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THE INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE HERALD

April 22, 2022

GENERAL

Thought for the week:

"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything."- William Shakespeare

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

It feels like we have made it over one finishing line going into the Easter/Spring break but the real one, the end of the academic year, is still in sight when we return on the 3rd May. I have spoken a lot this week to students who are definitely suffering exam fatigue and the rest next week cannot come soon enough. There have certainly been plenty of activities going on in school all week and I've particularly enjoyed both the basketball and the football over at Zimbru this week. The clay workshops have been a great success and the creativity has extended to some great "alternative trees" outside the Primary classrooms door as we mark another "Earth Day". We have also been enjoying so many events around reading and literacy and this newsletter is full of photos showing the joy and learning in Heritage.

There was a very insightful Founders' Lecture No 8 this week with Alexandrina Cheptanaru and it was a real privilege to hear such a remarkable success story from Moldova this afternoon. So many practical tips for our students from a great Global Citizen. The importance of languages, being able to take critical advice, working hard & having a goal. It's been a fantastic third series this year with such a range of brilliant speakers giving their time, stories and insights to our students and those across Moldova in our national education community. On Friday, we got to celebrate the UN's English Language Day as well as Shakespeare's birthday. The menu in the canteen was a wonderful celebration of British cuisine with delights like tea with milk and "toad in the hole". And no, "British cuisine" is not an oxymoron! I am looking forward to decent Fish and Chips when I get back to Bristol for the summer.

The April showers this week and the cooler temperatures reminded us all that we are in mid Spring. I hope for the break next week we have better weather but I think the opportunity to rest and have a change in the routine is going to be welcome for everyone. School will be effectively closed next week with a limited contact for emergencies. It is really important here for all families as well as the staff here to have the break and be refreshed to get ready for the huge number of events, as well as daily school life & learning, when we come back for the last few weeks of May and close the academic year. If you haven't confirmed your school place for next year, I would urge you to also do that as soon as you can.

I want to wish everyone in our Heritage community a restful and peaceful Spring break and for those celebrating, a very Happy Easter. As ever, thank you for your support of me and our school
take care,
Rob Ford

Heritage in the Wider World:

The School Collaborative

Ask Questions, Learn from Experts, Share Best Practice

Addressing Geopolitical Conflict with Students at International Schools - A Roundtable Discussion

I know for myself when I was a teenager, the cold war was something that was frightening and sometimes a bit overwhelming. Students today are confronted with a real war and all of the terrible and scary things that come with this new global threat. The School Collaborative would like to invite you to join our roundtable discussion - Addressing Geopolitical Conflict with Students at International Schools.

Stress, Anxiety and Fear of the Unknown

April 28th - 13:00 - 14:00 CET

Once again schools find themselves confronted with a challenge where little experience exists on how to address this with students. The Roundtable session will feature a short discussion with Rob Ford, Director of the Heritage International School in Moldova and their experience being so close to the frontlines.

Dr. Doug Walker, a clinical psychologist with extensive experience and insights dealing with trauma, crisis and international schools and Meredith Herold a registered nurse with extensive experience in the private and public sector including Hospitals, community and international schools will be taking questions and providing guidance during this session.

Please plan to join this important discussion to ask questions as well as to share your own experiences and best practice as we support students through this new and traumatic time in our world.

Doug has extensive experience and insights dealing with trauma, crisis and international schools. Doug has provided trauma support to crisis including the 2011 Great Tohoku Earthquake, Tsunami, and severe nuclear reactor accidents of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant as well as hurricane Katrina.

Rob Ford - Director, HERITAGE International School, Chisinau, Moldova

Rob has been an educator for nearly 30 years, a history and politics teacher, a school leader in various schools in the UK and was principal of Wyedean School in the UK, before being appointed as Director of Heritage International School Group. Heritage is the first international school in Moldova, an accredited member of COBIS, an ET winning school and recognised by the British Council with their International School Award. Rob is a long serving British Council schools' ambassador, a Varkey/TFF2030/UNICEF global school leader and speaks & advises on global education and school leadership internationally.

Articles of interest:

Supporting children article: *'They're entitled to know the world isn't always a safe place': how to talk to your children about the permacrisis; Guardian:* *https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2022/mar/23/theyre-entitled-to-know-the-world-isnt-always-a-safe-place-how-to-talk-to-your-children-about-the-permacrisis*

- Supporting Animal Welfare in Ukraine:
Co-founder of UAnimals Olga Chevganyuk +380 98 553 07 37

Vladimir Topchiy (±380 67 515 77 86 his mobile) the director of a zoo in Nikolaev, they do not have enough food for animals: https://linktr.ee/uanimals

Lena Baran. I am in Ukraine and I speak English. You can give my contacts: +380633918986 WhatsApp and signal. Email: elen.baran@gmail.com

The rest of the dogs from the balka are alive and ok. Our first needs are dry dog food (we've got more than 360 dogs) .We received humanitarian aid once, but this is not enough for such a big amount of animals.and yes, we have a volunteer Iryna, she speaks English and can answer any questions. Here is her number : +380979264797 (What's app, or Viber) - This is Pegasus Shelter in Dnipro.

