

The Interloper



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Hello reader!

This is the fourth and final issue of the Interloper, as you might have noticed. For this issue we decided to make it summer themed, since we are quickly approaching the end of the school year.

I'm not exactly sure what you might be expecting to read this time, but don't worry. Our magazine is filled with Interviews (yet again), journals, poems, stories, fun facts, convenient and seasonal tips about summer activities, and plenty of other things. We also have an interview with Madame Gendras where she explains the history of the school buildings to us. You don't want to miss it!

As everyone is rushing to reach the summer vacation as soon as possible, you might just take a couple minutes to read over some of our more entertaining articles, and perhaps even play some games. Whatever you choose to check out, I promise you, you will have fun!!

Before I let you flip the page, let us review some very brief facts about summer;

- This one might not apply to all of you, but most of us tend to be much happier in the summer. Generally, because for students, it is much less stressful than being in school, and also because of the brighter, sunnier, and longer days.
- Second, scientists argue that summer babies are significantly more likely to suffer from mood swings than babies born in other seasons.
- This year the astronomical summer began yesterday, on the 21st of June, the day of the summer solstice (the longest day of the year). The astronomical calendar determines the seasons due to the 23.5 degrees of tilt of the Earth's axis, in its orbit around the Sun. The meteorological summer begins on the 1st of June. The meteorological seasons are split into three months each. They coincide with our Gregorian calendar, making it easier for observing and forecasting to compare seasonal and monthly statistics.

To close off our short interaction, on the behalf of the whole International Section of 4eme, we wish you an amazing summer, and a lovely reading of our work. We thank you for your time, and we hope you enjoy it.

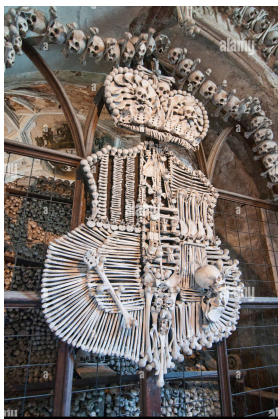
Thank you and Welcome!

Summer fun facts

by Ema Beranova

Mosquitos

Mosquitos are most prevalent during summer months. Mosquitos have been on earth for more than 30 million years. This may be a scary fact but here it goes (it is also kind of a tip). Never say you're being "eaten alive" by mosquitos, again. That was an actual method of execution. Scaphism was an ancient form of torture and execution where you'd cover someone with honey, stick them in a hollowed log, and just ... let nature run its course.

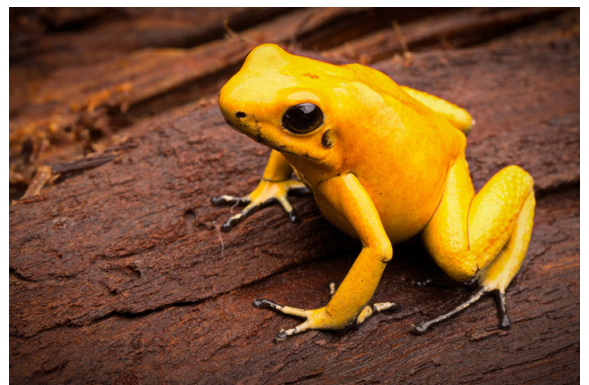


Summer activities

Summer is a good season for hiking, having picnics, going on walks and all these fun activities. Well, I have the perfect spot for you to visit. In the Czech Republic, there is a small Roman Catholic chapel called the Sedlec Ossuary. You may think, what makes this church different? Its decorations are made from human bones. The ossuary is estimated to hold the skeletons of 40,000 to 70,000 people. You are welcome :)

Walks through the forests of South America

One of my favourite things to do in summer is to travel somewhere, where there is sea, and to go on walks in the forest. Do you want to know what the perfect country for this is? Colombia!! They have cute little yellow frogs there, called "The golden poison dart frogs" (*Phyllobates terribilis*) that are the size of a paperclip, adorable, and can kill you with a single touch. In fact, just one frog has enough lethal poison in its skin to kill 10 to 15 people. They can be found in trees, as well as under leaves, logs and rocks on the floor of the forests. However, they lack toe webbing and are poor swimmers, so they are not found in the water.



The Eiffel Tower grows in summer?!

The Eiffel Tower actually grows in the heat of the summer. Due to the iron expanding, the tower grows about 6 inches every summer, when the temperature reaches as high as 40°C.

Fun beach activities

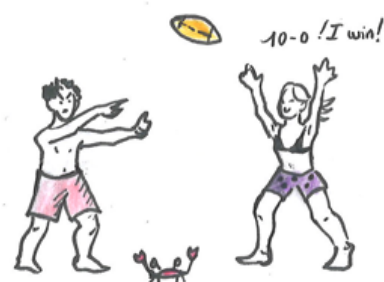
By Sonja Ocheretina, illustrated by Iris David

So, summer's coming up, and most of us are going to the beach. When we think of the beach, most of us think of swimming in the sea, or tanning. But what about some other activities? If you have no idea about what you could possibly do at the beach this summer, then you're on the right page.



1. Beach volleyball

Volleyball is a fun group sport, especially in summer and on the beach. If you're bad at volleyball though, feel free to replace this with any other sport that you enjoy.



2. Making sand castles

While this might seem a bit childish, sandcastles can be extremely fun, especially when making enormous ones with lots of friends (if you even have any, you low-life).

3. Water gun battle

This is definitely one of my favourite activities during summer. It's hilarious to see other people's reactions to being randomly sprayed.

