



# OUR VOICE

Leonardo da Vinci Student Newsletter

**the original**

Hi LDV,

"Our voice" wants to thank you for the great response to Issue 1.

A BIG thanks too for all your letters (we have a great time reading them!!!)

If you liked the last issue we promise to get better month to month.

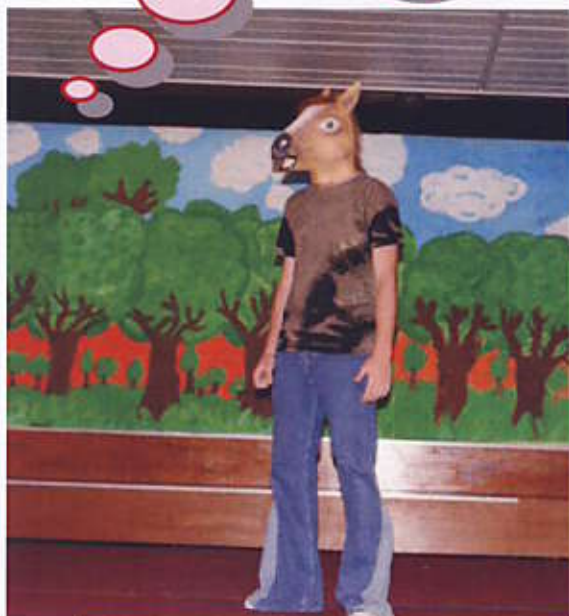
"GOOD LUCK" to KET,PET and FCE students for their exams and obviously we wish 5Sc and 3Cl students a great exam!

Have a special summer!!!!!!!

It doesn't matter that I'm not able to do it now  
One day I'll be able to do it , I'm sure I will.  
  
Barbara, age 8



*Was that real or have I just had A Midsummer Night's Dream ? Anyway, thanks guys it was great!.....I'm a boogie man, that's all I am.....*



### A Midsummer Night's Success

The opening night of this year's English Theatre Project was great fun for all. Set in the 70's, there were some really cool costumes and a chance to get down to some pop classics. The acting was pretty good too.

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# Graffiti: Art or Vandalism?

By Antonio Giacoppe



Graffiti is an art form, completely different to vandalism. Graffiti is a series of tags written on the walls of cities. It's a reaction against the concrete jungle in which we live. Being a "writer" means giving space to your emotions by drawing. It's just a way to be... a way to feel! Graffiti has a purpose, the most skilful writer succeeds in leaving a message with "puppets". One of the most important crews in Catania

designs characters close to each other to create a kind of strip cartoon. Before the "writing" the artist needs to prepare himself so after this he'll be able to draw his own ideas and give a message. People will never eliminate the graffiti movement because it's life and it's alive!

## Congratulations to:

Mr D'Antone and his fabulous Fuoriclasse

Team for reaching the National Finals



Carla  
Corvaja  
who went  
to Nola,  
Napoli  
from 17<sup>th</sup>  
to 20<sup>th</sup>

April for a philosophy competition on Giordano Bruno, together with her schoolmate Matteo Morgia, 4Sc and Ms Pumo... "Studying for the competition was an effort" she told O.V. "but I'm satisfied

*because I won! .....and Commiserations to: CARLA PISI. SERENA DI BELLA. LORENA REINA. CAROLINA GANGI. ALESSANDRO DI COSTA. FEDERICA RUSSO. GIUSY TUCCARI AND REBECCA REINA. THEY HAD TO READ 2 BOOKS FOR AN ITALIAN COMPETITION FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF CATANIA. UNFORTUNATELY THEY FAILED TO WIN BECAUSE THEY HAD TO BURST BALLOONS UNDER THEIR BOTTOMS...AND THEY WEREN'T TOO GOOD AT THIS!!! BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

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## Drugs: death at a low price

**The situation:** "Death by overdose" is a news item which appears frequently in our daily papers or on TV. In recent years, drug addiction has become a serious social, medical and psychological problem for which it is difficult to find a solution.