- Radio Free Europe Article: 'I Will Never Leave': *The Ukrainian Dog Shelter Caught Up In War: https://www.rferl.org/a/ukraine-dog-shelter-dnipro/31770600.html*

- ***Fine art exhibition by children refugees from Ukraine*** *inaugurated at Chisinau-based library;*
https://www.moldpres.md/en/news/2022/04/04/22002555

- ***Ukraine: 'This has been the biggest challenge of my career'*** *David Cole, principal of the British International School Ukraine, remains optimistic about the future, despite the horrors of Russia's invasion. ISM Plus article from our COBIS partner school.*
https://www.schoolmanagementplus.com/heads-governors-school-leadership-governance/ukraine-this-has-been-the-biggest-challenge-of-my-career/

- ***Eggs, bunnies and Jesus Christ: the history and origins of Easter.*** *How does Easter relate to Jesus? Where does the word 'Easter' come from? And when did we start eating Easter eggs? Historian Emma J Wells explores the origins of this springtime celebration;*
https://www.historyextra.com/period/medieval/easter-origins-history-facts-celebrate/

- ***86 Fun Activities To Relax and De-Stress;*** *https://www.outofstress.com/things-stress-relief/*

- ***Moldova Refugee Response,*** *Inter Agency Update #9 (13 -15 April); Moldova Refugee Response, Inter Agency Update #9 (13 -15 April) - Moldova | ReliefWeb*

- ***Wearing a Mask Can Help Protect You If No One Else Wears One*** *| Time Magazine; https://time.com/6168672/how-wearing-mask-protects-you/*

- ***UN News. Guterres urges youth:*** *Keep pushing, mobilizing, 'bringing your ideas to the table'; https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/04/1116592*

Heritage Globe:

The April edition of the Heritage Globe is now available! Be sure to check out all the great articles, art, and creative writing. You can also go into the Archive to look through older editions.

If you don't already, you can follow the Heritage Globe on social media:

Instagram*: heritage.globe*
Twitter*: heritage.globe*

-The Heritage Globe Staff

Heritage Primary:

Trophy for the most organized class-1B

Getting ready for Earth Day

It is the duty of every citizen to keep the Earth clean. To inform us about recycling, the third graders went on a trip to ABS Recycling. We need to know how to sort waste, how it is fair to recycle it. The students also visited the museum, where they saw the found objects.

1E students drawing the Earth

Primary students learning quilling technique

Easter Cake workshop

1A Super Readers contest

A visit to the Recycling Plant related to Earth Day

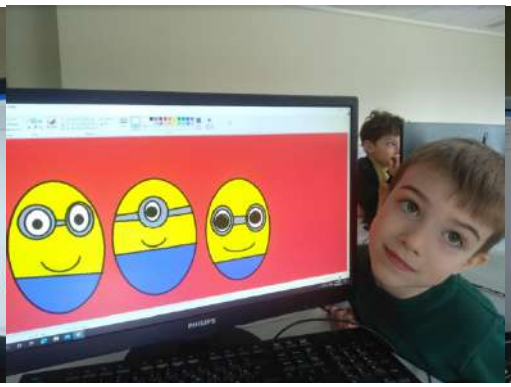
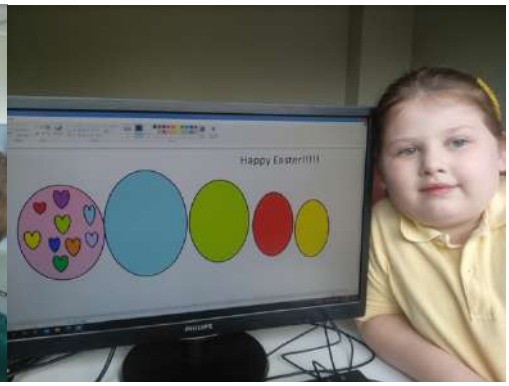
Making use of Recycling paper bins

How beautiful is the Earth adorned with flowers of hope and coloured by children!

Another book read in conjunction with the third graders. "The Little Prince" written by A. de S. Expert was read, then the students reflected on its contents and shared their thoughts.

3E students modelling cute 3D Easter bunnies

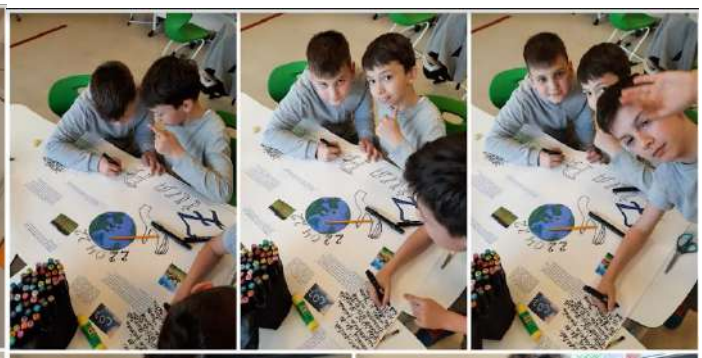
1E drawing and decorating Easter eggs

The students are eagerly preparing to meet the Holy Day of Easter, performing Easter songs and carols.

