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In this issue you can read about our...

**FAVOURITE HEROES &
MYTHS and
IMAGINARY CREATURES**

A few words about our project

Creating an English School Newspaper is an enjoyable, creative and educational process!

This project aspires to involve many European learners in the creation of a common Newspaper! Each issue will be thematic, so that all participants can get an idea of what is going on in their partners' side.

It is a fun-filled project that will help everyone realize the emergence of English as an international language and help them expand their horizons. Using English as the vehicle, this project will provide useful insight on their peers' daily routine, interests, customs and mentality, allowing everyone thus to become more tolerant with diversity.



FAVOURITE HEROES & MYTHS

IMAGINARY CREATURES

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My favorite hero

by Lucas

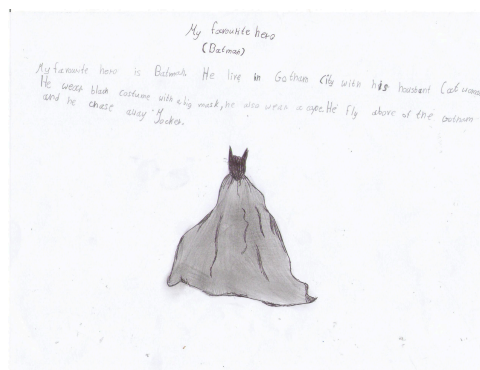
My favorite hero can fly, he can fight and he has a lot of gadgets. I first saw him on TV and he is very smart. He always saves the day! He is Batman!



Batman

by Joanna

My favourite hero is Batman. He wears a black uniform with a black mask that has big ears. He has a Batmobile to move in Gotham City, where he lives. He chases away Joker and other criminals. 😊



Batman by Joanna

Tinkerbelle

by Chrysanthi and Jenny

My favourite hero is Tinkerbelle. Tinkerbelle, Peter Pan's companion, is a tiny winged fairy, delightful and delicate. She is sometimes friendly or unfriendly but loyal to Peter Pan.



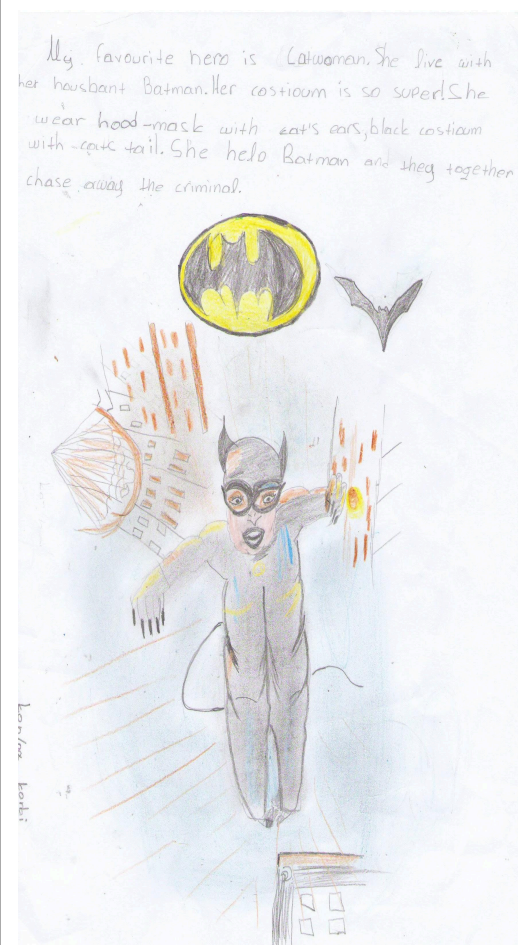
Tinkerbelle



Catwoman

by Konstandina ^-^

~♥My favourite hero is Catwoman. She lives with her husband Batman in Gotham City. She helps Batman to chase away Joker and other criminals. She wears a black uniform and a black mask with big ears. ♥~



Catwoman by Konstandina

FAVOURITE HEROES

Maleficent

by Nick Ch.

My favourite hero is Maleficent. She is a witch, a fairy and a monster. She has two big horns on her head, a pair of long black wings and green eyes and looks like a cat. At first, she was bad but then she became good. She gave a curse to Sleeping Beauty but in the end she saved her with the real love. At first a king stole her wings but when she became good and regretted giving the curse to Sleeping Beauty, she got them back.



Maleficent by Nick Ch.

Superman

by Kostas

Superman is quite presentable. He has brown hair. His clothes consist of a blue costume and a red cape. On his chest there is a red and yellow mark with the letter S. He has extraordinary powers, he is "faster than a bullet and able to leap over tall buildings in a single leap". Superman has the ability to fly, he has superhuman strength and resistance to blows and attacks. He also has superhuman speed, X-ray vision and heat rays from his eyes. He has telescopic sight, infrared vision, microscopic vision, superhuman hearing and intelligence and he can blow out air at freezing temperatures. Initially, the forces of Superman were attributed to extraterrestrial origin, but later the problem was identified that if all the inhabitants of planet Krypton had the same forces as Superman, they would easily survive the destruction of their planet. So the writers determined that planet Krypton had more weight than the Earth and a red sun and the the Krypton residents had superpowers only under the light of a yellow sun.

The biggest weakness of Superman is Kryptonite, a radioactive metal from the wreckage of planet Krypton. Exposure to Kryptonite weakens Superman's powers and makes him feel unbearable pain. Excessive exposure can kill him. The only substance on Earth that can protect him from Kryptonite is lead, which blocks the radiation.



Spiderman by Spyros and Lucas

Spiderman is a superhero that fights criminals after he was bitten by a radioactive spider. He is amazing!



FAVOURITE HEROES

Hercules by Nick K.

My favourite hero is Hercules. He was strong and very clever. He has a club and he wears a lion's skin. Hercules was an ancient mythical hero and he is assumed to be the greatest of the Greek heroes. Born in Thebes he was the son of Zeus and Alcmene. He is famous for his labours. I chose this hero because he was strong and very clever.



Hercules

IMAGINARY CREATURES

The Yeti by Joanna

The Yeti is taller than an average human that is said to inhabit the Himalayan region of Nepal, Bhutan and Tibet. The Yeti has regularly been depicted in films, literature, music and video games.



The Yeti

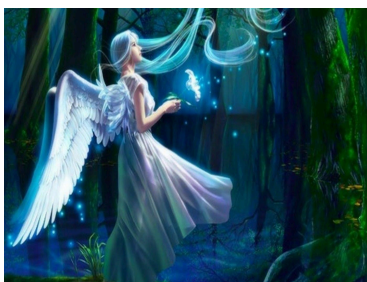
6th Grade's acrostic poems about imaginary creatures:



Good-hearted
However scary
Over the human world
Scary creatures
They are mysteries of the heaven
(by Alexandra)

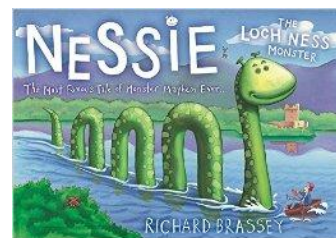
Far away from our world
Active a lot
I love them
Rather good hearted and very play**F**ul
(by Joanna)

Fairies
Are tiny, they aren't
Insensitive
Round and round they go
Yranigami they are
(by Evi)



The Loch Ness Monster
by Kostas and Socrates L.

