

## **YEARBOOK 2017**

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#### **COMPETITION RULES:**

- Draw a picture and bring it to the Customer Services Team, at the Library
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- The drawing can be of anybody or anything, but it has to show what you like about summer

The jury will consist of British Council teachers.

The deadline is Monday, 10 July.

The winner will receive a one-week course at British Council Summer in the City!

Please, note that the places are subject to availability

See you at Summer in the City!

## YEARBOOK 2017 THE WORLD AROUND US

Once again, well done to all of our students for their hard work over the year and a particular thank you to those of you who made the Yearbook possible through your contributions. This is the sixth edition of the Yearbook here at British Council Romania and the content goes from strength to strength. The theme this year is The World Around Us. It offers a selection of topics through which our students, from our youngest to our oldest, constantly develop their curiosity, their knowledge and their skills, all of which happen here at the British Council through the medium of English. I hope that you enjoy this year's Yearbook as much as I have, and I am sure that it will be a reminder to us all that we should always remain curious and never stop learning.

With best wishes, Duncan

Duncan Mothersill, Director English Language Services

Read the yearbook online and discover more wonderful work done by our students!



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# PAGE 6 | MY HOME, MY FAMILY AND ME

## **MY HOME** MY FAMILY AND ME

Students tell us about themselves, their families, and where they live ...

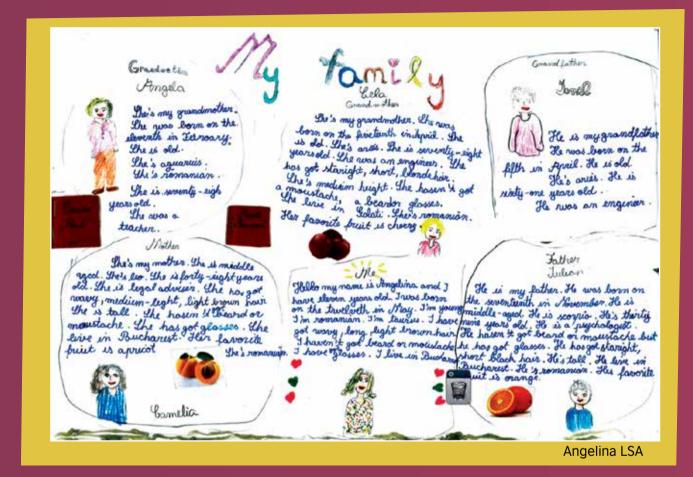


What's your favorite toy?

I1 students tell us about some of theirs

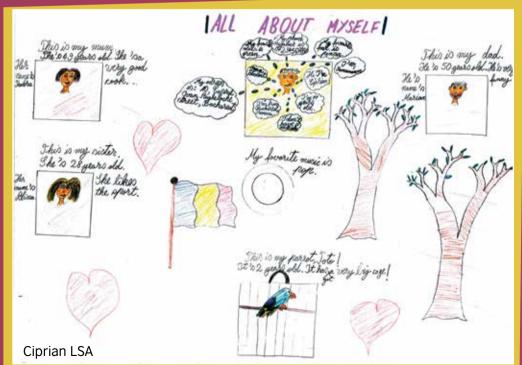












Things I've done... .. and things I haven't done.



I've been to 10 countries in my life. It was AWESOME! I've eaten octopus. It was DISGUSTING!

I've seen a polar bear. It was COOL!

I've seen a real white shark!!

I haven't seen a lion yet. I haven't learned Russian yet.

l haven't seen a tiger yet. I haven't eaten an applepen yet, but I want to do it!

Diana J5



I've visited five countries. My favourite is Germany because I like the language.

I've seen a jellyfish. I like them because they are purple. I've eaten pasta with vegetables. l've driven a skyjet.

Rares J5

Some of our students wrote (and drew) their daily routines. How does your day compare to theirs?



At home, I like to eat some red rice and watch Youtube for thirty minutes. My favourite Youtube channels are ASAP Science and ASAP Thought. Then, I do my homework for three or four hours. ON Mondays and Fridays I go to NASA club. I get back home and study for half an hour. Then I eat yellow rice. I have a shower, then I read twenty pages of a book, and go to sleep at 12 o'clock.

Antonia LSA

I wake up at nine o'clock or seven

At ten o'clock I have my breakfast.

At eleven o'clock I dress up.

At half past eleven I go to school

I study from twelve o'clock to six.

I go home at six o'clock.

