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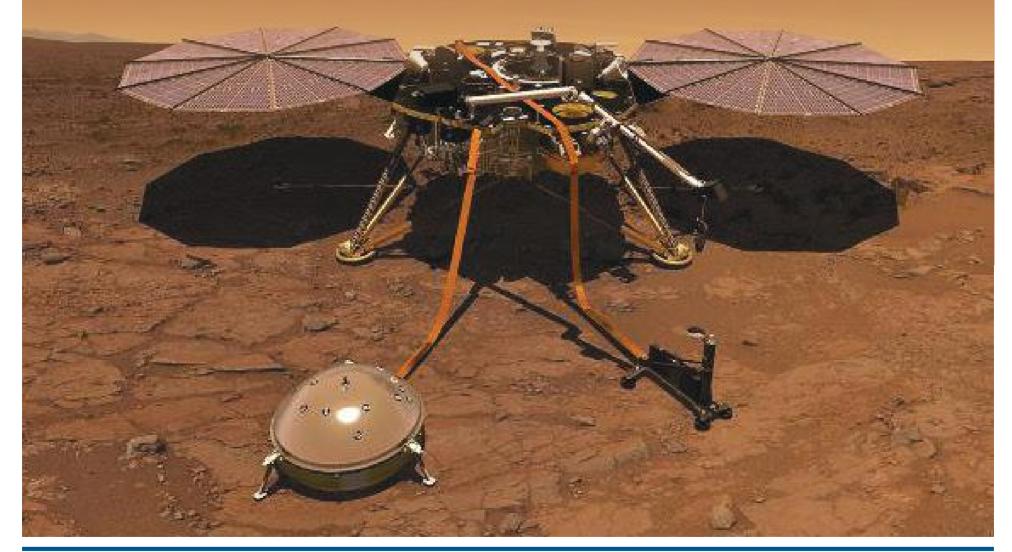
InSight (Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations Geodesy and Heat Transport) is a tool used to examine the inside of Mars. Before the advent of InSight, researchers had only the chance to examine the surface of Mars. Thanks to this tool, the interior parts of Mars are open to those who are curious about it. The tool was used and sent to space for the first time on the 5th of May, 2018 at 4:05 a.m. It remained there for six months and landed on Mars on the 26th of November. It is important to note that it wasn't alone in space. It was sent there together with a rocket,

which also launched two other lit- minutes and when it comes closer tle satellites called Mars Cube and Marco. These satellites performed challenging tasks. In other words, they gave information when the targeted task could not be accomplished. For example, if InSight does not succeed in entering the atmosphere of Mars at an angle of twelve degrees,

In cases of failure, there are alternative methods that the tool puts into practice, like its opening supersonic parachute which slows it down for better results. Another method, is that it runs with the parachute for two to the surface, it lands much better. Following that, it sends a signal. which means that everything is going smoothly. It is also important to mention, that when InSight has the right amount of energy, it can go deeper inside of Mars to collect more data. After you have read all this information about InSight, I think you may wonder what the real mission of InSight is. I can answer that question quickly. Basically, the tool explores more and more about the interior of Mars. It enlightens people who know almost nothing about it. For instance,

people could become much more certain about such cases.

To sum up, I am of the opinion that InSight is one of the greatest inventions ever, as it serves mankind for scientific purposes, as I indicated earlier. I also think that more theories will come to the surface with the help of this tool and we will be able to understand if other planets exist or not in the universe. Such great tools inspire prospective scientists to work on different projects and come up with better ideas day by day.



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Dear readers,

As the New Year was approaching, as everyone else, I was looking forward to the New Year with great jubilation and excitement. I had several plans and so many things to do and I was just trying to arrange my time accordingly. Guess what happened! Suddenly, I fell terribly sick! My fever was so high. As if that wasn't enough, I had an unbearable pounding headache which made me stay in bed for three long days. I could not fulfil any of my plans, or errands. Then, as I lay in bed, trembling from inner cold, I again realized the undeniable fact that nothing is of more importance than health in life. Hence, I have guoted the famous proverb above as a slogan, which were uttered by Suleiman the Magnificent, the most noteworthy Emperor of the Ottoman Empire when he comprehended that none of his victories or the castles he captured could help after falling seriously ill. He said:

The people think of wealth and power as the greatest fate, But in this world a spell of health is the best state.

On these cold days of the winter, I would highly recommend you to take good care of yourself and be conscious of your health, the loss of which could be hardly compensated for. To achieve your goals, to attain success or to accomplish your dreams, do whatever you need to do but do not deprive yourselves of your

health. Your priority in life should be your health. When you lose your health, your career plans, your life goals, your social life become unimportant; all go for nothing. You should always try to be and remain healthy both physically and mentally. To give an example, I often see some of my students dozing off in class as they usually stay up late at night. Actually, sleep deprivation is one of the factors that lead to failure at school and it is scientifically proven to be unhealthy. Remember that having proper and adequate nutrition and good sleep are two essential components of a healthy life. I should also add the example of students who spend so much time outdoors on such freezing cold days just to smoke. Some of these students don't even think to have a breakfast before smoking! It is really a pity to see how badly they harm themselves! Who doesn't know about the consequences of smoking? Finally, let me remind you what Atatürk, a prominent and highly revered world leader, said:

A healthy Mind in a Healthy Body!

On behalf of IAU English Preparatory School Administration and the Editorial Team of our School Magazine, I would like to wish all the readers, all our students and our young pens not only a wonderful and prosperous year, but also a very healthy year ahead. I hope you enjoy this first issue of 2018-2019.

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DIGITAL MARKETING

internet with the help of other social media platforms, search engines or e-mails in order to advertise. An important part of this process is the target audience, the potential customers, who help digital marketers make a lot of money. Digital marketing provides the opportunity for people to interact with one another more effi-

igital marketing is the use of the ciently and pushes them to think about their favourite brands or products more analytically. The process is also serviceable in managing promotions and keeping track of them regularly. I must note that there has been an increase in the variations of digital marketing, which makes it possible to communicate more with the audience before deciding to buy their favourite

popular social websites "Facebook" has 227,000,000,000 monthly active users, which turns it into a very suitable tool for marketing. People have access to information any time they want through such sites and become part of this with the role of interactive customers. Also, the promotion of products or brands, via such sites, pose a sort of contrast to

items. For instance, one of the most traditional marketing, which does not utilize electronic media effectively. For all these reasons, my personal view is that digital marketing is very useful for people to buy their favourite products and is a great contribution to business life, as well, that is, when its coordinating and organizing seller and customer relationships across the world is taken into account.



oday, stress has become one of the most common problems people face in their daily lives. Although there is only one problem, it manifests as many problems. The importance of business life on stress plays a role. You are faced with stress if there are many things that you cannot control, such as the fulfillment of expectations, the existence of jobs that need to be completed within a given time, executive pressure, harassment and so on. So what should we do about this? Everybody wants to have a stress-free personality and environment, but if there are stressors due to reasons beyond our control, we will need to learn how to deal with them.

