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SCHOOL IS SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF CORONA VIRUS

Lessons ended on March 4th and we had to find a new way of doing them

From the fifth of March lessons are suspended for all the students of Italian schools. In that moment we could not imagine that more than one month later we would still have been at home. After a few days we started to do "online" lessons, at the beginning using Skype and then two other platforms, Zoom and Edmodo. Both teachers and students had to learn how to use them and sometimes there are some problems with the internet connection, perhaps because many Italian students and workers are using the network to do lessons and smart working. We are doing less hours than we did at school but it is harder and using the computer to do homework is more difficult, too. Unfortunately all of us are not participating in the distance learning but we hope everybody will be able to do it soon.



GOOD NEWS

GIULIA CENTI IS GOING TO HAVE A BABY



Next May one of our teachers, Giulia Centi, is going to have a baby girl! Mrs. Centi looks very happy and we are all

very happy for her, too. She already has two children, a boy and a girl, and she told us she would have preferred another boy! For sure she was joking... If the awful corona virus had not attacked our Country, she would already have been at home for her maternity leave and we would now have another teacher. So, in this case, we can say that we are lucky. Best wishes to Mrs. Centi!

GOOD NEWS

LEONARDO CAMPATELLI IS GETTING MARRIED



Our music teacher, Leonardo Campatelli, will soon get married! Not so soon, actually... The wedding was supposed to be in May, but because of the Corona Virus it had to be postponed and will be in October. Mr. Campatelli told us he has been engaged with

his future wife since they were at the high school. They will get married in the church of Coverciano, next to the theatre where the Artigianelli's band performed last year and played this year a few days before the lockdown with some Campatelli's former students. They were very very good players and we enjoyed it very much! Luckily our parents could listen to some of our songs, because now we do not know if we will be able to play again with the Artigianelli's band. We really hope so!! Best wishes to Mr. Campatelli!

WHAT IS CORONA VIRUS?

Something we learned thanks to Andrea Pecci's lesson

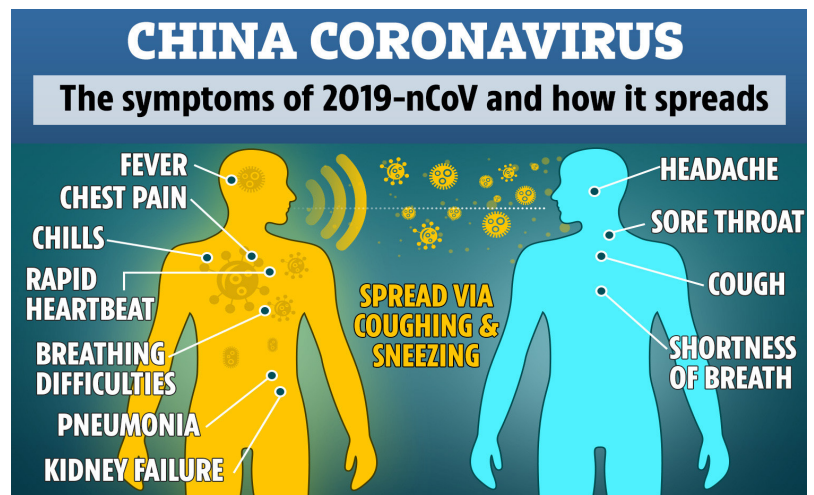
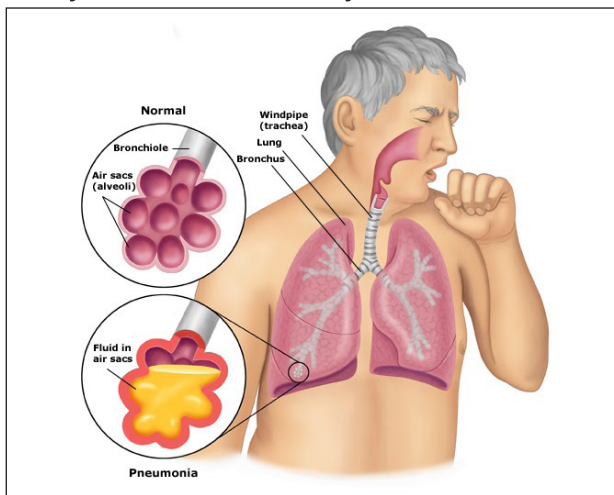
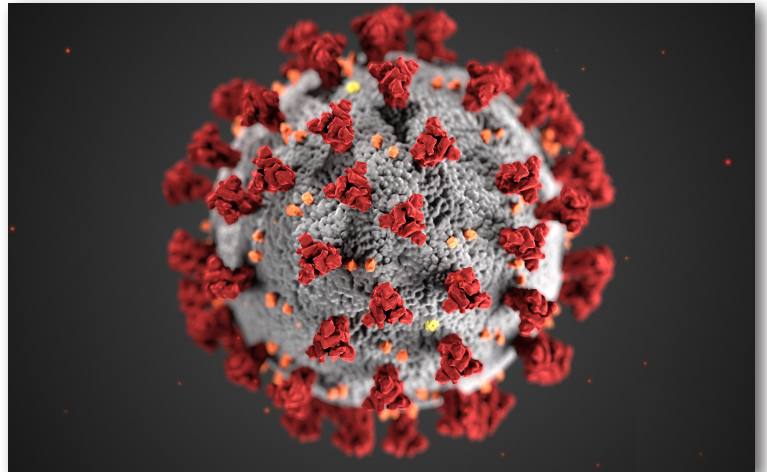
The Corona Virus - or Sars-Covid2 - is a new virus from China. It can be just like a flu, but in some cases it becomes much more aggressive, causes pneumonia and death, especially in old people. The day before the school was closed, teacher Andrea Pecci gave a lesson for all the Artigianelli's students to teach us something more about it.

