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Dear readers,

You are holding the last issue of our magazine for this school year. It has been a crazy ride so far and it does not end here. This time of the year the maturita exams are usually being held, therefore is this an important time for a lot of us.

In the beginning of this issue, we have few lines both from our post graduate and a soon-to-be-graduate students, which are two very different perspectives.

Then, we set two main themes, one about food waste and the other one about languages taught at our school. This time it is namely German and Spanish, both of them being the most popular ones here at Gymnázium.

The food wasting section is a work of our second graders, and can also be used as a preparation for a graduation theme Global issues.

Other than that, we have prepared articles such as summarisation of the online education or a remarkable review of a newly released album. And last but not least, there is the crossword! Can you complete all these german phrases?

Justýna Křivková, 3.C

Hello and goodbye from the world after



The fourth grade in high school (generally upper secondary school) is a great milestone for every student. And it's not one of the easiest parts of student life. Actually, it's pretty challenging. Head full of prom ball, maturita exam, entrance examinations and so and so. On the other hand, there are friends in class that help you get through it. But love and friendship mixed with hate and intolerance and enthusiasm go hand in hand with resignation.

So the fourth grade is filled with very ambivalent feelings – you don't know whether you hate it or love it. Yeah, I felt exactly like that. Until march came and changed rules of the game which I call „normal life“. I remember vividly what teacher Sochor told us in math classroom: „No one knows what will happen. Maybe we will be back in school within a week, maybe you will have to repeat this whole school year.“ There's the time when the uncertainty began.

The first weeks (read month) in quarantine were totally non-productive. To find the motivation to do anything was tough, learning didn't come to mind at all. Online classes weren't as elaborated as are now. My favourite online-class experience is when Mgr. Macek was talking about pets in Germany while I was painting a fence.

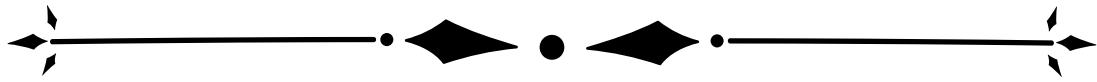
The fun ended when we found out that the maturita exam would happen eventually. To be honest I was happy and relieved. My motivation to study came to me out of the blue. And probably because of this I began to take even the entrance examinations more seriously. It wasn't easy but with the helpfulness of teachers, consultations and effort we overcame it.

As I compare spring school shut down with the one we're facing this year, I have to admit that our situation was a bit easier. Yes, we were thrown into unknown waters and were supposed to swim. But we all were in the same pound of uncertainty – even teachers, even government. And what's more important, we had at least „normal“ 6 months.

This year's graduates are missing something greater than „just education“. There are delimited opportunities of meeting schoolmates, prohibition of drinking alcohol in public and uppermost – no prom ball. This pandemic got us in a disadvantageous situation. But I believe that even this school year another batch of fourth graders will find strength and motivation to complete high school studies successfully and will be accepted to their dream universities. After all, you study at Mozarták – the best high school in the world, don't you?

(the author wants to remain anonymous)





A contribution from our soon-to-be graduate

I think this school is the perfect preparation for further studies, but also for life. In our lives, we are still learning something new, and Mozart will definitely teach you a thing. Not only data from history but also to be an independent student, who can always handle everything, no matter what.

Now, before maturita, I dare to say we are ready, more than other schools. Of course, I am nervous, but I think that we will make it, because at this school, there are teachers who will always help you and won't leave you in the lurch.

P.S.: I highly recommend that you learn continuously; trust me, it will come in handy.

P.P.S.: I want to send huge thanks to our teachers because they deserve it (for making it through with us, even if we weren't always so decent and exemplary).'

(the author wants to remain anonymous)



The peaks and valleys of online education

Online school and learning from our homes have made our school attendance very diverse. Everyone experiences it differently and so everyone has a different opinion on it. Maybe we will return to school soon, so now it is the perfect time to record and evaluate what has been our reality for more than a year (with a few short pauses).