Some methods I have developed

- against stress are listed as follows: •Make sure to get a good amount of quality sleep regularly
- Keep your motivation high
- · Take small breaks during your work day
- Do not obsess over those things which are beyond your control.

Firstly, sleep has a very important role in life. If you don't sleep long enough, you will feel tired and exhausted. If you get a good amount of quality sleep, then you will feel more energetic and positive the next day. In turn, this will help you find effective solutions to the problems you are experiencing. Regular sleep has a positive effect on many issues, such as the decisions you make and the accuracy and quality of your work.

Secondly, keep your motivation high. Motivation has an important place in our lives. So much so, that without it, we accomplish nothing. Even getting out of bed can sometimes become unbearable. When our motivation is high, we can manage to keep stress to a minimum. Of course, each person needs to know themselves well. Since everyone is different, we must find our own way to motivate ourselves. For example, a person can start his day with coffee and be motivated or listen to their favorite song, while another may choose shortterm meditation.

Another method of reducing stress is to take small breaks during your work day. Even a 10-minute break on a busy work day can help you to be more efficient. The length and duration will vary person to person and according to their situation. Your mood and perception will change as you learn to deal with work stress. The best time to take a break is when your energy is high. If you take it when your energy is high, you will remember those beautiful feelings when you return back to work.

Finally, stop obsessing over situations that are beyond your control. When you try to change, you may feel worn and tired. This results in unnecessary energy loss, which we need to continue our day. We need to use this energy in more useful ways.

Damla Yağmur ACEMOĞLU



RACISM

Sevgül DEMİR

I have been questioning why racism exists, for a long time. I can safely point out some reasons in many ways. However, rather than this, I prefer to address people's behaviours and their reactions to racism, even if they are not aware of what they are doing. In this article, I have a lot of things to write about concerning this matter. However, I will just briefly explain how I feel and what I think about racism and racist behaviours, but it is obvious that it will never be enough to fully convey this subject to you.

The definition of racism may vary according to the perception of life and culture, but the general definition can be made as follows: when people feel superior to others based on the colour of their skin, physical appearance, religion and point of view; and people with such attitudes of are called racist. Furthermore, racist people can be described in two different ways: those who support racism and those with that attitude, even though they do not directly support it. At this point, it should be noted that racism and nationalism are different ideologies. Nevertheless, they are often used side by side, or together. It can be clearly observed that both racism and nationalism serve to establish and maintain a relationship. It is important to know that those two definitions are different, but that they are also similar in some ways.

There are many examples of racism.

Additionally, the forms of racism vary depending on the region and culture around the world. My goal here is to show that people exist for one reason, and you should play the hand you are dealt. According to this, colour, shape, nationality, and so on, draw attention to the fact that such ideologies should not be used to judge people because no one is born hating another person because of the colour of their skin and no one chooses their skin colour, shape, nationality, country, or even their parents before they are born. The important thing is how we improve our skills and train ourselves, despite all difficulties and material impossibilities we may face. Education does not only involve a teacher, a school or a diploma. Regardless of our colour, origin, or shape, people are primarily linked to education, which comes from their family and the place where they live. Only then, it becomes possible to mention development, together with the ethical values and knowledge to be learned later. In addition, you may have many diplomas, and/or certificates, but if you discriminate against people for a number of reasons, and show examples of racism accordingly in different social environments, these documents are nonsense. Whatever the subject of our training, we must first deal with human beings, not with the appearance and thought of community members. We have to be concerned with what

people have taught us, and the world, since it is unreasonable to question the things we don't have a choice in. There may be people from different communities that come to your country, or the city in which you live, but remember that you may have the same reaction when you engage with another community. After all, you will be different from the majority. For these reasons, we should live now with them in the framework of respect and love by accepting them the way they are, rather than judging them by their clothes, colour, shape, nationality, language or religion. The person you are judging today may teach you new things tomorrow, or help you with something you need. Or, that person could have a wider range of experiences than you, but how can you know that if you don't first get to know their personally.

At this point, I believe there is an important question to be asked. Is the problem just colour, culture, name, language or religion? Why do you think this world is YOUR world? What makes YOU superior to other people? What more do you have? Can you tell me that you know everything? Knowing a few things about each subject does not make you an expert. The people whom you despise might have already seen some things you have never or will ever see. You do not have to love everybody, but you must have respect for everyone. If you do not respect peo-

ple, you will be judged and possibly face the same disrespect in the future. Awareness and being a human in a society; these two concepts are significant. First of all, we have to answer two questions by questioning them within ourselves. The first question is; what does it mean to be? And other one is; how to become a true human? If we can answer these questions, we will be able to understand other people in time. If you really think about these questions, you will see that everything can remain the same in a very peaceful and respectful atmosphere.

In my point of view, in this century, instead of discussing issues such as injustice, racism and discrimination, we should think about what more we can do for humanity and the world and move on in the light of this mentality. By internalising values for ourselves, society, and people, we will live a good quality of life together with an informed society. These values can change according to our mentality and the society in which we live.

As a result, instead of questioning all those meaningless issues, we can work, and study for the future. Do not forget, education without cultural values and respect towards others is meaningless. As soon as you learn to improve yourself, you will become a real human.







strongly suggest that you all go and watch one of my favourite films, "Bohemian Rhapsody", which was released on the 2nd of November, 2018. The reason why I think people must watch the film, is that if you are a fan of the band "Queen", just like me, you will definitely love it. Indeed, the film is mainly about "Queen and Freddie ence watches the adventure of a young Mercury" and very informative, especially about the life of Freddie. The actors are Rami Malek, Ben Hardy, Gwilym Lee and Joseph Mazzello. In the film, Rami Malek plays Freddie Mercury, Ben Hardy plays Roger Tyler, Gwilym Lee

plays Hardy Brian and finally, Joseph Mazzello plays Jhon Deacon. In my view, they performed amazingly and carried the audience away with their talent. I can also say that watching the film helps one to fully understand how Freddie became such a famous public figure.

In the first part of the film, the audi-Freddie with all the important details of his life. In the final part of the film, Freddie greets his fans with his astonishing performance at the Live Aid Concert. It is significant to note that Freddie unfortunately died of AIDS, which is one of the most dangerous diseases around and damages one's immune system. I must point out that, like all of his fans, remembering this detail while watching the film makes me feel terribly sad. Moreover, watching the film provides the chance for us to understand how the song "Bohemian Rhapsody" was composed and created. The producer of the song, at first, surprisingly thought that it wasn't going to be loved by the listener; however, it proved to be just the opposite and turned out to be a big success. The song was a hit because whoever listened to it, found something touching about

it. It appealed to almost everyone and it still does. Finally, I would like to quote a comment made by one of my friends, Özge Kılıçarslan, who watched the movie and said: "It was the best film I have ever seen, with its realistic, nail-biting performances by the actors."

