

InFocus

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Would you eat this?

Hello again,

Another term is drawing to a close and once again the Journalism Club has been working hard on their first 'Infocus' newsletter of the year. A small group of hardworking students, namely India Hagenbach, Christine Dafiewhare, Nada Alaa and Ayana Bhanji, have been researching and creating the articles for this edition.

The team would like to wish the whole Compass community a very happy, safe and fruitful holiday.

Have a wonderful break!

Kind regards from,

The Infocus a.k.a The Journalism Club

Our intrepid investigative journalists set off on a mission to discover the mysterious contents of the lunchboxes, belonging to both teachers and students.

By India Hagenbach



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So you thought December was an ordinary month?

Some crazy and weird celebrations in December:

- 1 ... National Pie Day and Eat A Red Apple Day
- 2... National Fritters Day
- 3... National Roof-Over-Your-Head Day
- 4... Wear Brown Shoes Day
- 7... National Cotton Candy Day
- 8... Take It In The Ear Day
- 9... National Pastry Day

- 11... National Noodle Ring Day
- 12... National Ding-A-Ling Day
- 13... Ice Cream and Violins Day
- National Lemon Cupcake Day
- 16... National Chocolate Covered Anything Day
- 17... Underdog Day and National Maple Syrup Day

- 18... Oatmeal Muffin Day
- 19... Games Day
- 20... Look At The Bright Side Day and Hamburger Day
- 21... National Date-Nut Bread Day



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Facial Expressions—Do they really express our true feelings?

There are twenty facial expressions of basic and compound emotion categories. From left to right and top to bottom, these categories correspond to: happy, sad, fearful, angry, surprised, disgusted, happily surprised, happily disgusted, sadly fearful, sadly angry, sadly surprised, sadly disgusted, fearfully angry, fearfully surprised, fearfully disgusted, angrily surprised, angrily disgusted, disgustedly surprised, ha-



Test it on your friends!



Maths Puzzle

A cat is at the bottom of a 20 foot well. (Don't worry, he's got lots of food, water, catnip and cat toys down there.)

Each day, he climbs up 5 feet...

And each night, he slides down 4 feet.

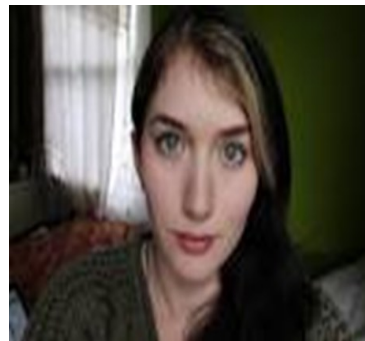
How many days will it take him to reach the top of the well?

Answer on page 6

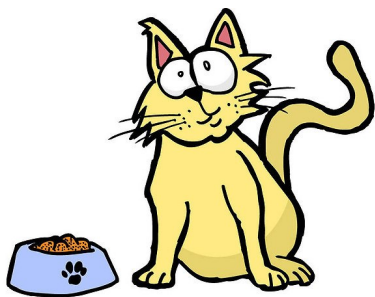
Celebrities without Make-up. Would you

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know them?



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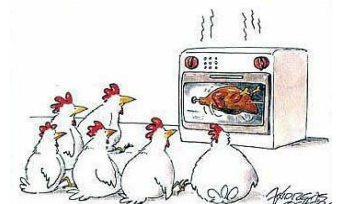
Reality Television — Is it really real?

IB students, as part of their IB course have been looking at just how real, reality television is. Here is an excerpt from an article by **Harrison Small**.

Reality TV may appeal to lots of people, but that doesn't necessarily give it any credit when considering if it's actually real. It may be called 'reality television', but that's really all it is, a name. Most, if not all, reality TV is heavily edited to fit the vision of the producers

or to have a storyline. This is pretty commonly known; most people wouldn't die defending reality TV's credibility, but just in case you need more convincing, J. Rupert Thompson, a director and producer of many reality programs such as *Big Brother*, recently spoke on this topic after the infamous *Bachelor* debacle, where the star of the show, the "bachelor", dumped his chosen contestant just six weeks after the end of the show. "Certainly, reality TV is a very manipulated format where the basis of it is that

real people are put into unreal situations to create a story," said Thompson. "The situation is created by the producers". When even the producers of programs aren't denying the manufactured nature of reality television, it's pretty difficult to argue for reality TV.