We did not know, in that moment, that a few hours later the Government would have decided to close everything in Italy, what we now know as "lockdown".

He explained what a virus is to us and how it attacks our cells but we could not imagine what it will have caused in Italy. He also told us that it is very contagious and dangerous. People can transmit it through the "flügge": it is all the imperceptible droplets that we excrete talking, coughing and sneezing.

Some days ago he also sent us a message with an image, explaining us what pneumonia is: it is an inflammation of lungs. When the lungs try to fight against a pathogen (in this case the corona virus), a liquid fill up the air sacs and it prevent the respiratory gasses to spread, especially oxygen, which is essential for survival. That's why patients are intubated, to receive pure oxygen directly in their lungs, waiting for the inflammation to decrease.

Many scientists and doctors are looking for the right treatment. Now they are trying many remedies and ill people often recover, luckily. They are looking for a vaccine, too, but it seems that it will take one year to have it ready.



ALL THE CORONA VIRUS STATISTICS IN A WEBSITE

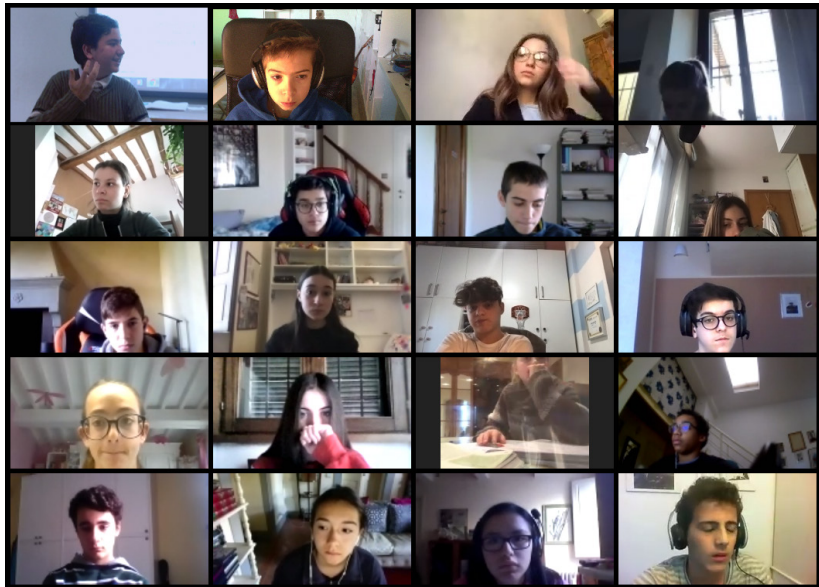
Worldwide updates minute by minute

Avi Schiffman, a 17 year old boy from Siattle in the USA, created the most famous website about the Corona Virus, showing the situation of spreads all over the world updated minute by minute. At the time I am writing, on April 15th at 2.36pm, there are exactly 2.016.861 cases. How many are there when you are reading?



LIFE AT THE TIME OF CORONA VIRUS

Let's read some students' page of diary



BEATRICE'S DIARY OF QUARANTEEN

Dear diary,

I have been closed at home since March 5th and my days have changed a lot. Before I was very busy between school, homework, sports etc. Now I have a lot of time to spend with my family, even though my dad is at work. When I go out into the garden and I look at the street I remember that was crowded with people, now I see few people passing by and I see that many things have changed: no noises are heard, few cars pass and people on foot all have masks. In the morning I usually have lessons at 9:00 with my school until 12:00. When I have lunch with my mother

and my sister I see on TV the news of Coronavirus and I have a lot respect for doctors and nurses who work on the front lines of hospitals. This experience at the first time it seemed to me very strange and particular, but now I think is the right way to continue the school year. I hope that the situation returns to normality as soon as possible because I love summer and it makes me sad to spend it in this way without embracing and meeting my friends.

