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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"In seed time learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy."- William Blake

DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY NOTES

The View from Dacia Boulevard:

We have reached the end of another calendar year and the end of a long 1st semester that started off in the bright September sunshine and finishes in the cold, dark December of Winter. These are 15 very long weeks but so essential in the foundations for the success in the second semester leading down to national and Cambridge exams for so many of our students. At the beginning of the new academic year we again hoped for as normal, an academic year as possible to focus on the three pillars of developing our students in the academic, wellbeing and wider extracurricular role of our educational model. We started the new semester with the largest number of students to date, nearly 700; our first graduates went off to study at universities around the World and some closer to home. We also started with the largest number of teachers and staff from around the globe and locally, to serve over 25 nationalities. We celebrated a proud moment in our young school's history with the opening of Moldova's first ever A Level Cambridge Lyceum in late September. It now feels it has been a part of the campus forever and we have proudly showed this off to so many external visitors.

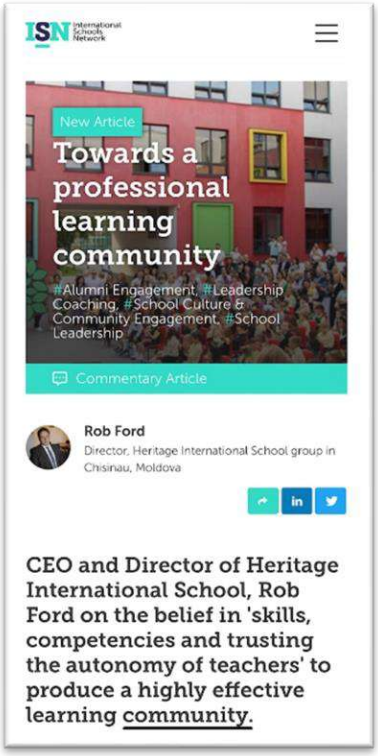
These past few weeks have been about celebrating our students and education, balancing the very academic centre of our purpose. We know the pressures of the 2020s on our community very well. Students see where the precious investments of their families, the hopes and ambitions, are going as we prepare for option choice evenings in IGCSE and A Level, mock exams and the ongoing process of Grade 12 applications to universities. The 2020s are not easy and sometimes we all worry about the future. We still face a senseless but brutal war over our border that is close to 2 years this February. Our values are central to fostering optimism and hope for a better future, creating global citizens and daily I see these in action in our students as they live, learn and develop. All the time we are all working hard to make this time in school positive and looking to a good future.

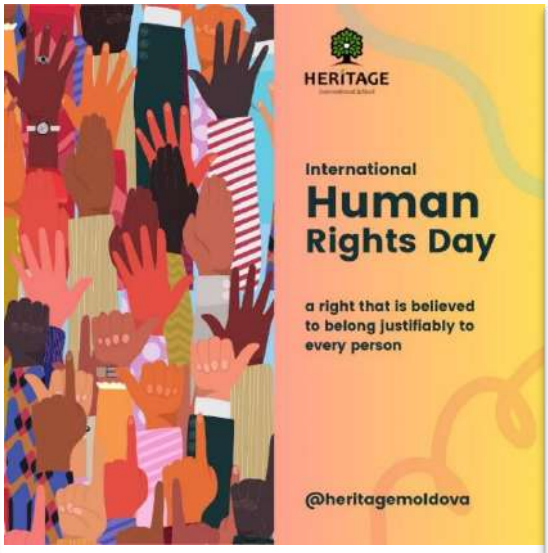
I was reminded the other day of this proverb; "Those who say it cannot be done should get out of the way of those who say it can". I always think this sums up the journey of Heritage as an international school in its short life so far enjoying its 7th year, changing for the better education in Moldova and the wider World. True to the mission and vision of our two remarkable Founders, Mrs. Natalia and Mr. Sinan.

My personal thanks to the Board, the hardworking staff, the brilliant students, our wider community and especially our Heritage families for their trust and support. Take time to read all the wonderful activities and events that made the end of Semester 1 memorable and meaningful days in education. Have a wonderful break, time with families and friends. My season greetings to all and here is to a happy and hopeful 2024. I look forward to seeing everyone back in January for semester 2.

Rob Ford
CEO & Director

HERITAGE IN THE WIDER WORLD





ARTICLES/STORIES OF INTEREST

- 14 festive family activities to get you in the Christmas spirit; https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/childrens-article/festive-things-to-do-with-your-family-this-christmas

- 60 Best Christmas Activities You Can Do All December Long. Fun and free? These holiday ideas for kids, adults and families will get everyone into the spirit; https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/christmas-ideas/g29777938/fun-christmas-activities/

- Discover Moldova with #MOLDPRES: Princely Forest, eco-tourist pearl embraced by Prut river; https://www.moldpres.md/en/news/2023/12/18/23010273

- *Person of the Year 2023: Taylor Swift | TIME;* https://time.com/6342806/person-of-the-year-2023-taylor-swift/

- *The Cartoons and Puzzles Issue 2023 | The New Yorker;* https://www.newyorker.com/cartoons-and-puzzles-2023

- *Towards a professional learning community;* https://isn.education/articles/open/towards-a-professional-learning-community/

- *Fostering Achievement: Using the Behaviour for Learning Method at Heritage International School - ISN;* https://isn.education/articles/open/fostering-achievement-using-the-behaviour-for-learning-method-at-heritage-international-school/

- *Who is Sir Tim Brighouse? | Tes;* https://www.tes.com/magazine/analysis/general/sir-tim-brighouse-loved-cherished-and-respected-teachers

- *Christmas in schools: Why it's worth making a fuss over | Tes;* https://www.tes.com/magazine/analysis/general/why-christmas-festivities-schools-are-worth-effort

NEWS FROM PRIMARY

1A students excited to participate in Shoebox

What kind of holiday without Secret Santa?

