

"School"



Dear Friends!

Well, here we are once again after long summer holidays, though they don't seem to have been so long, do they? Of course, it's a pity that the wonderful time of summer freedom is over. But you shouldn't be so down in the mouth because there is the excitement of seeing old friends, sharing holiday impressions, showing your beautiful suntan and a new schoolbag or fashionable school stationary. No wonder, the new issue of "School" is all about summer holidays.

So, open your hearts to the September-October issue of the "SCHOOL". In this issue of our journal we'll give you, our dear readers, and an opportunity to lay aside their daily academic routine for a while and remember the SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

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Greetings from The Editorial staff

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Expectation VS Reality

The first of September is one of the most welcome holidays because students will have interesting meetings and acquaintances, new knowledge and the whole year for achievements. In every family this day is celebrated in a special way. As for me, I was so nervous because I had to go to a new school this year and I would like to talk about the highlights of new period of my life.

Classmates. To be honest, I was really worried about how my new classmates would treat me, but it turned out to be much easier. We found a common language at once; they showed us the classrooms and even told a couple of secrets about studying. I suppose they are great people and I hope we will become good friends.

School uniform. In fact, teachers follow the rules very strictly. And one of them is wearing a school uniform. They believe that students have to wear school uniform, have their hair worn either in plaits or in a ponytail but not loose and I absolutely disagree with it.

Firstly, school uniform stifles creativity and freedom of expression. Students have the right to express their individual identity, but school uniform prevents them from expressing who they are.

Secondly, school uniform is too expensive. Buying it may become a financial burden on families, especially for those with a few school-aged children.

Last but not least, school uniform is uncomfortable to wear because it may be made from uncomfortable material. That's why I'm not in favour of school uniform.



The school building. I really thought that a new school would be a gloomy and grey inside. But in reality the classrooms are light and somehow cozy. Most of all I enjoy studying in the History class, which is on the first floor. From there, there's a nice view of the school yard.

Teachers. At first I was afraid that the teachers would be strict, but after a few lessons I realized that this is not so. They try to convey to us all their knowledge and awaken in us an interest in their subjects and in self-study. In addition to school subjects, our teachers tell us about everything, about different problems of our world, such as ecology, nature conservation, etc.

In conclusion, I want to say that some of my expectations have not been confirmed. But nevertheless, I enjoy the moments I've spent in the new school and with new classmates.

Preparation to school

The approach of the new school year always causes emotional stress for both a child and

parents. So it's better to prepare for it in advance.

Summer holidays seem endless only at the beginning for them : you can sleep off, hang out

with friends for days long. In August, you have to admit that the holidays are not so long

and the school is just around the corner. How to prepare a child for the new school year?

And how to prepare yourself for it , because for parents the school is no less stress than for

the student?

"get at 7 o'clock "routine.



What to do? Every day, shift the laying time by 10-15 minutes until you reach the optimal 21-22 hours. It is not necessary to get up on the alarm clock, gradually the child himself will begin to wake up earlier.

Remember what responsibility is

It is difficult for children to understand what the word "necessary" means. These are adults, who are used to the fact that you need to work regardless of whether you have a mood and a desire or not. Therefore, a little person needs to develop a habit of responsibility.

What to do? Define household chores that will be assigned only to your child : water the flowers, wash dishes after breakfast, feed the hamster. Patiently remind him of what he has to do, but never do it instead of him. In just a few days, he himself, without reminding , will do everything that you asked him to, and the need to work will not cause him rejection or resentment in him.

Pack a school bags together

Surely, you are already worried about buying a school uniform, a tracksuit for PE lessons and buying stationary in advance make sense as it helps to avoid hustle and nervousness.

What to do? Get your child involved in choosing school things. For example, a child can

choose a new pencil case, pens, nice pencils and brightly coloured notebooks. Mind his

opinion while buying a school uniform or a new satchel. Let your child feel independent

and find out that preparing for the new school year is a pleasure



Summer is a wonderful time. The first thing that comes to my head when I think of summer is a night walk in August with friends or a girl. "Why August?" - would you ask. Well, August is the time of Starfall. Once while I was walking late at night saw 7 stars drop. SEVEN! Can you imagine it? My friends said that they had seen more stars falling down that I hadn't noticed. Cool, isn't it. There is a believe that if you manage to make a wish while a star is falling down, all your dreams will come true. My another strong summer experience was the time spent in the summer children's camp in the village of Ega. Oh my God, it was perfect time: new acquaintances, holiday romance, adventures and lots of new unforgettable emotions. I remember that at first I didn't want to go. My mom put me on the bus and I left. After a while, I didn't want to say goodbye to our leaders who were always ready to help and encourage and motivate, to friends and the camp atmosphere. I'm sure that a summer camp is thing everyone has to experience.





