

The inlingua Express

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Carnival Celebrations
in Valletta and
Nadur Gozo
14th - 17th February



Valentine's Week
9th - 13th February
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Newsflash! Newsflash! Newsflash!

Here it is! Hot off the press, it's inlingua's monthly newspaper.

Published every month, this newspaper will contain various articles and information for readers to catch up on what's been happening in the school. All inlingua staff, trainers and students will contribute to the content of the paper so one can catch up on what's on, what's new and what's planned for next month.

You can read interesting feature article articles about Malta and its hotspots, student and trainer profiles and entertaining puzzles and trivia.

Don't forget to check the special offers on courses, tours and other activities; links to other English skill activities and students' advice on the hidden treasures and traditions of the Maltese islands! Read on and enjoy!



Every month we will interview one of our student to find out more about their stay at inlingua Malta. We are glad to announce our student of the month (March 2015):

Laura Larregola

Here are some questions we have asked Laura:

1. Tell me about yourself (nationality, age, hobbies)
I am from Spain. I am 26 years old. I have different hobbies, one of them is travelling and meeting

people from different nationalities, I also like dancing and sports.

2. Why did you choose Malta?

The principal reason was the weather and the prices. I was not sure about which country to choose, my first idea was Ireland, but comparing both, these two things convinced me.

3. Why did you choose inlingua, how long are you staying here?

Because I liked the conditions of the school

Laura Larregola Student of the month

and it is an official center of Cambridge Exams. In total, I will be here for almost 5 month.

4. What do you like about inlingua?

What I like the most about inlingua is the lessons, school activities and also the people. I feel very comfortable with the teachers.

5. What can you tell me about your teacher and her teaching methods?

Actually, I have had a lot of teachers and I liked all of them. At the moment I am very happy with my current teacher and with her methodology. She motivates me and helps me to study.

6. Have you been on any activities, which ones?

I have been in activities with people from inlingua. We have seen films and we went for dinner several times.

7. What do you like about inlingua?

I like the cultural diversity in Malta, it is easy to meet people from around the world and discover new traditions and culture. As well I like the weather and the history

8. What would you recommend to new inlingua students?

I would definitely recommend inlingua for other students, because it is a good school. There is a good method of work and all the people that work in the school are very nice.



The Grand Harbour

The Grand Harbour, in Maltese is called “il-Port il-Kbir”, also known as the Port of Valletta, is a natural harbour on the island of Malta. It has been used as a harbour since at least Phoenician times. The natural harbour has been greatly improved with extensive docks and wharves, and has been massively fortified.



The Maltese islands have a long history, mainly due to its strategic location and natural harbours, mainly the Grand Harbour as well as Marsamxett. The Grand Harbour has in fact been used since prehistoric times.

The Grand Harbour was the base for the Order of Saint John for 268 years, from 1530 to 1798. They settled in the city of Birgu and improved its fortifications, including rebuilding the Castrum Maris as Fort Saint Angelo.

In July 1551, Barbary corsairs and Ottoman forces raided Malta. They landed at Marsamxett and marched upon the Grand Harbour, but did not attack as they found the town of Birgu too well fortified to attack.

protectorate, later a colony. During the British colonial rule, the harbour became a strategic base for the Royal Navy and the base of the Mediterranean Fleet.

During the French occupation of Malta, the harbour area was blockaded by Maltese rebels on land and the Royal Navy at sea. The French eventually capitulated in September 1800 and Malta became a British

“the town of Birgu too well fortified to attack.”

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If you are visiting Malta for the first or the hundredth time and you enjoy history or just willing to enjoy the fresh sea air and sun; if you are seeking to take photos some amazing photos or just to feed your eyes with Malta’s natural beauty, then this tour is an absolute must see for you! This simple, and yet amusing excursion will leave you amazed and will definitely take your breath away.

The cruise will take you around Malta’s Grand
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Harbour Cruise

Harbour- which is considered one of the largest natural harbours in Europe ..one of the most spectacular ports in the world with many creeks, battlements places and historical fortifications.

You will have an opportunity to capture incredible photographs and enjoy fantastic views of Valletta, the Three Cities and other places, which can only be noticed from the sea.



Doris Borg!

Knowledgeable, reputable and experienced. This is how one would describe, Doris – the teacher of English with a typical Maltese name and a unique passion towards teaching.

Back in 1989, Doris was one of the first teachers on the island to teach English to foreign learners and has since tutored and mentored students towards achieving their language aims to better their lives and career prospects. Currently one of the trainers teaching Cambridge Exam courses, her teaching style is unique as not only is she friendly and jovial but also firm and pressing ; the right



formula to guide students towards exam success.