I do my homework from seven to nine or ten.

At half past ten or nine pm I go to sleep.

Angelina LSA



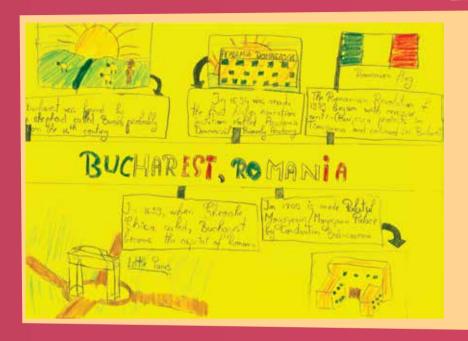
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## **TOWNS AND CITIES**

Here's just some of the work students at the British Council did this year on the theme of towns and cities and places in them

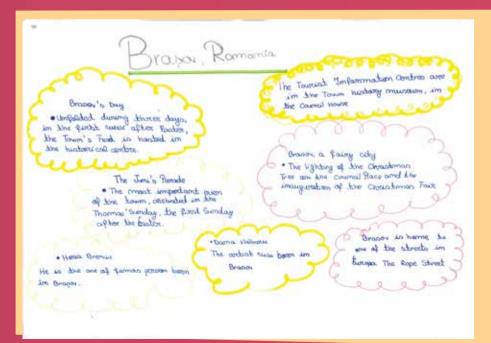


Alexia LSA1



Bucharest was founded by a shepherd called Bucur, probably in the 14th century. In 1659, when Gheorghe Ghica ruled, Bucharest became the capital. In 1694 the first higher education institution began, the Princely Academy.

Alex LSA1



The Brasov Days unfolds over three days, in the first week after Easter, the town's feast is hosted in the historical centre.

Brasov is home to one of the narrowest streets in Europe, Rope Street.

Diana LSA1

#### ADVENTURE PARKS

If you could create your own adventure park, what would you put in it?
Here are some ideas our students had.

Comfortable solar and chairs.

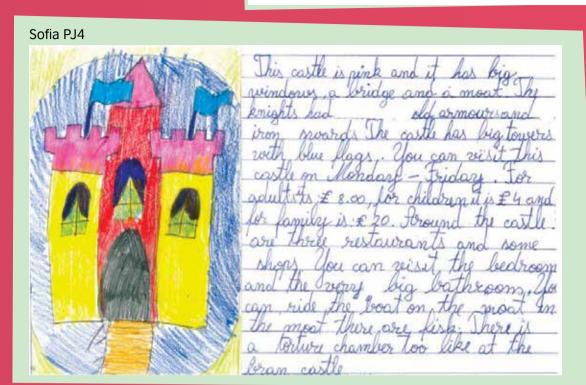
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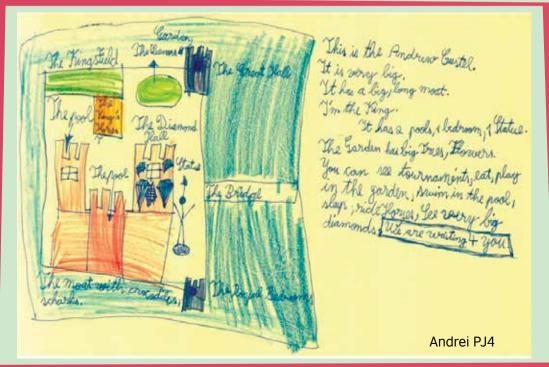
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There's a McDonald's restaurant, and you can eat burgers, watch films and drink apple juice at the same time!
You can meet your favourite characters like Captain America or iron Man.