In brief, I would like to reemphasize the fact that if you admire Freddie Mercury or if you are curious about the undiscovered elements of his life, you should spend a few hours of your day watching this wonderful piece of art.

PHONE DISEASE

think, so much. Our phones are always with us. They are like a part of us. For example, we sleep with our phone, get up with our well, we often go to cafes with friends to talk and drink coffee, but we end up surfing the internet and playing games instead of talking. I think this is a problem and we we are young. These hours are the most precious times we have. Let's not waste these hours.

Youth is so beautiful. We are strong, smart and hyperactive. Youth won't come back. So and the trees, and read books. Believe me, these are more beautiful than Instagram. Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat.....everybody

Young people spend a lot of time on the knows these. They have become a part phone. Have you ever thought about how of our phones and they are always in our the day. We must not allow this. So how do we do stop letting our phones take over our lives? We need to develop ourselves in all areas. Everyone should have at least one hobby. For example, you should play basketball or another sport for 1 hour every day. That makes you healthy. You should learn software, read books or go to a symposium, for example. These things will help you to improve yourself.

reading books or doing sports, not by looking at our phones because we need to get rid of this phone disease and improve ourwe should evaluate our time, look at the sky selves. We know that if we get rid of this phone disease, we can change the world.



Young PENS





23 YEARS OF HATE... LA HAINE

"There is no escape from violence in the streets", is the thought in the mind and eyes of some. It seeps through the boy's identities and lives. There are no shootouts or last stands. There is no need for special effects. This movie was shot in 1995, by Mathieu Kassovitz, when he was only 25 years old. This movie could be the French police's procedure and endless crusade against crime in the suburbs around Paris. La Haine has its moments of physical violence. There's the less than gentle hassles with the police, as well as torture in police offices and there's the fight with the skinheads in the street. However, what is most striking about this film is the psychological violence done to the society. Unlike most recent films in the same genre, La Haine is shot in black and white, and is pure with no effects, stuntmen or acting. One of the more immediate effects of the monochromatic choice of colours is the more serious tone of the film. It's real, it's happening and people are dying. THIS STORY IS ABOUT A FALL...

Aslı Yağmur AVCI



Acid Bath was an American sludge metal band from Louisiana that was active from 1991 to 1997. They combined doom metal roots with influences from black and death metal to gothic rock, blues, folk, and country to make their brand a unique sound. Dax Riggs, founder of Acid Bath, classified their music as "death rock". Dax Riggs, was a very unstable guy. He thought he had to make all the decisions and take all the praise. Nobody could say the opposite because he was the lead singer, lead guitarist and also the songwriter and composer. His instability was, of course, reflected in the music of Acid

The band's member history is too long to write down. The founder, Dax Riggs, is pretty selective about his passion, ut let me tell you about the staff who put in the most effort on their two al- the band; they hated the way that Dax

bums; Audi Pietre (bass guitar), Jimmy Kyle (drums), Mike Sanchez (rhythm guitar and back vocals). They all had a music history before Acid Bath. They were more amateurish. Acid Bath was an incarnation of two bands; Dark Karnival and Golgotha. They could only record two official albums with Rotten Records, because of their financial situation. Those albums were; Pageant Terrorism Tactics and When the Kite String Pops. They left a legacy with their only two albums. Dax Riggs's lyrics are frequently poetic, often displaying an obsession with death, drug use, mental illness, dark humor and continuous references to animism, paganism, nihilism and misanthropy. He claimed these inspirations were culled Acid Bath had tons of problems inside

behaved, and the low quality recordings, which were due to their financial problems. These were two of the reasons why the band's membership slowly disintegrated, but that's not the main problem yet. Their bass guitarist, Audie Pietre, died in a car accident in 1997. Acid Bath disbanded in 1997 after Pietre's death. Rotten Records ended their contract, and deleted all of their records from the internet. Almost everything about Acid Bath was deleted and can no longer be found, due to copyright issues. After Acid Bath was disbanded, everybody kept working in the business. Dax Riggs continues his music as a solo artist. Acid Bath left us a bunch of perfect demos too, but it's hard to find them on the web. If you from comic books and nature itself. want to listen to them, you must get the Eps online, or I can give it you on a USB

Kilink's only weaknesses are women and passion. He loves to show his power with his lips and talks with his punches. Everyone who is against him becomes his enemy. He's searching for the world's greatest weapon so he can collect Zeus' horror, Neptun's immortality, Jupiter's justice, Artemis' speed and Mars' ability to fly, but if only he could steal this formula from Dr. Hulusi. He did, actually, but he forgot one thing; his son, Superman Orhan. After the death of his father he made himself a promise, whatever happened, he would kill Kilink. During the

shooting of Kilink, Irfan Atasoy wore a full body skeleton costume, which looked like the Italian comic-strip hero, "Killing". Movie scenes were from ordinary streets of early Istanbul. The movie was shot by Yılmaz Atadeniz in 1967, who is known for his odd sci-fi movies and his unbelievably creative ideas. He tried to add horror to the Turkish film industry. Yılmaz Atadeniz also loves black humour, because of that, Kilink became an anti-hero. He is like the Turkish version of Deadpool.

Aslı Yağmur AVCI





WHO IS MR. PERFECTIONIST OF INDIA?

Hussain Khan) was born on March 14th, 1965 in Mumbai, India. He has 2 sisters a teacher and a dyslexic student. Some and 1 brother. His father and uncle were people must believe there are special interested in the film sector, so when people in the world. Last, but not least, he was 8 years old, he acted in his first the film, P.K., describes a friendship bemovie, and so his film career began. tween people and an alien from another Because he started acting at such a young age, he has a lot of films to his credit and has risen in fame.

He attended a lot of schools over the years and enjoyed playing tennis, so he joined a lot of tournaments at school. Nowadays, he likes watching tennis matches, especially those with Roger Federer. Aamir and Federer once played a special tennis match together.

