



Newsletter

Santo Tirso / Trofa / Riba d'Ave

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April

1 st	Ricardo	Beg ch	T
1 st	Sergio	C teens	ST
3 rd	Ana Filipa	Beg ch	ST
3 rd	Tiago	A ch	ST
3 rd	Ana Cristina	C teens	ST
5 th	Ana Claudia	B ch	T
6 th	Wilson	A ch	T
6 th	Diana	B adults	T
6 th	Inês	F.C.E	T
6 th	Estela	Esp 5	ST
7 th	Guilherme	A ch	ST
7 th	José	B teens	RA
7 th	Francisca	C teens	RA
7 th	Beatriz	D teens	RA
7 th	David	D teens	T
8 th	José	B teens	RA
8 th	Adolfo	B adults	T
9 th	Miguel	Aa	ST
9 th	Raquel	Beg ch	ST
9 th	Catia	Beg adults	T
10 th	Ana	F.C.E	T
11 th	João Paulo	B teens	ST
11 th	José Paulo	C teens	RA
12 th	Inês	B ch	ST
12 th	André	C.A.E	T
13 th	José	B adults	ST
13 th	Ana Rita	C teens	RA
14 th	Margarida	Beg ch	ST
14 th	Sofia	B teens	ST
14 th	Luana	C teens	T
15 th	Joe	F.C.E	T
16 th	Francisca	D teens	T
17 th	Caroline	B teens	ST
18 th	Raquel	D teens	ST
21 st	Inês	B teens	ST
26 th	Fernanda	B adults	RA
26 th	Regina	C+ adults	ST
26 th	Inês	C.A.E	ST
27 th	Bruna	A ch	ST
29 th	Catarina	A ch	ST
29 th	João	A ch	ST
29 th	Inês	F.C.E	T
30 th	Maria	D teens	ST

(RA) Riba D'Ave – (ST) St Tirso – (T) Trofa



Easter is just around the corner. All the teachers want to wish the students GOOD LUCK in their tests. We also hope you have a great holiday and a wonderful Easter. Don't eat too many chocolates. 😊
Relax and gain energy to finish off the year. Third term is very short and before you know it, summer holidays will be here. Don't forget that classes start on the 22nd April. A HAPPY EASTER TO OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ☺ ☺ ☺



Yes, that's right. The 1st April is April Fools' Day. People like to play jokes on their friends and have a good laugh. However, do you know some traditions for this day? Here are a few?

FRANCE: known as *Possoin d'Avril*. School children tape a picture of a fish on the back of their classmates and wait to be discovered.

IRAN: It's customary to spend the afternoon celebrating the new season, indulging in food laughter, games and good-natured jokes.

INDIA: A day to play jokes, toss coloured dust and wear face and body paint to inaugurate spring.

SCOTLAND: also known as "Gowky Day". Pranks are usually only played in the morning, and if someone tries one after noon, they are considered the fool instead.

JOKES

- Which side of the chicken has most feathers: *Outside*
- Why is a bunny the luckiest animal in the world?

It has four rabbit's feet

- Where does Valentine's Day come after Easter?

In a dictionary

ha ha ha



Student's Work



The Undiscovered Countryside

If you, as a tourist, are looking for the true roots and origins of the Portuguese culture, you must avoid all the tourist traps and visit the beautiful countryside of Portugal! There are countless small and welcoming villages around our country that will conquer you.

Activities

What can be done depends upon the location of the village, obviously. Nevertheless, in general, there are plenty of activities to be done in the countryside, such as:

- Hiking, cycling or riding a horse are some "must-dos" in order to enjoy the fresh air and breathtaking views;
- Exploring restaurants and tasty traditional Portuguese dishes;
- Going to (river) beaches;
- Having picnics in natural parks;
- Visiting local museum, in order to get to know more deeply the Portuguese culture;
- Practicing extreme sports, in case you are looking for a different experience.

Accommodation

Taking into account that rural tourism is expanding in Portugal, there are no difficulties in finding accommodation in the countryside. There are offers for everyone at various prices. You can choose either a nice hotel, a cosy holiday cottage or a more affordable hostel, for instance. For nature lovers, there are campsites kept in good conditions, as well. Most of these accommodation options also have other facilities (like pools or sports fields).

Weather

Most tourists come to Portugal during the summer, which is, in fact, the most recommended time to visit the country. Therefore, it is probable that the sun will shine everyday and temperatures will be very pleasant (around 30 Celsius degrees).

For further information, please contact the Tourist Board

Email address: touristboardforyou@information.com

(Helena Ferreira – C.A.E – St. Tirso)

All About My Dad by Domín Almeida age 9

My Dad's Favorites

Food: spaghetti and meat
 Dessert: ice cream
 Game to play: riddles
 Sport to watch: football
 Restaurant: "Biquinho"

Dad & Me

My favorite memory with my dad is playing football with my dad.