LUCREZIA'S PAGE OF DIARY OF QUARANTEEN

Dear diary,

today I want to talk to you about my quarantined day. Around seven and a half I wake up, eat breakfast, wash my face and prepare for virtual lessons that start at nine o'clock. After three long hours I read my favourite book "Un posto nel Mondo" by Fabio Volo or watch a TV series. Around 13:00pm I eat with my family and then I do some gymnastics with my mom to learn how to do the splits and then I do the homework or the quizzes assigned for the next day. Sometimes I cook buns with my dad or croissants to eat them at dinner at eight. After eating I look at the phone a little bit, chat with my friends or watch a movie and then go to bed. In this quarantine I understood and reflected on many topics such as the Importance of friendship, I really understood who cares about me and who cares about it at all, I realized that without friends my days are sad and boring, I understood the importance for me of sport or music in short I hope that this long quarantine ends as soon as possible to re-embrace everyone and especially go to the grandparents in Rome. You in this period you are the only object in which I can vent and explain my days just as Anne Frank did. Now I'm going to rest. Soon Lucrezia.

CAROLINA'S TYPICAL DAY IN QUARANTEEN

Dear my diary,

as I told you in the previous pages, we are in quarantine so I want to reclaim my typical day. I wake up at half past eight and I have breakfast. After breakfast I get dressed and at nine o'clock I have the lessons begin until noon. Afterwards I watch some tv series on Netflix and around one o'clock I have lunch. After lunch I call my friends and I do my homework. Around half past four I go for a run and after an hour I come back, I take a shower and I stay on the phone for a while. Around eight o'clock I have dinner, after dinner I watch Netflix and then I go to bed. In these days I have a lot of time to reflect and I understand which people are really worth it. I miss my friends and some people in particular. I also rediscovered the importance things, that is, things that once seemed normal to me now seem to me impossible, far from reality, such as a dart a kiss or a handshake... I hope all of this will and soon and return to normal as soon as possible. It makes me feel good to talk to you...

Your Carolina.

EASTER AT THE TIME OF #STAYHOME #STAYSAFE

Hoping this will remain the one and only



This was a different Easter for all of us. We had to stay at home, together with the same faces that we see every day from the day we started the quarantine. Maybe all of us were duteous, but as we heard from tv or read on the newspapers, many other people were not: the police have sanctioned about 14.000 persons! Many of them were out without a good reason: they were trying to go to the sea, to the mountains or to their relatives, for example; a group had organized a lunch on a roof and a person who was even positive to the corona virus organized a party with 5 friends! These are only a few examples of people who do not respect rules and are very dangerous and disrespectful of everybody else.

ARTIGIANELLI MISSES US AND WE MISS ARTIGIANELLI

Our school, our desks... even the waste baskets sit empty while we wait and wonder if we'll see our school again

Will we get back to school before the end of this school year? What is going to happen with our exams?

These are only some of the many questions we are asking ourselves in these days. We only know that the government is not going to reopen schools so soon. It seems that if we do not come back to school within the eighteenth of May, the exams will be different: easier if we can do them "in presence", or with just an essay and the judgment of the board of teachers if we cannot come back to school. The problem, first of all for our teachers, is that nothing has been decided yet and the Education Ministry often changes idea.

Someone is saying that we have to recover and will have to go to school in July, too; someone else that schools will reopen earlier, on September 1st, or that we will have distance learning next year, too, or that we will have to wear masks, gloves and kisses and hugs will still be forbidden... The worst thing is this uncertainty. I think everybody is somehow missing "normal" school, his friends and his usual life. I think this bad time will be remembered for a long time, perhaps it will be also written in future history school books, but I hope it will be soon just a memory.

We cannot forget that this was an important year for our School: it is its 120 Anniversary! We wanted to celebrate it: the band, for example, was preparing many songs and we could not wait to organize something special for our graduation party at school. What a pity!



DICTIONARY: QUARANTINE VS QUARANTEEN

When you type "quaranteen" the Word editor underlines it as a mistake, but actually it is not. Perhaps it can be considered as a neologism. The two words seems to have the same meaning and pronunciation, but it is not so.

QUARANTEEN is a kid who is technically a teenager during a quarantine.

QUARANTINE is the act of putting someone in isolation to avoid the spread of a disease, in our case the Corona Virus. The word quarantine means forty days. The concept of quarantine is known since biblical times and it was put into practise many times through history: during the bubonic plague of the XIV century, it was the period that the vessels coming from places where there was the plague were put in isolation.