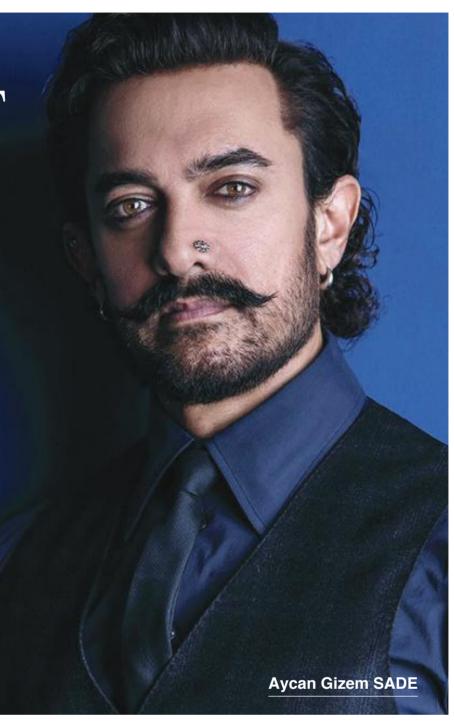
In 2001, Aamir opened his film company "Aamir Khan Productions". His films have a lot of meaning, for example, 3 Idiots. This film shows the failings of the education system. Nowadays, almost all people know this film and like it very much. Another great movie is Dangal. Dangal is about a father who vows to realize his dreams by training his daughters for the Commonwealth Games despite societal pressures and is a real life story. The story shows how one doesn't need Sometimes he is a student, business to be a son to be successful. While the man, policeman, alien or wrestler, etc. film, Fanaa, is a love story where a man So, his friends and family say, "He likes falls in love with a visually impaired yet perfection. HE IS MR. PERFECTIONIST." lively girl. The film, Taare Zameen Par,

Aamir Khan (Mohammed Aamir which is also known as "little Stars on Earth", depicts the relationship between world. The alien wants to find God.

> Aamir likes changing his appearance for different roles and will go to extremes to portray the characters properly. For his character, Maavir Phogat the wrestler, in Dangal, he put on 28 kilos. For his role as Sanjay Singhania, in the film Ghajini, he trained and lost weight.

> Everybody knows, he is very helpful. So in 2011, Unicef chose him to be the ambassador of peace. Aamir Khan is married to Kiran Rao and has three children. He was nominated for an Oscar for the film Lagaan. He has also won a lot of prizes, but he doesn't give value to prizes or prize ceremonies as he believes they aren't fair.

He always works hard on every film he makes. He has made many types of movies, such as comedy, drama, action, mystery and historical movies.



CAPTURE THE MOMENT

Onur DEMİR

The human eye has a 576-megapixel resolution, and you're the one who will see the details in everything around you and interpret them in your own way.

A photograph is the art of creating a world of its own; telling a story, sometimes a short one or sometimes a long one, that cannot be told with words. Each frame has a personal touch and is impressed by the photographer. It is a way of expressing the human-time relationship through a light filter.

Photography is also a technical phenomenon, but aesthetics is more prominent than technicality. The most famous photographs are not only fictional,

but also spontaneous frames, so each frame should express something to people and have meaning and spirit. In our photography club, you can learn about street photography and you can learn how to fit the smell of the street into the frames, and gain information about the components that make a photo valuable or you can reflect your own unique stories via photography. Taking photos is not simply the action of using a camera, but more like finding a motivational source, a self-discovery process in which you begin to create your own personality, and most importantly, it is the art of capturing moments

"You don't take a photograph, you make it."

- Ansel Adams





HAGIA SOPHIA MUSEUM

When I first entered the Hagia Sophia Museum, the gigantic structure fascinated me. Hagia Sophia was the largest Cathedral church in Europe before the Ottoman conquest. Following the conquest of the city, it is was converted into a mosque, Hagia Sophia is covered with Islamic motifs; however, over the years Byzantine artefacts have emerged. For example, at the first entrance you can see the picture of the Uirgin Mary. There are pictures of Jesus in most places. This building proved to me that history is cruel. It was a very nice trip for me because I like historical places.

Buğra Bürüngüz

Hagia Sophia has been beautifully preserved and massive, which has been in use since it was built. It was originally a house of worship for Christians, but later converted into a mosque for Muslims, and now it is a museum. It's always busy with tourists, but it's also quiet and peaceful. Going into the Hagia Sophia, there is a feeling of a place and time that it is surprising. There seemed to be a crowd when I went in, but once inside, there was enough space for everyone. Walking around in this area of Sultanahmet is a bit tiring with many people offering goods to purchase, but Hagias Sophia offers a break, some solitude, and the view from upstairs is really quite moving. I spent time checking out some of the details such as: frescos, that show the origins of the building; badges that came as religious history moved; gates to some of the passageways, and the hall leading towards the second floor. I will visit this place again.

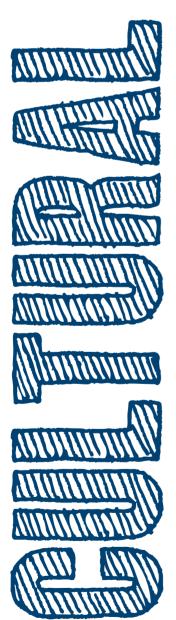
Yunus Emre Tüfekçi

Hagia Sophia, also called the Church of the Holy Wisdom, or Church of the Divine Wisdom was built in Constantinople in the 6th century (532-537) upon the demand of the Byzantine emperor, Justinian I. The general Conesus announced the decree and the building became one of the World's greatest monuments. If you ask my opinion, I would agree with this after having seen it with our club a few weeks ago. When we entered the building I was amazed with the design as well as the massive size. The pictures on the walls were about historical events and famous people in history. Everyone visiting the Hagia Sophia was taking photos and walking around the halls as people around us listened to the tour guides. At the end of our visit, I thought that I could definitely come here again.

Our school Culture and two Culture visits in the first Our first event was in Istikla visited the exhibitions of the of the School of Earth, School and School of Fire. After having where the Biennale exhibitions to sat down to enjoy

Our second event was in Sultar The Museum of Turkish and I Hagia Sophia museum. We had were within a history of thous by the very famous

Neslihan >







What is the aim of it?

Each biennial has a different theme depending on the local character it represents. Each theme is resembled by a different colour. Biennials can be characterized as rainbows of modern art over the years. Every colour, change, difference, understanding, wealth, and thought in this rainbow shares many concepts with art lovers through the eyes of the artists. While biennials are held in many cities around the world, societies define their aim. They use words that include change, difference and cultural communication.

Buğra Bürüngüz



GOLDEN MAN

Firstly, we decided to go to the museum of Turkish and Islam Art because the Golden Man Adam was on exhibit there but they had taken down the exhibit. Do you know the Golden Man? It was found in Issyk kurgan in south-eastern Kazakhstan. The kurgan contained a skeleton, warrior's equipment, and some funerary goods. It may have been an 18-year-old Saka (Scythian) prince or princess. It was dated to the 4th or 3rd century BC. The "golden man" was adopted as one of the symbols of modern Kazakhstan.

