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THE Voice

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The Return of the School Newspaper

About four years ago, some Form 1 students (who are currently in Form 5) along with their Media teacher, Mrs. C. Schembri, came up with the idea of producing the first school newspaper. They started working on it during breaks and in any other free time until at last it was ready. It was printed during summer and was put up for sale in October. That same year, Ms. S Bugeja, the new Media teacher, decided to produce it again with the new Form 1s. Unfortunately, adequate sponsors were not found so the newspaper could not be issued. From there, the idea of a school newspaper died down, until...

This year the school newspaper has been revived! It all started during the first Club Day. After everyone had been assigned to their various activities, about twenty students still didn't have any activity to participate in. At that time, Mr. S. Morana, the new Social Studies/Geography teacher decided to start a Media team. The students followed him up to the Form 2, St Francis, class. After a long discussion on what we wanted to do, Mr. Morana proposed that we produce a school video and a school newspaper. The group divided and eleven of us, Ilona Borg, Anthea Brincat, Marjoe Callus, Ariana Camilleri, Daphne Formosa and Alexia Grech from Form 4; Donna Desira, Abigail Galea, Mariosa Pace, Magdelyn Vassalo and Donna Vella from Form 3 and Desphina Zahra from Form 2, decided to produce the school newspaper. After more discussion, in which we spoke about the name of the newspaper, the layout, our roles and sponsors, we started taking action. Letters were written to various companies, surveys were carried out and articles were written. Finally, ladies and gentlemen, we are proud to present you with ^The Voice^: the school newspaper.

The Editor,
Anthea Brincat

Exclusive Interview



Intervista ma' Sister Emerenziana Principjal ta' l-iskola taghna.

- Artiklu miktub minn Ilona Borg u Alexia Grech

Q. Fejn twelidt u ghext

S.E. Twelidt ir-Rabat u ghext ir-Rabat ukoll.

Q. X'kien jisimhom il-genituri tieghek

S.E. Kien jisimhom Pawlu u Anna.

Q. Fl-familja kemm ghandek ahwa

S.E. Qeghdin tmienja. Erba' subien u erbat ibniet. hamsa minnhom mizzewwgin, wiehed baqa' guwmi u wahda saret soru bhali.

Q. Xi skola kont tattendi

S.E. Fil-primarja kont immur tar-Rabat u fis-sekondarja kont niqi f'din l-iskola, ta' l-Egyptians.

Q. X'kien jismek qabel Sister Emerenziana

S.E. Kien jisimmi Carmen.

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Dog



Clubbed to death

Trisca Attard writes on animal welfare in Malta and reports on some cases of animal cruelty in our country.

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THE SHOW MUST GO ON...

...and so it will!!! After the massive successes "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat", "Oliver", and last year's "Harmony", this year's Spring Concert will be Walt Disney's "The Hunchback of Notre Dame".



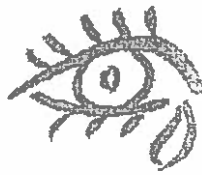
Representing <<The Voice>>, Daphne Formosa and myself, Anthea Brincat, interviewed members of the cast and watched some rehearsals so as to be able to comment on the concert.

This year's cast consists of Jaclyn Azzopardi(M) and Fiona Camilleri, as the ugly yet kind-hearted Quasimodo, Stephanie Chetcuti(M) and Joslyn Mizzi as the beautiful Esmeralda, Stephanie Cassar(M) and Maria Deguara as the sinister Frollo and Maria Dimech(M) and Rachel Ebejer as tall, handsome Captain Phoebes. The play will be performed three times so the main characters (M) will star twice while the understudies will star once. Also starring are Cheryl Camilleri as the comical Clopin, Rodianne Spiteri as Djali, the mischievous goat, Kirsten Cassar as the saintly Archdeacon and Doreen Buttigieg, Chantelle Camilleri and Alexia Grech as the ever-funny gargoyles. No play is complete though without well-loved and greatly admired Mrs. Marika Attard as the director.

