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GENERAL

Thought for the week:

"People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy."- Anton Chekhov

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

The view from Dacia Boulevard this week was one of definitely winter is here and snow is on the way. The students all came in, as happy as ever, and left in the same spirits, even the secondary students undertaking mocks and checkpoint tests. They really don't notice if it is summer or winter, especially as we are still able to go outside and use the outdoor space. The transformation of classrooms and the corridors to celebrate the winter and the festivals of December are certainly making sure we finish this long semester 1 and 2021, on a good note. Our annual Christmas/New year card competition was launched this week by Mrs. Elena so I know for sure we are coming to the end of this half of the academic year. We have one class returning from quarantine next week and if ever we needed a reminder that the Covid era continues, a new variant hitting the headlines tells us what the narrative of 2022 will be and why we need to continue keeping safe measures at home and in school, for the sake of ourselves, each other and our families. I would remind all families using the administrative corridor at the end of the school day to wear a mask properly and not to try and exit the school through the primary corridor. I was a bit surprised this week to see one or two doing this and it really cannot happen. We have had these measures in place long enough and they apply to everyone visiting the administrative corridor. We all play our part here.

Our social and civic responsibility will also extend again to our support of vulnerable children in local care homes in the Botanica area and news of how to support this initiative will be sent via the home room teachers. My assembly theme this week was around the values of "Integrity" and "Kindness", and the Action for Happiness calendar for December as ever, has a number of great daily suggestions for this. The smallest acts of kindness make all the difference, especially linked to how we individually act and think to those around us and our community. Even in frustrating times, our dialogue is respectul, positive and constructive. We had an incredible dialogue on Wednesday for the 4th Founders' Lecture with the larger than life, Dr Howard Williamson, professor of European social policy in Wales. Again, the strength of the 3rd series of lectures is the national education community of Moldova from our state school partners, being involved, making the most of these shared opportunities. Educators are actually in the arena and a real, local grassroots educational initiative that is having sustainable impact and not just some short term glossy PR that educators and schools of this country get short changed with. It was our longest lecture, nearly double the time, one of our most eclectic, one of our most fascinating and thought provoking and to finish off, he played "Danny Boy" on the harmonica. I hope Dr O'Connell at home was impressed with the choice of a celtic classic.

I had the great honour of being part of the Varkey Foundation team who spoke and contributed to the 13th UNESCO's Policy Dialogue in Rwanda and online this week. Being part of the Teacher Taskforce group is a real privilege, especially working with incredible global school leaders. I made the same point about the grassroots and sustainable impact in my talk when asked to reflect on the pandemic as a global school leader. There is hope, there is always hope, but we are very much in a Covid era and false dawns are not very helpful to education communities operating in the most challenging circumstances for decades. I told the conference it was a complete honour to be an educator and work in the team here, leading Heritage, serving the school communities and being part of what we have in Moldova. It doesn't

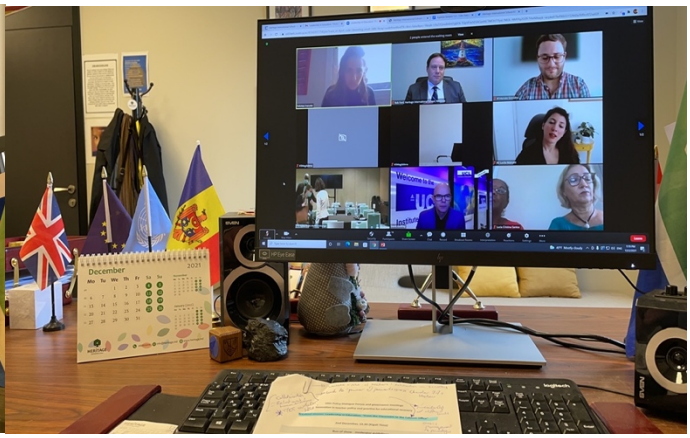
matter if it is winter or summer, we will make sure we have certainty in uncertain times and children leave the school day knowing that one counted and ready for the next one.

Wrap up warm, get the snow boots out ready and have a lovely weekend,

Rob Ford
Director

Heritage in the Wider World:

Director Rob Ford, was invited to speak in the Varkey Foundation talk at the 13th UNESCO Policy Dialogue forum on the 2nd December, online and in Rwanda. Rob is a member of the global Teacher Task Force 2030 group of global school leaders and policy makers. Rob spoke about the experience of Heritage in the pandemic, the changing purpose and pedagogy of education and the role of school leaders and leadership in the 2020s in global schools.



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November 2021 Edition; https://sites.google.com/heritage.md/heritage-globe/home

On Monday, IJC aworded the winners for the ,, Virtual space- friend or danger?" competition. From our school the winners are : Gabriel Poștaru and Elena Ciorchină.
https://cji.md/cji-a-premiat-cele-mai-originale-fotografii-si-materiale-video-realizate-de-elevi-in-cadrul-saptamanii-educatiei-media/

Articles of interest:

- How to Build a Terrarium, So It's Always Gardening Season - The New York Times; https://www.nytimes.com/2021/11/26/realestate/how-to-build-a-terrarium.html

- The Best Toys of 2021 to Gift This Holiday Season | Time Magazine; https://time.com/6121565/best-toys-2021/

- He spent almost 50 years alone at 10,000 feet. His hobby helped shape climate research in the Rockies. An amateur scientist began logging snowfall to keep busy. Along the way, he became an unwitting chronicler of climate change in a region known as the water tower for the drying American West; https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/11/27/colorado-rockies-snow-climate-lab/

- Historic World Health Assembly session offers new chance to prepare for future pandemics, former UK Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, writes about this historic opportunity as we go into 2022; https://www.who.int/news-room/commentaries/detail/historic-world-health-assembly-session-offers-new-chance-to-prepare-for-future-pandemics