The Loch Ness Monster, known as Nessie, is believed to live in the black waters of the 700-foot-deep Loch (Lake) Ness in Scotland. The Loch Ness Monster is one of the world's most famous mysteries. People think that Nessie is a giant creature with a huge rounded body, maybe 100 feet long, and a long neck. Some think it is a prehistoric seagoing dinosaur.



Godzilla by Socrates L. and Kostas

Godzilla is a monster that appears in many films. Its size changes from film to film and even from scene to scene. The miniature sets and costumes are typically built to create the illusion of great size. In the original 1954 film, Godzilla was scaled to be 50 m (164 ft) tall. This was done so Godzilla could just peer over the largest buildings in Tokyo at the time. In the 1956 American version, Godzilla is estimated to be over 122 m (400 ft) tall, because producer Joseph E. Levine felt that 50 meters (164 ft) didn't sound "powerful enough".



Godzilla

MYTHS vs. FABLES

Myths are made up stories that try to explain how our world works and how we should treat each other. "How did our world come to be?" or "Why do tornadoes happen?" Some myths answered these questions.

In other myths, gods or "super-beings" used their powers to make events happen. Or the stories were the adventures of gods, goddesses, men and women. These myths described the big things that happened to people and the choices they made. They might be about triumph (achieving something), tragedy (losing something), honour (doing the right thing), being brave even when you are frightened, or being foolish and making mistakes. People might be heroes in these stories and gods and goddesses could use their powers to help them or make things more difficult for them.

A fable is another type of story, also passed down from generation to generation and told to teach a lesson about something.

Fables are about animals that can talk and act like people, or plants or forces of nature like thunder or wind. The plants may be able to move and also talk and the natural forces cause things to happen in the story because of their strength.

The most famous fables were written by a man called Aesop. We know them as Aesop's Fables, and he wrote more than 600 of them.

(source: [planetozkids](http://planetozkids.com))



ONE OF AESOP' S FABLES

The fox and the crow

by Kostas

Once upon a time there was a crow that found a piece of cheese, grabbed it and sat on the branch of an olive tree to eat it in peace. At that moment a sly and hungry fox was passing under the tree. When he saw the cheese into the crow' s mouth, he began to drool but he could not climb the tree to steal it. He began thinking how he would get it. So, he said:

- Oh, what a beautiful bird you are, Crow! Your plumage is completely black and shining, your feet are thin and beautiful and your nails look like pearls. Your eyes are the most beautiful and the most intelligent and your beak will be the envy of all the birds!

The crow, who was unintelligent, heard the fox' s words and felt very proud of himself. Fox went on to say:

- With so much beauty and intelligence, you should be the king of all birds. Oh, how I would like to hear your voice! I am sure that it will be sweeter than the nightingale' s!

The crow with all that flatter took great pleasure and at once opened his beak to sing:

- Crow, crow, crow ...

But as soon as he opened his beak, the cheese fell down and the sly fox ate it! Then he turned to the crow and said:

- Crow, you fool, stop singing with your ugly voice! If you were a little cleverer, now your tummy would be full and mine empty, but you' re a fool and I ate the cheese. Bye now, and be more careful with those that flatter you because you can be fooled again!

"The Trojan Horse" - a Greek myth by Socrates S.



The Trojan horse by Socrates S.

Ulysses by Evi

My favourite myth is Ulysses. He fought in the Trojan war and he had a lot of adventures until he arrived in Ithaca. There his wife Penelope and his son were waiting for him. I admire him because he was very intelligent and cunning!!



Ulysses and Penelope

Themistocles by Angel

My favourite hero is Themistocles. He lived in Athens in 527-461 B.C. He fought the Persians. Themistocles is my favorite hero because he was generous, strong and had courage.



Themistocles

MYTHS

The Fall of Icarus - a famous myth



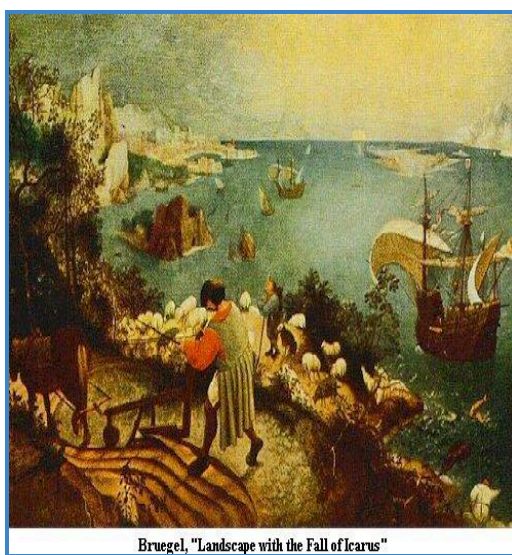
Drawings of the fall of Icarus by
Socrates S. and Konstandina



Click on the feather to watch a video by
Jenny, Chrysanthi and Evil

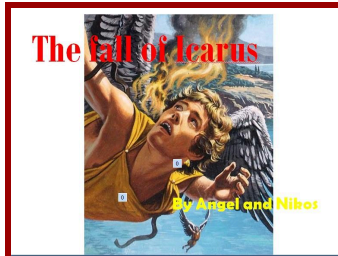


Click on the wings to watch a video by
Nick Ch. and Jim



Bruegel, "Landscape with the Fall of Icarus"

Click on the painting to watch a video by
Lucas



Click on Icarus to watch
a video by Angel and
Nick and learn more
about this famous myth

One last hero before
we go...

Thor by Nick, Kostas
and Jim

Our favourite hero is
Thor. He is clever and
very strong. He has a
big hammer. Thor is the
red-haired and bearded
god of thunder and
lightning in the German
and Scandinavian
mythology. He is the son
of Odin and Jordana.
While Odin is a god of
the powerful and
aristocratic, Thor is
more a common man,
often teaming with people
against other gods. We
chose this hero because
he is clever and very
strong.



Thor

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Favourite heroes & myths

JASON

Son of the Aison. His uncle, Pelias, took the throne from his brother.

Jason lived to the Pilio (one mountain) with Hiron, half man and half horse.

When grew came back and asked the throne from his uncle.

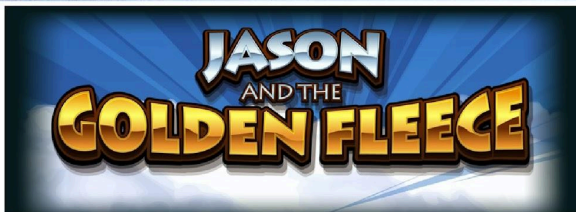
His uncle send him to bring the "golden fleece" from the land of Eiti.

Jason made "Argo" and with fifty heroes sailor men, started the adventure.

After a lot of dangers, and with help of Media, took the "golden fleece" and he came back to his country.



Afrodite and Andrew



Favourite heroes & myths

Poseidon.

Poseidon.



was once of the twelve Olympian deities of panteon in Greek mythology. His main domain was the ocean and he is called the « God of the sea ». Additionally, he is referred to as "Earth-Shaker" due to his in causing earthquakes and has been called the "tamer of horses". He is usually depicted as an older male with curly hair and beard.