Learning online has its advantages as well as disadvantages. For me, personally, one of the pros is that I do not have to get up as early and spend so much time on my way to school, so it is a big time-saver that enables me to sleep well and spend more time studying or doing things that I enjoy.

Another advantage is – the teachers are not going to be happy about this one – that when we have our cameras off, we can multitask during our online lessons. We can cook, we can eat, we can run to get mail from the postman, all that while paying attention! And when we do not have online lessons, we can go for a walk if it is a sunny day and then get our studies done in the evening.

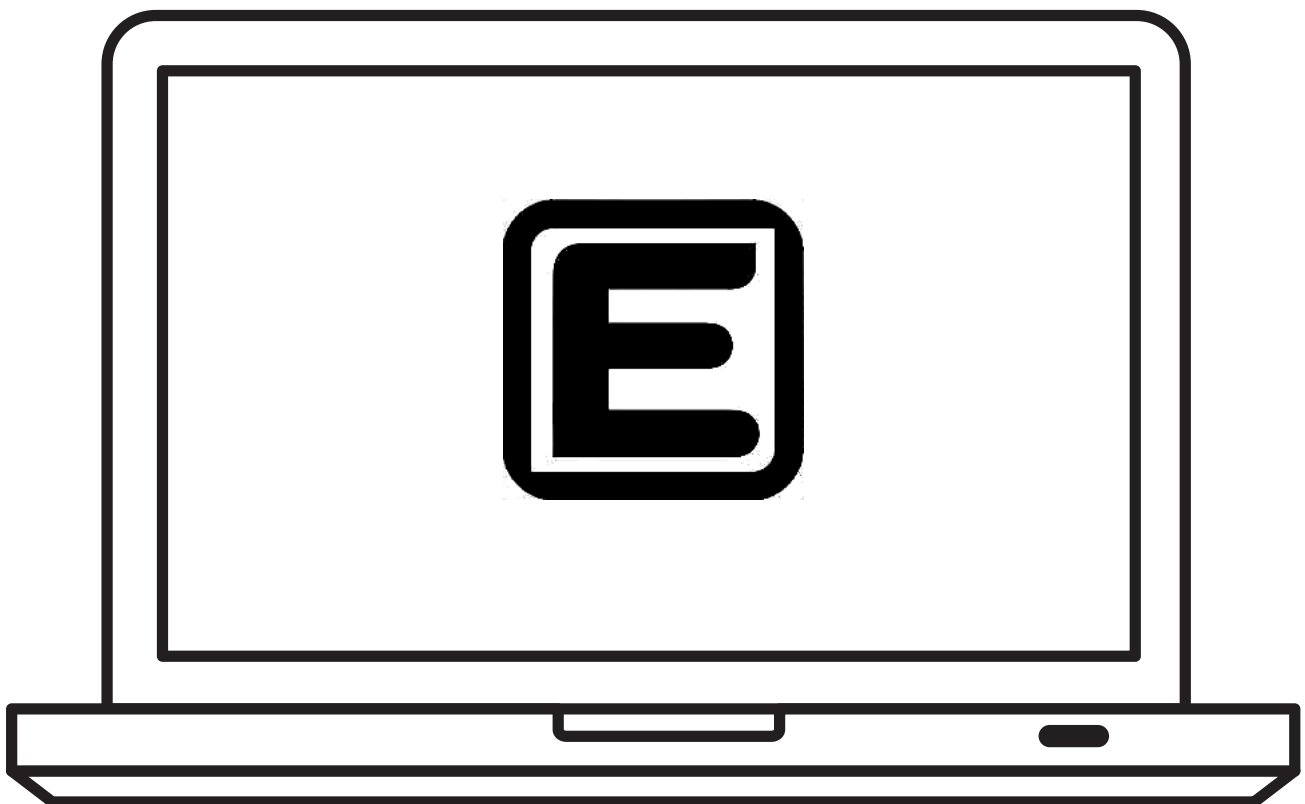
The dark side of being home all the time is that after some time, it all starts to feel the same. Someone might struggle with the internet connection, someone with lack of motivation to do anything when the teachers are not watching, and someone

might be sick of their siblings constantly being noisy in the other room. And above all – I think we all start to miss the physical contact that school normally provides us. Meeting with our friends, being around people, talking face to face with our teachers. Despite all the advantages of learning online, nothing can replace the human connections that we form while we are at school, talking to each other and sharing the same time and space together. I miss walking through our

school hallways, I miss relaxing with my classmates during our free periods, I miss feeling sleepy when we have lessons in the late afternoon. And I miss eating lunch at our school canteen.