- THE 100 MUST-READ BOOKS OF 2021. The fiction, nonfiction and poetry that shifted our perspectives, uncovered essential truths and encouraged us forward; https://time.com/collection/100-must-read-books-2021/

- There's Only One Way to Stop the Emergence of Variants Like Omicron; https://time.com/6124436/omicron-vaccine-inequity/

- How People Learn to Become Resilient | The New Yorker; https://www.newyorker.com/science/maria-konnikova/the-secret-formula-for-resilience

- The Ten Best History Books of 2021-The Smithsonian; https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/the-ten-best-history-books-of-2021-180979128/

- The Instagram 'Influencers' Trying To Make Old Romanian Buildings Cool; https://www.rferl.org/a/romanian-heritage-buildings-instagram-influencers/31582840.html

- International mindedness needs universal definition, says report - Independent Education Today; https://ie-today.co.uk/news/international-mindedness-needs-universal-definition-says-report/

Heritage Primary:

Trophy for the most organized class - 1 E

Primary Spelling Bee Final Round

Well done to all our participants in the Final School Spelling Bee Competition. Special Congratulations to Georgina Davis 2E, Salinger Postolache 2E and Calin Gurau 3A who won 1st place. Popa Eva-Otilia 1A won 2nd place, Casandra Rucan 2B -3rd place. Outstanding results in the second age group, grades 4-6 . Eric Sirbu 5E and Sebastian Istrate 4E won the 1st place, Popa Bianca-Romina 5A- 2nd place and Alisa Sergheevici 4B and Bogdan Talpa 6E 3rd place.

5E explored and observed at Cambridge Primary Science how the crystals dissolve and some solutes change the colour of solvents . We encourage our students to be curious, make observations and think scientifically. They ask questions and predict what might happen. Then we experiment and explain what we've found out.

Cambridge Science in 5E -Pollination in Action

What is the most engaging way to study pollination? Stage 5E students showed how pollination works!

After they've washed their hands thoroughly, they collected some cheese puffs from the plate. Once they've eaten them, they did not wipe their hands or lick their fingers, tempting though it may be! The students wiped their hands on the pretty flower on the front of the plate. Those yellowy smears left behind represent pollination!The students asked when they would study pollination again!

5E Decorating the Christmas Tree and their classroom

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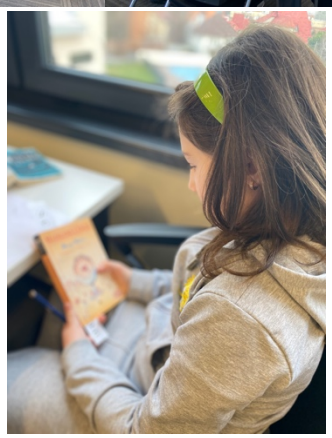
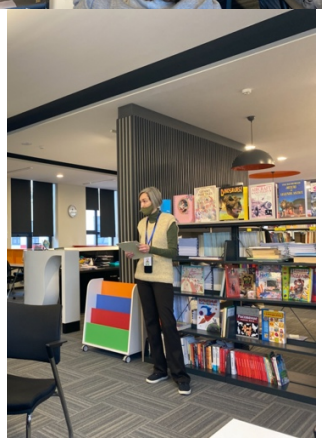
5E were really lucky on Fabulous Friday to have a tour of our library. Mrs. Rodica , the librarian introduced the students to genres and categories and differences between them. The Librarian also reminded them about the 5 finger rule for choosing right book!
Bad libraries build collections, Good libraries build services, Great libraries build Communities!
Welcome to Heritage Community!





Personal Development Lesson in 1A-Love Your Country

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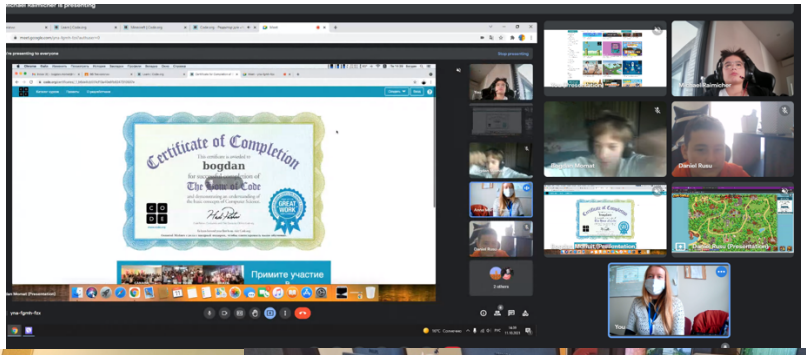
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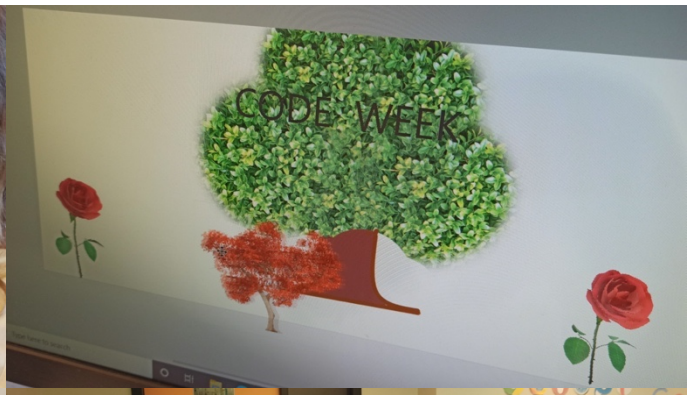
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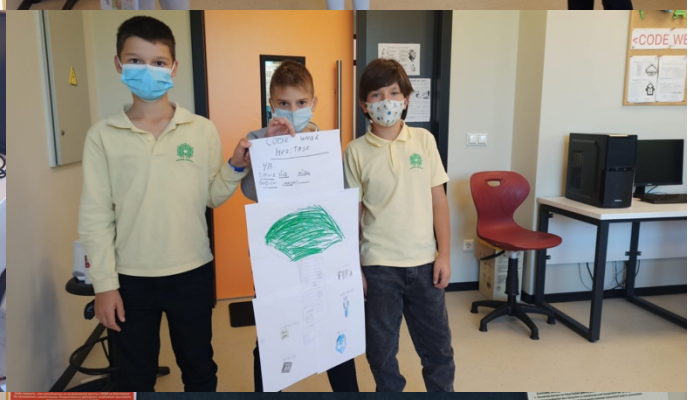

