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Summer's here again...

Taylor School is now finishing it's 4th year. Over that time we've had over 500 students studying here. We are proud of the good reputation we have with our students and we are always looking for ways to improve learning and to have more fun with English.

Over the summer we have classes for adults to prepare Cambridge Exams, and Trinity ISE II (for bilingual teachers) and also conversation classes of all levels.

There are going to be some changes this year. Two of our super-teachers are moving on to bigger and better things. Andrea is moving to Madrid and Andy is going to teach in a secondary school. They are amazing teachers and great workmates. We'll miss them here and we wish them all the best for the future.

Dave Taylor

In this edition of the summer magazine there are lots of activities for students to do. Every time you see this sign there's an activity to complete.



Can you spot the different shells?
There are 10 in the magazine.



Here's one

Infant Artists

*The infants drew butterflies for our mural (see front cover).
They're very colourful!*



We're all going on a summer holiday... to the United States of America!

By Juan, Raquel, Lua, Lucía, Iyán and Alba



We're going to visit a cowboy town and ride a horse.

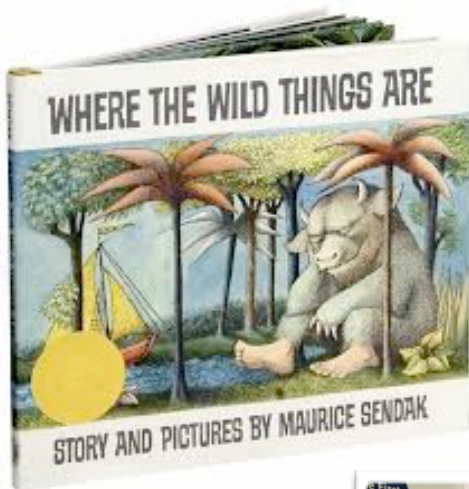
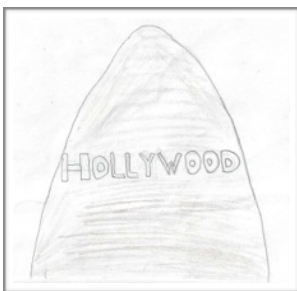
We're going to go to a Willyrex book signing.

We're going to go to Hollywood and Las Vegas!

We're going to swim at the beach and relax.

We're going to visit Disney Land and Lego Land.

We're going to see the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty and Time Square!



We've been reading this fantastic book about a little boy who gets very angry. He gets so angry that he goes away and becomes the king of the wild things.



WHO AM I?

By Julio A, Mario B, Adriana C, Javier E,
Lara F, Iván G, Martín H, Carla I.



Match the pictures to the descriptions:

1) Martín - I've got dark hair and brown eyes.
I'm wearing a tracksuit top and shorts.

2) Carla - I've got brown hair and hazel eyes.
I'm wearing a skirt, jumper and a T-shirt.

3) Javier - I've got blonde hair and green eyes.
I'm wearing a red T-shirt.

4) Ale - I've got brown hair and brown eyes. I'm
wearing a tracksuit top and shorts.

5) Iván - I've got brown hair and brown eyes. I'm
wearing a black and white jumper and green
trousers.

6) Mario - I've got brown hair and brown eyes. I'm
wearing a blue and white T-shirt and brown
trousers.

7) Adriana - I've got brown hair and brown eyes.
I'm wearing a jumper, socks, shoes, a skirt and
a T-shirt. I've got a red school bag.

8) Lara - I've got blonde hair and brown eyes.
I'm wearing a jumper, socks, shoes and a skirt.

9) Julio - I've got brown hair and brown eyes.
I'm wearing a blue jumper, a white T-shirt,
black socks, brown shoes and brown trousers.



(Answers on the back page)

The action never stops..

This year at Taylor School we've been as busy as usual doing fun activities with the children and adults. At Christmas we did a fun Christmas show starring Liz and John as The Littlest Elf. At Easter we went outside and had our Egg Olympics. You can see a video of the event on the Taylor School Facebook page.

With the adults, Joe took everyone round Oviedo's old town, sharing stories about the history of our beautiful city.



