



# BRAIN

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# WAVE

## School News

•Our school had a joust between all grades. It was held in our school sports hall. This joust was dedicated to February 23. Every boy could take part in it. All pupils liked it .



•We also celebrated “Maslenitsa”. At first all grades after their lessons went to their classrooms and ate pancakes. Then everyone was invited to go outside and have some fun. Outside everybody could take part in some competitions and even win presents. But the most interesting part was the burning of “Maslenitsa”.

## World News

•Recently the annual award “Oskar” hosted in Kodak Theatre. Everyone heard about “Oskar” at least once. The most common version of the name of this award belongs to the librarian of the Academy Award Margaret Herrick, exclaimed in her form: «Oh, this figure resembles my Uncle Oscar!».



•A few weeks ago, we were shocked to hear about the death of a magnificent singer Whitney Houston. She was only 48 years old.

**Vasilisa Vakhrusheva**

## Hello dear friends!

We are happy to say that the first edition of our newspaper in English has appeared. We think that you will enjoy reading our articles, participating in different contests.

Besides, if you are creative, talented and you would like to share your ideas with us or express your feelings about current events in our school and in the country as well, you should be in our team.

We hope that with your active support our newspaper will become bright, fascinating, cognitive and interesting.

See you soon.

**Zinfira Madiyarovna  
Gilmanova, teacher of  
English.**

## February is a month of English Language.



February is a month of English Language. As usual, we had different contests for all age groups. However, there was something for everyone and that is a competition “The best Valentine” and Soboleva Dasha from 5A with her Valentine was the best. You can see it on the photo. Besides, there was a game about London for 5th formers. They enjoyed it very much. Students of 10A and 10B

were checked the knowledge of how well they knew their native city Saint Petersburg. Frankly speaking, they didn't. As for 11th formers they showed that they knew history, geography, culture, famous people and other facts of the USA. We admired Manzha Anastasiya who made a wonderful translation of a poem. It was really difficult but she managed. Enjoy her translation.

## Языковое дерево.

Алан Мейли

*Ложась крест на крест,  
гонимые вихрем,  
Вьются узоры, чертя на земле,  
С языкового древа срываются  
листья  
Этого года, шифруя посланья  
судьбе.*

*А там, внизу, давно сочатся  
Сквозь прошлогодние пласты  
Листы, что не имеют смысла  
больше,  
Как вечность, старые они.*

*К иссохшимся корням  
спускаясь ниже,  
Всё ближе кажется земля  
Немых, полузабытых ждёт  
она воспоминаний,  
Ворчит и стонет, как всегда,  
Что оторвали ото сна.*

*А жизнь – мечта внутри  
бутона,  
Что оживает вновь и вновь  
Когда приходит новый год  
Ах, это дерево – загадка.  
В нём трудно уловить всегда,  
Что изменилось за года,  
Но удивляет каждый год  
Вдруг появившийся росток*

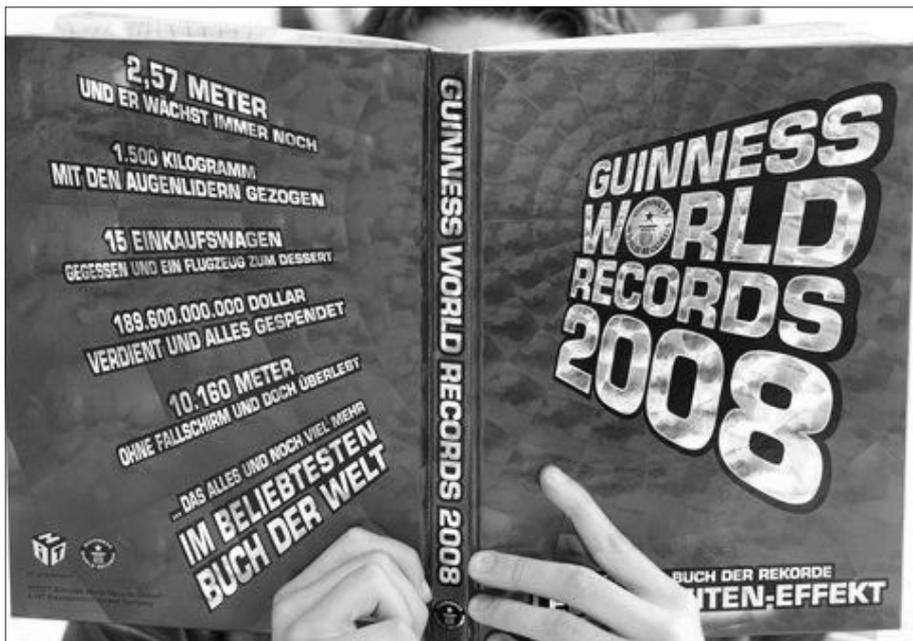
Thank you for everyone who participated in all events and we hope that next year you'll be more active!



*The world is so full  
of a number of things,  
I'm sure we should all be  
as happy as kings.*  
R.L. Stevenson

## Most Stolen Book

The Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from public libraries.



## Royal Pets

From earliest times, royalty has collected strange animals. Power, wealth, and privilege gave them the ability to acquire animals of great beauty or rarity.

*Julius Caesar, emperor of Rome – Giraffe*

*Ramses II, pharaoh of Egypt – Lion*  
*Henry III, king of England – White bear and elephant*

*Josephine, wife of Napoleon – Orang-utan*



Henry III's elephant was the first ever in England. Josephine orang-utan sat at her dinner table wearing a dinner jacket.

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## English Humour

At an auction in Manchester a wealthy American announced that he had lost his wallet containing £10,000 and would give a reward of £100 to the person who found it. From the back of the hall a Scottish voice shouted, «I'll give £150!»

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A man asked for a meal in a restaurant. The waiter brought the food and put it on the table. After a moment, the man called the waiter and said:

"Waiter! Waiter! There's a fly in my soup!"

"Please don't speak so loudly, sir," said the waiter, "or everyone will want one."

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What's the definition of a pessimist? A pessimist is a well-informed optimist.

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