



HERITAGE
International School



THE INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE HERALD

December 1, 2023



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"I have to say in all sincerity that Heritage is without doubt one of the most impressive schools I have visited in the many years I have been responsible for schools in various parts of Europe. The professionalism and commitment of its staff, and the engagement of its learners is palpable and there is no doubt that Heritage is really a top-notch school. You can all be justly proud of what you have all achieved in the last six years." - Martin Nuttall, Head of Cambridge, Europ

DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY NOTES

The View from Dacia Boulevard:

Winter came to Moldova with a vengeance on Sunday with a terrible snow blizzard. This didn't affect the wonderful International Charity Bazaar in the Palace of the Republic and I want to thank our staff and students for supporting this very important international charity event. The snow did affect the following Monday and I cannot remember the last time we had a snow day here. Plenty of "covid days" in the past three years so this was definitely a novelty. Thank you everyone for your support here and I am more than sure some students had fun in the snow, but only after all school work was completed. I also want to thank our entire community for their support of the La Via charity last week and the organisers, Becky and Graham Innes, parents of Heritage students, Josh and Iona, pass their thanks onto the school community for their very kind support with the food donations. This will help vulnerable families in our local community. We were very honoured to welcome the head of Cambridge Europe to Heritage recently and I think Martin's assessment of our international school, including the development and focus on our school values, is a wonderful way to end semester 1 in a few weeks time. Over 6 years of establishing Heritage and the idea that Heritage works, we have earned Martin's words for the hard work to build our international school here in Moldova.



We go into December and the final weeks of the semester still with lots to do. IGCSE2 students are in the process of learning about transition to our Lyceum and A Levels or local college, and how important it is for them to use the time wisely. Our A Level students are not only working on their curriculum content but are applying for universities and students are already receiving offers for places for next year. We celebrated a great Thanksgiving in school and now we are preparing for Christmas in school. We will be having our annual Christmas Concert in school for primary and our Winter Ball for IGCSE and A Level. Decorations are already up and around the campus. I want to remind parents of a couple of issues around attendance and pick up at the end of the day. Attendance in school is legally compulsory and most studies on this show that below 95% attendance negatively impacts attainment and progress. Pick up at the end of day, in the dark evenings, means parents need to be at the gates to collect children and not parked out of sight, staying in the car, for children to come and find them.

Finally, thank you for kind messages and condolences on the passing of a great friend and supporter of Heritage, my former teacher and mentor, Les Jones. Les died peacefully last weekend in Wales at the age of 90, having lived a very full and long life. Les was a wonderful teacher, artist and humanitarian. He worked online with many classes and groups of students from Heritage as they learned about Wales, the Welsh language, art or his discussions about history and politics. Still a teacher aged 90. Les loved hearing about our school and what we were doing and we celebrate his life and his support of our mission. Rest in Peace and thank you Les.



Rob Ford
CEO & Director.

HERITAGE IN THE WIDER WORLD



Wonderful to see such enthusiasm from these youngsters in Moldova @HeritagePrimary @HIS_Moldova @AdrianaBujag #IEW2023

Adriana Bujag @AdrianaBujag · 16/11/2023
The students from @HeritagePrimary are responsible and every day they make observations on the #weather. I admire them with pleasure! And the photos are great! @ColetteCotton @MarysCep @his_global



John Rolfe MBE @yorkshirejohn
Fantastic global work from the inspirational @HIS_Moldova @Tatianapopab!... many thanks from @GSchoolAlliance for all your brilliant commitment to, and creative support for, outstanding global communication and collaboration... proud to work with you and learn from you... #IEW

HIS Global Education @his_glo... · 20/11/2023
To sum up our #IEW2023, our Heritage International School managed to travel virtually 40860 kms worldwide! Congratulations to all the teachers and students involved!
#globalcollaboration #internationaleducation #ConnectedByLearning
@Tatianapopab @AdrianaBujag #StelaCiorba



The British International School, Ukraine @BritishUkraine

BISU hosted the Primary & Secondary assemblies centered around our Student Parliament election. We were honored to have Rob Ford, Director at @HIS_Moldova, as our special guest. Also, his students spoke about their roles in democratic processes. Let's inspire our future leaders!