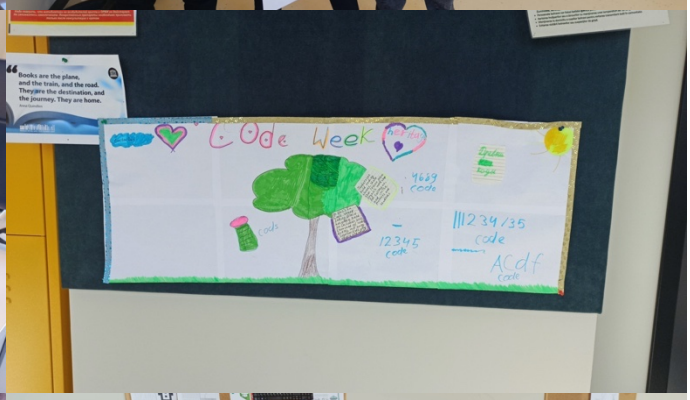
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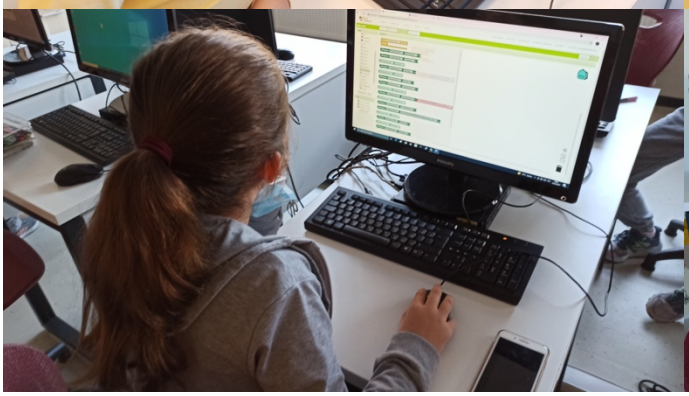

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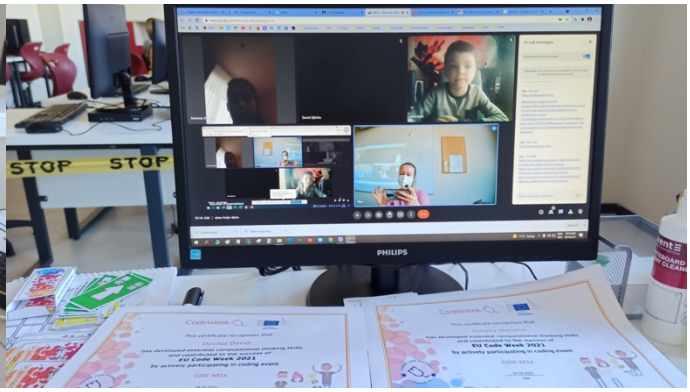
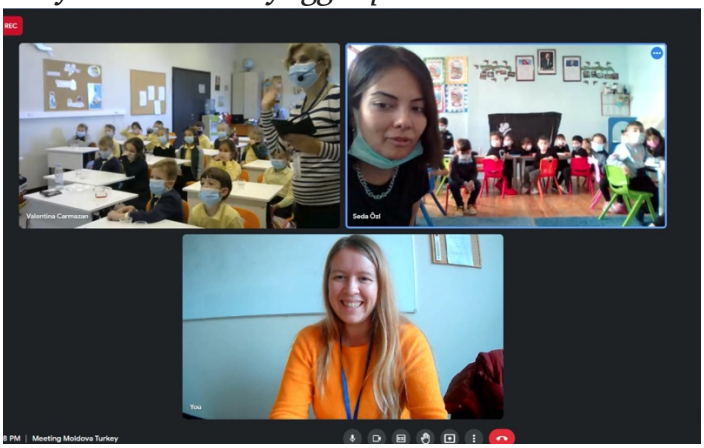
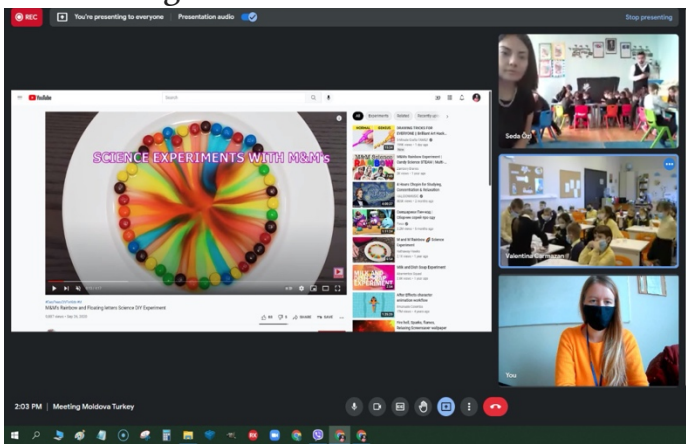