But then, there is this very beautiful proverbial expression that says: ‘When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.’ Let us make lemonades while we are apart and hope to see each other soon in person. And when we finally meet, maybe we can share our lemonade recipes.

Kateřina Bureřov, 2.C



FOOD WASTING

Stop wasting - start saving

One third of all food produced in the world is thrown away. Isn't it terrible? In Europe, on average, around 100 kg food is thrown away by one person a year. Last year more than six million tonnes of food ended in the dustbin. Why is this happening? It is simple. Too much food is bought so not all the food we buy is eaten. Let us do something about it!

In 2007, the campaign to stop waste food in United Kingdom was started by the "Love Food Hate Waste" organisation. Thanks to this campaign, thousands of people were persuaded to waste less food.

I have two practical pieces of advice that can help you to waste less food.

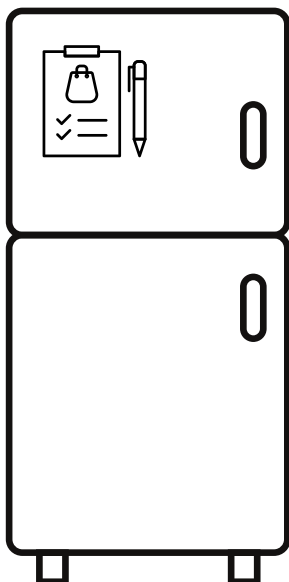
1.

Before you go shopping, check which foodstuffs you already have at home and make a shopping list. This will ensure that you do not buy excess food.

2.

Stoor food properly. When you do this, you will not have to throw away food and money. For example, tomatoes should be stored out of the fridge. A lot of people put them in there, but as well as peppers, tomatoes like room temperature. On the other hand, apples like the cold so the best thing to do for them is to put them in the fridge or in the cellar.

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The picky eater's adventure



Lucy was a young girl. She lived in a rich family. She was nice to everyone and she loved animals. Nevertheless, she had an unpleasant vice. She was a picky eater. She would complain about everything she got on the plate. Most of her meal was always thrown away.

One day she got distracted by a flash of bright light. She opened her eyes and looked around herself. She was horrified. She was no longer in her room. She was standing on a street where she saw decomposing human bodies lying everywhere. Seeing a horse carriage on the side of the road, she started to understand what had happened. She was taken back to the past.

She was approached by a man in dirty clothes. He looked distressed. He asked for a few coins or at least a piece of bread crust. She did not have anything with her.

“Why is everyone dead?” She was still taken aback by reality.

“We were hit by a famine.” He said and walked away. Lucy thought of her actions and she was ashamed of them. She could not understand how she could have been so irresponsible all those years. Suddenly a flash of bright light appeared and she returned back. She swore she would never waste food again.

Michaela Polednová, 2.C

Riverside murder



BODY ON A RIVERSIDE

In the morning on the Labe Riverside under Wonka's bridge a body of a middle-aged man was found. “It was a horrible scene,” said a runner who found the body. The riverside was closed by cops looking for some evidence.

IDENTITY OF THE DEAD MAN

The dead man is Jaroslav Plýtval, the Mayor of Pardubice, also known for food wasting. About a month ago he was attacked by Cyril Mrkvička, the President of the Anti-Waste Organisation. Mrkvička attacked Plýtval after Plýtval had thrown away a half of sandwich. Mrkvička knelt at him and forced him to eat it. After the incident Plýtval called the police and Mrkvička had to pay a fine.

EVIDENCE ABOUT THE MURDERER


The Anti-Waste Organisation card was found near the body. After that discovery the cops immediately knew who the murderer is. They arrested Mrkvička and he pleaded guilty to the murder charges and he also showed regret about what had happened.