Our trip to the museum was really exciting and brilliant. We saw so many things excavated from the digs used by nomad people. We could see from the objects that they used horse, goat and deer figures for decoration. These were also on the golden armor, which was not on display when we went.. Finally we had a good time together because we are culture and environmental club. You can join us.

Ali Şahin

nd Environment Club had irst term of the school year. iklal Street, Taksim where we he Biennale where we learned nool of Water, School of Wind aving visited 3 different places s took place we were tired and njoy a cup of tea. Islamic Arts followed by the had a great time there as we busands of years accompanied us cats of Istanbul.



How OFTEN DOES IT TAKE PLACE

Biennale is a French
word which means "every
other year" and "twice a
year" used for events organized in either frequency. The events are mostly
cultural and art related.
The oldest one is the biennale of
Uenice. In Turkey Biennales started in
1987 and have been held twice a year.
The name of the event is "The Inter-

The Best Biennials in the world:

national Istanbul Biennale".

- · Korea: Gwangju Biennale
- Brazil: Biennale de São Paulo
- · Australia: Biennale of Sydney
- Spain: Biennale de Valencia
- Senegal: Dak'Art, la Biennale de l'art Africain Contemporain
- Germany: Documenta (Kassel)
- · Italy: La Biennale di Venezia
- Turkey: Istanbul Biennial Sinopale International Çanakkale Biennale

Burak Kepüç



Young PENS





I DON'T WANT TO **SEE YOUR FAKE BODIES**

The world is now run by technology, and the use of social media has been on the rise since its inception. Most people find it cool to use online platforms, such as Instagram, Twitter, and WhatsApp among many others. They actually think that social messaging is highly beneficial and that the negative consequences are insignificant. There are others who even think that the use of social media has no effect on their lives at all. Truly, social media is harmful. It is something that most teenagers, kids, and even a good percentage of adults, use all time. In the sections that follow, we will explore ways through which the prolonged and consistent useage of social media can affect you.

One key problem is that we live in a world where many kids "post" pictures of their unrealistic life on social media, and fellow students believe it. Ironically, this generation, who celebrates authenticity, has created one of the most inauthentic, unreal and artificial sub-cultures anywhere. For example, speaking of Instagram celebrities, if you look at the most followed accounts on Instagram, you'll find beautiful people wearing expensive clothes on their perfect bodies.

Today, body image is an issue for many people of both sexes. Of course, seeing those perfect, in accordance with the social standards, people on a daily basis makes you conscious about how different you look from those pictures, and not everyone comes to the right conclusions in that situation.

We photoshop. We exaggerate. We edit. We touch up. Viewers begin to feel like they are the only ones struggling while everyone else is "awesome." Sadly, today's teens live their lives comparing themselves to the edited, "fake" social media accounts of others. We must remind them that social media is only the tip of the iceberg, while hiding the reality of most users' lives.

In conclusion, it is obvious tha most people are using social media for communication, networking, marketing, and learning. This number is bound to rise in the coming days. Therefore, the effects associated with the use of social media are likely to increase. Given the importance of Instagram, Tumblr, Twitter, and their correlates, I understand that it is very hard to stay away from them. However, you just need to closely examine the effects that these platforms may have on your social life, health and lifespan. I believe that you do not wish to lose your hearing or sight after forty years, develop brain tumours at the age of forty-five and then die before you are even fifty years old. Therefore, make sound decisions and stay away from social media.

Furkan AYYILDIZ

Letters from a Vampire Son

30.09.2018 My dear family,

I know that I mentioned different things in my other letters, but this time I am writing about an important Issue. Maybe you will think that I am crazy or maybe even paranoid, but believe me, there is something really weird happening here. You know that my relationship is good with my host family, but there is something really mysterious going on. I said that they are really nice people, and that is true, but I'm afraid to say that they are not human. Maybe you will think I am drifting into insanity, but they are VAMPIRESI I have been thinking like this lately; a kind of sick thinking style. A long time has passed since I saw you in Istanbul. Maybe that is making

me paranoid I started to think like this because my host family acts a bit suspiciously, different from normal families. At first, I thought their lifestyle was that of a normal family, but a suspicious thing has changed my mind. I also believe I mentioned Jessica to you, the girl that is close friends with my host family's son, Luke. I believe I have fallen in love with her. I know she feels the same about me, but something is blocking her. When I was hugging her yesterday, I smelt the smell of blood. Don't girls normally smell sweet or like a flower? I didn't question her about this issue because I'm intimidated by her.

03.10. 2018

I started to think that maybe I am paranoid or maybe she is sick. I mentioned this issue to one of my friends, Jared He said "Jess and uour host family could be vampires" Doesn't that sound crazyl? I tried to forget about everything Jared said, and tried to ignore the issue. Guess what happened? I COULDN'T IGNORE ITI This issue turned me into a coward. I am afraid of my host family. After speaking with Jared, I saw Jess again. I could have sworn that her eyes were red. This too made me more curious about my host family. I started to pay more attention to their house. They have black curtains in every room except my room. Also, there are no mirrors anywhere and none of their dinner service contains any silver.

There is a room that I am not allowed to go into. I have never ever questioned them about this room. AND, two days ago, I just mentioned that using garlic in the chicken soup could make it more delicious and a little spicier, but they didn't agree with me on that idea. As well, I have never seen them outside when the sun is up. Mrs. Carter is always at home and Mr. Carter works at night and comes home late. Luke never wears any colour but black and he always wears sunglasses and a cap.

Now I am really confused about coming back to you in Istanbul. I heard Jess speaking to her friend. She said, "You still don't understand me. I can feel his heartbeat. I can smell the sweet smell of his blood and want to taste it. I love him so much, but I can't do it. If I bite him twice it could kill him. If it doesn't kill him, he will become a vampire. If I fail and he dies, I'll lose my lover. I don't want to lose him. God why did you create me as a vampire?" After hearing this I was so confused about my feelings. How did I feel? I still don't know. Do I feel love, fear, sadness or confusion? I am sorry, but I have decided to stay here. I must be brave for my love, Jessica. I love her. If I have to become a vampire, then I will do it. I'll miss you a lot. Maybe I can turn you into vampires when I visit.

Love, Your vampire son Arın ATAC



MEMORIES OF APRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER

I was lecturing my first grade primary class and the children didn't know how to read and write. So one day I was reading a story to them called "Oduncunun Cocukları – The Woodsman's Children" and I wanted them to retell the story to me.

I asked one of the students from a village to tell me about the story. The boy said, "There was a woodsman and his avrat" (meaning: his wife) All of the students in the class started to laugh at him. We laughed a lot because this word for

because he heard his father using it.