Santa visiting 1B

Christmas Jumper Day in School Starter

3B students at Christmas Bake Sale

In 5E, the festive season involved thinking about those less fortunate through charitable activities and thinking about their loved ones, by creating Christmas cards.

1B students doing great job at Christmas Bake Sale

We are celebrating a heart-warming Christmas tradition at Heritage International School with my amazing 6E students – baking gingerbread cookies together! This year was extra special as we used cinnamon all the way from Slovakia, a thoughtful gift from our dear friend Mrs. Dachova. The sweet aroma of tradition and friendship fills the air!

1A students learned about chemistry and the profession of chemist from Mrs. Natalia Bolocan, Gabriel's mother.

Do you know what we discussed with Richard's mother? About grain, a lab that researches grains, we learned about the amount of water in grains and the silos at the North Pole. That is so interesting!

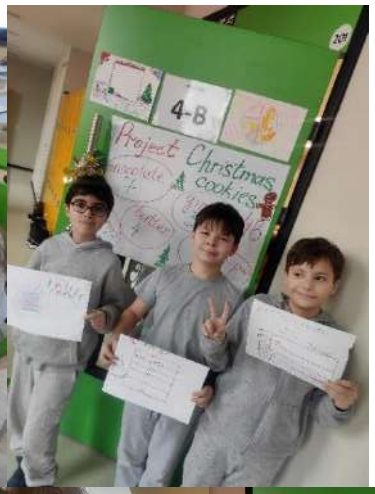
For the 1A grade students, coming out on the school stage was an exciting experience. Each student dressed up as the characters from J.M.Barrie's book „Peter Pan". Can you recognize the characters?

Secret Santa in School Starter

Christmas time joy

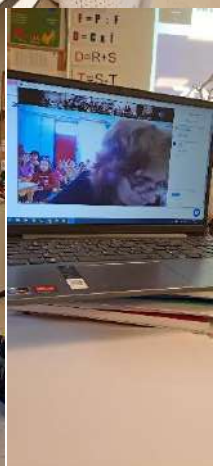
Online Christmas Concert: 4A students were involved in an eTwinning project together with the students from Italy, Poland, Greece, and Romania. Each class performed a carol or Christmas song in their mother tongue.

3B and 4B students completed projects on the topic: Data and Graphs. We learned to build graphs and enter data into tables, the students achieved the best results in the 1 semester!



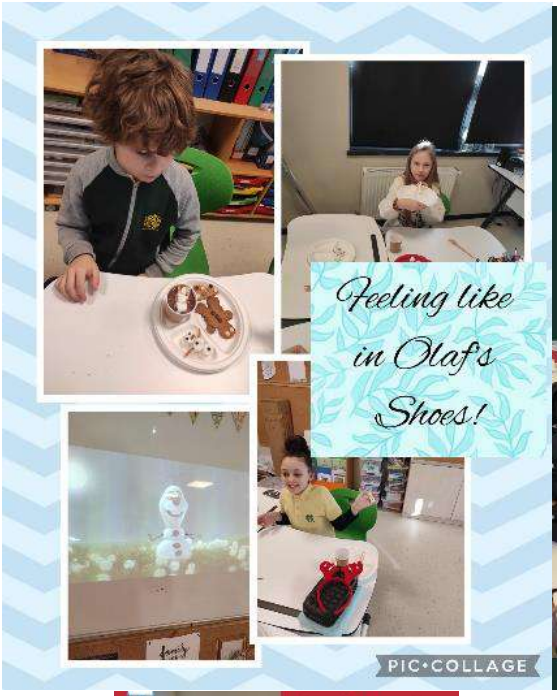
Letters of the alphabet baking masterclass in 1B

Recently, 3A students have had their first online meeting with their peers from Turkey, Greece, Italy,and Romania within the eTwinning project "Funny English", each class presented a greeting song and enjoyed communication without borders



Creative workshops in 2A during the week of cross-curricular activities

This Wednesday Grade 4E indulge in the flavour of Christmas with gingerbread cookies.



3B students learning about Fire safety

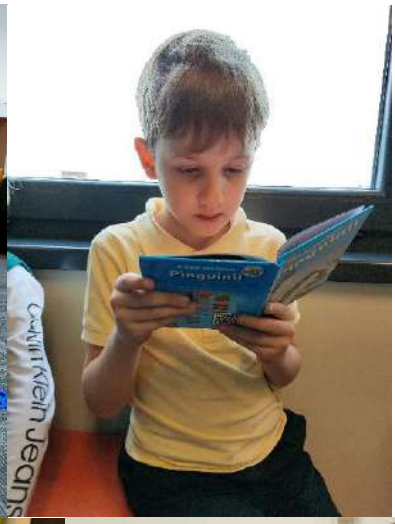
IPC lessons in 4A and 4B

Building roads: in IPC lesson, fourth-grade students delved into the world of road infrastructure, exploring materials, workers, components, and signs. Engaging hands-on activities allowed them to construct their own roads, fostering a practical understanding of the subject. The culmination of the lesson involved captivating presentations where students showcased their projects, eloquently describing the various signs and road markings they incorporated into their imaginative roadways.

Students in grade 5E created a presentation on Human Rights for all primary school students.

Exploring alternative energy during the Climate Control Project 4E

First book borrowed from the school library. The 1A students promised to be faithful readers and good friends with the books.



Christmas fun and Learning in School Starter

LA MULTI ANI!
15 DECEMBRIE

The second graders, inspired by the festive atmosphère, painted/drawn the most famous Rudolf reindeer in various techniques.

