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GENERAL

Thought for the week:

"For me, every hour is grace. And I feel gratitude in my heart each time I can meet someone and look at his or her smile." - Elie Weisel

Director's weekly notes- "The view from Dacia Boulevard"

It's strange to think that next week will be December, the official start of winter and the last month of 2021. Where has 2021 gone? Well, Week 11 has been another rich and full week of learning and innovative educational opportunities at Heritage. I am certainly enjoying the traditions we are developing in our school and Thanksgiving celebrations are one of my very firm favourites. Mr. Andy, Mrs. Johnson & students gave the weekly Gymnasium assembly about this important American holiday and our canteen yet again made sure there was a wonderful Thanksgiving lunch for our school community to enjoy. It's been quite the American week as we welcomed guests from the US Embassy into school to see Heritage on Wednesday, naturally I served them tea, no milk. Revolutions have been fought over tea before, as both Brits and Americans know too well.

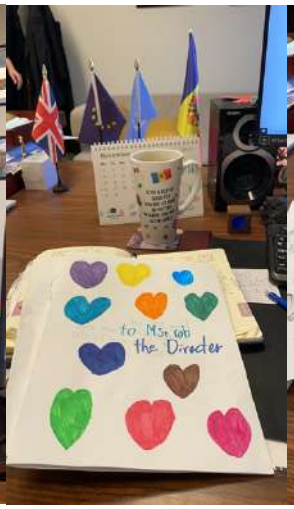
One of my other favourite traditions is our Founders' Lecture series, now into its third series. Mrs. Tatiana has developed the concept of bringing unique speakers from all fields into the education of our students, by the wider attendance of our colleagues and fellow students from all over Moldova. It is really important that we share these unique learning opportunities for the benefit of all in our national education community and being online allows this to have a wider reach. We had a remarkable speaker on Wednesday in Heritage parent and the US Embassy Charge d'Affaires/DCM, Laura Hruby. Laura delivered a really inspirational talk about the importance of her education, her love of languages, wanting to see different cultures and countries and how she followed a career ambition to become a diplomat. She also raised aspirations amongst our students as she talked about leadership and the central tenets of a leader. These really are the great days in education and it is a privilege that these are the values and ethos we have established for our school culture at Heritage.

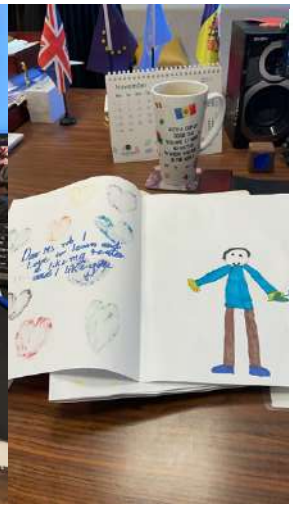
Student leadership and opportunities were a theme of the week and Lyceum students benefited from the Higher Education workshops in school on Tuesday from UK universities. Mrs. Rose has US universities booked in for February as a follow up. Mrs. Larisa organised a wonderful final for the Spelling Bee on Wednesday and she will be organising the 1st ever Spelling Bee for COBIS in 2022. We are really proud of this initiative. Heritage does pride itself on being a school of 1sts. On a very manic Monday, it took a very simple but kind visit from students of 4E to come and see me with some wonderful drawings to brighten up my room. The leadership of students was evident as we finalised the details of our "Winter Wonderland" week to finish semester 1 with some really lovely moments planned for all students. I have personally been very privileged this year to work with remarkable school leaders and decision makers from across the World in my Varkey Foundation global education group and I have the honour next week of speaking (online) at the 13th UNICEF Policy Dialogue in Rwanda.

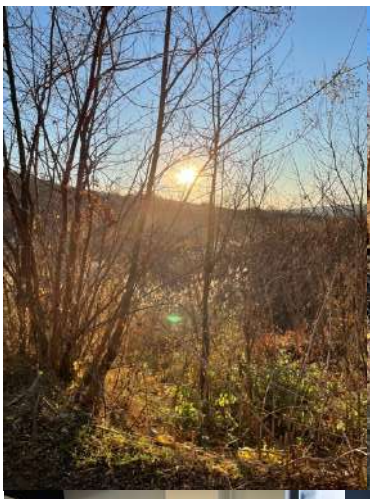
There are many things I am thankful for as we enter the final month of 2021 and look ever hopeful to 2022 for a better year but it is always the simple things that now come to mind. I am thankful for our school community, I am thankful for being in physical school and I am thankful for my family and friends. Have a great weekend and my gratitude to all our community for continuing to make our school an incredible centre of 21st century global education.

