

# The Paw Print

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*Hello Summer*

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*Dear Paw Print Readers,*

It's been an absolutely fantastic year for our very own high school newspaper! And to start off this last issue, we would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone of you! If you have, at any point this year, contributed to any one of our issues, or simply just sat back in a lounge chair with a good ol' fashioned cup of coffee and indulged in the journalistic innovation of some of BBIS' most talented students, we would like to say Thank you! As we spend hours drafting plans for upcoming issues, pondering about how to best increase our reach and engagement, it means the world to us just seeing someone's face buried in a fresh copy of the Paw Print.

8 months ago, Darya and myself embarked on the wonderful journey of leading this newspaper. Looking back, I can say that I am extremely proud of our team, for their countless hours of dedication and ultimately, of everything that we have achieved.

Before revisiting some of the key milestones along the way, we would like to look back at the beginning of the year, where ex Editors in Chief Amalie and Antonia, concluded their spree at the top of this newspaper, with an absolute bang. A refuge special edition of the Paw Print in October saw an incredible fundraising success. BBIS students and staff were asked to contribute in modest amounts for the release of the issue. In combination with items gathered from a specially organized Paw Print clothes drive, the earnings were fully donated and personally delivered to a refugee shelter at Fehrbelliner Platz. Thank you once again Amalie and Antonia for all you have done for this newspaper! All the best for wherever the future shall lead you.

One of our main aims at the beginning of the year, was to create a standardized layout, that not only allowed for an easier and more comfortable reading experience, but also graphically pleased our readers' eyes. This vision we set out with 6 months ago was realized to an extent that we could have only dreamed of. Starting from the February issue, Alexander Richter took over the complete layout and cover page design. A special thanks goes to him for his extreme perseverance and impressive ability!

In terms of contents as well, Darya and I looked towards a rudimentary reorganization. Aside from structuring our editions into the four core sections, we came up with new ideas that we believed would truly represent interesting high school journalism, attractive to our entire student body. Implemented with a sincere and thoughtful article by Sarang Mani in December, we premiered the Alumni column, featuring unique reports and interviews from individuals once roaming our hallways. Moreover, the anniversary column set off as a huge success, providing not only engaging and informative but sometimes also humorously entertaining pieces.

As we begin to enter the final phase of our term as Editors, our final aim will be to further increase our reach and distribution. Ultimately, we serve the student body. For this reason, it is our utmost priority to make our content interesting, and well worth the read, for the entirety of our High school. To do this however, we need your engagement and input. Starting from the first meeting at the beginning of next year, we will be seeking out new innovative ideas and creativity, to further continue our progression as a newspaper. We would thus like to once again encourage our students of the High school to join our club! We offer a variety of interesting positions and tasks, fit for each and everyone of you! The Paw Print Newspaper Club is a prime way to get engaged in both school and global matters. And as some of you are approaching the ominous last two years of the IB, it can be a staple CAS source!

Finally, on to our last edition of the year: the June issue. You will have to excuse the briefness in most of our articles, but as I am sure all of you understand the final weeks, for IB students in particular, are extremely busy and stressful. Nevertheless, in a shortened end of the year special edition, the Paw Print polls the student population on the 2016 High School superlatives! From best dressed teacher, to wittiest students, our students decided on their favourites. Constantin Ernst reviews the top three summer gadgets in the Tech

section. In our very own BBIS, Alma Russel Smith and Caroline Vasilcin interview our departing teachers, Nina Bernhardt and Darya Guettler review the GISST term. Over in the culture section, Emily Lauterbach reviews Germany's chances in the Euro Cup and Joanna Barry takes a look at the "Top 10 Things to do in Berlin over the Break."

Please do take a moment to enjoy the last Paw Print issue of the year. We especially would like to welcome the rising middle schoolers to join us once we return from the break.

Safe travels, relax and enjoy the summer!