We always have the conversation classes for adults and workshops for the primary children on Fridays. The library is always available to the students. You can even take books to read over summer.

This year we also had the Cambridge Young Learners exams at the school. We're still waiting for the results - so fingers crossed!

You can find our website at taylorschool.es and we're on Facebook at facebook.com/taylor.school.



What's the



Mateo, Almu, David Gabriel, Miguel and Alejandro

Fred Flintstone

Chicken

Present

Hat

Elephant

Jacket

Dog

Surfing

1. It's something that you give on a birthday.

2. It's a place where you can buy things you need, for example food and cleaning products.

3. It's a type of food that you eat cold.

4. It's a time when you go or live in a different place.

5. It's a cartoon character who lives in the Stone Age.

6. It's a sport that you do in the water and you need a board to take on waves.

7. It's a season that is very hot. It comes after Spring and before Autumn.

House

Holidays

Pizza

Chair

Summer

Garden

Supermarket

Ice-cream



MOVING UP TO CAMBRIDGE ADVANCED

We asked the students in the Cambridge Advanced classes for their advice to students who may be moving up from First Certificate.

This is what they said:

We would recommend doing homework every day in order to practice what you learn in class.

We suggest watching TV and listening to the radio in English so that you can train your ear, using English subtitles if necessary.

If I were you, I would go over the things you learn in class when you are at home.

A good way to practice is to get into the habit of translating what you say into English: Say to yourself "How would I say that in English?"

It's a good idea to make a note of any new and unfamiliar words and look them up later in a dictionary.

It might be useful to keep a vocabulary notebook divided into different sections, such as work, holidays, weather etc so it would be easy to review.

Another good way to practise is to try and use new words and expressions as much as possible as soon as you learn them.

I wish I had kept a grammar notebook too, with all of the grammar points we've seen.

It's useful to test yourself in order to have a good idea of your level before deciding to do the exam (the mock exam is a great way to do this).

At First Certificate level it's very important to say something, but at the Advanced level it's also important to be accurate when speaking (but don't worry about making mistakes)

I wish I had studied a bit more and done the homework more often.

Don't avoid difficult pronunciation because otherwise you won't be able to overcome it.

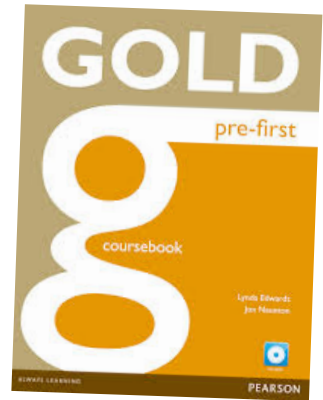
Take advantage of any opportunity to talk to native English speakers, it's really useful to listen to a variety of accents.

It's a good idea to write something regularly, it's like having an extra class.

I wish I had gone to the conversation classes more often, it's a fun way of practicing speaking in a different context to the usual classes.



PRE-FIRST



At Taylor School we offer classes at B1+ level for students who want to take the Cambridge First Certificate Exam (FCE) but who are not ready for the B2 level class.

Why did you choose to do the Pre-First course at Taylor School?

Leonardo: I took the level test which they offered me here and decided to take this course with a long-term plan to improve my English. I've realised it was the right level for me, doing the First Certificate course would have been too difficult after such a long time because I studied English when I was a child but after high school I studied German...for 20 years! In my opinion, it's 'never too late' to start learning another language and in my job as a professor at the University of Oviedo I am interested in doing 'research stays' in other countries and I'd like to go to the U.S.A or another English-speaking place for a year. I'll probably do the exam in the future but I'm not really in a hurry, as from my experience of learning German I know that it is a life-long learning experience.

How has the course helped you?

Nacho: I've been coming to Taylor School for the last couple of years and I'm hoping to do the First Certificate next year. Doing this course I've lost my fear of speaking English. I also come to the extra Conversation Classes every Friday evening. We discuss a variety of themes and this year the level has been very high, because most of the students have been from the Advanced Classes! It's been good for me. I can understand everything and I'm speaking much more fluently. For me learning English is amusing...



Do you plan to do the First Certificate next year?