4. Water Tag

Playing tag, especially in the water, is an extremely entertaining experience due to the fact that you're forced to swim, even in the shallow water, because if you try to walk instead, you'll be significantly slowed down due to the density of water.

5. Jumping into water

Jumping into water from a certain height, and trying different tricks, might be slightly dangerous, but as long as you're not stupid about it, it's loads of fun.



How to make your summer last longer?

By Anton Voynov

So, the summer holiday is about to begin, but we all know it ends waaaaay too soon. They tell us that we have two months but we return back to school in what feels like weeks. Well I am here to fix that problem. Since time goes slower when you are bored, I bring to you the most "exciting" things that you can do to stay forever on your holiday.

Number one: Staring contest with the wall

Did you ever feel like the walls are watching your every move? Have you ever thought about staring back at their every move? One of the best ways to make time last longer is by having a staring contest with the wall. Try to look into their soul. Spoiler alert : walls are unbeatable, they just never blink!

Number two: Counting stars

Did you ever go outside, lay down on your back and look at the stars? It's a very beautiful moment and you have a feeling that time itself just suddenly stops. This feeling is inevitable when you begin to count every single star in the sky you are looking at. I once counted 24 752 921 stars in one night. I do have a feeling that I counted some of them twice. My recommendation is to go on a cloudy night and see how many you can count in a limited amount of time.

Number three: Sortin' Stuff

Everyone has an attic or at least a cupboard into which old things disappear and are never seen again and into which no soul has entered for a decade. Try to check it out and sort the rags that used to be stuffed toys (dog owners will understand), the "incredibly" useful papers and some tools that your parents bought because they "might come in handy". If you haven't done it yet, I think that the cupboard's atmosphere could really teleport you into a different reality where time stops... Just don't forget a gas mask, you'll need it!

So, this is it for today, enjoy your newly elongated holiday

The Lycée Français Buildings: Then and Now

Interview by Lillian Spencer Kahnova, transcription by Sonja Ocheretina

Dear readers, have you ever wondered what our school was like before it was even a school? Have you ever wondered why the library has huge, tall walls and beautiful ceilings? Fear not, we interviewed the school librarian, Madame Gendras, to give us the scoop on the history of our beautiful school.

Lillian: So, has this building always been a French school?

Madame Gendras: Nope! It wasn't always the Lycée Français de Prague, you see, we are in an old chapel, (it is named Maria) why? Because in fact, there was a nunnery here for a long time, the order was "Saint Charles Borromée", we say in Czech the "Boromejky". The founder of this order, was actually a French lawyer, his name was Chauvenelle, and at the time he created this because he wanted to take care of the poor, the sick and especially, in 1651, people who were sick with the plague. If we look a long time later on, the street wasn't always called Drtinova street like today, Drtinova is the name of an opera singer. This street used to be called Husova Street, in fact the nuns had a convent that was higher up, under Petrin, and then on the site in 1869 there was a shoe factory and it was also transformed there into a convent. There they took care of feeding the young women who had no work. The sisters lent their help. Of course they also had religious education, and were fed. Basically the sisters took care of widows, poor girls, who could not earn a living.

Here (the library) was the private chapel of the sisters, that is to say that they sang in this chapel. There were paintings, statutes in corners that have disappeared.

L: And what happened to the buildings during the 20th Century?

Today it is of course the LFP. Yet it wasn't always like that...During the 50s, under communism, there was an intense persecution of people who practised their religions. The sisters were sent to the countryside, they were hardly nourished, they were prevented from praying, they were prevented from practising their religion, basically at that period of time most people wanted them to die.

L: What happened after that?

MG: Well, it became a police centre under communism (which we can still see, by the way, because there was a garage which is still here close to the school.) And at this police centre, they say they tortured people... when we rebuilt the Lycée we found iron tables and beds in the basement.

Still under communism later on the library became a sports hall. That's why they destroyed the ceiling and closed two openings here, which were large doors (*points to two built-in shelves, one at the entrance which holds the czech literature and to another one close to the end.*)

They removed all the religious signs, for example here (*points to a blank wall*) there was a mosaic of armed men, very strong symbols of communism in fact. So they played sports. After the fall of communism in 1989, the order of Saint Charles of Borromée, the order of the sisters, recovered the building. I know for a fact, this was thanks to Mother Superior, that she didn't want to leave it to a company or a store... She wanted it to become something cultural or educational, and therefore France rented then bought this building, I believe circa 2010, et voilà.

L: Apparently there are rumours about certain catacombs or graveyards here, is that true?

MG: No, no, no, the only similar story possible is, or so the legend says, that Rudolf Slansky (the General Secretary of the Czechoslovak Communist Party) who was executed after a purge of leaders in the 'satellite' nations of the USSR in the 50s, could possibly have been held and tortured here, but we don't have any proof.

One more thing to add is, after the revolution, the state was responsible for the restoration and therefore all the decorations were repainted, the windows here were also changed to wood... and so it is protected by the French state. What does it mean? It means that we have no right here to transform this place. No question of putting plastic windows, you see? It is forbidden. Although when I was here by myself during the pandemic, I had this feeling that I wasn't here alone, that the ghost of the sisters was here with me, that the books fell by themselves. There are always sounds in the library since it was built for the acoustic of the nuns, the sisters singing as we mentioned before.

L: As you mentioned before, you can hear quite clearly the conversations going around the Library from here. Did you ever try to solve certain problems with acoustics or the noise in order to help the students concentrate?

