



# Communicate Chronicles

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## Welcome to our FIRST Newsletter!

Yes, we have done it! Congratulations to all students who took part in creating the first Communicate newsletter. The newsletter will be issued at the beginning of every month. It will feature interviews, reviews of social activities, puzzles, recipes and even your drawings.

Contributions from all of you are very welcome. Please speak to your teacher or our Academic Manager Rachel if you wish to take part in the next issue. It is a fantastic opportunity to show off your English skills and the experience may enhance your CV.

## Restaurant review

Last week my friends and I spent a pleasant lunch at the Italian restaurant "Insolito".

This is a brand-new restaurant within walking distance from Piccadilly Garden. The interior has modern furniture and plenty of tables. Beside the modern deco, there are several paintings of local artists on display.



Although the "a la carte" menu is a bit expensive, the fixed menu has a good selection of choices that will let you get a starter and a main course at an affordable price.

Finally my advice is to avoid going there without a reservation, in the event you are a large group, because the rearrangement of the tables can take some time.

The owner and the staff are real Italians, precisely from Sicily, and this is a guarantee of the quality of the dishes. The menu has a selection of pastas and pizzas from different Italian regions. As a matter of fact I was pleased to see my favourite dessert: the "Tiramisù". In addition, it was a nice surprise to find that the ice-cream is produced with the original Sicilian recipe. Anyone who likes Italian food will really enjoy the meal here. And obviously I greatly recommend to try the ice-cream.



By Gabriella Sala

## Stuffed vine leaves recipe



### Ingredients

- vine leaves
- onion
- rice/risotto
- tomato
- lemon
- vegetable stock
- parsley, cumin, salt, dill

1. Wash the vine leaves and rice with cold water
2. Chop the onion, dill, parsley and tomato
3. Heat in a large pan; put some oil in it and put in the onion and the herbs
4. Stir all the ingredients and put the rice in the pan
5. Start to put a small amount of the vegetable stock, salt and spices
6. Squeeze the lemon in the pan and keep stirring
7. Put in butter, turn the heat off
8. Put a little rice mixture in the vine leaves and fold them



By Aliya Almatrouk

## Interview

### Interview with your teacher—Kasia

#### *What does your job involve?*

I was a tutor in high school and taught Polish students. I loved it – it was so satisfying and rewarding, and so I knew I wanted to carry on teaching.

#### *What were you like in school?*

I was very, very talkative, and always being told to be quiet by my teachers. When I wasn't talking, I loved to study and was so studious it bordered on being nerdy.

#### *What do you like to do outside of work?*

I make the most of living near the Peak District by doing lots of hiking and running, and I'm also a keen cook. I love experimenting with different flavours and ingredients - ask me for some tasty recipes!

#### *Which British food would you recommend?*

Yorkshire puddings.

#### *What inspires you?*

Working with inspirational colleagues. They are such interesting people with innovative ideas that we are always learning from each other, and inspiring one another to give really dynamic lessons.

#### *Who is your role model and why?*

My Mum. She came to England in her early twenties speaking no English whatsoever; now she's a fluent English speaker and teaches it too.

#### *How would your best friend describe you?*

My friends definitely know me as the creative one in the group. I like to make things, and I recently upcycled a second-hand rug which looks great in my living room.

#### *What would your autobiography be called?*

Soup, Sunburn, and Sarcasm: The Kasia Hulme Story

#### *If you could describe Communicate in 3 words, what would they be?*

Big happy family.



## Weather forecast

### What's the weather going to be like in November?



It's going to be cloudy and sunny at the beginning of the month.



It's going to be more sunny at the end of the month.



It's going to be cloudy and rain in the middle of the month. You should take an umbrella!



In November, the temperature is going to go down from 12°C to 8°C.

By beginners' class

## My story

### A terrible journey

It was on 16<sup>th</sup> of January in 1990 in the middle of the night when we woke up. Suddenly, the house was shaking, horrible loud noises of bombs everywhere, our children woke up crying so we realised that Allied Forces had started to attack Iraq (as a result of Saddam's regime attacking Kuwait and he refused to withdraw his army out of Kuwait).

We were living in a very dangerous area which was the main target for Allied Forces, so we decided very quickly to get out of the house. I took my parents - who were living next door - and drove to my sister's house which was on the border of Baghdad.