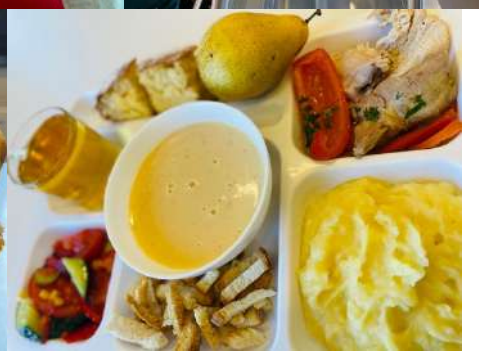
Have a lovely weekend,
Rob Ford, Director

"Thanksgiving is one of my favorite days of the year because it reminds us to give thanks and to count our blessings. Suddenly, so many things become so little when we realize how blessed and lucky we are." Joyce Giraud



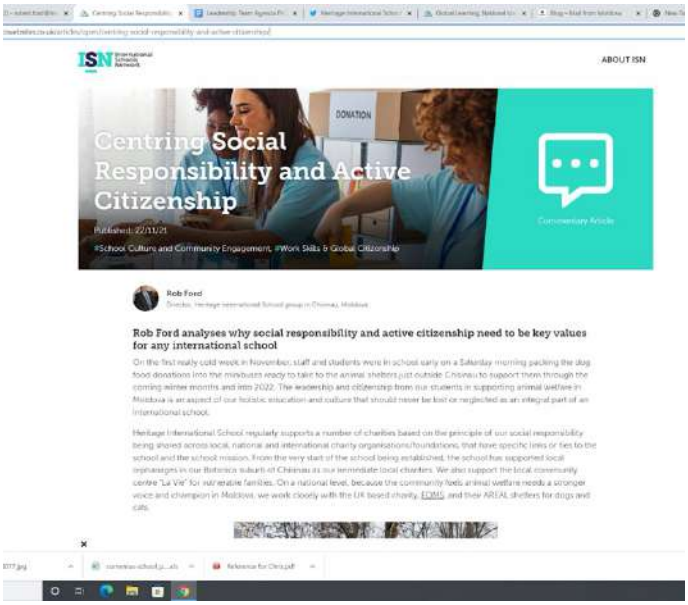






Heritage in the Wider World:

- In a guest article for the International Schools Network, Rob Ford analyses why social responsibility and active citizenship need to be key values for any international school: https://edco-isn-staging.edcowebsites.co.uk/articles/open/centring-social-responsibility-and-active-citizenship/



Articles of interest:

- Training the future workforce for automation and technological change. British Council article; By Dr Daniel Susskind: https://www.britishcouncil.org/voices-magazine/training-future-workforce-automation-and-technological-change

- Balancing the urgent and the important is key to resilience in education. OECD Education and Skills TodayNovember 22, 2021: https://oecdedutoday.com/balancing-urgent-important-key-resilience-education/

- GROWING UP IN TRANSIT: The Politics of Belonging at an International School by Danau Tanu: https://www.danautanu.com/growing-up-in-transit/

- The History of Thanksgiving: https://www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving/history-of-thanksgiving

- 97 DIY Christmas Gifts That'll Mean so Much to Your Friends and Family; https://www.countryliving.com/diy-crafts/tips/g645/crafty-christmas-presents-ideas/

- The New York Times notable books of 2021 list: https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/11/22/books/notable-books.html

- UNESCO Digital Library Interview, Gabriel García Márquez "The writer's craft": https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000102554.page=4

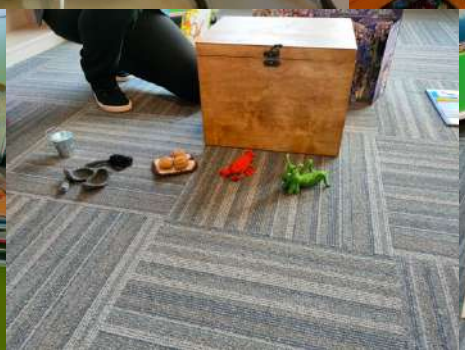
- Child Aid; Esther House, Moldova. A day centre in rural Moldova for vulnerable children aged 5-15 to receive fun, fellowship and love: https://www.childaidee.org.uk/esther-house-moldova-resources

- A sweet potato pie tradition that almost wasn't, and other stories of unforgettable family recipes; https://edition.cnn.com/2021/11/24/us/holiday-recipe-memories-around-food-trnd/index.html

Heritage Primary:

Trophy for the most organized class

We missed reading in the school library. Here I changed the learning space in the classroom to the one in the library. The librarian informed us about the editorial news. Then I participated in the weekly "Guess the Book!" Contest. The dictionary based on Roald Dahl's work was a surprise for 3rd graders because November's book is "The Great Friendly Giant," written by Roald Dahl. From now on we will read more!



