

THE MENDEL TIMES

The newsletter written for (and by) TTO students



WELCOME (BACK) TO THE MENDEL TIMES

Welcome to the first issue of the Mendel Times. The editorial staff have been working very hard these past couple of weeks to present you with the issue you're holding in your hands right now. We hope you'll enjoy our inspiring articles, insightful columns and entertaining puzzles.

- The Mendel Times team

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INTERVIEW WITH HANS KLOK

Get to know the fabulous magician with the funky hairstyle: a special interview with "the fastest magician of the world", Hans Klok (page 9).

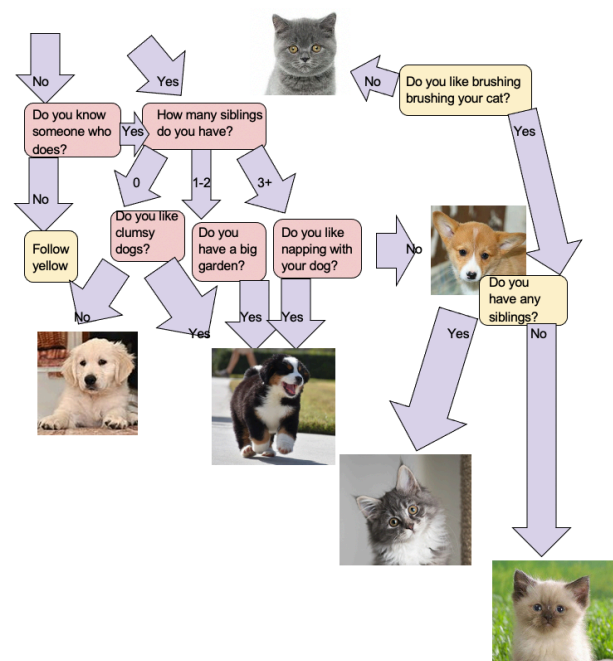
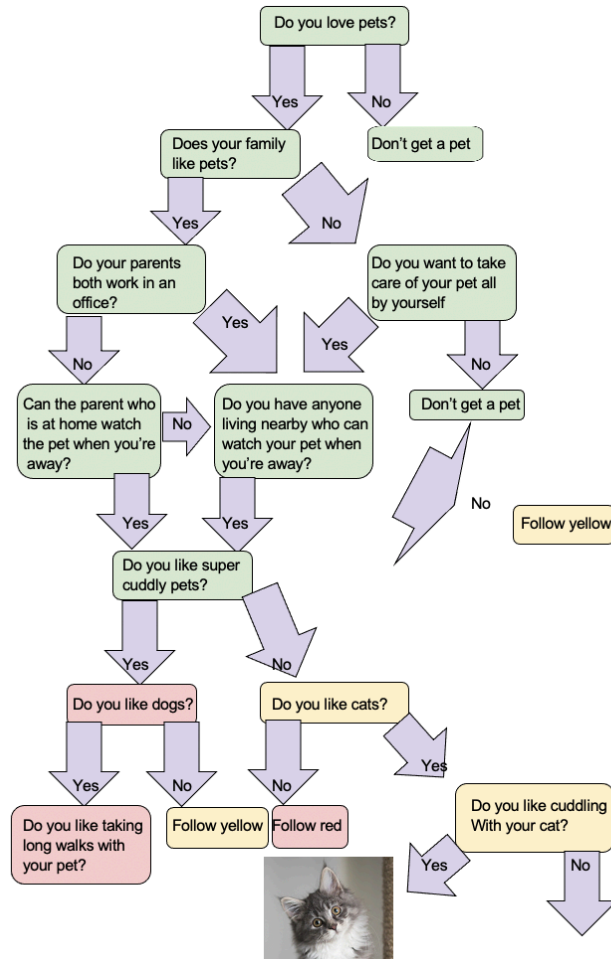


ARTWORK ON THE THIRD FLOOR

Have you found yourself wandering the third floor asking yourself who and what is pictured? Read our article to find out more about the famous people and landmarks (page 13).

What pet should you get?

