

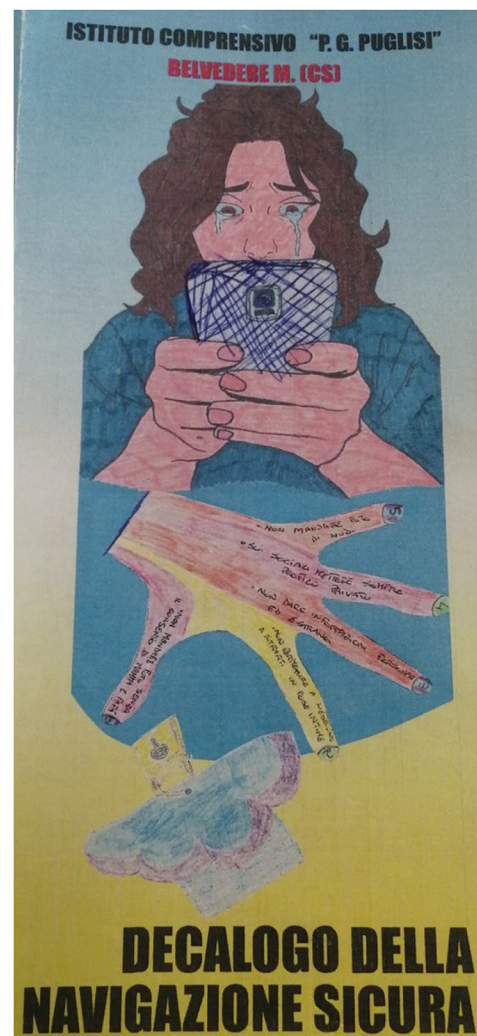


On 22nd March 2022, in the hall of "Padre G. Puglisi" 1st GSS in Belvedere Marittimo, the third students' classes illustrated in "peer-to-peer" mode the Pros and Cons of the web to those of the second classes. The conference was performed as a show. Before this event, on 13th December 2021, the protagonists met the CORECON Calabria experts to promote a conscious use of the web and social networks. Furthermore, on 8th March, all students had an online meeting with the "Cuoriconessi Associazione" experts. The students acted as journalists, psychologists, sociologists and lawyers. The performance simulated live television connections with foreign countries, such as France, Spain, and Great Britain, and it was reported in foreign languages. The young experts listed the positive and negative aspects of the Inter-

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net, explaining that it depends on its use. They underlined the vital role played by the web during the first lockdown in the pandemic, allowing smart working and schooling from home. In addition, the Internet increases communication and allows globalization, offering people forms of entertainment. Then students focused their attention on the danger of the web and on cyberbullying. Unfortunately, there are some disadvantages, such as information privacy problems, spam virus threats and even addiction that encourages those who use it to a sedentary lifestyle. Access to social networks by entering false data represents another problematic issue. It is essential to know if the information sought is genuine or fake news when surfing the net. Otherwise, the challenges on TikTok can be scary and lead to anxieties, depression, eating disorders in children, and even committing suicide. At the end of the conference, a handbook of safe surfing on the net was given to second class students to share with their friends and families. This event was great because the students learned

a lot from each other, had fun, and shared knowledge with the lower classes. Special thanks go to Mrs Belvedere and Mrs Palermo, who organized this event, making it a highly educational experience.



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Toxic relationships



imposed by their men, who pretend to love and protect them but rule their partner's life. Too often, the news announces the death of a woman victim of physical violence committed by her partner. This demonstrates how dangerous it could be to live close to a man that considers his partner an inferior creature of his property. Nowadays, some laws protect women from male abuse and violence, but girls and women have to take life into their hands without being afraid to keep their distance from those who intend to nullify them.

Article 5 of the 2030 Agenda aims to eliminate all gender differences between men and women with the hope of creating a world of peace and equality. Nevertheless, we live in the Third Millennium; one of the scourges of our society is male chauvinism, that is, the superior attitude of men over women. In this toxic relationship, women are demoralized and discouraged by their partners. Women consider themselves tiny, invisible beings and hate their physical appearance and character. These women consistently receive offences and prejudices that make them think they are not perfect and suitable to explore the world outside their home. They live daily in fear of physical, sexual and psychological violence.

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The immortal Queen

This year Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her 96th birthday. Her is the longest reign in the history of the British monarchy. The British sovereign has gone through different historical and cultural periods in almost a century of her life. With the advent of the web, the figure of the queen has become an icon on social media. A continuous source of inspiration for meme creators who have leveraged its longevity and stubbornness in wanting to stay on the throne: memes that, after all, have made her even more popular. The most beautiful memes on an (almost) immortal woman are from her



colourful clothes to family stories. But let's face it, there are few certainties in life, and one of them is that the queen is immortal. What about the colourful clothes that made her become an icon of style in her way. Name a colour, and you

will indeed have seen it worn by Elizabeth II. A love for bright colours that to someone reminded another symbol of the British world: the Teletubbies.