‘Her caring nature ensures a pleasant learning experience for all her students’

Beside years of experience, Doris strives to better her teaching qualifications and regularly attends teaching seminars as part of her professional development. Although such training is important, what makes Doris a special individual is her commitment, loyalty and work ethic. Her caring nature ensures a pleasant learning experience for all her students and we hope Doris’s personality continues to shine through to reach all of those who set foot in her classroom.



Iuliia Kononenko
Front Desk Customer Care

Nationality:
Ukrainian

Joined Inlingua:
6 months ago

Hobbies:
Phsycology, languages & travelling



Ieva Straukaite
Reservations Executive

Nationality:
Lithuanian

Joined Inlingua:
2 years ago

Hobbies:
Travelling, reading and fashion



**Bringing History
Back To Life**

Malta 5D

Malta 5D is an awesome virtual journey through Malta’s rich history.

An amusing and educative 15 minutes show, enhanced with special effects of air movement, leg ticklers, water spray, smells and other unexpected sensations. Prepare to dive into the open seas, twist and turn around the narrow quaint streets of the ancient villages and hold



your breath against the on-coming attacks of spears and bombs.

Experience this exciting entertainment, discover and feel the thrilling events that shaped the local history and culture.

The show will bring fun and joy to all the ages and all types of audience



"Let's eat Grandma!"
WHAT?
"Let's eat, Grandma!"
**PUNCTUATION
SAVES LIVES.**

Proverb of the Month

*“Fortune favors
the bold.”*

People who bravely go after what they want are more successful than people who try to live safely.

Word of the Month Sequence

Definition:
a group of things that come one after the other.

Use:
‘a sequence of events’

What to learn more:
<http://www.learnersdictionary.com/quiz/vocabulary-start>



Donovan Gatt
Academic Co-Ordinator

Joined Inlingua:
8 years ago

Hobbies:
Tropical Fish, reptiles, Socializing with friends

Favourite Book:
In Cold Blood by Truman Capote

That was then....

Doris Borg (trainer)

Teachers who have been around as long as I have, must surely look around now and again and wonder at the changes that have taken place over the years at inlingua.

I myself started out at what we used to call The Air Malta building in Tower road. This building held only classrooms and it was quite normal for teachers to travel to and fro with attendance sheets, questionnaires and the like, from there, to the offices in Fava lane. This daily trek was part of life, and I remember once carrying my cassette recorder (no cd player then), on a rainy day and slipping in a puddle! I managed to save the recorder, but not

my dignity, as I ended up teaching with a wet patch on my backside all morning.

Another memory which makes me smile is that of a Monday in August, when a huge number of students were expected and a few teachers were recruited to help correct tests. We were there bright and early and soon were busy placing students in the various classrooms and giving them the tests. Since all the rooms were taken, we used the space on the windowsills in the corridor to correct the tests on. Everything was going well and then disaster struck! A summer teacher, who shall remain nameless, and who no longer works for Inlingua, brought a pile of finished tests to be



Old Reception - 2008

corrected. He put them on the windowsill, turned around, and with his elbow pushed them out of the window! They landed in an abandoned yard far below, completely out of reach! We were so shocked that for a moment we were speechless! And the poor guy was nearly in tears! The hardest part for him was walking back to the classroom and asking the students to do the test... *Again!!*

This all happened many

moons ago; Before inlingua school grew to seven floors, and the offices downstairs became a coffee shop, and then changed yet again into a modern spacious lounge.. before classrooms acquired glass doors instead of the old blue ones and bathrooms were given a facelift and interactive whiteboards were introduced. Time marches on and hopefully we'll be around to enjoy all and any changes the future holds at Inlingua. Why not?

Valentine's Week

Valentine's is a special occasion for all lovers to forward or give a token as symbol of their affection. Here at inlingua school, during Valentine's week building up to the big day, we had a number of activities and features that were focused on this theme.



Conversation Club which happens on Wednesday afternoon, was set as a "Seed Dating" exercise where participants were given a number of questions and each in turn had to find out as much as they can from their 'date' which changed by rotation at specific intervals. The reception was decorated



for the occasion with heart garlands and red roses; and to get all in-house guests in the spirit and feel of the theme of love, an activity 'Baci Moments' was set up. Baci chocolates were freely distributed to students and asked to write up their love message on the board, which became the 'Wall of Love Notes'.