The story is about Quasimodo, a hunchback who has lived in Notre Dame all his life and is taken care of by Frollo. Quasimodo once escapes to watch The Feast of Fools, where he meets, and falls in love with, Esmeralda, a beautiful gypsy. During the same day, Captain Phoebes arrives in the city where he is ordered by Frollo to wipe out all the gypsies. However, he also falls in love with Esmeralda. Quasimodo, Esmeralda and Phoebes all find themselves entangled in Frollo's evil scheme, and only their love gives them the strength to fight against Frollo.

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Fashion and Beauty



Choosing eye make-up colours

For blue eyes:

Blue eyes can sometimes look icy and cold so warm tones of copper and gold, moss green, dusky pink, lavender, grey, navy and plum all work particularly well. Navy and purple mascara or eye definers also look great with blue or grey eyes.

Blue eyes intensify in colour when you wear certain shades of blue, but make sure you choose the right shade to suit your natural colouring. The fairer or darker your colouring, the more subtle or dramatic your eye make-up should be.

Green or hazel eyes:

Choose from a palette of tawny gold, warm apricot, khaki green, soft grey, brown, violet, pink, and rich plum. Hazel eyes often appear to change shade to reflect the colours of what you are wearing, but, generally, subtle apricot tones make the most of hazel eyes, while green eyes can take the bolder shape. Green eyes look great teamed with clothes and accessories in gold and cream, bronze, beige or khaki shades, particularly if you have golden hair and a warm skin tone.

Heather and violet also can be very striking with darker looks.



Brown or black eyes

Brown eyes can take almost any eye-shadow colour, but the darker your complexion, the brighter the tones can be. Brown-eyed girls with creamy skin look great in coral, plum or gold. Brown eyes and olive skins are best with russet, copper and brown tones, brick and bronze shades. Dark skins can hold their own against flame and copper colors, bright pinks and peacock tones. Flatter dark brown eyes with clothes in yellow, gold, scarlet, red, tangerine, sea green or wear a dramatic black or white outfit.

Most popular films of the year 2002

The year 2003 brought along with it many different films, which attracted different audiences, one of the most popular films was Spiderman...



During a science outing, a teenager, Peter Parker, is bitten by a spider that has been tested on and the next morning, he discovers that he has the same abilities that the super spider has. Some days later, Norman Osborne, the owner of the Osborne Industries,

makes an experiment that goes terribly wrong and changes him into the Green Goblin, an evil creature. One day, Peter Parker goes to a wrestling match to earn some money for a car to impress Mary Jane, but the same night, his uncle is killed. After that moment, he stops using his spider powers and continues his scholastic life. After his graduation, he decides to go to the Big City and use his power for the protection of its people. After the Osborne Industry managers decide to sell the industry, Norman Osborne appears as the Green Goblin for the first time but Spiderman is the hero of the day and he hero of Mary Jane. The Green Goblin, after trying, without success, to turn Spiderman to the bad side finds out who he is and frightens his aunt. The Goblin then aims for Mary Jane after finding out that they love each other. After a fight that could have taken the life of a whole class and of Mary Jane, the Green Goblin is killed with his own glider. Before dying, Norman Osborne asks Spiderman to take him to his house in his bed and not to tell his son, who was Peter's best friend, that he was the Green Goblin.



Trid tiehu sehem fil-Gazzetta
THE VOICE?
Jekk iva kellel lil Ilona Borg
Form 4 St John.

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As Mrs. Attard commented, "This play was chosen because it has a beautiful story and because of the songs, most of which are Gregorian chants."

The rehearsals show that the play is going to turn out spectacularly well. All the cast seems to learn their scripts and parts almost at once and their language is very fluent and lively. The songs are also very animated and the singers and choir are always in tune. The main singers are great at singing and can reach even very high notes. With a great part of the acting being done near the audience anyone watching it feels involved in the story.

