

# BESOZZI NEWS

A newspaper by CLASS 2C, 3C and 2E 'INGLESE POTENZIATO'



## An interview

We interviewed our sports star Andrea Parisini. He is a handball champion from Vigevano and he was a Besozzi student. We were very curious to know about his childhood and his career. He lives and plays in France now so we used a video call to talk to him at school. We had great fun!

Student: Where do you live in France?

Andrea Parisini: I live in Angers, in the heart of the Pays de la Loire.

S.: Do you like living in France?

A. P.: Yes, I do. It is a beautiful place. We are near the Loire Valley with its castles, there is

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### What's on?

Do you know that our school magazine has got a digital version on our school website and our library website?  
www.icvigevanoviabotto.it

### Sport event

On 8th April the stadium



is open for the spring athletics tournaments: Dante Merlo Trophy. How do you get on in running, jumping and rowing? Remember school is open on that day for all the students who are not going to take part in the races



### Our library

News from the school library: new books have arrived! We have got now about 300 new books. The Hunger games series, Percy Jackson ...and many others

also a castle here, in Angers.

S.: How long have you been living in France?

A. P.: I have been living here since July 2016

S.: Do you like French food or do you prefer Italian food?

A. P.: I like French food but, of course, I prefer Italian food, above all pizza.

S.: What is the name of your French team now?

A. P.: Angers Handball Club, the same name of the town where I live.

S.: What role do you take on your team?

A. P.: I am the pivot player, my task is to create the blocks.

S.: How many goals do you score in a season?

A. P.: The average is 4, 5 goals, this year I have scored 8 goals, it's my personal record.

S.: How old were you when you started playing handball?

A. P.: I was 13 when I started it. Then I joined Vigevano handball team at the age of 16. I have been practising it for 10 years.

S.: Which teams did you play in?

A. P.: I played in several teams: Vigevano, Brescia, Carpi, Angers and in the Italian national team, of course.

S.: Who was your first coach and what was he like?

A. P.: Mr Vecchione, my P.E. teacher at Besozzi. He is also your teacher so you know what he is like. Mr Vecchione is unique.

S.: Is there anyone else in your family who practises the same sport?

A. P.: Yes, there is. My father played it and he is a handball coach. He has introduced me to this sport.

S.: What was your favourite school subject?

A. P.: It was P.E., of course!

S.: How often do you come back to Italy?

A. P.: I rarely come back home. I can only come on holiday, at Christmas at Easter and in the summer.

S.: Do you miss Besozzi School?

A. P.: Absolutely!

S.: What do you think of Besozzi and its teachers?

A. P.: Besozzi is a wonderful school, I really liked studying there. There are good teachers but I was not a perfect student.

S.: Why did you choose handball instead of any other sports?

A. P.: I tried football and swimming but handball has always been my passion.

S.: Who is the person who has encouraged and supported you most?

A. P.: My parents have always encouraged and supported me.

S.: Have you ever won any medals? If so, how many of them?

A. P.: I have won two championships under 18.

S.: What's your ambition for the future?

A. P.: I'd like to stay in France because here handball is an important sport. It is the best place for my career.

S.: What would you like to do after your career as a player?

A. P.: When I stop playing I'd like to become a handball coach

S.: Have you got a job or you only play as a pro?

A. P.: I am a handball player, that's my job. I train and work for it every day.

S.: What was your most important victory in your career?

A. P.: It was when last January we won at the last seconds of the match so that we could play the final.

Thanks for your kindness, Andrea, and our best wishes for your life and your career.

## Besozzi, school of champions

During the last school year Besozzi school turned out to be:



- The winner in the student championship
- The regional champion in rafting
- The regional champion in swimming
- The provincial champion in chess
- The provincial champion in track and field
- The provincial champion in cross-country race
- The provincial champion in swimming
- The winner at 'Trofeo Pensa' concerning cross-country race
- The winner at 'Trofeo Merlo' concerning track and field

This year is a new successful year. We are

- The provincial champion in handball
- The regional champion in swimming
- The provincial champion in chess.