Sincerely,

*Justinus Steinhorst*  
Editor-in-chief

*Darya Guettler*  
Co-Editor-in-Chief



# GISST Trophy returns home!

- by Darya Guettler

After multiple GISST competitions in the sports of soccer, cross country, basketball, tennis and many others, BBIS was put in the lead and was on track to win the GISST trophy again. This year proved to be a tight race between BBIS and its neighboring school, Berlin International School. By a razor - thin margin of two points, after the very successful Track and Field tournament, BBIS won the overall trophy. The Sports Award Ceremony last Wednesday was the culmination of this celebration, where the athletes and coaches of the year were recognized and thanked, and the awards for various different titles were distributed. Hopefully more BBIS students will step up to the plate and fill the big shoes of the talented seniors that are leaving us this year. As long as the quality of sports remains constant, the fees of participating in after school activities are low, and school spirit is high, BBIS can start the new season with enthusiasm and gusto. All sport teams throughout the year worked extremely hard to be able to call this trophy theirs again, and hopefully it will remain at BBIS for many years to come!



# Grade 11

# Superlatives

- by Darya Guettler

## Who says the Seniors get to have all the fun?

The winners of these categories were democratically elected by their classmates, and the winner of the popular vote is listed next to the given superlative. Listing two names indicates a tie.

1. Best Dressed Female Teacher – Ms. MK
2. Best Dressed Male Teacher - Mr. Kopkas and Mr. Grisset
3. Most likely to become President - Darya Guettler
4. Most likely to win a Nobel Peace Prize – Rita Liechtenstein and Justinus Steinhorst
5. Most likely to take over the world – Alex Meyer, Ayan Tewari and Victor Der Weduwen (the victor)
6. Best Smile (Female) – Ms. Appleton
7. Best Smile (Male) – Mr. Stiles
8. Wittiest Humor – Kieran Sims
9. Most dramatic – Daria Kurovskaia
10. Cutest friends – Oryan Abergel together with Justinus Steinhorst
11. Most likely to be a talk show host – Robert Holmes a Court
12. Most likely to brighten someone's day – Rita Liechtenstein

## Reflections of the Year – Grade 11's Perspective

### Highlights of the Year, as told by Grade 11 Students

- "25th Anniversary"
- "Slapton Trip"
- "In the heights"
- "Winning GISST"
- "Mock results"
- "Germany in the Euro Cup"

- "Victor sprinting into a bush in Slapton"
- "Karl walking into a pole on the way to Rathaus"
- "Bonfire in Slapton"
- "UNIS-UN Conference"
- "Trip to Slapton"
- "The end of the year"

### Low points of the year, as told by Grade 11 students

- "Mocks"
- "EE Deadlines"
  - "IOCs"
  - "Collecting bugs in Slapton in pouring rain"
  - "Wifi Situation"
  - "All test results"
  - "When bbiswifi2 disappeared"
  - "Soccer ESC"
  - "The Extended Essay"

# Euro Cup Predictions: The Winners, Losers

- by Justinus Steinhorst

**Please note: the following article is strongly opinionated by a severely biased Germany fan. The predictions are based neither on fact or sound theory, but simply presumptions and the inner feelings of the author. Yes, the percentages do not add up.**

## The Upsets

### Spain

The ancient giants of 21st century international football have wholeheartedly dominated the past three major tournaments (excluding the world cup 2014), and have developed a seemingly unbeatable side. However a relatively colorless 1:0 debut victory against the Czech Republic and several upsets in the past years, indicate that the dominance of La Furia Roja could soon come to and end. Indeed the prediction of an upset is risky, yet in this year's euro, a renewed failure of Spain could well come to life.

*Likelihood of upset: 40%*

### Belgium

While very convincing and attractive in the past few years, the Belgians have failed to fortify a formidable side to counter some of their more established opponents such as France or Germany. The team has great individual players, pace and skill, but their team efforts and creativity are already proving to be slightly ineffective, as seen in their debut match against Italy (0:1 defeat). It seems as though praise has been heaped too high upon the side, and the high expectations will not be met.

*Likelihood of upset: 50%*

## The Favorites

### Germany

Germany, the side of all sides, the world champion, once again enters an international tournament as the frightening and mighty football nation they are. After a historic 7:1 victory against hosts Brazil in 2014,



Die Mannschaft showed that they indeed have all it takes to beat even the most prosperous of footballing nations. With an unbreakable team spirit and clever tactical mind of head coach Jogi Löw, the team yields not only the most out of the world class individual skills of players such as Boateng, Kroos, Neuer or Müller, but the unity of all 11 players on the field. They face tough competition with hosts France this year; however, arguably will never face better odds at completing the World Cup / Euro double. We shall soon see...