The colourful props used in the play and the beautiful scenes are all ingeniously done by Twanny Cutajar, Mr. Joseph Fenech and some parents while Patrick Mifsud very originally drew the main scene. The costumes, designed by Ms. Belcher Cousin are very eye-catching and well adapted. This year, all the designers definitely outdid themselves. Mr. Bonnett took charge of the programme, which all professional plays cannot do without.

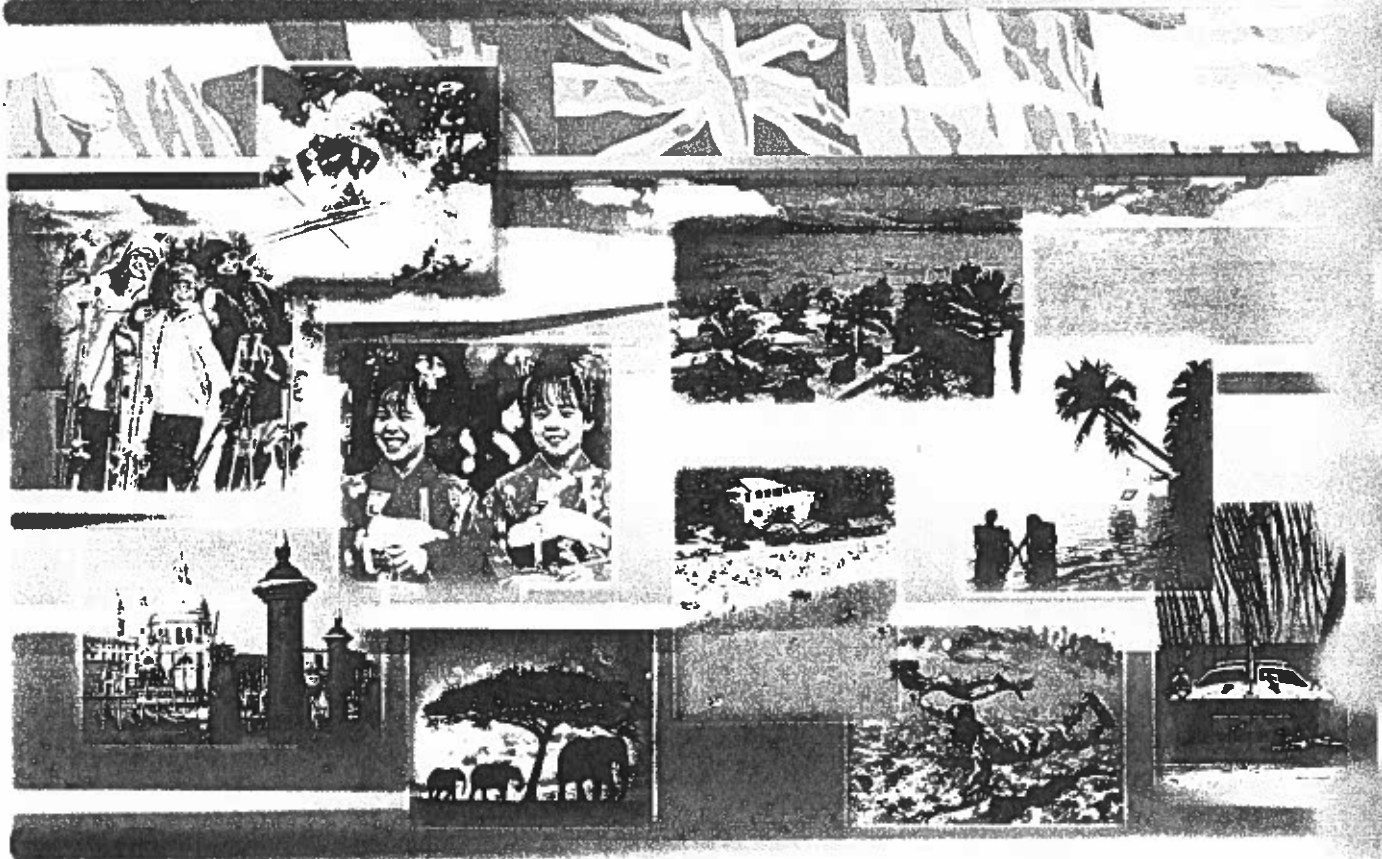


As I was walking past the Music Room, I was amazed to see a ballet dance, which is one of the various dances, being rehearsed. Choreographed by Blathian Casha, this dance is turning out beautifully and the dancers all mean business. As Blathain comments, "I'm sure the dance will be good because they're all very good dancers." This play involved very hard work and a lot of work still has to be done, as everyone is aware. Mrs. Attard said, "The play is getting on well. The team do their work but I wish that they work more than they work now." Cheryl Camilleri commented, " We're doing great, I hope we keep going on at this rate."

Rehearsals started during the last scholastic term and the cast has regular rehearsals while the people in charge of the props and scenes work daily. As Kirsten Cassar said, "Due to the regular rehearsals and everyone's enthusiasm

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What do we Fear?

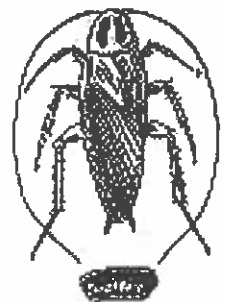
- article by Anthea Brincat

All humans are able to pass through any types of emotions. An emotion is a feeling, a sensation, such as happiness, anger, sadness, excitement, nervousness, anxiety, love and fear. They are felt by different people, in different ways and amounts and leave different effects.