Another day, I was lecturing my grade two primary school students in Ankara in 2000 when an inspector came to my class. He wanted to know if the students read books or not, so he asked them, "Who has read at least twenty books? " No one answered with a yes, just silence. He asked again, "Is there anyone who has read ten books? " Again, silence. Then he asked, "Is there anyone who has read 5 books?"

such a small child was unusual. He used it When he didn't get any answers, he asked me, "Don't your students read any books? "I proudly replied, "The numbers you give are very low. The student who read the least amount of books has read thirty. The students who have read the most books have read two hundred. You can check their notebooks, if you wish. They have it all written down. My students always read many books."

Hande ÇAĞATAY



FEATURE FILM-PREQUEL AND SEQUEL

I have been a Harry Potter fan since I read the first book "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone". The Wizarding World had attracted my attention just as much as any other fantasy reader. When the film was released, I was so excited and happy to see that the whole book was perfectly featured. Soon after I read the second book, the film followed. I was utterly happy to read the new book, which would be followed by the feature film. In 2011, I was sad to learn that this would be the end of the magical Wizarding World. I remember reading the booklets "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find them" and "Quidditch Through the Ages", these two were mild entertainment for Potter Heads who had to wait for the next book and movie to be released.

Fantastic Beasts re-opens the door The 2016 Fantastic Beasts movie was a great way to re-unite with my favourite Wizarding World. Then in 2018, the second film followed and I soon found out that this would also be "a book followed by the feature film" series like the original Harry Potter series only in a prequel fashion. I really enjoyed the second Fantastic Beasts movie as it gave us a chance to discover different aspects of the

characters from the original series. Nagini was not considered to be a character in the original series: however, just like Scabbers it was once human. The new series also give us a sneak peek into the World of wizards and muggles living together. I really like the lead character, Newt Scamander, he is friendly, likes fantastic beasts, who is similar to our very loving and friendly Hagrid. The main difference between them is that Newt managed to graduate Hogwarts and continue his education to become an Auror and Magizoologist. The differences between the U.K. and the U.S. Ministries of Magic make everything so real life for the fans, in fact the two sides of the ocean are really different. Just like the terms No-Majs and Muggles. Then of course there is the element of a brand new Dumbledore in the family, whom we had never heard of until the end of the movie. So is he Albus' brother? Obviously the Lestrange family has a tendency towards dark wizardry. Surely the "time-turner" will be very handy when it is time to get Raven into the picture as Bellatrix Lestrange's daughter. When you watch and read the whole series, as Potter heads do, there is a good chance that you can

make the connection between characters and events, even if they are not in the movies or books. I feel the need to also mention, "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child" is said to have a possible feature film. That is a sequel: In a time when Harry is not in perfect relations with his first born child Albus Severus, who is rebellious and unhappy to have such a famous

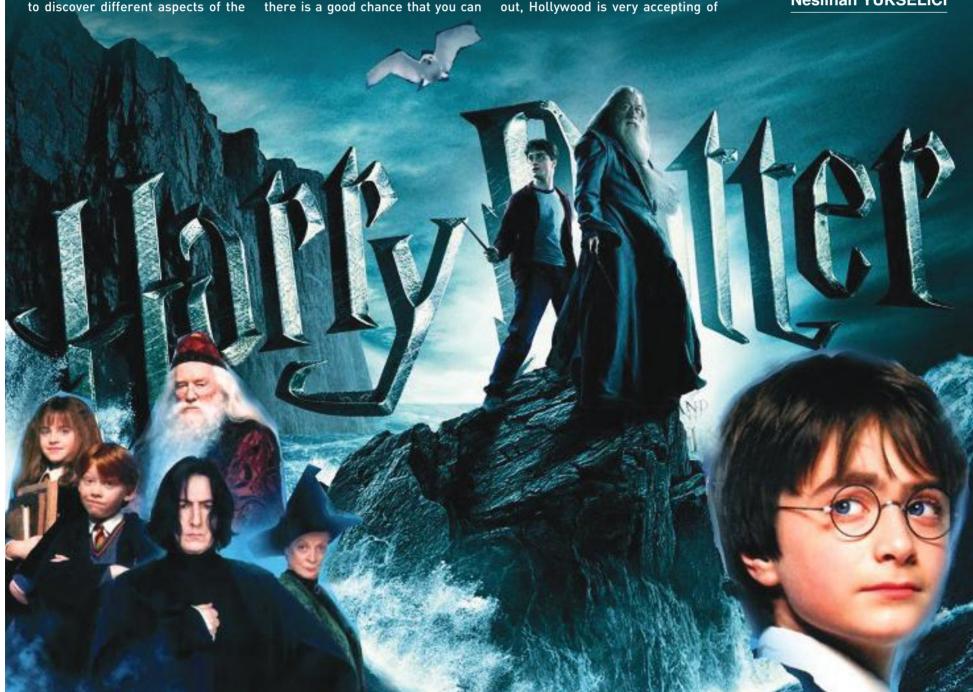
The History of Make Believe Worlds & Universes

As I started writing about the "Fantastic Beasts II - The Crimes of Grindelwald", I also remembered the different sequels and prequels of other famous fantasy and science fiction series, such as Star Wars the prequel Trilogy and The Force Awakens third trilogy, the issue if Rogue is in fact the child of our very important Jedi Master in self implied exile from the entire universe or not yet, remains unknown. There is also The Lord of the Rings followed by The Hobbit and rumour has it that Silmarillion is to be the third trilogy. The creation and events of Middle Earth is of great importance to human kind and when evil destroys the environment, this effects them all. Turns

fantasy literature.

Most of my friends do not like fantasy literature, claiming it's for children, obviously filmmakers believe the opposite. When the Harry Potter series was first released, everyone thought it was for children, but the children who read the books about 20 years ago are now adults. Now there is the perfect market for "collectibles" and other objects to be sold. The fancy make-believe worlds are in fact very appealing and with the older audience the Basilisk and other scary elements can be just standard fantasy genre elements. Scary elements in fantasy literature are not so scary when it comes to following the whole series. Finally, I agree technology is one reason for this; however, it is also very possible to expand the story into a make believe world. As a fantasy and science fiction reader, I really make the most of the perks of technology as they make it possible for our favourite novels to be made into films. Although they are wide in our imaginations, it is sometimes good to see what the author actually wanted to describe.