*Likelihood of winning: 70%*

### France

La tricolore; the mighty hosts of this years Euro that convincingly opened tournament, impressively uniting the entire nation behind their back. The team is currently facing a change in generation, with players such as Ribéry moving off, while young superstars like Pogba or Payet step on to the field. Simply due to their home advantage, and unbelievable support of the French population behind them, they are facing the best odds at winning the euro cup in their home country this summer. Most likely, we should see France and Germany fight it off in Paris on July 10th. Until then, we anxiously await how the tournament unfolds.

*Likelihood of winning: 70%*

## The Underdogs

### Poland

Like every year, one or two teams surprise the entire international stage with their surprisingly apt footballing skills. This year, Poland seems a likely candidate. Coming into the tournament with a formidable run in the qualification stages, the side proved their

might in impressive performances against Germany, Scotland and Ireland. In a sense, Poland, with its superstar captain Robert Lewandowski, are not so much underdogs, but will definitely, surpass their expectations this tournament.

*Likelihood of winning: 15%*

### Austria

Austria has a side that is not only dedicated to prove their worth on the grand stage, but also this year specifically, has a better side than ever. Lead by the FC Bayern based superstar David Alaba, the team has solid players over all positions. Just like Poland, a series of impressive performances in the qualifiers – most notably against Sweden – has more than proven their ability. The question remains however if Austria is able to take that extra huge step, and surprise all of Europe, that they too can beat big teams like Spain or Germany. One thing remains certain however; despite the critical view of the teams chances for this euro cup; the Austrians are all but lacking self-confidence.

*Likelihood of winning: 5%*



# 10 Things to make a summer in Berlin your greatest one yet

- by Joanna Barry

1. **Tempelhofer Park** Berliners flock to their favorite parks to tan, picnic and knock back a few beers. The Tiergarten is the sprawling central city park with lots of paths, ponds and romantic corners. Or, for something unconventional, head to Tempelhofer Park, a former airport turned public park. Grab a disposable BBQ at the supermarket and grill your bratwursts while watching people longboard, skip, rollerblade, skate, kite skate and “kettcar” along the former runway.

2. **Escape for a Swim** Schlachtensee lies on the fringes of the Grunewald Forest, 30 minutes from BBIS (using public transport) with clear water and plenty of picnic spots. Just behind the Tegel airport is the beautiful Tegeler See, with its steamboat cruises and row boats for hire. To lose the crowds, get your own wheels and venture 40km northeast to woody Bernsteinsee.

3. **Visit an open air cinema** From May to September is open-air cinema season. Open-air cinemas offer a varied program of cult films to the latest Hollywood movies in the open air. Although most of them are in German, the experience is still worth it. Especially interesting are the Freiluftkino Kreuzberg and the

Freiluftkino in Freidrichshain.



4. **Explore Hackescher Markt** The area Hackescher Markt is the place when it comes to newer and younger Berlin labels. Wander from courtyard to courtyard in the Hackesche Höfe (Hof here means courtyard), comprised of a labyrinth of eight courtyards, accessible through Rosenthalerstrasse 40's main arched entrance. Inside, one can stroll from one small specialized shop to another, just as in the neighboring





Rosenhöfe and Rosenthaler Höfe. The little cafés, bars and restaurants are favourable for relaxed shopping breaks.



**5. Hunt down Bargains in Mauerpark** Embrace the city's green spaces and the long strip of grass along the middle of Prenzlauer Berg's Mauerpark (open daily from 8am–sunset) is best known not as a relaxing spot but a mecca for energetic market-lovers. The park hosts a massive flea market on Sundays, with vendors selling bargain bicycles, clothes, food, souvenirs, records, pianos and furniture. Live music and the odd entertains are there every Sunday, an alternative to Tempelhofer park.

