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School News

Victory Day!



On 8 May pupils from 5A draw pictures on the paving in front of the shopping and entertainment complex «Warsaw Express» dedicated to our main holiday “Victory Day”.

Good luck, school-leavers!

This year our 11th formers will hear the sound of the school bell on 24 May. We wish your dreams come true.



World News

Alexander Vasilyevich Suvorov



The winner of the contest «The Name of Victory» became the Count Suvorov of Rymnik, Prince of Italy, Count of the Holy Roman Empire, national hero of Russia, a Generalissimo of the Russian Empire. He won more than 60 battles and never lost one. His prowess, military wisdom, and daring remain in high regard. There are a lot of monuments to him in different cities and countries. In 1942 the Order of Suvorov was established in the USSR.

Hello dear friends!

This is the last copy of our newspaper this year. Less than a month left before your summer holidays start, however, I believe you will use the remaining time wisely preparing for tests and exams. I wish you good luck!

You will have much leisure time soon. How are you going to spend it? Probably, you will find time to read books as do celebrities. You will be surprised to learn that favourite books of some foreign ones are Russian authors. For example, George Clooney spend time reading «War and Peace» by Tolstoy, Daniel Radcliffe-«Master and Margarita» by Bulgagov, DAvid Schwimmer-«Idiot» by Dostoevsky, Orlando Bloom-«The Karamazovs brothers» by Dostoevsky, Jim Carrey-«Crime and Punishment» by Dostoevsky. And what will you read?

Zinfira
Gilmanova

Madiyarovna

Emerald Island



I have recently visited one of the most interesting, gorgeous, wonderful countries in the world – Ireland. Though we stayed in Dublin, we also went to some places in the country.

Dublin – is an ancient town, which was founded in 830 A.D. The spirit of history is felt everywhere and in everything – in its old buildings, in its narrow streets, in the monuments to famous people. Celts, Vikings, Saxons – different peoples made its history.

When we speak about Guinness Book of Records we don't associate this name with Arthur Guinness who is one of the most prominent Irish not only because of this book, but because of the world well-known beer.

Oscar Wilde, James Joyce, Bernard Show, W. Yeats – are famous writers and poets who were born in Dublin. We saw the monuments to them in very unexpected places and poses. Famous Irish Molly Mallone is still selling the cockles and mussels and pushing her wheel-barrow along the crowded streets of the old city.

However, Ireland is not only Dublin. It is a great green space of pastures where sheep and cows are grazing. Its nature is a mixture of hills and mountains, cliffs and sea, which surrounds the Emerald island. Traditional industries of weaving and cheese-making are wide-spread in the farms of the country.

It was a wonderful experience of visiting this amazing country and if you have an opportunity to see Ireland – don't miss it! You will never regret!

Ekaterina Viktorovna Klementyeva

Greetings cards

There are many traditions in Russia, one of them is sending greetings cards. Greetings cards are very popular in our country. The most popular kinds of greetings cards are birthday cards, congratulations cards and cards for special days. Usually people send these cards to their relatives, friends, teachers, colleagues and many other people.

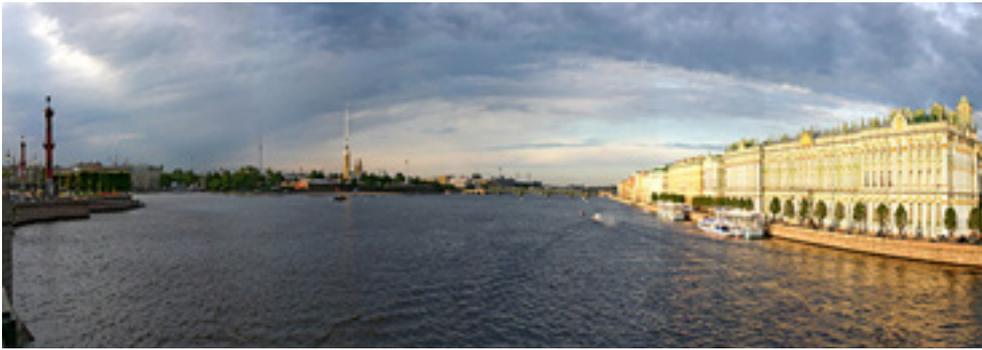
Traditional cards have pictures of flowers, emblems of different holidays, scenery. But the greetings cards are changing, and now they are different: there are greeting cards with already written words of congratulations; there are 3D-cards, musical cards, funny cards and so on. People can buy greetings cards at the post-office, in different shops, in supermarkets.

Many people like to send and to get greeting cards. Some people send them traditionally from the post-offices, but many modern people send greetings cards by the Internet. As for me, I prefer to send greetings cards by the Internet or to make them myself.

