

Flying Classrooms Student Newsletter

Welcome to our new Flying Classrooms Student newsletter!

Summer is here at last! There is so much happening in school and in Norwich that we want to share the news! There will be a new newsletter each term to keep you up to date on who's who and what's happening in Flying Classrooms and in Norwich. This is our newsletter – an opportunity to share our news and celebrate our achievements – both as students and as a school. **If you have some interesting stories or news that you want to share, do let us know!** We hope you enjoy it!



Summer Term

The summer term started on 28 June. A warm welcome to new students who have started their courses. We hope you all enjoy learning English at Flying Classrooms and staying in the wonderful city of Norwich! Well done and best wishes to those who left at the end of last term. We miss you all already!

This summer, we have over 100 students from around 20 different countries studying together. We have an incredibly diverse international community in the school. Make the most of your time at Flying Classrooms by making a lot of friends from other countries and learn about different cultures!

Flying Classrooms 10th Anniversary

This year Flying Classrooms is celebrating its 10th anniversary. The school started in 2000 with only three students! 10 years on, we are pleased with what we have achieved thanks to a successful collaboration between everyone involved including our hardworking students. To celebrate this landmark, we will be holding a 10th anniversary party on **Friday 23rd July at Flying Classrooms 7-9pm** (open at 6.30pm). All students are invited to the party. Come along and celebrate our 10th birthday together! Sign up and collect a ticket in the office.

Summer Social Activities



Steam train station in Sheringham

We are planning a wide range of exciting social activities for this summer. The programme features visits to a variety of places of local interests and exciting activities including a **boat trip on the Norfolk Broads, seal-watching on the North Norfolk coast, a steam train trip and day trips to other**

cities such as Oxford and Cambridge. There is truly something for everyone! Check out our social activity calendar for the programme listings and sign up in the office! **If you have a request as to what we can organise for the school's social activities, let us know!**



The Norfolk Broads

Star Student of the Month



On the last day of the term in June, there was a competition to find the school's first ever Star Student of the month, which went to **Bader Aldalan!** He was amongst the seven nominees from each class, who were

commended by their teachers for their hard work, excellent attendance, enthusiasm and motivation. Lucky Bader was picked at random from the finalists to become the first FC Star Student! He won his choice of a National Geographic reader with a DVD rom. Congratulations everyone! The next Star Student competition will be held on Friday 13 August.

Beginners:	Omar Almutairi
Elementary:	Anhar Almontasheri
Pre-intermediate:	Abdulgani Bahbah
Intermediate A:	Adel Almutairy
Intermediate B:	Mumine Vural
Upper intermediate:	Namhee Choi
Advanced:	Bader Aldalan

Norwich Hotspot: Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts



The Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts is a public art museum at the University of East Anglia. Housed in

famous British architect Norman Foster's building, its collection includes art from all over the globe as well as works by modern European masters such as Henry Moore and Francis Bacon. The museum also hosts special exhibitions and public events. There is a café, restaurant and a shop in the building. An ideal place to spend an afternoon enjoying some masterpieces in a chilled atmosphere!

Access: 25 or 35 buses from the City Centre
Opening Hours: Tuesday to Sunday, 10am-5pm
Closed on Mondays
Admission: Free to the permanent collections and café/shop, from £2 to special exhibitions

Meet Our Staff

This month's *Meet Our Staff* features **Helen Rovira, Director of Studies.** She reveals to you her secret dream...!



How long have you worked at Flying Classrooms? Since April 2007

Have you worked in any other countries? Yes: Italy, Czech Republic, Australia and New Zealand. I've also been on marketing trips for Flying Classrooms to Japan, Korea, Russia and the United Arab Emirates.

Do you speak any other languages? Spanish and German.

What does your job at Flying Classrooms entail? I'm responsible for the teaching and learning in Flying Classrooms. I manage the teachers, the classes, the courses and materials. I also teach a couple of days a week (when I have time!). There are so many different parts to my job and every day is different – I love it!

What's the best part of your job? Seeing the progress students make and seeing the teachers enjoying their work.

Is there anything you don't like?

When students leave and I have to say goodbye.

If you weren't a Director of Studies what job would you do?
I'd be a pop star!

Today's Phrases

There are quite a few animal idioms in British English. Here're some examples:

- **"For donkey's years": for a very long time**
"I haven't met her for donkey's years!"
- **"Not give a monkey's": Not care at all**
"I don't give a monkey's about it."
- **"Drink like a fish": Drink far too much alcohol**
"He drinks like a fish!"

My Norwich Life



We interviewed **Bruce**, or **Sang Keun**, from South Korea about his life outside the school. Bruce enjoys a very eventful social life, from Brazilian jujitsu to salsa dancing!

"When I came to Norwich last September, first I signed up for a Brazilian jujitsu class. I had never tried it before, but was always interested in learning it and also hoped to meet local people through the lesson. It turned out though that I was the only person in the class!" Bruce still continues practicing Brazilian jujitsu and recently entered a tournament held in London. Another of his hobbies is salsa dancing, which he's been learning since January. "I am learning salsa dancing at the Sportspark at the UEA every Monday. I also go to another class in the city centre on Tuesdays. The Tuesday lesson is better because we can practice after the lesson. I have made some local friends through my salsa lessons."

Despite his busy schedule, he still manages to squeeze in a part-time job! He has worked at different places and now works at a restaurant as a waiter. "I enjoy working there. The manager and colleagues are very nice and kind."

Bruce encourages other students to explore other opportunities while staying in Norwich. "There are many classes and courses to learn different things in Norwich where you have the chance to meet local people. Doing a part-time job is also a great way to meet people."

If you are interested in adult education courses or lessons provided by local groups available in Norwich, check out the links below, or ask office staff (please note that some courses require a certain level of English language, and prices can be different for non-EU students who have lived in Britain less than three years).

http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Leisure_and_culture/Adult_education/
<http://www.sportspark.co.uk/a-z.aspx>

FC Student Interview

Names: Esther Gschwind and Susanne Wenger

Where are you from? Switzerland

What were your first impressions of England? We thought it looked different to Switzerland, with older style houses, a more historical feel. The decor inside the houses is different too. You also have to be careful when you cross the road that you look in the opposite direction to at home!

What were your first impressions of Norwich? (Esther) I've studied in London previously so found Norwich much smaller – and more relaxed. (Susanne) I thought the river looked really romantic. We both enjoyed the train journey between the airport and Norfolk as we saw a lot of the countryside - the landscapes seemed very "natural" – and flat!

What were your first impressions of Flying Classrooms? The building is beautiful and the staff are lovely, very professional and friendly. When I met them I knew I would learn a lot. (Susanne)

Why are you learning English? For our future career - we are at a teacher-training college in Switzerland. It is part of the necessary qualifications to be primary school teachers to study French or English. (Esther)

How is learning English in England different from learning English in your own country? Here you can practice all the time – you have to! Also the teacher can't translate. You are really "in" the language. (Susanne)

Is there anything you miss from home? Real Swiss bread. (both) Gruyere cheese. (Esther)