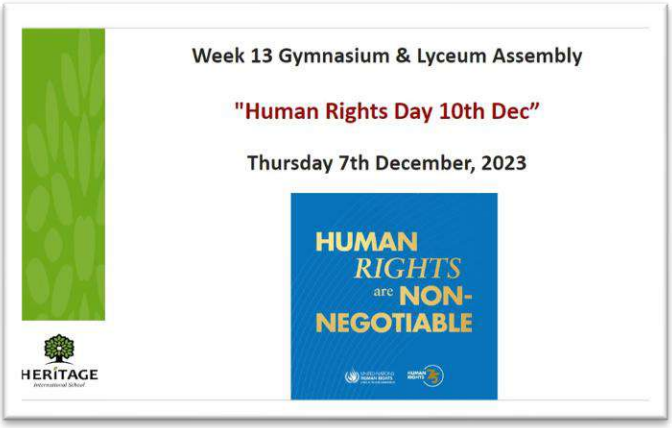
Grades 3 and 4 worked in groups on the projects "Christmas Tree" and "The Magic of Winter Holidays". The task was not an easy one, the basic criteria being group work, friendship and the distribution of roles and duties.

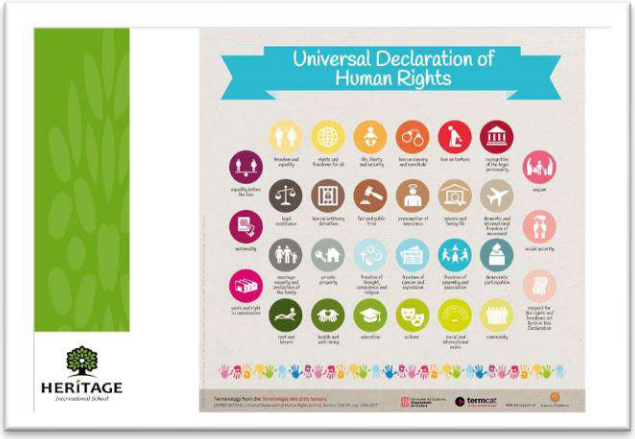
The first grades studied the topic "The element of the plastic message STAIN". The students made plastic works using the fruit and vegetable stamping technique.

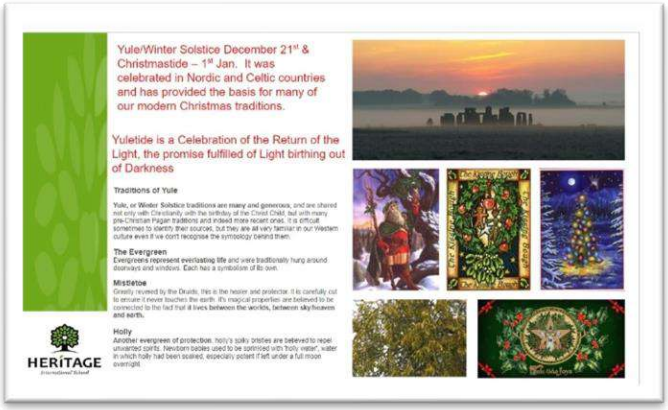
Last week the 6E students successfully completed their final project in IPC lessons, focusing on boat design and material science. Throughout the unit, we delved into the principles of density and the intricate process of boat construction. The students' challenge was to utilize various materials and devise a boat capable of carrying a Barbie doll without sinking. The results were truly remarkable.

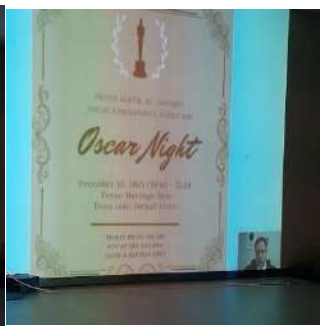
NEWS FROM GYMNASIUM

Secomdary School Assembly









*Congratulations to **Safiya Aidarbek,** 8E Heritage student, her poster is among the winners in the COP28 challenge launched by Global School Alliance*

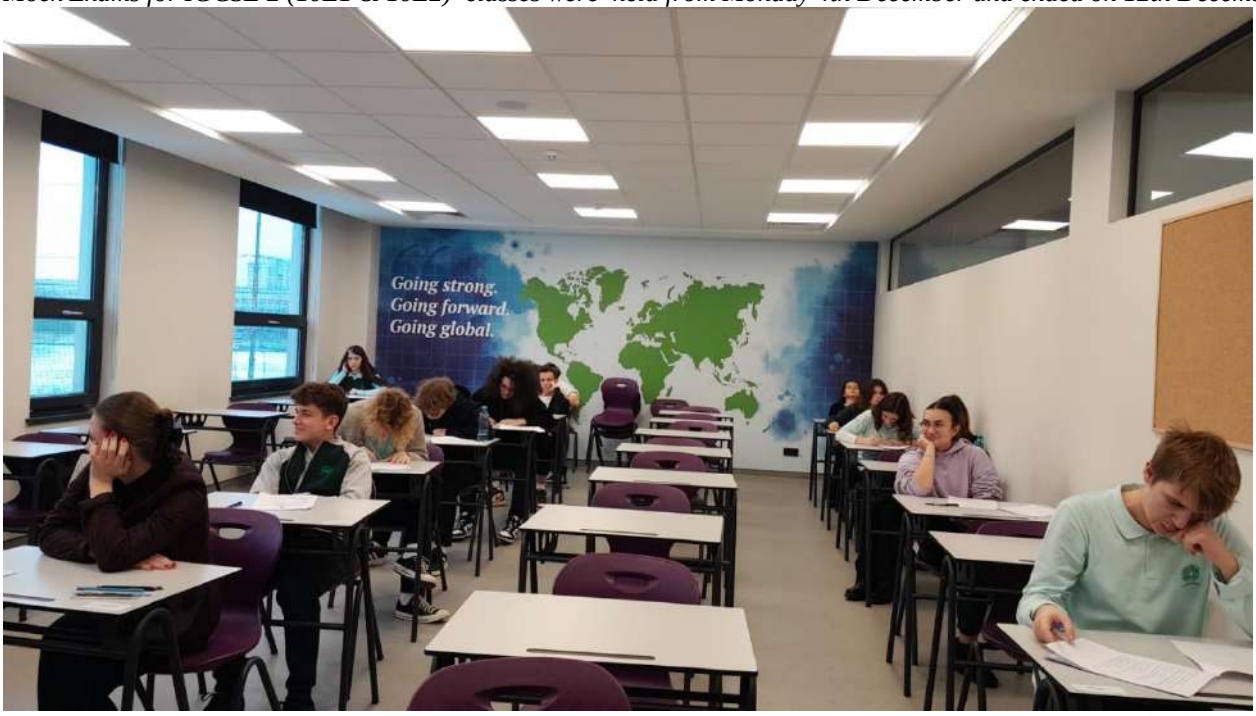
5B visited Santa's House getting ready for the New Year holidays. School is not only about learning, it is also about celebrating together and sharing the best moments!