**6. Ascend to an iconic vantage point** Largely owing to World War II, Berlin's architecture has a fascinating range, from the historical to high modernism and more controversial postmodern projects. A visit to the Reichstag, the home of the German Parliament, provides the perfect overview. Opened in 1894, its renovation was masterminded by British super-architect Norman Foster and completed in 1999. The roof is an entirely glass structure, allowing for a panoramic view of the city right from the centre of government. Entrance to the roof is free but you must register in advance.

**7. See the sights by bike** Berlin has a welcoming cycle culture, complete with cycle lanes and cyclist signs at the traffic lights. Start at the Reichstag and its adjacent complex of nineties Parliamentary buildings, then head across to the leafy paths of Tiergarten, up to Brandenburg Tor, the Holocaust Memorial, Potsdamer Platz and Checkpoint Charlie. Interesting and relaxing.

**8. Go Gallery Hopping** You are seriously missing out if you haven't been gallery hopping in Berlin before. Head towards Mitte and use the "INDEXBERLIN" map to show you current exhibitions in the area.

**9. Teufelsberg** Albert Speer's influence on the city may be hard to muffle in the expanse of Tempelhof, but amidst the woods of the Grunewald forest, another Speer creation remains silenced underneath a pile of rubble. The "devil's mountain" of Teufelsberg was created due to the resilience of Nazi architecture, with Allied forces unable to demolish Speer's Military-Technical College. The broken bricks and mortar of 400,000 decidedly more fragile Berlin buildings was used to cover up the college, creating Berlin's largest mountain in the process. At the very top of the 375ft of Teufelsberg, another abandoned space remains – the former NSA (National Security Agency) listening tower, built in the 1960s during one of the many paranoid peaks of the Cold War.

**10. Theatre** As a young individual myself, I know what it is like to be constantly on the verge of running out of money. Berlin, as the fabulous City it is, decided to initiate a program to encourage younger audiences to attend theatrical performances. Opera, Ballet and the classics are also incorporated. As an example, I went to see a Ballet at the Staatsoper for 15 euros, instead of 120. Worth it! Currently a recommended performance in Berlin is the "Il Trovatore Verde", in the national Opera.

# Euro Cup 2016- Another title for Germany?

- by Emily Lauterbach



The pressure on our national team is BIG and expectations have risen even higher ever since Germany won the World Cup in 2014. But without our Team Captain, Philipp Lahm, and our national Legend, Miroslav Klose, will we win another title? With



Poland, Northern Ireland, and Ukraine in our Group (C) it looks like we might have a chance at winning but our competitors are never to be underestimated. Germany's first game takes place on Sunday, June 12th at 9pm against the Ukraine. The Ukraine has a very physically aggressive team who may be very dangerous in counterattacks. Another problem for Germany's national team is that our new team captain and star midfield player Bastian Schweinsteiger



is injured and will not be fit to play the first game, and neither will Mats Hummels. This has made not only made the team nervous, who have now lost out on three key team players, but also fans as their team's performance on Sunday is now almost unpredictable. For Sunday's game the new team captain will be our goalkeeper, Manuel Neuer, who is hoping to accept another trophy as goalkeeper of the year in 2016. Germany is very excited for this year's Euro Cup and is hoping for another title, even without our star players.



# Mother writes sarcastic, frustrated letter to her children

- by Emily Lauterbach

It is often taken for granted how much mothers do for their children. Most of their actions are 'behind the scenes', meaning that their children do not see how hard she works to make everyone happy. It is often said that 'this is their job' and that cleaning up behind everyone, doing the laundry, cooking meals and driving everyone around is part of being a mother, which it is, but most do it to an extent that is much more than what the children actually need.

Mothers do their job with great pleasure as they know that their family appreciates it. But children and husbands do not show this appreciation enough and therefore mothers feel used and taken for granted.

Summer is a joyous time for kids where they can lay back and do whatever they feel like doing but for parents, it is a nightmare. Having their children around all the time may have its benefits, as they get to spend time together, but around the house they leave a mess and expect their mom to clean it for them. Summer means a break for everyone and what children often don't realize is that 'Mommy' also needs a break.

