Dear Colleagues,

What a joy to be writing to you once again! I hope you had a lovely summer, had a good rest and are now ready to face your classes full of enthusiasm and pep!

I was told that the MSD 7 Dickens Conference was a great success! That it was the best of all the MSDs. That they are getting better and better. I am ever so glad. The SKY should be our limit!

This is all due to the Dickens Staff who put all their hearts and souls in this event, to Stella, Fernando, Fabian , Laura, Silvana, to Paty the creator of the first Dream, and specially to you External Teachers and to the Schools and their Teachers. I am sure that the number of people involved is endless and my gratitude and that of the Dickens is immense.

I also heard that for the first time one of our speakers, Alejandro de Barbieri, gave a talk in Spanish. A talk that moved some of the audience to tears. Basically his message was 'Stop blaming your parents for what you are.' Thank you Alejandro for helping me achieve redemption.

I am no longer to blame for the way I raised my children! I am not guilty any more! Pity I discovered this when I am 76 going for 77 but as the saying goes "better late than never".

I am so sorry I was unable to attend the MSD 7 but my husband and I were in the country and he has been unwell lately so I didn't dare to leave him by himself. Well, not quite by himself as Baltita our cat is always with us.

The Dickens Team, Andrea, Stella, Paty and I wish you all the best and may 2016 be an excellent year for you and your students!
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We're going to England!

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What an outstanding event we celebrated last 16th February when the seventh edition of Mid Summer Dream - *Planting the seeds of Independent Learning* - was held at Dazzler Hotel!
We were thrilled to bits to see an enthusiastic audience of more than 250 teachers eager to take part and share their opinions and knowledge with peers.

The opening plenary was given by the prestigious Mr Mario Herrera whose resourceful talk was motivating and enriching. Once he finished, the audience had the chance of choosing among the practical workshops of our well-known speakers: Ms Teresa Gallette, Ms Verónica Jara, Ms Elena Modselewski, Ms Silvia Rovegno, Ms Florencia Romero & Ms Fiorella Diaz and Ms Inés Sapelli, whose talks were highly praised by the attendees. Lunchtime was the perfect occasion to rock.

Teachers had the greatest time taking pictures in the Rolling Stones stand in order to win two tickets for the concert. María Laura Damelli was the lucky winner! Bravo!! In the afternoon three plenary sessions took place.

The first one was by the Psychologist Mr Alejandro De Barbieri whose powerful presentation received a standing ovation. The next ones were Ms Karen Capel and Mr Gustavo González both of them gave us plenty of food for thought as well as inspiring ideas to use in our classrooms.

We would very much like to thank all of you for your support and commitment and give our gratitude to the publishers: Macmillan, OUP and Pearson as well as Viajeros Sin Fronteras, Bookshop and URUTesol for their trust given to the event and the organising team.

We feel this Mid Summer Dream emphasised the importance of inspiring our students to learn independently as well as our need to develop professionally in order to become more successful teachers.

*Thank you to all of you! You made it happen!*  
*See you next February in MSD 8!*  

Laura Mesa & Silvana Natale
Dear Laura and Silvana,

Thank you for the splendid work you did putting the Mid Summer Dream together this year.

We know how hard you worked for it to be a great success!

Congratulations from all of us at the Dickens and may you go on with your spectacular work in the MSD 2017!

The Dickens Team

MIDSUMMER DREAM 7 by Nivia Martínez

No matter how experienced a teacher you may be, there are always ideas and suggestions that we as educators should take from others. The theme of this MSD was particularly appealing to me because like so many others I have come to think of our language students as individuals.

The hectic life parents now lead in this consumer society has resulted in them having less time and energy to devote to the vocation of child-rearing; that responsibility appears to be shifting more and more from parents to schools and teachers. As Alejandro De Barbieri said, parents no longer have the strength to set limits for their children since they are too busy working long hours to be able to satisfy the family’s material needs. Therefore, these days, more than ever before, we must recognize that we have a more comprehensive role in the overall development of our students; that includes motivating them to become independent learners and encouraging them to identify, address and fulfill their own needs and interests.

As Karen Capel always emphasizes, we also have to understand that technology is here to stay. As a consequence, in order to fully engage our students and both spark and maintain their enthusiasm, we must learn to employ the technological advancements to which they have become accustomed. It is time to recognize that the power of technology has surpassed that of the chalk and blackboard.