It is wonderful!

Soboleva Darya, 7 A

Long live, Saint Petersburg!



The city was built by conscripted peasants from all over Russia; a number of Swedish prisoners of war were also involved in some years under the supervision of Alexander Menshikov. Tens of thousands of serfs died building the city. Many famous architects build the city: Jean-Baptiste Vallin de la Mothe, Antonio Rinaldi, Yury Felten, Giacomo Quarenghi, Andrey Voronikhin, Andreyan Zakharov, Jean-François Thomas de Thomon, Carlo Rossi, Vasily Stasov, Auguste de Montferrand. St Petersburg is a city of three revolutions: the revolution of 1905, February revolution and October revolution.

The city has been renamed three times: during the World War I the Imperial government renamed the city Petrograd to remove the German words Sankt and Burg. On January 26, 1924, Petrograd was renamed Leningrad. In 1991 the city got its historical name - Saint Petersburg.

During World War II, German forces besieged Leningrad for 872 days. The Siege of Leningrad proved one of the longest, most destructive, and most lethal sieges of a major city in modern history.

The Saint Petersburg Mint, founded in 1724, is one of the largest mints in the world, it mints Russian coins, medals and badges.

The city has 221 museums - the largest one is the Hermitage, the Russian Museum is a large museum devoted specifically to Russian fine art; 2000 libraries; more than 80 theaters; 100 concert organizations; 45 galleries and exhibition halls; 62 cinemas and around 80 other cultural establishments. Every year the city hosts around 100 festivals and various competitions of art and culture, including more than 50 international ones.

Citizens and tourists enjoy visiting the suburbs of St Petersburg: Petergof, Pushkin, Pavlovsk with their wonderful palaces, parks and fountains.

St Petersburg inspired many of our great poets, writers, painters, sculptors, composers and actors. Much of the life and work of Pushkin, Dostoevsky, Tchaikovsky, Repin and Kramskoi was connected with the city.

How well you know Saint Petersburg? Quiz

1. Who is Patron Saint of Petersburg?
2. Who is the governor of Saint Petersburg?
3. How long was the Siege?
4. What are the symbols of the city?
5. Where is the monument to Krylov situated?
6. What is the highest sculpture group in Petergof called?
7. How old was Peter the Great when he died?
8. How many departments are there in the Hermitage?
9. Who did the Mikhailovsky Castle belong to?
10. What do the statues on base of the Rostral columns represent?
11. Whose monuments can be seen in front of the Kazan Cathedral?
12. Which street is 22 meters wide, buildings there 22 meters high and 220 metres long?
13. How long did it take A. Montferrand to build St Isaac's Cathedral?
14. How many atlases support the New Hermitage?
15. Who liberated the peasants of Russia from serfdom?
16. How old is the city?

Good luck!



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

Events that you shouldn't miss



Stonehenge Summer Solstice

Each year on 21 June visitors from around the world gather at Stonehenge overnight to mark the summer solstice and to see the sunrise above the stones.

The Summer Solstice is the most important day of the year at Stonehenge and a truly magical time to be there. It's akin to a spiritual experience. Anyone who has witnessed the crowd become silent as the sky begins to brighten can attest to that.

Happy Birthday! Happy Birthday!



The Queen celebrates two birthdays: her actual birthday (April 21) and her "official" birthday (marked either the first or second Saturday in June; this year's will be celebrated on June 7). Why two birthdays? The tradition of having an "official" birthday for the sovereign began for practical reasons when monarchs born in winter months were prevented from having parades and outdoor celebrations due to cold and wet weather. King Edward VII, born on Nov. 9, was the first

sovereign to mark his official birthday on a day that wasn't his actual birthday. The Queen continues this tradition. She celebrates her real birthday privately with friends and family; her official birthday is marked by ceremonies at Buckingham Palace.

International Left-Handers Day 13 August



August 13 is designated International Lefthanders Day by Lefthanders International. It was first observed on the 13th of August, 1976. It celebrates their uniqueness and differences, who are from seven to ten percent of the world's population. Left-handers Day is now celebrated world-wide. Interesting fact: left-handers are far more likely to develop schizophrenia than right-handers, for reasons not well understood. Most left-handers draw figures facing to the right. There is a high tendency in twins for one to be left-handed. Stuttering and dyslexia occur more often in left-handers. Here are some famous left-handers people: Barack Obama (1961-) 44th, Queen Victoria of England, Prince William of England, Winston Churchill, Lewis Carroll, Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach, Michelangelo, Charlie Chaplin, Greta Garbo, Marilyn Monroe and many others. It is fun to celebrate this day when right-handed family members, friends, colleagues do everything left-handed for the whole day.