Colette Cotton @ColetteCotton

The most active school across Planet Earth for #IEW2023 congratulations all @HIS_Moldova a great model for us all. @Tatianapopab schools that were hosting Global visitors a close 2nd @fethyletaief @yorkshirejohn

Tatiana Popa #Moldova @Tatia... · 18/11/2023

Want to read about my #IEW2023 at @HIS_Moldova?

Check my new blog article here: eteacherofenglish.wordpress.com/2023/11/18/int.....

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Can teachers and students really engage with AI in a positive way?

7 Dec at 11:00 am GMT

Hosted by:

Tatiana Popa
 Deputy Academic Director at Heritage International School in Moldova

Liam Mernagh
 Assistant Principal at the Oryx International School

Join our community to attend

I'm speaking at the LYIS webinar!

A Global Classroom: Do You Want to Work in an International School?



Google Signup



ALEX GRAY
Head of Science,
Dubai British School



ROB FORD
CEO & Director of
Heritage International
School- Moldova



JO EVANS
International School
Leader

**November 30th
2023**
Thursday
**8pm - 9PM
London**

ARTICLES/STORIES OF INTEREST

- 1) HERITAGE WAS RATED AS A “TOP-NOTCH SCHOOL” AT A GLOBAL LEVEL;
<https://www.heritage.md/en/news/heritage-was-rated-as-a-top-notch-school-at-a-global-level>
- 2) A tribute to Leslie Jones MA (Oxon) 1933-2023;
<https://mailfrommoldova.home.blog/2023/11/26/leslie-jones-ma-oxon-1933-2023/>
- 3) International Education Week 2023 at Heritage – An English Teacher;
<https://eteacherofenglish.wordpress.com/2023/11/18/international-education-week-2023-at-heritage/>
- 4) Scientists Are Debating Whether Social Media is Addictive | TIME;
<https://time.com/6333257/social-media-addiction-study/>
- 5) The Man Who Invented Fifteen Hundred Necktie Knots. For tie aficionados, knots are an art form—and a surprisingly difficult math problem; <https://www.newyorker.com/culture/annals-of-inquiry/the-man-who-invented-fifteen-hundred-necktie-knots>
- 6) Ukrainian History Global Initiative brings together 90 academics to put the country’s historical contributions on the map; <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/nov/29/historians-come-together-to-wrest-ukraines-past-out-of-russias-shadow>
- 7) Refugees in Transnistria Come to Moldova for Help;
<https://moldovamatters.substack.com/p/refugees-in-transnistria-come-to>
- 8) Actual Dads Told Us What To Get Them For Christmas This Year;
https://www.huffpost.com/entry/best-christmas-gifts-for-dads_1_655b6c5be4b0ce6a31bdfda9
- 9) Light a Candle in Remembrance of Holodomor Victims; <https://www.kyivpost.com/post/24618>
- 10) Some Experts Say COPs Are ‘Distracting’ and Need Fixing; <https://time.com/6340375/how-to-fix-cop/>