Name: Nick Dimitra ☺



MONSTERS, IMAGINARY CREATURES AND LEGENDS

CEIP LAZARILLO DE TORMES (SALAMANCA – SPAIN)

Reporters: 4th, 5th, 6th grade students

Editor: Cristina Díaz

We love monsters and imaginary creatures and in this issue we want to tell you who our favourites are and, also, introduce you to **our own ones**.

We hope you like monsters as much as we do because some of them are really scary.



CYCLOPS

He is a big man. He has got one eye and two fangs.

He has got short dark hair.

He is fat. He eats human beings or other smaller monsters.

He is wearing a brown jumper. He isn't wearing shoes.

By Adrián Herrero (4th grade)

CENTAUR

The centaur has got the body of a horse, head and back of a person.

Centaur is omnivorous and feed on worms and other live animals.

Centaur live in forests or castles in ruins.

They have wars and are interested in running and killing other beings.

By Juan Carlos (4th grade)



THE DOG IN THE BOTTLE

It is a dog and a demon. It is fat, furry and tall.

It has got fangs as blades.

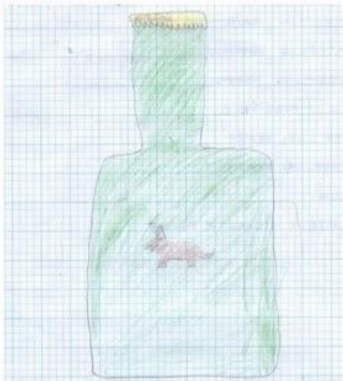
It has got eight legs on its head.

It has got a horn of three centimetres and a crushed nose.

If it is out of the bottle, it eats 700 humans a day.

It is a really dangerous creature.

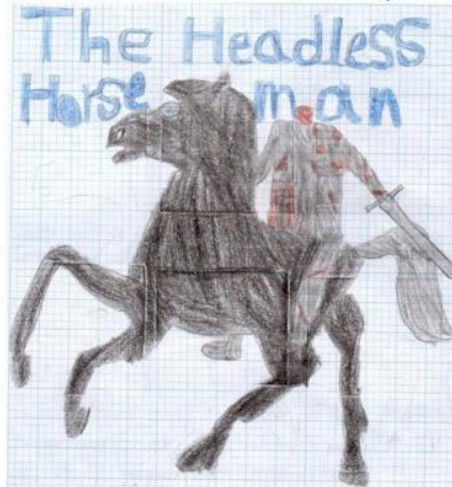
By Eduardo Escalante (4th grade)



THE HEADLESS HORSE MAN

He is a man with no head.
 He is wearing an armour and he has got a sword.
 He is riding a black horse and pulling heads to find his own one.

By Adrián Jiménez (4th grade)



THE WEREWOLF

The werewolf is half a man and half a wolf. The werewolf is very hairy, walks on two legs and has got big jaws. His hair can be black, white or brown.

When there is whole moon, the man transforms into a wolf and it eats human beings or animals.

Only a silver bullet can kill him.

By Yeray Caín Fernández (4th grade)

All these monsters have a **common legend**. Don't you know it?

Continue reading the story Adrián H and Adrián J have invented...

The legend says that monsters all around the world had a day when they met to scare people all together. However, there was a man who wanted to stop them. His name was Vangensy. He went to the haunted house where all the monsters had their meeting and scared them beating shovels and buckets. The monsters were terrified and ran away from that house. Vangensy thought everything was fine and left the place.

From that moment things were worse. When monsters went back to the haunted house, disappeared one by one. There was no monster alive in the house and it was the end for all these monsters.

Who was the creature responsible for this? No one knows. It is a mystery.

It is difficult to know when a story is true and when it is a fake legend, so open your eyes and ears, our **stories** are about to start:

MONSTERS INVASION

Long time ago in a haunted house lots of monsters, werewolves, cyclops and other creatures lived together. People did not know it was a haunted house and when someone bought the house, they disappeared without being heard. Only some blood and corpses around were the evidence that something had happened there. One Halloween night with whole moon, all the creatures in the house went out. There were shots and shouts everywhere. There weren't any human beings left in the place so it became a ghost town and that night became the Souls night – although others know it as Halloween.

By Yeray Caín Fernández Garmón

THE CHILDREN EATER

Once upon a time there was a monster in Salamanca who ate a child every night, citizens selected the child for him. The monster was brown and furry, with orange spikes, four horns and fingers like knives. One night the citizens chose a child from a rich family because they thought her father would pay to kill the monster. Unfortunately, the family was mean and they didn't care about their children's lives, they only worried about themselves. Luckily, her elder brother had a plan to rescue her from the monster and punish their parents for their cruelty. The brother poisoned his father and made the monster eat him leaving his sister go away while dying both the monster and their father. The two brothers lived together thanks to their neighbours and their mother had to work to survive, which was the biggest punishment for her.

By David Diego Santiago

However, there are other monsters and creatures we do not like so much.

We could say **we are a bit afraid** of them:

FRANKENSTEIN

It is a fictional character who appeared in a novel by Mary Shelley.

It is a being created from different parts of dissected corpses.

The doctor Victor Frankenstein was his inventor and created him during an experiment. This character has become part of popular culture.

I am scared of it because it looks like a mummy, it has two screws on his neck and it has its head cut.

By Juan Jiménez Jiménez



GIANTS AND CABEZUDOS

They are part of many local festivals in Europe and Latin America. The tradition consists on a parade of these giants and cabezudos dancing and cheering people up together with a music band.

These giants and cabezudos are several-metres tall figures carried by people who make them turn around, dance and scare other people.

They usually represent popular archetypes or historical characters of some relevance. These figures are made of cardboard, polyester or fiberglass protected by a wooden, iron or aluminium frame. Then they are dressed as the characters they represent.

We are scared of them because people who carry them usually beat children and are sometimes naughty. We do not really liked them.

By Abraham Bermúdez and José Manuel Muñoz.



CLOWN

I am scared of clowns since I saw one like this one in a film:

He had got curly hair and a square head. He was fat and had long legs.

He was wearing a T-shirt and trousers.

He juggled and had got a knife. He was really frightening.

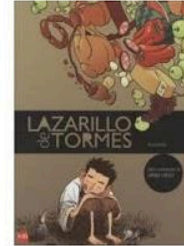
By Chakir Zahiri



Apart from all these scary creatures, we are also interested in other kinds of legends close to us such as the one about **Lazarillo de Tormes**.

Lazarillo de Tormes is an anonymous book that tells the story of Lázaro González Pérez, a boy who was born in a humble family in Salamanca next to River Tormes. Our school is named after this book and the story it tells.

