



Spotlight

Fulbright Assistant in School No 25

When you learn a foreign language every opportunity to talk to native speakers is a great chance.

Two weeks ago a few students of Grade 10 got a great chance to talk to **Jay Gonzalez, a teacher from the USA** who came to Zlatoust for a few weeks. We were happy to meet him at our school. As for Jay he was surprised to learn that our school is with advanced study of the English language.

When I came into the classroom, everybody was already there discussing something interesting. My first impression was "This guy shares his experience freely and he looks positive. I think he's quite an interesting

and outgoing person". And that was really so. We asked him a few questions about his education, his homeland, holidays he likes, favorite music, etc.

Jay told us that he speaks five languages including Russian, but we spoke English and that was a great thrill for us.

Jay also told us he likes Zlatoust very much and has a wish to come here once again in summer.

Our teacher showed Jay our English projects and invited him to our closed group on *Vkontakte*. I even chatted with Jay on

VK later.

After our first meeting we hoped to see Jay in our school again, but unfortunately he couldn't come. But last week our group had an English class when we talked about stereotypes and our teacher showed us messages from Jay on *Vkontakte* where he shared his opinion about this issue.

Jay, you are welcome!

Eugenia Tukbaeva, 10A



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The Last Day



The 28th of February is the last day of cold winter. The next day is the first day of the spring when people are not afraid any more of low temperatures and snowstorms because the sun is shining brightly and it gives to every person a little part of its

energy. The sky in spring is so beautiful that people start to raise their faces to the sun with a happy smile.

All the creatures that have been waiting so long for warm days to come seem to grow very happy now as the snow starts melting.

Moreover spring is a very romantic time. The first flowers – snowdrops – come up from under the snow. Sometimes people like to give each other these flowers as a sign of love and a symbol of spring.

Good-bye snowy winter, welcome spring!

Alyona Kireeva 10A

My American ePals

Internet gives us many great opportunities. One of them is communication. It's not only interesting but also very useful – we can practice English; learn first-hand information about other cultures.

I wanted to have a pen friend, with whom I could speak English, for a long time. Last year I learned about the *ePals Global Community* which connects learners of English. This is an easy-to-use website, where we can exchange messages with



Our ePals Map by Eugenia Tukbaeva

school students from other countries.

My ePals are teenagers like me, sometimes they are also busy with school, but they find time to write an email. My first ePal was Brittany. She's a fourteen-year-old girl from Connecticut, the USA. She goes to a private catholic school but it doesn't mean anything boring. They have many sports and after classes activities. Brittany takes ballet, jazz and she likes to dance. She keeps asking me questions about our school life. Thanks to this exchange I see that Brittany is a very cheerful and sociable girl. Lately I got an email from Patricia, she's

from New Jersey and she's Mexican. Patricia has written me only two emails so far. She answers my questions about national features and interesting customs of Mexicans and I write about the weather and traditions in Russia. I think it's really interesting.

One disadvantage of such communication is that you can't see the person and it's a problem to exchange photos with Americas.

I think everyone who learns languages should try to practice in writing. It's a very good experience.

Victoria Korelina, 10A

A Special Place Contest

We had a great chance recently to take part in the school **student contest "A Special Place"**. My presentation was about a place known as Third Rock in the outskirts of Zlatoust. For me this contest was interesting because I learned what places my classmates like in Zlatoust most of all and why.

Also it was very interesting to record our voices and to make an amazing video that is now uploaded on VK. I also look forward to seeing

videos made by students from other places in Russia and by our ePals.

I think it's very important that we can share our ideas worldwide to break down stereotypes about Russia and bridge the gaps as we are young ambassadors of our country.

I got really excited to take part in school student contests because it's very interesting and rewarding.

Yulia Gorshkova, 10A



Colors matter



There is a lot of food we can choose from. Natural food such as fruits and vegetables is usually of different colors.

Each color is responsible for certain function. For example red foods get you moving. They give you that extra boost when you really

need it the most. Orange foods are brain food. They help you keep your mind on things and really improve your powers of concentration. If you want to relax, you must eat broccoli, lettuce and cucumber because green foods contain vitamins and minerals. Unfortunately, many people like unhealthy food, such as fast food and snacks.

You should know it is very bad for your health because junk food con-

tains harmful substances. The same goes for sweets, biscuits, soda drinks, chocolate, hot dogs and crisps.

I think that people must keep to healthy food because it is very good for our health.

(abridged from Spotlight 10 Student's Book)

Katya Rogoznik, 10B

Maslenitsa – Russian Pancake Week

Pancake week - a holiday familiar to everyone since our childhood. All of us like this holiday that symbolizes the long-awaited arrival of spring. **This year cheese week is from February 28 to March 6.**

Spring is a wonderful season, when the nature and animals wake up after cold winter.