The Birds vs the Dragons

The Sky Olympics were being held. Animals around the world gathered at the event. The Dragons had won the Sky Olympics three times in a row. The Unicorns had won the event only once, but the Birds had never won, not even once. Everyone hated the Dragons because they always cheated to win and were very boastful.

"You Birds are so weak. You haven't won once unlike us." the Dragon said.

"At least we don't cheat unlike you." the Unicorn replied.

"Yeah, you put my poor tail on fire just win!" the Bird added.

"Whatever. We're going to win this time." the Dragon stated.

They had to do a sky race. Poor

Unicorns, they were about to win but the Dragons set the Unicorns' tails on fire.

"We're never going to win," the Bird said sadly, "the Dragons are in the lead."

"We can't give up now. We just need to fly one more lap." the other Bird replied trying to encourage her.

"What if we get our tails on fire again?" the Bird asked nervously.

"If we do, then we can at least say we tried our best." The other Bird replied.

Then, they gave themselves a boost and flew as fast as the speed of a cheetah. The Dragons tried to set their tails on fire but they didn't succeed this time. The Birds won the race and realized:

If you try again and again, one day you will succeed. By, Ayana Bhanji, 7C

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A fable is a short tale with a moral to help us learn a lesson in life. Did you know? Aesop wrote over 655 fables!

What should be in your lunch box! — Healthy alternatives



More Healthy Food in the next issue.

Fruit Kebabs

Ingredients and Equipment:

Any fruit of your choice

Skewers

Instructions:

Cut any fruit of your choice into small pieces then next place them one by one onto each skewer.

By Christine Dafiewhare

Joke Corner

Q: What do you call a fake noodle?

A: An Impasta



Compass Has Talent

Compass Talent Show

The compass talent show will be held on the 9th of December 2015 it will be held at Madinat Khalifa Compass in the main sports hall the will begin at 5pm. Primary and secondary winners will perform at the finals, also the secondary choir group will be singing two songs. Parents and students that are not involved are welcome but they need tickets to get seats. There will be prizes for both Primary and Secondary students. There will be a variety of acts including solo singing, duets, piano and violin

performances and some more unusual ideas.

The school choir is also performing two pieces, 'The Voice' and the Taylor Swift Ed Sheeran duet 'Everything has Change'. Soloists are Jess Butterworth, Amanda Sim in Year 12 and Caitlin and Mia Forsythe in Year 8.



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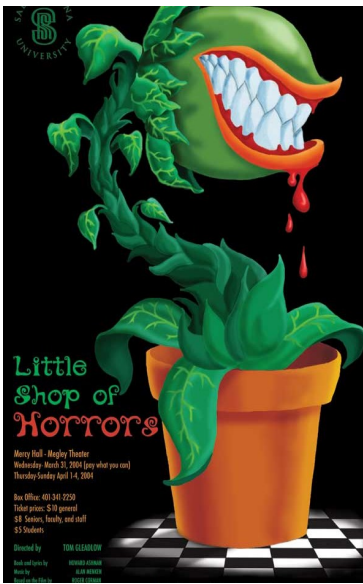
Congratulations to . .

Secondary Winners

- 1st Prize – Jessica Butterworth
- 2nd Prize – Anica de Toit
- 3rd Prize – Izzy Moralez & Emma Pascoe

Primary Winners

- 1st Prize – Soukaina Bouhali
- 2nd Prize – Emily Brasch
- 3rd Prize – Keelin Pascoe



REHEARSALS are already underway for the school's latest production. Meek flower shop assistant Seymour (Paulu Christiansen) pines for co-worker Audrey (Ilse Visser). During a total eclipse, he discovers an unusual plant he names Audrey II, which feeds only on human flesh and blood. The growing plant attracts a great deal of business for the previously struggling store . Watch this space for how the Art team create a moving plant!



Television Review *Girl Meets World*

Television Review of the new and recent television show *Girl Meets World*.