When Lázaro's father died, his mother obliged him to work. The book is written as an epistle divided in seven treatises that tell Lázaro's life in first person and how hard his life with his different masters was:



1. **A blind man.** He is one of the most popular masters because of his cruelty. He was the first person who made Lázaro realize he had to be more intelligent than his master if he wanted to survive. This man badtreated him and cheated on him but he felt deceived when Lázaro learned to do something similar to get some food.
2. **A clergyman:** he was mean, worse than the blind man. Lazarillo stole him some bread little by little keeping the key of the cupboard where it was in his mouth. When the clergyman discovered the truth, he hit the boy and threw him out of the house.
3. **A ruined nobleman:** he was a good man and behaved properly but had no money at all. He was ashamed because he had nothing but his name. Lázaro had to look after him and even feed him.
4. **A Mercedarian friar**
5. **A distributor of papal Bulls:** he was a cheater who sold fake papa Bulls.
6. **A tambourine master** and a **chaplain.** Lázaro became a water carrier.
7. **A Court Clerk.** Lázaro became a town crier.

Lázaro became a water seller and later a town crier thanks to the archpriest of a church who offered him a house and the opportunity of marrying one of his maids. After they got married, people laughed at Lázaro because his wife was the archpriest's lover. Lázaro, who had lived a hard life, thought it was not so bad compared to all his previous life experiences and decided not to pay attention to people's comments. He considered he was happy at last.



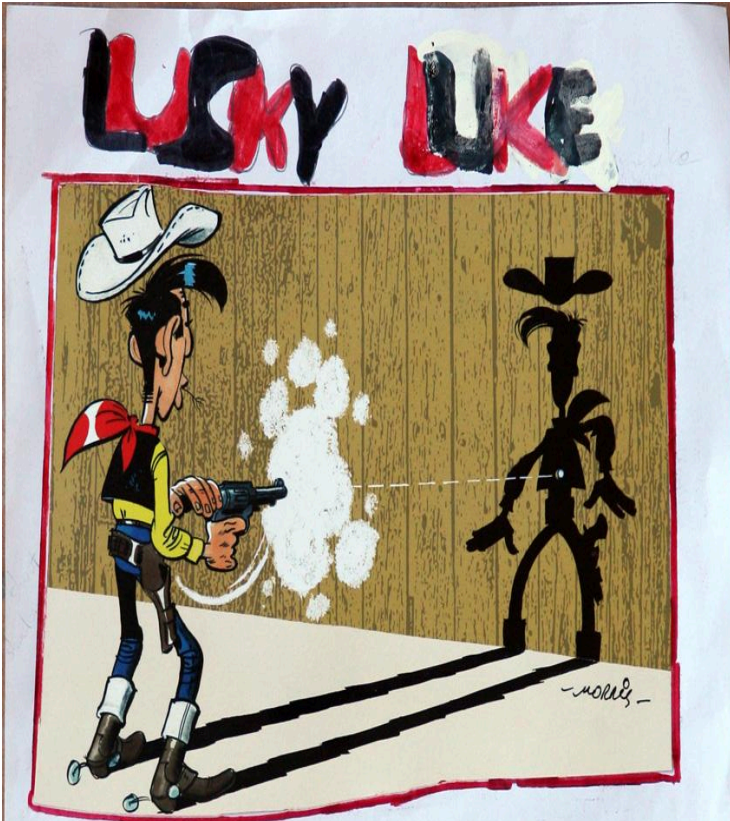
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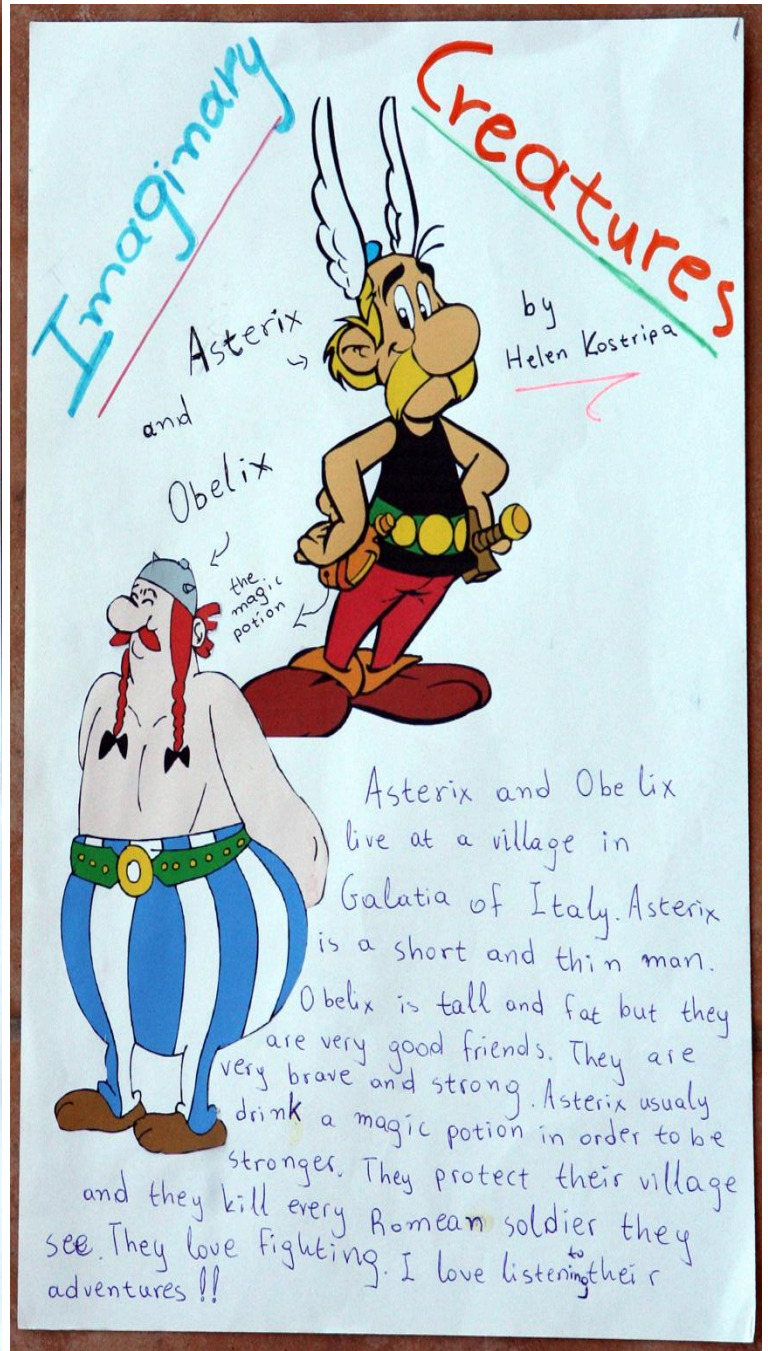
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Helen Aggelakopoulou

He is a tall cowboy and his hair is black. He has a horse called Dolli. He is funny, active and fierce. He is smart too. He is predictable and sometimes serious. He is very talkative and always happy. He fights for his life and solve crimes. But his supernatural power is to shoot faster than his shadow!!



IMAGINARY CREATURES



He likes to destroy things
Universe's saved by him
Large green humanoid
Kirby and Lee created him

BY

GEORGE

LADIKAS



She is a tiny beautiful fairy who is an important character in Disney. She has got yellow hair, blue eyes, a wonderful small green dress, a pair of green shoes and of course a magic wand. Her name is Tinkerbell and she is lovely, good hearted, friendly, attractive and active. Her best friend is Peter Pan and they together have amazing experiences. If you want to see Tinkerbell you must be very observational because she is tiny and unpredictable.