NEWS FROM PRIMARY

3E and 3A students had a lot of amazing activities on Romania Day



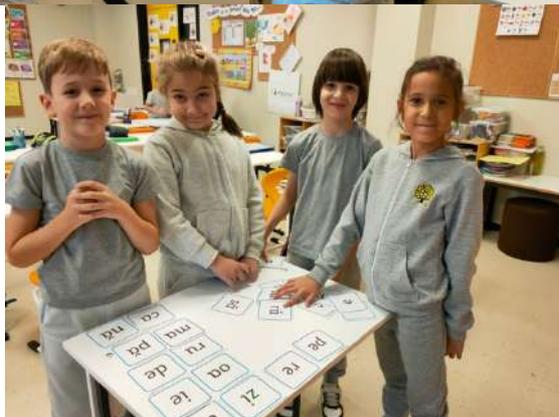
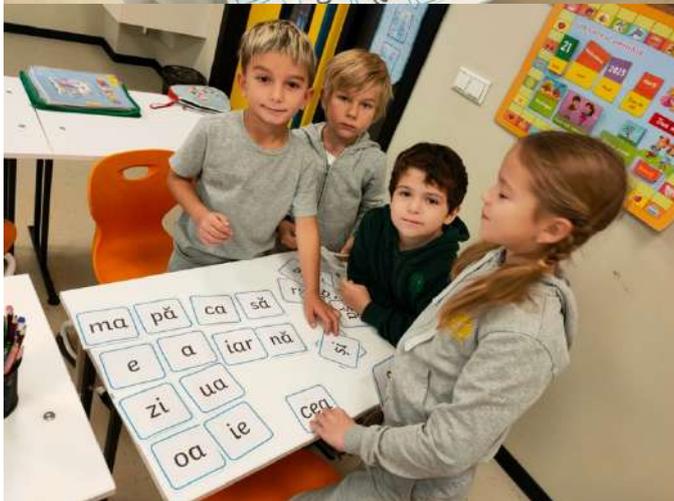
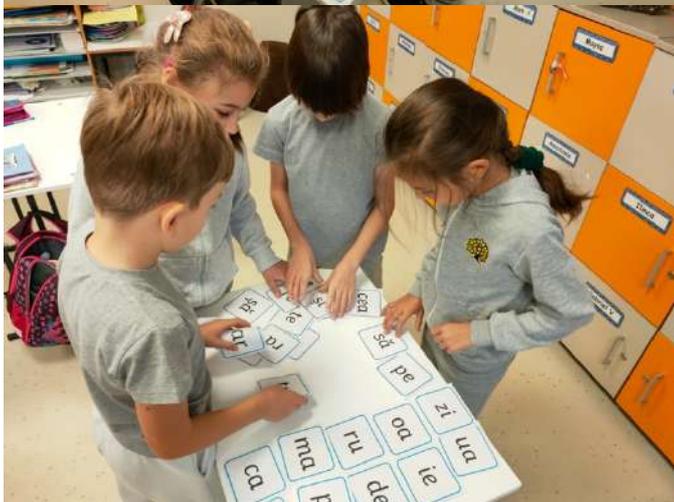


In 1A IPC lesson the students discussed the topic "Families around the world". We've honored the Romanian tricolor and our connection with the world.



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A successful group work activity in Romanian Language and Literature in grade 1A. Students practised worldbuilding, then read them and enjoyed the large number of words formed by each group.



Science/IPC Humans Unit exit point. The children culminated their learning journey on the Humans by completing the Staying Alive project. They built their own humans piece by piece. The next step they had to imagine that their human just arrived on a new planet and they needed to provide him with a map of the basic survival needs for him to stay alive. The students learned that all the humans need to stay alive is: air, water, food and shelter!



Cambridge Maths week in Primary





Thanksgiving Day at Heritage. The 3rd graders have made a turkey and wrote what are they thankful for on its feathers



Throughout Mathematics Week, students were tasked with a daily math challenge. Every class participated enthusiastically, offering excellent answers. Witnessing their active engagement in enhancing their knowledge and experiences brings immense joy.



5E marked Romania National Day along with the official opening of the Christmas season on 1st December.



IPC exit point lesson in 3a and 3B " The gallery of significant personalities.



How nice to learn the parts of speech through play! 4th graders love playing with words, but they love being together even more.





All children are curious. In science lessons in Year 4 A, scientific investigation and discovery are our favourites.





The students of the 4th A class had an emotional meeting with their peers from Ion Minulescu College in Slatina Olt, Romania. The children sang, danced the Hora Unirii, and congratulated each other on Romania Day, their dream is peace in the country.





An unforgettable trip through Chisinau. We visited the National Museum of Ethnography and National History of Moldova, the Book Museum, and the Railway Station





We celebrate Romania's National Day. Congratulations to all those who speak, write and think Romanian!





School Starter Thematic project: "Winter, welcome to my beloved land."





Attention! 4th graders are looking for their lost friends. They wrote ads, describing the physical and personal distinguishing marks of the friend they were looking for. It was fun to recognize themselves in these descriptions.



Romania Day in School Starter



The Christmas tree has been decorated by 1A students. We are getting ready for Christmas!