SAFER BUT DIRTIER PLACE

It is six months since the Riverside murder now and Pardubice is now a safer but also a dirtier place. “Just look around. There are pieces of food everywhere! Street sweepers have to clean the streets every day,” says the new mayor Jan Holub. Mrkvička was not only the murderer, but also an important activist who kept the city clean.

Jan Zdarsa, 2.C

A letter for not only Greta



April 20, 2021

Dear Greta Thunberg,

I am from Czech Republic and I would like to talk to you about food waste. It is a known fact that too much food is bought all over the world but especially in the west. The worst thing about it is that not all the food people buy is eaten, but a lot of it is thrown away, even though it is edible and could be still used. For example, it could be given to homeless people or to people who cannot afford to buy enough food for their families.

Have you heard about an organization called “Love Food Hate Waste”? A campaign to stop waste was started by them and I love the idea. Thanks to the campaigners, thousands of people were persuaded to waste less food.

I have a question for you. If you could give only one piece of advice to someone who starts to fight food waste, what would it be?

I would love to join you in your next protest against food waste.

Sincerely,

Anna Paulišová

P.S. Not a single meal has been thrown away in my apartment for one month straight. Thank you for your influence and persistence in fighting for our Planet!

Anna Paulišová, 2.C

What about some solutions



myfridgefood.com

If you do not know what to cook from your leftovers, try this website. You just check things you have at your house and it will generate recipes using only those ingredients.

Produce your own food

This might be more time consuming than the others but worth it. Only you know how big portions are you able to eat in a day so by for example making bread or growing tomatoes you avoid buying too much. (Go big or go home DOES NOT apply here.)

Donate your food

Many charities collect food that will not be used and donate it to people in need. So if you have food which is close to expiration date, look for some charities and donate this food to them. This way you do something good for people AND for the planet.

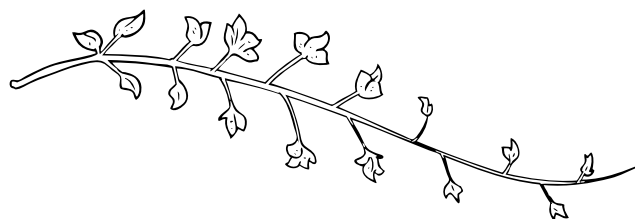
Compost

Whether you live in a city or a flat try composting leftovers you know you will not use anymore. You can later use them as fertilizer for your plants. Do not keep it inside though. Put it outside or at least behind your window. It will keep the smell out of your house.

Do not cook new meal every day

Of course we do not want to have the same food every day and we know fresh meal is the best meal. But try to think of how much time you will save with eating leftovers. Suddenly you do not have to waste hours of preparing snacks to work or dinner. You just rewarm what you had yesterday or even few days before. Plus you do not have to take the rubbish out that often.

Robin Novotný, 3.C



Food waste and the new disease



Too much food is thrown away,
and it ends up in the dump
Wasting food isn't okay,
who says otherwise is being dumb

A new pandemic will begin,
the morgues will be crammed
With people dying one by one,
many countries will become no man's land

Food leftovers lying on the ground,
are being eaten by mice and rats
Suddenly, more rodents will hang around,
maybe too many even for all cats

Fortunately, this cannot become a reality
It's just a thought that was born in my head
This all idea was a big hyperbole,
but there still might be a thread

These little creatures transmit diseases,
Hantavirus, tularemia, salmonella
or plague, to name at least some
Here is one of my theories,
I think of when I feel undone

Food waste adds to greenhouse gas,
which makes the global warming worse
This is not good for animals nor for us,
therefore, we must break the curse

The plague mutates with the covid-19
to create a real a disaster
There will be no medicine,
people will be dying much faster

That's why we should save on food,
and buy only as much as we consume
Because if you don't, you're being rude
and our planet won't ever bloom



(the author wants to remain anonymous)

Why did you choose Spanish/German as your second language?