## Memories from our trip to and around Ravenna

Some weeks ago my school friends, I and other classes from Besozzi school went on a trip to Emilia Romagna.

It started on 15<sup>th</sup> March and lasted three days, until Friday evening. The first destination was Cervia.

Arrived there, the first thing we did was to have lunch on the beach, where some boys played football, while some girls walked on the shore to look for shells. It was fantastic, except for the

seawater: it was dark green and full of seaweed.



After that we went to Cervia saltworks where our guide explained to us how salt is made and which machines are used to collect and transform it.

She also talked about the ecosystem there and after a very short boat ride we went birdwatching. Pity that we could see only few species.

After reaching the hotel in Lido delle Nazioni we had dinner. After it some of us played cards, others chatted in the hall till bedtime at 11.00.

On the second day we visited Ravenna. In the morning we saw San Vitale church, Galla Placidia mausoleum, Dante Alighieri tomb, Sant'Apollinare Nuovo and San Francesco church.

Our favourite was Galla Placidia mausoleum. She was a Roman Empress and Teodosio's daughter. At her death a mausoleum was built. Outside the building, which has a Latin cross plan, is quite insignificant but when you enter an amazing view embraces the visitor: magnificent mosaics cover the vault and they are illuminated by a dark and magic light because the windows are made of alabaster. They represent Christian symbols such as the deer, the dove, the peacock, inserted in a starry sky.

For lunch some of us had a piadina, a sort of flatbread served with typical cheese and Parma ham. In the afternoon we visited Teodorico Mausoleum and Sant'Apollinare in Classe which is outside Ravenna.

On the third and last day we went to Ferrara in the morning. A guide gave us information about the Estense castle, which is imposing, but what is really wonderful is San Giorgio Cathedral. Unfortunately its façade was covered because it is under restoration. After it we walked around what the Jewish ghetto was and in via Vignatagliata we saw the school where Giorgio Bassani taught the Jewish students expelled from public schools in 1938.



He is very important, because he wrote a lot of books about Ferrara, an example is "Il Giardino dei Finzi Contini".

After lunch we got on the buses and went to the concentration camp of Fossoli which is near Carpi. There a guide explained to us what happened when the camp was active during World War II, luckily it has never become an extermination camp.

Then, unluckily, we came back home.

In our opinion it was a fantastic trip and if we have an opportunity, we will have it again!

CLASS 3 C

## THE LEGENDARY ORIGINS OF TEA

Once upon a time in China there was an emperor called Shen Nung. He wanted to protect his people's health, so he made a law: all drinking water had to be boiled as a hygienic precaution.

One summer day, while he was in a distant region from his kingdom, he and his court stopped to rest. His servants began to boil water to drink. Dried leaves from a bush fell into the boiling water and a brown liquid formed. The emperor was interested in the new liquid and drank some of it and found it very refreshing. The tree was a *Camellia sinensis*, and the resulting drink was what we now call tea.



## IT'S TEA TIME

A cup of tea is almost a symbol of British culture. British people really like tea as hot drink but it is not so simple to taste a good cup of tea.

First of all, they don't drink it with lemon, they drink it with milk and they don't always put sugar in their milk. The right shade of brown is very important for them so some people put the milk in the cup before adding tea; others prefer pouring the tea into the mug and then they add the milk to be sure to get the right shade of brown. They drink tea every hour of the day, not

only at 5 o' clock in the afternoon. People often have some biscuits with their tea at any time of day, but afternoon tea is a special affair. They include a selection of small sandwiches and cakes, or just have some scones. Scones are a simple kind of cake, similar to bread but slightly sweet and usually served with jam and cream. They are excellent with tea. In fact, if you order a 'cream tea' in the UK, you'll get a teapot accompanied by a plateful of these little sweets.

## SCONES



### Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups self raising flour
- 2 heaped tsp baking powder
- 1 tbsp icing sugar
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 50g butter, melted
- 1- 1 1/2 cups milk

### Method

1. Preheat oven to 210°C.
2. Sift flour, baking powder and icing sugar together.
3. Stir in egg, butter and then add milk a little at a time until you have formed a slightly sticky dough.
4. Turn out onto a floured board and leave to rest for 20 minutes.

