

# NEWSLETTER

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*The new Millennium finds the English Department with a bagful of news  
that we want to share with all the Numen community*

## INTERNATIONAL EXAMS

**Starters, Movers and Flyers.**

*The venue for these exams this year was Canada School. The date: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Nearly 50 students from 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> form sat these exams.*

**K E T (Key English Test)**

*As usual, the venue for this exam will be Damaso Centeno School and the date: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November.*

*We know they will be a credit to their teachers: Maria Laura, Myriam, Maria Fernanda, Andrea and Laura.  
**GOOD LUCK TO THEM ALL!***

## SCOOP

*We take pride in announcing that next year we will be entering a group of 7<sup>th</sup> formers for PET (Preliminary English Test) which is one step above KET. PET is the second examination of what the University of Cambridge has designed for the Main Suite of Examinations, prior to FCE (First Certificate In English). This important decision, which has been made on the grounds of the excellent work our 6<sup>th</sup> formers are doing this year led by their teacher, Grace Salinas, will place Numen School English Department on the same level as most bilingual schools, whose 7<sup>th</sup> formers usually sit this exam.*

## CELEBRATIONS

*1<sup>ST</sup> formers (our little ones) celebrated Halloween on 31<sup>st</sup> October. To everybody's delight, ghosts, skeletons and witches hovered over the building for one afternoon. Silvana and Griselda designed some beautiful masks and the kids themselves made cards and posters. And of course, following the tradition in U.S.A. and Great Britain, they went "Trick or Treating" around the school.*

## SCHOOL INTERCHANGE

*Since September our 4<sup>th</sup> formers have been exchanging E-mails with students from Columbus Academy, Ohio. The writing is done in their native languages and with the help of their teachers they read and understand the messages in the target languages. Recently, 5<sup>th</sup> form has joined this project, too. We have all found this highly motivating, not only because it gives us a chance of using English for real communication but also because we are getting a first hand knowledge of another lifestyle: habits, food, school routines, hobbies, books and magazines, sports, TV programs, movies.*

## MAGAZINE

*4<sup>TH</sup> formers are putting out the 1<sup>st</sup> issue of an interesting magazine called GENIUSES. It'll include cartoon strips, poems, recipes, feature articles, interviews.*

## POSTCARDS

*3<sup>RD</sup> formers have been writing postcards to imaginary penpals.*

**a STORIES a**

*A Story writing competition will be taking place in mid-November among 5<sup>th</sup> formers. The best stories will be published in GENIUSES magazine.*

**a RESEARCH a**

*6<sup>TH</sup> formers have lately been doing some research work on the Media (newspapers, magazines and television). They have come to interesting conclusions which you will soon see on the Hall notice board.*

**a ENVIRONMENT a**

*Deeply concerned about the safety and protection of our planet, the Lower Intermediate formers (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>) have been discussing several issues with their teacher, Claudia. We've found these facts about the rainforest particularly interesting.*

**a WRITERS AND PUBLISHERS a**

*Our 2<sup>nd</sup> formers have made such a fast progress in reading and writing English that they will be 'publishing' a book based on a fascinating video they've watched: THE WRONG TROUSERS. Congrats to them and to their proud teacher, Cynthia, on such a daring achievement!*

**a FILM REVIEWS a**

*7<sup>th</sup> formers have written reviews of films, recommending some and rating the acting, the story, the music and the special effects. Some of them reviewed Wutering Heights, starring Juliette Binoche and Ralph Fiennes. This film is based on a novel by Emily Bronte, one of the writers our students are 'discovering' in their Literature lessons, which also included Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare, Oscar Wilde, William Golding, Lewis Carrol, Charles Dickens and Edgar Allan Poe.*

**a OLYMPIC GAMES a**

*This year, on the occasion of the 28<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Olympic games in Sydney, Australia, some of our projects dealt with this event:*

*In Biology, 4<sup>th</sup> Form A worked on the benefits of sports to our health.*

*4<sup>th</sup> Form B, on the flora and fauna of Australia.*

**SYDNEY 2000**

Aerobic exercise keeps large muscle groups moving continuously for at least 20' benefiting cardiovascular health.	Some <u>aerobic</u>	Some <u>anaerobic</u>	Anaerobic exercise involves heavy work by a limited number of muscles for short intervals. They increase strength and muscle mass.
	Running Basketball Football Swimming Volleyball Baseball Handball Tennis Water polo Softball Cycling Hockey	Horse riding Archery Weight lifting Judo Yachting Shooting Boxing	

*In Geography, 5<sup>th</sup> Form wrote a fact file about some interesting data: currency, main industries, national team.*

*In History, 6<sup>th</sup> Form traced the origin of the Olympic games.*

a VISITORS a

*On Wed, 15<sup>th</sup> November the kindergarten 5-year-olds are coming on a visit to an English lesson in 1<sup>st</sup> form. They will exchange songs, candies and souvenirs with the 1<sup>st</sup> form kids and will get to know their next year's classroom and teachers. It'll surely be an afternoon to remember!*

WELCOME TO HOLIDAYS !

*As you can see this year's work has been enjoyable, but now we deserve a long holiday.*

*Next year again "we'll be as busy as bees"*

*z z z z z zee you in 2001!*