Neslihan YÜKSELİCİ







MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Mechanical Engineering is one of the most promising jobs of the future. I am one of those people who strongly believes that doing this job broadens one's horizons enormously. Contrary to popular belief, it is not only men, but also women who are becoming more and more interested, nowadays. It means women can do it as well as men do. At this point, I must stress that whoever is interested in mechanics, that person must be into cars, driving and drifting. In order words, this job requires a lot of courage and gender differences don't matter. For instance, anyone aspiring to be a mechanical engineer, must have a good level of knowledge about mechanics, cars in general and modified cars. Modified cars have got powerful engines, which makes them difficult to drive in daily life on the street. I mean that they are obviously special cars used for different purposes. In addition to that, I must say that anyone interested in this field should keep in mind that mechanics is a really broad field. One must read books, watch educational videos, do extensive research about it or attend some car fairs. Then, one might have the chance to enter the world of mechanics. Another important point is about personal projects. If a person has a love for this field, he/she must work on a project of his/her own. Being an expert in this field is not easy. To illustrate, Ahmad Dahham is a legendary figure who is famous for his unique ability to drift in the Middle East. I call him DK, which stands for Drift King. He owns NMK performance tuning cars, which are the best ones in Ahmad's center. Ahmad drives his 2jz Nissan Silvia as if he is playing with a toy. He is such an admirable and professional guy. To finalize, I must emphasize that nothing becomes better without practice and it is certainly the same when it comes to being a professional in mechanics, which makes it necessary to be a car addict with technical knowledge.

Nawras JUCMAN



I HAVE AN ALPHAVILLE SONG STUCK IN MY HEAD

ave you ever heard of Big in Japan? Do you feel a shiver of excitement when you listen to a song? I always feel a shiver of excitement whenever I listen to Big in Japan.

In fact, I love old music, I love all the songs of the 70's, 80's and 90's because they're real. I wish I had lived in the 70's, 80's,90's in Paris or Bruges or another heaven, but sadly I live in a much different place and time.

I said I love most old music, but why did I choose this song? I chose it because if I share my long list of top songs, I know you'll not listen to all of them. So, I chose only one song. When anybody says, "Let's name a song!", the first song that comes to my mind is always Big in Japan.

The band who sings Big in Japan is Alphaville. They're a German group. Big in Japan was released in 1984. The style of the song is Synthpop. The title of the song is a kind of a joke. Many rock bands, that are well past their

prime, continue to play "Big in Japan" long after they lose their ability to draw in a large crowd, like in the UK or USA. The movie Spinal Tap also made fun of this phenomenon, as the band had a hit single in Japan, just as they appeared to be washed up.

Big in Japan tells about a couple of lovers trying to get off heroin. They both imagine how great it would be to love without being on drugs, without stealing, no clients, and no ice age in the pupil, and to experience real emotions, and the real world. Till now, Berlin station zoo has been an important meeting place for junkies. That's why this place became a venue for the song.

Where were we? When I listen to this song, I feel like in I'm in another world. And if you could love this song as much as I do, you would understand me. I think, good songs make everything more meaningful. That's what I love about music. Even the most banal

scenes are suddenly embedded with so much meaning.

A person's music list is very important, because you can tell a lot about a person by what's on their playlist. When I hear Big In Japan, I guess I can't tell you what I feel because when I was a little child, I always listened to it, and now I'm a young girl, and I still listen to it. I think that I will be listening to it even when I am an old woman! Maybe you think I'm crazy, but I think you might be crazy after listening to this song too.

Finally, I believe music makes you a different person and if you're different, you're alone at the same time because I think only 5% of people listen to good music. Here, they're really unique! And one day, when Big in Japan lovers meet, one person will say to the other, "WHAT! You too? I thought I was the only one."

Mihriban ALBAYRAK



CRYPTOGRAM

Directions: At the top there is a KEY that lists all the letters from A to Z with a box below. Each of the letters has a corresponding number.

The bottom part contains a secret phrase. Each of the blanks has a number underneath it. Fill in the letters that correspond to the numbers below the blanks to solve the phrase.

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Connie WHELAN



IHE IMPORTANCE OF TRAVEL

the main concepts of the mankind. It helps civilizations to grow and develop, thanks to its mixing of different cultures and sciences with one another. However, I believe many people nowadays do not travel as much as they did in the past. I can say that I have been lucky enough to visit some important places.

The means of transportation has changed a lot throughout the ages. It is known that people used animals, tation centuries ago. Other modes of reasons, and developments, which has

ravelling has always been one of transportation were also used, for in-helped them in many ways. People travstance, camels, which were domesticated between 2500 and 3000 BC. Ships were invented by Egyptians around 2613 BC, and in the early 1800's the first railway steam train was made. A long time after that, in the mid 1800's, the first car was invented, and in 1903, the Wright brothers made the first powered aircraft. All of these means of transportation have advanced a lot and we can travel further and faster than ever before. Throughout like donkeys and horses, for transport the centuries, people travelled for many

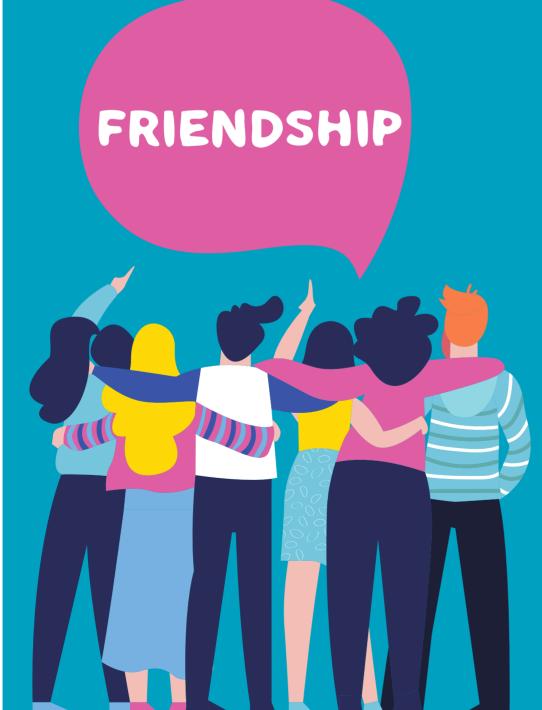
elled in search of resources, for war, and other hazardous situations, such as natural disasters and infectious diseases. Also, it has helped in developing various technologies that existed in those times since culture and ideas clashed from different backgrounds. Last, but not least, it helps us to take a break from our arduous work to find tranquility in beautiful environments amongst cordial people.

I learned and benefited a lot from my travels. For instance, I know how to speak other languages, like Tagalog, English and Indonesian. I also tried many new types of food and clothes, thanks to being exposed to new cultures. In addition to this, I have visited many of the beautiful places that I have seen on social media, and made a lot of new friends.

In a nutshell, travelling is one of the most amazing and awesome experiences you could ever have in your life. Travelling has had an important role in helping us in old times and it will continue to help us for years to come.

Mohammed KHALED





eople have been trying to define the word friendship for a long time. In the name of friendship, feats and selfless deeds have been done; for the sake of friendship, they fought and died, but to characterize this word in several sentences is almost impossible because each person puts their own idea into this meaning.