5. Roll to 2cm thickness. Cut out circles with a glass.
6. Cut out circles with a glass.
7. Place scones close together on baking paper covered baking sheet and rest for a further 10 minutes.
8. Bake for 10 minutes.

They taste delicious served with raspberry jam and clotted cream.

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## Our recipes

Here are our favourite recipes, easy to prepare and good to eat with tea or as a dessert.

### HALAYANG UBE (Purple yam jam)



Ube is a sweet Philippine dessert made with purple yams (sweet potatoes) which are very common in Asia.

#### INGREDIENTS (for 6 people):

- 500 gr frozen grated yams
- Sweetened condensed milk
- Coconut milk
- Evaporated milk
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar

#### FOOD PREPARATION:

1. Prepare the ube (unfreeze, boil and mash the ube)
2. Melt the butter in a large pan over a low heat
3. Add the milk and coconut milk
4. Add the other ingredients

5. Stir regularly for at least 30 minutes, until the mixture is thick
6. Add some extra butter
7. Grease the sides of a few containers
8. Pour the mixture and flatten it using a spatula
9. Allow to cool
10. Serve or refrigerate in the fridge  
(Jerome Lineses 2 E)

### CUCUMBER TEA SANDWICHES



#### INGREDIENTS:

Butter softened by stirring, 20 pieces thin-sliced bread, 1 or 2 seedless cucumbers, vinegar, salt

#### FOOD PREPARATION:

1. Peel the cucumbers and cut them into very thin slices
2. Put them on a glass tray covered with paper towels and sprinkle them with vinegar and salt
3. Set aside in the fridge for 30/40 mins
4. When the time is up, place the cucumber slices on another tray with paper towels to drain
5. Butter the inside of both slices of bread for each sandwich
6. Put two or three layers of cucumber on a slice of bread and put the second slice on the top
7. Cut the sandwiches into triangles
8. Arrange them in an attractive fashion and serve

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### CHOCOLATE SALAMI



#### INGREDIENTS:

300 gr biscuits  
200 gr chocolate  
2 eggs  
150 gr butter  
100 gr sugar

#### PREPARATION:

- 1 Chop the biscuits and crumble them
- 2 Melt the chocolate
- 3 Cream the butter, add the sugar and the eggs
- 4 join the chocolate to the mixture
- 5 Knead the mixture with the biscuits
- 6 Roll it out in the baking paper and put in the fridge for 4 hours

(Davide Cotta 2 E)

### NY CHEESECAKE

#### INGREDIENTS (for 8 people)

##### For the base:

2 tbsp brown sugar  
150 gr Digestive biscuits  
80 gr butter

##### For the cream:

20 gr corn starch  
lemon juice  
2 eggs  
100 gr sugar

1 vanilla pod  
 600 gr Philadelphia cheese  
 fresh cream  
For the top:  
 2 tbsp icing sugar  
 vanilla pod  
 200 ml sour cream

#### PREPARATION:

- Crumble the biscuits with melted butter
- Put them in the cake tin (22 – 24 cm large)
- Put it in the freezer for 30 minutes
- Mix the eggs, the sugar, the vanilla pod and the cheese in a large bowl
- When you get a soft cream spill into the cake tin
- Put it in the oven at 180° for about 1 hour
- Mix the sour cream with the icing sugar and the vanilla pod
- Spread it on the top of the cake
- Bake the cake again for 15 minutes
- Let cool before eating
- Put it in the oven at 180° for about 1 hour



(Camilla Simonetti Class 2E)

## COOKING SHOW AT SCHOOL

Mrs Scandaluzzi and Mrs Forlì carried out two recipes at school with some of us in a delicious cross-curricular project. Why was it delicious? Because we tasted everything!!!! They chose two easy recipes to make at school without baking, the Nutella roll and the coconut balls, and they translated it into English. They also adapted the recipe portions using Maths proportions because they prepared the recipes for everyone, we are 23 in class! Thanks to our teachers, we really liked the desserts. Here are the recipes if you want to make them at home.