MG: Yes, there's a resonance effect which is simply incredible; this one year, I had a student who liked music, he was of German nationality, he studied in the lycee, and in premiere they had to make a TPE, that's what it was called at the time, which stood for "travaux personnels encadrés" So basically he had to make a project, and his subject was "can we do something to solve the acoustics problems at the library". Therefore, he did calculations, because other than being a musicologist he was also a good mathematician, and so he worked on the acoustics of the room, and he found a solution so that it doesn't resonate. For the solution that he found, he brought a 3D presentation, he presented it in front of the jury, and got a good grade, along with mathematic, and physical calculations. He gave us a demonstration with the sound, and the solution was basically to put a thread. A thread out of all things, I find that quite genius, you really had to think a lot if you wanted to come to that.

L: Do you think you will change the library in the future in any way?

MG: That's a question for Madame Allatre. Today it works this way, it's worked like this since 2016, with either classes, or animations, or contests being held here. Though the pupils obviously still have to come to do their assignments, and as you've probably noticed due to the reconstruction there's a shortage of classrooms, and so quite often the pupils come here to do their work, as well as the professors. There are also cultural activities, the arrival of authors, conferences, and so on.

L: How many books are there in total?

MG: Wow! Oh I don't know! What I do know is that when you go onto the lfp website, you should go to the "espace reservee", and there you'll see "pronote", where you can find the catalogue of the library, and just like that, you'll find the whole library right here!

And so, from the youth novels, for example, there's around 900.

L: Is there any book you recommend to read from this library?

MG: No! You must read as many books as possible ! I have a student who did a Trivia about all the books in this Library, she answered correctly to most of the questions, by simply reading. It is extremely important for youngsters to read! Yes, there are students that I know for a fact hate reading, but trust me, in a couple of years they will pick up a book they like, and then won't be able to stop! I can't tell you how many times this has happened! Yet I also know that there are students like you and many others who read on a daily basis, and you must remember how important that is and not to stop, and also remember there is more than one genre, it doesn't always have to be novels, for example, instead people should try reading poetry or manga! Manga has been extremely popular lately, I try my best to keep it updated! Any more questions?

L: No, I think this is all, thank you very much for letting me interview you!

MG: Oh you are welcome, have a nice day.

Art contest winning submission!!

Congrats to the winner of our Art Contest, David Razek (Ter2) with this lovely digital rendering of the typical Czech chalupa!



Places to visit in Italy

By Anton Voynov

I think we all have moments when our parents took us to beautiful places and countries but you didn't visit many landmarks and places because you didn't know what to visit. If you agree then this article is for you.

The Interloper presents : **Top places to visit in Italy**

Number 1: The Colosseum

The Colosseum is, simply put, amazing. It is a very old gladiator arena that is located in Rome. We went there during a summer holiday and enjoyed it dearly as we learned many facts about it. Did you know that sand was put into the arena to absorb the blood of dead animals and soldiers? Well, now you know. Visit it and you will see that beauty for yourself. Single warning : there was a big line.

(P.S. Did you know that the Colosseum is over 1 900 years old ??
That's almost as old as some of the school teachers !!)

Number 2: The Roman Forum

Another popular place to visit is the Roman Forum. It used to be a place of reunion and relaxation in Roman times. Now you will find many ruins that you can explore to find out more about Roman times and leisures. My personal experience was positive : I learned a lot about where Romans put different buildings but also there was a negative part: I got very tired from all the walking. So, bring a water bottle and go there. Beware of seagulls if you bring lunch.

Number 3: St. Peter's Basilica

Ok, so, what to expect: a big ol' church. But a very large and beautiful church. The church itself was built as a tomb to St. Peter. Now it is an amazing church to visit. Fun fact, did you know that almost all old churches were built in the shape of a cross and some actually pointed north, south, east and west? The Basilica actually took 120 years to build.

Kind of depressing that Peter never got to see it finished.

Number 6: Giotto's Bell Tower in Florence

If you have ever been to Florence, you would know what this tower is. It is the bell tower of the Basilica of Santa Maria del Fiore. Only visit this if you enjoy long hikes because you will have to climb 414 stairs. In my personal opinion the hike is totally worth it because at the top you are greeted by an amazing view of Florence. In my opinion, it kind of just looks like a fancy rectangle, but some people say it's the most beautiful tower in all of Italy, so maybe you'll like it?

Visit these places next time you go to Italy, enjoy!

Cars 2023

By Thea, Jacob, and Albert

By now you have probably read a lot of things about summer but we've got something else for a change. We'll show you some of the cool cars that will come out next year and brace yourself, some of them are pretty crazy.

First of all our new favourite car, the 2023 Chevrolet Corvette Z06:

The 2023 Chevy Corvette Z06 is expected to elevate the iconic nameplate into territory occupied by exotics from **Ferrari** and **Lamborghini**.

With the engine now located behind the driver, it already looks unlike any Z06 seen before. Not only is it considerably wider than the **regular Corvette**

Stingray, it boasts bigger air intakes and a unique rear wing. Thanks to a

flat-plane crankshaft, the new Z06's naturally aspirated 5.5-liter V-8 also won't sound like any Vette that's come before. While it inherits the best amenities and technology from the Stingray, its performance and handling will be heightened and sharpened. **Chevy** switched to a mid-engine layout to make the C8 Corvette a supercar that most folks can afford, and the 2023 Corvette Z06 promises to embarrass more than a few people driving insanely expensive supercars when they meet at a racetrack.