**Why?** Some years ago taking drugs was considered a form of protest against society but now the phenomenon is more widespread and there is no easy answer. It seems that many young people take drugs because they want to feel more important. Urged on by their friends, their own curiosity or even by family problems, such as an unhappy family background, they start to take "soft" drugs. Unfortunately, as soon as they are not completely satisfied with this kind of drug, they feel compelled to move on to stronger ones and then they need larger and larger doses to obtain the desired effect.

**The problem:** Apart from dependence and tolerance, drugs may cause other problems like mental disturbances such as lack of concentration, depression and an obsessive desire or fear along with feelings of solitude, ageing of the skin, baldness and rotten teeth.

**Our Voice says:**

As "prevention is better than cure", we cannot be indifferent to this problem or be afraid to try to change the situation. We must move beyond slogans and begin drug education as early as possible. We need to make the war on drugs a moral crusade for the health of our society.



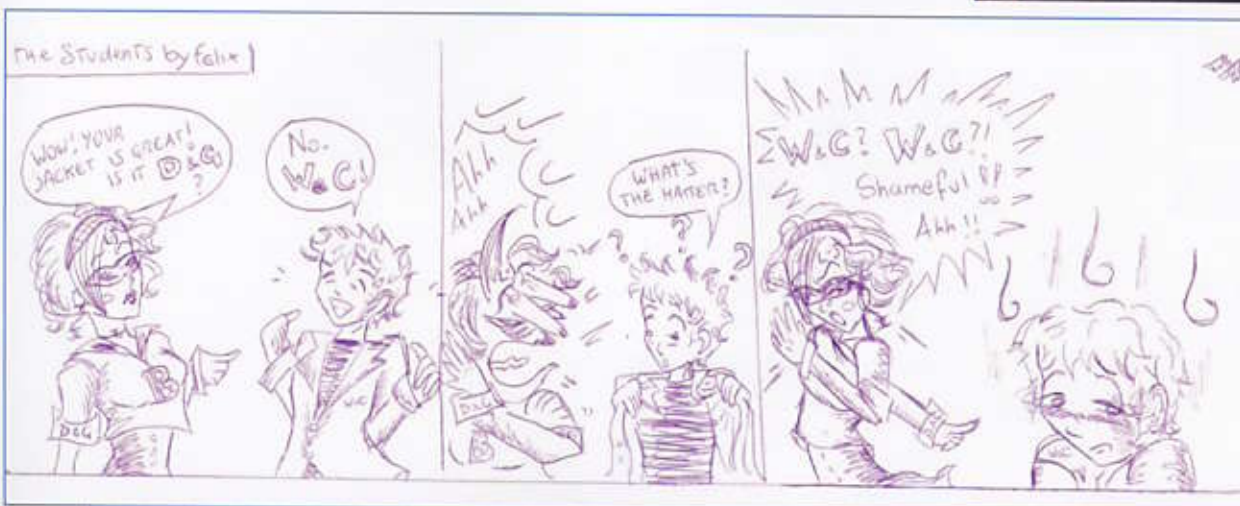
For many people drugs are the solution but they just destroy you  
Giovanni V Gn

I think cigarettes are just as bad

Giulio V Gn

## you tube stars

Check out Vitonik and Gianttek alias Vito Coco and Gianmarco Mandara IV 5c and their Tectonic dance. These guys are good and if you want to know what their dancing to or just get in on the action, they'll be real happy to give you their playlist.



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Hi Poly! I'd like to declare myself your fan. I've just finished reading your book and I wanted to write my congratulations, as telling you in person is too easy. I've never read a book in such a short time. You wrote in the introduction: "To give you the most exciting emotions". You gave me 2 hours of dreams and for this I thank you. I wish you all the best. **YOUR FAN**



Hello! I'd just like to reply to Rita in OV1 when she says she runs away if she's not dressed right.

You have to feel good for yourself not for others. It's more important what's inside.

**A SISTER XXX**

Hi Mrs LOVE!!!!

It's 6 months that I've been living the most beautiful moment of my life!

I want to tell my boyfriend that I'm so lucky to have him, to thank him for showing me what love is. He's my life and I know we'll be together forever!



Please keep your letters coming in and we will try to publish more next time

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