#### Nutella roll

250 g of chocolate biscuits  
 80 g of icing sugar (vanilla flavour)  
 80 ml of water  
 For the filling:  
 100 g of Nutella  
 150 g of condensed milk  
 250 ml of vegetable cream

#### Preparation

For the filling: keep the cream and the condensed milk in the fridge to use them chilled.

Whip the cream. In a bowl pour the condensed milk, add a spoon of whipped cream and mix quickly. Merge the leftover of the cream stirring slowly from the top down. Pour everything into a bowl and keep refrigerated.

For the base: chop finely the biscuits, add the icing sugar, the water until you get a hard ball. Keep the ball in the fridge for twenty minutes. Spread the dough on the kitchen film, put on it another film and shape a rectangle of about 20x50 cm. Take off the first kitchen film. Stir the Nutella with a spoon to have it soft and spread half of it on the rectangle.

Add the filling and merge the leftover of the Nutella. Roll gently the dough and close the edges. Keep the



roll in the fridge for one night. Open the roll and cut slices of 2cm each.

#### Coconut balls

300g of biscuits  
100g of cocoa powder  
100g of sugar  
100g of butter  
2 egg yolks  
50g of crumbled nuts  
2 spoons of rum  
100g of dried coconut



#### Preparation

Crumble the biscuits and chop coarsely the hazelnuts. Beat the egg yolks with the sugar until you get a cream light and foamy. Add the biscuits, the hazelnuts, the butter, the cocoa and two spoons of rum. Make some balls and put them into the fridge until they become harder; get them out and cover them with the coconut. Put them again into the fridge for three hours. Instead of the hazelnuts you can use chopped meringues.

(Matteo Luisiani e Gina Tanzillo 2E)



## CINEMA AT HOME: OUR SELECTIONS

**We love films, we would like to go to the cinema every week but most of us can't do it. So it's a good idea to see films at home. Premium, Sky, Netflix and the Internet give us the chance to choose the best films. Here are our tips to spend a nice evening with our friends or families**

### MISS PEREGRINE'S HOME FOR PECULIAR CHILDREN (fantasy film, 2016)

This American fantasy film, directed by Tim Burton, is based on the 2011 novel of the same name by Ransom Riggs. The main actors are

Eva Green, Asa Butterfield and Ella Purnell who play the roles of Miss Peregrine, Jacob and Emma.

The story is about Jacob and his grandad who tells him amazing stories about "Miss Peregrine's home for peculiar children" where he stayed during the Second World War. Jacob is fascinated by these crazy stories and when he is still a teenager and his grandad dies, he decides to visit Miss Peregrine's home situated on an unknown island of Wales.

When Jacob finally finds it, he also discovers that the children are in big danger and he is the only person that can save them all.

I think that this film has a very interesting plot and that it is well acted and well directed. There are also fantastic special effects and I loved the costumes. I recommend it!

(Camilla Simonetti, 2 E)



### NEW YORK ACADEMY (romantic film, 2016)

This is a fantastic film directed by Michael Damian, with very good actors: Keenan Kampa, Nicholas Galitzine, Sonoya Mizuni and Jane Seymour. It is a USA film where the actors dance very well, it's fantastic to see them dancing.

This story is about a dancer, Ruby (Keenan Kampa) and a violinist, Johnny (Nicholas Galitzine). Ruby falls in love with Johnny and he loves her. She is a classical dancer at Manhattan Arts Conservatory. They have an ambitious dream: enter New York Academy, a

prestigious performance school. They win an important match with a hip hop dancing team and this event changes their lives. I really love this film because I have a similar dream: enter an important dancing school. I recommend it so much to everyone who has a dream!

(Irene Cocco, 2 E)



### THE INTOUCHABLES (comedy, 2011)

This is a French film, directed by Olivier Nakache and Eric Toledano, with François Cluzet e Omar Sy. The opening scene of the film shows the young Senegalese Driss driving Philippe's Maserati and they are stopped by the police.