Cubix Challenge

Last month, student Mohammed Shligh, who is a Rubik Cube genius took on a challenge to see if he can beat his own time record in solving the Rubik's cube he set the summer of 2014.

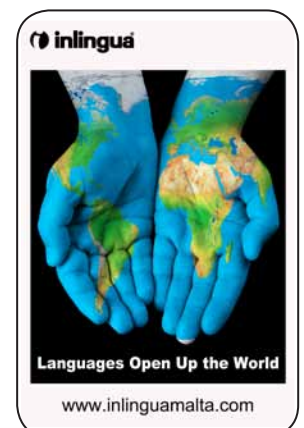
It was a tough challenge as in August last year with super agility and incredible speed, he had managed to solve the cube within 48 seconds.

Mohammed confessed he was slightly out of practise and withstanding he was also a little older; he was certain to beat his own timing. On the 30 January, on a nice clear day, with just a few friends and spectators, he prepared himself: he warmed up his fingers and wrists, focused on the task ahead and kept repeating to himself "yes, i can do it!".

Unfortunately, although to common mortals he seemed



to be going at a super fast speed, he did not manage to reach his goal and felt short by 22 seconds. Mohammed mentioned he will keep practising and before he finishes his course with inlingua, he will give it another go.



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What's On



ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

Festival

Valletta

15 Mar 2015, 11:00 — 15 Mar 2015, 11:00

Free of charge

Irish Maltese Circle's annual St. Patrick's Parade. From City Gates Valletta down Republic St. A concert will take place featuring Traditional Irish Band, Turas....and Irish dancers and local talents. Come along and have your photo taken with our very own St. Patrick. Join in with the hundreds of Maltese, Irish and other nationalities who enjoy our traditional Parade. The Marsa Pipe Band will once again play throughout the Parade.....so come along and enjoy the craic!

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MALTA ARTISAN EASTER MARKET

Arts & Culture

Phoenicia Ballroom,

Phoenicia Hotel, Valletta

21 Mar 2015, 11:00 to

22 Mar 2015, 18:00

FREE ENTRANCE

Come and meet some of the best local artists under one roof! There will be handmade items ranging from jewellery, home furnishings, paintings and local delicacies and much more. A perfect family day out.

MALTA ARTISAN EASTER MARKET
GRAND BALLROOM
PHOENICIA HOTEL
SAT 21ST - SUN 22ND MARCH
11AM - 6PM

Special a day with the most amazing of Malta's best and most unique independent artists, artisans and crafters selling their original handmade creations along with delicious local artisanal delights at our annual Easter Market.

Romanus

wirtartna
Sat 21st - Sun 22nd March 2015 @ Fort Rinella, Kalkara

ROMANUS 2015

Event

Fort Rinella Triq Santu Rokku, Kalkara

Sat 21 & Sun 22 March 2015

Adults: €10 & Children (U/16years): Free

Fondazzjoni Wirt Artna together with Legio X Fretensis is organizing a Roman weekend at Fort Rinella in Kalkara from Saturday 21st March – Sun 22nd March 2015.

The army of ancient Rome was a formidable fighting force – well disciplined, organized and supplied with an array of effective and battle-proven weapons. The sword and spear were the infantryman's main weapon, and the spectacular military successes of the Roman legions throughout Europe and the Near East lay in disciplined battlefield application and relentless training in use of these weapons.

On this occasion talks and lectures will be taking visitors in better understanding of the courage and determination Rome had to extend the Empire. The aim is to show the soldiers life in ancient history, and prowess in the use of arms and disciplined drill with different formations on foot and horses. FWA's initiative is meant to support Legio X and promote more awareness in all aspects of Maltese history.

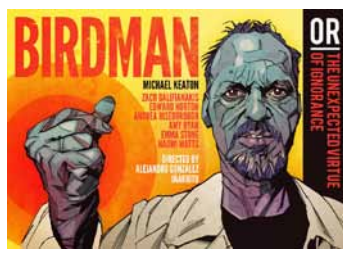
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Movies this month



FURY
 Rating: 16+
 Film: Action Drama War
 Acting: Brad Pitt,
 S. Labeouf



BIRDMAN
 Rating: 16+
 Film: Comedy Drama
 Acting: Micheal Keaton



CRAZY STUPID LOVE
 Rating: 16+
 Film: Comedy Romance
 Acting: Steve Carell
 Julianne Moore

Remember to
 sign up for the
 activity at the
 reception.