¿Por qué elegiste español como segundo idioma?

Creo que español es la lengua más fácil que otras lenguas. Es idioma asombrosa y me encanta escuchar otras personas quien hablan lo..

In my opinion Spanish is easier than other languages. It is astonishing language and I love to listen to people who speak with it. Another reason was the fact that Spanish is the second most used language in the whole word and because I like travelling, Spanish was a clear choice for me.

Adéla Pražáková, 3.B

Porque español es idioma muy bonita y muchas personas hablan español. Y a mi me gusta series de Española. Yo veía La casa de Papel y yo quería hablo español.

Because I think Spanish is very beautiful language and I like how it sounds. A lot of people speak Spanish.

And also because I tend to like Spanish series. After I saw La casa de Papel I wanted to speak Spanish as well.

Radek Kindl, 3.B

Warum hast du Deutsch als deine zweite Sprache gewählt?

Ich habe Deutsch als meine zweite Sprache gewählt, weil ich zwei Jahre lang Deutsch in der Grundschule hatte. Ich wollte in dem Gymnasium weiter mein Deutsch verbessern. Ich bin mit der Wahl zufrieden, weil ich den Deutschunterricht in der Schule genieße und ich habe mein Deutsch verbessert.

I chose German as my second language, because I had had it for two years at my primary school. I wanted to better my German even here at Gymnázium. I am glad that I have decided to do so, because I enjoy the German class a lot and I have improved my German skills since.

Jakub Borský, 3.C

Einer der Gründe war, dass mein Onkel mit seiner Familie in Deutschland lebt. Meine Cousins wurden in Deutschland geboren und leben dort die ganze Zeit. Beide können Tschechisch und Deutsch sprechen und andere Sprachen lernen. Ich finde es wirklich toll. Ein anderer Grund ist, dass ich Deutsch als Sprache sehr mag. Ich finde Deutsch klingt sehr gut.

One of the reasons was that my uncle lives with his family in Germany. My cousins were born in Germany and they have been living there their whole lives. Both of them can speak czech and german and they learn even another languages. I find it really amazing. Another reason is that I really love it as a language. I think German sounds really good.

Lenka Nálevková, 3.C

Do you think you will use it in the future?

¿Crees que lo usarás en el futuro?

Otro razón estaba el hecho de que el español está la lengua segunda más hablada del todo mundo y porque quiero viajar lo estaba la opción clara.

Another reason was the fact that Spanish is the second most used language in the whole world and because I like travelling, Spanish was a clear choice for me (so I will use it for sure!).

Adéla Pražáková, 3.B

Denkst du, du werdest in Zukunft Deutsch verwenden?

Ich denke, dass ich in Zukunft definitiv Deutsch benutzen wirst, am meisten auf Reisen. Zum Beispiel habe ich bereits Deutsch diesen Sommer im Familienurlaub in Österreich benutzt. Ich musste an der Rezeption oder im Restaurant sprechen. Ich möchte auch im Ausland studieren. Ich werde vielleicht auch hier Deutsch benutzen. Oder ein deutscher Tourist in Prag fragt mich nach dem Weg und ich kann ihm helfen.

I think I will use it, most of the time for travelling. For example I have already used it this summer in Austria on our family holiday. I had to speak at the reception or in a restaurant. I also want to study abroad. And maybe I will use German for that. Or some tourist in Prague asks me for a help and I will be able to help him!

Jakub Borský, 3.C

Ja, ich denke, ich wirst in Zukunft definitiv Deutsch verwenden. Deutschland und Österreich sind unsere Nachbarländer mit wunderschöner Natur. Ich denke, sie sind gut für Ausflüge und Ferien. Deshalb ist es gut Deutsch zu sprechen.

Yes, I think that I will definitely use it in the future. Germany and Austria are our neighbours with a beautiful nature. I think they are the right choice for some trips and the summer holiday. That is why I think it is useful to know some German.