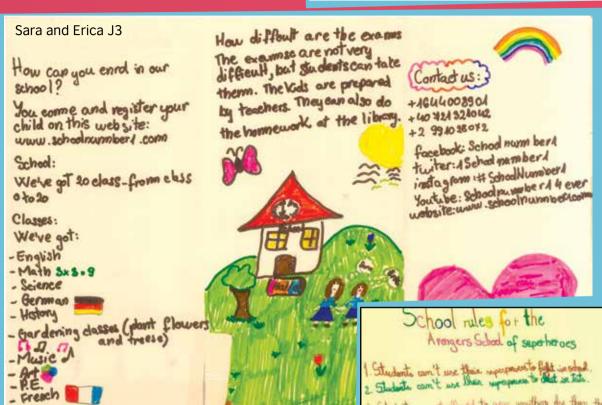
Cristina J3





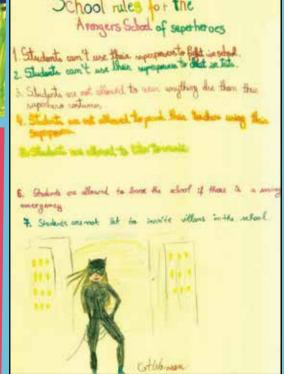


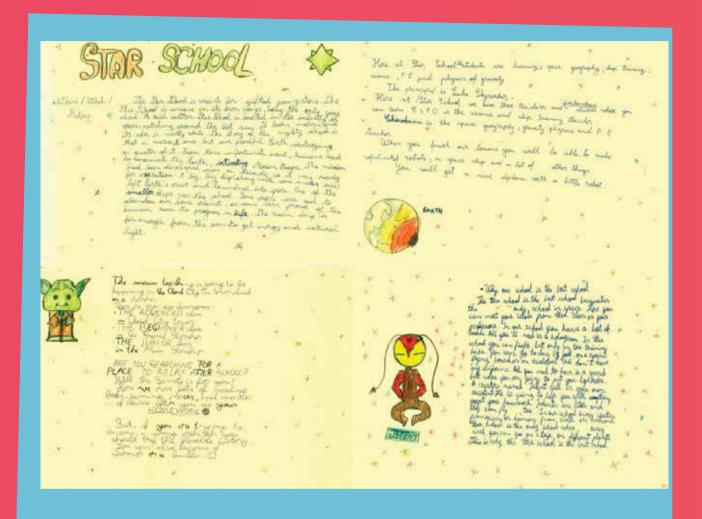
What would your ideal school be like? We asked some of our students, and here's what they said...



- •Students aren't allowed to use their grounds (only in emergencies)
- on teachers.
- Students must not fly during class.
- Students aren't allowed to miss any

Alexia and Andra LSB1





The star school is meant for gifted youngsters. The Star School is unique in its own ways, being the only space school. Star School is located in the infinity of space, rotating around the hot

meteorite hit our planet, destroying a quarter of it. For this reason, humans had to evacuate Earth, activating Mission Escape.

The Star School is the best school because it's the only school in space, and here you can meet your idols from the Star Wars films as your teachers. You can go to class on foot, on a special flying board on by escalator. You need to have a special belt where you are going to

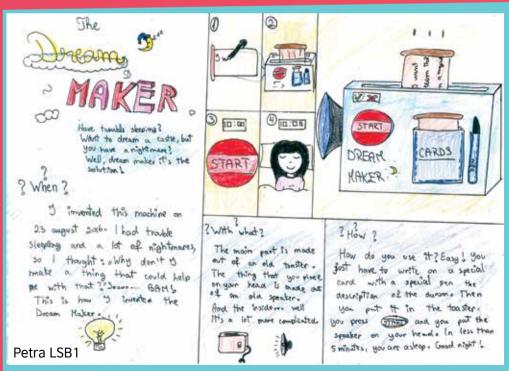
In our school, every creature from space as well as humans are welcome.

Maria Eduard Lidia and Dragos LSB1

## **TRANSPORT AND TECHNOLOGY**

Some of our students got inventive and created their own machines ...

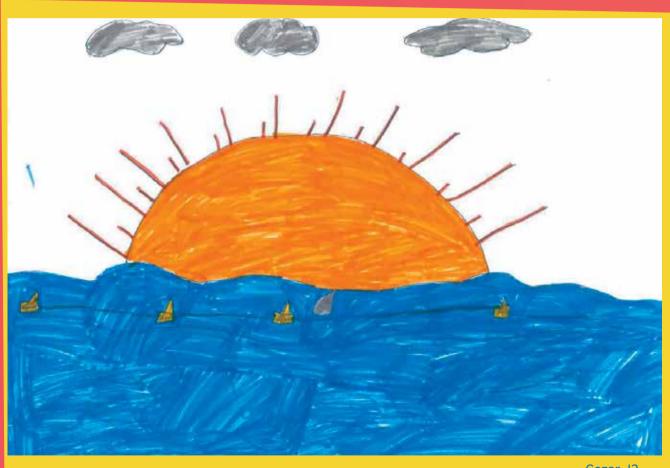






## **HOLIDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS**

Everybody loves to be on holiday ... and who doesn't like celebrations?