My dad is the best in the family at riding a motorbike.

At his job, my dad sells bread at a bakery

When not at work, my dad likes to wash the car

My dad is 36 years old.

My dad is slight.

My dad weighs 73 Kilos

My dad has brown hair.

My dad has brown eyes.

My dad likes to wear 5-shirts.

My dad is special to me because he loves me.

It was April 1st, so I decided to play a practical joke on my mum. I wanted to play a practical joke on her just to see her reaction.

One day in the afternoon, I came back from school and told my mum I had to tell her something. "What do you want to tell me, honey?" she asked. "I talked to some guys and I joined the army", I said. "Oh, my God!" she said crying, "Why would you do that?" "I am sorry mum" I said sadly, "But you know what? I have more news. April Fools'!!!" My mum started crying relieved that it was just a joke, but she also grounded me for saying something like that. At least I know what not to do on the next April 1st.

(Zé Pedro, C Teens, St Tirso)

If I was a famous person, I would love to be an artist like Joana Vasconcelos or Salvador Dali. If I was as famous as them, I would probably be very busy, but I think that at the same time it would be fantastic.

I wouldn't have to work very hard if I didn't want to follow that as a career.

Sometimes I think how my day as an artist would be...

I would wake up very early to draw because I wouldn't have time to do that in the afternoon. After lunch I would have to hurry up to go to the museum to present all my drawings and paintings.

I would love to have a big white house with an amazing garden that in the winter had black roses and in the summer had white. A beautiful lake surrounded by trees and little birds.

I would have a sofa in my studio with my paintings on the walls.

I would, of course, create an academy for kids with talent for drawing but that are too poor to pay for school.

(Euarda, B teens, St Tirso)

Dear John,

Hi! How's it going? Thanks for your last letter. I'm really glad you did well in your piano exams. Who knows? one day you might be in an orchestra.

I'm fine but I've got a very busy week ahead. Next Sunday we've got our school sports day and I'm playing the volleyball and football games. I really want to win - you know I won volleyball last year - I played against you!! But I'm also practising football really hard. I'm actually a bit worried about it as there are a couple of guys who joined the team this year and they are very good.

I've got some other important news, too. My parents said that I can go camping next summer. I really hope you can come too!

Well, I'd better go now. I've got to practise some more. I don't want to lose on Sunday!! I'll let you know how it goes. Wish me luck!

Take care and write back soon!

All the best,

Martim

(Martim - C teens - St Tirso)

"Some sports people earn too much money"

This moment we live in difficult time, because there is little money in the world. However, the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer. Currently, we have people staving and several economic, social and professional difficulties. Will this be fair?

Do athletes like football players, golfers, basketball players and all the others deserve those wages?

In my mind, absolutely not. Professional athletes are making too much money in a society where salaries and wages are traditionally based on the value of one's work. There are others who are very important for the society, for example: Teacher, Engineer, Lawyer and others. All those professions have an important role in our lives.

Teacher → the future of our society depends on the quality of teaching. Engineer → How would it be like without energy? Would it be possible? Lawyer → what is the price of our freedom?

The difference is that the athletes are rare, create emotions and attract crowds. Here is the difference between winning €400/month and €400,000/ month. Think about it!

(Tiago Gomes - C adults - Trofa)

Nowadays, thanks to the technological development, kids have access to television more than ever.


I believe TV may have some advantages and influence children's lives in a positive way, for instance, we can improve our vocabulary and grammar skills by watching television and some programmes may be quite educational.


On the other hand, despite all the silver linings television can offer us, I still consider that children spend too much hours in front of TV, and less amount of time dedicating themselves to school work and their friends.

Despite all of the usual problems related to overwatching TV like, weight gaining and visual problems, it can worsen some others like; lack of focus and sleeping problems.

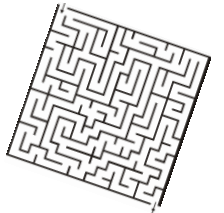
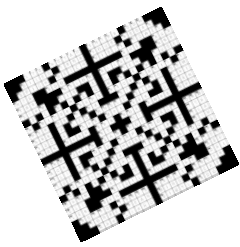
I recommend that children stop watching so much TV and instead focus their attention on other hobbies or activities such as sport or music.

