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## DIPLOMATIC DRAMA IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL (UNHRC)

"It all began in the Human Rights Council where I was representing France. We were discussing terrorism in the Democratic Republic of Congo when all of a sudden, South Africa thought that the solution to all the possible terrorism issues in Africa would be the unification of Africa. Well, he announced this in his opening speech, in which he also said that we don't need democracy. And such results will be achieved through iron and blood. Furthermore, we said that this cannot happen and we do believe in democracy, and results through iron and blood are quite inappropriate, especially in the Human Rights Committee."





Congratulations to **Kirsten Lai** in MYP5! One of our very own student representatives achieved the 'Honourable Mention Award' amongst her committee members in recognition of her contributions to the entire delegation. Announced at the TIMUN closing ceremony, it was great way to end the weekend conference, especially for her first participation in this event.

# 11.11 STILL SINGLE 11.11 STILL SHOPPING

Singles' Day is a holiday celebrated in China on 11th November. Unmarried people commemorate the occasion by treating themselves to gifts and presents, leading Singles' Day, or Double 11 as it's also known, to become the largest online shopping day in the world!

The idea originated at China's Nanjing University in 1993 as a sort of anti-Valentine's Day, and has since spread to other parts of the globe.

What would you do, get a relationship, or get 50% off everything?



During this day, all children learn about their parents' occupation, by wither working or taking part in different activities organized by the company. Our school also wanted to take part in this public holiday and send few students to the Mirabaud Bank. During our time there we learned how the bank analyse the companies in order to determine in which ones they should invest and how to plan a budget successfully. Additionally, we get the chance to talk with most of the workers, especially the event manager, who needs to take care of its individual clients and partners through organizing different events.







#### **BLACKPINK GOES GREEN**

## BLACKPINK RECEIVES MBE HONORS FROM KING CHARLES III

On November 22, the popular K-pop group, Blackpink, arrived at Buckingham Palace with the South Korean President as the new King of England invited them. Since debating in 2016, Blackpink has become one of the world's most successful girl groups, breaking all records. Everyone was surprised when the K-pop group was invited since a girl group of this size has not visited the King since the Spice Girls did in 1997. During their visit to the Palace, King Charles III thanked Jennie, Jisoo, Lisa, and Rosé on their work as Ambassadors for the United Kingdom's Presidency of COP 26, and later as advocates for environmental sustainability. At the end, the King awarded Blackpink with honorary Member of the Order (MBE) for the British Empire medals.



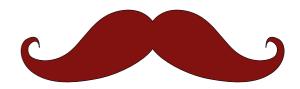
#### THANKSGIVING

#### WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

What are you thankful for? A person? A thing? A place? The truth is, we don't think about it enough. Even if it is a national holiday in the United States celebrated to commemorate a special harvest meal in American history, why not bring this spirit of Thanksgiving to ISA? We took its name literally this year and created a lovely display containing things our own students were thankful for. It was lovely to see the words 'family' and 'friends' so frequently appearing, and it was even more heartwarming to see our students put so much thought into their answers. To accompany the Thanksgiving environment, a cozy lunch was prepared with cozy meals like roasted brussels sprouts, mashed potatoes, baked chicken, and pot pie. Even with some technical difficulties faced on the day, we could say we are thankful that it all came to together in the end.







#### **MOVEMBER**

#### "GROW A MO TO SAVE A BRO"

Through an interview with Mr. Tomasz, we learned that this was an activity to grow a beard in November. In his words, "it is a motive to raise awareness for men's health issues". He thinks this activity is fun and can help people of any age talk about cancer, get tested regularly, and he also hopes that more people get to know about these cancers and treatment methods. Mr. Tomasz also said that this was his first year and that he would continue to participate in the future. Movember is an annual event; The goal is to "change the face of men's health." By encouraging men to get involved, Movember aims to improve early cancer detection, diagnosis and effective treatment, and ultimately reduce the number of preventable deaths. Movember uses the moustache as the driving symbol of the campaign, focusing on four key areas: prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention.

### FOR THE MEN OUT THERE YOU CAN TAKE PART NEXT YEAR



Start with a clean shave



GROW THE 'MO' THROUGH MOVEMBER

# **DON'T FORGET!**

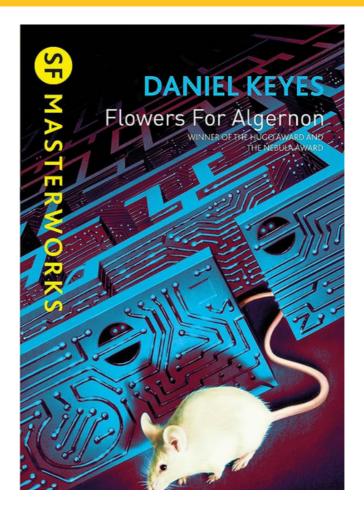


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Want to know more? Email <u>uliana.ovsyanko@lisa.swiss</u> or attend the meetings on **Tuesdays** at **5.30pm**.



BOOK CLUB

Next up on our list of books... "Flowers for Algernon" by Daniel Keyes

First meeting on Wednesday 10th January 2024 ROOM 1.08

## **DECEMBER EXAMS**



#### LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE!

December exams are approaching soon!!! Check your exam timetable, plan accordingly, and ask questions in advance.