A frustrated mother discussed this exact problem in a letter directed at her kids where she points out all the very many things that annoy her in a sarcastic

way that made this letter go viral. She has a facebook page named 'M.blazoned' where she posts the amusing events of her life and the way that her family leaves her to clean up the mess.

*Hey Kids,*

*Feel free to leave your stuff wherever you want this summer. Half drunk smoothies in the family room? No problem. I got it. Socks in the hall. I'm on it. Dishes in the sink? Keep 'em coming. Legos? Everywhere? Love it. Oh, and feel free to drag your blankets all over the house and abandon them the moment you no longer want them. I'll fold them lovingly for you and return them to your rooms.*

*And doors? Shutting them is optional. I'm right behind you, so, seriously, don't worry about it. I love when the wasps get in and the air conditioning gets out. Who are we to be sequestered in our climate controlled house? Open door policy in this house. We have endless money.*

*And it's totally fine to leave your wet bathing suits and towels on any surface from the floor to the banister. I love heaps, but be creative! Oh, and putting them on painted wood surfaces is the best. I'll grab them so they don't warp the wood. You're busy. Stop. Get*

back to your Netflix. Friends is not going to binge watch itself.

And let me know when you are hungry. Don't be encumbered by normal meal times. And please don't coordinate with each other. The kitchen is open 24/7 and I'm happy to whip up anything you need, whenever you need it. I majored in short order cooking.

And if you make something yourself, just leave every single item exactly where you last needed it. Milk, too. If it goes bad...I'll just buy more. Money? Please. I'll just work more. And I got the clean-up. I will walk in your footsteps and put things away. It's fun for me to live vicariously through your cooking. Like, wow, how did they get so much shredded cheese on the counter? Impressive.

And every time you are thirsty...get a new glass. We have tons. And a dishwasher I love to load and unload. And, as far as I know, endless electricity and water. The world is our oyster.

And if something comes up with your friends? I'm in. I'll drive you there or back, or hell, both. I mean, I have a car and a license. I should put it to good use. And please, no need to give me any advance notice. I can easily stop whatever I'm doing, even work, to take you. I know how valuable your time is. Need some money for the movies? You got it, kiddo.

And to the little one, when you feel like it, I'll take you to the pool. Before we go, you can complain and squirm while I put on your sunscreen. Don't hold back. Just be you. Express how you're feeling. It is cold, isn't it? I love the challenge of when you inch away slowly as I'm applying it. Good stretch for my arms and back. Kind of you to think of me.

And just one thing on goggles. I'm on it. Don't bother to keep track of yours. I've made it my summer mission to know where your goggles are at all times (in the car...left side...wedged in between the seats). At night, I'm sleeping with them under my pillow. We can't be too careful. How will you swim without them?

Just a few last minute housekeeping items: Eye rolling? Yes! I love the immediate feedback of my thoughts and ideas. How else can I gauge if I'm pleasing you or not? Showering? Optional. You know what's best. I defer to you. Wearing a hat? No way. The more sun the better. Chores? Just tell me when it's a good time for you. The weeds and messes aren't going anywhere.



One last thing...please always wear your headphones so that you can't hear me when I'm talking to you. Communication is totally overrated. Little known fact about me? I love yelling things at the top of my lungs three or four times with no response. It's very cathartic. Look it up.

Well, call me crazy, but if you guys follow all of these guidelines, I think this summer is going to be a win for all of us.

Or if you don't understand sarcasm, you won't make it to the end of August. Either way...

Love you guys.

-The Default Parent

(Source: self.com 2016)



# 8 Restaurants to try this summer!

- by Emily Lauterbach

## 1) Piri's Chicken Burgers

Voted the best burgers in Berlin are Piri's Chicken Burgers! They have a variety of 13 burgers on their menu, most of them being chicken but they also offer great vegetarian options, such as Fried Tofu burgers, and lastly even offer a 'cheesy steak patty'. For the spicy-food fanatics out there they offer mild, hot, and 'traumatic' versions of their burgers that will blow you away/turn you into animals? If you're not into burgers you can order their fries and homemade lemonades, which have gotten great reviews also. Try their restaurant lunch specials every Monday-Friday from 12-16 o'clock (12-4pm). Though, if you really want to save some money, then we recommend that you go on 'Manic Monday', as they offer great deals from 16 o'clock (4pm) onwards, reducing certain burgers to half the price. However, if this location is too far from you, then don't worry because they deliver!