By: Cleo Oldenziel (2EGA)



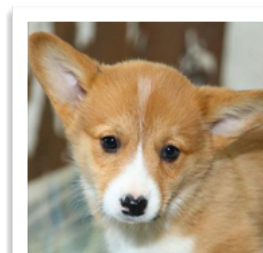
Golden Retrievers

Golden retrievers are one of the most popular dog breeds in the world, and that's not without reason. Golden retrievers are known for their loyalty and independence. They're, together with the labradors, the best service dogs. Golden retrievers can get about 12 years old. Depending on whether it is a boy or a girl they are 51 to 61 cm and are 25 to 35 kilos. Golden retrievers have a sweet personality, they need a 60 minute walk every day though this can be divided over three or more time periods.



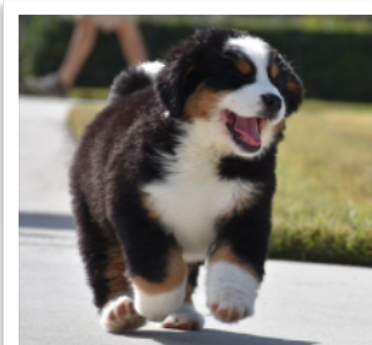
Corgi

Let's look for a smaller dog, because a tiny dog means smaller responsibilities. If you want a small one, consider taking a corgi (or have three and name them Muick, Candy and Willow). Corgi's are very small, they get 25-30 centimeters tall. And small dogs have little responsibilities. Because Corgi's are known for their friendliness, they are great family dogs. Even for children they are easy to lift, about 10-14 kilos. Corgi's have very small paws, but they are surprisingly energetic, because they were originally bred as a shepherd's dog. They are also driven to get big groups together, either as friends or as animals to watch over.



Bernese mountain dog

Bernese mountain dogs are super sweet and loyal animals, and my personal favourite. They have an amazing nose and a thick coat, which is why they are the most commonly used dogs when searching for humans under a ravine. The cute babies can get 58 to 70 cm. Bernese mountain dogs weigh 45-65 kilos. Therefore they need to eat a lot, and when dogs eat a lot they... need to go on a lot of walks. They are, mainly when they're younger, quite clumsy and forgettable. Often they forget their size and try to jump on your lap, taking over the entire couch while crushing a cat and three kids.



British shorthair

British shorthairs are famous cats, mainly because the cat from Alice in Wonderland (Cheshire cat) is a British shorthair. The British shorthairs are mainly grey, but they can be any pattern and colour if you do a bit of research. British shorthairs get 14-20 years old, they are medium-sized cats and get about 30 to 36 centimeters. They have a lot of fluff, which is why they often seem chubby. If you want to know if your cat is really too fat, British shorthairs supposedly weigh 3 to 8 kilos. They are cute cats, who love attention. It rarely happens that they will sit on your lap, but they do love sitting near you and looking at you.



Maine Coon

Maine Coons are the biggest cats in the world. They are 48-101 cm, although the biggest Maine Coon is almost 120 centimeter! They are 6-9 kilos. They have a calm character and are amazing with kids, that's why they're known as "the gentle giant". They get 12-15 years old. Maine Coons have long hairs, especially in winter. They also have huge tails, which they knock things off tables with.



Siamese

I am convinced that you have heard about Grumpy Cat (if you haven't, look it up! you're missing something). She was a Siamese. Siameses are known for their beautiful black/brown and white heads. They are lightweight: 4 to 6 kilos. Mature Siameses are 26 to 39 cm tall. You have to be lucky with the lifespan of your Siamese: their age can differ from 12 to 20 year old. Siamese are either super furry or almost hairless, but whichever type they are, they lose a lot of hair during spring and autumn (the time when their winter coat changes to summer coat and reverse) so you do have to brush them at least once a week. Siamese cats are very independent, and they don't like big groups. They do however get very close with their owners.



Genre recommendations

This issue: Dance music

By: Koen Federer (2EG)

Each issue I will give multiple music genre recommendations in this column. I will discuss songs, EP's or albums. If you want to listen to the music mentioned in this column you can find them on my Spotify (you can follow me by scanning the QR code at the end of this column). This column is focused on dance music.