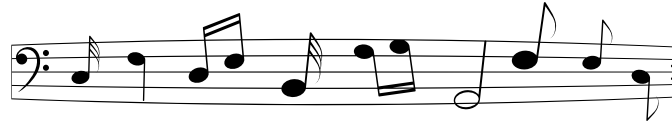
Lenka Nálevková, 3.C

Natürlich Englisch ist die mehr verwendete Sprache für mich, aber im deutschsprachigen Raum ist Deutsch die bessere Wahl. Ich möchte jetzt keine andere Sprache aktiv lernen, weil Englisch und Deutsch für mich genug sind. Aber wenn ich Lust und Zeit habe, kann ich in Zukunft eine andere Sprache lernen.

Jakub Borský, 3.C

REVIEW

"ASHLYN" by Ashe



Twenty-eight-year-old Ashe is a rising American singer and songwriter who recently released her pop music debut album called "Ashlyn". She is best known for her chart-topping single "Moral of the Story" which appeared in the Netflix movie "To All the Boys: P.S. I Still Love You".

Ashe started her career in 2017 by releasing her debut single "Used to it". It was followed by other foot-tapping songs such as "Girl Who Cried Wolf" or "Sometimes People Suck". She also collaborated with several artists in her beginning. For example, she took part in the song "Love Me for The Weekend" by Party Pupils.

Ashe described her album as "deeply reflective and honest, full of stories of my experiences with fear and pain and turning those hard things into joy and independence" and as soon as you listen to it, you can tell she did not lie. Songs "Moral of the Story" and "Me Without You" are about her experience with being in a mental abusing relationship. "I'm Fine" at first sounds like a happy song, but when you dive into the lyrics, it is anything but happy. "Ryne's Song" tells a story about

her brother's death. The album contains two fun collaborations: "Till Forever Falls Apart" with singer Finneas O'Connell, Ashe's long-time close friend, which is about friendship, and "Moral of the Story (ft. Niall Horan)" labelled as a bonus track. To sum up the album in a few words – it is an emotional roller coaster. You may cry while listening to some of her songs, but I promise, you will also be full of happiness and dancing around a room while listening to some others. I think there is no other artist like Ashe nowadays, but she claims she likes music from the 60s and 70s (especially Diane Keaton and Carole King are her role models), so that is something that influenced her.

I would say there are no songs to skip on the album. Not a single song is boring and there are small details in them, like background vocals, you get to discover by listening to the songs over and over. The album is very honest and personal which gives you a connection with the singer. Ashe did a good job writing her debut album. I personally enjoyed it and I give this masterpiece 9 out of 10 points.

(the author wants to remain anonymous)





Alza vs. Mall

Recently I bought myself a new laptop. Before I did so I did a lot of research on which one would be best for my personal use.

I wanted something with a decent amount of processing power but I did not want to have to pay for it for the rest of my life. So after two weeks of deciding I chose HP 450 G7. It is a perfect solution for young people who seek good performance, mobility and do not want to spend all their pocket money.

I was really excited when it came but the excitement did not last long. After opening the box I discovered that the battery was not charged. After finding out about the battery being dead I filled in a report and sent it to Alza.

After another two weeks of waiting for Alza.cz to proceed with the complaint a new laptop with a new battery finally came. I was so relieved that I could finally do all my school work in peace. However the problems were far from over.

Unfortunately, the laptop came without an OS (operating system) which is kind of essential in making your PC work.

After that I got furious and told Alza to keep their laptops. Then I went to Mall, from where I got a new laptop in a few days and in perfect shape.

Since then I could not begin to complain.

The laptop works perfectly, fits everywhere but is not too heavy. I would recommend it to every teenager, especially in this time.

Libor Pezinek, 3.C





The Last Aristocrat

The Last Aristocrat, in the original Poslední aristokratka, is the first of a comedy series of five books, written by Evžen Boček. It is set in the Czech republic, few years back, mainly in a castle called Kostka.