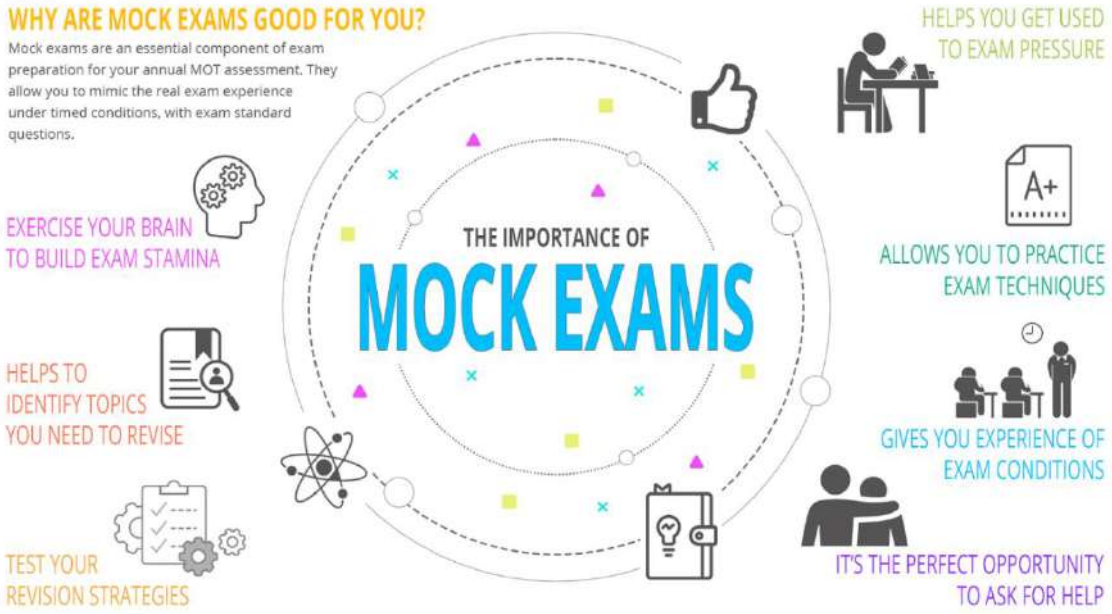
Romania National Day Project by 8E,3E,7E and 5E students

The 5th and 6th graders demonstrated their creativity by making decorative objects in the technology education lessons collage and decoration module. They applied the technique of painting on glass using lines and dots. The students decorated picture frames using various techniques and materials.

MOCK EXAMS 1 for IGCSE 2 classes

Mock Exams for IGCSE 2 (10E1 & 10E2) classes were held from Monday 4th December and ended on 12th December.





NEWS FROM LYCEUM

MOCK EXAMS 1 for Lyceum (AS/ A Level) CLASSES *will commence from Monday 15th January and end on 26th January. Here is the schedule for AS & A Level Mock Exams for the June 2024 exams series.*

GCE AS Level Mock Exams 1 Timetable (15 - 26 January 2024				
Exam Date	***Expected Exam Start / Finish Time***	***Syllabus Title***	***Syllabus Code***	***Venue***
Mon-15-Jan-2024	***10:25 - 12:05***	***History***	***9489***	***L-201***
Mon-15-Jan-2024	***12:15 - 13:50***	***Art and Design***	***9479***	***L-205***
Tue-16-Jan-2024	***8:30 - 11:10***	***Mathematics***	***9709***	***L-101***
Tue-16-Jan-2024	***11:20- 13:50***	***Psychology***	***9990***	***L-207***
Wed-17-Jan-2024	***8:30 - 10:05***	***Economics***	***9708***	***L-206***
Wed-17-Jan-2024	***14:00-17:00***	***Art and Design***	***9479***	***L-205***
Thu-18-Jan-2024	***8:30 - 11:10***	***Biology***	***9700***	***L-202***
Thu-18-Jan-2024	***14:00-16:00***	***Geography***	***9696***	***L-201***
Fri-19-Jan-2024	***10:25 - 13:00***	***English General Paper***	***8021***	***L-104***
Fri-19-Jan-2024	***10:25 - 13:00***	***German***	***8683***	***L-202***
Fri-19-Jan-2024	***13:05 - 14:45***	***Computer science***	***9618***	***L-202***
Mon-22-Jan-2024	***12:15 - 13:50***	***Art and Design***	***9479***	***L-205***
Mon-22-Jan-2024	***15:15 - 17:00***	***Chemistry***	***9701***	***L-203***
Tue-23-Jan-2024	***11:20 - 13:00***	***Physics***	***9702***	***L-102***
Tue-23-Jan-2024	***14:00 - 17:00***	***Business***	***9609***	***L-104***
Wed-24-Jan-2024	***8:30 - 10:05***	***AS LAW***	***9084***	***L-104***
Wed-24-Jan-2024	***14:00 - 17:00***	***Art and Design***	***9479***	***L-205***
Thu-25-Jan-2024		***No Exam***		
Thu-25-Jan-2024	***14:00 - 17:00***	***Art and Design***	***9479***	***L-205***
Fri-26-Jan-2024	***10:25-13:00***	***English Language***	***9093***	***L-102***
Fri-26-Jan-2024	***13:05 - 17:50***	***Art and Design***	***9479***	***L-205***