NEWS FROM GYMNASIUM

Gymnasium & Lyceum Assembly

Week 11 Gymnasium & Lyceum Assembly

"Thanksgiving" with 8E

Thursday 23rd November 2023





Well done and congratulations to the lower secondary Heritage International School football team who participated in the local "Champions' Cup" tournament, claiming the first place - 5 wins from 5! Thank you also to the brilliant Coach Andrei.

Good luck to the senior Football team playing this Friday.





MOCK EXAMS 1 for IGCSE 2 (10Es) CLASSES

Mock Exams for IGCSE 2 will commence from Monday 4th December and end on 12th December.

IGCSE 2 Mock Exams 1 Timetable (4 - 12 December 2023)							
Exam Date	Session (AM/PM)	Exam Start / Finish Time	Syllabus Title	Syllabus Code	Expected Number of Students	Venue	Lesson No
4 Dec (Mon)	AM	10:25 AM - 12:05	Business Studies (1h 30m)	450	46	L-105 (10E1) / 313 (10E2)	3-4
5 Dec (Tue)	AM	08:40 - 11:10	Coordinated Science (paper 1 & 2) (1h 30m) 10 minutes break between paper 1 & 2	654	47	303 (10E1) / 302 (10E2)	1-3
	PM	15:00 - 17:00	German / French Foreign Language (2 hrs)	0525 / 0520	9 / 9	314	8 -9
6 Dec 22 (Wed)	AM	11:20 - 13:50	Mathematics (Paper 1 & 2) 2.5 hrs	580	48	L104 (10E1) / L105 (10E2)	4 - 6
	PM	15:00-17:00	Information and Communication Technology (1.5 hrs)	417	13	209	8-9
7 Dec 22 (Thu)	AM	8:40 - 10:40	English (2 hrs)	500	48	303 (10E1) / 302 (10E2)	1-3
	PM	15:00 - 17:00	Art and Design (2 hrs)	400	18	L205	8-9
8 Dec 22 (Fri)	AM	11:20 - 13:20	Economics (2 hrs)	455	26	313	4-5
11 Dec (Mon)	AM	8:40 - 10:10	Geography (1h 30m)	460	33	302 (10E1) / 303 (10E2)	1-2
	PM	15:00-17:00	Art and Design (2 Hrs)	400	18	L205	8 -9
12 Dec (Tue)	AM	9:20 - 10:50	History (1h 30m)	470	20	L105	2-3
	PM	14:00-15:30	Global Perspectives (1h 30m)	457	17	L-105	7 - 8

Public Exams of Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) November 2023 Series:

Few students availed the opportunity to improve their grades as a retake / resit in the November 2023 exam series for the qualifications of IGCSE and GCE AS and A Level started on October 2, 2023 in Heritage International School and the last exam was held on 16th November 2023.

Results Release Dates:

IGCSE results will be released on Thursday, 18 January 2024

GCE AS & A Level results will be released on Wednesday, 10 January 2024

8A and 8B Chemistry lessons are better learned through experiments.





Facts and figures About Cambridge International Qualifications:

- Cambridge Assessment International Education is the world's largest provider of international education programmes and qualifications for 5 to 19 year olds.
- Over 10,000 schools in more than 160 countries offer Cambridge programmes and qualifications.
- Every year, nearly a million Cambridge learners prepare for their future with an education from Cambridge International.
- We are part of Cambridge University Press & Assessment, a not-for-profit organisation and part of the world-renowned University of Cambridge.
- The first Cambridge international exams were taken in Trinidad in 1864 by six candidates.
- Cambridge Primary is taught in more than 2300 schools in over 120 countries. There are over 96,000 entries for Cambridge Primary Checkpoint each year.
- Cambridge Lower Secondary is taught in more than 3800 schools in nearly 140 countries. Every year we receive over 110,000 entries for Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint, our tests for 11- to 14-year-olds.
- Cambridge IGCSE is the world's most popular international qualification for 14- to 16-year-olds. It is taken in over 150 countries and in more than 5000 schools around the world.
- 2018 marked the 30th anniversary of the first Cambridge IGCSE exam.
- More than 250,000 students worldwide took Cambridge IGCSE and O Level exams in our June 2022 series.
- Cambridge International AS & A Levels are taught in over 130 countries. Over 220,000 students around the world took Cambridge International AS & A Level exams in our June 2022 series.
- More than 2200 universities in 90 countries formally recognise Cambridge qualifications, including all UK universities and over 850 in the US.