An emotion that has long affected people, since the early Prehistoric days, is fear. What is fear? It is that painful feeling aroused by a sense of impending danger. It makes the person feel afraid, nervous, uneasy and uncomfortable. Physically, it can also make him or her lose colour, perspire, feel cold or feel breathless. What do people fear? Desphina Zahra, Daphne Formosa and myself traveled around the school during Club Day asking various people, "What are you afraid of?" Here are what students and teachers in our school fear most. Out of seventy people, (16 teachers and 54 students):

What is feared	Number of Students
Cockroaches	15
Mice	14
Examinations	8
Insects/grasshoppers	6
Dogs	3
Sharks	3
People	3

Other items that were mentioned are horror movies, snakes, drugs, illness, heights, darkness, death, lizards, chameleons, birds, elevators, evil spirits and the bottom of the ocean. As it can be seen, fear does not affect everyone in the same way.



And YOU what are you afraid of?

Your Choice of Music

Article by:
Galea Abigail & Borg Ilona

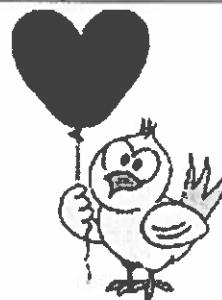
The survey was carried out in our school Our Lady Immaculate, Hamrun by asking most of the pupils about the kind of music they like.

From this survey we wished to see the type of music other people like and the most common was found to be Commercial music, Pop, R&B, Rap, Rock, Dance, Techno, Trance and last but not least Classical music.

We would like to thank all sisters, teachers and students for their operation.

Teachers & Sisters	Total
Rap	15
R&B	22
Pop	28
Rock	22
Techno	7
Dance	27
Trance	7
Classical	24
Commercial	26

You have any suggestions or you want to write an article? If yes contact Anthea - Form 4 St Joseph



Students	Total
Rap	193
R&B	211
Pop	236
Rock	154
Techno	90
Dance	154
Trance	77
Classical	51
Commercial	240

Competition: _____

Remember the above number you can win some fantastic prizes. You will know why VERY soon!!!

Who is HE?