I’d like to start by thanking Dickens for having given me the opportunity to share this concert with my nephew. I felt LUCKY. I can say that we did GET SATISFACTION!!! It all STARTed UP and all of a sudden everyone was OUT OF CONTROL because IT was ONLY ROCK AND ROLL. The crowd including me and my nephew (not that much) were dancing and singing out loud. Though IT’S ALL OVER NOW I will always remember this concert.

THANK YOU DICKENS !!!

Thank YOU Mª Laura Damelli, winner of the two tickets!!
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**Ofrecemos:**
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- Y nuestro respaldo

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This is our **2016 Plaques**. Please note on the left of the unicorn there will be one of the following logos:

This is our recognition to all of you who have been Dickens External Teachers for more than 10, 15 and 20 years! We wish to show our deep recognition for your loyalty and belief in us. In other words it is our way to say thank you and "we are very proud of your loyalty which we value greatly".

**Thank you!**

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**SCHOLASTIC CALENDAR 2016**

Dates on which you are invited to collect your rounds of bimonthly tests:

- **First Round** From 29\(^{th}\) APRIL onwards
- **Second Round** From 24\(^{th}\) JUNE onwards
- **Third Round** From 2\(^{nd}\) SEPTEMBER onwards
- **Fourth Round** From 28\(^{th}\) OCTOBER onwards

皤 Oral exams: TO BE CONFIRMED (for further information: 27119557)

☑ The Written exams will be on 3\(^{rd}\) DECEMBER in Montevideo.

*Please try to adhere to the above dates as it helps us with our organization and therefore it is directly beneficial to you as well.*

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**Copies of Final Exams 2015**

Please put in your order for the copies of the final exams 2015 you need before 16\(^{th}\) October (not later than the 16\(^{th}\), please, as it causes quite a lot of trouble with the organization)

They will be handed out to you until 9\(^{th}\) November.

**Thank you for your understanding!**
Recomendaciones del MSP y ANEP sobre Aedes Aegypti

Estimadas familias:

Les informamos que el Dickens seguirá el protocolo de ANEP y MSP ante los brotes de dengue autóctono.

Solicitamos a todas las familias seguir las recomendaciones del MSP que son de público conocimiento: Evitar la acumulación de agua en recipientes de paredes duras y hacer un uso adecuado del repelente. Por decisión de ANEP no está permitido que los centros educativos coloquen repelente a los alumnos. En caso de que algún alumno se encuentre con fiebre no podrá concurrir a clase por 5 días. El combate a este vector no se hace fundamentalmente a través de la fumigación porque con ese procedimiento sólo atacamos al mosquito adulto y el gran problema son los huevos y las larvas.

Por otra parte, si bien los insecticidas que se utilizan son piretroides, insecticidas comunes de baja toxicidad, si se abusa se pueden generar acciones no necesariamente deseadas sobre el ambiente. En los domicilios deben utilizarse los insecticidas habituales para protegernos de la picadura de mosquito. Este mosquito pica de día, es una particularidad del Aedes aegypti, pica en las primeras horas de la mañana y en las últimas horas de la tarde porque requiere humedad, sombra y vegetales. Es decir que en todas esas áreas, particularmente en aquellas casas donde se den esas condicionantes, hay que tener especial cuidado de que no queden recipientes con agua y eventualmente usar algún insecticida para la protección personal. El Ministerio de Salud Pública no recomienda fumigar toda la ciudad o todos los espacios verdes o centros educativos.

En los niños el repelente debe ser administrado por los adultos y así asegurarse de que la sustancia no entre en contacto con los ojos, la nariz, la boca y que tampoco se aplique sobre lastimaduras o irritaciones.

Niños entre 6 meses y dos años deben usar repelente solamente una vez al día.
Niños entre los dos años y los doce años pueden usar el repelente dos veces al día.
Los bebés menores de seis meses no deben usar ningún tipo de repelente.

Agradecemos la colaboración de todos y quedamos a las órdenes por cualquier consulta.

Saludos cordiales,
The Dickens Team
We're going to

**ENGLAND**

Come to our next meeting! Soon!

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