Half human - Matt Nash

This album is made by Matt Nash, famous for the song 'Now or never' and is one of my favourite new releases of 2020. He is under contract at Martin Garrix's label. The album has become one of my favourites since it came out. It is a dance album, but it still has that pop twist to it. Not many albums have it. This album has the potential to be in my all time list of top albums(now consisting of only 4 albums)! My favourites are 'Lose It All', 'Losing My Mind' and 'Ready Or Not.'

End of Time - Alan walker, K-391 and Ahrix

End of time is already the fifth collaboration between K-391 and Alan Walker and a world class song. They just always manage to make a phenomenally good music. The song has a slight pop sound. The problem with pop sounds is that the instrumental part sounds a bit forced. Alan Walker on the other hand does it in an exceptionally good way. It is very subtle, not too much, not too little. A perfectly balanced song.

Symphony- Sick individuals and Nerve

This hard-style dance song, is heavily underrated with "only" 25 million streams. There is such a good buildup in it to an almost perfect instrumental, it has something in it that really speaks to me. I can't quite put my finger on what exactly it is. The song is a perfect fit for a workout or game day playlist. (it is also mentioned in my 'Gameday songs finale' Spotify list).

Other recommendations

Lovin' every minute- AREA21,
Martin Garrix

The Edge - Grant, Nevve

Anywhere with you- Afrojack,
Lucas & Steve

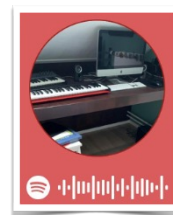
Down for the ride- ItaloBrothers

Followers - AREA21, Martin
Garrix

On my way - KAAZE, Jay
Mason

My Spotify

I would really appreciate it if you take a look or maybe even follow me!



Scan the Spotify code in
the app!

Advice Column

By: Hadassa Balkende (1EGA1)

In this new column, our very own Hadassa gives you advice on anything school or non-school related! Is there something you need help with? Send an email to Ms. Dams (brdams@mendelcollege.nl) containing your question and perhaps Hadassa will answer your question in the upcoming issue!

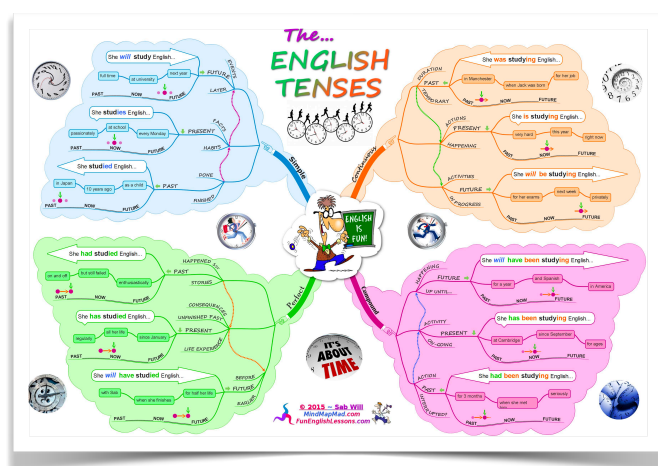
In this first issue, Hadassa gives advice to our new TTO students:

1. "Sometimes, I don't know how to say something in English, do you have any tips?"

- Try to describe the word. For example: when you don't know the word for dog, you can say "bark bark" and then everyone knows that you mean to say dog.
- Use synonyms, synonyms are words with the same or similar meaning. For example: I feel happy, you could use: I feel good or I feel like smiling.

2. "I have a really long vocabulary list that I need to study for English. How can I study best?"

- Make yourself want to learn. For example: make a game and play this game with your friends. Sing English songs under the shower or make a cool rap song that's in your head all day.
- Write the words down so you know the spelling and you remember it better.
- Make a mind-map and put the word class and the definition in it.
- Use Quizlet or have someone quiz you so you know which words you need to study more.
- Try to study before you do your homework and after you have finished your homework so you will be focused and you don't get bored or distracted. Learn short periods of time so you can focus better.
- Make pictures in your head so that you can connect an image to a word. It is a fun way to learn because you can make the pictures your own and it helps you remember the words. You do make sure to practise with writing the words so that you also know how to spell them.