(Filipa Domingues - D teens- Trofa)

All About My Dad by <u>Nito Nito</u> <u>Na</u> age <u>9</u>	
My Dad's Favorites Food: <u>chicken, meat and spaghetti</u> Dessert: <u>ice cream and mango</u> Game to play: <u>tennis and football</u> Sport to watch: <u>football</u> Restaurant: <u>"Junto Siga"</u>	Dad & Me 
My favorite memory with my dad is <u>riding my bike</u>	
My dad is the best in the family at <u>fishing things, playing tennis and drinking beer</u>	
At his job, my dad is a <u>physical education teacher</u>	My dad is <u>45</u> years old.
	My dad is <u>skin</u>
	My dad weighs <u>80 kilo</u>
	My dad has <u>grey and black</u> hair.
	My dad has <u>brown</u> eyes.
	My dad likes to wear <u>T-shirts</u>
My dad is special to me because <u>he is my best friend</u>	

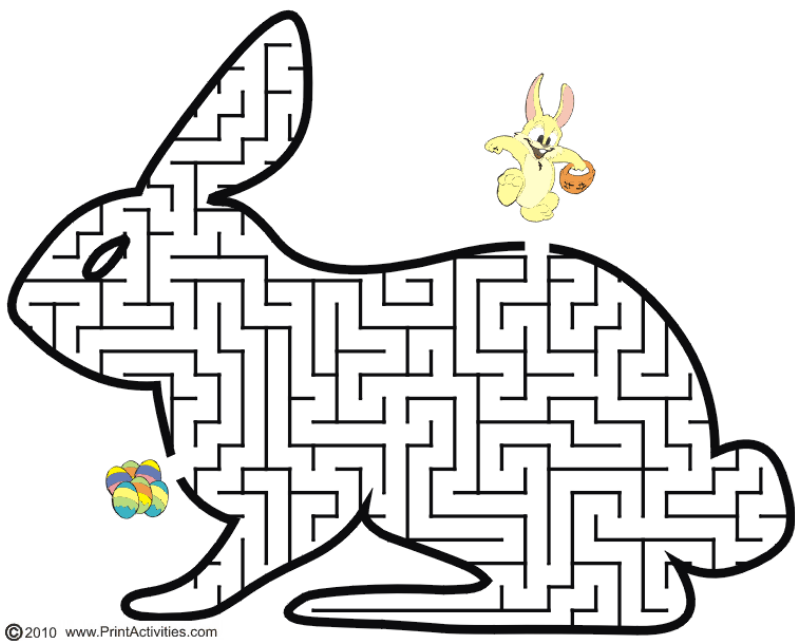
All About My Dad by <u>Biguel</u> <u>Na</u> age <u>9</u>	
My Dad's Favorites Food: <u>meat, spaghetti and meat</u> Dessert: <u>ice cream</u> Game to play: <u>marbles and cards</u> Sport to watch: <u>football</u> Restaurant: <u>"Lager"</u>	Dad & Me 
My favorite memory with my dad is <u>Riding my bike with my dad</u>	
My dad is the best in the family at <u>fishing things and drinking</u>	
At his job, my dad <u>works with computers</u>	My dad is <u>49</u> years old.
	My dad is <u>tall</u>
	My dad weighs <u>75 kilo</u>
	My dad has <u>grey</u> hair.
	My dad has <u>brown</u> eyes.
	My dad likes to wear <u>T-shirts</u>
My dad is special to me because <u>he does everything</u>	

Puzzle Page



February's riddle: What building has the most stories?
 Libraries
 What 11- letter English word does everyone spell incorrectly?

Guide the Easter Bunny through the maze to find the Easter Eggs



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Easter Word Search

M K D E C C U D G C P G P G B
 K V H H T V U N Y A K N V N U
 K C I H C A I D S E T I E I N
 B A S K E T L T D G D K A R N
 E D W A N Q E O X L C C S P Y
 G Z U I H L N I C Y Y A T S K
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 S P T R E A T S Y F H C R Q A
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BASKET
 BUNNY
 CHICK
 CHOCOLATE
 CRACKING
 CUDDLY
 DUCKY
 DYED
 EASTER



EGGS
 MARSHMALLOW
 PAINTING
 PASTEL
 QUACK
 RABBIT
 SPRING
 TREATS
 YUMMY

Finish the Crossword Puzzle...
 Use the letter glues to find the right word



BASKET
 BUNNY
 CHICK
 DAFFODILS
 EASTER
 EGGS
 FLOWERS
 LILY
 PARADE
 SPRING

Crossword puzzle grid with letter clues:

- Across 1: L _ _ _
- Across 2: E _ _ R
- Across 3: S _ _ _ _ _
- Across 4: P _ _ _ D
- Across 5: B _ _ K _ _
- Across 6: _ _ G _ _
- Down 1: _ F _ _ _
- Down 2: _ _ _ _ _
- Down 3: _ _ _ _ _
- Down 4: _ _ _ _ _
- Down 5: _ _ _ _ _
- Down 6: _ _ _ _ _