Let me start with a simple question, "Have you ever heard of God?" If the answer is no, where have you been living all your life? If it is yes, let me ask another question, "Do you know who God is?" Many people don't know how to answer this question or answer it incorrectly.

Some think that God is like a supermarket, and gives out blessings to those who pray. Others think that He is like a warden, always on the look out for our mistakes and is quick to give out punishments. Some think that he has no interest in humans, but gave them the Law and left them on their own. There is only one image of God. God is LOVE. One word that means so much.

God is our Father, who looks after us, tries to teach us, is patient when we stumble and fall because of sin, but is always more than willing to pick us up. He wants and gives us what is best for us, even if we don't understand his plans. How can we understand? He is far more clever and mighty than words can say but He is willing to cross the huge distances that separate us to form a relationship with us. He loves us so much that he sent us his only Son, Jesus to save us from a senseless life to a life that makes sense and is worth living. One full of peace at heart and everlasting joy. Thanks to

Jesus, we can experience heaven on earth and really live.



"For God so loved the world that he gave his own Son, so that all those who believe will not be lost, but will have eternal life."

John 3, 16.

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Q. Ghaliex meta tghazel il-vokazzjoni ta' soru trid tibdel ismek

S.E. Qabel kien jinbidel l-isem imma issa m'ghadux. Kienu jaghmlu hekk daqs li kieku wiehed ha jitwieled mill-gdid.

Q. Minn dejjem kellek il-vokazzjoni li ssir soru

S.E. Le, mhux minn dejjem.

Q. Kemm ilek b'din il-vokazzjoni

S.E. Minn 1962, jigifieri 41 sena.

Q. Kemm il-darba mort fuq missjoni

S.E. Jiena dejjem kont barra minn Malta.

Ghamilt erba' snin Ruma, sbatax-il sena l-Amerika, sentejn Palermo u sitt snin ir-Romin.

Q. Fil-futur tahseb li ha fuq tmur missjoni ohra barra mim Malta

S.E. Ma nafx ghax ma jiddependix mimmi imma nixtieq immur.

Q. Kemm ilek tiehu hsieb din l-iskola

S.E. Din hija s-sitt sena.

Q. Hemm xi progetti ghall-futur fl-iskola

S.E. Li l-istudenti ikollhom success.

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love of his life. She is 6 years old and lives with her father. Hailie is surrounded with bodyguards so she won't be in the eye of the T.V.

Nathan is Eminem's step-brother, (he is the son of Debbie from one of her ex-boyfriend) he is 16 years old and lives with his mother. Like Eminem, he doesn't have a good relationship with his mother. Eminem says that Debbie makes Nathan's life a living hell like she did with him. Eminem wanted Nathan to go and live with him but his mother didn't want him. Eminem said that Debbie is trying to separate them.



To be continued in the next issue of the Voce

Teenage Problems



Mrs. Camilleri discusses teen problems and their effects on students!

- article by Ariana Camilleri



The Voice talked to guidance counselor Mrs. Camilleri, about the problems that teens and post-teens go through while in their adolescence.

Mrs. Camilleri has been helping students with their problems for almost 20 years now, and has been particularly helping students at this school for 7 years. In the past, she used to be a home economics teacher and taught social studies to secondary students. With the subjects she taught, students felt the need to express their feelings, and also their problems to her. Pupils from age 10 to 13 years old, go to her with complications such as developing problems. Students from age 14 and on, seek her advice for such serious problems as boyfriend/girlfriend relationships, unexplained unhappiness, friendship/family problems, and also substance abuse and unwanted pregnancies.

"I do not solve student's problems" she says, "I just help students to solve theirs. The only problem is that I do not have enough time to understand students better, and this cannot help me to give them proper advice they desperately need". The type of advice Mrs. Camilleri gives depends on the problem. "The advice has to be personalized," she says. Although she feels satisfied when a certain student listens to her suggestions, she sometimes comes across serious cases such as unwanted pregnancies (mentioned above) and child abuse, which if serious enough, can lead to suicide. Frightening, as it is, Mrs. Camilleri told us that in this school, she came across a case of physical and sexual abuse.