3. "I want to improve my English. Do you have any tips?"

- Try to speak English as much as you can. Do it at school but also try to speak English at home. Don't worry about making mistakes. You can always ask your English teacher about the correct pronunciation or how to say something!
- Watch movies and series you like in English with English subtitles (it's also a great excuse to watch as much TV as you want).
- Listen to English music (see Koen's music column for good recommendations).
- Read English books.
- Listen to English podcasts.
- Start talking to yourself in English (For example: when you're alone in your room or cycling to school).
- Make English a fun language with weird accents so it's fun to talk in English.

FUN & FACTS

By: Oscar Nolan (3EA)

Words to make you sound smart:

Scrumptious

A word used to describe a meal that's extremely delicious.

Example sentence: *Gordon Ramsay was impressed at how **scrumptious** his meal was.*



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GEITENBIG

Dear readers of the Mendel Times,

A group of students from 1EGA2 have started their very own small business, Geitenbig. The main products are caps and beanies and one of our customers is Ms. Veldhuijzen. She wanted a beanie that had 'Fieldhouses' printed on it. You can choose what you want to have printed on your beanie or cap.

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Kind regards,

Tijmen, Ties, Timo en Lee

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The fabulous magician with the funky hairstyle: Behind the scenes with Hans Klok

By: Henri Akkerman (2EH)

The famous Dutch magician Hans Klok or Johannes Franciscus Catharinus Klok has won many awards such as 'De gouden speld' and the Grand prix van Nederland'. I was lucky enough to sit down with the world famous magician and find out about the real man behind the smoke and mirrors!



When first meeting Hans Klok it is like being in the presence of an actual wizard with his fantastic hair and striking face but it is also clear from the moment he opens his mouth that he is a kind and down to earth person.

“There is always something going on”

One of interesting things about Hans is that despite being an international star, on the surface he has a very normal life. He goes to work, eats dinner, walks his dog while having a packed schedule, due to the constant demands of his show business career. As he says, “There is always something going: one day someone is pregnant and another day someone is sick.” Currently Hans is working on an act with famous TV people where he says, “The pressure is high”.

ABBA and the ‘Patat generation’

This magician is not just passionate about his career, he really got going when I asked about what his favourite song was, “I can't really choose between songs, it's like saying who is your favourite child.” But, if Hans really had to make a choice he would choose something by ABBA because he grew up with them. Selecting his favourite food, however, was easy: “Patat!”, Hans said. The magician is by his own admission part of the ‘patat generation’; though he also likes Italian food. When Hans enjoys a drink it's beer and vodka though he specifically said, “Not beer and vodka combined, just separately”, which I think we can agree is good advice.

Cats or dogs?

When asked if he was a cat or dog person, without hesitation Hans said dog. He says, “I would sell my cats if I could”. Yes you read it correctly he would sell his cats if he could. In his own words, “I am a dog person even though my partner is a cat person, he owns two cats. It is clear that Hans loves all the animals in his home though, even if he does prefer his dog Chaplin.

‘I never finished any schooling’

Hans freely admits that he hated school. Luckily for him, his mum did too, so he was often allowed to stay home, especially if it was raining. The magician says that he actually never finished any of the education he started, from middle school to graphic design school. Yet, there is no doubt that Hans is a success despite his lack of education.

Embarrassing!

I took the time to ask Hans if despite being a transatlantic star anything had gone wrong during one of his acts. The magician was as ready to discuss his failure as well as his success! One time Hans Klok was working with exotic animals, more specifically the most famous elephant in the Netherlands, its name was Booba. Hans Klok advertised on a grand scale saying that he would make the elephant disappear. Unfortunately, one day in Berlin the elephant didn't want to disappear; he refused to move! Hans said, "I wanted to disappear myself." Thankfully the magician's career has gone from strength to strength despite this incident.

