



# BRAIN

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# WAVE

## School News

### School Trips

We have a wonderful tradition to go on an excursion at the end of each trimester. This time wasn't an exception. Classes with their teachers visited different places of our city. For example, museum of the Arctic and Antarctic, the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood But the most exciting excursion was that 6B form had. They went to the Chocolate factory. It was a tasty excursion as they not only listened to the story of this factory but ate a lot of chocolate as well. That was great!

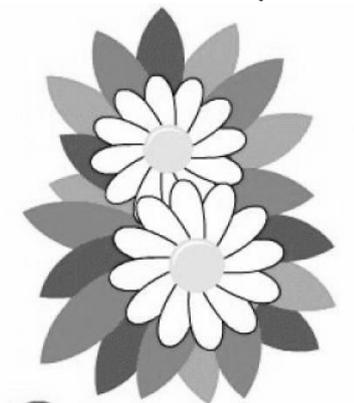
**Vasilisa Vachrusheva, 8B**

## World News

### Election Day

The 4th of March was a great day in our country. It was the election day. We chose the future President for next 6 years.

### International Women's Day



**8 Марта!**

According to statistics the most popular gift is flowers. Candy and chocolate are the next popular choice, followed by perfume and cosmetics.

## Hello dear friends!

Spring has come at last! The first month of this wonderful season is coming to the end. The darkness of long winter is disappearing gradually... Our mood is also improving together with the weather. We start looking at our class and schoolmates with greater interest and affection. Life is wonderful despite all lessons, tests, homework, bad marks and teacher's notes in our record-books! Spring holidays will begin in a week and we will be able to rest from school and to enjoy free time! So, let us spend the week of holidays with pleasure not only sitting at computer screens!

**Ekaterina Viktorovna Klementyeva, a teacher of English**

## What are Indians like?



Not long ago I and my friends visited English discussion club, where we listened to the lecture of an American professor, Indian by origin. He is from the state Alabama, south-west of the USA. We were amazed by his unusual appearance as he didn't look like a professor: big, dark-skinned face and long black hair. Mr Johan told us about American Indians. Young American Indians, as all modern Americans, like basketball, watch TV, drink cola. We were sorry to hear that not all Indians can get high education and go abroad. He is an exception. Then he

told us that most Indians live in reservations and wigwams are only for tourists. It was interesting to know that so many American words have Indian origin. There are many aboriginal tribes in America and that he is from Cherokee tribe. On the whole, the lecture was so exciting, breathtaking and informative. We strongly recommend you to visit one of the lectures that are held there regularly at 27, Mayakovsky street.

**Zhanna Kvitko, 8B**

## St Patrick's Day

More and more countries are getting involved in celebrating this holiday. The main colour of it is green. It is a jolly and funny holiday.



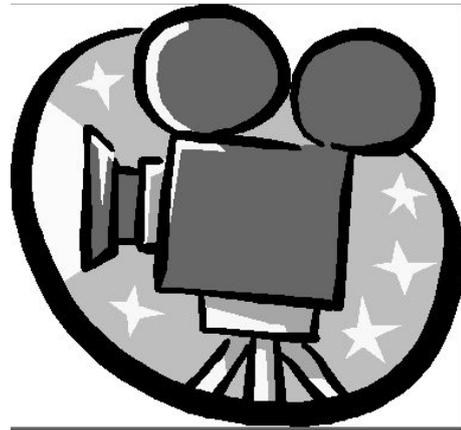
Originally, the colour associated with Saint Patrick was blue. Over the years the colour green and its association with Saint Patrick's day grew. Green ribbons and shamrocks were worn in celebration of St Patrick's Day as early as the 17th century.



According to legend, Saint Patrick used the shamrock, a three-leaved plant, to explain the Holy Trinity to the pre-Christian Irish people.

# Movie Quiz

Here is a quiz about films, actors, directors and others. Let us see how well you know cinema industry. This is the first part of a quiz. Next 10 questions you will find in number 3. Good luck!



1. Who created the X-Files?

2. Which actor played Indiana Jones?

3. Where is Hollywood situated?

4. Who created Mickey Mouse?

5. Who directed the film *Psycho*?

6. Who works for the British government and has the number 007?

7. How old is Leonardo DiCaprio?

8. Which film company has a mountain as its logo?

9. What is Spielberg's first name?

10. Which actress didn't win an «Oscar» for the Best Actress in the film «Titanic»?

**Our congratulations to the winners of the contest in Brainwave number 1: Zmeev Ilya, 11B and Puzachenko George, 7A . Come to room №18 and get your prizes!**

# Pure Logic

Can you solve the following problem?



A private detective once arrived at a small town. He decided to have his hair cut. The town only had two barbers, each with his own shop. The detective looked into one shop and saw that it was extremely untidy. The barber himself was unshaved, his clothes looked dirty, and his hair was badly cut. The other shop was extremely neat. The barber was freshly shaved and spotlessly dressed, his hair was neatly cut. The private detective returned to the first shop for his haircut. Can you explain why?



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

## English Humour

Some teachers can't understand why you find English difficult. But if you ask them to explain something, they don't know how! Here are some interesting questions to ask your English teacher to answer:

If vegetarians eat vegetables, what do humanitarians eat?

If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called *the rush hour*?

Why do a *slim chance* and a *fat chance* mean the same ("no chance at all")?

Why is it that a man with hair on his head has more *hair* than a man with *hairs* on his head?

Do *infants* enjoy *infancy* as much as *adults* enjoy *adultery*?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a *broker*?

Why is it called *building* when it is already built?

Why is *abbreviation* ("a short form of") such a long word?

## If: Britain's favourite poem

In a poll conducted by the BBC to find out the nation's favourite poem, Rudyard Kipling's poem *If* was voted number one. Kipling was the first English writer to win the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1907 and died in 1936 after a long illness.

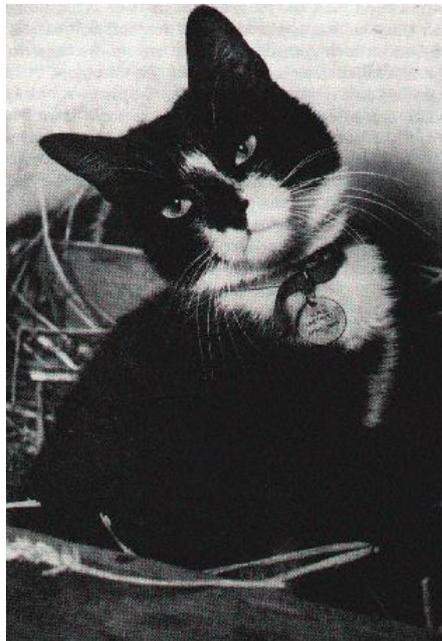
## New Television

American and Japanese scientists are developing new kind of television. A

special device will allow viewers to smell what is on screen! The device will send out harmless ultrasound signals to the brain and we'll be able to smell and taste a dish on a cookery programme.

## Simon the cat

The only cat to get a medal was Simon, ship's cat on HMS Amethyst. In April 1949, the ship was held captive on the Yangtse River. For 100 days Simon the cat comforted the terrified young crew and entertained them with his amazing rat-catching skills. When the crew returned home, Simon became a celebrity, but never fully recovered from his wounds and sadly died a few months later.



*Simon in quarantine,  
November 1949*