


NEWS BULLETIN

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AN EVENTFUL YEAR

We are getting near the end of the school year, so we thought it was high time we told you about some of the projects the English Department have developed.

"Let's start at the very beginning. It's a very good place to start".  (Remember the Do-Re-Mi song from The Sound of Music?)

LET'S START WITH EGB 1

1st Form listened to stories their teachers read from Big Books. The last story was: Zigzag, the Lost Bee. After talking about the colours, sizes and shapes of the animals they dramatized it. It was great fun and fantastic acting!



2nd Form worked in teams to write stories on the basis of their own illustrations. So they were trained in different skills: drawing, reading and writing and what's most important: their imagination and sense of cooperation were boosted.

3rd Form have been talking and writing about themselves: their favourite TV programs, food and sports, their families and they built beautiful family trees.

NOW, FOR EGB 2

4th Form looked into a section of U S history: the Wild Far West. They brought to class stories and

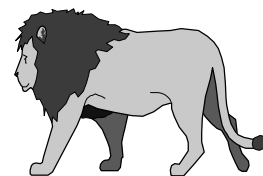


songs about famous characters like Billy the Kid. They designed posters of people WANTED by the law but the funny thing was that they replaced the

criminals' faces by those of current popular figures.

Then they became hooked on poetry. They read poems written by 9-year-olds from England which spurred them to write their own poems about their ideas and likes.

5th Form visited two Zoos : one in San Diego and the other in Oklahoma... through Internet, of course! Their project dealt with animals, their physical traits, customs and behaviour.



Then they read the adapted version of a classic in Literature: The Elephant Man. They imagined different endings to the novel which they illustrated very creatively.



They also did some research (through Internet and by watching a documentary) into typical houses of different peoples all over the world (Amazon Indians, Eskimos) their customs, clothing and food.

6th Form read, discussed and illustrated the magic legend of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. They watched Excalibur and learnt a lot about the different characters, their virtues and flaws, their passions and their death.

AVALON

They take King Arthur to the island of AVALON to heal his wounds.

It was ruled by enchantress Morgana le Fay and her eight sisters, all of them skinned in the human garb.

Then they did team work to research different cities of the world, getting information from Internet, Encyclopaedias and their own experiences as tourists.

And last but not least . . .

7th Form invented fables where they reflected some of the current problems and conflicts- such as the war in Kosovo- under the heading "Tales to capture your imagination"

The next project they carried out was "We are part of a whole". Under this poetic title the kids wrote texts personifying a mountain, a lake, a bird, a tree.



The passages were all very moving and some were almost "literary pieces".

Lower Pre-Intermediate have been writing newspaper articles about famous personalities under the headline: A Day in the Life of... based on interviews previously dramatized.

BRIEF ROUND-UP

We consider that the work , again this year, has been hard but rewarding. Teachers have tried to make it meaningful and enjoyable and the kids' response has been highly positive.

WE STILL HAVE SOME NEWS TO BE!!

International Exams

Like in 1996 and 1997, NUMEN school has been chosen as venue for the YOUNG LEARNERS' EXAMS from CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY (STARTERS, MOVERS, FLYERS) We remind you that these exams will take place on Saturday 13 November. Pupils from other schools will be sitting for them, too, so we'll be a Host School.

As to K E T, so far, we have only been informed about the date: Saturday 27 November.

Outing

On Monday 8 November, 5th, 6th and 7th Forms will be going to an excellent musical: "Elliot Ness Cleans Up The Mess " at Teatro del Globo. Look out for the reviews our kids will write and put up on the Hall Notice Board.!



The end of this Millennium will find us happy because of all the attained goals and sad because of a great loss: Dr. Alfredo Briano, founder of the school, died on 24 September.

He was such an enlightened spirit that his work, his visionary projects, his strength and sensibility will always be with us all : students, parents and staff.

The English Department had the privilege of always counting on his supportive attitude, especially when the Language Laboratory was opened in 1984 and when The Gull, a newspaper in English, put out its 3 issues in the same year.

He had a progressive viewpoint, the enthusiastic manner of the permanent learner, the warm paternal gestures of someone who was wise because he lived generously.

For all this , he'll be living in our memory for ever.