



Fyling Hall Matters

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Death of the Russian UN ambassador

On the 20th of February, Russian UN ambassador Vitaly Churkin passed away due to heart failure in the Presbyterian Hospital in New York, where he was rushed to after experiencing certain heart problems earlier that morning.

The permanent Russian ambassador to the United Nations has been an extremely controversial figure in representing the permanent member on the UN Security Council throughout the years. He has been known for vetoing significant UN resolutions regarding the Russian involvement in the conflict in Eastern Ukraine and the Russian military actions in Syria, where he famously supported the Russian political interests in supporting the Syrian government forces of President Bashar-al Assad in their effort to crush the rebel forces during the brutal ongoing conflict.

The announcement of his death was met with shock in the UN headquarters, when it was delivered during one of its sessions. Throughout his career as the Russian representative in New York, Churkin has been a force towards friendly US-Russian relations, amidst the current affairs regarding Donald Trump's presidency, a suitable replacement for Churkin could indeed play a crucial role in the possible improvement of these countries relations, which could even possibly result in an abolishment of the US imposed sanctions.

Churkin was one of the first Soviets to appear before the US Congressional Committee in the House of Representatives, hence having an impressive familiarity with diplomacy between the constantly rivalling US & Russia and trying his best to mediate the relations of the CIS and the West.

Vitaly Churkin's death follows an especially suspicious sequence of deaths of Russian diplomats around the world, following Russia's controversial political actions. Russia's ambassador to Turkey was shot last year before Christmas by a rebel-affiliated officer along with another diplomat Sergei Krivov, who was reportedly found dead in the Russian Consulate in New York on the day of the American Election, having died in mysterious circumstances.

With Russia being blamed for its alleged involvement in the election of the current American president, the further developments thereof could be a reason for escalation, which could unfortunately lead to two possible resolutions of this matter.

Would this signify an increasingly growing hate towards Russia and its representatives around the world? As of today, during the turmoil between East and West, could these occurrences be the prelude to a future greater clash of interests?

Aleksandr Akulov

Reading Week

This week year 8 is doing a reading week. We get to pick our own book for the whole week and we have to try and read them all. Every English lesson we get to read in the first five minutes which means we get to practise our vocabulary. This reading week will not only help our vocabulary, but practice our spelling and improve our general knowledge. As Dr Seuss once said 'The more that you read, the more you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.'

Olivia Coates

Words of the Week

This week Next week

Tricky: **outspoken** **fluent**

Trickier: **clamorous** **articulate**

Trickiest: **vociferous** **loquacious**

Fyling Hall Needs You!!

Mrs Carpenter, from the PTA, would like to draw parents' attention to the website 'Easy Funding'. Fyling Hall is listed on this webpage, and if you register on this site then shop at Amazon, Argos, Sainsbury's (as well as many other shops) a proportion of your spend goes directly to our Fyling Hall PTA—which of course benefits the school!

Please remember too that Sainsbury's is handing out "Active Kids" vouchers to all shoppers until the 2nd May. Fyling Hall is collecting these vouchers, so please hand them in to Mrs Blackie in the office, and then we can buy sports equipment for the school.

Hard Work, Determination and Fyling Hall Lead to Success for Meriam

Meriam Altaf is a former pupil from the Ukraine, now studying law at university. She arrived with little English during year 10 but her determination to succeed has seen her achieve incredible success. She writes here about her time at Fyling Hall.

Education is the key to success and Fyling Hall has this key. When I first arrived at the school I was very confused and scared of being in the new environment. However, after a few months I have understood that this is the best thing that could possibly happen to me. As Fyling Hall is a very multicultural school I had the opportunity to learn new languages, cultures and traditions from all over the world. The school gives all and everything to their pupils in order to make them responsible and bright young adults.

Fyling Hall is safe and secure, and it is the duty of teachers and matrons to make sure that every student is fed, attends classes, exercises, and sleeps not less than 7 hours before the next school day. This is perhaps the biggest difference between Fyling Hall and other schools. In Fyling Hall I felt as if I am part of the family, which will stay in my heart forever.