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Tziasta

MINIONS

→ Bob

→ Kevin

→ Stuart

Helen Aggelatopoulou

They are small creatures and have yellow skin. Some of them have hair and most of them have one eye. They are smart and cunning but they are so funny. Also they are playful and naughty and they play tricks. Some of them are cute and friendly but some others are serious and lethal. They are active too. Sometimes they can be boring but they are funny. When someone is sad they make him laugh!!!!

By Areti Moutsia

Imaginary CREATURES

Minnie Mouse is a cartoon character. She is Mickey Mouse's girlfriend. They are both created by Walt Disney. Her birthday is on 18th of November. She likes eating cheese, chocolate and cakes. She loves listening to jazz music too and she has got a dog called Fifi and a cat called Figaro. Her friends are: Daisy Duck, Donald Duck, her father, her boyfriend, Marcellus Mouse is also a sister called Mandie Mouse. She's called Minnie Mouse, but her full name is Minerva Mouse. She's also wearing a short skirt. She likes wearing bows too.

Here you and Minnie are a beautiful town.

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Frankenstein

Hi, my name is FRANKENSTEIN

Frankenstein is very scary wicked and ugly. He has got the face of a man. His neck is metallic and there is a huge screw through it. His body is very strong and heavy as every day he consumes 30 tonnes of screws and black, disgusting worms. Also his black eyes make him savage, vicious, unfriendly and cruel. On the other hand he is very hospitable, playful and good-hearted, as he never did harm to anyone outside of worms that they are his favourite food.

By: Elena Tselekidou

Lilyth



Like a demon
Impossible she kills you with her whip
Like a horrible strange creature
Your life is in danger
The fear is her food
Her father is Hades

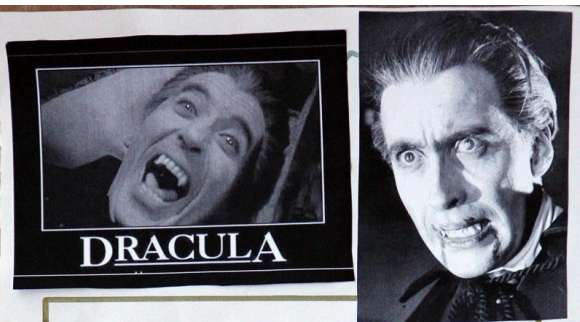
by Kostas Kyriazis

Imaginary Creatures



My favourite imaginary creatures are minions. Minions are little yellow creatures. They are very funny. Some of them have one eye. They say funny and silly things but they are clever too. I love them!!

Helen.Kostripa



DRACULA

Dear friend ha-ha-ha!!!
Really I want to Kiss your neck.
And drink some of your blood.
Close your eyes and come to me.
Usually my friends name me Vabire.
Long we have two of our teeth.
And red is the colour of our eyes.

Imaginary creatures

John Sermetis

CENTAUR



These beings are half man and half horse. They live in the mountains and forests and their food is raw meat. They like wine very much and follow Dionysus the god of wine. Some of them are savage and violent but

others are hospitable

and good-hearted. In ancient Greece they lived on Pelion.

Chris

Tsiamis

Imaginary

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Imaginary Creatures, Myths and Legends

by the 47th Primary School of Piraeus

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Welcome to our 2nd issue!

Dear readers,

In this issue we have decided to write about creatures and legends from ancient Greek mythology. We have divided this issue into three parts; ancient gods and goddesses, legendary creatures and favourite heroes.

Enjoy your reading!

Greek Gods and Goddesses

'Athena and Hera' *by Helen Foti and Antriana Mantalova, 6a*



Athena in the Greek mythology was goddess of wisdom, strategy and war.

She was the favourite daughter of Zeus and was born from his head.



Hera was Zeus' wife and she was the goddess of marriage.

She was very jealous of her husband and she often avenged the women with whom Zeus proved his infidelity.

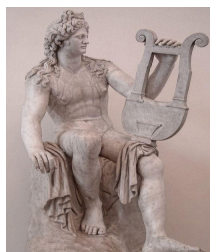
'Poseidon, Apollo and Artemis' *by Stevie Kouveli and Angie Athanasiou, 6a*



Poseidon was the god of sea. His symbol was the trident.

He had a bright palace at the bottom of the sea and lived there with

his wife. He had a strange character.



Apollo was the god of music, divination and light. His symbols were the harp and the laurel.



Artemis was sister to Apollo and she was the goddess of hunting. She protected forests and animals. Her symbols were bows and arrows.

'Mars' by Irene Damianidou, 6b



Mars (Ares) was the god of war. He didn't care much about justice and due to his violent character, the other gods hated him. Venus was the only one who liked him.

'Hephaestus' by Chara Alopoudi, 6b



Hephaestus was the god of fire. He was a very good craftsman and he protected all craftsmen, sculptors, blacksmiths and volcanoes.

'Persephone' by Nefeli Goufa, 6a



Persephone was the daughter of Zeus and Demeter, the goddess of agriculture. She was abducted by Hades, god of the underworld, infuriating her mother, who made the crops wither and the ground barren. Zeus tried to bring Persephone back to the world of the living. He gave her pomegranate seeds and brought her back to earth for one third (1/3) of the year. It was decided that she would spend four months below earth with Hades and eight months with her mother. The period in the underworld was the winter season and the period on earth was the spring.

Legendary creatures

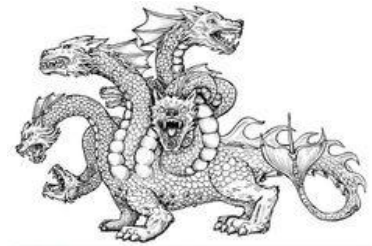
'Cyclops' by Angela Georgousi, 6b



In Greek mythology, there was a race of giants with one eye in the middle of their forehead. Their name, **Cyclops**, literally means circle-eyed. In Homer's epic, Odysseus and his men land on the island of the Cyclops, on their way home after the Trojan war. Polyphemus, their leader, captures them and starts eating them. Finally, they get away thanks to Odysseus.

'Scylla' by Jennifer Muka, 6b

In Greek mythology, **Scylla** was a monster that lived on one side of a narrow channel of water, opposite its counterpart, Charybdis. The two sides of the strait were within an arrow's range, so close that when sailors attempted to avoid Charybdis, they would pass too close to Scylla and vice versa. Scylla made her first appearance in Homer's *Odyssey*, where Odysseus and his crew encounter her and Charybdis on their travel.



'Charybdis' by Dimitra Bimpou, 6b



She was a sea monster later rationalised as a whirlpool and considered a shipping hazard in the strait of Messina. **Charybdis** was believed to live under a small rock on one side of a narrow channel, opposite Scylla. Three times a day, she swallowed a huge amount of water, before belching it back out again, creating whirlpools capable of dragging ships underwater.

'Minotaur' by John Protopsaltis, 6b

Minotaur was a creature with the head of a bull and the body of a man. He lived in a labyrinth designed by Daedalus and his son Icarus.

King Minos of Crete wanted to use the labyrinth to avenge for his son's death, sacrificing fourteen young men and women to the Minotaur. One Athenian prisoner, Theseus, killed the Minotaur and let everyone free.