The Rainforest Friendship Drink from 2E students

Primary Spelling Bee Final Round

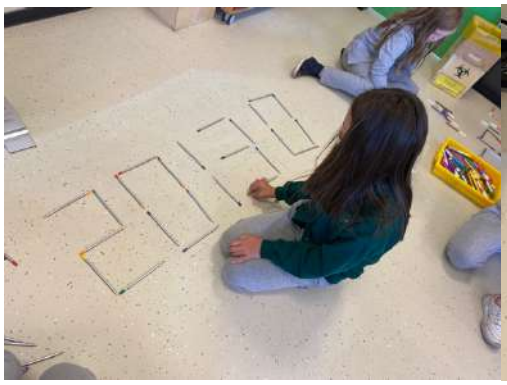
Nowadays it is crucial to be media educated, especially in our century when every person who has a computer and internet access can create a news story, write an article or distribute news, whether true or false. This is why we believe that every child needs to know how to select the information, which he reads and which news deserves attention or not. Thus, Heritage students participate in the national competition - "Media education - a priority in my school", because they certainly know how it is correct to choose a true source of news, why it is central to check the source of information and most importantly, not to pass on any content unless you are sure of its veracity. 3rd A grade students understood once again the effects of distorted ”fake news”

The children in 4E had fun learning the concept of area through measuring the area of their hands and feet.

IPC lessons in 4B: How to make a rocket? What is the diameter of the Sun? Some lessons to remember. Let's have active learning and a lot of fun!

3B students learnt more about Good Health and Well-Being

Favourite Math lessons



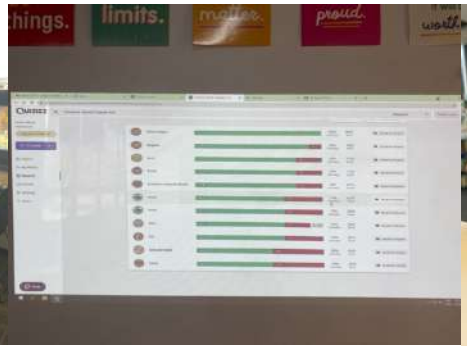
Students from 2A, 3A and 4A learned about Thanksgiving traditions. They found out about the history of this celebration and why it is so important to say "Thank you!".
Listing all moments they are thankful for made the students feel grateful for all the things we take for granted.

People have always been curious to discover space. The starry sky has always been a call and a lure for people. We have consistently wanted to know what is at the end of the world and scientists have given all their efforts and knowledge to quench their curiosity and help the evolution of humanity. So did the 4th A grade students at the IPC. They've begun to discover the grandeur of the Solar System.

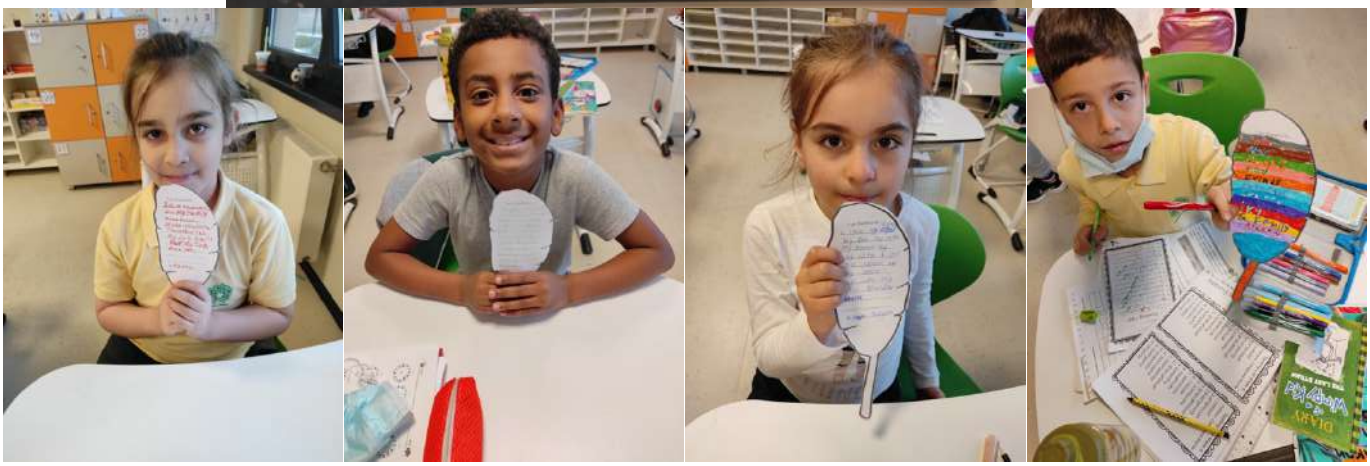
School Starter students discover the world of nature and learn about good manners

Field trip to the beekeeping farm

Library time-Quiz time



This week 3E students learned about poetry writing, and as we celebrated Thanksgiving, students had this great idea to share their gratitude through poetry.Their poems turned out very cute, and we are so proud of them.