After finishing my A-levels I decided to continue my education in the UK and applied to Anglia Ruskin University which is located in Cambridge. All the skills that I gained in Fyling Hall helped me to quickly adapt to the new environment and achieve an incredible results. At the moment I am a third year law student, winner of the several scholarships for the research projects and a Vice-President of the Law Society. I also had a great pleasure in representing my university in several mooting competitions against Kings College

London, East Anglia University, University of Hertfordshire and University of Cambridge which all resulted in winning. All this success is due to hard work, however the biggest contributor is and always will be the boarding school which I attended for three years. Those years made me who I am today.

Fyling Hall helped me to build myself and when I was ready they had to let me go into the bigger world to continue pursuing my dreams with the knowledge and friendships for life.



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"The older you get, the better you get, unless you're a banana!" - Betty White



Year 8's German Restaurant

Before half term, the year eight students were learning about the vocabulary used in a restaurant situation. At the end of the unit, to check that we'd learned it all, we wrote scripts in little groups where one person was the waiter/waitress, and the other two people were guests at the restaurant. The waiter/waitress asked them what they'd like, and then they ordered, ate their food, and paid the bill. It was very good fun and entertaining, while still being educational.

Sophie Ferrer

Duke of Edinburgh

Before the half term holiday, at one of our Duke of Edinburgh lessons on a Monday, the night we had all been waiting for: the night in which we would prepare food finally arrived. In our lessons so far we have learnt about clouds, map reading and the clothing needed for expeditions but the week we excitedly anticipated was the week in which we could prepare our own food on the Trangias and eat it!

After working out how to use and store the trangias, the gold and silver groups went on to cook an alfresco dinner. Whilst the oil was heating we boiled some water for tea to warm us up. Let us hope the weather won't be this cold on our real expedition! We fried eggs and bread to make fried egg sandwiches which we accompanied with the piping hot tea. I felt I had achieved something by not only cooking a fried egg sandwich, but by making it on an outside stove in the freezing cold. Our meal was a success and I look forward to cooking our meals out in the wild.

Clem Bentley



On This Day in ...

... 1980, America won the gold medal in its famous 'Miracle on Ice' match in 1980. The title should allude to the fact that this was a miracle and it really was! All other teams consisted of professional players but in contrast the U.S team was made up of exclusively amateur players led by the head coach Herb Brooks, whom had played in the previous American ice hockey team, even winning a bronze medal in the 1962 Winter Olympics.

The main reason as to why America joined the Hockey league was due to the tensions building in the cold war and as the Soviet Union had won the gold medal in 6 out of the 7 previous winter Olympic games it seemed almost too clear who the winner was to be before the match had even begun. However, the American

amateurs did not see this as a sign to quit and instead decided to push on. After a heated first round the two teams were both at 2-2. However, the Soviets quickly scored in the third round weighing the game in their favour until in the 3rd and final round the United States Hockey team scored two goals leaving the game at 4-3 in America's favour.

Following this match America defeated Finland giving them the gold medal and likewise the Soviet Union defeated Sweden giving them the silver medal. This defeat was so momentous that the International Ice Hockey Federation named the 'Miracle on Ice' as the best international hockey story of the century.

Isabella Clements and Henry Atkinson

The Week Ahead

Sat	25 th	9:30am	Trip to ice skating followed by bowling or cinema
Tues	28 th	4:00pm	Senior Netball v CCW (Away)
Wed	1 st	9:00am	Eskdale festival drama performances begin
		4:00pm	U14 Netball Partnership @ Eskdale
		4:00pm	Senior, U15 Football v CCW (Away)
Thur	2 nd	9:00am	Eskdale festival drama performances end
		7:00pm	Rock school concert in the barn
Sat	4 th	1:00pm	Trip to Scarborough's Alpacare waterpark

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