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# LUCKY WINNERS

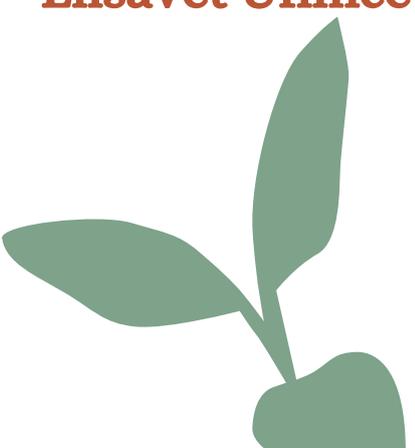
We appreciate that you have taken part in our magazine contest!

As promised, those who have successfully solved one of the crossword puzzles and guessed the song will get a 100czk tesco voucher.

We will send you an email with the instructions as to how to get the coupon shortly.

## THE LUCKY WINNERS ARE:

**Adam Pokorný, Dan Leština, Adam Čejna,  
Zuzana Urbanová, Antonie Nebeská, Barbora  
Dvořáková, Jaroslav Rudolf Soukup, Tereza  
Patajová, Vladyslava Manaylo, František Fatka,  
Elisavet Ufimceva, Andrea Koucká**



# Butter biscuits

Nikola Barková

## INGREDIENTS:

250 g softened butter, 120 g powdered sugar, 250 g plain flour, 4,5 tbsp potato starch, 1 egg yolk, pinch of salt, 2 tbsp lemon juice - optional

cr: <https://catandcook.cz/maslove-susenky/>

1



Put all the ingredients in bigger bowl and combine them into smooth dough.

2



Separate the dough in two same pieces, wrap them individually in cellophane and put them in the fridge for at least 1 hour.

3



Roll the first dough out on a lightly floured surface to 5 mm thickness, cut into shapes and place the biscuits on baking tray lined with parchment paper.

4



Bake in the preheated oven to 170°C for 13-15 min. Repeat the same process with the second dough.

Enjoy!

# INTERVIEW WITH MRS. WINKEL

(Viet Anh Dinh, Teo Parvanov)



**How is your time as a teacher different from the time you've been doing something else?**

*I've had a few different jobs before becoming a teacher.*

*Although, I have been teaching different groups of students of ages 6 to 50, even just part time, for the last 15 years.*

*The main difference is in how you approach students of different ages and different backgrounds. Each student and person is unique, that is something I always keep in mind.*

*Years ago, I used to work as a freelance assistant, helping mostly expats to get around in the CR.*

*After a while, the job isn't fulfilling anymore and I decided to teach full time at elementary and secondary schools instead.*

*Back to your question: I am happier working with young people than filling out forms and interpreting for expats. Dealing daily with many irrational Czech bureaucracy can be exhausting and even depressing sometimes. Let's just say it is not rewarding for me the same way as teaching is.*

**Have you ever cheated when you were in school?**

*Oh sureeee, of course I've cheated!*

*When I was a student at a gymnasium during the communist regime, we had to be brilliant at everything, so of course I cheated!*

*I wasn't excellent at chemistry, so I cheated on my tests. Chemistry was impossible for me to process and learn.*

*I used my skirt to hide the „cheatsheet“ (tahák) I think I was a good chemistry cheater back then. I was never caught 😊*



**What was your favorite subject in school?**

*I would say history and Czech language.*

*We didn't have a really good English teacher. It was an effortless subject for me, no challenge there.*

*I did not like chemistry, but I enjoyed physics.*

*I like practical things. Physics is practical and it shows us how we can apply its laws in daily life.*





### **What is the most stressful thing about being a teacher?**

*I can't stand the whole Bakalari system.*

*I really dislike administrative tasks in general.*

*That's just a nightmare, my personal teacher's nightmare.*

### **What is your goal being a teacher in the future?**

*My goal is to be a better teacher and to help my students in any way I can. It makes me happy.*

*I want to be useful and navigate young people to enjoy learning.*

*I believe teachers should learn along with their students.*



### **Have you always wanted to be a teacher?**

*I didn't particularly like school when I was a kid during the communist time.*

*I wanted to study music and singing and applied to a conservatory, but since my family wasn't in the Communist party, I wasn't admitted, even though I had passed all the exams.*

*I disliked the way the teacher used to teach back then.*

*Everything was so strict, so impersonal and we were punished pretty much for everything.*

*My grandmother was a teacher and my father was a professor at a university. I was surrounded by people, who were teaching.*

*Many years later, while I was living with my family in the USA, I became a teacher's assistant in my daughter's school. I loved it. And that is how it began.*



## INTERESTING WEBSITES TO VISIT WHEN YOU ARE BORED

Sometimes we get bored and wonder what to do. I found some interesting websites you can visit while bored.