2-E celebrated the Exit Point of the IPC lesson with the drink they designed and named as the Rainforest Friendship Drink

Gymnasium/Cambridge Secondary:

- Exchange programs currently open for applications for senior school students from the U.S. Embassy in Moldova; https://md.usembassy.gov/education-culture/exchange-programs/exchanges-from-moldova-to-the-us/exchange-programs-currently-open-for-applications/

Lower Secondary Checkpoint Exams started this week

"Today, when we led by the rhythm of technology, books are a real refuge from the path of reality, where we can gain ideas and motivation. Literary creation competitions where we can test your creativity are very welcome by the young generation. ", admits Teodor Zaporojan, 7th grade studentl, who, guided by his Romanian Language and Literature teacher, Livia State, won the second prize at the Creation Contest of the Young Generation ARS ADOLESCENTINA 2021, PROSE section. Teodor was awarded an honorary diploma and an impressive library. Congratulations!

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Se acordă

Anei Livia State, profesoară

Școala Internațională "Heritage" m. Chișinău

pentru participare deosebită la etapa creație literară proprie, secțiunea PROZA

a Concursului de Creație al Tinerei Generații ARS ADOLESCENTINA,

ediția a XXII-a

O literatură nu trăiește prin cei ce scrie, ci prin ceea ce scrie.

Tudor Muşatescu

Chișinău, 2021

Studying Cells in Grade 5

More Physical exercise during the breaks

Secondary school studensthad a great opportunity to take part in a unique online English language competition within the EU and beyond opened to all high schools and their students aged 14-19.

Heritage Lyceum:

A busy week for our Heritage Lyceum!
On Saturday 20th November, a number of students from 11E joined the Student Council on their visit to a dog rescue shelter in Straseni.
Despite it being a Saturday morning, our Lyceum students were up bright and early and we all had a wonderful morning delivering donations and socialising with the animals. The puppies were particularly popular!
Such events are very important in connecting our students with the wider community and are a great way to show universities well-rounded character and add an extra element to a student's application.

Speaking of university...
On Tuesday 23rd November, 11E enjoyed a visit from [QA Higher education](). I am pleased to report that some of our students greatly benefitted from the 1-2-1 sessions offered by the university guidance experts and will benefit from further advice and communication with them. We hope that some of our students will consider their International Student Pathway options.

Parents: please help us in encouraging students to partake in such events - both on and off campus - in order for them to connect to their community and to help ensure their university applications are able to compete with other international students from around the world.

🇲🇩 *Podcast: Erasmus+ scholarship opportunities for students from Moldova (in Ro) https://youtu.be/XBYKmJGFOV4*