Cezar J3

#### ON HOLIDAY



Teofana J3

What places have you been to on holiday?

Hi Mirabela and Adriana,

I am at the acting camp. I love it! It's super cool! There we are making a movie. I am the main character. We never have breaks, but we sometimes go to the pool. The pool is very big. It's great!

I miss you! Smileys from Maria

Maria J3

Hi Mum and Dad.

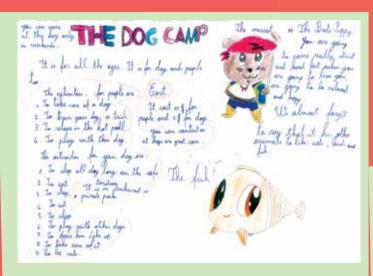
I'm having a great time at the Lego Camp. There is a big Lego robot. We build every day. It's great!

Love from Dominika

Dominika J3



Some of our students invented their own holiday camps



The Dog Camp is for all ages. It is for dogs and people too. The activities for people are:

- To take care of a dog
- To teach your dog tricks
- To relax in the hot pool
- To play with your dog

The activities for your dog are:

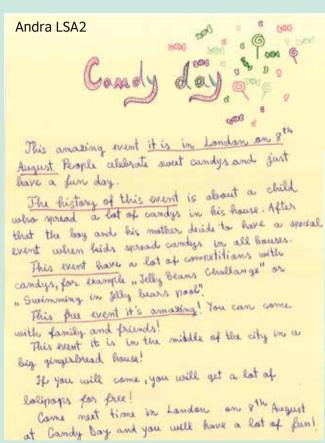
- To sleep all day long on the sofa
- To eat
- To sleep
- To eat
- To sleep
- To play with other dogs
- · To be cute

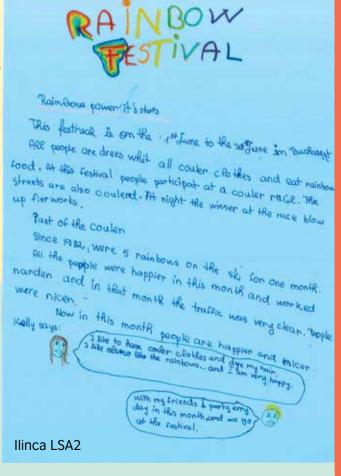
Roxana LSA1



Patricia, Bianca, Andreea, Eugeniu LSA1

Some of our students had some ideas for their own festival...





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## ART, ENTERTAINMENT AND THE MEDIA

#### TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF BOOKS AND FILMS WITH THIS QUIZ.

- 1. What are the names of Harry Potter's BFFs?
- (a) Ron and Draco
- (b) Crabbe and Govle
- (c) Ron and Hermione
- 2. What's the name of Dumbledore's bowl in the Harry Potter books and films?
- (a) pensieve
- (b) magic bowl
- (c) poot
- 3. Which of these is not a captain in the Pirates of the Caribbean films?
- (a) Jack Sparrow
- (b) Barbarossa
- (c) Elizabeth Swann
- 4. What's the name of Bella's husband in the Twilight saga?
- (a)Jack
- (b) Edward
- (c) Jasper
- 5. Who's Sherlock's friend?
- (a)Watson
- (b) his wife
- (c) he has no friends

Ioana LSA2

Answers: 1.c, 2.a, 3.c, 4.b, 5.a

#### DO YOU PLAY KENDAMA? TEST YOUR KEN-DAMA KNOWLEDGE WITH THIS KENDAMA QUIZ.

- 1. When was kendama invented?
- (a) nearly five hundred years ago
- (b) 1950
- (c) five years ago
- 2. When was the first Kendama World Cup played?
- (a) 1986
- (b) 2004
- (c) 2014
- 3. What country does kendama come from?
- (a) China
- (b) Japan
- (c) Korea
- 4. What are the two parts of the kendama called?
- (a) a dama and a ken
- (b) a ken and a ball
- (c) a ball and a piece of wood
- 5. Which of these is not a professional kendama player?
- (a) T J Kolesnik
- (b) Wyatt Brey
- (c) Neymar

Matei, Claire, J5

Answers: 1.a, 2.c, 3.b, 4.b, 5.c

Some of our PJ2s put their artistic skills to use, and drew some portraits ...