Friendship is, above all, the similarity of views and thoughts, feelings and needs of two people. We are loyal and desire to always come to the rescue of our friends. We have empathy and joy for the happiness of a loved one as we would for ourselves.

A friend must be sincere in their feelings. There is no place for flattery and hypocrisy, even when the truth can hurt. Only a friend will find the strength to say it to his face without hiding anything. Friends should surround you not only on good days, but also in difficult times. If after going through various difficult situations or troubles, your friend stays with you, and doesn't look for an excuse not to help you, then you can be congratulated, you have a real friend! Appreciate it and do not betray them.

Between friends there is no place for envy and rivalry. Only a true friend will be happy for you as well as himself.

Friendship is like a fragile crystal bowl. It must be protected from careless offensive words and from outbursts of anger. Of course, a real friendship cannot be broken by a simple quarrel, but it is lso not necessary to triple test its strengtn. After all, naving a true friend is an amazing gift. It is a miracle to know that you are not the only one in the world, and there is someone who always lends you his shoulder and stands by you and will not turn away in the face of adversity or difficulties.

Should we try to be better for the sake of a friend or will a true friend accept us as we are? Of course, you need to try to be better. Still, friendship is based on mutual aid and mutual return. If one side only gives, and the other only accepts, without contributing anything in return, then such a relationship is very far from a true friendship. For the sake of a friend, you definitely need to become better, kinder and more attentive. A friend is a mirror of ourselves. Do not wait for loyalty and devotion from a friend if you cannot boast of such features yourself.

True friendship has great value in life, and one who has a friend is happy.

Saleh MUKHTAROV



THE CHILDREN WHO WERE

One day in Thailand, 12 children and a coach were hiking and entered a cave because they wanted to find a short cut, but they didn't know what would happen. Immediately, it began to rain and the entrance to the cave collapsed. They couldn't get out. They could only wait for help.

Nobody knew where they were or what they were doing. They were all still alive. Everybody wondered The name of the child who was res-

world tried, but nothing worked, at first. Some countries sent divers and in total, there were 90 divers. All of them worked day and night, but the divers said they needed to start an operation because it was the rainy season and it could rain anytime. After that, the operation started.

found after nine days and they were mission, four children were rescued.

how they could save them. The whole cued first was Mongkol Boonpiam. He was good, but something happened; was fourteen years old. On the second day, the rest of the children and the coach were rescued. Their health situation was good.

While the children were in the cave, they wrote letters to their parents. For instance, Mick wrote and I quote, ''I miss all of you. Grandfather, uncle, On the first day of the rescue mom, father and my brothers/sisters. I'm in cave. Sea commandos are here. We're secure. I love you." Everything

a diver died while trying to reach the boys.

Consequently, twelve children and a coach were rescued. They were reunited with their parents and are now safe and sound.

Umut ASLAN



Mussing jome

Charity is the act of giving, be it material, emotional or spiritual, without the expectation of gaining anything in return. So, as a charity club, we aimed to teach our students to value all ages from the very young to the very old by planning a visit to a nursing home in Yesilkoy. First, we got permission from the administration of the nursing home and arranged a time and date. Two weeks later, our group of students brought some home-made food and some books with them.







residents and listened to their memo ries, all while enjoying the food they had brought. A single visit to a nursing home is a valuable experience for students, and at the same time brought some joy to the older adults.

The students read books to the elderly

In short, -We can make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what

Serdil İLK





A Delicious Farewell to 2018

School has a traditional Spring Charity bake sale. This year the event was organized just before New Year's. This was a wonderful decision as students and teachers alike had a great time enjoying the delicious food cooked or baked by students and teachers. Some classes joined forces with their neighbouring classes and shared their tables for the food to be sold. The music that

to the joy of saying farewell to 2018 and welcoming 2019. Some students and teachers danced in the conference hall while others were outside in the lounge enjoying the competition among classes, who were targeting to sell the most so as to be the group who raised the most money for the charity. Once the Degree students completed their Charity Bake Sale it was time

Aydin University English Prep was played throughout the event added for the Non-Degree students to con-

teachers alike for their hard work and help in raising 3,700 tl!

tribute in the good deed and also say a delicious good bye to 2018 as they welcomed 2019 just before the rest of the world. On behalf of the staff and students of Istanbul Aydin Prep School, we would like to thank students and

This fire sign has courage, confidence and honesty. Aries may be moody or aggressive sometimes, but above all, it is always passionate about work. Aries get angry quickly, but also forgive easily. Be cool, calm, and collected!



GEMINI

The friendly, active and talkative sign. You can never get bored with Gemini. Curiosity of Gemini makes them the all-knowing of everything. They can't keep calm for long and are inconsistent. Mostly, they like reading, philosophy and communicating with everyone.





Cancer is known for their persuasive advice and caring for their surroundings. They want the best for others and forget about themselves. Very sensitive, emotional, moody, pessimistic and insecure. They like arts and are





good with handmade things.







SAGITTARIUS

It is all about fun, laughs and ad-It is all about fun, laughs and adventures. The dynamic Sagittarius is unstoppable in exploring new things and enjoying life. They are intelligent and physically strong Sagittarius' dream about the perfect life and look up for it. Sagittarius' value their freedom and are honest no matter the situation. They also have a



CAPRICORN

Taking responsibility, discipline and self-control are feature strengths of Capricorns. Since it is one of the parth since Capricorn is con-









AQUARIUS

Always wants to be original. Very caring and a humanitarian personality. Like to end things by them-selves in progressive ways, but unfortunately, Aquar-ius people often run from expressing their feelings. The temper personality ruins their life

PISCES

You don't need to have a dramatic moment in order to make some necessary changes in your life. Sensitivity and being over emotional are the nature of water signs. Pisces is highly intellectual and likes arts and music. Pisces are also caring and fond of loved ones. Just



don't fear anything or be overly trusting.



TAURUS

Your patience is highly appreciated by those around you. As well a reliable person. What makes Taurus a special sign is their stability and willingness to take on responsibilities. Taurus is usually romantic, a good cook and likes working with their hands. It is likely to feel extremely comfortable and loving toward most of the people they

know, and want that feeling reciprocated.

VIRGO

Usually a Virgos' personality is kind and loyal. They are peaceful and like pets. Virgos focus on working hard and don't waste time on fun. They are shy and very worried about life.



LIBRA A rational thinker, analytical and intellectual are traits

They are very diplomatic and gentle. They like to so-cialize and are cooperative with colleagues. However, sometimes the feel self-pity and avoid confrontations with others.

SCORPIO

The conflicted Scorpio likes making new friends, but bad in communicating and socializing. But having said that, once you have a Scorpio friend, you know that it will last forever. They are very brave and stubborn. They get jealous easily, which sometimes leads them to violence. You can't get their trust easily.



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