The story revolves around a family, which has lived in the US, but it all changes as they inherit a castle in the Czech republic. We experience the story from Marie's, the daughter's, view. She and her father can speak Czech, but her mother, born in the US, can not. So as the story sets off, our american family with czech roots comes back to Europe, as they have decided that from now on they will live here in a czech castle. Here they meet their new staff, which includes their new housekeeper, Mrs. Tichá, their castle's warden, Josef, and their gardener, Mr. Spock. Their staff expected a wealthy american family, while our Kostka's family expected a luxurious life in a

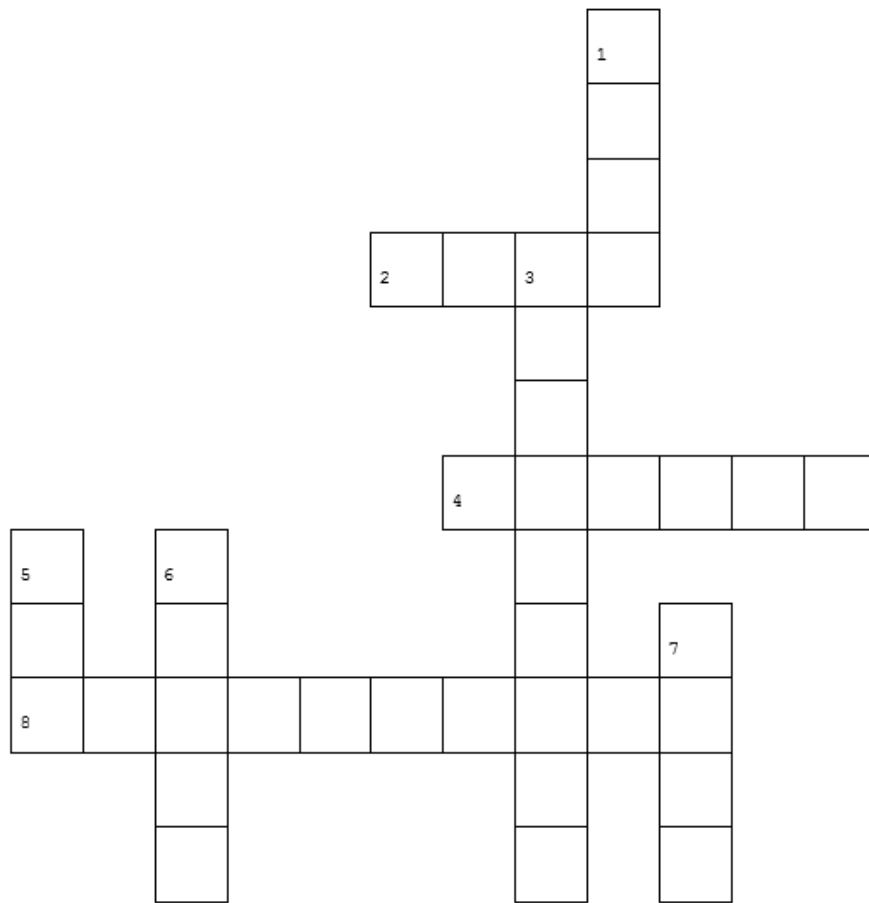
romantic building. But Kostka's having no money and the castle being in a state of dissolution, both of their expectations were soon crushed. There is not really any plot, the story rather flows by introducing the characters step by step and by solving everyday's problems. Each of the characters are comic in such way, in a range from a hypochondriac Mr. Spock, whose real name we do not even know, to always drunk housekeeper or Vivien, the mother, who wants to bet the next princess Diana.

It is a short book, full of smart humour.

It is easy to read and it flows well. I laughed really hard during some parts and bought three books out of five in total. I would recommend it not only for Czech people but even for foreigners who live here, as there may be some parts that they can relate to. And if someone prefers a filmed version, in 2019 a movie based on this book was made.

Justýna Křivková, 3.C





Horizontally

- 2. Bett und ... müssen nicht kalt werden.
- 4. Der Fisch braucht keine
- 8. Bauern lieben lange ... und kurze Predigten.

Vertically

- 1. Geduld, Geld und ... schlichten alle Sachen.
- 3. Die Frau ist der ... des Hauses.
- 5. Wie der Geber, so ist auch die
- 6. Ich ... ich spinne.
- 7. Du gehst mir auf den