

HAPPY BIRTHDAY December

1 st	Catarina	F.C.E	T
2 nd	Paulo	F.C.E	T
3 rd	Pedro	F.C.E	T
4 th	Marta	C.A.E	ST
6 th	Mariana	F.C.E	ST
8 th	Sabrina	A adults	ST
9 th	Rita	F.C.E	ST
9 th	Ana	C adults	T
10 th	Mario	F.C.E	ST
10 th	Sara	C adults	ST
13 th	Eduardo	C adults	RA
14 th	Inês	C adults	ST
15 th	Nuno	D teens	ST
15 th	Carla	F.C.E	T
16 th	Rita	F.C.E	ST
16 th	Rita	F.C.E	T
17 th	Leonardo	Aa2	ST
18 th	Liliana	B ch	T
18 th	Pedro	F.C.E	T
18 th	Mariana	C.A.E	ST
20 th	Gonçalo	B ch	ST
20 th	Elsa	D adults	RA
21 st	Diogo	A adults	T
21 st	João	F.C.E	RA
22 nd	Diana	C.A.E	T
24 th	Pedro	Beg ch	T
26 th	Margarida	B teens	T
27 th	Vasco	B teens	RA
29 th	João	Beg ch	T
30 th	Maria	F.C.E	T

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

Christmas Time

It's Christmas time again. The Year 2015 has gone by really fast. All the teachers at the Institute would like to wish all our students and their families a wonderful Christmas and may the year 2016 be filled with love, happiness, joy and good health.



MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Christmas Party

We would like to invite all our young students to come and have lots of fun at our Christmas Party where we will play Christmas Games, sing Christmas carols, eat delicious food and wait for the arrival of a very special person with a surprise. Ask your teacher for details.

Certificate Presentation Dinner

Our annual certificate Presentation dinner for all our successful Cambridge Exam candidates will be on the 11th December in a restaurant in Santo Tirso. Meet outside the Institute at 19h30 for a great night



Christmas Quiz – How many can you answer correctly?

1. What two pieces do people usually put on top of their Christmas tree?
2. In the song 'Jingle Bells' what was it fun to ride in?
3. What brought Frosty the snowman back to life?
4. What type of calendar do kids around the world use to count down to December 25th?
5. What type of animal does Santa use to pull his sleigh?
6. What meat is traditionally eaten on Christmas day?
7. What was the name of the boy who was left 'Home Alone' in the famous Christmas film?
8. What are Santa's helpers called?
9. Where does Santa live?
10. Santa has nine reindeer. Can you name them all?



Student's Work

There is no doubt that stealing is a crime and people, including students, should be punished for it immediately. However, students should not be permanently excluded.

Firstly, it depends on the circumstances of the crime. Stealing a pen or a pencil is not that bad compared to stealing a lot of money or books. In this example, permanent exclusion would not be fair, unless other people had to pay for that crime or if i harmed the person who was stolen from in a really bad way.

On the other hand, students usually go through a phase during their teenage years, in which they make a lot of mistakes and cause a lot of trouble, so exclusion would not be a real punishment. As a result, it would not prevent them from committing the same crime soon after that, so community sevice would be a better option.

In conclusion, I think that students caught stealing should not be immediately and permanently excluded because it would not make them understand their mistakes enough not to make them again or one even worse.

(Francisco Prata - C Teens - St Tirso)

Six months ago, my father dreamt my sister was pregnant with a boy. He told everybody about it, he actually believed in it and was extremely confident about it, whiled we would just laugh at him and think about how ridiculous the dream actually was.

Five months after, well, guess what? My sister is pregnant! I can't even describe my father's reaction, not just because he's going to be a grandfather, but also because his dream came true! Not totally though, my sister went to the doctor and he told her the baby was a girl.

I don't know if the mistake was with the doctor or of it was just God punishing us for laughing at his dream, but my sister had the baby yesterday and it was a boy!

Finally, his dream had totally come true! His reaction and even ours was unbelievable! It gave us a lesson to never stop believing in our dreams and he always believed in is dream from that day on.

(Ana Gomes –C teens – Trofa)



Life without a mobile phone

In our days, people are really dependent on their mobile phones, especially the teenagers, although the adults use them a lot too. Teenagers are quite addicted to their mobile phones mainly because of social networks, such as Facebook and Twitter, or simply just to send text messages.

In my case, I use my mobile phone very often. I use it to access social networks (Facebook, SnapChat and Whatsapp), but not just to chat only as I also use it to watch football, watch the news like "zerozero.pt" or to explore my FCPorto app.

Most adults use their mobile phones to see all kinds of news, such as: sports, the weather and politics.

I think it is not impossible to live without a mobile phone but it is really hard.

(Guilherme Garcia – B teens – Trofa)

My Dream House

My dream house is near the beach, in Hawaii. It's really big, and it's all black. There are a lot of rooms. There are ten bedrooms, two living rooms, one gaming room, an office, a swimming pool and a Jacuzzi. There is also a gym, a cinema room, a kitchen and there are thirty one toilets. The attic is my "art-room". I mean, the room where I draw, paint and play piano and other things like that.