2023 Genesis G90 Genesis's most luxurious model—the **G90 sedan**—is getting a dramatic redesign for the 2023 model year that will bring it into the modern era. Exterior styling is inspired by the **G80 sedan** and **GV80 SUV** but with a few unique touches that symbolise the G90's place at the top of the company's

model hierarchy. **Genesis** says the brand's twin-turbo 3.5-liter V-6 will be under the hood as the standard powertrain. Rather than the 5.0-liter V-8 that's the upgraded engine in the **2022 model**, a 420-hp version of the twin-turbo V-6 will be offered. That engine utilises a



supercharger to boost the output and also features a 48-volt hybrid system. The G90's interior has been redesigned to pamper occupants with a plethora of unexpected features, including an on-board

fragrance diffuser, power-operated doors, an air purifier, and a UV-sterilisation chamber in the rear centre armrest.

2023 Polestar 3 Described as an "aerodynamic performance electric SUV," the 2023 Polestar 3 will join the growing number of new electric automobiles with high aspirations. Although Polestar has only teased a single image of its newest model, its streamlined roofline, prominent fenders, and dramatic wheel arches have us smitten. We're told it'll boast single- and dual-motor configurations as well as a cutting-edge infotainment system that'll presumably feature the next generation of the company's current **Android Automotive OS**. It'll be equipped with an array of active safety features, too, which will include **Volvo's lidar technology** that's said to eventually enable full self-driving. We also know that the Polestar 3 will ride on a new EV platform when it begins global production sometime in 2023.



2025 Aston Martin Vanquish The 2023 Lotus Emira is the latest model from the legendary British automaker and the last to use an internal combustion engine. That's right. **Lotus** is preparing for an all-electric future, as previewed by the **Evija hypercar**. But before bidding adieu to its traditions, the company will treat purists to one final gas-burning sports car. As the successor to the **Evora GT**, which is currently the only Lotus sold in the U.S., the Emira is more practical and offers active safety equipment for the first time. While the entry-level example will have a turbo four with 360 horsepower, Lotus also offers a supercharged V-6 with 400 ponies and an available manual gearbox. That means the Emira competes with Porsche's **718 Cayman** and certain **911 variants**.



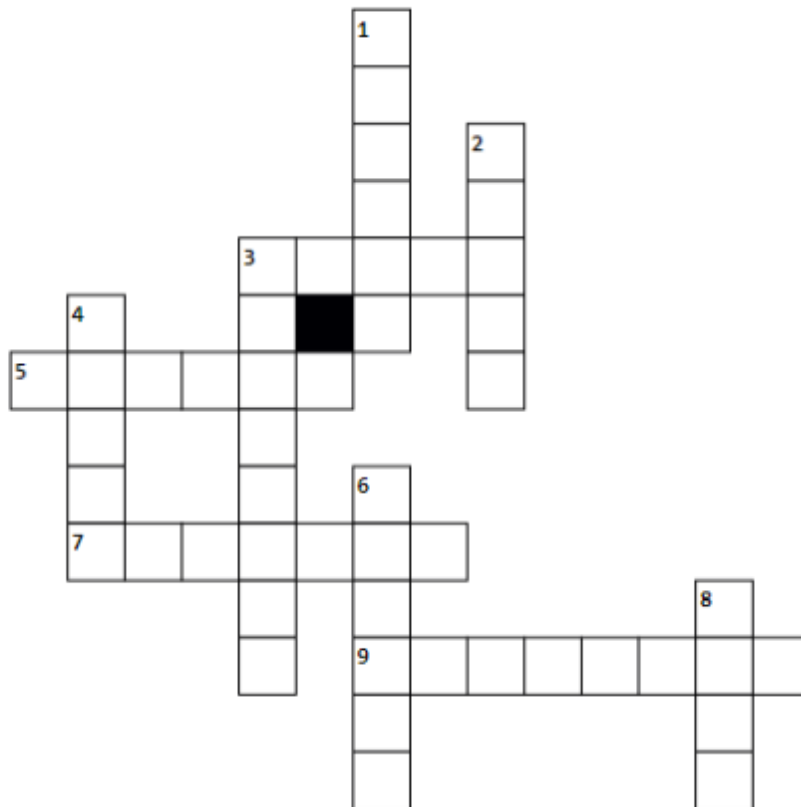
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Across

- 3. You can find it on the sand
- 5. It's a sport that you play with a racket
- 7. After school there is?
- 9. Something you eat in summer

Down

- 1. When you explore the world you?
- 2. When you are lazy you can ?
- 3. You are ... in the sea
- 4. Place next to the sea
- 6. You visit them
- 8. You play with it

SI INTERVIEWS 4 Evelyn, Isabella and Ema

Mme. Šípová

What would your last meal be?

"My last meal would be "svíčková s knedlíkem."

Would you sell one of your organs for a lot of money?

"No, I would never."

Have you ever stayed overnight in a hospital?

"Yes, I have. I was there for an operation."

What is your favourite summer vacation destination?

"My favourite vacation destination is anywhere in Britain."

Mme. Plášková

What would your last meal be?

"My last meal would be steak."

Would you sell one of your organs for a lot of money?

"Absolutely not."

Have you ever stayed overnight in a hospital?

"Yes I have, multiple times. One when I gave birth, and once for an operation."

What is your favourite summer vacation destination?

"My favourite place to spend my summer is in the cottage in Revnice."

Mme. Makinyan

What would your last meal be?

"My last meal would be fish with asparagus."

Would you sell one of your organs for a lot of money?

"What kind of question is this? Of course not! Never"

Have you ever stayed overnight in a hospital?

"Yes a few times due to health reasons."

What is your favourite summer vacation destination?

"My favourite destination is the seaside, anywhere."