Tatiana: Yes, my initial plan was to do the First Certificate this year as I'd like to have it. I have to use English at work all the time and I'm fine with the writing and reading, but I needed to improve my listening and speaking. The Mock Exam in April was helpful because I realised that I probably need another year to get the First Certificate. Although I was really pleased with my result! Much better than I expected! I need objectives to keep on studying, so I will aim to do the exam in June 2016.

An Interview with...

Charlie Lilleywhite



Charlie is an English exchange student who was staying in Oviedo with Alejandro. Our ESO and 6º primary class asked him some questions

What's your favourite dish?

I like food in general, so it's difficult to say. I like fish and chips and a Chinese takeaway at the weekend. I tried Alejandro's mother's Spanish Omelette yesterday, it was very filling! At the weekend she is going to make fabada, so I will try that too.

What do you think of the weather here?

It's been awful since I got here, it hasn't stopped raining, but I'm used to it.

Have you been to other countries before Spain?

Yes. A lot of countries. I've been to France and Cyprus a lot. I've got family in Cyprus.



Have you got any pets?

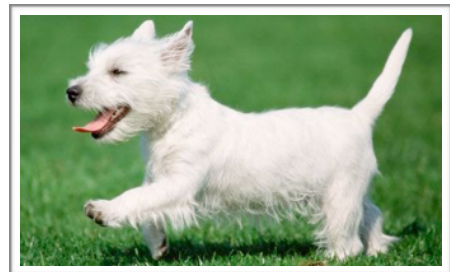
Yes. One dog called Derek.

Where do you live?

In a village near the city of Brighton.

What are you going to be when you're older?

A footballer or a scientist.



Do you play football for a team?

Yes, I play for two teams, Barnham and Sussex County. I train three or four times a week and play matches on Saturdays and Sundays.

What do you think of the Spanish Football League?

It's one of the most exciting leagues in the world, it's very fast-paced and there are lots of goals. But the Premier League is the best in the world! I'm a Chelsea supporter and I think we might win the league this year...

If you could choose to go on holiday to anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Apart from Oviedo, I'd love to go to Australia or New Zealand. My sister has been travelling in Asia and she told me Vietnam was amazing!

Do you know what an 'horreo' is?

No! Is it anything to do with Oreo cookies??



Learning from Mistakes

Our Pre-Intermediate students would like to share their most common mistakes with you. Once you know your weaknesses you can work on them and learn from your mistakes. Can you find the mistakes in these sentences?

1. It's summer in Taylor School
2. We flew the Friday from Paris.
3. I can't to speak English.
4. We was arrived at the hotel at 10am.
5. We had to working a lot.
6. I go to living in a cabin in the forest.
7. Excuse me, I'm afraid I make a complaint.
8. It's a place with a lot of cafés for have breakfast.

Answers on the back page

Spot the difference



Lía, Lucía, Mauro, Gonzalo, Sergio, Rodrigo and Marcos.

The differences explained as in the YLE Movers Exam:

In picture A the girl has got red hair but in picture B she has got blonde hair.

In picture A the boy is wearing a cap but in picture B he hasn't got a cap.

In picture A there isn't a net but in picture B there's a net.



In picture A there is a bar but in picture B there isn't a bar.

In picture A there are stairs but in picture B there aren't any stairs.

In picture A there are two towels but in picture B there are three towels.



WEIRD HOBBIES

by ESO groups

In the summer months you have more free time, so it's the perfect time to take up a new hobby! Don't play football or watch Youtube videos all day! Try something new...and different.

Here are our suggestions, first of all for people who are energetic:



RUG SURFING

A really good idea is rug surfing. All you need are: an airbed, a rug and some waves. You put the rug on the airbed and take it in to the sea.

People think that you are floating on the rug! If you want to impress your friends you can do a handstand. It



looks like a magic trick. You should wear a wetsuit if the water is cold and you have to exit the beach at night, when no-one can see you. While you are on the 'floating rug' your friend collects money from people on the beach. You could earn some money to buy a new rug for your parents.