For further information, please visit at this link: <https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/about-us/what-we-do/facts-and-figures/>

On the 23rd of November, the AS and A Level German students visited the Austrian Library within the Philological Faculty of the State University. The students analyzed, discussed 2 literary works (they are on the exam list of obligatory reading) with the Austrian Lecturer Lucia Bayrleitner. Also, our students discussed the differences between the German and Austrian educational systems. In such a way, they practised their speaking skills and made a step forward in their preparation for the official exams.



GLOBAL EDUCATION

The #KahootCup2023 united teams from 55 countries, and it was an epic event!

The Kahoot Cup is a Global Pop Culture Trivia game of Kahoot played by students from all over the world covering questions about things like movies, music, sports, superheroes, and more. It's not academic in nature but there's an important lesson to be learned! We are united by Pop Culture icons like Baby Shark, Black Panther, and Taylor Swift. We are more alike than we are different!

It is played four times, at four different time slots, all on the same exciting day! Our Heritage students from grade 7 took part in this global event for the 2nd time, and it was so much adrenaline in that trivia quiz!

For some part of the game, we had students making it to the top 5, but finally the winner was a girl from Serbia. Nevertheless, our brave students loved being part of this cultural event!

As they all learned new things, they were all winners, in the end!

Congratulations!



Tatiana Popa, Deputy Academic Director at Heritage International School in Moldova, and Liam Mernagh, Assistant Principal at Oryx International School, are organising a chat by the fireside on 7th December at 11:00 am UK time(1pm Moldova time)
 Tatiana and Liam will discuss the further development of artificial intelligence, which has put a new challenge in front of educators worldwide and much more... Join the ISC Research Community for free to join the discussion: <https://ow.ly/AGsc50QafzV>

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Many thanks to our brilliant team of Student Council members who volunteered on Sunday, November 26th, at the International Charity Bazaar 2023, despite the real winter weather outside. The @iwcmoldova have done a great job to organise the charity event and our volunteers welcomed hundreds and thousands of guests throughout the entire day. We enjoyed great music, delicious food and many other goods exhibited by embassies and organisations at Palatul Republicii, all having one common cause - to help the Hospital of Mother and Child in Chisinau with money for their surgery department. Well done, Heritage! We are proud of you all! This is how social responsibility is learned!



Heritage International School team at the International Sir Winston Churchill Debate Competition in Romania





On Tuesday, the 28th of November, our Heritage Library hosted a unique event, that combined both creativity and critical thinking. The art workshop and discussion "Chişinău through your eyes" was led by our guest speaker- Cristina Bujag, who works at the International Organization for Migration, Moldova. The participants had the chance to speak about their migration experiences, to analyze the challenges migrants face in Chişinău and to brainstorm ideas about how migrant integration could be improved in the city. While the discussion was going on, the students created representative collages of their city - Chişinău, and how they see it through their eyes using several materials such as old magazines, postcards and maps. Not only was the process fun and enjoyable, but also meaningful. Each participant put lots of thought into the elements they included in the collage and afterwards, they had the opportunity of sharing their perspective of Chişinău with the rest of the group.



NEWS FROM EMINESCU LIBRARY

START to WINTER STORIES

It's the holiday season, it's time to hold your child, sit down together and tell them beautiful stories. We have prepared some of them for you to read with your child with enthusiasm.

BOOKS RECOMMENDATION



GIFF PATRICIA REILLY WINTER SKY

Patricia Reilly Giff, the author of many beloved and award-winning books, is at her best in this action-packed story. In Winter Sky, friends, family, and a very special dog help Siria see how brave she really is.