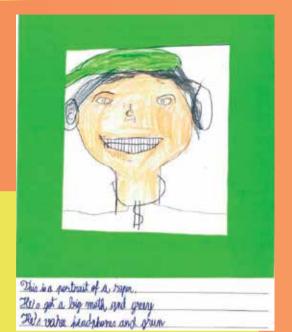


This is a portrait of me. I've got fair hair and a pink dress. It's a realistic portrait.

Ana J2

This is a portrait of a rapper. He's got a big mouth. He's wearing headphones.

Luca P J2





He is Saormel. He's got a blue head, a blue cap and a yellow jacket. He is drawing. This picture is an abstract portrait.

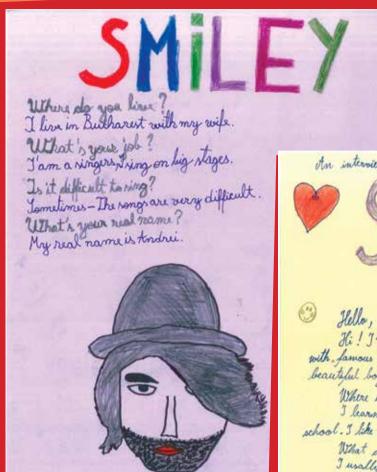
Marco J2

This is a portrait of me. It's abstract. I have three brown eyes and I have an orange hat and a red t-shirt and a red mouth.

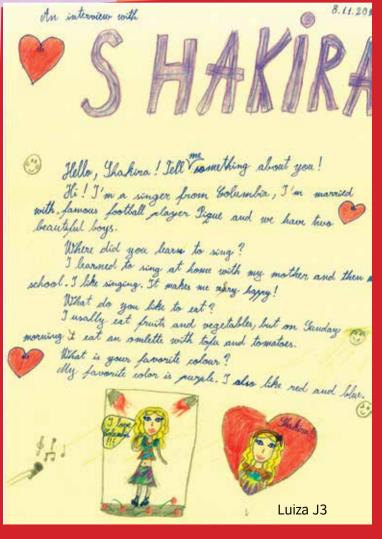
Toma J2



Darius J3



Interview a celebrity!



What does your zodiac sign say about you? Some of our students invented their own zodiac signs. Which ones are you?



April: Purple Lucky numbers: 1, 7 Purple people are usually imaginative. If you are purple, you are also loyal and shy.

August: pink Lucky numbers: 14, 15. Pink people are usually talkative. If you are pink, you are also energetic and happy.

Ioana LSA2

Cup cake: a cup cake is talkative, patient and honest but lazy.

Sarmale: You are generous, sensible, talkative and self-confident.

Mihnea LSA2



## 8 I SURREAL ART

#### **CANDY CLOUD**



Irina, Ingrid and Maria

In this picture I can see a huge ice cream floating in the air like a cloud or like a hot air balloon.

This picture shows like everything is possible, like in a dream.

It looks as if it started to melt, because there are pieces of it everywhere.

To me, this picture is about a dream where ice cream is a balloon and every candy is not eatable any more. This picture makes me feel dreamy and happy at the same time. Alexandra

In this picture, with the name of 'Candy Cloud', you can immediately see ice cream. It looks like a cloud, being scattered all over the piece.

scattered all over the piece.
This piece makes me feel cold, because of the usage of cold colours.

Overall, it's a great piece! Lidia Some of our LSB2 students had a go at creating some surreal art, and then shared their impressions of each others' work.

#### THE TREE OF IMAGINATION



Alexandra and Alexia

It looks amusing because it seems as though there's a rainbow waterfall. It's also quite confusing because it looks like the unicorn's head is the mountain, but it's still fascinating because the people who created this had a lot of imagination. To me, this picture is all about a fantasy world. I really like it.

Ingrid

#### SKY APPLES

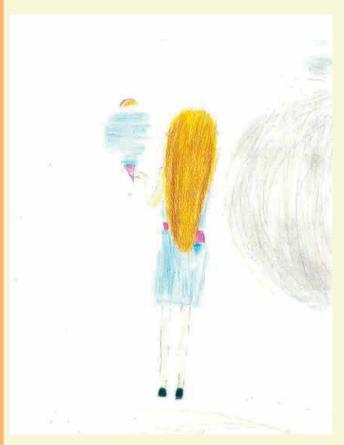


#### Lidia and Elena LSB1

In this picture I can see chandeliers hanging from the clouds and the actual hanging from the clouds and the actual light bulbs are apples. This picture is abstract art. It portrays a landscape with three clouds and three chandeliers. It looks as if the sky is giving its light through the apples. To me, this picture is about the natural spectrum of a landscape. I like that it is very detailed and the pianters were careful about little details. It makes me feel relayed and kind of pure I makes me feel relaxed and kind of pure. I don't know how to explain, because of the simplicity that's in it.