"The job of a guidance counselor is not as easy as it seems", she says. "It has to be in you. You have to have a caring attitude, patience, listen very carefully, and most importantly, give advice based on personal experience. The more, the better". As for the students, you do not have to be afraid to open up to someone. If you do not feel comfortable talking about something with your friends or your parents, go to the school guidance counselor, Mrs. Camilleri. That is why she is there. If you like more help or prefer a second opinion, call the *Students Helpline* on 179, or the *Child Safety Service (CSS)*.



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towards the play, everything should get on quite well and the final performance should be great." Indeed, there is a lot of interest, when asked to comment, Jaclyn Azzopardi said, "I love acting and I always like to take part". The play is not all work and no play, all the team gets on well with each other and Maria Dimech says, "The play is a type of relaxation for the students but still you have to work to have a good performance". "This play is good because many people discover hidden talents and it gives us a time to have fun at doing something that we really like to do", says Cheryl Camilleri.

When asked to comment on if the play would be a success, Mrs. Attard replied, "I cannot say whether the play will be a success but I believe that it should be because that's what we're aiming for."

With such a dynamic cast, Mrs. Marika Attard as the director, Erica Baldacchino and Annalise Sammut as stage managers, Ms. Daphne Farrugia and Mr. Sergio Morana as presenters, Mrs. Sharon Xuereb directing the choir and many more people giving their contribution, the show is certainly going to be terrific. The play will be held on the 8th, 9th and 10th of May. Don't miss it!

The Slim Shady

★ Eminem ★

Eminem's real name is Marshall Bruce Mathers III (3), {Kansas City, Missouri}. He was born in 17/10/1972 and he lives with his daughter Hailie in Detroit. Eminem has a tattoo of his daughter Hailie, on his arm. Besides his reputation Eminem is a lifesaver. In fact, Clair Derbyshire (an admirer) from Manchester was in coma for several months, he sent her a bandana, some CD's, his photos with his autograph on them and a doll so he would help her get better. The parents of this girl made her listen to the CD's while she was in coma until she woke up. The parents said that Eminem is a hero. Eminem hates all his family except Hailie and his uncle Ronnie who died.



The police said that he committed suicide but Eminem believes he was murdered.

Hailie is Eminem's little princess and the

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Il-Mohqrija ta' l-Animali

Bhalissa, qeghdin nisimgħu hafna dwar il-mohqrija ta' l-animali permezz tal-'media'. Hawn diversi għaqdiet bħal:

- 'The Island Sanctuary' li qeghdin f'tas-Silġ u f'Marsaxlokk.
- 'The Cat Sanctuary' li qiegħed f'Hal Luqa.
- 'S.P.C.A.' li qiegħed fil-Furjana.
- 'Abandoned Animal Association.
- 'Marine Life'
- 'Cat Care Association'

...u hafna oħrajn li jgħallmu fuq l-animali u jiegħdu hsiebhom. Kulhadd jiftakar l-incident li sar f'Hal Safi, fejn xi nies harqu żewġ żwiemel. L-animali m'għandniex naharquhom iżda għandna nħobbuhom daqs bnedmin. Tiftakruha dik il-mohqrija li saret f'Haz-Żebbuġ. Dawk il-klieb x'għamlu hazin?

Jekk hemm xi animali li m'għandhomx dar fejn jieklu u jistkennu, jiegħdu hsiebhom dawn l-għaqdiet. Jekk ma tistgħux iżzommu xi animali fid-dar tistax tissororjah billi thallas jew tagħti donazzjoni darba fis-sena u dak l-animall ikollu ikel u medicina mhallsa. B'hekk, dawn l-animali jkunu jistgħu igħixu aktar kuntenti.

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