Have a cute puppy :D

-Comic Maker

Unique places in the world

by *Iris* and *Reem*



The **Sedlec Ossuary of Kutna Hora** is situated in the Czech republic. It is a Roman catholic chapel built between 1282 and 1320. In 1784, the Scharzenberg bought the ossuary and the surrounding areas, and when they saw the 40 000 skeletons of the plague victims and soldiers from the Hussite wars, they decided to assemble them into various shapes such as a gothic tower, a chandelier etc...

This glowy sea is located on an island in the **Maldives called Vaadhoo Island**. The sea glows due to bioluminescent plankton, which is a chemical reaction between luciferin (a molecule) and oxygen that takes place in an organism's body. Once the reaction works, it produces light that could be seen on the sea's surface. Bioluminescent plankton can appear at any time of the year, but it is said that there are greater volumes of plankton in the seas from June to December. Vaadhoo Island initially had a small population, but it has changed thanks to its glowy seas.



The **tunnel of love in Klevan, Ukraine**, is a railroad from the industrial revolution which is no longer used (only rarely) but has not been removed. It was used to transport raw material to factories. The only wagons that take this road come here really rarely and slowly, which keeps this area calm and the nature is not destroyed. As it's name suggests, it is a really famous and is a romantic area for lovers.

The **Yellowstone** is the first national park in the U.S and in the world. Located in the state of Wyoming, this park is unique due to its colorful water. The water has this yellow color due to a certain type of bacteria called cyanobacteria that lives in it. When it's the spring season, the temperature enables this bacteria to turn the water yellow. In fact, the park is called Yellowstone due to the water's color. During winter, the yellow color fades away, since the weather isn't the same. The best time of the year to visit the Yellowstone National Park is in April, because of spring beginning and the water being colorful.



Journal of a rabbit #2

By Sophia Walter

Hi, it's me, rabbit!
You probably already know me from my first journal.
I will talk about my day and whatever else I could say.
Enjoy :)

Like all other days, I woke up in my cage feeling hungry. I scratch the grid as usual to wake everyone up. As you know, when the door is opened I do my little workout jog to the fridge, to get my prize (a carrot, *basic*).

How sad, I am alone, again.. but something is different, they forgot to close the door of my cage. So cool ! I can do what I want, run everywhere and take my **revenge** for letting me starve for a day when they went on vacation!

The problem is that the door is closed so I only have one , though huge, room to be in. It's going to be an adventure. Me, the bravest rabbit of all, will surely survive any danger throughout my day.



Actually it's not true that I am the bravest rabbit, per se, more like the most fearful rabbit... because a simple spider managed to scare me, he just wanted to be friends with me (as a result I killed it :/ , please don't judge me).

Besides my adventure, my day isn't as exhilarating as you may have thought, an ordinary life of a rabbit.

Then, someone opened the door, looked at me in surprise and just walked away. Ok, confusing. I am just going to relax and think about life, as I usually do, for I am a very perplexed rabbit.

This is the end of my story. This time, it was more interesting, and tough, too. I am currently disappointed to end it here and have to say goodbye (actually no, I don't care at all, just being respectful)
Have fun on your vacation !



The Queen's Jubilee

by Silvie and Isabella



This year, Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a **Platinum Jubilee** after 70 years of service. After four intense and extremely busy days, The Queen of England has been celebrated in every way possible, with more than a half of a week full of parties, concerts, parades, lunches, exhibitions, and pageants. There have been 3,673 public events and 3,799 street parties or private events shared so far. Not only in Central London, where most of these festivities took place, but all

over England, hoards of people hit the streets, to celebrate their Queen. The celebrations took place from the **2nd to 5th of June**.

To start off with the first major day, on Thursday the 2nd of June, the **Queen's Birthday Parade**, also known as **Trooping the Colour**, took place in central London, watched by tens of thousands of people on big screens nearby, as well as many more watching from their homes. The parade contained the 1st Battalion, Irish Guards, and more than 1200 officers and soldiers, who put on a display of military pageantry on Horse Guards Parade, together with hundreds of Army musicians and around 240 horses. This annual event has now marked the official birthday of the British Sovereign for over 260 years.



The **Platinum Jubilee Pageant** was held on Sunday, 5 June 2022 near Buckingham Palace, as part of Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Conceived and directed by David Zolkwer with Pageant Master, Adrian Evans, it featured over 10,000 people from across the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth combined street arts, music, puppets, carnival and costume to celebrate the Queen's reign, as well as honouring the collective service of people and communities across the United Kingdom.

It was composed of **four Acts** :

Act 1: For Queen and Country

"For Queen and Country" was composed of a military parade with 1,750 people and 200 horses. To mark the beginning of the pageant, the bells of Westminster Abbey pealed as they did on the Queen's Coronation Day in 1953. There were also flyovers by the Red Arrows, who are an aerobatics unit of the Royal Air Force. Prince Louis made the front pages with his animated responses to the noise.



Act 2 : The Time of Our Lives

The Time of Our Lives showcased changes in culture, technology, music and fashion throughout the past seven decades from 1952 to 2022. Open-top double-decker buses were used to represent different decades of the Queen's reign, with TV personalities, musicians, chefs, sportspeople, designers, and artists taking part in the procession.

Act 3 : Let's Celebrate

The third act, Let's Celebrate, was composed of carnival floats and featured street theatre acts and urban dance from various performer groups.