2B testing augmented reality

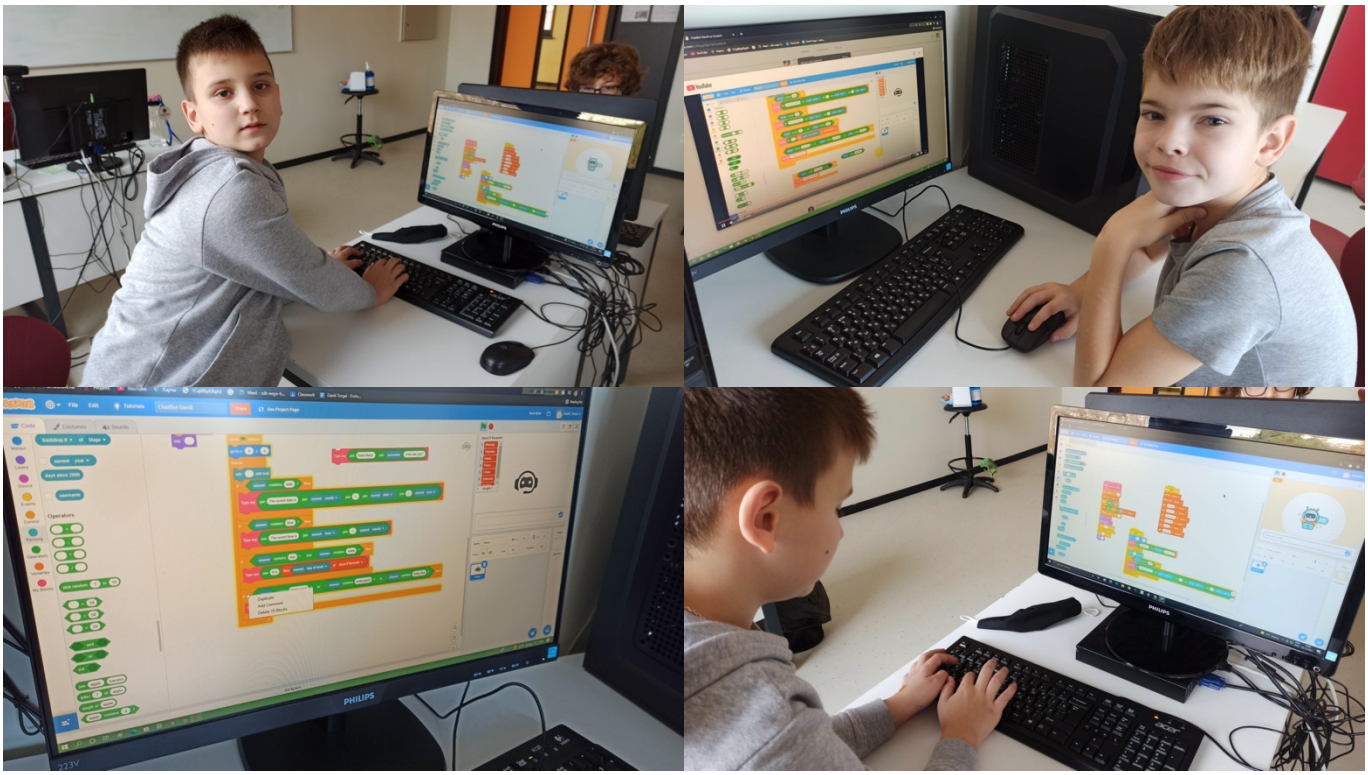
Meeting with project partners "What does a child want". 1A students learned what an experiment is. They made a bouncy egg experiment and created a rainbow using candies and water.