Alex

#### PLANET VOICE



#### Maria, Ingrid and Irina LSB1

In this picture, I can see a girl with an ice cream. In the background you can see a planet and some sound. I think the sound is the voice of the planet. The picture is something strange, SF, and that's why I like it. The ice cream look like and SF laser ice cream! That's cool.

This picture makes me feel happy because I like SF.

Cristian

## SO LREVIEWS

#### A film review - Breakfast at Tiffany's

I'm sure that the name "Breakfast at Tiffany's" is not only familiar, but widely popular among cinefiles. This summer I had the pleasure of watching it and it reminded me of the reviews it got in the 50's and the impact and relevance it has on today's society. The action is set in New York in 1950, and we are first introduced to Paul Varjak, a young promising waiter, who, despite the success of his critically acclaimed first novel, has not written a book in five years. Paul lives in the same apartment building as Holly Golightly, a young woman whose income is mainly the money she gets from her suitors and dates, 'rich, middle-aged. upper-class idiots' and businessmen. Holly is quirky. charismatic, flighty and, upon meeting Paul, decides to call him 'Freddie' because of his apparent resemblance to her brother. Even though Paul is at first amused by Holly's attitude and lifestyle ("if I names the cat, it would belong to me, and I would belong to her"), he soon grows fond of her and an unlikely friendship arises. Holly manages to coax Paul out of his writer's block and his relationship to an older, married woman who pays the rent to his apartment. However, we spend more than half of the movie wondering about the girl's past, who shrugs it off with a joke and changes the subject before the protagonist even has the chance to properly formulate his question. As the relationship between them progresses, he learn that Holly is, in fact, a very sensitive, understanding and profound person, hence her devotion to Tiffany's, the place she goes when she has the 'mean reds' ("Suddenly you're afraid, and you

don't know what you're afraid of"). While Holly continues her guest to a dependable source of income; a rich husband. Paul meets a man named, coincidentally. Golightly. The man tells Paul hi story and the protagonist is shocked to find out that the man was Holly's husband. a farmer from the south who had taken 'Lara Mae' and her brother Fred under his roof after he found them stealing from his garden. The farmer married Lara Mae, but she soon fled after her brother left to fight in the war. The film's climax is Lara Mae's surprise and her apology and explanation to the farmer, while Paul watches uneasily. Perhaps the most touching moment of the movi, apart from the growing romance between the two main characters, is when Lara Mae decides to come clean about her past to Paul and admits she doesn't know who she is any more.

A gripping plot, moving and memorable scenes and the mesmerising performance fo Audrey Hepburn make the film a classical masterpiece. The theme transcends your average romantic comedy's plot and dialogues and the portrayal of the characters is done in a simple, yet beautiful and elegant way. As the plot unfolds, we glimpse more and more into the making of the iconic love story and the individual human types presented, such as the intellectual (Paul), the flighty, immoral gold-digger (Holly), etc. Despite the caricature of the way we perceive people in the society and their roles, the film is undeniably original and touching. I thoroughly recommend the experience to any audience that wants a light-hearted but complex Saturday night film.

Radu and Maria, USC1

### Molly Sweeney – the world is beautiful through closed eyes

If you have ever wished to get an insight into the way a blind person sees the world (figuratively) and simultaneously be a witness to a moving, thought-provoking play that is sure to leave you gasping in shock, "Molly Sweeney" is definitely the paly to see. A Classic work of Friel, the play revolves around three alternating perspectives of the same story – that of Molly Sweeney, a blind, middle-ages woman who is able to find joy in the simplicity of life, her project-obsessed husband Frank and Dr. Rice, whose career and personal life have flopped and he's trying to get back on track by regaining Molly her sight. The play follows her moving journey and the way she values the small, yet comforting universe she was given, while Frank is convinced that she will only be truly happy once she

becomes a resident of the seeing world. Its definite strength is the plot-twist in which Molly ends up being driven insane by her newly obtained sense, because she can no longer have her own reality. The play's only weakness is the occasionally difficult to follow alternation of perspectives. Still, enter the theatre openminded and shall find the performance stunning. In my opinion, the theatre was an incredible venue – not only were the audience offered a vintage-looking background, but they could also enjoy a drink while watching, truly making yourself at home. It was certainly a unique experience, as theatres don't usually offer that cozy feel.