Hi, everyone! I'm enthusiastic about taking photos and now I would like to show you one of my favorite photos. Have a look at the picture. It is mesmerizing, isn't it? Well, I took this photo on my way home from school. At that moment I was admiring the beauty of the autumn landscape. In the picture you can see trees covered with orange, yellow and brown trees and the sun shining on them. Besides, on the road there are coloured leaves that have fallen from the trees. The sunlight is making the leaves look as if they are glowing. It was a bright, clear day, and it is also likely be rather chilly because clear, sunny days in autumn often mean cold weather.

I keep this photo in my album because every time I look at it, I feel that every moment of life is priceless.

I decided to show you this picture because I wanted to share this beauty of Nature with you.

That's all for now!

Summer holidays should be shortened.

School holidays have become one of the most contentious issues recently. More and more people believe that holidays should be reduced up to a month. Others, however, claim that children should not be shortened in summer.

In my view, summer holidays should not be cut short for many reasons. Firstly, such a rest helps children not to overwork and maintain their mental, physical health at the right level. Indeed, it can help to protect children from diseases. Secondly, after school pupils will have to be students and therefore they will not have such a long time for rest. Thus, students will have no time to relax from this very exhaustive and time consuming activity. However, there are those who believe that during such a long time, students forget all the school material they have learnt. As a result, it can be difficult for students to concentrate on studying at the beginning of the school year.

Nevertheless, I still stand my ground. I am absolutely sure that nowadays there are a lot of Internet resources where students can revise knowledge and practice necessary skills. Thus, study and relaxation can be combined.

To conclude, I would like to emphasize that it is more productive if there are long 3 month holidays.



ON THE MOVE

My pencil's looking dull again.
My throat feels awfully dry.
I have to use the bathroom
Is there something in my eye?
Imagine all the work I'd do
If I stayed in my seat
Yet somehow, I keep finding ways
To get up on my feet.

OPEN HOUSE

Welcome to our classroom!
Come in! Sit down and stay.
Learn what it is we're learning.
See how we spend our day.



FIRE DRILL

Quietly we sat,
Concentrating well,
Adding and subtracting.
THEN WE HEARD A BEE!
It was like no other,
Loud and long and shrill.
«Line up!» said our teacher.
«IT'S A FIRE DRILL!
Leave your books and pencils.
Stand up right away.
Don't take coats or backpacks.
EVERYTHING MUST STAY.»
In a line, we hurried,
Walking as a class,
Straight across the pavement
OVER TO THE GRASS.
Everything class stood out there.
All was strangely still.
There was were, a school on hold
FOR A FIRE DRILL.

Учителя — это особая каста. Почему большинство учителей так преданы своей работе и убеждены, хотя и не всегда сознаются в этом открыто, что они служат не только своей Родине, но и всему человечеству? Что их работа — самая важная на свете? Ведь это очень трудная работа. Каждый день приходится сталкиваться с неординарными ситуациями, каждый день тебе бросают вызов юные таланты, а порой и гении! Каждый

день приходится решать новые задачи. А как же иначе? Ведь каждый ученик это

личность, индивидуальность, которая никогда не повторится!

Но как бы ни были банальны эти слова, хороший учитель всегда сумеет разжечь в своих

учениках жажду знаний, любовь к правде и красоте. Джон Стейнбек сказал: «Я убеждён,

что великий учитель — это великий актёр. Но вы ведь знаете, как мало хороших актёров.

Преподавание это даже большее искусство, так как цена ему — человеческий разум и человеческий дух».

Хороших, настоящих артистов действительно мало. Их и не может быть много, иначе просто нивелируется само понятие — артист. А вот хороших учителей должно быть много всегда!



Миледи и Милорды

Один мудрец сказал однажды:

Познай язык еще один,

И будешь человеком дважды.

А третий - трижды будешь им!

И пусть вам громко рукоплещут

Ньютон, Тацит и Галилей,

Язык английский мне милей.

Tobe or not to be - that is the question!

Он гармоничен, ироничен,

Он с детства с «Beatles» нам привычен.

Лорд Байрон, Киплинг, Бернс и Шелли

Его в стихах своих воспели.

О#39;Генри, Драйзер, Твен, Джером -

Их славы не умолкнет гром.

И перед теми, кто преподает английский,

Снимите шляпу, и поклон им низкий!

The belly rules the mind, suggests a Spanish proverb. And this is often true, whatever the country. While many of our students are deprived of cooking classes, it's great that cooking inspires them. Dasha Rusanova has decided to share her cooking experience with the "SCHOOL" readers.