Visit their website: <http://piris-chicken.com>  
 Where? Wiener Str. 31 10999 Berlin  
 When? Mon-Sun 12-22 (12-10pm)  
 How to get there? U1/M29/N1 to Görlitzer Bahnhof

## 2) Two Planets

Sometimes one finds the greatest pleasure in food if it is simple. Like the bagels at Two Planets. This restaurant makes their own bagels, which takes up to two days in preparing the dough for it to have its soft, chewy texture. Their creations are limitless, varying from plain to sesame seed all the way to cinnamon raisin bagels. With their bagels you can enjoy a nice iced coffee or tea, and if when they sometimes run out of bagels you can enjoy a selection of their american style sweets, such as homemade oreos or brownies. However, if you aren't hungry and want to enjoy something cold on a hot summer day with your best friends, then Two Planets is perfect because they created a series of cold, refreshing smoothies and coffees to enjoy by their window seats.



Where? Hermannstr. 230 12053 Berlin  
 When? Mon-Sun 9am-6pm  
 How to get there? U8/104/166 to Boddinstr.

### 3) Shiso Burger

Are you in the mood for Asian food and burgers at the same time? Then go to Shiso Burger! Their cuisine combines delicious asian sauces and spices into burgers that are not conventional fast food, but rather a healthy food sensation! What makes their burgers so special is the way they are presented, which is in a wooden basket, as are their other options, such as their regular or sweet potato fries. For our meat lovers we recommend their wagyu meat upgrade for an even more exquisite taste! If you come during lunch hours you can save 2€ by ordering a combo, which includes a burger, fries, and a drink of your choice. However, if you find shiso to be crowded: when you get there you can always order takeout and enjoy it in the park nearby.



Visit their website: <http://en.shisoburger.de/shisoburger/>

Where? Auguststr. 29c 10119 Berlin Mitte

When? Mon-Sun 12am-12pm

How to get there? S1/S2 to Berlin Oranienburger Str. or U8 to Rosenthaler Platz

### 4) Hepcats Corner

This cafe and restaurant is small but exquisite. You can enjoy a nice long breakfast with just simple

croissant or a variety of egg-dishes with fresh coffee or tea. If you are vegan then you will enjoy their 'Gil's healthy choice' breakfast, 100% animal-free. In the wake of this year's Euro Cup, Hepcats Corner streams games of their choice and offers exclusive meals and deals. This restaurant is not only a place to eat but a place to have a good time and enjoy good music. Furthermore, every thursday they have "silent movie night" where you can watch a silent film and enjoy the music that is played by locals according to the pictures.



Visit their website: <http://www.hepcatscorner.de>

Where? Schinkestr. 14 12047 Berlin

When? Usually open 10am-12am, closed Wednesdays

How to get there? U8/N8 to Schoenleinstrasse

### 5) Fuchs und Faehe

Ultimate sandwich paradise is what they call it. This restaurant in Berlin serves the finest wines (mostly) from all over Germany and combines them with delicious homemade sandwiches. If you are looking for a quick snack on the way then try one of their gourmet cheese sandwiches, however, if you would like to enjoy a heavier meal, then we recommend one of their unique meat sandwiches, for example "Pulled chicken combined with mint and spices". After something salty it is time for something sweet and Fuchs und Faehe has both homemade Mango-Passionfruit Parfait and Nut-Brownies to offer! The perfect place to taste Germany's wines and experience german spice creations.



Visit their website: <http://www.fuchsundfaehe.de>  
 Where? Kienitzerstr. 93 12049 Berlin  
 When? Everyday 5pm-11pm, closed Tuesdays  
 How to get there? U8 to Leinestr. or S41 to Hermannstr.