Act 4 : Happy and Glorious

"Happy and Glorious" featured a performance of "Perfect" by Ed Sheeran as a tribute to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. Crowds gathered at the Victoria Memorial towards the end of the ceremony. The Queen, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, the Duchess of Cornwall, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, and Prince George, Princess Charlotte, and Prince Louis of Cambridge, appeared on the balcony of the Buckingham Palace for the finale of the pageant, and everyone sang the national anthem "God Save the Queen"

led by the London Community Gospel Choir and the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines. As the Royal Family left the balcony, the West End cast of *Mamma Mia!* performed "Dancing Queen".



The **third day** of the platinum jubilee celebrations continues with **BBC's Platinum Party at the Palace**, with a spectacular evening of entertainment. The concert at Buckingham

Palace features a glittering array of global stars and performers from the worlds of music and dance to celebrate 70 years of HM the Queen's reign. As darkness falls, stunning projections illuminate the palace during the performances.

The Queen lit the first of her **Platinum Jubilee beacons**, sending a spark of light around the globe and heralding the start of celebrations throughout the Commonwealth. With the touch of her hand the head of state illuminated a globe and sent a river of light from her Windsor Castle home to Buckingham Palace, where the Duke of Cambridge watched as the **Tree of Trees** sculpture was bathed in light. Thousands of beacons were also lit across the UK and the Commonwealth to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The symbolic moment came at the end of the first day of the monarch's celebrations marking her 70-year milestone, and was something she "greatly enjoyed". The Queen, who is now only two years away from becoming the **longest-serving monarch in world history**, and has already celebrated **three major jubilees**, has said she was "humbled and deeply touched" by the Platinum Jubilee celebrations held across the UK. In a "thank you" letter after a concluding pageant in London, she said she remained committed to serving as monarch with the support of her family.

OPINION :

SILVIE:

I don't necessarily have much of an opinion on this subject- but I suppose one thing I can say is that I find it to be a nice event, especially given the past two and (almost) a half years (that's insane, so much time has passed). I feel like it was a fun event that might have helped bring the morale of England up. I also wish I had seen the light show, that sounds incredible.

ISABELLA:

The most amazing fact is that one of the most powerful monarchs in our time has been able to influence, and make differences in our world. It is absolutely unbelievable that she has reigned for 70 years, and spread her kindness, selflessness and intelligence to not only England, but many different parts of the world. I think that it was a very important celebration- and was treated accordingly. I wish that I had been there, even if the crowds were immense, and all the parades, concerts, and parties, sounded like huge fun.

Road trips!

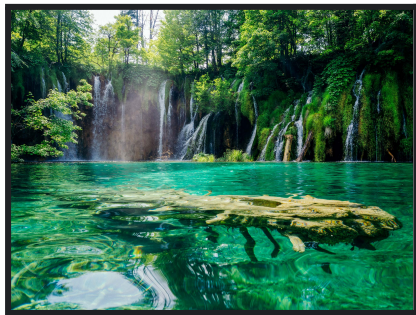
by Thea, Albert and Jacob

As you probably already figured out, summer is here and with it I think to all of us comes the desire to travel and see landmarks/go swimming in seas and/or oceans ... However it's not always cheap to fly somewhere so we decided to give you six places around Europe to visit by car (most of these can be reached by train :) Here are three countries:



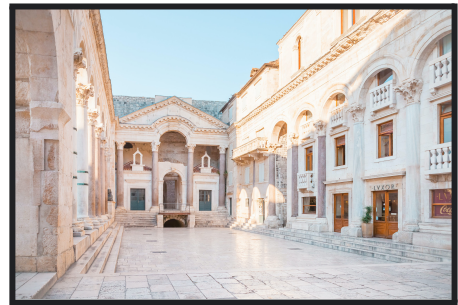
Česká Republika: We can start right here, in the Czech Republic there are many beautiful cities. Český Krumlov is a beautiful city that is perfect for long walks or dinner next to the river as most of the restaurants are on the shore of the river Vltava. You can also take a ride down the river in a canoe, which is lots of fun.

Another idea is Mariánské lázně, where for a change here you can actually “heal your spirit” by that we mean that you can visit the spa which the city is built around, your parents might also enjoy the excellent wine



Croatia: Plitvice Lakes, about a 9h drive from Prague to see extreme natural beauty, sadly you cannot swim directly in them but just a few kilometres north you can find the national park where swimming is very possible Diocletian's palace: a beautiful palace of Diocletian. Although it's easy to lose sight of the palace amid the bustle of Split's waterfront promenade, take time to step back

and look up. The original arches and columns of the palace wall can be easily discerned above the shops and restaurants. It would have presented a magnificent face to the sea, with the water lapping at the base of the walls. It's not hard to see why Diocletian built his imperial apartments on this south-facing side of the palace, gazing directly out over the water.



Italy: Venice: this is just the perfect city for a week of exploring and it is within driving distance of Prague. In Venice you can not only enjoy the amazing food and architecture but you can go on a random mid day boat ride. Rome: you probably already know this city but it's still nice to visit. you can visit the old roman monuments but also enjoy the night life of the young people.

Hope you will find this useful and thanks for

reading.

Vacation by Evelyn

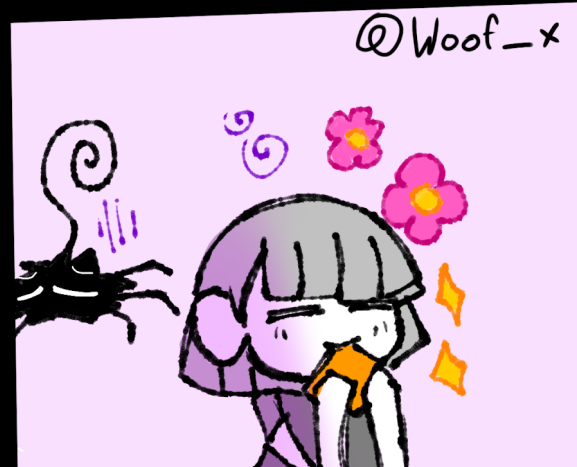
When you hear vacation
you think of relaxation.
When my mom hears vacation
she thinks it's an occasion
to do a lot of work
and while she smirks
she gives me my little sister
and before leaving she kisses her.