LGBTQ community

Yes, Hans Klok is a part of the LGBTQ community, and proud of it. Although Hans says that he is not as outspoken Youtube-star Nikkie de Jager (Nikkie Tutorials). Hans is happy that, in his own words, has, "A big following from being in the LGBTQ community, I'm proud of being gay." I asked Hans about his first date with a guy. The magician said it was "fantastic", he was 22 and ended up dating the same guy for 17 years! The magic formula for this date was pizza, and the nightlife of Amsterdam.

Advice for kids today

What advice does Hans have for Mendeliers en Mendelliefjes? The magician was very clear, "Go for your dreams and if you want to become the best at something do it, not just in the arts but also in other things like cycling or skateboarding." Hans says that "Success is a drug, it's nice to be successful." One thing is clear, this magician is an inspiration.

If you want to see the famous magician in action then go to <https://www.hansklokshow.nl/> and enjoy the show! See you next time for another interview!



SCARY LEGENDS AROUND THE WORLD

BY: ASHLEY (2EGA)

There are many legends all over the world, some scarier than others. Most of the legends I tell in this article are told to little children in Japan, Korea and China, to make them listen to their parents. Prepare for nightmares...



Warning: don't read this article if you're easily frightened!

LISA (A STORY TOLD BY A CHILD)

Lisa is an imaginary friend of a little girl. But is she really imaginary? The child draws pictures of herself playing with Lisa. Lisa is very tall and has a ripped dress. She has long black hair falling slick over her shoulder. The kindergarten teacher got angry at the girl who imagined Lisa, because the teacher couldn't see Lisa. The next day the teacher disappeared. The girl's father once said that Lisa didn't exist and together with Lisa, he disappeared. A few days later Lisa came back and said that the teacher and father were sleeping. It appears that the girl can see a ghost who, when offended, make people disappear.

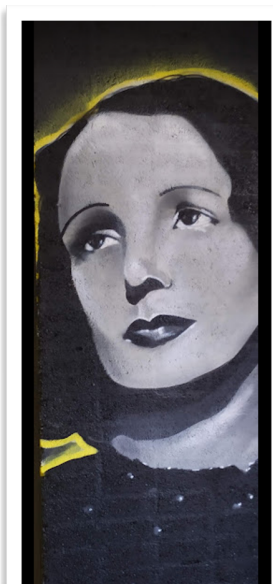
HACHISHAKUSAMA (THE THREE METER WOMAN)

There was this young girl playing in the garden when suddenly she heard a weird noise. It sounded like the base of a drum, but there were no drums to be seen. She looked to her left, where the sound came from, and saw a hat sticking out above the hedge. First, she didn't think much of it, but then she realized the hat wasn't on the hedge, it was behind it. The hat then started to move, the girl following it with her eyes, until it reached a little space in the fence. The girl looked through the space to see a woman. She couldn't believe it, the woman was almost three meters! How was this woman so tall? The girl then heard a strange noise coming from the woman. Boom... Boom... Boom... It sounded like the base of a drum, but stranger. The girl got confused and a little scared so she ran inside and told her grandparents. As she was telling her story, she noticed them getting increasingly worried. As soon as she was finished, her grandfather jumped up asking her if the woman had seen her. She replied saying she did. He then ran to the phone as quickly as he could and called someone. About half an hour later an old woman arrived at the house and led the girl to one of the rooms upstairs. There were four plates of salt in each corner of the room, a religious statue in the middle and a bucket. The windows were also covered with paper. She wasn't allowed to leave the room until the morning, so she went to sleep. She woke up in the middle of the night and heard her grandmother's voice call out to her, asking her to go outside. The girl was about to open the door when she heard something else. Boom... Boom... Boom... She looked around the room frantically, only to see the salt had turned black. Out of panic, she dropped to the floor, pulled her knees to her chest and buried her face in them. She sat there for who knows how long until she heard her grandfather call her this time. The salt had returned to normal and it seemed to be light outside. She looked at the clock and it was morning already. Nothing happened to her, but she could never return to Japan again.