This week 4E students have had some visitors from the secondary school to talk to them about the importance of recycling as well as reading to them. For Earth Day, the 4E students also took part in creating a tree out of recyclable materials as well as planting seeds and flowers in their designated plot. Last but not least, they hunted for some Easter eggs and got their mini treats before breaking for their Easter holiday.

Earth Day in 4A



Earth Day in 5E

Easter Egg Hunt

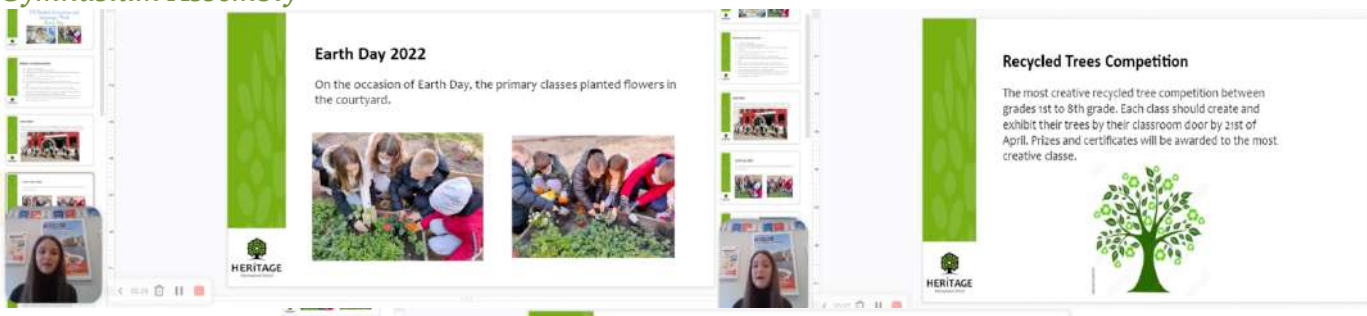
2 B students planting flowers

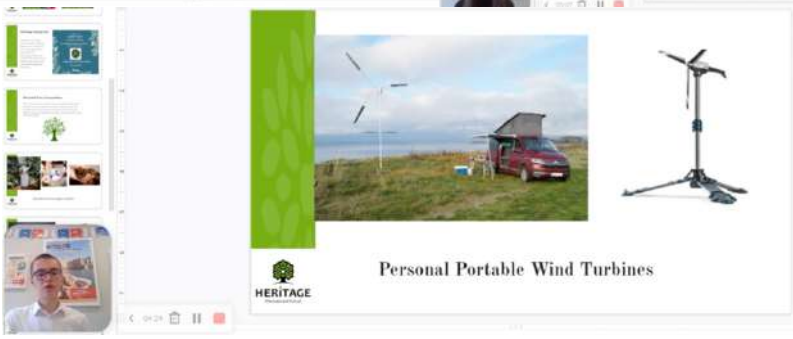
The most creative recycled tree contest

School Starter Easter Bunnies hardworking team

Heritage Gymnasium:

Gymnasium Assembly





Lower Secondary Checkpoint exams- well done!