We drove through the most dangerous areas at that time in Baghdad: there were bombs all around us, the sky was full of flashing lights. At that moment we were terrified. Each minute felt like a day.

Finally after a terrible journey we reached my sister's house. We thought that we had arrived at a safe place but after a few days, the area we were staying in was targeted as well. We went back home. We lived for several months without electricity and fuel. We struggled to find petrol. Almost every hour there were air raid sirens and bombs.

We could not believe that we were still alive after we'd been through that experience.

"Each minute felt like a day."

By Azhar M Hussain

## Puzzles

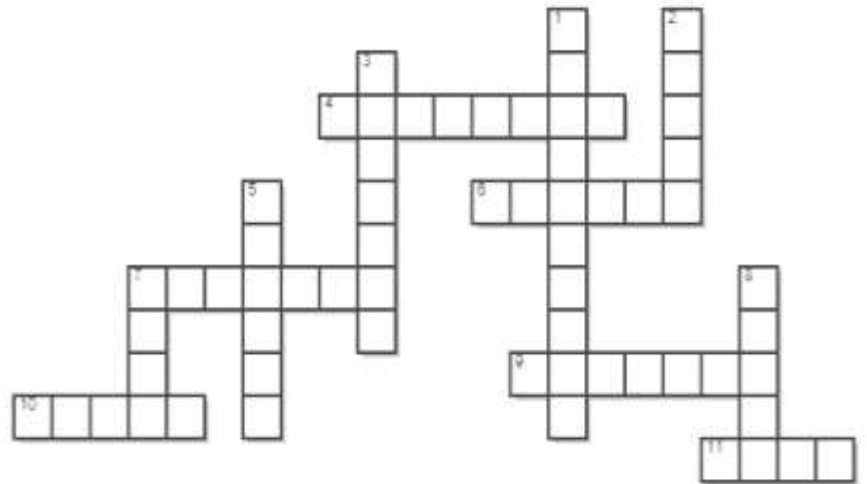
### Across

- Where is the San Fermin?
- Where did the Olympics start?
- Where is the Alhambra Palace?
- Where is The Statue of Liberty?
- Where is the world's tallest tower?
- Where is the Colosseum Arena?

### Down

- Where is Old Trafford stadium?
- Where is the Eiffel Tower?
- Name a city inside a city.
- What is the capital of England?
- Where are the 3 pyramids?
- What is the capital of Japan?

Complete the puzzles below and leave the answers in the box at the reception to win a prize. The winner will be announced at the student meeting on the last Friday of the month.



## Sports Word Jumble

Rearrange the letters to make words on the topic of sport.



EFREERE                  BTLLOOFA  
 BLCU                      NIRNEW  
 HACOC                    YSOPMICL  
 CTMAH                    MWIIGSNOLOPM  
 ATLLBSEBAK    CTEOUNIRTNS



## Word Ladder

Change **one** letter a time to find the answers to each clue.

H	O	M	E	
				to go towards speaker
				a little bit of something
				when something hurts
				extra
				to change position
				strong feeling of like
				not to die
L	I	K	E	

By elementary and intermediate classes

## Useful info

Do you know who to contact when:	
... you have an emergency and need to contact the school out of hours?	Call our emergency number 07482660030 
... you have a problem with accommodation?	Contact Dora or Federica at the reception
... you want to write an article for the school newsletter?	Speak to the Academic Manager Rachel
... you have a new phone number or new address?	Email the new details to  office@communicateschool.co.uk
... you need help with a personal issue or have a complaint?	Speak to the School Manager Camilla
... you missed a class and you want to know about homework?	Contact one of your classmates or if not possible, email the reception
... you want to change your timetable?	Speak to the Academic Manager Rachel

## Student of the month



... of October was Aliya! Her teachers said: *“Aliya is very kind and works well with other students. Her skills improved a lot, especially her confidence in speaking as well as writing, which is fantastic. We’re very proud of her”*. Congratulations!

## We recommend ...



1. Play football—every Wednesday. Pay £4 at the reception by Tuesday.



2. Christmas Markets — 10th November.



3. Escape Room — 14th November. Pay £4 at the reception by 4th November.



4. New B2 level **Business English class** on Tuesdays at 3pm.



5. Borrow one of the **30 new books** from our library. Choose from grammar books, phrasal verbs or exam preparation tests.



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