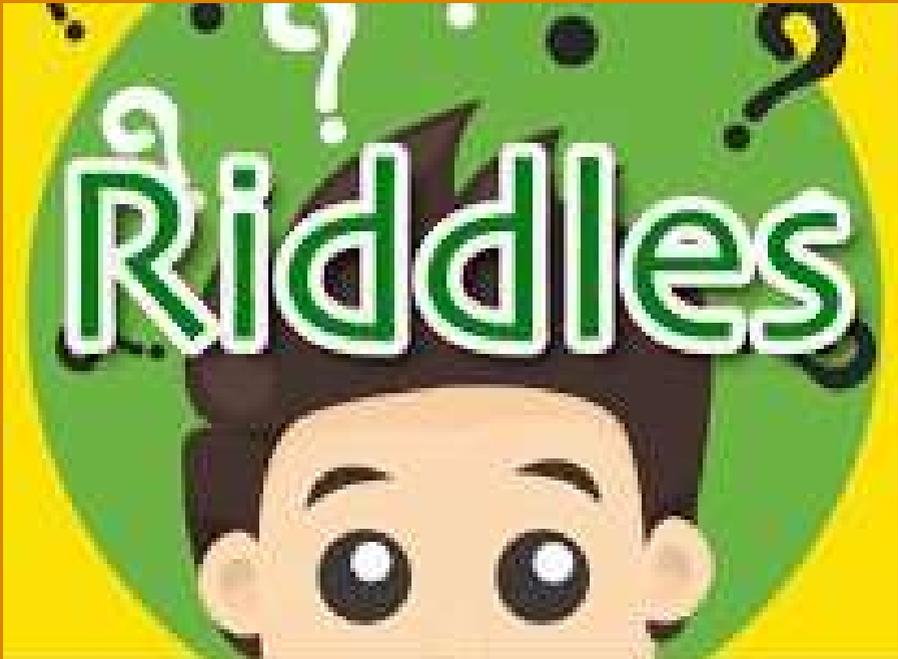
Riddles

Riddles are a fun and exciting way to test your thinking skills! Here are some for you to challenge yourself with. We hope they're just the right level of tricky for you to enjoy:

1. I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body, but I come alive with wind. What am I?
2. The more of this there is, the less you see. What is it?
3. What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?
4. I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?
5. What has keys but can't open locks?
6. What can travel around the world while staying in the corner?
7. What has one head, one foot, and four legs?
8. The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?

Here are the answers to the riddles:

1. An echo.
2. Darkness.
3. The letter 'M'.
4. A candle.
5. A piano.
6. A stamp
7. A bed
8. Footsteps.



Tips on personal topics.

In this section, we've included some thought-provoking questions for both students and teachers. These questions are designed to help you better understand your feelings and make life a little easier and more meaningful. Take some time to answer them when you're alone, and be honest with yourself. By doing so, you'll gain a deeper understanding of what your heart truly needs.

QUESTIONS:

- If you could have only one superpower, what would it be?
- If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?
- Describe what a perfect day would be from the moment you wake up until bedtime.
- If you could change anything in the world, what would it be and why?
- What's the best invention you've seen most recently and what do you like about it?
- What do you feel are the most important things to living a great life?
- If we lost everything we owned today but could keep 3 things, what would you pick and why?
- What do you feel is the hardest job in the world and why?
- Do you believe money can or can't buy happiness?
- Think of the worst thing that's happened to you...what did you learn from it?
- Of all the things you're learning, what do you think will be most useful as an adult?
- If you could travel back in time 3 years, what advice would you give yourself?
- If you could make one rule that everyone in the world had to follow, what would it be?
- Where in the world would you most like to be right now?





Logic puzzles



1. Two Fathers and Two Sons Puzzle:

There are two fathers and two sons. They go fishing and catch three fish. They come back and each of the two fathers gets one fish. The son gets the last fish. How is this possible?

Answer: The two fathers are a grandfather and father, and the two sons are the father and his son.

2. What word is spelled incorrectly in every dictionary?

Answer: Incorrectly.

3. The River Crossing Puzzle

A farmer needs to cross a river with a wolf, a goat, and a cabbage. The farmer has a boat, but it can only carry the farmer and one item at a time. If the wolf and goat are left alone, the wolf will eat the goat. If the goat and cabbage are left alone, the goat will eat the cabbage. How does the farmer get all three across the river safely?

Answer: Here's how the farmer can safely get all three across:

1. The farmer takes the goat across first and leaves it on the other side.
2. The farmer goes back alone, then takes the wolf across.
3. The farmer brings the goat back with him to the original side.
4. The farmer then takes the cabbage across and leaves it with the wolf.
5. Finally, the farmer goes back alone and takes the goat across.

4. The Light Bulb Puzzle

You are in a room with three light switches. Each switch controls one of three light bulbs in another room, but you can't see the bulbs from where you are. You can only enter the room with the light bulbs once. How can you determine which switch controls which bulb?

Answer: To solve this:

1. Turn on the first switch and leave it on for a few minutes.
2. Turn off the first switch, turn on the second switch, and immediately go into the room with the bulbs.
3. The bulb that is on corresponds to the second switch.
4. The bulb that is off and warm corresponds to the first switch (because it was on for a while before being turned off).
5. The bulb that is off and cool corresponds to the third switch (which was never turned on).

Logic puzzles (Sudokus)

Rules

- Each row, column, and 3x3 square must contain the numbers 1-9
- The game is over when the entire grid is filled in correctly

Strategy

- Use the process of elimination and deductive reasoning to determine which numbers go in each blank space
- If a cell only has one possible entry, fill it in

Tips

- The more spaces that are already filled in, the easier the game
- To solve difficult levels, you can use tricks and learn advanced techniques

Easy

9	6	1		4	3			2
7		3		8	5	9	4	1
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	1		2	5		8	3	
	5	8	3		4	7		

Medium

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			1	5	7			
				6	4	9		
	7	1	9			4		
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Hard

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