Student leadership:
Primary Student Council

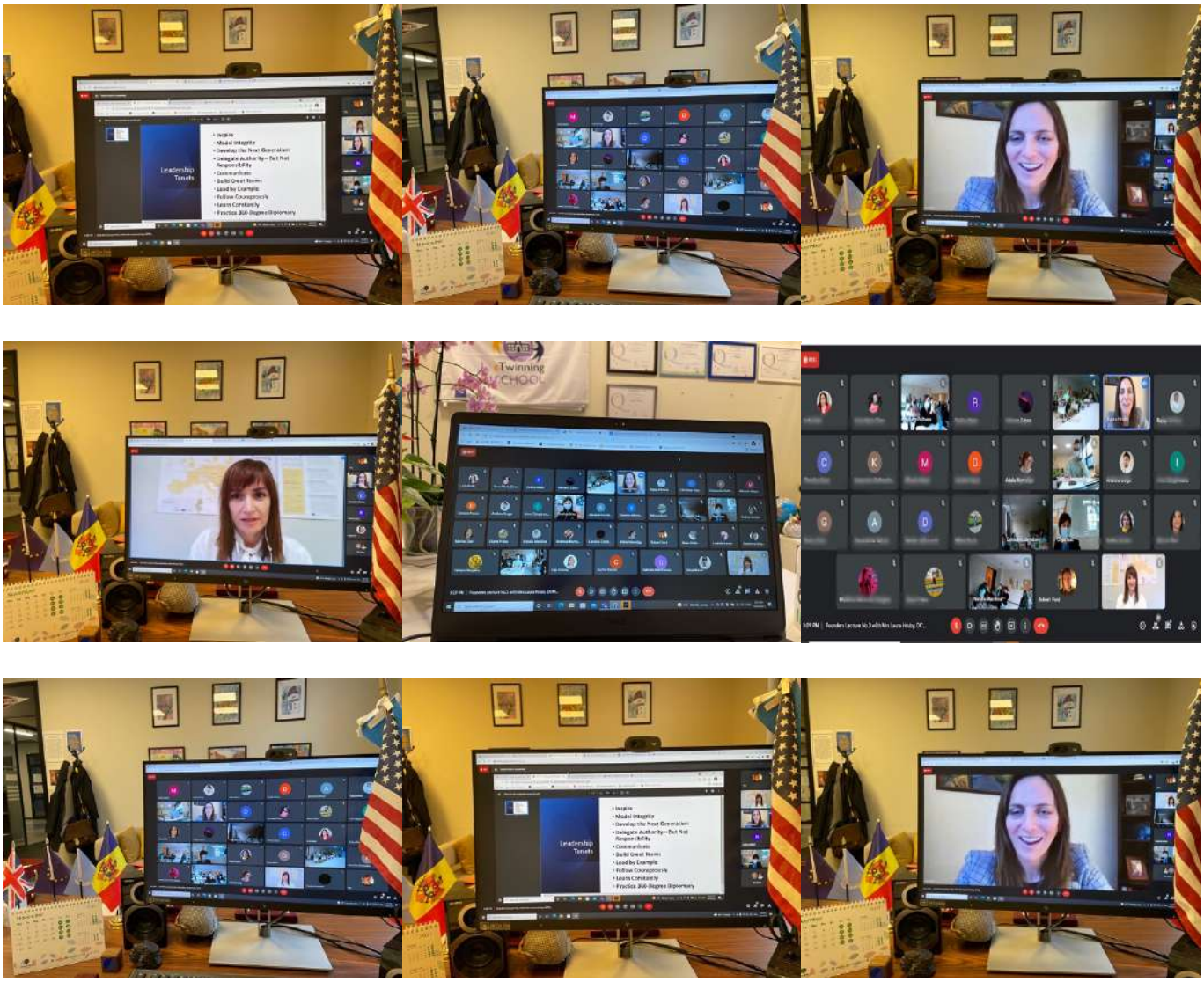
Winter Wonderland Week ideas from the Student Council

Paul Rucan, together with Loredana Sandu, Andreea Ghimpu and Nicoleta Mardari,members of the Events Committee initiated Heritage Podcast project. They also have many ideas for Podcast Heritage, Heritage TV, Radio Heritage.
The team successfully completed the first Podcast with Ina Zaporojan who is a Social Entrepreneur at KeyStone Moldova, they have a great guest list, which means that we will have one guest each week.

https://sites.google.com/heritage.md/heritagepodcast/home/podcasts

Global education:

A special week of global learning took place at Heritage this week!
*It has been a very American week of learning, with visitors to our school from the US Embassy - on Wednesday we held our **3rd Founders Lecture** of this year. Our guest speaker was **Mrs Laura Hruby, Charge d'Affaires at the US Embassy** in Moldova. Mrs Hruby gave an inspiring lecture about the transformative power of education through her own examples, telling students about her impactful exchange to France as a student, but also how she decided to dedicate her life to diplomacy and who were the people supporting and encouraging her in this decision. A wonderful journey of learning, exploring and sharing with the world. As always, we had several other national schools from different corners of Moldova joining the session, and questions kept on pouring at the Q&A session towards the end of the lecture. Suggested readings, tenets of a good leader (in any professional environment), stories from personal experience - all of these created a sicere testimony from a person who succeeded in life through hard work and diligence. A message that our students surely remembered was that 'failures are just opportunities to learn a lesson and carry on'.*