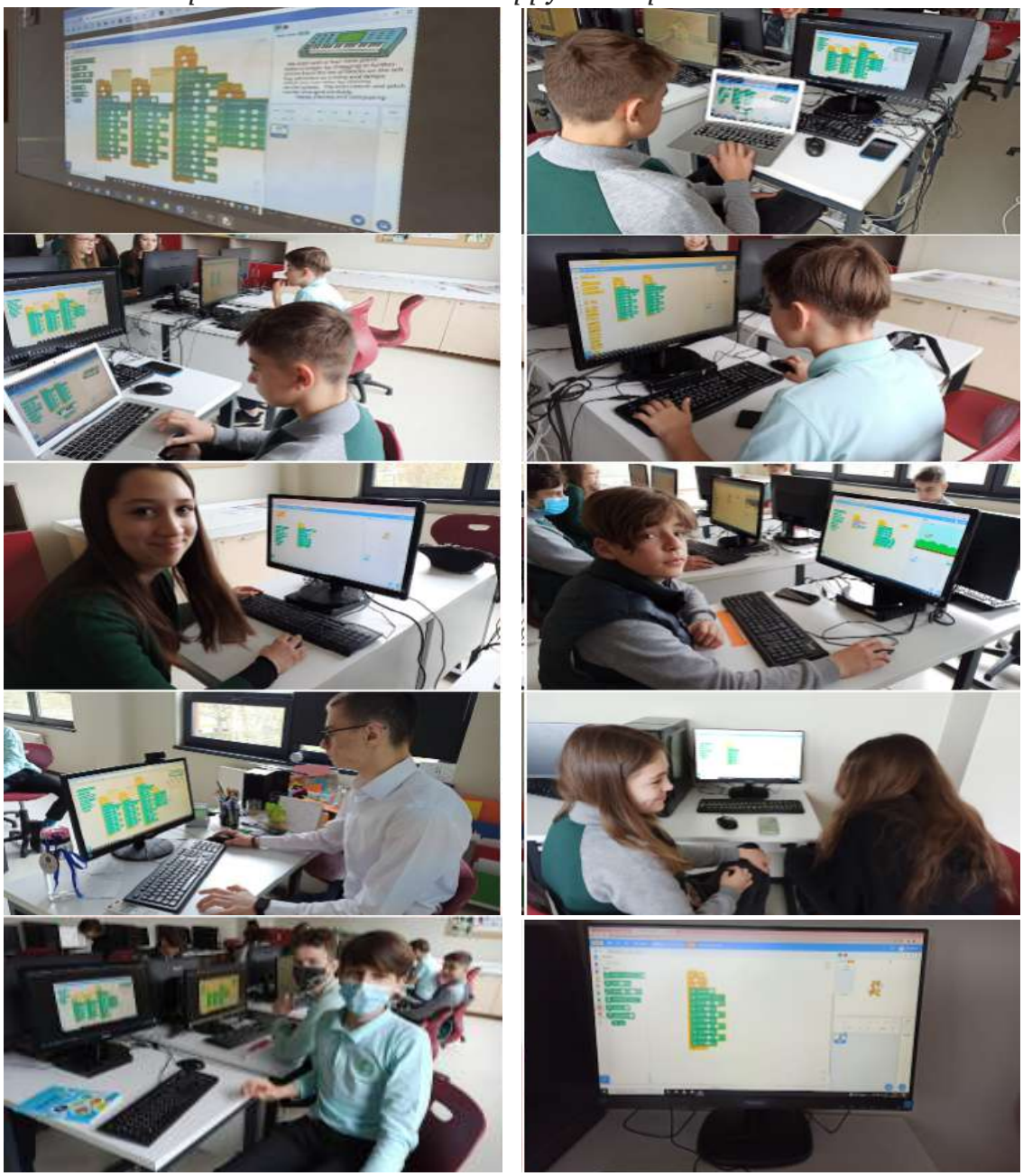
Earth Day: Members of the Student Council's media and social committee visited the classrooms and presented the video they made for Earth Day. The members of the Media Committee watched that video with the class - it has a very important message! The students asked questions and were amazed by their talented and involved classmates. Well done, members of the Media Committee!

I.L. Caragiale's sketches are always fun. After reading the sketch "Visit", 5A students also tried to role play, getting into the skin of the characters. We have rising actors in this class!

Childhood, war, the Bessarabian village, love - are the main themes of the novel "Frunze de dor" by Ion Druță studied by 7A students, they generalized their knowledge in final projects

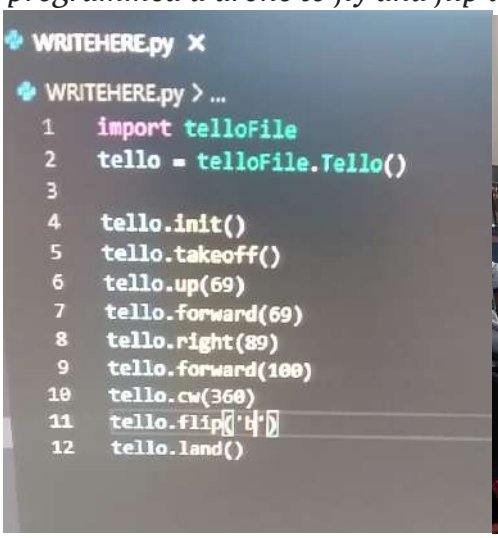
OurPlanet Earth holds secretsand phenomena so mysterious that even scientists can't always explain them. 5A and 5B students were eager to discover them during the geography week.

Did you know that it is possible to even code music?
Yes! It is. This nice experience made students happy at computer science lessons!



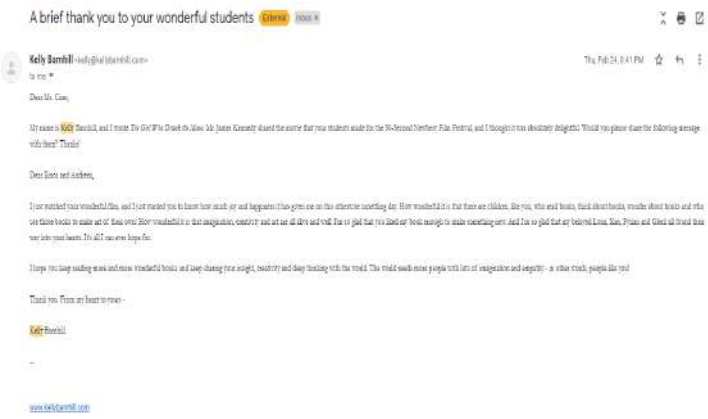
Clay Workshop in 5A: the learners have experienced something new. Mrs. Eleonora Russu involved them in the most brilliant activity. Children created some Easter souvenirs.