The show is mainly about a girl named Riley Mathews (Rowan Blanchard) and her best friend Maya Hart (Sabrina Carpenter) who deal with all of life's problems. *Girl Meets World* is actually a sequel to a 1993 show called *Boy Meets World*. Cory, who is Riley's father, teaches a history class and also gives morals somewhere in the episode to help you go through life's journey. The cast of *Girl Meets World* also has two main characters from *Boy Meets World*, Ben Savage(Cory, Riley's father) and Danielle Fishel (Topanga, Riley's mother)

Basically, Riley is a goody-two-shoes, does her homework and always prefers the safe side, she is cheerful and very responsible but on the other hand, Maya is rebellious, never does her homework and is independent, she always

tries to push Riley to take on new adventures. Both of them are always there for each other through life's entire journey . The two girls are in Year 7.

Pictures show characters on the set and the whole cast.



Movies that are coming up in 2015:

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 2 **Star Wars: Episode VII** **Kung Fu Panda 3**



playing the deadly hunger games.

Directed By: J.J. Abrams

Directed By: Francis Lawrence

Written By: Suzanne Collins (novel), Danny Strong

Written By: Michael Arndt, George Lucas

Top Billed Cast: Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher

Release Date: 2015

Top Billed Cast: Jennifer Lawrence, Natalie Dormer, Liam Hemsworth

Release Date: 20 November 2015

About the Movie: This will be the fourth movie in The Hunger Games series in which Katniss Everdeen will once again be put into

About the Movie: Much anticipated and much hyped instalment to hugely successful Star Wars franchise Star Wars: Episode VII has finally made it. In discussions for a few years, the next Star Wars movie comes after a hiatus of nearly 10 years.

Directed By: Jennifer Yuh

Written By: Jonathan Aibel, Glenn Berger

Top Billed Cast: Bryan Cranston, Angelina Jolie, Rebel Wilson

Release Date: 31 December 2015

About the Movie: The eccentric & flamboyant Po has to face another villain who will stop at nothing in order to destroy Po's legacy and his village. Most likely, the villain is set to destroy The Great Wall of China and Po will stop him and defeat him.



War Craft



Directed By: Duncan Jones

Written By: Duncan Jones, Charles Leavitt

Top Billed Cast: Colin Ferrel Paula Patton, Paul Dano, Anson Mount

Release Date: 18 December 2015

About the Movie: Warcraft movie is based on the concept of best-selling video game 'World of Warcraft'. Compiling an action-packed cast, this movie will surely feature a great deal of action, fantasy, adventure and thrill.





The Flamingo and the Peacock — another Fable



Once upon a time, there lived two best best best friends, a pink flawless flamingo, and a beautiful peacock with rainbow coloured feathers. One day the flamingo asked the peacock, “What are you planning to do on this wonderful day, the sun is shining and it looks like we should go to the park?”

“Ooh I have nothing planned for today so maybe we can go to the park! “ Ok so I'll meet you there at three, bye.” answered flamingo.

“Bye” answered, peacock.

But flamingo had arranged other plans with her compound friends; they were going to the outdoor swimming pool at flamingo’s compound. The clock struck three, three sharp. Flamingo was waiting she didn’t like being late and she didn’t expect flamingo to be late either. But unfortunately for peacock Flamingo didn’t bother she didn’t even tell her friends all she did was only playing water games with her friends, she left peacock waiting in the park until four pm. Peacock was tired of waiting for no-one. She left stomping to her house her face red with anger and she had lost all her temper, when she got home she prepared a speech for the next day in school.

Next day in School

“Hi peacock, “waved flamingo cheerfully. “Guess what I did yesterday with my friends at my compound we were-“

“I definitely do not want to know, leaving me at the park like that!” replied peacock,

“I am so sorry” whispered flamingo astonished.

“Don’t look at me like that, do you want me to tell everyone?” screamed peacock losing her temper,

“Hey girls, look how flamingo ditched me,” flamingo’s face turned red, “ look what she did she left me waiting in the park for an hour while she went to play with her stupid compound friends!”

“AHHHHH!” everybody gasped.

“I am not going to be your friend started crocodile and everyone echoed.

At the end poor flamingo had no friends, even her compound friends knew and flamingo was lonely.

Moral: Don’t break your promises and don’t trick your friend.

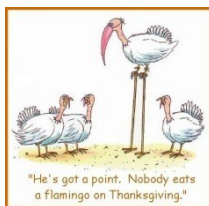
By Nada Alaa 7B

Fun Facts about Flamingoes

There are only [six species of flamingos](#), but they are found around the world from the Caribbean and South America to Africa, the Middle East and Europe.