PARKOUR IN A SHOPPING CENTRE

In Asturias there are lots of shopping centres where people go when it's raining, but going shopping is very boring so this new activity consists of doing parkour inside while your

parents are doing some

shopping. You can run up

and down the escalators. You

could also jump over the

barrier next to the cash desk.

In the car park you can do

races with the trolleys. There

is only one warning, be

careful with the security man!



And for people who are more creative:



FUNNY FRUITS

Summer is a warm season and fruit is a fresh food to eat... but we recommend you eat it in funny shapes!

You will need a knife and some different types of fruit. Use a mix of fruit for the different shapes. Of course, you have to practise and start making easy things like a star or geometric forms, then you can try to make the shape of different animals. For example you can make an owl using a pineapple! The pineapple is the body, the eyes are two cherries, use pieces of orange for the feet, strawberries for the ears, apples for the arms and pears for the beak.



MAKE MIRRORS OUT OF CDs

Nowadays we don't use CDs, so we suggest making mirrors out of old CDs. It's a solitary hobby, it's cheap and you are also recycling. You can give them to your family or friends as presents. You will need: CDs, glue, cardboard and colours. There are many different designs, like a circle, a square, a diamond or a triangle. You stick the CDs on the the cardboard and then cut out the shape and decorate it with colours.

GALAXY POTATOES

This new hobby consists of collecting potatoes of different sizes and peeling them. You decorate the potatoes with different colours and spots to represent

the solar system planets. If you have

a garden you can hang them with strings in a line from a tree. It's a good way to learn the order of the planets and remember the names. And...your garden will be galactic!



Where are you going on holiday?

By Olga, Rafa, Martín, Pablo, Jaime, Silvia, Irene, Katia



Hi Jacobo,

Guess what? I'm going to Portugal with my family! We're flying to Madrid on Friday then we're taking a taxi to Portugal. It's going to be fun. I'm going to see the Royal Palace in Madrid and in Portugal I'm going to drink the best coffee in the world and eat the best hamburgers.

Bye for now,
Pablo.

Hi Peperoni,

Guess what? I'm going to Mieres on a bike. I'm going to try ride faster than a car. I'm starting in Sevilla. I think I'll do it but people don't agree. What do you think? I'll send another email after and we'll go to MacDonnalds.

See you later,
Sandia (Maria)

Hi Isabel,

I'm going to London on 16th July. I'm staying in a hotel. I'm going to visit a lot of famous things in London. I'm going with my family. It's going to be fun.

Bye for now,
Irene.



Hi Katia,

Guess what? I'm going to France with my family. We're going to Paris because in Paris now there is the fashion week. I'm going to look at the best clothes in the parade. I'm going to take photos of the best dresses. It's going to be very fun. I'm going to look at the best designers.

Bye for now,
Silvia.

Hi Martin,

Guess what? I'm going to Hawaii this summer by plane. I'm going to stay in a hotel. I'm going to the beach and I'm going to surf in the sea. It's going to be fun. I'm going to take photos with my camera and I'm going to the swimming pool with my family. I'm going to play basketball and other games.

Bye for now,
Jaime.

Hi Silvia,

Guess what? I'm going to Paris this weekend. It's going to be fun. I'm going to go to the Eiffel Tower and I'm going to draw it. Then my family and me are going to go to London to try to drive an English car.

Bye for now,
Katia



Amazing Egypt

By Alejandra and Lucía



True or false?

1. The Egyptians used 2,500,000 rocks to build Khufu's Great Pyramid at Giza.
2. You can climb up the pyramids.
3. The great pyramid is about 10,000 years old.
4. Nearly all ancient Egyptian homes had a cat for protection.
5. The Sphynx is a statue: half human, half bird.

ANSWERS ON THE BACK PAGE



NEW SCHOOL, NEW RULES!