The garden is really beautiful. It has a lot of trees and there is a tree-house, where you can see all the beach. There is also my heliport. The beach in front of the house is private. It has a bar and a boat to go diving in the ocean.

I hope one day have money to build this house.

(Mariana Sousa – B teens – St Tirso)

Can you live without your mobile?

The answer is no, I can't live without my mobile. It's my baby, I've got a name for it, it's Sam. If I hadn't got it, who would I be? Sam is my best friend, Sam is who I talk to when I'm sad. It makes me so happy sometimes, it listens to me and it never interrupts me. I love it so much! So, yes, I'm a phone dependent.

(Margarida Magalhães – B teens – Trofa)

Last weekend in Santo Tirso, I was walking in the street when I saw a bird on top of a tree. After 5 minutes, the bird started to fly because a cat was trying to catch him. The cat was in the house that had the tree that the bird was on. The cat was in the window, and to catch the bird he jumped and fell to the ground. I started running to see if he was okay! When I got to the house I saw the little cat in the ground. I felt a little sad because I thought the cat was dead but in the end it wasn't. I felt relieved.

(Inês Guimarães - B teens - St Tirso)

Theft at school

In my opinion, stealing is not a sufficiently serious crime to justify the exclusion of someone from school. It is necessary to evaluate the reasons behind this criminal activity.

On the one hand, the practise of this crime shall be punishable by public apologies, clean the school, have a fuller schedule, don't have breaks,...

Although it is true that these practices must be punished, it is necessary to understand what motivated the student to steal and how it did. Someone stealing to eat without violence can't be punished, but helped.

It is difficult to judge these situations, but I prefer someone run out 1 or 2 euros than someone goes hungry.

Finally, the schools should take corrective measures fro these situations, instead of "pushing" these problems out of school, forgetting that his side line the society.

(Luis Amorim - C adults - Trofa)

Last Holiday

In my last holiday I went to the Algarve , but I first stopped in Lisbon in a very good resting hotel. It had a pool and a Jacuzzi. We stopped in many more good places like more good resting hotels.

When I reached the North of the Algarve we went to my new temporary house. We went to a lot of parks to get some fresh air and we travelled a little.

Then we went to the South of the Algarve: the land of the beaches. We went to almost all the beaches and the beaches were amazing.: warm water, fine sand, hot temperatures... and the waves were fantastics!!!

But the best part was when we went to ZOO Marine: waterslides, artificial beach with waves, pools entertainments...

I loved these holidays!

(Vitor Matos - A ch- St. Tirso)

One of my favourite places is located in Oporto, right in front of Oporto's Colliseum – Maus Hábitos. Although its name is not very appealing, this space acts as a restaurant / terrace during the day and as a bar at night.

It is a cultural intervention space in many different ways, making use of appropriate spaces to receive exhibitions, concerts, plays and parties, with an active schedule.

It is an open, urban and a very different space that supports arts and where you can "breathe culture".

Both the service and the facilities are excellent. The gastronomic offers mainly Italian food, whose menus have really interesting names – "Pizza Colosseum, Rivolli", etc.

The only inconvenience is that it is located on the top floor of a building with four floors and the elevator is always broken, so you will have to use the stairs.

In spite of this, I highly recommend this place as a place to study during the day and relax with friends at night, watching Portuguese or foreign band concerts.

(Maria Maia – F.C.E – Trofa)

Hey pal,

I'm writing to you because I wanted to tell you how my father was.

My father, at our age, was very silly and he used to go to the classroom and write on the board saying that teacher was police because she was always catching him doing silly things.

He used to live in Porto with his family. My father used to wear that disco clothes, all that patterned and shiny clothes. My father in that time used to be slim and short but very confident.

He didn't use to have pocket money just when he got good tests.

I've got to go, Bye!

Henry

(Henrique Vieira – B ch – Trofa)

My weekend

My weekend was very good.

On Saturday, morning I went to my grandmother's home. During the afternoon I went to catechism.

After I studied.

On Sunday I watched TV and studied.

I rode a bike, after I played football and basketball.

I read a book.

I played computer games, I went to the moon in a space craft.

I was also in Spain and Italy.

(Tiago Maia – A ch – St. Tirso)



Puzzle Page

Christmas



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| CARDS | JOSEPH | REINDEER | TINSEL |
| CAROLS | JOY | ROOFTOP | TOY |
| CHEER | KIDS | RUDOLPH | TRAIN |
| COOKIES | KRIS KRINGLE | SAINT NICK | TRAVEL |
| CREDIT CARD | MARY | SANTA | TREE |
| DEBT | MRS CLAUS | SEASON | VACATION |
| GARLAND | MUSIC | SHARING | WORKSHOP |
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