All in all, I would put "Molly Sweeney" on my list f mustsee plays. It is heart-warmingly twisted, mind-blowing and definitely a marvellous performance to see.

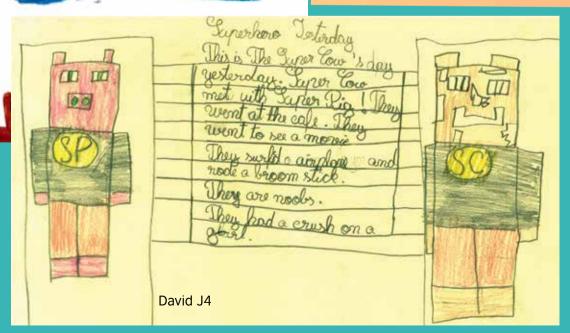
Anca USC1

#### **SUPERHEROES**

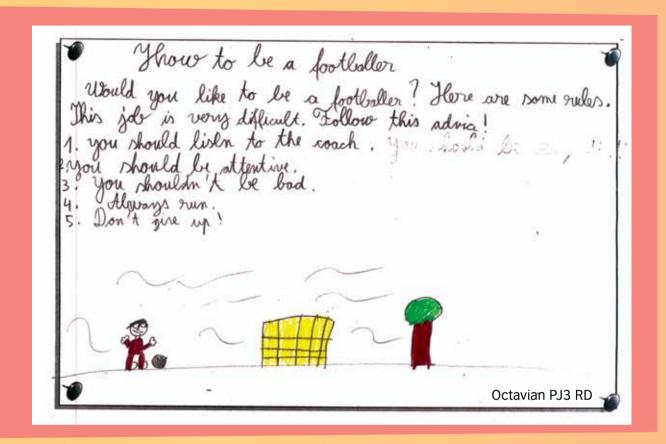
#### Jasmin, Alexandra, Maria, Carie, LSA



Who's your favourite superhero? Some of our students invented their own.



## **SPORT**



- 1. Which teams play in El Clasico? (a)Manchester United and Manchester City
- (b) Barcelona and Real Madrid
- c) Steaua and Dinamo
- 2. When did Nadia Comaneci win the first ever 10?
- (a)1990
- (b) 2001
- (c) 1976
- 3. Who won Euro 2016?

Luka, Luca, Carla, LSA2, Criss

- (a)France
- (b) Portugal

- (c) England
- 4. Which basketball player was named 'the greatest American Athlete of the 20th Century? (a)Stephen Curry
- (b) Michael Jordan
- (c) LeBron James
- 5. Who won the Champion's League in 2014?
- (a)Barcelona
- (b) Real Madrid
- (c) Atletico Madrid

Answers:1.b, 2.c, 3.b, 4.b, 5.b

I'm a sport

Nadia Comaneci took a 10 in this

I have beams and parallels Who am I?

Daria, Susan, LSA1

#### SPORTS PERSONALITY TEST

Try this sports personality test to see if capoeira is the right sport for you



Have You Got What It Takes To Be A Capoeira Dancer?

1.Have you ever practiced dancing before?
(a)For years
(b)A little bit
(c)Never

2.Do you enjoy listening to music? (a)All the time (b)Sometimes (c)I don't like music

3.Do you know what martial arts are?
(a)I've practiced them
(b)Yes, I heard about them
(c)I have no idea

4.How flexible are you?(a)Very flexible(b)Not quite flexible(c)I can't even stretch

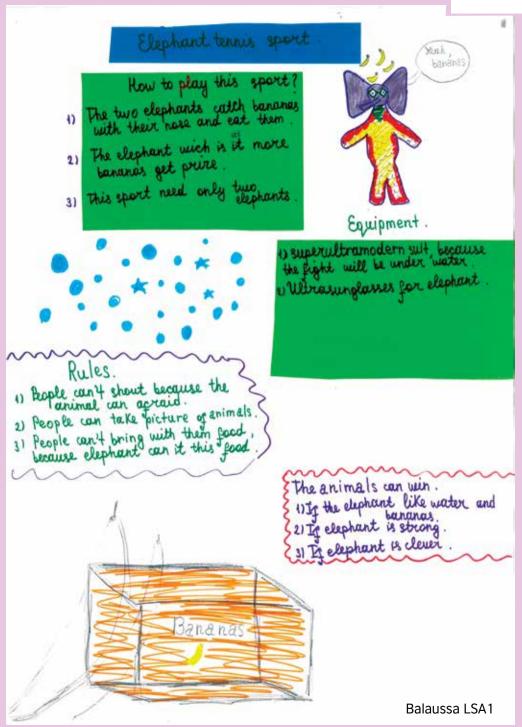
5.How fit are you?
(a)Really fit
(b)Pretty fit
(c)I can't even carry
my backpack