8E students programmed a drone to fly and flip using Python



*Our students **Radu Ilinca** and **Crivoi Andreea** (6A) participated in **The 90-Second Newbery Film Festival** - video contest in which young filmmakers create weird short movies that tell the entire stories of Newbery-winning books in about 90 seconds. Ilinca and Andreea chose the winning book **"The Girl Who Drank The Moon" by Kelly Barnhill**. Their short movie will be featured in the Assorted Cities *online* screening of the 90-Second Newbery Film Festival.The Assorted Cities screening will go online this Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 3 pm CST [Link here]*

Our students received an message from James Kennedy, Director of the 90-Second Newbery Film Festival.



Geography lessons in 7A and 7B: the students presented the "Eurasian Countries" projects, recounting the most spectacular places in Eurasia, the traditions and customs of the peoples of this continent.

Heritage Lyceum:

The admission campaign for Heritage Lyceum (grade 11) is now open.
A world-class education, studying exclusively in English, Cambridge International qualifications and a phenomenal academic experience – it can all be yours!
We recommend you send your application by 31st March 2022.
Learn more and apply here:
The Admissions Process for our Lyceum and Cambridge International A Levels 2022-24 is now underway. Further details here: https://fb.watch/aMT0PcPDA0/
https://www.heritage.md/en/learning/lyceum

Cambridge IGCSE Guide for parents https://drive.google.com/drive/u/2/my-drive
Cambridge AS and A Level for parents https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/Images/268772-cambridge-international-as-a-level-a-guide-for-parents.pdf

Global Education:

This has been one of the most extraordinary weeks at Heritage!
We celebrated the important things for humanity and its progress, that is Planet Earth and reading.
As we mark Earth Day on April 22nd, and World Book Day, UN English Language Day and Shakespeare Day on April 23rd, Heritage had a whole list of events taking place during the week in order to celebrate.
First, our Student Council members volunteered to visit primary class for the Storytelling and reading together activity - many primary classes enjoyed visitors, reading and having fun. Photos tell more than words could say.

On Friday afternoon, the students in grades 8-11 participated in the Human Library activity. Instead of reading a book in the library, each student had the chance to 'read' a volunteer human, an activity done in pairs, with the contribution of our brilliant librarian, Mrs Rodica.

The Student Council also organised the Hidden Bover Book exchange, which supposed they would bring books that were covered, and on Friday they would choose another book with a hidden cover. The activity created lots of excitement on Friday morning, when students chose and opened their wrapped books.

As we have many global partners, we celebrated World Book Day online with our eTwinning partners in Thessaloniki, Greece. Students discussed favourite books, played games and shared their views on reading. They promised each other to meet online again soon, in order to work on the author selected till the end of the academic year. All concluded that reading is a very enriching pastime.

Needless to say, that Earth Day celebration has been totally fantastic throughout the entire week! The primary classes planted flowers in the courtyard from Monday till Friday, and what an amazing result could be seen on Friday afternoon, when Student Council members showed the Heritage school to the world!

On the same occasion, we announced The Most Creative Recycled Tree competition for grades 1 to 8, which the students in the jury evaluated on Friday morning. The classes worked collaboratively and designed trees made of different recycled materials. What great creativity the children have!

The winners are:

1st place - grade 3A

2nd place - 4B

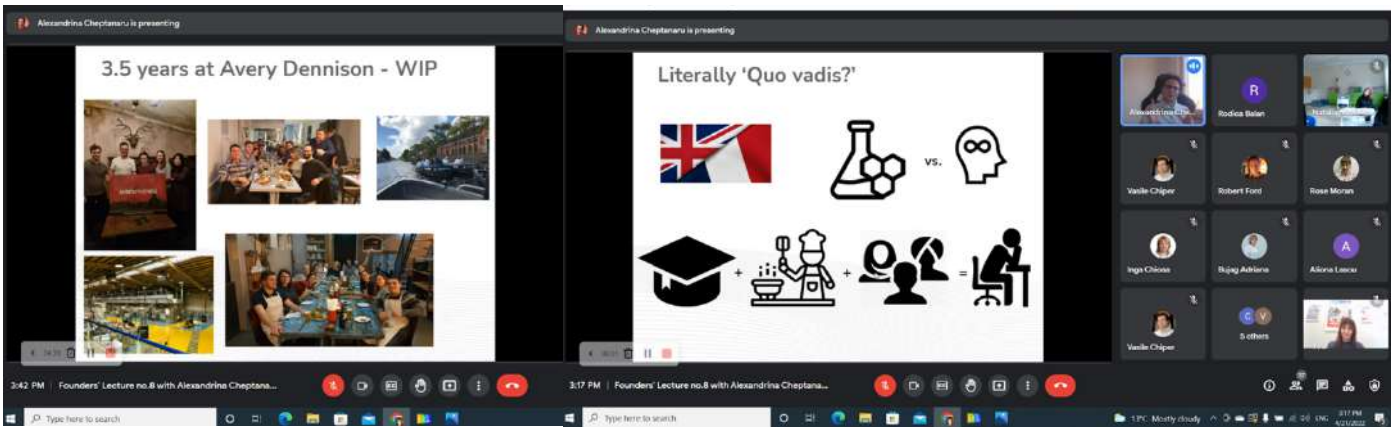
3rd place- 5E

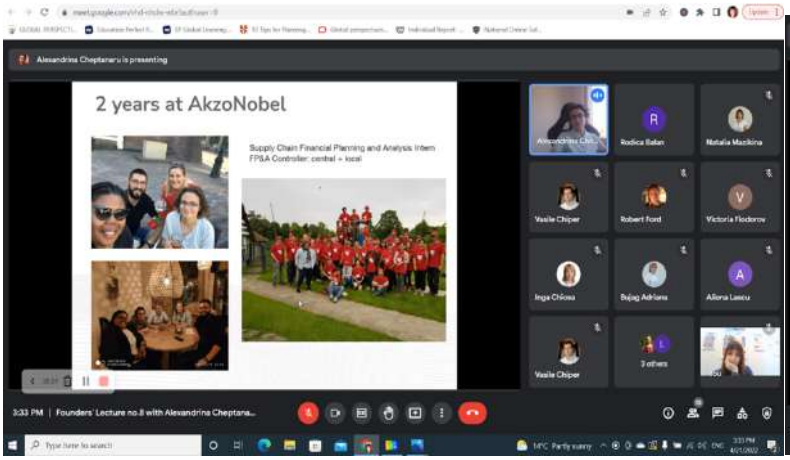
Mention - 6E.

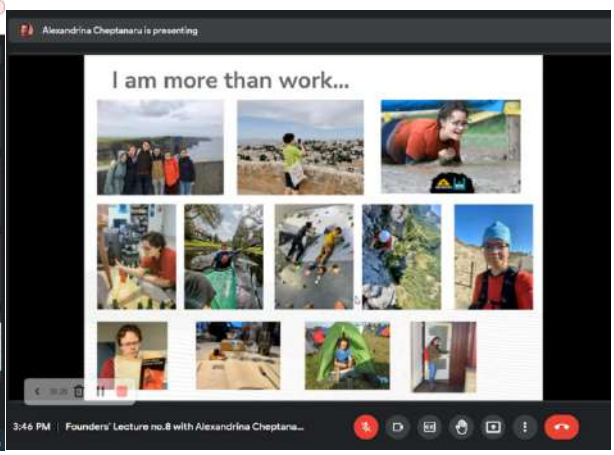
Last but not least, Heritage school was selected as one of the 24 schools in the world to showcase in a live event on Instagram for the @TakeActionEdu account during 24 hours, presenting our school to a global audience for one hour and sharing how we celebrated Earth Day 2022. The brilliant students impressed the world with their language skills, but also with the passion for what we do at Heritage for living a sustainable life.

Founders' Lecture no.8

Heritage held its 8th Founders' Lecture of this year on Thursday. Our guest speaker was Alexandrina Cheptanaru from the Hague, in Netherlands. She works as a senior financial analyst at Avery Dennison, after graduating the Hague University of Applied Sciences.
Alexandrina Cheptanaru spoke about the importance of extracurricular activities she did in high school and that shaped her choice in the future career. Math camps, debating competitions, getting a mentor) in school or outside of it), getting involved in volunteering - all these helped her choose what she wanted to do next as a university and career. Having a mentor in high school also as a suggestion to succeed next. "Don't be afraid that you don't know what to do" - was a great piece of advice. Studying hard and choosing the intense 3 years instead of four years in university was a conscious choice and she tried to get the eBay out of all her opportunities.
Alexandrina told us that university years taught her not to take small things and gestures for granted, such as having someone to cook for you, or clean, or take the garbage out.
She spoke about the importance of learning languages and how lucky the students from Moldova are as they grow in a multi linguistic society.
She also spoke about her generation preferring to chat in written form rather than giving a call when they need to communicate or solve something. Her internship at the end of her studies taught her how important it is to have face to face communication instead.
She spoke about her life in the Netherlands, about the Dutch way of life, free time activities, how they collect plastic from the Canal as a team-building activity at work or how she spends her life, developing passions and not only working.







• *Owlypia* ***Local Virtual Rounds in Moldova*** *will be held on* ***21-22 May 2022****.*
• *The registration fee for your country is 20 GBP with a discount code. (MOL41)*
Registrations are made individually by each student (parent) on the official website: www.owlypia.org