### THISISSAND

(<https://thisissand.com/>)

- This website is for making pictures out of sand. Watch and listen to the sand piling into beautiful layers at the bottom of your screen and get relaxed during the slow and therapeutic process. You can use multiple colors.

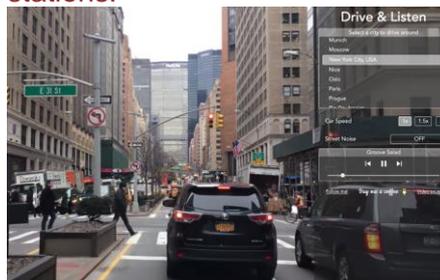


### DRIVE AND LISTEN

(<https://driveandlisten.herokuapp.com/>)

- Do you miss traveling as much as I do? Since countries around the world grapple with the ongoing Covid situation, I appreciate the little things like I used to drive around before quarantine, in a city and listening to music.

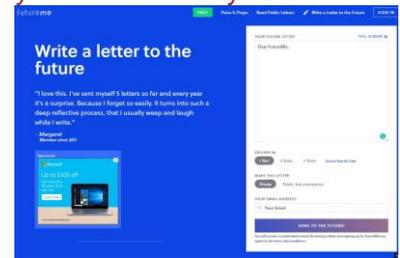
DRIVE AND LISTEN allows anyone to take a virtual drive around one of its 38 available cities, such as Hawaii, Prague, Los Angeles, Paris, Tokyo etc while listening to the local radio stations.



### FUTURE ME

(<https://www.futureme.org/>)

- Would you like to send a message to your future self? This website allows you to write an email to yourself, which it will be e-mailed to you several years later.



### LITTLE ALCHEMY

(<http://littlealchemy.com/>)

- This game starts with 4 base elements (air, earth, fire and water) which you can combine and make new ones, though sometimes you might be surprised by which elements create a specific one. It has a total of +500 elements.



**PATATAP** (<https://patatap.com/>)

- Patatap is a visual sound kit. You can create music and animation by tapping the keys on your keyboard from A-Z. Press the spacebar to change everything including sounds, background colors and animations.



### THE ZEN ZONE

(<https://thezen.zone/>)

- When you are trying to relax go to this website and play some oddly satisfying games (swirl, switch and break). It's like a meditation area that helps you to calm down.



# TOP STUDENT INTERVIEW

by Diana Pokorná, Erika Šolcová and Michaela Petrusová

**In the April issue we would like you to meet Bára Hanzíková, a student from 3. C.**

**Why? Well, because she is one of the best students in our school and top student in her class.**

**Tell us about yourself. How would you describe yourself? What do you like?**

I think I'm a creative person but before the quarantine I didn't have much free time. Now that I have time, I have tried many new things. I started doing activities like

**Why do you think we chose you?**

I think because I've had good grades since the beginning of high school. However, I really don't think I'm the smartest. There are a lot of people who could have same grades as me if they studied more.

**Where do you get motivation to study?**

These days it's really hard to find any motivation to study. My habits have changed a lot since the beginning of distance learning. I procrastinate way too much. But I just know I have to learn.



**How much time do you spend learning and preparing for school?**

It depends on how much homework or exam the following days we have. Sometimes ten minutes, sometimes an hour. I have a really good memory so I don't have to spend hours learning. That's the biggest plus for me.

**Of all the things you are learning, what do you think will be the most useful?**

I think economy and marketing is something I'll use in the future.

**What do you do for your great grades?**

What helps me the most is reading my notes every time before class. So, before a test I already remember a lot of things. I can just revise and I don't have to learn for a long time.

**Do you have any special study methods?**

I don't study in any special way. The only thing I do before studying is putting my phone far away from me so I don't get distracted.



What is your favourite subject and why?

My favourite subject is English. It has always been. I like it gives an opportunity to talk to people all around the world.

Are you planning to go to college?

I still haven't decided. I'm thinking about going to college or taking a gap year to travel. If I choose a college, I would like to study management and marketing or creative communication.



Have you always prepared for class and been the best one there?

I have always had good grades. My habits are the same now as they were when I was younger so maybe that's the reason I get good grades.

What do you want to do in your life? What is your goal?