6.Have you heard about capoeira?
(a)Yes, I'd like to practice it.
(b)I enjoy watching it.
(c)I haven't heard about it.

Results: Answer key
Mostly (a) perfect for
capoeira
Mostly (b) you should try
Mostly (c) you aren't
made for capoeira

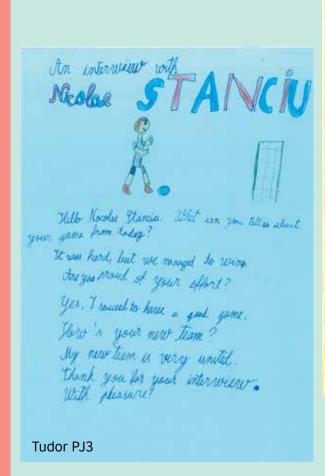
Elena, Alexia, Eduard LSB1

Here's a new invented sport. Would you like to try it?



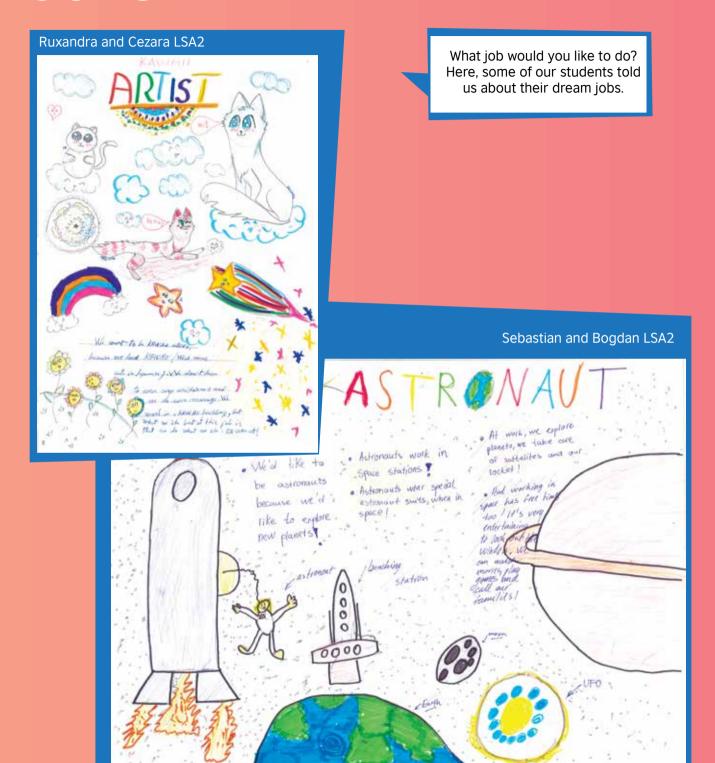
#### SPORTS BLOGPOSTS

Read an interview with an athlete and a post about a basketball match





## **JOBS**



## **CHRISTMAS**

Christmas Fayre at the British Council



Shall I compare thee to Christmas day?
Thou art less boring and less old
Rough winds do shake the baubles on the tree
And winter makes us feel all cold;
Sometimes too bright the decorations shine,
And often far too loud carols sound,
And food is often way too hard to chew
While good company becomes hard to be found;
You are condemned to stay indoors with them,
Pretend you're having fun and like the gifts!
Not even school can help you now escape
You can try hiding, but can't get away...
The only consolation is to tell yourself
That it will all come to an end one day!

Alex and others, C1

#### **Christmas Riddle**

It is red and white most of the time It could be sweet or sour, depends on your type It is commonly known for being shaped like a cane And kids love it all the same

Answer: Candy cane

Patricia and Laura, LSB1

## **OTHER EVENTS**

**Summer Picnic** 

The annual British Council Summer Picnic in the Park



**RED NOSE DAY** 

This year we brought to Bucharest this event which combines clowning around and giving to charity



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A selection of work from our students from the lasi center.