Our 6th year primary students are opening a school called Oviedo Castle and these are the school rules:

You mustn't throw rubbish in the toilet

You must have fun

You mustn't be a bad boy

We must have 10s in all the subjects

You mustn't hit other people in the bathroom and put their face in the toilet

You mustn't bring a cross-bow

You must escape from the school

You mustn't study

We must have a choice of food in the canteen

It must be break time all the time

You must play video games

You don't need to bring your books

You must bring junk food everyday to share it with everyone



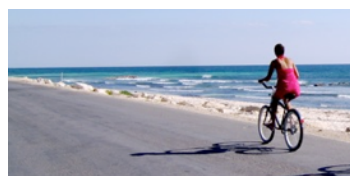
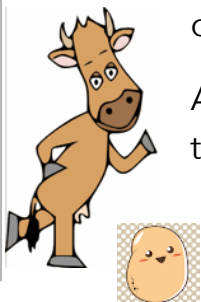
THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF MARIO VEGETABLE

by Lucía, Lua, Rachel, Iyán and Juan

One day Mario Vegetable sailed to Mexico and rode a bike to Mexico City. When he arrived he found a diamond on the floor and to celebrate he drank a Gin and Tonic. Then he travelled to Greenland where he listened to a great group from Greenland and he danced all night. He read a good story about Minecraft. Then he left Greenland and he saw a flying cow jump over a river. He talked to the flying cow: "Do you like playing Minecraft?" The cow was wearing a Minecraft T-shirt.

And the cow kicked him and the cow danced on the beach with a potato.

The end.



Movie Guessing

1. It's a dark fairy-tail.

It's set in a chocolate house in a forest.

I thought it was very bloody.

It's a fairy tale but backwards. It's about a brother and sister who hunt witches.

2. It's a horror film.

It's set in a haunted house in a town.

It stars Vera Farminga.

I thought that it was terrifying and interesting.

It's about a man and a woman that hunt demons.

3. It's an animation.

The main character has boots.

My opinion is that it's very exciting.

4. It's a comedy.

It's set in Spain in 2014.

It stars Dani Rovira and Clara Lago.

I thought it was funny.

It's about a boy from Andalucía who goes to the Basque Country and on the bus he finds a person from Andalucía and she pretends to be his mother.

5. It's a comedy.

It's set in Springfield.

I thought it was funny.

It's about a family with three children and they have uncovered a dome and they try to escape from the city.

6. It's a fantasy film.

It's set a long time ago in a galaxy far far away.

I thought it was exciting.

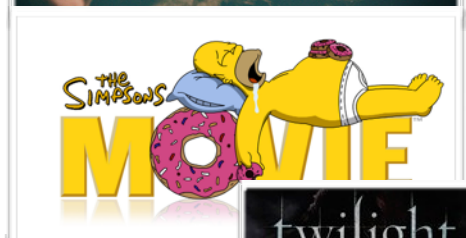
The story is about a boy and his friends who fight against the dark side.

7. It's a romantic and action film and it's a little bit bloody.

It's set in America in Washington State.

The stars are Robert Patinson and Kirsten Stewart.

In my opinion it's very interesting and strange.



By Silvia, Olga, Martín, Jaime, Rafa, Pablo, Katia and Irene



THE GREAT AMERICAN QUIZ

By Clara x 2, Laura, Paula, Pelayo x 3, Nacho, Rafa, Luke and Martin

1 What does the statue of liberty have in its right hand?

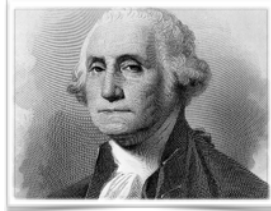
- a) An ice-cream
- b) A torch
- c) A teddy bear

2 How tall is the statue of liberty?

- a) 28 meters
- b) 83 meters
- c) 93 meters

3 Who was the first president of the USA?

- a) Abraham Lincoln
- b) George Bush Senior
- c) George Washington



4 What is the most popular sport in the USA?

- a) Basketball
- b) American Football
- c) Baseball

5 When was the USA founded?

- a) 1776
- b) 1803
- c) 1813

6 How many Burger Kings are there in the USA?

- a) 3055
- b) 4128
- c) 8580

7 How many states are there in the USA?

- a) 50
- b) 51
- c) 52

8 How many great lakes are there in the USA?

- a) 5
- b) 9
- c) 10

9 What is the tallest building in the USA?

- a) Empire State Building
- b) One World Trade Center
- c) The White House

10 Why did the USA join the second world war?

- a) The Germans attacked New York
- b) German Tea was too expensive
- c) The Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor

11 How many American football teams are there in the NFL?

- a) 32 teams
- b) 39 teams
- c) 49 teams

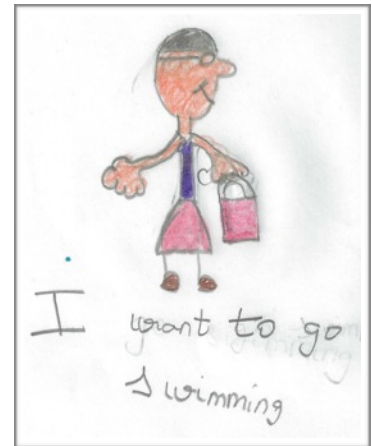
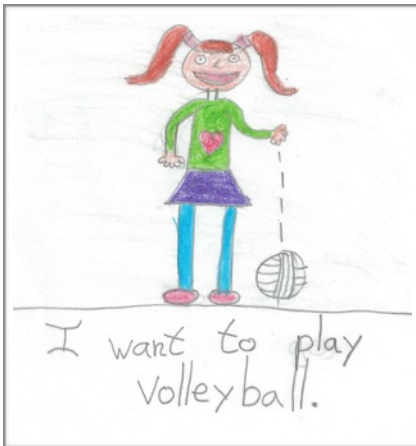
12 Where is the New Year ball drop celebrated?

- a) Golden Gate Bridge
- b) Central Park
- c) Times Square



What do you want to do today?

By Miguel, Jaime, Paula, Lola and Anna



SUMMER SPORTS

Alba, Emma, Valeria, David, Pablo, Victor and Miguel Ángel.

Match the picture to the sport:



Swimming

Windsurfing

Football.

Scuba diving



Summer courses for adults...

This year we're focusing our summer courses on adults. We have conversation classes for all levels and exam preparation classes. These exam classes are for Cambridge First (FCE) and Advanced (CAE) and also Trinity ISE II - especially for spanish teachers who want to become bilingual teachers.

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Taylor School's newest teacher

Fact File



Name: **Billy**

Age: **33**

Brothers and sisters: **1 younger sister**

From: **Surrey (Near London)**

Education: **Degree in French and Spanish and Cambridge CELTA teaching qualification.**

Languages: **French, Spanish, English, Hindi, Urdu and Italian (beginners)**

Experience: **3 years teaching English in Oviedo, 2 years as a language assistant in Gran Canaria**

Likes: **Weight lifting, reading, nutrition, socialising and travelling**

Dislikes: **Onions, aubergines, insects, golf, curling, gossip/celebrities**

Position in football: **Goal keeper**

Favourite sport: **Football (Manchester United) and cricket (England)**

Favourite foods: **Chinese, Indian, Mexican, Thai and Spanish.**

Favourite animal: **Elephant**

Favourite holiday destination: **Greece**

Which one is my plate?



I like chocolate, juice and biscuits!

I like cheese, bread, yoghurt and milk.





Correct the mistakes

1. It's summer **at** Taylor School
2. We flew **on** Friday from Paris.
3. I can't speak English.
4. We arrived at the hotel at 10am.
5. We had to **work** a lot.
6. I'm **going** to **live** in a cabin in the forest.
7. Excuse me, I'm afraid I'd **like** to make a complaint.
8. It's a place with a lot of cafés to have breakfast.

The Great American Quiz

- 1b, 2c, 3c, 4b, 5a, 6c, 7a, 8a, 9b, 10c, 11a, 12b

Amazing Egypt Solutions:

1. True
2. False: You can't, it's forbidden!
3. False: It's 4,600 years old.
4. True
5. False: It's half human, half lion.

Who am I?

Julio A, Mario B, Adriana C, Javier E, Lara F, Iván G, Martín H, Carla I.

Movie Guessing

1. Hansel and Gretel
2. Star Wars
3. Puss in Boots
4. The Spanish Affair
5. The Simpsons
6. Start Wars
7. Twilight

What's the word?

1. present
2. supermarket
3. ice-cream
4. holidays
5. Fred Flintstone
6. surfing
7. summer

Picture corner



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