GCE A Level Mock Exams 1 Timetable (15 - 25 January 2024)				
Exam Date	Expected Exam Start / Finish Time	Syllabus Title	Syllabus Code	Venue
Mon-15-Jan-2024	8:30 - 10:05	Computer Science	9618	L-207
Mon-15-Jan-2024	10:25 - 13:00	Economics	9708	L-206
Tue-16-Jan-2024	8:30 - 10:05	Geography	9696	L-201
Tue-16-Jan-2024	13:00 - 14:45	Business	9609	L-206
Wed-17-Jan-2024	10:25 - 13:00	Biology	9700	L-202
Wed-17-Jan-2024	14:00 - 17:00	Art and Design	9479	L-205
Thu-18-Jan-2024	8:30 - 11:10	Psychology	9990	L-207
Thu-18-Jan-2024	11:20 - 13:50	Mathematics	9709	L-101
Fri-19-Jan-2024	8:30 - 10:05	A Level Law	9084	L-104
Fri-19-Jan-2024	10:25 - 13:00	Chemistry	9701	L-203
Mon-22-Jan-2024	10:25 - 13:00	Art and Design	9479	L-205
Mon-22-Jan-2024	13:05-16:00	English Language	9093	L-102
Tue-23-Jan-2024	11:20 - 13:00	Sociology	9699	L-104
Wed-24-Jan-2024	13:05 - 17:00	Art and Design	9479	L-205
Thu-25-Jan-2024	8:30-11:10	Physics	9702	L-102
Thu-25-Jan-2024	11:20 - 13:50	Literature in English	9695	L-203

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

Timetable of General Qualifications of IGCSE/ GCE AS & A Level:

Please find below the link of Cambridge International General Qualifications of IGCSE Exams Timetable for the June 2024 series.
Link: *2024_MayJune_GQ_IGCSE_GCE AS and A Level ExamTimetable*
Full Link: *https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/Images/638137-june-2024-zone-3-time-table.pdf*

Facts and figures About Cambridge International Qualifications:
Here are the facts why the Cambridge International is famous for

- *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.*

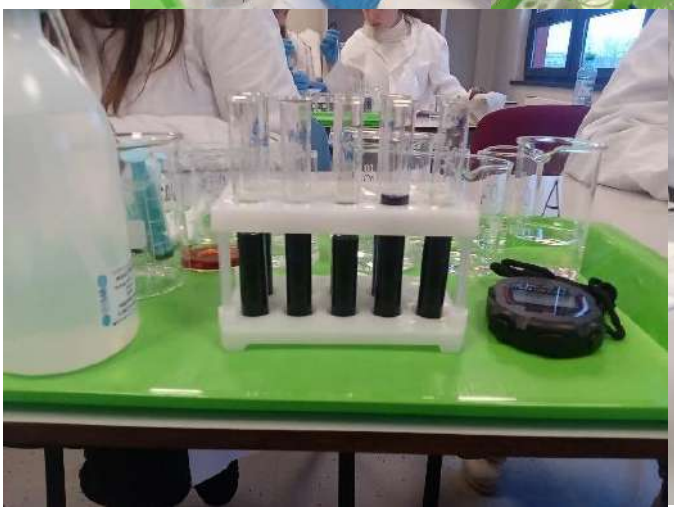
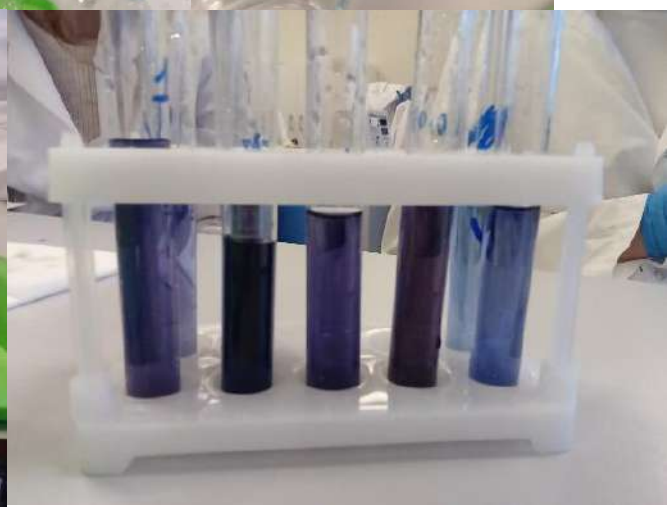
Programmes and qualifications offer at Cambridge International:
Here are the facts why Heritage International School offers the qualifications of Cambridge Primary, Cambridge Secondary Checkpoint, IGCSE and GCE AS and A Level.