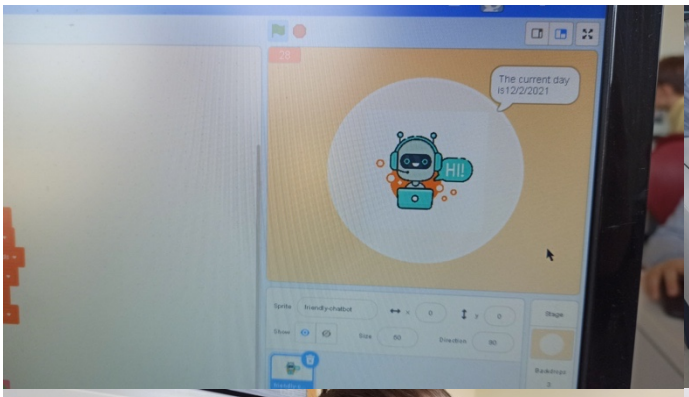


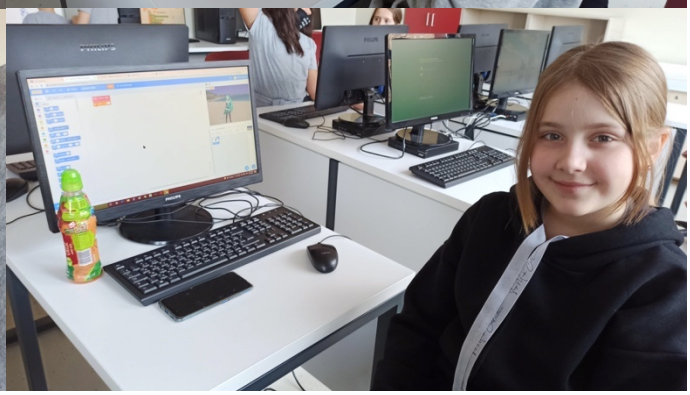


Book presentation in 4A

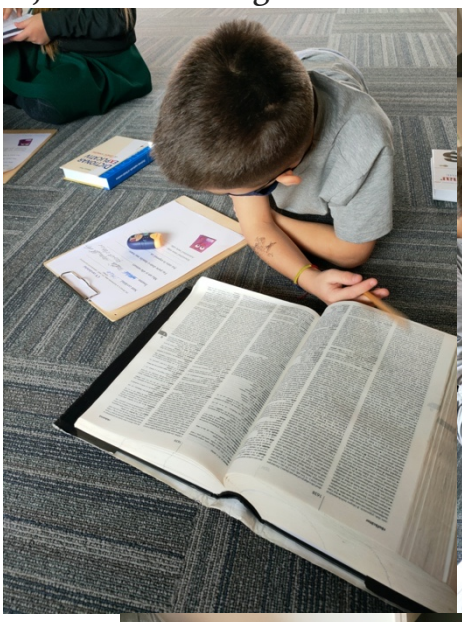
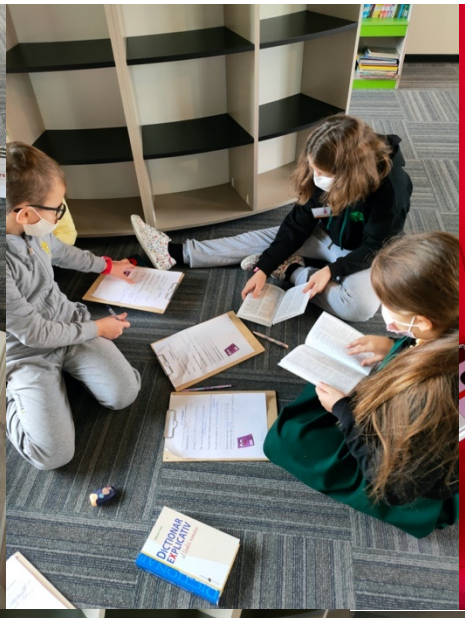
4A IT Club: ChatBot programmed in Scratch

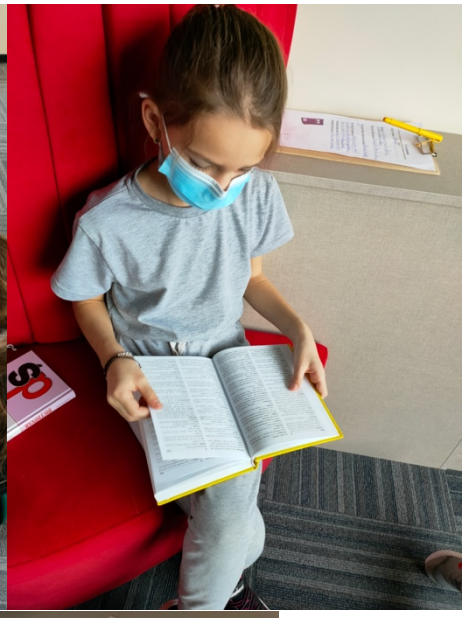






3A students enriching their vocabulary day by day. Although sometimes the dictionary is bigger than us, we love challenges.

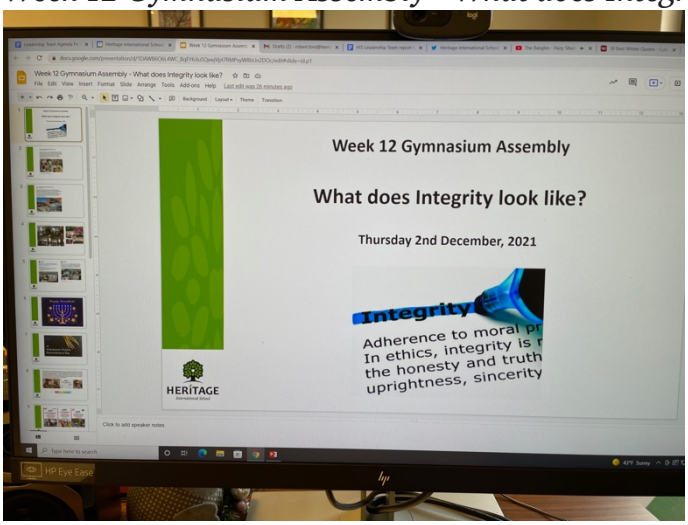


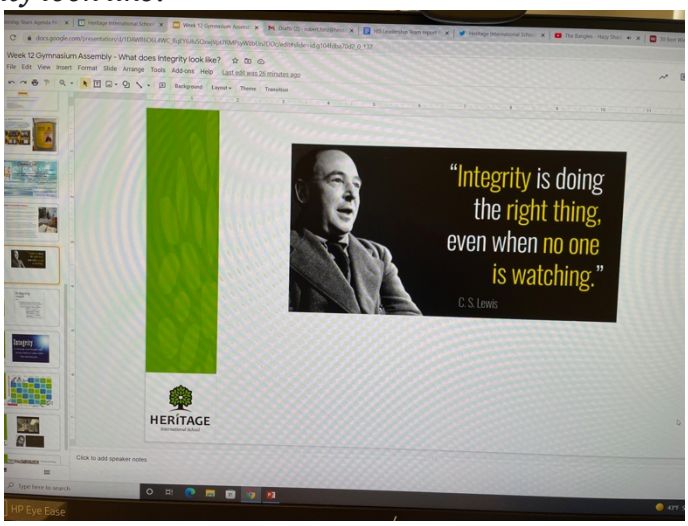
Favorite PE lessons

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/

Week 12 Gymnasium Assembly - What does Integrity look like?