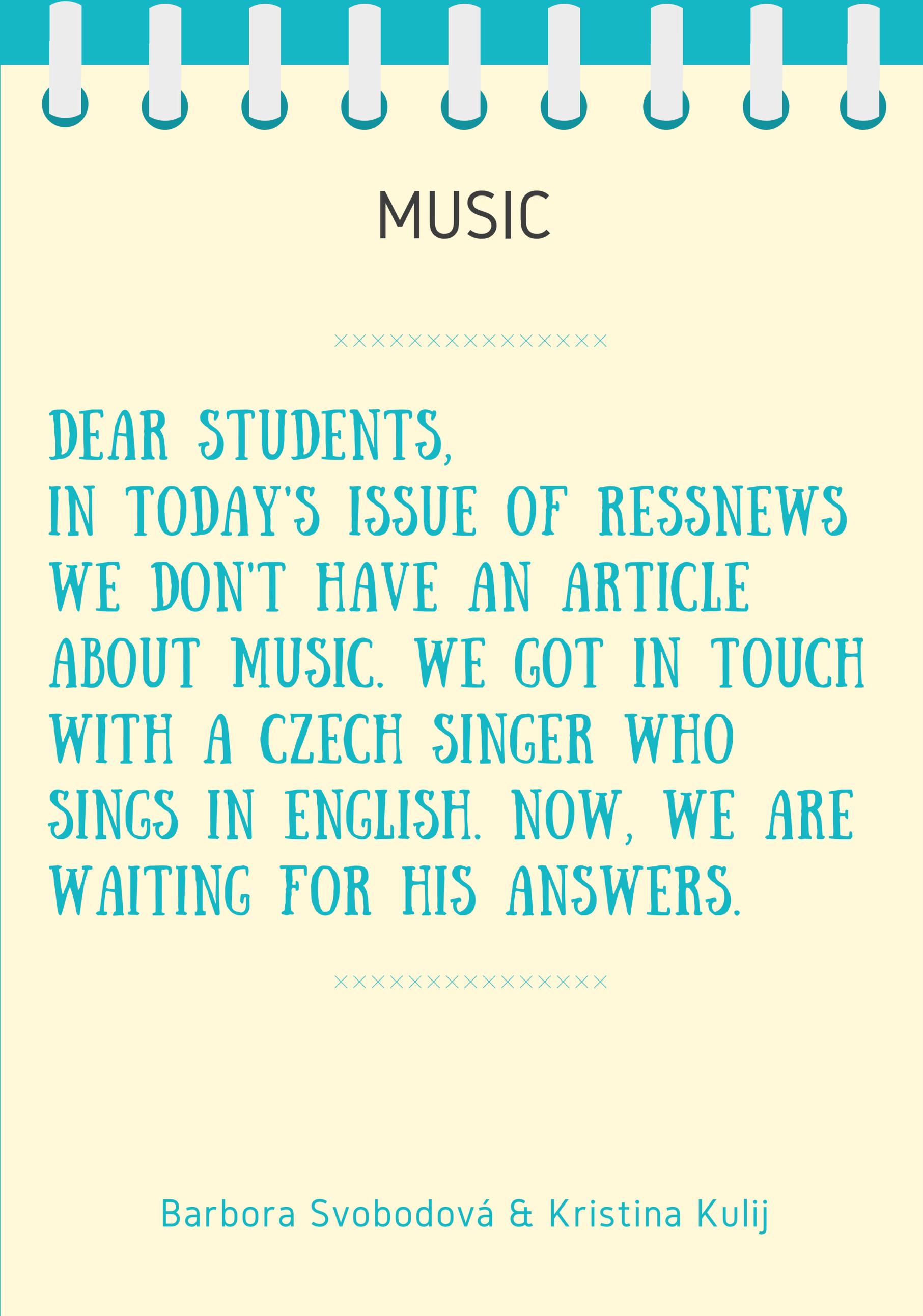
My plans about the future change almost every day so I'm not sure yet. I would love to have a job that I will enjoy and which will make me happy. One of my dreams is to start my own business.

We would like to thank Bára for cooperating with us on this interview.



„You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.”

- Zig Ziglar



# MUSIC

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DEAR STUDENTS,  
IN TODAY'S ISSUE OF RESSNEWS  
WE DON'T HAVE AN ARTICLE  
ABOUT MUSIC. WE GOT IN TOUCH  
WITH A CZECH SINGER WHO  
SINGS IN ENGLISH. NOW, WE ARE  
WAITING FOR HIS ANSWERS.

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Barbora Svobodová & Kristina Kulij