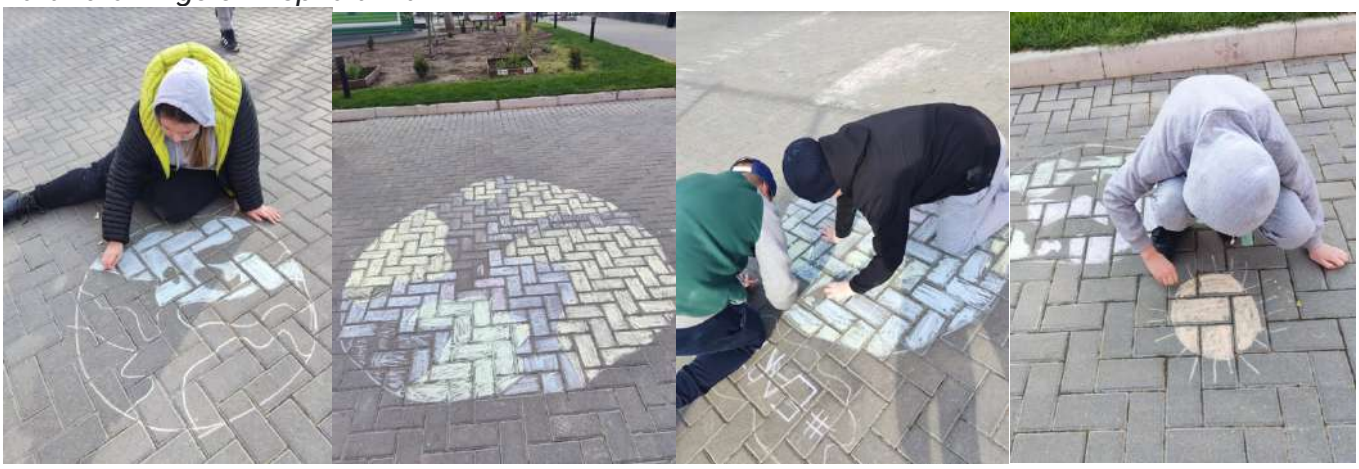
Heritage Creativity:

Celebrating Earth Day!

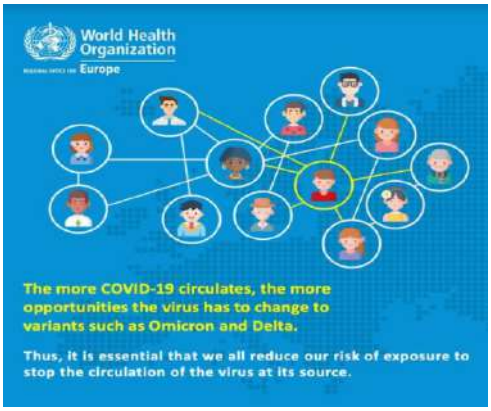
Scratching technique on Easter cardboard Eggs.

Easter Eggs: Tie and dye Eggs with 5 E. Acrylic and watercolour painting on Eggs with IGCSE 1

Earth drawings on Asphalt with 7 E



COVID-19 measures:



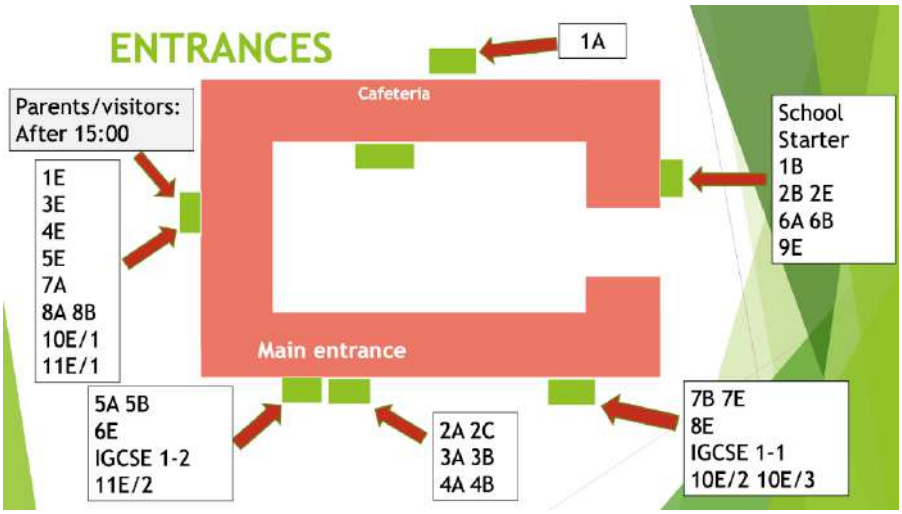
Below are presented legal requirements in conditions of epidemiological safety for the prevention of the disease with the virus SARS-CoV-2:
· Instructions regarding the measures for organizing the activity of the primary, gymnasium, high school educational institutions for the 2021-2022 academic year, in conditions of epidemiological safety for the prevention of the disease with the virus SARS-CoV-2, approved by Decision Nr. 266 from 15.04.2022 http://www.mec.gov.md/ro/content/noi-reglementari-pentru-institutiile-de-invatamant-contextul-anularii-starii-de-urgenta

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 from 03.02.2022, in case of a class quarantine for 10 days, the return to classes with a physical presence can be resumed after the 5th 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 5 days if in this period no symptoms of COVID-19 have been reported. For pupils who end the quarantine period after 5 days based on a negative test, daily monitoring of symptoms is mandatory until the 10th day. Vaccinated students or the students who have had COVD within the last 90 days should not quarantine.