Artwork on the third floor

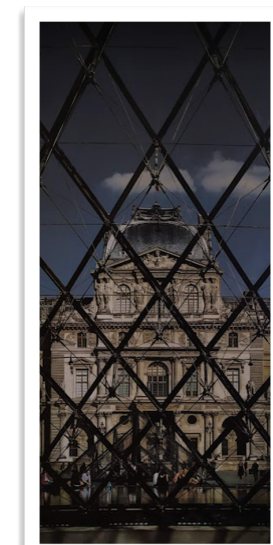
By: Kyra van Schagen & Babette Boersma

You have probably seen the spray paint and photos on the wall on the third floor. Have you been able to recognize anyone or anything? If you weren't able to or you only know a few don't worry! In this article we will tell you who the pictured people and what the photos depict.



Edith Piaf

Edith was born in Paris. She was the daughter of a singer and an acrobat. When she was 17 she fell pregnant by Louis Dupont. The child died at 2 years old from meningitis (a brain disease). At 20 years old she was discovered by the owner of Cirque Médrano, a theater in Paris. She was always very nervous during performances, but nightclub owner Louis Leplée encouraged her to continue with her singing career. He gave her the nickname “La Môme Piaf” which means: the little sparrow. A little while after that Louis was murdered. Piaf was one of the suspects but was acquitted. During WW2 she wrote her famous song La vie en rose. Her music was very loved on both the French and the German side. The concert hall Olympia in Paris was the place where she got famous and even gave a performance a few months before she died. In 1963 she recorded her last song before she died: L'homme de Berlin. It was released a few years after her death.



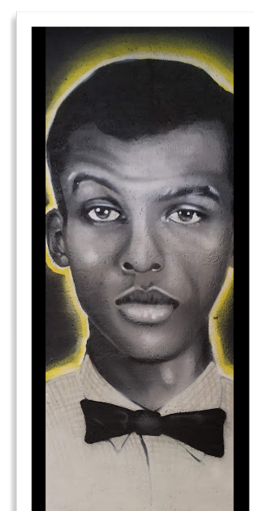
Louvre

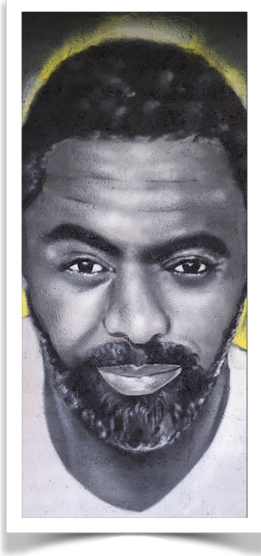
The Louvre in Paris is one of worlds' biggest museums. It consists of three parts; Richelieu, Sully and Denon. The Mona Lisa is the Louvres' most famous artwork. The museum is the most visited museum in the world.

Stromae

The singer Stromae (real name: Paul van Haver) is a singer-songwriter from Belgium. Stromae means maestro or master in French slang. In 2001, he started as the rapper Opmaestro, so he changed the name later. When he was 18 years old, he started a rap group with rapper J. E. D. I. Later, J. E. D. I. decided to go on solo. Stromae quit his film school in 2007 to focus on

his music. In 2009 he released alors on dance and it became a huge hit in whole Europe. Another song you might know that he wrote and sang is Papaoutai. In 2015/2016 he suffered from psychological problems, caused by an anti-malaria medicine. He took it easy for a while, but since 2018, he is back with making music and he even has his own clothing line.



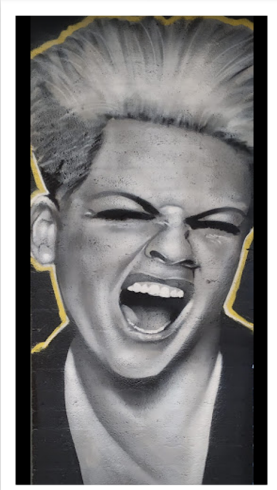


Idris Alba

Idris Elba is an actor and most famous for his role in *Luther*. The name Idris Elba is not his full name, his full name is Idrissa Akuna Elba. He is 49 years old and has two children named Isan Elba and one named Winston Elba. He lives in the United Kingdom. In 2019 he married Sabrina Dhowre Elba, a model. He had two wives before her, Hanne Norgaard and Sonya Nicole Hamlin. People wanted him to be the new James Bond but he told in an interview that he wasn't interested in playing the part. Before he was famous he was a DJ and his name was DJ Big Driis. He continued to make music when he became famous and even launched his own record label. A fun fact is when he lost the Golden Globe in 2012 his daughter crafted one for him.