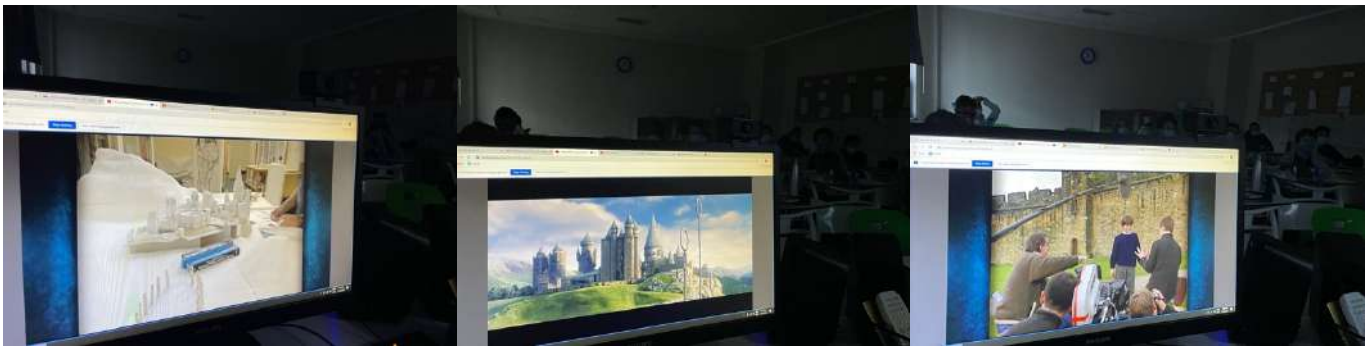


*In the same American spirit we continued on Thursday, when the Heritage community marked the **400th anniversary of Thanksgiving celebration**, which started back in 1621.*
Our brilliant American teachers put together a gymnasium assembly on Thanksgiving Day which was shared with all gymnasium classes on the day, primary classes made videos and made cards saying what they are grateful for. The day was crowned with a delicious roast turkey and apple pie dinner in the canteen, a beautiful tradition at Heritage.

Also on Thursday, a group of ***students travelled virtually to France*** *for a* ***Mystery Skype*** *session. Students had to ask lots of questions in order to discover the country they were talking to and lots of geography knowledge was needed in order to guess. The students had lots of fun in the process and finally reached the virtual destination.*

*Grade 7E studied globalisation and global brands in Global Perspectives. On Friday they learned about a favourite brand for both children and adults - **the Harry Potter film series**. They found out how Hogwarts castle was made, and how the casting crew was selected after hundreds and hundreds of auditions.*

"Differences of habit and language are nothing at all if our aims are identical and our hearts are open." Albus Dumbledore, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, Chapter 37



The Global School Alliance Culture Project between Heritage International School and College Pilote Sousse in Tunisia came to an end. Our school received a letter of gratitude from our partner school and the certificate of participation from GSA.

Global School Alliance

CERTIFICATE

— OF COMPLETION —

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

College Pilote Sousse (Tunisia) & Heritage International School (Moldova)

have successfully completed the

Global Culture Project

Both schools participated in an online cultural exchange to introduce their school, pupils and region to one another, including a summative live session.

THOMAS CAMILLERI
FOUNDER & CEO

NOVEMBER 21
COMPLETED

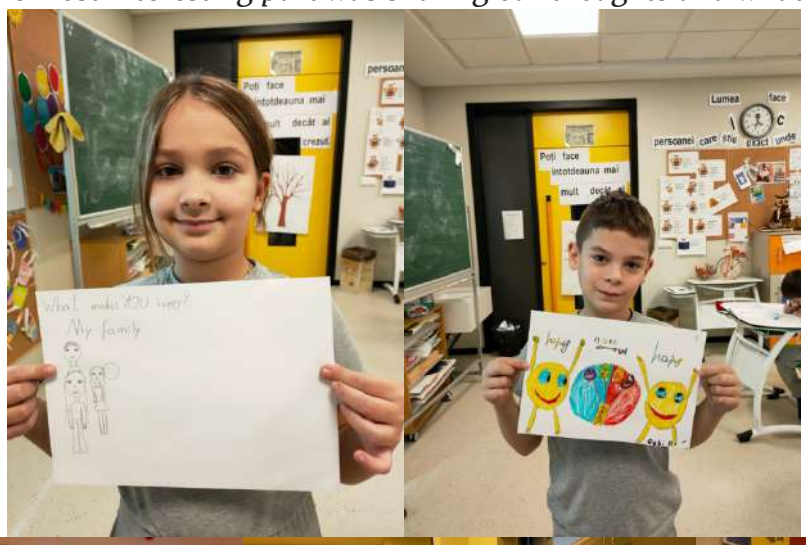
The Headmaster of Pioneer Prep Of Sousse Tunisia
Street Tahar Sfar 4000 Sousse Tunisia