### 6) The Bowl

The bowl was the first 'clean eating' restaurant to open in Berlin, 100% vegan cooking. Even if you aren't vegan it is worth visiting due to the tremendous effort they put into their meals and into their restaurant. The world makes it hard to cook completely clean and animal-product free but this atmosphere makes everything seem so easy. Enjoy one of their overnight soaked oats or fresh smoothie bowl for breakfast, served until 12:30pm, or sit down for lunch and try their sweet potato wedges. If you would rather just enjoy a drink then order their homemade smoothies or lemonade refreshers and enjoy the view. This experience might make you consider your dietary preferences and you will feel much healthier after one of their meals.



Visit their website: <http://www.thebowl-berlin.com>  
 Where? Warschauer Str. 33 10243 Berlin  
 When? Daily 10am-11:30pm, Monday 12-11:30pm  
 How to get there? S5/S7/U1 to Berlin Warschauer Str.

### 7) Cannizzaro & Cuccia "Piazza Toscana"

One of the best Italian restaurants from personal experience is the Piazza Toscana in Berlin-Potsdam. The atmosphere that is created not only makes you feel welcome, but it makes you feel like you are in Italy. It smells like Pizza when you enter their restaurant and their food tastes like it comes straight from Italy. Of course one of their specialties is Pizza, especially their calzone, meaning the pizza is folded in half and instead of having everything on top the ingredients and your toppings are on the inside! Furthermore, their pasta and salads are a work of art and when you order their truffle parmesan pasta, they put on an entire show for you. Chefs bring out a huge bowl of parmesan where the pasta is prepared in front of your eyes, and for heat, it is set on fire. It is truly mesmerizing and worth the drive.



Visit their website: <http://www.piazza-toscana.de>  
 Where? Rudolf-Breitscheid-Straße 177, 14482 Potsdam  
 When? Daily 11:30am-12am  
 How to get there? S1/S7 to Potsdam Griebnitzsee

### 8) Ungeheuer Neukoelln

In this restaurant you will find delicious meals served in a harmonious atmosphere surrounded by tasteful architecture. Staff and cooks make sure that not only the decor is beautiful but the way they present their food takes your breath away. The time and effort put into decorations in the restaurant and the food

is worth acknowledging and worth paying them a visit. Chefs use fresh ingredients to create a perfect combination between the senses and ensure that it tastes as good as it looks. They also offer a variety of vegetarian meals and make you feel truly welcome. You can eat at this place all day as they offer breakfast, brunch, dinner, and pastry desserts to fill all your hearts desires. It is definitely worth trying and even though it may be a little bit expensive, they serve generous portions and you will find that it is worth it.

Visit their website: <http://ungeheuer-neukoelln.de>

Where? Emser Str. 23, 12051 Berlin

When? Daily 10am-12am

How to get there? S41/S42 to Berlin-Neukoelln





# When VR hits reality

- by Duane Alexander

2016 is shaping up to be the year of virtual reality. From Microsoft's CES 2016 AR HoloLens demo, Samsung's S7 unveiling event on MWC 2016, release of consumer-grade Oculus Rifts and HTC Vives, VR headsets are all the rage. For 2016 is also the first time consumers can get their hands on these devices for them to experience it themselves (provided they have adequate hardware to run the VR on). But VR's future use is way more than just for gaming alone.

VR technology has its roots in both the gaming and the design world. VR game machines such as Atari's Battlezone was really popular, despite it being very big and immovable. Nevertheless it was a success. A sister technology to VR, AR (Augmented Reality) also took off, despite it's original use in the military. However VR technology is lagging behind AR for the last 3 decades or so, due to hardware limitations and lack of interest. AR is easier and cheaper to develop, and has the backing for its usefulness in the military. VR headsets, however, is still being developed by several companies too, providing the groundwork for future development.

The past decade 10 years however has seen impressive development of VR technology. Primarily starting with Palmer Luckey's Oculus Rift, launched all the way back in 2010 on Kickstarter, with a plethora of similar devices soon after announced, following Oculus' wake. Another breakthrough was Google's cardboard, the often unsung hero, which transformed any adequate Android headsets to cheap, accessible VR headsets, for very little cost. Cardboard's success proved that VR headsets needn't be expensive, and soon Samsung (partnering with Oculus) released their Gear VR, for use with their Samsung Galaxy headsets, as well as LG, and others. HTC later announced their partnership with Valve (of Steam and CS:GO fame) to produce the Vive headset, which

includes motion and position tracking, making it the most realistic VR headset to date.