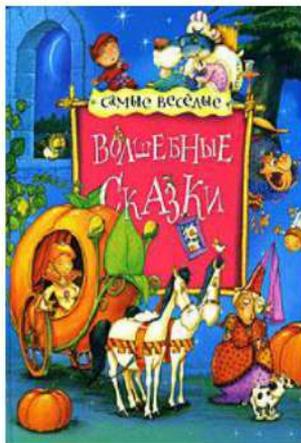
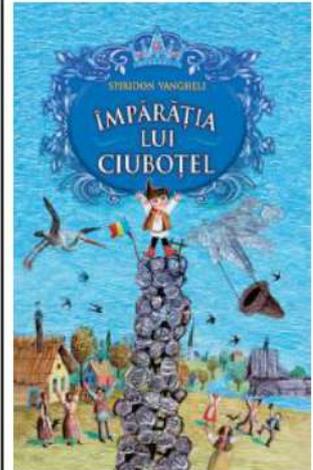
A powerful tale of friendship, family, and discovery.



SPIRIDON VANGHELI ÎMPĂRĂȚIA LUI CIUBOȚEL

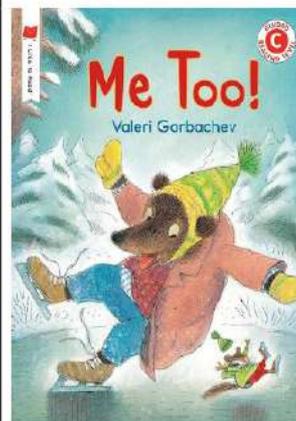
Povestea este încărcată de magie și de inocența pe care o regăsim doar în copilărie. Pitiți, magie, bunătate și năzdrăvăni, versuri, cântece și voie bună. Pe toate le întâlnim în **Împărăția lui Ciuboțel**, povestea băiețelului care are un scop în minte și în suflet: să-și ajute satul, *Turthica*, în fel și chip.

Dacă va reuși, rămâne să descoperiți, citind alături de copiii peripețiile sale.



Волшебные сказки

В Сборник вошли сказки «Гензель и Гретель», «Красная Шапочка», «Золушка» с забавными иллюстрациями известного художника Франсуа Руйне.

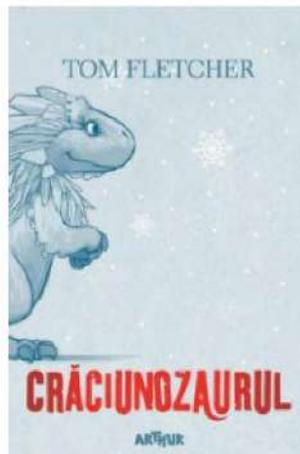


GORBACHEV VALERI ME TOO!

It's a story about two furry friends who share a snowy winter adventure.

FLETCHER TOM CRĂCIUNOZAUURUL

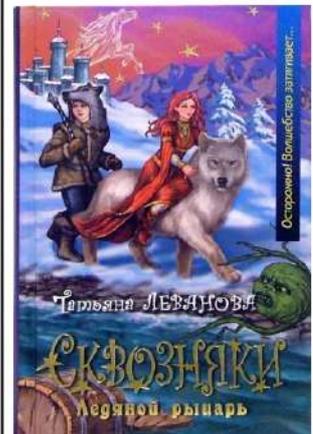
Pornește într-o aventură crăciunomagică alături de William Trundle, un băiețel deștept și mare iubitor de dinozauri, tatăl lui, Bob Trundle, Brenda Payne, cea mai rea fată din școală, Moș Crăciun (da, da, chiar el!), un personaj bizar pe nume Vânătorul și un dinozaur cu totul și cu totul special.



ЛЕВАНОВА ТАТЬЯНА

СКВОЗНЯКИ. Ледяной рыцарь

Как же хочется пожить чужой жизнью, сидеть на троне в богатом наряде и повелевать рыцарями! Вернее - рысарями, потому что именно к ним попала Маша, когда перенеслась в другой мир, чтобы выполнить миссию Сквозняка.



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.



INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.



REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.



UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.



A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.



CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.



Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.



CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.



SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.



CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.



Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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HERITAGE CREATIVITY

The Heritage 10 Golden Rules

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/19a84QG84nwA-RrbVDPwo9rDDn0SH1QfSAz6aq4F9JIo/edit>

The Heritage 10 Golden Rules



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We want everyone to enjoy Heritage International School and have a successful, fulfilling and rewarding academic year. To all those joining us for the first time and those who come to regular school at Heritage, we are all members of Heritage for the time we are here and we all follow the same code of respect to make sure everyone is kept safe and we enjoy our school.

1. WE LISTEN TO & RESPECT THOSE LOOKING AFTER US, TEACHING US AND ALWAYS FOLLOW THEIR INSTRUCTIONS

5. THE WAY WE SPEAK TO EACH OTHER AND THE WORDS WE USE ARE THE RIGHT ONES

2. WE RESPECT AND LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER AS STUDENTS OF HERITAGE. WE ARE A CARING COMMUNITY.

3. IF WE ARE NOT SURE, WE ASK ONE OF OUR TEACHERS OR SUPPORT STAFF.

4. WE ARE ALWAYS AWARE OF BEING SAFE ESPECIALLY AROUND PHYSICAL & PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES

6. IF SOMEONE IS NOT WELL OR UNHAPPY, WE LET ONE OF THE ADULTS LOOKING AFTER US KNOW

7. WE MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE RIGHT CLOTHES AND EQUIPMENT FOR EACH DAY.

8. WE MAKE SURE WE ARE ON TIME AND IF WE ARE LATE WE MAKE SURE PEOPLE LOOKING AFTER US KNOW.

9. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR BEHAVIOUR AS A STUDENT OF HERITAGE.

10. WE MAKE SURE WE ENGAGE IN OUR LEARNING, GROW IN OUR KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING, ACHIEVE OUR BEST AND POTENTIAL, BE A CONTRIBUTING AND VALUED MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND GET THE MOST OUT OF OUR SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES.

SPORTS, CLUBS and ACTIVITIES

Congratulations to the STEAM CLUB members from 7E for working hard on their 'Turning Waste into Educational Wonder' projects for the competition organised by Lenovo.





Heritage students took part in the Republican Chess Competition on November 25, our team won the 4th place. Great job! Congratulations!



Architecture Club



Craft Club





Photography Club





A huge thanks to Coach Andrei and everyone involved for a thrilling game last night. Great team and great play! Go Heritage!



SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Improvement Priorities Headlines 2023-24:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DT0Cx-vFBrTuxuQK3znedxCuifXHrIk9oQtq6dNbFaY/edit?usp=shari>

Vision and Aims:

Sustaining our ambitious culture and vision for World Class education as a growing international school in Moldova to meet future challenges.

A belief in people as our best assets and a positive school culture - Cohasion, Community, Communication, Compassion, Care

A leading innovative school and World Class, professional educational organisation in Moldova, Europe & Globally

A World Class, nurturing, outward facing 21st Century curriculum & learning for all that prepares students confidently for the challenges of the future as global citizens, socially responsible & leaders in their communities.

Outstanding innovative teaching and learning – a professional learning community that is adaptable to face uncertainty with certainty for our community. A servant team leadership culture that prepares leaders..

Heritage International School

School Improvement Plan

2023-2024

Student Progress, Personal Development, Attainment & Achievements

School Improvement Priorities for 2023-24

Key framing Questions for all staff

How do we measure our key outcomes?
Is safeguarding & Child Protection effective?
Are we preparing our young people for the challenges they face in a global society?
Are compelling learning and innovative opportunities at the heart of our education?
How are we responding to global challenges to ensure trust, confidence and responsiveness which allows quality meaningful education to continue?
How are we growing a responsive, sustainable and professional organisation?
How are we communicating effectively?
How are we supporting the development of wider education in Moldova, Europe & Globally?
What value do our partnerships & network bring?
Do we challenge ourselves enough? Who challenges us?
Do we know what outstanding international education looks like? Are all our people for "Heritage"? How do we grow them?