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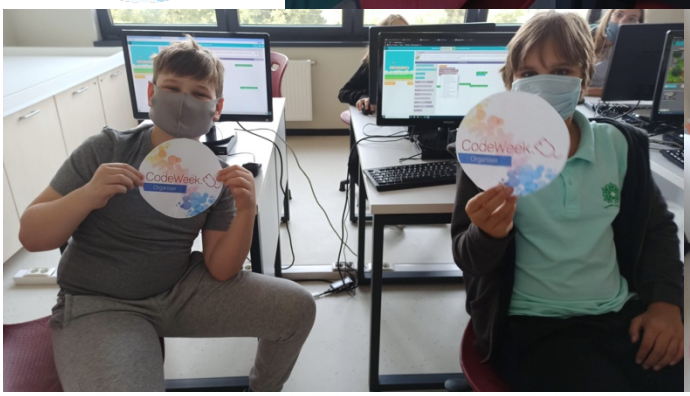
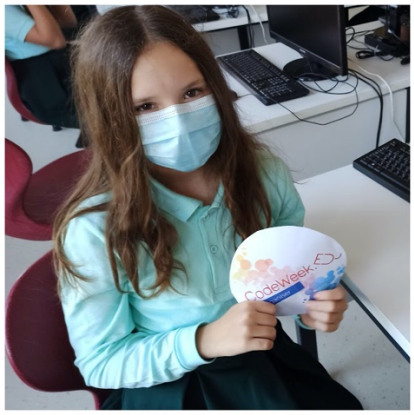


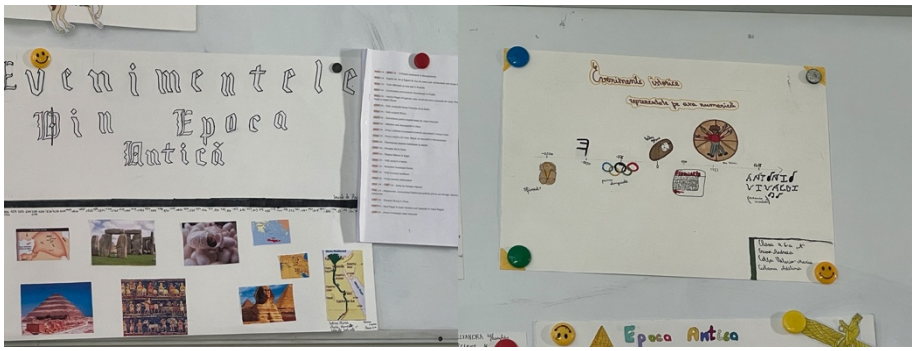


IGCSE Mock Exams -challenging but useful experience

Christmas Decoration in Full Swing

Find 2 friends and create an exercise. That's the way 6A students learned to add positive and negative numbers.

In the Math lesson, learning about positive and negative numbers axis, 6th grade A students had to present a poster with the axis of historical events from ancient times. The project combined mathematics, history and fine arts and the students worked with pleasure, showing creativity and originality, but also mathematical accuracy.



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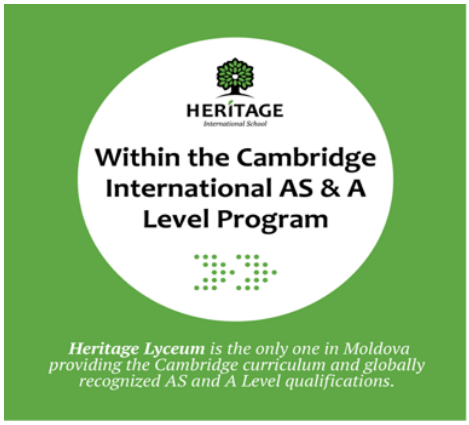

Another busy week for our Lyceum students; the 'christmasification' of our homeroom class has begun.
And in more academic news...
A huge congratulations to our talented team of debaters currently taking part in the prestigious [COBIS International Debate Competition](). They are performing at an impressive standard and we are so proud for them to be representing us.

This week I (Ms Rose) met with Unifrog to discuss how their platform can benefit our Lyceum students. The platform also offers online courses and boundless information regarding all English-taught courses across the globe. It truly is a fantastic resource to which all students in 11E will have personal access.
On Monday 6th December, our students will be introduced to the platform in all of its university application information and research tools.

Students and parents are also invited to follow this link in order to explore the benefits of studying Cambridge A-Levels when applying to university in America or Canada:
https://blog.cambridgeinternational.org/international-students-get-credit-to-us-universities-too/