The word "flamingo" comes from the Spanish and Latin word "flamenco" which means fire, and refers to the bright color of the birds' feathers.

While flamingos are considered wading birds, they are most closely related to [grebes](#) genetically.



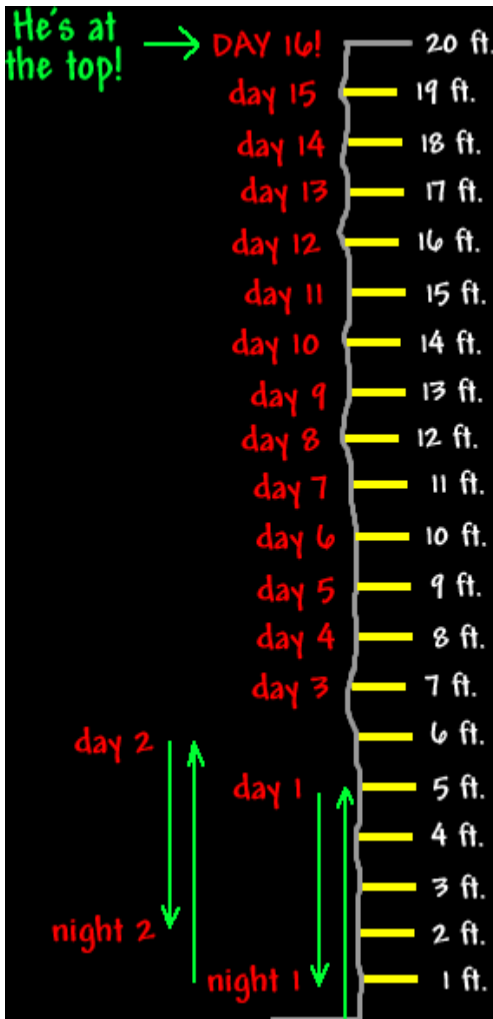
Answers

Answers to Celebrities:
Would you know them?

- 1.Kate Moss
- 2.Demi Lovato
- 3.Selena Gomez

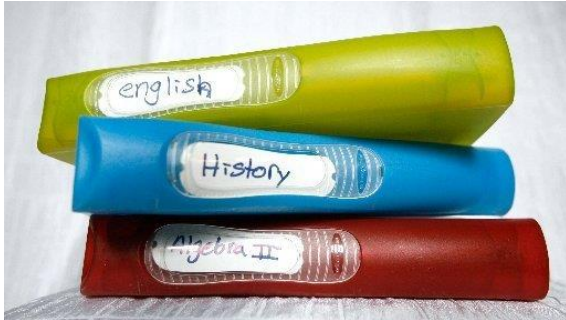
By Nada Alaa 7B

Maths Puzzle Answer



He gets to the top on the 16th day... So, there isn't a 16th night where he slides back down! That's why the answer isn't 20 days.

5 WAYS TO GET ORGANIZED



1) Colour code your subjects! Choose a colour for each school subject. For example, if you choose pink for Math class, put a pink book cover on your Math

book, use the yellow tab on your subject dividers for Math, and mark all your Math assignments in your planner with yellow highlighter. With colour, even your toughest subjects will be more fun!



2) Have a pencil case! Yes, I know this might sound obvious, but it is very important to have a pencil case because it will help you keep organized with a pencil or a pen. A clear pencil case? Now, this pencil case is even more useful because you can see what kind of which supplies you have and which ones you need to get. It's also necessary for exams. Look for ones with holes for your binder so you'll never lose it or forget it!

3) Type up your notes! When you get home each day, take a few minutes to type up any notes you wrote in class. Make sure you put the date on each document and which class it's for.

This will help you remember what you learned and make it so easy to study from your notes later!



4) Try sticky notes! Lots to do? Write each task on a sticky note, and then line the notes up across your desk or pin them to a corkboard. Now, move the sticky notes around to prioritize, putting them in order of importance. You'll fly through your to do list, one sticky note at a time!



5) Make note-taking easier by using symbols! You'll take notes more efficiently, and it'll be easier to read them later. You can also make up your own symbols! Here are some examples:

Put a ★ next to important notes that need attention, like big due dates.

Underline words that get across the main point.

Use a ? next to something you don't understand.

Abbreviate words like "because" (b/c) and "without" (w/o) to save time.

When the topic changes, use ➡ to mark a new section.

Good luck with your revision!