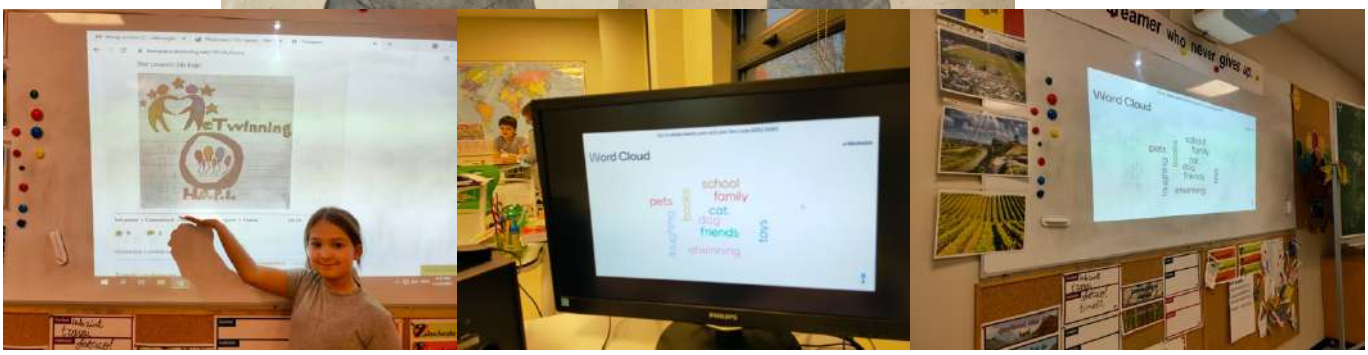
Sub : Appreciation Letter

Dear Mr(s) Director Rob Ford
Dear coordinator Mrs Tatiana Popa
Heritage International School, Moldova

We acknowledge your efforts for collaborating and sharing International activities entitled « Culture Project » . This interesting activity which is at the heart of our concerns regarding partnerships for global Themes and goals . The partnership on this activity proved to be very fruitful not only for the students but also for the whole school . Our students appreciated a lot your students performing and showing their works . All the exchanges were held in the disciplined way. Your students did a unique work under the guidance of your school Coordinator Mrs Tatiana Popa who showed professionalism and talent while leading her learners and ours too .
We are proud to have you as a partner and looking forward for more collaboration and contribution.
Congratulations and keep the good work .
Mr Nejim Bedhiafi Headmaster
Mr Fethy letaief GSA country Leader and class teacher

THE HOPE stands for Have Only Positive Energy. It is a project dedicated to positive thinking and happiness. It aims to stimulate and encourage the notion of a positive attitude both in relation to ourselves and to others.The key concepts that will be addressed are self-esteem, self-respect, acceptance, and solidarity with others and the environment.
Using the help of technology and languages and through collaborative interaction, students will create joint projects (posters, positive thinking guides, podcasts, and video / animated stories) and share them with the school community and their families.Third-grade students participate in this eTwinning project together with students from Greece, France, Croatia, Poland, Turkey. We researched the paddle loaded with information about the participating countries, we also posted about our school and created logos. The most interesting part was sharing our thoughts and what actually makes us happy.





5E joined a second eTwinning project "Let's eat healthy" Students create balanced menus, and discover new dishes from their partners' countries. The idea is to help them think about what they eat, in order to help them to eat healthier and then get new eating habits. We would like them to know about the nutritional value of their favourite dishes and if possible be conscious of the impact on their health. This week 5E students met virtually their friends from Italy and Turkey

Heritage Creativity:

On the topic "Textile and colors" , students from grade 3 E found out how to color on natural silk textiles and to create batik. We only tried to recreate a imitation of painting on fabrick using simple thin paper, oil pastels and black watercolor. The process was quite interesting and the results are beautiful. Well done work !

How simple it is to depict movement using lines, colors and brush strokes in different directions! Students from grade 1 st E walked with paint brush on paper and got abstract works of movement. Great job!

Through creativity, colors and a positive mood we can reach the moon. The most creative students in the 2E got the silver moon very easily by painting higher and higher to the sky. Look at them how high they climbed the ladde

Thanksgiving mood from 2E

Develop your imagination and creativity while we are eating , take a simple spoon, draw it on a white paper and try to turn it into a piece of art like 1 E students did. We created amazing drawings of animals, dinosaurs, butterflies etc.

During the arts grade 5 A learned about monoprint, how to do it and how to create an art work adding several lines to complete the monoprint.

Access to school for parents:

Parents can go to the Administration through the administration entrance and must wear a face mask that will cover the mouth and nose.