A long flashback, then, tells the story of the two men at the beginning since their lives crossed: Phillippe is very rich but ill, whereas Driss is poor and without a job.

The film is based on a true story; it talks about serious themes but it is funny, too, because Driss, the main character, is able to transform Philippe's boring sad life into a "true life" giving him forgotten emotions. On the other side, Driss learns that working hard for a person can give a lot of satisfactions. I really like this film because it is very funny but moving, too, and the actors are very good. It's so beautiful that I would like to see it again! Don't miss it!

(Niccolò Caso, 2 E)



### SUICIDE SQUAD

It is a very exciting film, written and directed by David Ayer in 2016. It stars a notable cast made up of Will Smith, Margot Robbie, Joel Kinnaman and other famous actors and actresses.

After Superman's death, Amanda Waller, an intelligence officer, creates a team of dangerous criminals imprisoned at Belle Reve Prison and consisting of Deadshot, Harley Quinn, Killer Croc, and Slipknot. They are under command of Colonel Rick Flag. Member of this team is also Dr. June Moone, who is Colonel Flag's girlfriend.

They will be involved in dangerous missions as their task is to save the world from a terrible threat.

Dr. June Moone is possessed by an evil spirit known as the "Enchantress". During a mission the Enchantress wakes up her brother Incubus and with him she wants to create a machine to destroy the human beings.

At this point the team takes action. To stop the Enchantress they have to kill her heart and after some breathless missions they are able to cut it out to crush it. So doing June is finally free from the curse.

My favourite character is Harley Quinn; she is really crazy but I love her determination. I also enjoy Flag because he does everything possible to save his girlfriend June and he is so cute!!!!

I like this film because it is a mixture of action, love and novelty. I can say it is the best I have seen up to now.

Class 3C



## In Lithuania Easter is the greatest annual church and national calendar, spring holiday.

Palm Sunday Easter rituals start one week before Easter, on Palm Sunday. That week is called the Great Week, it is full of prohibitions, beliefs and archaic traditions.

Holy Friday was also held to be an unusual day. People cast spells, chased witches and other evils. To make insects disappear from houses, stoves were heated



with the herb artemisia and all house bugs and insects were thrown into the fire. Ashes were removed, taken far away from the house and dug under.



On the last Thursday before Easter, women cleaned houses, washed windows, whitened walls and stoves, washed clothes.

The eggs being the symbol of life and rebirth of nature is given special meaning in Easter traditions. Homemakers prepared the food for Easter on Holy Saturday, and later the entire family colored Easter eggs.



## Easter breakfast

Easter breakfast begins with eating boiled and decorated eggs. If your egg shell is stronger, you are destined to live longer.

There were two methods of egg decorating: drawing designs with wax...



...or scratching designs on dyed eggs. Numerous designs consisted of blossoms, snakes, wheel and cog, stars, branches of rue, snowflakes and many others.





**In Ireland**, people dance in the streets on Easter Sunday. The dancers compete for the prize of a cake.

In Ireland Easter is a very sacred time of fasting and prayer. On Easter Saturday at church hundreds of small candles are lit off the *Paschal* candle that has been blessed by the priest.



On Easter Sunday a quiet meal is eaten at home. Traditional Easter meal of leek soup and roasted spring lamb.

Good Friday was an extremely solemn day in Ireland. Most people eat nothing at all until midday, and went about barefoot.

No one killed animals, no wood was burned or made into things, and no nail was driven.

No one is aloud to move house, or begin any important enterprise. No one fishes.

Eggs that are laid on Good Friday were marked with a cross, and everybody ate at least one of these eggs on Easter Sunday.



On Easter Saturday they use to hold herring processions. These were mock funerals of herrings, and these processions were often

held because people became so sick of eating herring during Lent. The processions were often organized by butchers, because they have very little business during Lent

Other things done on Easter Saturday are priests blessing and distributing holy water. Each member

of the household was sprinkled, and then the house and the cattle.