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 assistance.

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'.

School Exit Pass:

We have a new exit format for leaving the school premises before 4 o'clock provide even more security for your child. Children will be allowed to leave school only if your permission is confirmed by phone or text message/email to the homeroom teacher or directly to the reception.
At the moment children receive a temporary Exit Pass that allows them to leave school. In order to have better functioning it is very important to use a permanent Exit Pass. In this case we ask parents to complete the attached form with the time they allow our students to leave the school, and present it to the homeroom teacher or leave it at the reception.
Thank you very much for your involvement. The safety of your children is our priority.

Temporary Exit Pass

Permanent Exit Pass

PHOTO		EXIT PASS Name, Surname Grade		
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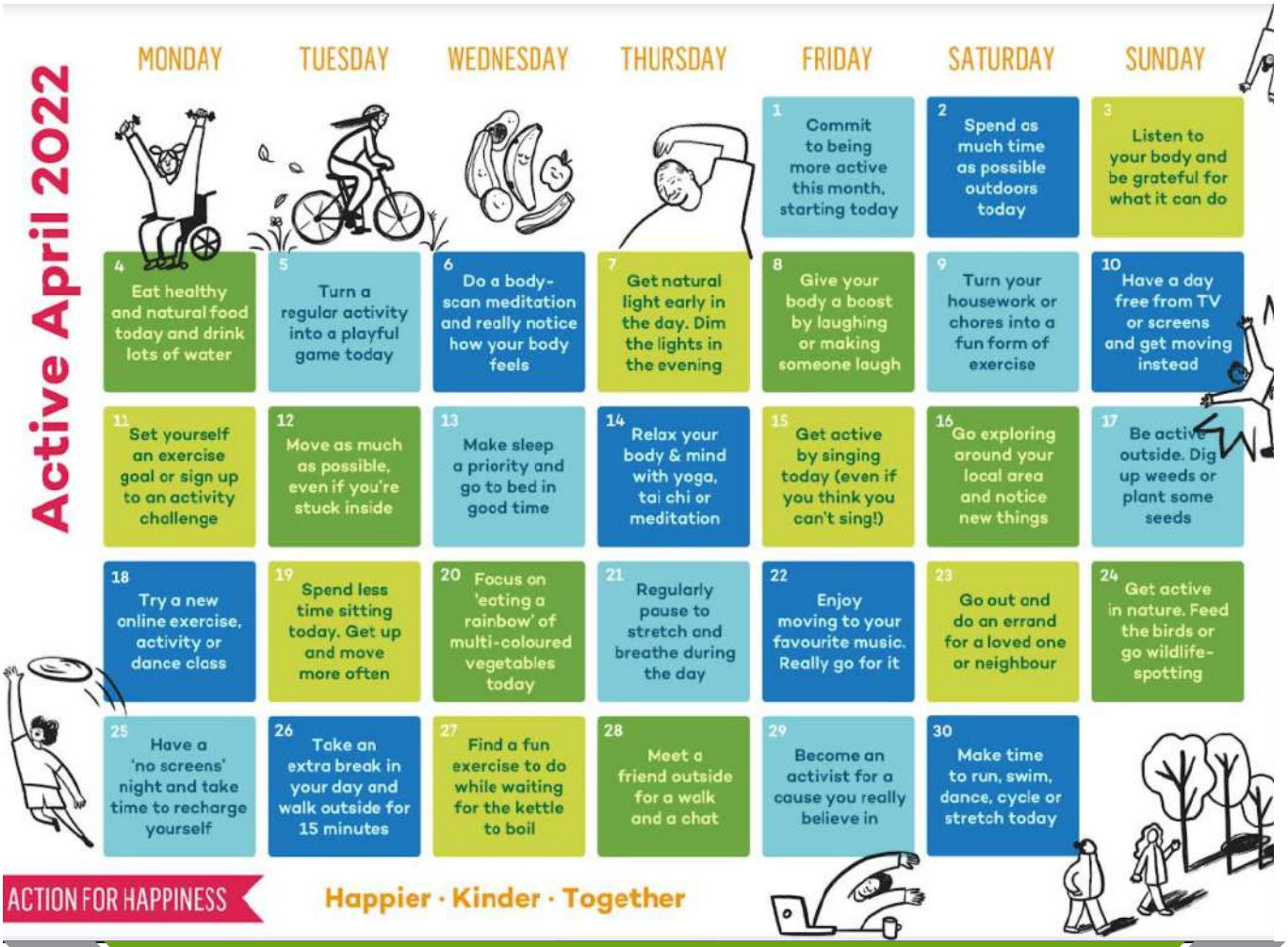

UPCOMING EVENTS

23 April 2022-2 May 2022	*Easter Break*
6 May 2022	*A Level Mindset Day*
9 May 2022	*eTwinning Day*
13 May 2022	*Sports Day*
15 May 2022	*Family Day*
20-21 May 2022	*Owlypia Intellectual Challenge Moldova Round*
20th May 2022	*Primary Graduation*

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