'The Centaurs' by Fani Markezini & Nefeli Goufa, 6a



The Centaurs were mythical creatures. Half human and half horses, they liked wars and they lived at the Pilio mountain. Some of them were really wise. The wisest of them all was Cheron, who knew everything about therapeutic mountain herbs. He was also Theseus' father. Jason, Asklepios (the father of medicine) and the Dioskouri brothers were educated by Centaurs, too.

'Chimaera and Medusa' by Nefeli Kavvada, 6a

Chimaera was a monster in Greek mythology. It had the head and body of a lion, the head of a goat attached to its back and a tail that ended on the head of a snake. It was killed by Bellerophon on Pegasus' back, a mythical flying horse.



Medusa was the monster child of Gaia (Earth) and Oceanus (Ocean). She had the face of an ugly woman with snakes instead of hair and a character worthy of her appearance. Anyone who looked into her eyes turned into stone.



'The Titans' by Maria Bimpou, 6b

In classical Greek mythology the **Titans** were members of the second order of divine beings, preceding the Olympian deities.

Based on mount Othrys, the Titans were the first twelve children of Gaia (Earth) and Uranus (Sky). They were giant deities of incredible strength, who ruled during the legendary Golden Age.



'Circe' by Maritina Analampidaki, 6b



Circe was a minor goddess of magic who turned Odysseus' men into pigs.

With the help of goddess Athena and god Hermes, Odysseus managed to free his men and continue his journey.

Favourite Heroes

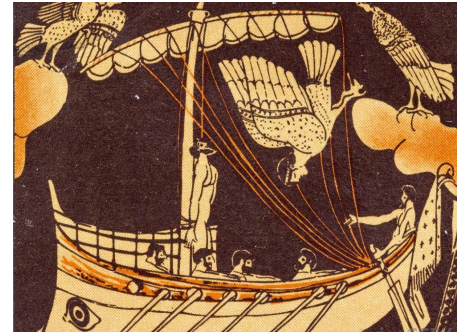
'Daedalus and Icarus' by Paraskevi Golfi, 6b



Daedalus was a skillful craftsman and artist. He went to Crete with his son, **Icarus** to make a labyrinth for King Minos. But after that King Minos kept them there. One day Daedalus had an idea; to make wings out of feathers and secure them with string and wax. He and his son wanted to fly from Crete to Athens (see Issue 1 for a map of Greece). Somewhere above the islands of Icaria and Samos, Icarus flew too close to the sun. The blazing sun softened the wax which held the feathers together. They came off and he fell into the Icarian sea, which was named after him.

'Odysseus' by Catherine Marinou, Christina Charatse, 6a & Stelios Gournikis, 6b

Odysseus (Ulysses) was a legendary hero in Greek mythology, king of Ithaca island and the main protagonist of Homer's epic, 'The Odyssey'. After the destruction of Troy, god of the sea, Poseidon did not let him return to his country. For ten years he was wandering about to unknown lands, having many dangerous adventures. He managed to return to Ithaca due to his effort and persistence. Odysseus is known as the symbol of will, an eloquent speaker, ingenious and cunning.



The Labours of Hercules

Hercules or Heracles, son of god Zeus and mortal Alcmene was a man of incredible strength but also the target of Hera's jealousy. She was the cause of all his troubles, one of which was to kill his own family. To atone for his crime, he was given twelve labours by Eurystheus, king of Tiryns.

'The Cerynithian Hind' by Konstantinos Kondylis, 6b

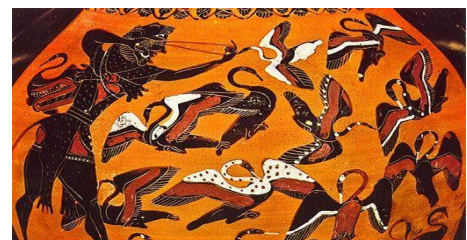


One of the labours was the Cerynithian Hind. This labour was about a deer with gold horns and very fast legs. Hercules tried to catch it and followed it for many months. But one day the Cerynithian Hind got very tired and decided to sleep. Hercules captured it in its sleep and took it to Eurystheus.

'Stymphalian birds' by Panayotis Karagiannis, 6b

One day Hercules went to Stymphalia lake because he had to kill the Stymphalian birds. These were man-eating birds with silver wings and claws and a sharp beak.

Goddess Athena advised Hercules to use a rattle, scare the birds and use poisonous arrows to kill them.



'The capture of Cerberus' by Zaharias Lampropoulos, 6b and Kostas Daskalakis, 6a



The twelfth and final labour was the capture of the multi-headed hound that guarded the gates of the underworld. With three heads, snakes coming out of its skin and the tail of a serpent, **Cerberus** (Kerberos) was the most difficult of the labours.

Fun Time

A) Here is a list of the twelve Olympian gods. Circle the ones that are mentioned in our issue.

Zeus, Hera, Poseidon, Athena, Demeter, Ares, Apollo, Artemis, Hermes, Aphrodite, Hestia and Hephaestus.

B) We have only mentioned three labours of Hercules in our issue. What follows is a jumbled list of the rest. Can you help us match them?

1. The Nemean	a. Hydra
2. The Lernaean	b. Geryon
3. The Erymanthian	c. stables
4. The Augean	d. lion
5. The Cretan	e. of king Diomedes
6. Hippolyte's	f. Hesperides
7. The cattle of	g. bull
8. The mares	h. boar
9. The golden apples of	i. belt

C) As an epilogue to this issue we have chosen a poem by Nefeli Goufa, pupil of the 6th grade. Who is it about?

<p>_____ 's poem by Nefeli Goufa, 6a</p> <p>_____ was a young girl who wanted to be as free as a bird. But Hades decided to take _____ away from her mother, away from her friends and her lovely garden.</p> <p>Her mother cried very hard and Zeus tried to bring _____ back, but Hades was smart enough to understand that something was going on.</p> <p>So Zeus and Hades made a deal, nine months in the underworld with him and three months on earth to bring the spring.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>THANK YOU FOR READING!</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Zeus Hera Hades Hephaestus Athena Artemis</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ares Hestia Hermes Apollo Poseidon Aphrodite</p> <p>KEY: A) Hestia and Hermes B) 1-d, 2-a, 3-h, 4-c, 5-g, 6-i, 7-b, 8-e, 9-f C) Persephone</p>
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FAVOURITE HEROES & MYTHS

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Typhonas by Ronaldo Kotsi

Typhonas was the last child of Gaia and Tartatos. He was the strongest of all the creatures of the Greek mythology. The upper part of his body looked like a human with wings. The lowest part of his body was a hundred snakes. When he started destroying whole cities, throwing mountains and scaring even the Gods in Olympus, Zeus faced him with a hundred thunders and trapped him under Aitna. Shortly before dying, Typhonas and his wife Echidna filled the world with monsters, like Sphynx, Chemaira, Lernaia Hydra and Kerveros.