Summer by Reem

When summer comes into your mind
your senses are blinded by the sunshine.
Nothing negative will ever ruin your time,
nice thoughts are going to be just fine.
You won't think about the problems of the year,
not even that friend that left you shed a tear.
All you want is this beautiful plane that flies,
it will let you see wonderful blue skies.
One thing is sad about this season,
it runs even faster than a lion.
But don't worry about it,
just enjoy it.

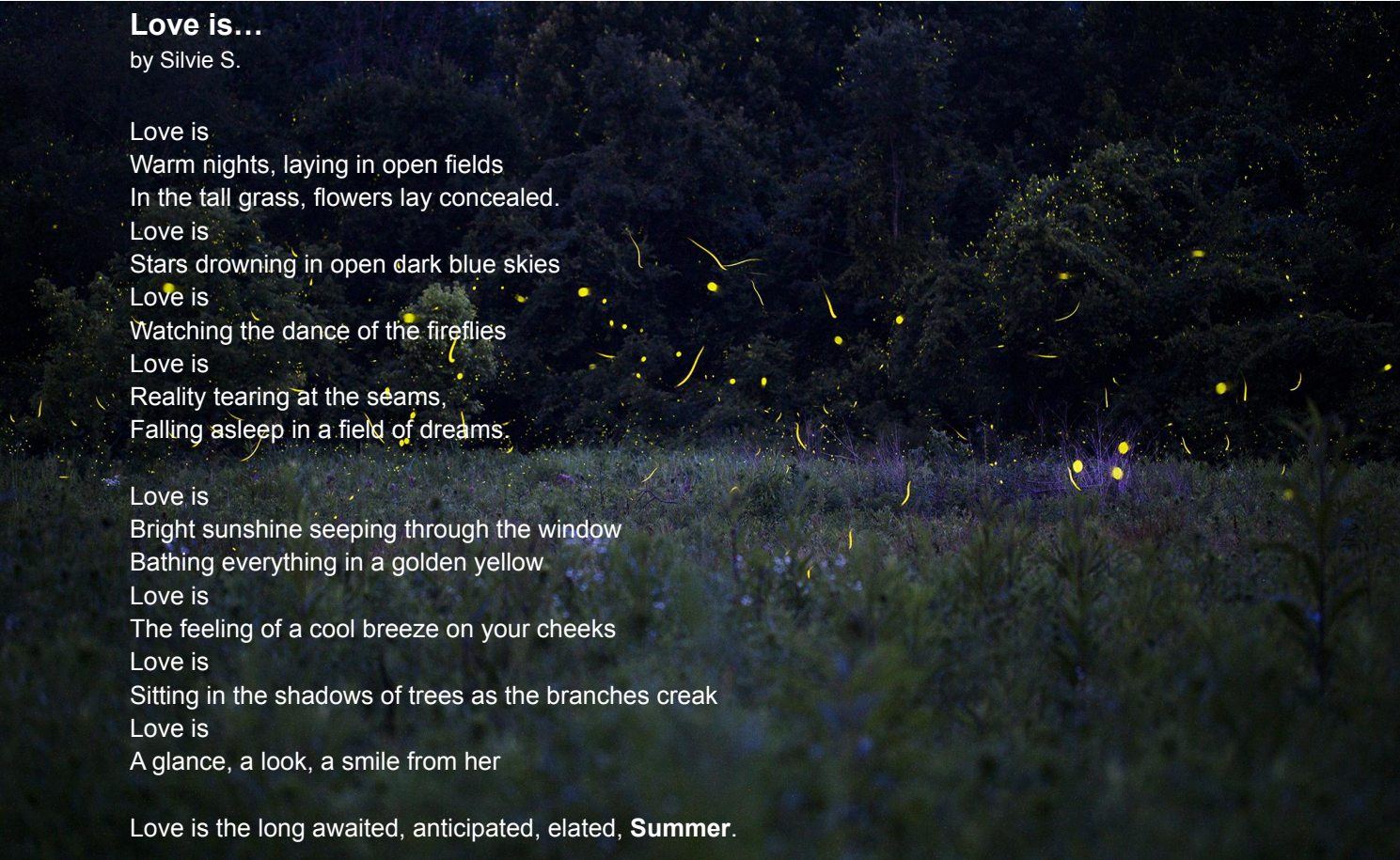




Poems by Silvie Siskova

Love is...

by Silvie S.