'Movie Moments'
 every
 Wednesday
 at 15h00
 (6th floor)



THE GOOD LIE
 Rating: PG-13
 Film: Drama
 Acting: Reese Witherspoon



THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING
 Rating: PG-13
 Film: Biography Drama
 Acting: F. Jones
 E. Redmayne



THE INTERNSHIP
 Rating: PG-13
 Film: Comedy
 Acting: Owen Wilson
 Vince Vaughn



INTERSTELLAR
 Rating: PG-13
 Film: Sci-fi Adventure
 Acting: M. McConaughey
 Anne Hathaway

Puzzle of the month

For the solution to this
 puzzle, ask reception or
 Anthony (Marketing)

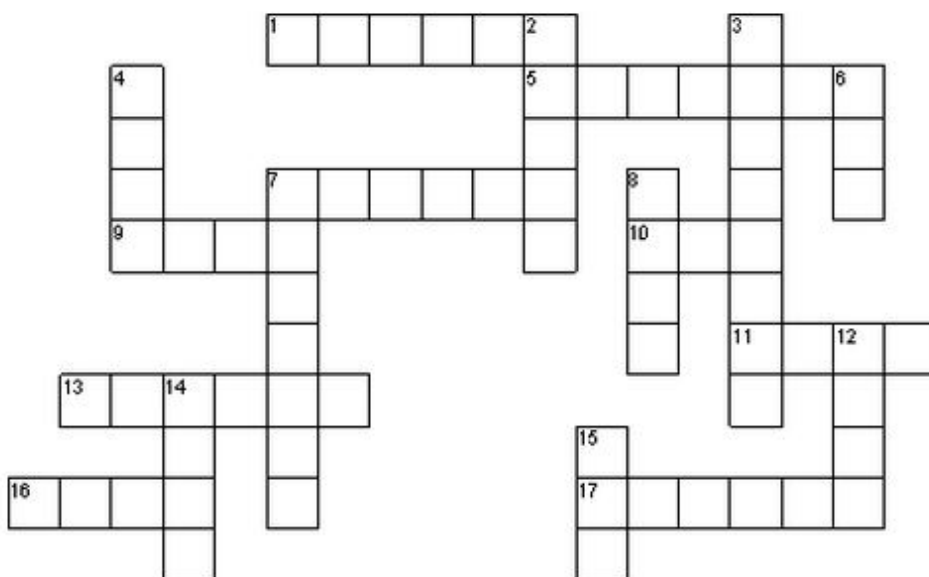
MONEY

Across:

1. Obtain money that you must pay back (6)
5. A place for money at the bank (7)
7. Use money to make interest or profit (6)
9. Receive money in exchange for work (4)
10. Be in debt (3)
11. Coins or notes (4)
13. Money earned monthly or annually (6)
16. A piece of metal used as money (4)
17. Total money received (6)

Down:

2. Spend carelessly (5)
3. Money used in a country (8)
4. A place to keep valuables (4)
6. Small amount given for services (3)
7. Receive from a person who dies (7)
8. Money that you must return (4)
12. Keep money for future use (4)
14. Give money which will be returned (4)
15. Obtain money by chance (3)



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The Residence

Right in the heart of St. Julians, lies The Residence, a block of self-catering apartments owned and managed by Inlingua Malta. The residence offers a great solution as affordable accommodation for English learning students and travellers alike.

The apartments are situated just meters away from a wide selection of restaurants and cafes, as well as the bars and nightlife..

The residence also offers



free Wi-Fi in all common areas and boasts of a large communal courtyard where all the students from nationalities mingle and socialize.

Swimming pool facilities are available for all students residing at the Residence and throughout

summer various activities are set up in this area.

For more information, visit <http://theresidencestjulians.com>



Pastizzi A dream in a bag!



Exclusive to the Maltese Islands, this savory snack known as a 'Pastizz' or in the plural 'Pastizzi', have a filling of either ricotta (cottage cheese) or mushy peas. This mouth watering snack is usually diamond-shaped or round-shaped and made of filo pastry (although there is also a puff pastry version).



The pastry is folded in different ways according to the filling. It is brittle as brik, and sheds all over your palms and sleeves

like a storm of Autumn leaves. Pastizzi are not exactly health food, since the oil of the pastry leaves a sheen on both the paper

bag and your hands, but they have a riot of texture and the most comforting of flavours, this is a snack that's all about simplicity and thrift. A few pastizzi which can be bought just a corner away from our school accompanied by an ice cold 'Kinnie' are the perfect thing to get a feel of true Maltese culture.