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TEENS vs PARENTS

During adolescence, children have problems with their parents. They quarrel about dressing, make-up and returning home too late, the excessive use of technological tools and social networks. Some teenagers are increasingly detached from their parents, so they try to do whatever they want; others interrupt the dialogue because they feel continually judged. It may be challenging to communicate and understand each other because of the age difference. Parents consider this difference positive as an additional experience that children lack. It is also difficult to understand one another because of their different roles: parents feel responsible for their children. They would like to direct them for the best in life, but sometimes this imposition produces only conflicts. As they grow up, children desire more autonomy but sometimes are unaware of the risks they face. Teenagers are too grown up to be controlled by their parents, but they are too young to do without parental guidance. The solution is to respect and recognize their needs by opening a sincere and constructive dialogue. Parents must learn to appreciate the growing demands of children's freedom, giving them confidence and

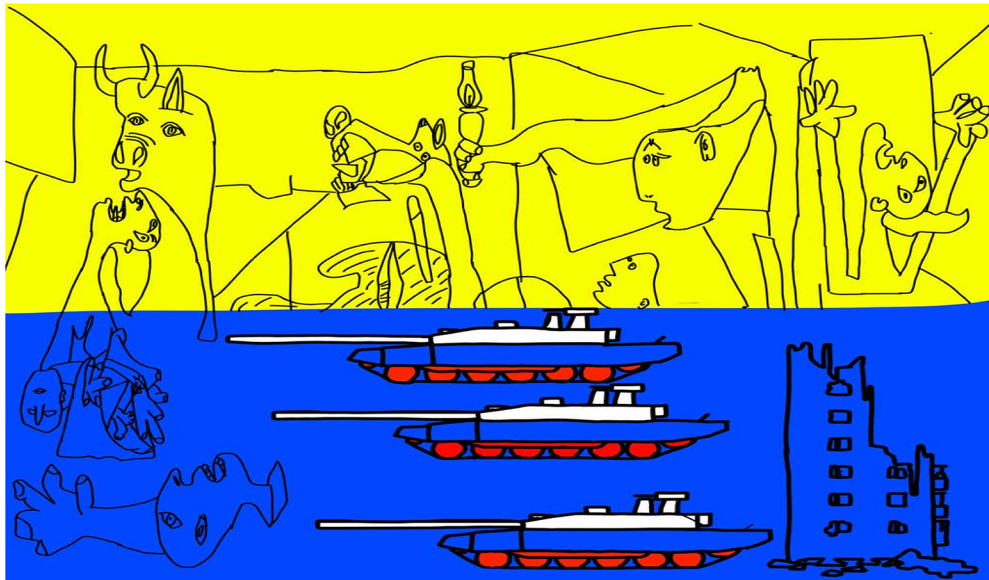
teaching them to choose for themselves. On the other hand, children must respect their parents' sense of responsibility and appreciate their increased experience.



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El amanecer de una nueva guerra

El conflicto entre Rusia y Ucrania



La crisis entre Ucrania y Rusia no estalló de repente sino que deriva de un conflicto ya existente cuando esta última quería reconquistar los territorios pertenecientes a la antigua Unión Soviética y ahora se ha movido para cumplir con este propósito. El estallido de la nueva crisis entre ambos países se remonta a finales de 2021. Desde noviembre del año pasado, las tensiones han aumentado repentinamente con el envío de numerosos militares a la frontera por parte de Rusia y el Go-

bierno ucraniano ha elevado el nivel de alarma por un posible ataque de Putin o del gobernador ruso. Posteriormente, en la noche del 24 de febrero, Rusia dio luz verde a la invasión de Ucrania, lanzando bombardeos en varias partes de Ucrania y conquistando sus antiguos territorios. Las condiciones de vida en Ucrania son actualmente bastante difíciles, y muchos ucranianos dejan su país natal para aterrizar en naciones menos conflictivas porque no todos están de acuerdo con la ideología de Putin.

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Do you vamp?

Vamping consists of staying awake until dawn, sharing posts, and messages, playing games, watching videos, or scrolling through the feeds of social networks. It is a phenomenon that mainly affects pre-teens and teens. It has increased during the pandemic because virtual life sometimes replaced genuine relationships. The spread of the term vamping on the web seems to refer to 2014, when a New York Times article investigated the characteristics of this trend, presenting users who have this type of online habit as “social media vampires”. Like vampires, THE VAMPERS are active at night and sometimes fall asleep during the day. But why do young people live this way? Because they believe it is more popular or because it is the only moment of the day when teenagers are free to act on social networks to meet new friends, play online video games, and do online challenges. It could be a rebellion against their parents’ control or the peer pressure influence. What is sure is that they get addicted to electronic devices overnight. But all of this has side effects like irritability due to insufficient rest, mood disorders such as anxiety, depression, antisocial behaviours, eating disorders, and eye problems. Most of all, VAMPERS have serious difficulty concentrating on school work. But the real reasons that can explain this phenomenon could be more severe than just a temporary trend. Young people often prefer to take refuge in the virtual world because the real one is not what they want. Some young people feel uncomfortable with their bodies or feel inadequate to establish genuine social



relationships. Sometimes their families have social or economic problems, and they try to escape from these troubles. Instead, in the virtual world, everything is built according to their will so that they feel comfortable and protected. They also create a virtual image corresponding to what they would like. So, before judging or preaching, it could be better to understand that VAMPING is a phenomenon that reflects the contradictions and the frailties of a society created by adults in which young people try to find their place. Unfortunately, this society is cruel and unfair, and young people cannot find a place in it, so they take refuge in their world and become VAMPERS...

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