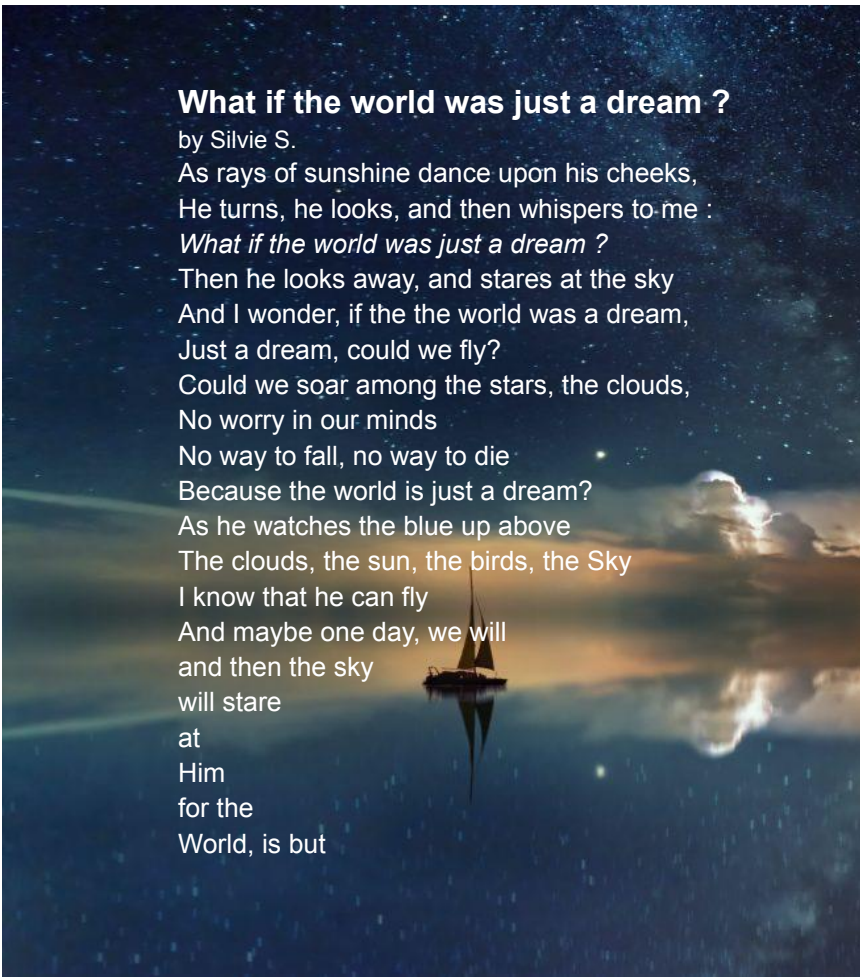
Love is
Warm nights, laying in open fields
In the tall grass, flowers lay concealed.
Love is
Stars drowning in open dark blue skies
Love is
Watching the dance of the fireflies
Love is
Reality tearing at the seams,
Falling asleep in a field of dreams.

Love is
Bright sunshine seeping through the window
Bathing everything in a golden yellow
Love is
The feeling of a cool breeze on your cheeks
Love is
Sitting in the shadows of trees as the branches creak
Love is
A glance, a look, a smile from her

Love is the long awaited, anticipated, elated, **Summer**.

What if the world was just a dream ?

by Silvie S.



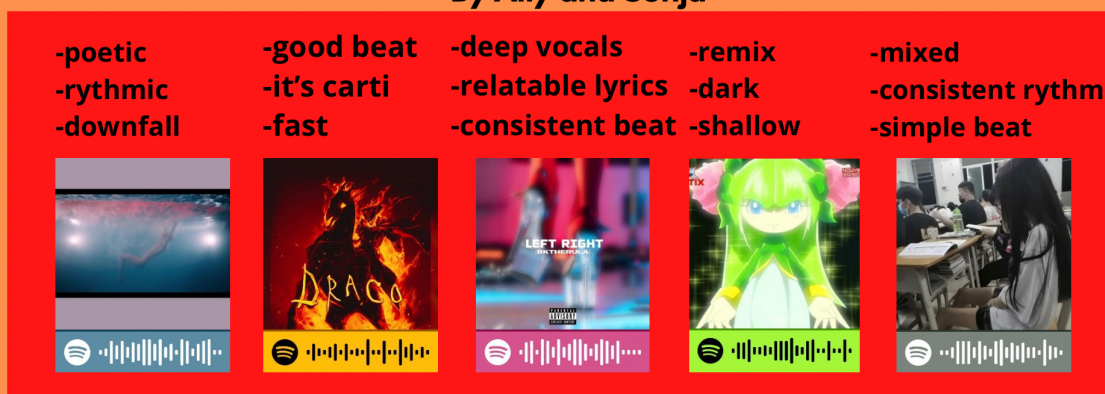
As rays of sunshine dance upon his cheeks,
He turns, he looks, and then whispers to me :
What if the world was just a dream ?
Then he looks away, and stares at the sky
And I wonder, if the the world was a dream,
Just a dream, could we fly?
Could we soar among the stars, the clouds,
No worry in our minds
No way to fall, no way to die
Because the world is just a dream?
As he watches the blue up above
The clouds, the sun, the birds, the Sky
I know that he can fly
And maybe one day, we will
and then the sky
will stare
at
Him
for the
World, is but





MUSIC RECOMMENDATIONS

By Ally and Sonja



To say goodbye, we leave you with some jokes we wrote. They're so bad they're good. Or perhaps, so bad they're just really embarrassingly bad.

Silvie S.

*Why didn't the Sun show up today ?
Because it went to Summer camp !*

Mr. Mansfield

*What's a lion's favourite ice-cream?
stRAWRberry !*

Silvie S.

*Why did the ice cream fall out of the
cone ?
Because it was sulCEidal !*

Iris D.

*What's the best ice cream flavour to eat
with a straw?
Strawberry !*

Sophia W.

*What happened to the Smurfs?
They were sold in an ice cream shop !*

Iris D.

*What is the most surprising ice cream
flavour?
SHOCKolate !*

Silvie S.

*What does ice-cream call his girlfriend
?
SorBAY !*

Vasa Shelomovskaya:

*Why do fish like to eat worms? they get
hooked on them!*

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