Pink

P!nk is a singer who makes music belong to different genres. Her real name is Alecia Beth Moore. She has two kids named Willow Sage Hart (10 Years old) and Jameson Moon Hart (4 Years old). She raises her children in a gender neutral way. She used to work at McDonalds until she became famous. A really popular song of hers is 'What about us' made in 2017. She can also play guitar. This year brought out a very popular song titled 'Cover me in sunshine'. Her artist name is from Mr. Pink from the film *Reservoir Dogs*. She has over 20 tattoos, including two of her dogs named Elvis and Sir Corky Moore. She appeared in several movies for example *Charlie's angels: Full Throttle* and *Happy Feet Two*.



Sydney Harbour Bridge

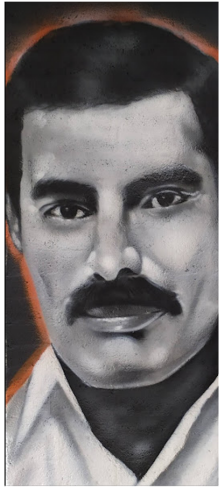
The Sydney Harbour Bridge is a bridge in Australia (pictured left). The bridge opened on 19 March 1932, it took 6 years to build. The bridge was built to make the northern region of the city more accessible. On the bridge deck is 8 lanes of car traffic, two train tracks, a bicycle path and a foot path. The bridge is 1149 meters long. The location is really close to the opera house.

Downing Street

Downing street is a street in the middle of London. Mostly known from Downing street 10, because the official residence of the British prime minister who lives there. In the 1960s, century Downing street was open for

everyone. For security reasons this is no longer possible, and the street can only be viewed from the White Hall.





Freddie Mercury

Freddie Mercury was a really famous rock singer. He's real name is Farrokh Bulsara and he sang in a band called Queen. Queen started in the year 1970 but Freddie also brought out solo albums. Freddie Mercury had a vocal range of four octaves which is extraordinary for a male singing voice. Before Freddie Mercury came out as gay he had a girlfriend. He died of AIDS on the 24th of November in 1991. His song 'Bohemian Rhapsody' was considered Queen's best song. To this day, exactly 44 years later, this is regarded as one of the best songs ever.

FUN & FACTS

By: Oscar Nolan (3EA)

Did you know?

The number 2 is the first prime number, it's also the only even prime number. On top of that, if you do $2 + 2$ you get 4 but also if you do 2×2 you also get 4.

Not bad for such a commonly used number!



#Teamseas

By: Koen Federer (2EG)

On the 29th of October Mark Rober, Mrbeast and many more You-Tubers from all over the world have started a fundraising campaign to get 30 million pounds of trash out of the ocean by the end of the year. For every dollar donated, a pound of trash is removed from the ocean.

At the time that I'm writing this, 12.175.724 pounds of trash has already been removed. So, they need your support to get to that 30 million! More about in what way they remove the trash with this link. If you are interested in helping, surf to <https://teamseas.org/> and watch the video in which Mark Rober explains everything. You can also go to You-Tube and type in 'Mark Rober' and clock on the video This robot eats trash #teamseas.

I think this is a really good cause, so the least I could do is write this ad.



Fun & Facts

By: Oscar Nolan (3EA)

PRETTY PUTRID PUZZLES

This edition of the Mendel Times includes a sudoku puzzle. See if you can solve it and for extra bonus points also find out how many twos there are!

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ENLIGHTENING ENGLISH MEMES

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decrease your word
count in an essay:**