Easter Sunday people eat large quantities of eggs. Eggs are often dyed or decorated and egg rolling used to be a favorite pastime.

## A game: Egg rolling

The eggs are rolled from a ramp made from a piece of wood, bark or carton with a downward incline. They aim at eggs of another player located in the circle on the ground. When the



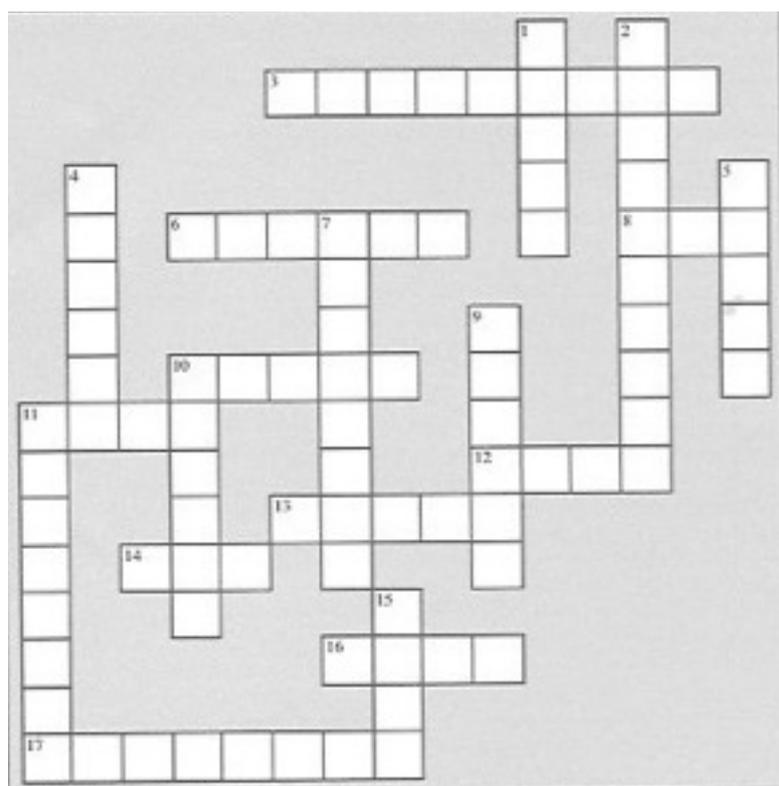
rolled egg hits another egg then the lucky player takes both eggs. In the end of the game, the one wins who has the most eggs left.

(from our e-twinning projects archive)



# A crossword

## Food and drinks



## Down

3. Meat in a round shape
6. It's red and green
8. You drink it hot or cold
10. It is white and sweet
11. Your mother prepares one for your birthday
12. You use them to make an omelette
13. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are...
14. With toast and butter
16. Adults drink it. it is white or red
17. with ham or cheese

## Across

1. You drink it at breakfast
2. Carrots are tomatoes are
4. Gorillas like this type of fruit
5. If you are thirsty, you drink...
7. You use them to make chips
9. Gorgonzola and taleggio are...
10. Yiu eat it at breakfast
11. Plural fo cherry
15. An alternative to meat

## A quiz

### Question 1

Where does the name Easter come from?

**A: An Anglo-Saxon goddess called Eastre**

**B: A saint from the sixth century**

**C: An old word for cross**

### Question 2

How long is Lent in western churches?

**A: 30 days**

**B: 40 days**

**C: 50 days**

### Question 3

Why do we have eggs at Easter?

**A: Because it's when most eggs are laid**

**B: They taste nice**

**C: They are a symbol of rebirth**

### Question 4

What traditionally happened on Ash Wednesday?

**A: People burnt leaves**

**B: People put ash on their foreheads**

**C: Fireplaces were cleaned out in time for Easter**

### Question 5

What Jewish festival takes place near Easter?

**A: Passover**

**B: Yom Kippur**

**C: Chanukah**

(from [teachingenglish.org.uk](http://teachingenglish.org.uk))

solutions : a',b',c',b',a'

## An Easter tongue twister