Hercules and Lernaia Hydra

by Mary Krikela

CENTAUR

by Valanta Doura & Evi Chryssikou

Centaurs had the upper body part of a human and the lower body of a horse. They lived in Thessalia. Once they had a bad idea to steal Hippodameia on her wedding day with Peirithou. They also stole the wives of Lapithes that lived in the area. The battle between the Centaurs and Lapithes was even, until Theseus decided to help Lapithes! This battle symbolizes the battle between the civilization and the barbarians and it has been selected for its significance as an image in the sculptures of the Parthenon, in Athens.

Sirens

by Konstantina Dervissi, Georgia
Anagnostou and Chryssoula
Katsavria

The Sirens were birdlike creatures with the heads of females. They were sea creatures. They were all very attractive, with beautiful faces. They all had attractive voices, too. Their songs were so beautiful, that they attracted sailors who were passing by their island with it. Then, they devoured the sailors. When Odysseus passed by, he had covered his sailors' ears so as not to be able to listen to their song and he tied himself on his ship, in order to enjoy their song without being in danger.



Medussa

by **Simona Yzai, Natalia Katsanou and Angela Menksi**

Medussa looked very frightening. She had snakes for hair and she turned into stone anyone who was looking at her. She was one of the three mermaids. The others were Stheno and Evriale, daughters of Forky and Keto, which were divine creatures of the sea. In Greek Mythology, Polydefkis, who was the King of Serifos, asked from Perseas to bring him Medussa's head. He managed to cut her head with the help of Goddess Athena, using his shield as a mirror. When he cut her head, Pegasus and Chryssaor came out. Later, Perseas offered Medussa's head to Athena and she carried it on her breasts.



The Sphinx

by **Matina Halatsi**

The Sphinx has a body of a lion and wings and it has got a woman's head. She used to say riddles. When people did not know the answer or did not understand the question, she used to catch their head and eat it. Oedipus was the only one who answered her riddle: **"What goes on four feet in the morning, two feet at noon, and three feet in the evening?"**

The Griffin by Alex Kostoulas

The Griffin had a lion body, but the wings and the head of an eagle. It combines the two emblematic animals of nature and perhaps that is why it was considered to be the perfect companion for Gods and Kings. Herodotus refers to a legend according to which the Griffins were guards of gold on the mountains of the North and their neighbours, the one-eyed Arimaspoi, were attacking them with their horses to steal their treasures.

Triton by Zoe Diakoumi

Triton was the son of Poseidon and Amphitrite. He was half a man, half a fish. He was his father's messenger and he was dominating the sea. In mythology, he often has the role of the wise old man. According to some legends, he helped the Argonauts when they were lost on the coasts of Mikra Asia.



Chimera by Vaggelis Diplas

Chimera was a monster with three heads. It had the body and the heads of a lion and its tail had the head of a snake at the end. She was the daughter of Typhonas and Echidna. According to Homer and Hesiod, flames were coming out of her mouth. Chimera was finally defeated by Bellerefontes, who had a safe distance from her riding Pegasus.



by Mary Krikela

Harpies by Nefeli Zourkou, Evi Chryssikou and Valanda Doura

Harpies were women with bird wings and Hesiod said that they had beautiful, long hair. Their role was to torture Phineas, the old King of Thrace, who had been blinded by Zeus and could not eat anything, as the Harpies were taking his food. When the Argonauts arrived at Phineas, he asked the Boreathes, sons of the North who could fly, to kill the Harpies. The Boreathes were afraid of Zeus' wrath, so they just scared them away, saving Phineas' life. Phineas managed to have a bite and he helped the Argonauts continue their trip safely with his tips.



by Mary Krikela



by:
Zourkou Nefeli
Chryssikou Evi
Doura Valanda

The legend of the enchanted horse

By Iuli

On a stormy night an old lady came to the prince's palace to ask for shelter. The prince saw her and told her to leave. If she wanted to work she could get a shelter. The old lady turned into a princess and told him ' You have no mercy and you have no soul. You'll turn into a



horse. The spell will be broken only if a maiden will give you a gift.' Many years passed and the prince was unhappy and he was sorry for what he'd done. All these years many princesses came to bring him gifts in vain. One day a young shepherdess called Giralda, who was in love with the prince, picked a snowdrop and she wrapped it in a white paper. On the back she wrote with white and red letter 'martisor'. When she came to the prince he was wandering when he had seen those clear honest eyes? The girl said her gift was a symbol of her love for the prince. She gave him the 'Martisor'. When the prince touched her gift he changed back into a human being, the prince. They got married and they lived happily ever after. The prince decided that from that year on everybody had to remember the 1st of March and boys were to give the girls a Martisor as a sign of gratitude and love.

TRADITIONAL DANCERS

By Simina



These traditional dancers are always dancing before Pentecost. They step intertwined in a rapid dance with high jumps remembering us about the dances of the fairies. Their dance is a ritual with ancient role of protection and healing.

The group is always composed of 9 or 11 male dancers who are "elected" and also "initiated". Their costume specific to the area is generally popular, but there are some common elements like ribbons, red bands crossed on their chests and the staff.

There is a captain called foreman. The foreman is the fastest dancer. The new foreman is trained by his predecessor and secrets and the knowledge acquired must be kept secret.

Another important character is the mute gag, considered in some regions as the very "chief". The mute is not elected but he must have the exceptional qualities of a dancer, artist and acrobat.

Those who come into contact with fairies remain disfigured or lose their minds. Well, there is a remedy: their dance. Nothing is more rhythmic than the dance, the ritual is intended to remove the evil and disease.

They dance around the patient, who is swinging along with the dance. Each dancer must go over the patient touching him with their foot, "taking" his disease. The foreman does not come into play but remains aside supervising the others. The foreman is also the one who appoints a dancer to wear the disease. The dancer is touched with the stick by the foreman, and he collapses to the ground, simulating a kind of trance, fighting with magic of the fairies

Their dance consists of three sequences: Raising the Flag, The game sequence and Breaking the dance.

They dance today, especially in villages in the region of Moldavia. Dancing lost their mystical connotation and became more of a visual performance.



The Red Lake

By Diana



A long time ago, a beautiful girl called Estera lived in Lazarea. She fell in love with a boy who lived in Gheorgheni. This boy could fight with the bears. They loved each other from the first moment, but they couldn't get married because the boy was taken in the army.

The girl waited for him very long time. She was always crying, so that the mountains were getting sad when they saw her. Estera was bringing water from the spring when she was seen by a man who kidnapped her. The man took the girl to his hide-out. He told Estera he would give her gold if she had married him.

Estera didn't even want to hear about it. She loved only one person, but the man lost his patience and forced Estera to marry him. The girl shouted for help to the mountains.

They helped her bringing thunders and a huge storm which destroyed everything. Estera and the man died. In time, in that place gathered the waters of the mountains forming the Red Lake. This lake was called The Murderer Lake, as well.



The Hill of the hangged

By Bianca

It is said that the Church "Saint Voivode" from Barlad, lays on a territory full of sufferings, because at the begining of the 18th century, people were executed there. This is why this place was called "The hill of the hangged"

An old man told that their parents lived in a time when during the nights screams could be heard.

All these stopped after the place was purified through building a Church.

The founder of the Church was this rich and generous woman by the name of Catrina Drahnea.