Why are pancakes considered as

the main symbol of the pancake week?

Pancake is the symbol of the sun. In my opinion the pancake week is the "tastiest" week in all year. Pancake is a very simple and tasty dish. You can eat pancakes with butter or sour cream, or jam. You can use different stuffing or topping. For example, caviar, fruits, meat with rise or cottage cheese.

The Pancake Week isn't only a Russian holiday.

There are a lot of similar holidays in the world. I wish everyone a great pancake week and lots of fun!

Natasha Kadyrova, 10A



Delicious!



The week of history began on February 26. Everyone could easily understand that entering the school entrance hall because Grade 10 students met them with music and questions about history.

We came to school on that day dressed up as if we were in the 20th century. There were girls wearing clothes in style of dandies and represented 50s, boys

It was really fun, especially because we didn't wear our everyday clothes and looked extraordinary.

in the outfit of 90s, Yana represented 80s, some of the students were dressed up like school students of the time when our parents were school students... Girls even made hair-do and make-up in style of 60s with

bright red lips and volume on hair, like girls had in 50s. It was really fun, especially because we didn't wear our everyday clothes and looked extraordinary.

There will be a few more historical contests during this week and it finishes on March 5 with the traditional Fashion Show when students represent different historical periods.

Olesya Shestakova, 10A

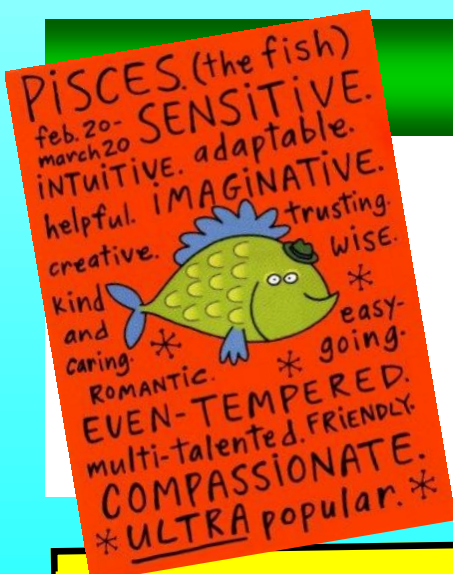
Your horoscope for March

People who belong to a particular star sign have their specific character, habits and manners.

Pisces is the main sign of March. *If you were born under the sign of Pisces*

you are an outgoing, kind and friendly person. You are good at art and maybe love music. Also you might often lose things and forget the time.

Katya Romanova, 10A



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We are ePals



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A film review: *The Green Hornet*

A new blockbuster *The Green Hornet* got to the big screen. So many blockbusters have been superhero-based and I was wondering if this movie was made only because it was one of the few left that hadn't already been made into a movie. The movie was directed by Michael Gondry ("Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind"). And it stars Seth Rogen, Jay Chou and Cameron Diaz.

Yes, you will definitely enjoy this movie. Britt's fighting will give laughs that will make you howl like wolves and Kato's martial arts skills will leave audiences breathless. It's definitely going to make this movie likable and I'm sure you'll love the action scenes with huge explosions. The comedy moments seldom appear but when they do, it's going to make you laugh.

The 3D was weak. There were no eye-popping effects, just depths because as I sometimes take off my glasses to compare the movie in 2D and 3D. 3D works perfectly fine without the glasses, not blurry at all, very inconspicuous. So, I recommend 2D better.

To sum up, "*The Green Hornet*" is not a bad movie. It's definitely not a waste of time and it's possibly a good reason to head to the *Kosmos* at the weekend.

Thank you for reading and hope this review is useful.

Yana Mulobaeva, 10A

Once I was late for my English lesson...

Once I was late my English lesson. And what do you think? My classmates were doing some test!

Certainly, I began to do the test, too. There were two Reading tasks and one Use-of-English, and that wasn't too bad because I love to read. I was surprised that it was necessary to write down keywords. What for? - I thought - if you were mistaken keywords wouldn't help you after all.

«Reading? It is easy!» That was my opinion. As it appeared, it was not that easy. There were

four words with similar meanings I had to choose from.

I understood that it is necessary to learn new words to expand the vocabulary. Still some of the tasks were easy enough to my mind because it just couldn't be otherwise!

You won't believe that I was really surprised, when we were told that the tasks were taken from Cambridge First Certificate test!



I was worrying I could fail, but my results turned out to be quite good! And now I have made my mind to do next time even better.

Yulia Sharipova, Grade 10A