- *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 Cambridge receives over 110,000 entries for Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint, 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/

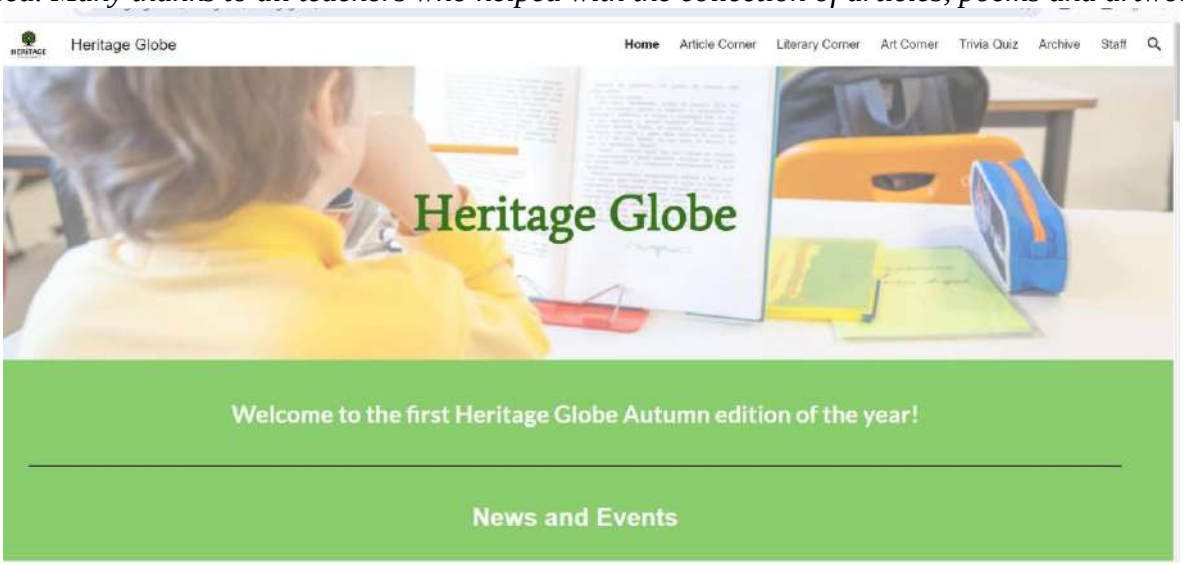
The Austrian Lecturer Lucia Bayrleitner visited our school yesterday, December the 13th, in order to deliver a lecture for our AS Level students. The AS students analyzed a novel which is on the list of the mandatory literature at the official A Level exams. All the participants spoke exclusively in German, exchanged ideas connected with the novel and undoubtedly, improved their speaking skills, which will further lead to better results in the exams.

Practice is the best way to get accurate result

GLOBAL EDUCATION

We are proud to announce that our Media Committee has published yesterday the autumn edition of the student-led newspaper - The Heritage Globe!
https://sites.google.com/heritage.md/heritageglobe/home
Feel free to explore all the categories (on the pages in the left-side corner) to see what our students have produced. Many thanks to all teachers who helped with the collection of articles, poems and artwork.



1A students are participating in the eTwinning project "My future looks so bright ". Andreea's mother talked about her job as a headhunter. The students concluded that knowledge is gained at an early age.

1A students participate in the eTwinning project „My future looks so bright...". December is a month of the year that brings a fairytale spirit into everyone's life. The classroom becomes a magical place, full of smiles and special emotions. The Christmas tree in the classroom is more than just a festive decoration, it is the centre of an atmosphere full of joy, collaboration, and friendship. It's where learning becomes magic. It's where stories become miraculous, and the spirit of generosity and collaboration begins to shine. Leo's mother, a pupil in class 1A, told the pupils about the job of tourism manager. How impressed the pupils were, as they learned about tourist destinations for children. The lady's visit to a school in Zanzibar, the video they saw, touched them deeply.

Our projects take wing! Grateful to everyone involved. The second meeting in our eTwinning project about crafts was with Mrs. Olga Isac, German teacher.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Bake Sale:

During the baking event, students sold delightful pastries prepared by parents, grandparents of the Heritage Students. All the money collected was donated to "CCF Moldova" to support a family from Cantemir district, where the single mother raises 2 children alone, girl - 5 years old, boy - 1.9 years old. Because of poverty, the children were separated from their mother. "CCF Moldova" helped them return home. This charity organisation helped to repair the roof of their house and reconnect to electricity. The family's needs remain the furniture in the house, clothes, shoes, food, and hygiene products.

During the Bake Sale event the students of Heritage school managed to collect about ***30900 lei.*** *This amount of money will be spent for the purchase of the products needed for this family.*

Many thanks to all the parents, students, and staff for their involvement here.

BAKE SALE

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Shoe box donations:
Huge thanks to the Heritage community for always being there for those in need. Following the Shoe Box charity campaign organized in the Heritage school in partnership with the Caritas Moldova Charity Foundation, our students managed to collect about 100 gift boxes that will be distributed to needy people from all over the country. Caritas Moldova operates throughout the territory of the Republic of Moldova, having centers for the care of the elderly and centers for children.

HERITAGE CREATIVITY

"The Snowman" Christmas play was fascinating! The story included unique presentation of each class based on the favorite fairy tales, and the audience had an amazing journey through books and time.