During a trip to Jerusalem, Catrina had a dream, in which, Michael the Archangel, told her to come back to Barlad and build a Church on the hill of the hangged, which exists nowadays.



THE LEGEND OF BABA DOCHIA

By Alex Chirila and Sarbu Dragos

BABA DOCHIA

❖ Once upon a time there was an old lady named Baba Dochia .She had a son named Dragobete .One day he fell in love with a beautiful girl who would become his wife but without Dochia's consent.



BABA DOCHIA

❖ In an act of revenge, Baba Dochia gave her a black ball of wool and told her to go to the creek to wash it until it became white and clean. She went to the creek without knowing anything. After many hours she was still trying to clean it. Even if she had her hands full of blood and she was freezing she couldn't go home until she fulfilled her task.

BABA DOCHIA

❖ Impressed by the girl's pain, Jesus Christ came to her and gave her a red flower and told her to clean the wool with it. The girl put the flower in the water and washed the ball of wool. To her surprise, the wool started to whiten.



BABA DOCHIA

❖When Dochia heard this she thought that the one who gave her the flower wasn't just a stranger .The girl called him Martisor ,failing to recognize Jesus Christ.



BABA DOCHIA

❖Dochia assumed spring came , because if it didn't then where could have Martisor received the flower from ,so she decided to go to the mountain with the sheep .Along her journey she removed ,one by one , her twelve sheepskins until she didn't have any left.



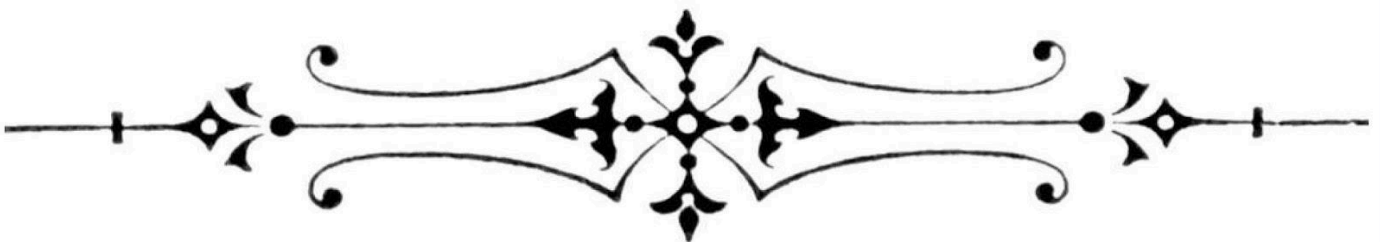
BABA DOCHIA

❖ But the weather started changing. It started to snow and everything froze. Dochia froze along with all her sheep, turning, according to the legend, to stone.



Best wishes from Romania!

We hope you will enjoy reading our legends!



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Favourite heroes and myths - Imaginary Creatures

*Tinkerbell, Odysseus, Batman, Captain Jack Sparrow, Zeus, Superman
Narcissus, Zeus, Chimaera, Sphinx, Icarus, Pegasus, Hercules*



Narcissus, Caravaggio circa 1597-1599

By Stacy

Narcissus

was a

beautiful boy from Boeotia. He was the son of Kifissos River and Nymph Liriope. One of the myths related to Narcissus is the following.

The nymph of the forests, Echo, fell in love with Narcissus but he didn't answer to her Echo. So Echo was very disappointed. One day Hera decided to punish Echo because she was talking for hours without stopping. Now Echo couldn't talk. She could only say the last syllables of the words she heard. After her punishment, she was very sad. Echo was crying while Narcissus was admiring himself. When Nemesis, the Goddess of Justice, saw it, she punished Narcissus. In the end Narcissus died admiring himself in the banks of a river because he was in love with himself. This was his punishment from Nemesis.

By Theodora

Many ...many years ago people believed in the Twelve Gods who lived on Mount Olympus. The king of all the Gods, their leader, was **Zeus!** When he

got angry, he would throw thunders!

Zeus' symbols are the thunderbolt, eagle, bull and the oak. He was married to Hera.

Zeus played a huge role in the Greek Olympic pantheon.

He fathered many of the heroes and heroines and was featured in many of their stories.



By George

Zeus is the father of all the Gods. He is very strong.

He lives on mountain Olympus.

He is sometimes good but sometimes he is bad. He throws thunder.



By Tasos

Chimaera is half a lion half a goat creature with a

snake for a tail. She has got very big teeth

She is a frightening, savage, wild and fierce creature.

She also spits flames.



By Nick

The sphinx is a wild and a savage mythical

creature.

She has the head of a human, the wings of a vulture and the body of a lion.

It is treacherous and merciless monster.

Those who cannot answer its riddle suffer fate, which is very typical in such mythological stories. They are killed and eaten by this ravenous monster.



By George

In Greek mythology **Icarus** was the

son of the master craftsman Daedalus, the creator of the Labyrinth.

Icarus and his father attempted to escape from Crete by means of wings that his father made from feathers

and wax.

Icarus' father warned him first of the danger and of hybris, asking him to fly neither too low nor too close to the sky. Icarus did not listen to him and flew too close to the sun! In this way his wings melted and he fell into the sea.



By Eric

Hercules was the most famous hero of ancient times and

the most beloved. Zeus fell in love with a beautiful Greek woman named Alcmene who gave birth to his baby. She named him Herakles which means "glorious gift of Hera" in Greek. Hercules performed twelve labors given to him by King Eurystheus of Tiryns. For twelve years, he traveled all over to complete these incredible tasks.



By Kevin



Pegasus is one of the best known creatures in Greek mythology. It was an immortal, winged horse. The goddess Athena tamed the winged horse and gave him to Perseus, who later needed to fly far away to help his lover Andromeda. Pegasus ended up on Mount Olympus, and served Zeus with his thunder and lightning magic powers, whenever the Supreme God wished for them.

By Mariniki

Odysseus is very strong and good. He has a bow and he is a very good fighter. He wants to return to Ithaca. He is very clever and cunning. He is good, brave, strong, loyal, caring and good-hearted.



By Nick



Batman is the protector of Gotham city and the enemy of Joker.

He can glide with the wings and he wears a metal suit.

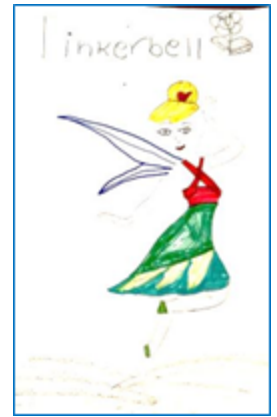
Also he can grapple from buildings and throw bat at enemies.

He lives in Gotham city. A thief killed his parents. Then he became Batman. His suit is black, metal and it has spikes on the parts.



By Demi

My favourite hero is **Tinkerbell**. She has very small wings and long hair. She has magic dust. She is a bit jealous but very good. She is clever but sometimes she is stubborn. She lives in a castle.



By Jim

Superman is a superhero. He is very strong. He has a good heart and superpowers.



By Akis

Captain Sparrow is a small captain.

He lives in the Caribbean. He has long hair, rings and he has a parrot. He is very strong and very fast. He is the captain of the sea. He is very funny and clever. He is a good pirate.



Dear Kevin,
All the best
in your new school!

Happy Spring!

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