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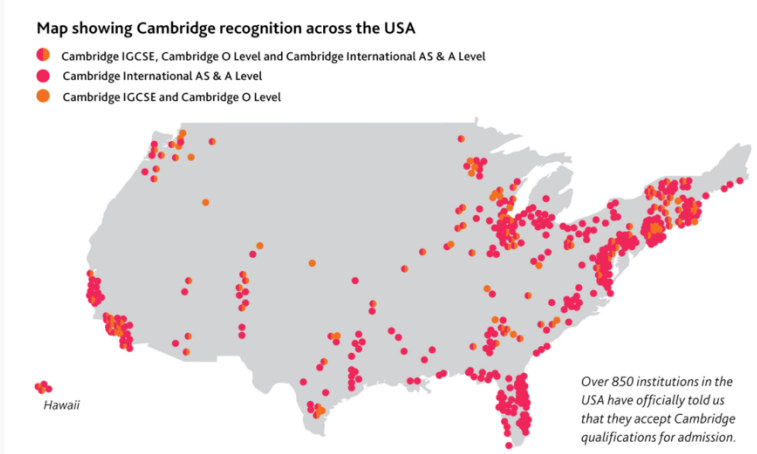
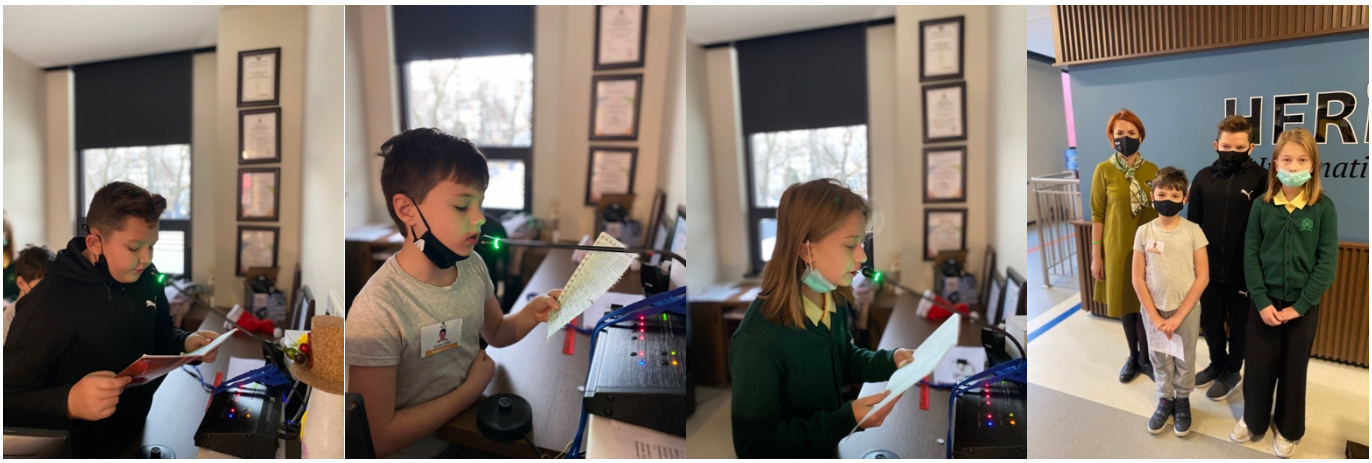


Map showing the location of North American institutions who offer admissions, credit and placement policies to Cambridge students

Student leadership:

Primary Student Council
3 members of the Primary Student Council have announced on the school radio about the Shoebox Charity Campaign " Let's spread Kindness this Christmas' Our Heritage Community is encouraged to partake in this campaign and were advised what items to be included in the Shoebox.

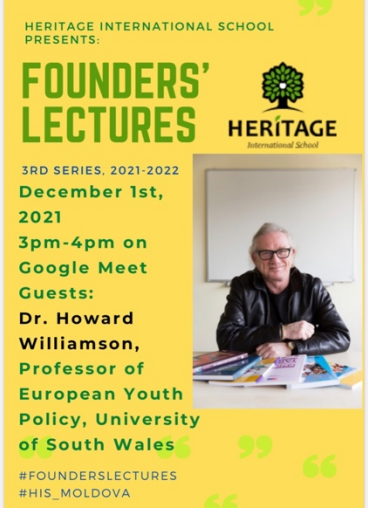


https://sites.google.com/heritage.md/heritagepodcast/home/podcasts

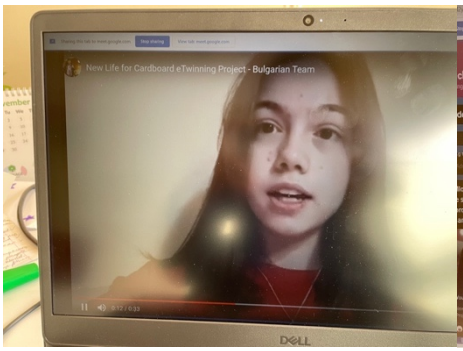
Global education:

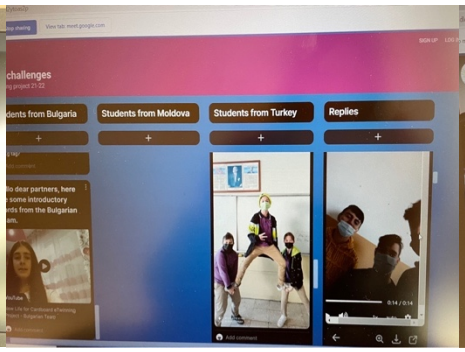
We held our 4th Founders Lecture on Wednesday and the last for this semester. Our guest speaker was Dr Howard Williamson, a social policy professor from the University of South Wales, who received the titles of Commander of the Order of the British Empire (2002) and Commander of the Victorian Order (2016) for his lifelong youth work of excellence . Howard did research at the University of Oxford, has worked extensively with governments in the UK, Slovenia, Hungary, Romania and ,recently, Moldova to write youth policies and he still works with youth organisations in many countries, being also a co-president at the Council of Wales Voluntary Youth Organisations. Howard had an informal conversation with students present, both from Heritage and from other schools across the country, as we invited several schools to be our guests and to offer them an unforgettable experience. The students were asking about the way he sees the future of youth, what to do if they are too worried about their future and what skills young people need to develop in order to be successful in their future jobs. The lecture finished with Howard playing an Irish tune on his harmonica and us all with our hearts filled with warmth. The feedback from those who attended was excellent, especially our guests from the public schools were very impressed.

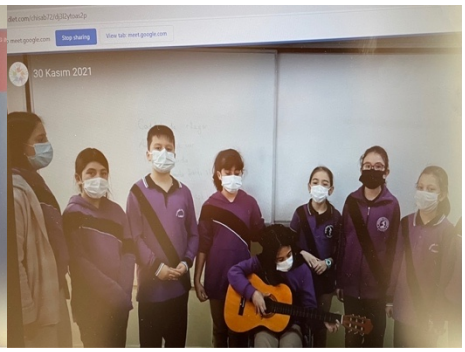
Our next lecture is in January and the guest speaker is the podcast producer Kenneth Sweeney from Ireland.