AR is also making strides, although not in the gaming world (except that HoloLens' Minecraft demo). AR found it's place in the practical world, like Architecture, Engineering, Design, and Military use. Perhaps AR's most recognisable form is in HUDs (Heads-Up Display). You can see HUD being used in some modern cars on the street nowadays, and in commercial and fighter aircrafts alike, and in the famously controversial and expensive Google Glass. AR doesn't need the all-powerful hardware of VR because it doesn't need to generate a simulation world for you; it annotates them, providing you with useful informations for when you're driving/walking/flying/designing, the latter of which might be its most useful use at the moment. The military world is also looking into how AR headsets can improve warfare technology by feeding better information to soldiers.

VR used to be prohibitively expensive for many just a year ago, because of their need for a compatible, extremely powerful CPU and graphics system to run them on. On top of that is the cost of the device itself. But just in the past 2 months, it's never been cheaper, made possible with the release of consumer-grade VR headsets, as well as new, VR-ready-from-the-ground-up graphics card that costs as little as \$199. So one might ask, what's next for VR/AR technology? Further VR development will focus on providing crisper, more high-res screens on a smaller device, as well as reducing lag and increasing performance. This would have to go hand-in-hand with the PC industry, which develops the hardware capable of displaying such information the the headset. VR headsets command a lot of hardware power, so it's difficult to see a standalone VR headset capable of playing AAA+ games anytime soon, compared to their AR broth-

ers which needs less hardware oomph. One recent development in the AR gaming world is Pokemon Go, which see players playing in real life, using their smartphone to explore and play the game. This year BMW has showcased a prototype helmet which links

to its motorcycles which projects speed and satellite navigation data for the driver to see, aiding safety. And don't forget AR has been used in the military for decades now too.

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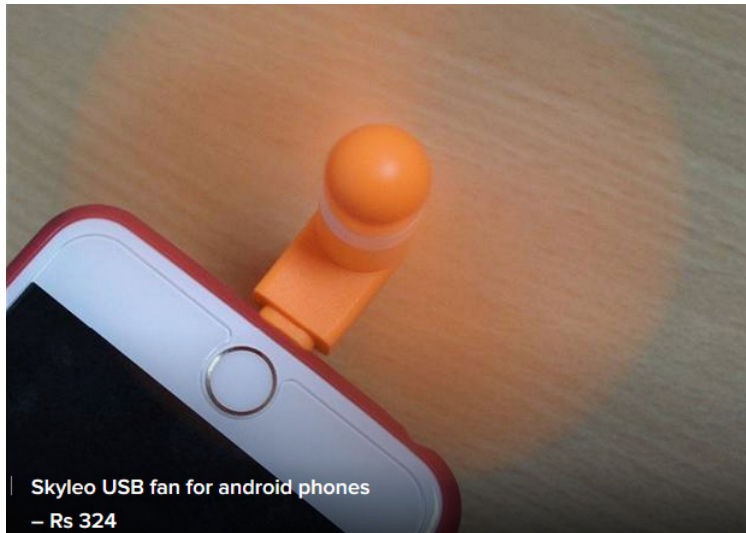
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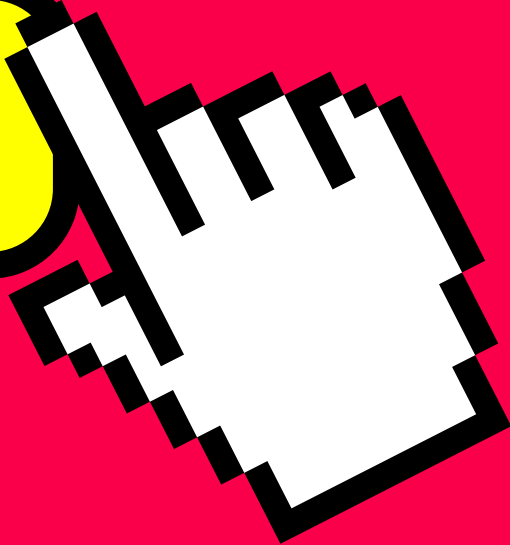
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