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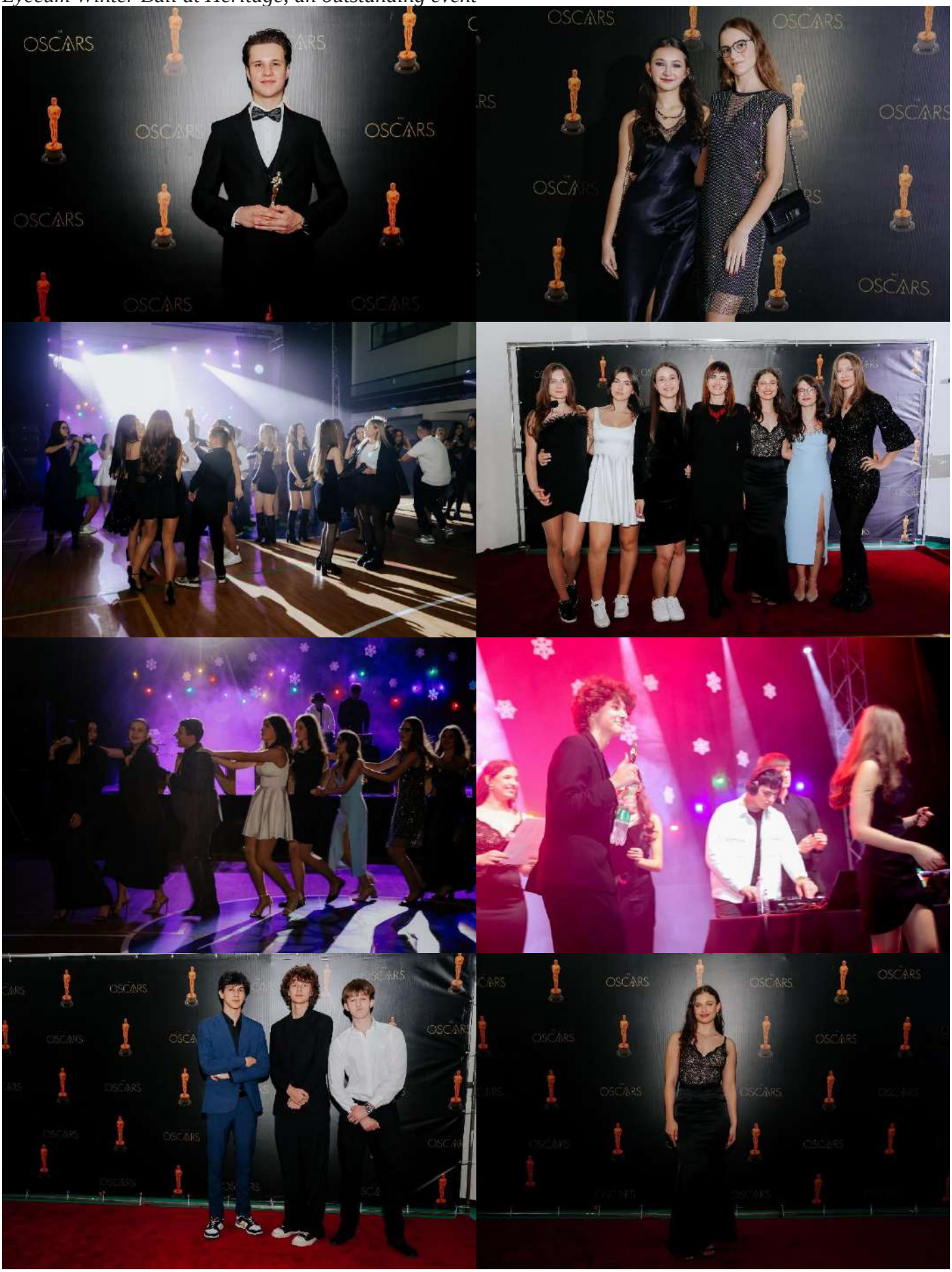
Lyceum Winter Ball at Heritage, an outstanding event



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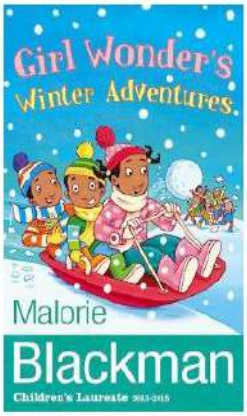
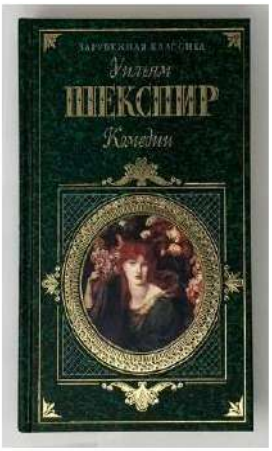
NEWS FROM EMINESCU LIBRARY

Now is the season of gifts, and books are the best gift.
Nothing is more beautiful than time spent quietly, at home,
with a book that opens up a world.

Дед Мороз и Лето ***Ливанов Василий*** В книгу вошли сказочные истории, такие как: "*Дед Мороз и лето*", "*Самый-самый-самый-самый*", "*Честное слово Жирафа*", "*Новый помощник Главного Медведя*" и другие. Для младшего школьного возраста.		**Elevul Dima dintr-a șaptea** ***Drumeș Mihail*** Vă recomand acest roman în primul rând pentru frumusețea cuvintelor pe care autorul le utilizează și pentru diversitatea trăirilor de care veți avea parte atunci când îl veți citi. Romanul, conține dialoguri autentice; veți descoperi aici argoul școlăresc. Trăirile interne și zbuciumul adolescentin.	
	PAX ***Pennypacker Sara*** Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a cub. But when Peter is forced to return his fox to the wild his world is torn apart. *A powerful story about the unbreakable bond between a boy his fox.*		**Girl Wonder's Winter Adventures** ***by*** ***Blackman Malorie*** Whenever Maxine has a brilliant idea, she and her brothers transform into Girl Wonder and the Terrific Twins! But whether it's sneaking a peek at the Christmas presents or making it snow inside the house, things never go to plan, and then it's not evil masterminds these superheroes have to worry about... it's their mum!
Cartea cu jucării ***Arghezi Tudor*** Nici o jucărie nu e mai frumoasă ca jucăria cu vorbe. Copiii, ca și oamenii mari, sunt mai simțitori la vorbe decât la fapte, placându-le mai mult decât faptele făcute, faptele povestite. O carte foarte frumoasă, cu litere suficient de mari pentru a nu obosi ochii copiilor. Poveștile nu sunt foarte lungi, ceea ce este un lucru atractiv pentru micii cititori.		***Комедии*** ***Шекспир Уильям*** Великий классик мировой литературы, самый издаваемый до настоящего времени автор. Его драмы и трагедии продолжают волновать читателей и зрителей кипением страстей, коварством интриг и яркостью характеров. Неожиданные сюжетные ходы, юмор и забавные ситуации, в которых оказываются герои, отличают Комедии Шекспира.	

SPORTS, CLUBS and ACTIVITIES

Amazing Christmas PE lessons

Congratulations to Heritage basketball team!
Two recent big wins: LT Dacia 106-113 Heritage and on Friday Heritage 104:53 College Alexei Mateevici! Go Heritage!