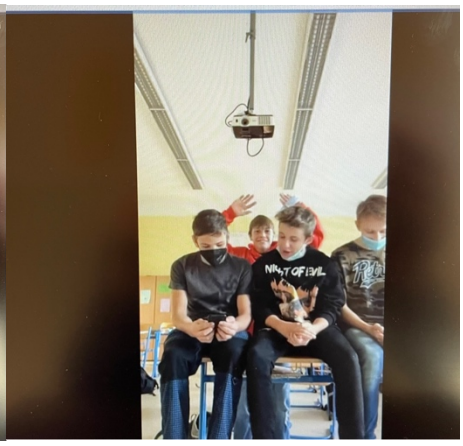


On Friday, our grade 9 students started their new eTwinning project, entitled "A New Life for Cardboard" with partners from Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Italy and Turkey. For the start, they have some challenges to take, like tongue twisters, songs, physical activities to do , but also to submit their own challenge for their partners, as part of the introduction stage. Later, they will create cardboard prototypes, will present and receive feedback for them.
The idea of the project is based around sustainability, but also communication and collaboration in teams.

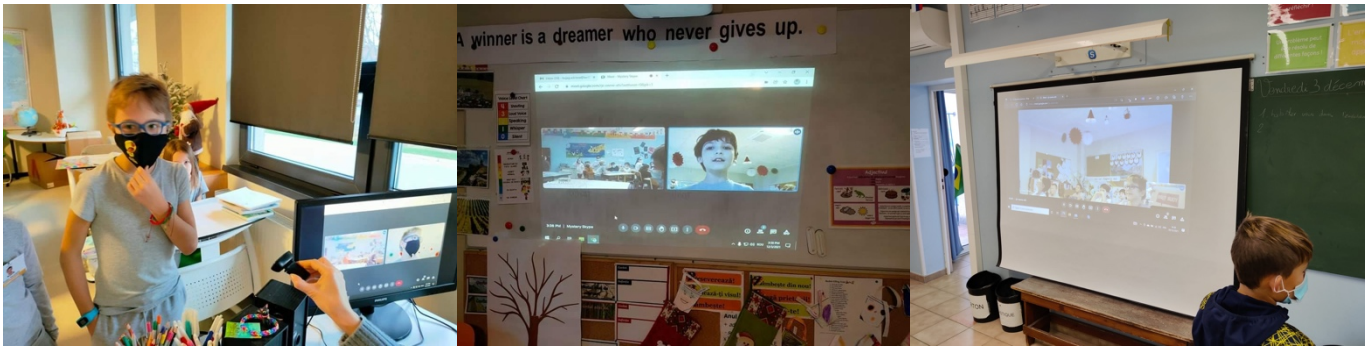


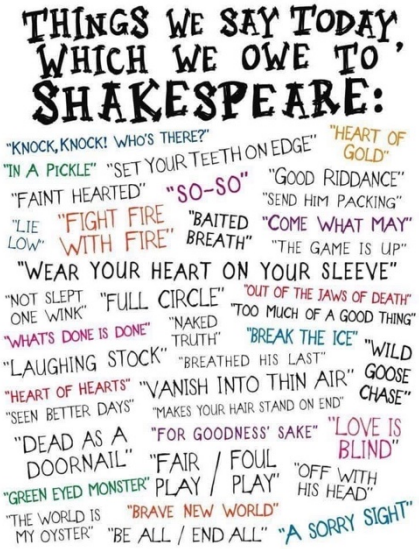






On Friday afternoon, besides the fact that our students that are the best at debating competed alongside 60 teams from 35 COBIS schools, our young learners in 3A flew virtually to France, as they participated in a Mystery Skype session with a group of 4th graders from Montauroux. Joy and happiness as our Heritage students were the first to guess where the virtual guests were from! All in all, a wonderful experience!





On Thursday, December 2, the entire world celebrated the 405th anniversary of Shakespeare death, the famous English playwright, poet and actor, often regarded as the biggest English poet. He was the one who contributed with 1700 words to the English language, but also created many phrases and expressions we still use today. Which of these do you use?

Heritage Creativity:

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:

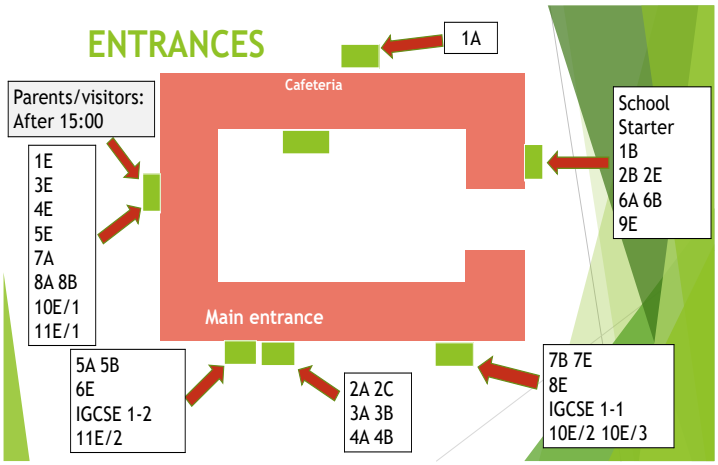
- ***Order no. 1070 of 22.09.2021** "On the intensification of precautionary measures, prevention and epidemiological control in primary and secondary education institutions, cycle I and II" https://chisinauedu.md/ordinul-nr-1070-din-22-04-2021/*
- *Instructions regarding the measures for organizing 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 2021	*IGCSE 2 Mock Exams*
1st-10th December 2021	*Heritage Christmas Card Contest*
6th -10th December 2021	*Hour of Code*
10th December 2021	*Human Rights Day*
20th December -24th December 2021	*Winter Wonderland Week at Heritage*

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