1 Leadership, Organisation & Governance

2 Quality of Teaching, Learning, Assessment and curriculum

3 Personal Development, Growth, Nurture, Wellbeing, effective & challenging learning environment

4 Successful Outcomes for Students as active citizens, fulfilled, balanced life long learners

Preparing students for the future; skills, qualifications & wellbeing

A Professional Learning Community

Wider Community Partnership & Engagement

Towards a sustainable, global & digital future

Systems and Strategies for Success

Compelling & Inclusive Learning for All

Qualifications & Skills through holistic, challenging & rigorous education

A World Class School that is outward facing

Supporting & sharing innovation with our education communities

Developing future leaders & global citizens linked to careers/Higher Ed

To link the wider curriculum to the formal, daily classroom for holistic education

Our ethos and values as an international school permeate everything we do in our school culture

To recruit and retain the best people and to invest in skills and leadership for the future

To have a clear focus on CPD & Appraisal that develops all staff in our schools

To have an organisation that wants ideas and individuals.

An effective quality assurance system.

We are a school people want to align with & be part of our community

Our communities working with us for all students

To continue to find ways to engage and bring all our communities together

Recognising that there is no "typical Heritage student" in our communities, remaining responsive to all Heritage families

To ensure any partnership is reciprocal & benefits our education model, ethos & values

Our education is about substance not gimmicks

We continue to develop as a unique, innovative international school in Moldova

We build on our legacy but we look outward and forward for our education, not backwards.

We embrace these aspects as part of our mission to prepare for the future

To continue to meet and adapt to the anticipated challenges of the 2020s with success

Our organisation is held against the highest standards of a World Class school delivering international education

Our duty of care is for a safe, happy and caring environment for all students

Our organisation operates effectively and efficiently based on structure, systems and policies

Diversity, equality, kindness, respect, global citizenship, trust, honour, leadership, social responsibility, are the hallmark of our education

Our teachers, staff and community uphold these values and we live them daily in our school culture

To continue our success in bringing the World into classrooms daily for all.

A focus on celebrating key moments in education & school life

UPCOMING EVENTS

HERITAGE International School

Christmas BAKE SALE



FRIDAY, DEC 15th 2023

9:00AM-11:00AM School Canteen

RULES:

- * No creamy products.
- * Write the ingredients on a note to accompany your food items, so that students and staff with allergies can avoid them.
- * If a child has allergies (to nuts, honey, eggs, etc), the homeroom teacher should be informed.
- * Each class will have their designated table to arrange the products; two students from the class will be sellers.
- * The food items should have a package and a price.
- * Each class will donate collected money in the charity box that will subsequently be transmitted "CCF-Moldova" to support a vulnerable family.

Timetable for the Bake Sale:

9:00-9:30 Grades 1-3

9:45-10:15 Grades 4-6

Secondary & Lyceum: (Grades 7 and up) 10:30- 11:00



BONUS: Students and staff are invited to wear Christmas jumpers or Cultural Dress on the day!



OUR HERITAGE TRADITIONAL

Shoebox



FUNDAȚIA DE BINEFACERE
CARITAS MOLDOVA

GIFT

is back!

All Heritage families are invited to bring happiness in the hearts of those less happy than us. To do so, wrap a gift in a shoebox, adding items as mentioned in the list below.

ITEMS LIST:

Please mark
your box with
age & gender
of the child it
is for.

Toys
Sweets
Stationery
Hygiene products
Clothing items

*Period: 11-20
December*



Snowman

19 DECEMBER 17.00 PM



UPCOMING EVENTS

15th December 2023

15th December 2023

19th December 2023

20th December 2023

21st December 2023

Christmas Bake Sale

Christmas Jumper Day

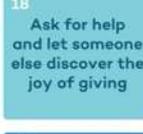
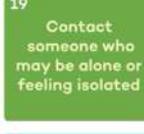
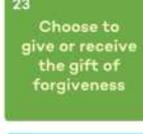
Heritage Christmas Play

Winter Ball (Upper Secondary and Lyceum)

Talent Show and Winter Party (Lower Secondary)

<https://www.heritage.md/en/learning/academic-calendar>

December Kindness 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about	 5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	 6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	 7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today	 1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others	 2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	 3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment
 11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank	 12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	 13 See how many different people you can smile at today	 14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one	 15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day	 16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	 17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you
 18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving	 19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	 20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need	 21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you	 22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	 23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	 24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh
 25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!	 26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	 27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	 28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy	 29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	 30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	 31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2024

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