At the ART club the first graders learned to mix colours and shades in the technique of hatching with coloured pencils

Digital Corner:

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Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At my.account.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

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12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Improvement Priorities Headlines 2023-24:

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

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 - Cohesion, 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

HERITAGE

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

The Heritage 10 Golden Rules
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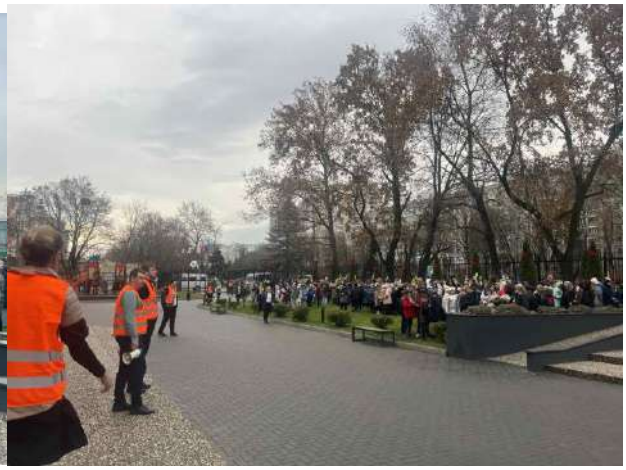
Fire Drill:

A Semester 1 Fire Drill took place to familiarize and reinforce proper evacuation routes and practices. The goal is to have the proper actions be an automatic response whenever fire alarms sound, so that everyone safely evacuates the area in an orderly manner.



Just a kind reminder that school fees timely submunitions help run the school smoothly.

Working Days during the Winter Break:
During the winter break school subdivisions will work as follows:

- *Reception (062022210): December 26-28, January 3-5 between 09:00-17:00*
- *Accountant Office (062022213): December 26-28, January 3-5 between 09:00-17:00*
- *Uniform shop (069500062): will be closed during vacation*
- *Buffet, meals payment (079900171): December 26-28 between 11:00-16:00.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Exam Timetable of Cambridge International Primary Checkpoint - Year: 6E

Tests Series: May 2024

Date	*Session*	*Start Time*	*Cambridge Primary (Y6E)*	*Duration*
9 April (Tue)	*AM*	*9:00 AM*	*Cambridge Primary English (1958)* *Paper 1: Written test (non-fiction)*	*60 minutes*
	PM	*12:00 PM*	*Cambridge Primary English (1958)* *Paper 2: Written test (fiction)*	*60 minutes*
10 April (Wed)	*AM*	*9:00 AM*	*Cambridge Primary Maths (1996)* *Paper 1: Written test (Non-calculator)*	*45 minutes*
	PM	*12:00 PM*	*Cambridge Primary Maths (1996)* *Paper 2: Written test (with calculator)*	*45 minutes*

11 April (Thu)	*AM*	*9:00 AM*	*Cambridge Primary Science (1997) Paper 1*	*35 minutes*
	PM	*12:00 PM*	*Cambridge Primary Science (1997) Paper 2*	*35 minutes*

Exam Timetable
Cambridge International Lower Secondary Checkpoint -: 8A and 8B
Tests Series: May 2024

Date	*Session*	*Start Time*	*Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint (Y8A/B)*	*Duration*
8 April (Mon)	*AM*	*9:00 AM*	*Cambridge Lower Secondary English as a Second Language (0876) Paper 2: Listening*	*approx. 35 minutes*
10 April (Tue)	*AM*	*9:00 AM*	*Cambridge Lower Secondary English as a Second Language (0876) Paper 1: Reading and Usage*	*45 minutes*
	PM	*12:00 PM*	*Cambridge Lower Secondary English as a Second Language (0876) Paper 3: Writing*	*40 minutes*
11 April (Wed)	*AM*	*9:00 AM*	*Cambridge Lower Secondary Mathematics (0862) Paper 1: Written test (Non-calculator)*	*60 minutes*
	PM	*12:00 PM*	*Cambridge Lower Secondary Mathematics (0862) Paper 2: Written test (with calculator)*	*60 minutes*
12 April (Thu)	*AM*	*9:00 AM*	*Cambridge Lower Secondary Science (0893) Paper 1*	*45 minutes*
	PM	*12:00 PM*	*Cambridge Lower Secondary Science (0893) Paper 2*	*45 minutes*

Exam Timetable
Cambridge International Lower Secondary Checkpoint Test - Year 9E
Tests Series: May 2024

Date	*Session*	*Start Time*	*Cambridge Lower Secondary (Y9E)*	*Duration*

9 April (Tue)	*AM*	*9:00 AM*	*Cambridge Lower Secondary English (0861)* *Paper 1: Written test (non-fiction)*	*1 hour and 10 minutes*
	PM	*12:00 PM*	*Cambridge Lower Secondary English (0861)* *Paper 2: Written test (fiction)*	*1 hour and 10 minutes*
10 April (Wed)	*AM*	*9:00 AM*	*Cambridge Lower Secondary Mathematics (0862)* *Paper 1: Written test (Non-calculator)*	*60 minutes*
	PM	*12:00 PM*	*Cambridge Lower Secondary Mathematics (0862)* *Paper 2: Written test (with calculator)*	*60 minutes*
11 April (Thu)	*AM*	*9:00 AM*	*Cambridge Lower Secondary Science (0893)* *Paper 1*	*45 minutes*
	PM	*12:00 PM*	*Cambridge Lower Secondary Science (0893)* *Paper 2*	*45 minutes*

UPCOMING EVENTS

9th January 2024	***Resumption for the Second Semester***
10-15th January 2024	***Romanian Language Week***
15th January 2024	***National Culture Day***
23rd January 2024	***International Handwriting Day***
23-26th January 2024	***Arts Week***

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

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