Parents can come to administration and buffet from Monday to Friday – after 15:00

Useful contacts:

- Reception 062022210
- Accountant Office 062022213
- Uniform shop 069500062
- Meals 079900171

Useful information regarding communication with the school:

In case of questions on specific topics, please use the following email addresses:
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info@heritage.md - for general questions or which do not fall into any of the above categories

*As well as, kindly remind you that on the school website https://www.heritage.md/en there is a page now dedicated to parents of Heritage students - **Parents' Portal** (right button of the main menu). Access to the **Parents' Portal** is provided only to parents of Heritage school students (the password was communicated to parents via email)*

COVID-19 measures:
Below are presented legal requirements in conditions of epidemiological safety for the prevention of the disease with the virus SARS-CoV-2:

- ***Order no. 1070 of 22.09.2021** "On the intensification of precautionary measures, prevention and epidemiological control in primary and secondary education institutions, cycle I and II" https://chisinauedu.md/ordinul-nr-1070-din-22-04-2021/*
- *Instructions regarding the measures for organizing the activity of the primary, gymnasium, high school educational institutions for the 2021-2022 academic year, in conditions of epidemiological safety for the prevention of the disease with the virus SARS-CoV-2, approved by **Decision Nr. 60 from 23.08.2021** https://gov.md/sites/default/files/hotarare_cnesp_nr.60-redactat-ro.pdf*
- ***Decision** of the Extraordinary Public Health Commission of Chisinau **No 42 from 25.08.2021** https://chisinauedu.md/hotararea-cespmc-nr-42-din-25-08-2021/*
- ***Decision** of the Extraordinary Public Health Commission of Chisinau **№ 63 from 08.10.2021** https://gov.md/sites/default/files/hotarirea_cnesp_nr.63_08.10.2021.pdf*

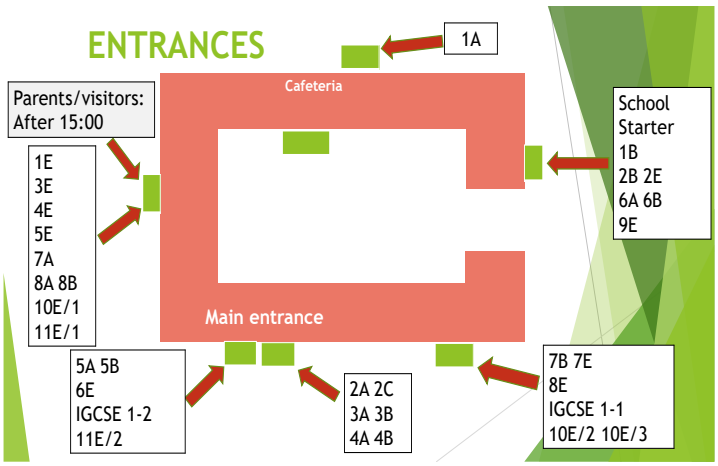
*Due to Covid restrictions this academic year our school follows the rules according to the "**A safe return to physical school strategy and matrix 2021-2022":** https://www.heritage.md/en/school/coronavirus-updates*

***IMPORTANT UPDATE:** according to the **Decision** of the Extraordinary Public Health Commission of Chisinau **№ 63 from 08.10.2021,** in case of a class quarantine for 14 days, the return to classes with a physical presence can be resumed after the 7th day from the date of confirmation of the positive case for those pupils who present a negative test result for the SARS-CoV-2 virus, performed in the last 24 hours. Negatively tested pupils may end the quarantine period after 7 days if in this period no*

symptoms of COVID-19 have been reported. For pupils who end the quarantine period after 7 days based on a negative test, daily monitoring of symptoms is mandatory until the 14th day.

*If your child has **any symptoms** of acute viral respiratory disease, including temperature higher than 37.0°C, parents should not send the child to school and ask for a medical assistant.*
*For children who have been tested positive with Covid-19 and in case of any disease, for return to school it is mandatory to present the **medical certificate** with the 3 stamps, as a confirmation that the child can attend groups of children.*

*Distribution of the **entrances** for each grade is presented below*



Uniform:
We remind you that wearing uniform is mandatory for all the students grade 1-10. Following the link below, you can find the School Uniform Presentation
Lyceum students' dress code will be black and white smart casual to 'office wear'.

*We would like to inform you that the **new uniform model - hoodie - is now available in the uniform store***

The Ministry of Health has approved the vaccination against coronavirus for adolescents over the age of 12 with Pfizer and Moderna products. Starting November 18, children can be vaccinated on the basis of a written application from their parents or legal guardians and in their presence. Children are not allowed to be vaccinated at mobile clinics. Parents can address their family doctor or Medpark with the prior appointment (call-center Medpark 02400040).

UPCOMING EVENTS

29th November-9th December	*IGCSE 2 Mock Exams*
1st December 2021, Wednesday	*4th Founders' Lecture, Dr. Howard Williamson, professor of European Policy, University of South Wales*
6th-10th December 2021	*Hour of Code*
10th December 2021	*Human Rights Day*
11th December 2021	*Christmas Jumper Day*
20t December-25th December 2021	*Winter Wonderland Week at Heritage*

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