Strawberry jam

Ingredients

- 1 kg of strawberry
- 1 kg of sugar

Cooking

Cover dry strawberries with sugar and wait for them juice release. Keep it in cool place for 12 hours. Then cook the berries with sugar on low heat and constantly stir them. When foam appears, take it off with a skimmer. Boil them for five minutes. Cool the berries down cover the pot with a towel. Next day boil the berries for five minutes again. Put the jam into clean jars. Ready-made. Wait for cold days to come to enjoy the delicious.



Lecho with honey

Ingredients

- 1 kg of Bulgarian pepper
- 20 ml of vinegar (9%)
- 2 glasses of tomato juice
- 40 ml of vegetable oil
- 90 grams of honey

Cooking

Mix tomato juice, vegetable oil, salt and honey in a bowl and boil. Then add pepper and stew for ten minutes. After that put the lecho into the clean jars and close with plastic lids.



Salad

Ingredients

- 10 of eggplants
- 10 of Bulgarian peppers
- 10 of onions
- 10 of tomatoes
- 10 of cloves of garlic
- 5 tablespoon of sugar
- 1 tablespoon of salt
- 0.5 glass of vegetable oil

Cooking

Cut the vegetable in large slices and stew for thirty minutes. After that add sugar, salt, vegetable oil and vinegar to your taste. Put the salad into the clean jars. Serve the salad as a separate dish or as a side dish with meat, fish.



A FAIRY LAND

The summer 2019 I was lucky to visit the Netherlands, a magnificent country with lots of fabulous sights to attract numerous tourists from all over the world. I was really amazed to see Amsterdam and make a boat cruise on its canals. The number of canals have led this city to become known as “The Venice of the North”. The canal tour was fascinating during the day

and absolutely enchanting at night when the houses and bridges were illuminated.

After visiting Amsterdam I mistakenly supposed that no other sights will ever make me wow with amazement. I was definitely mistaken because the next destination on my travel itinerary were Volendam and Zaanse Schans —two top sites in the Dutch countryside. To say that I was mesmerized by the places means to say nothing. It looked as if I had been carried into a fairy tale...



Volendam, the authentic fishing village just north of Amsterdam is a great place to visit all year round, with a great many sights worth seeing and things worth doing. First, you have to wander through its ancient streets – in Doolhof and Oude Kom quarters and discover old neighbourhoods and so-very-classic houses that characterize the fishing villages around IJsselmeer lake. These quarters have held an irresistible attraction for artists as far back as 1880, and it's easy to see why...





Doolhof and Oude Kom quarters

Walking around Volendam, everyone gets impressed with the town's unique architecture.



The typical dwelling house in Volendam looks just GEORGEOUS.



Another sight that captivates holiday makers in Volendam is hand – made canals with reflections that would inspire

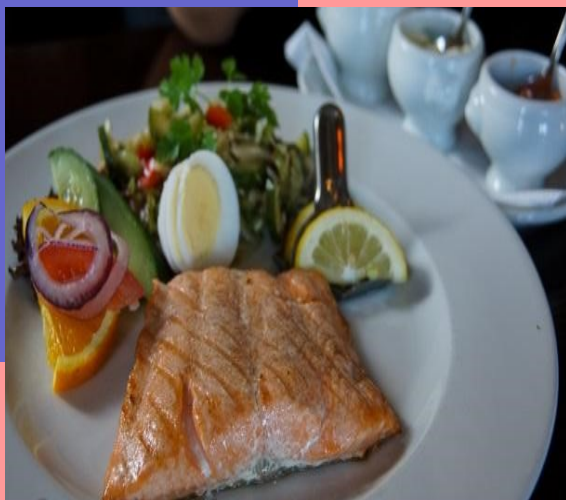


A bird's eye view of Volendam

Amsterdam can be thrilling, but any native will tell you: to really experience everyday life in the Netherlands, get

Volendam is known not only for its beautiful canals but by its delicious herring.

They say that if you've been to the Netherlands but haven't tasted herring in Volendam, you haven't seen the country.



Herring served in cafes is really soooooo finger-licking good!

While the town of Volendam itself is the real attraction, there is another place in the Dutch countryside which is certainly worth a stop: Zaanse Schans, famous for its ambience, cheese factory, well-preserved windmills, some from the 17th century.

Looking around you at the Zaanse Schans, you will see nothing but history.

A feeling of nostalgia will strike you when you see the wooden facades, the slit windows and the low doors.



More than 140 kinds of cheese are produced at the cheese factor

Along with tulips and windmill, there is another symbol of the country – klompen: the traditional all-wooden Dutch clogs. These are the most favourite Dutch souvenirs for tourists. However, some Dutch people, particularly farmers, market gardeners, and gardeners still wear them for everyday use. Outside the tourist industry, klompen can be found in local tool shops and garden center.

