



HERITAGE  
International School



# THE INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE HERALD

November 4, 2022



## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*"We need to stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they are falling in." - Desmond Tutu*

## DIRECTOR'S WEEKLY NOTES

### *"The view from Dacia Boulevard"*

*It is hard to believe it is November, especially with the bright sunshine and one of the most spectacular autumns I have seen for some time, and I include a number of Falls in New England and in Quebec in my thoughts here. It has certainly enhanced a very positive mood on campus and added to making the break a better vacation even just to catch up on rest. My thanks to everyone who contributed to donating food and items to the AREAL/FOMS animal welfare shelter. You will see from the photos here and social media, it was all gratefully received. We have been*



*able to hold a lot of activities and celebrations outside including the 3rd annual "Conkers" championship for the primary school just before the break. We came back this week to pumpkin carving and a Halloween fancy dress competition, along with so many wonderful autumn displays in classrooms. We enjoyed another astonishing Founders' Lecture this week as Illinca Mazureac, a Moldovan national studying molecular biology at Harvard University, spoke to our students, and online to schools across Moldova. Thank you to Mrs. Larisa for another great Spelling Bee this week as well. At the end of this month, we will celebrate "Thanksgiving" in school and I am really pleased with the work going into the Winter Ball, Talent Show and the Primary Christmas performance at the end of December. More news and details to follow but it promises to be a great way of "making moments" at the end of Semester 1 and to send us into the vacation.*

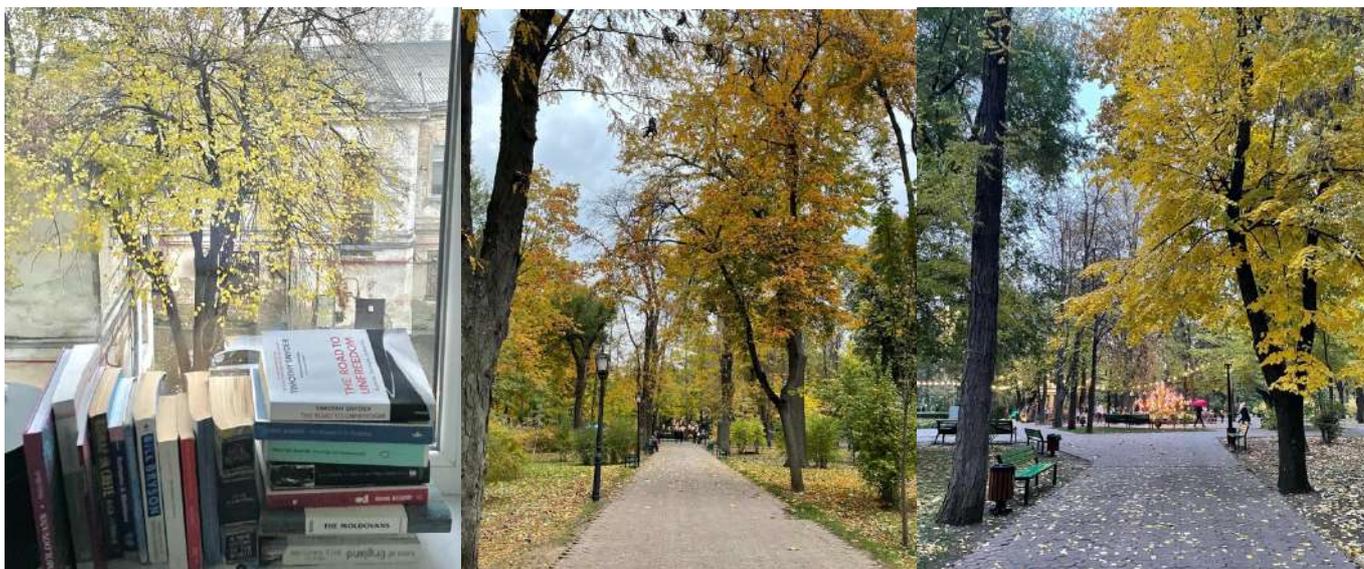
*Talking of work, you will see from some of the photos here that the construction of our new Lyceum and Moldova's 1st ever Post 16 Cambridge A Level centre continues at a pace and it is looking like it will be ready at the end of January 2023. Mrs. Dorina and her Lyceum students are already planning the interior and the study garden in the new quad between the buildings. We were very honoured to host the senior representatives from Cambridge this week in school as they came to Moldova to meet with the Ministry of Education in support of Moldova aligning with the Lisbon Treaty for education and qualification equivalence as it prepares more closely for EU membership. It was a good moment and partnership for everyone.*

*We are celebrating so much student achievement this semester and I would like to congratulate Mariella Caraus on her appointment as student president, and Sabina Turcan as vice president. The work of the student council this year is even more impressive and the example they are setting of student leadership has been recognised by COBIS who have asked for Mariella and Sabina to sit on a senior appointments student panel this month. Many congratulations to Daniela Dragusin for representing Moldova in last month's international swimming tournament. Sandu Bostan has achieved an astonishing gold medal podium place for her team and Moldova at the recent "First Global Challenge" engineering and robotics international competition in Geneva with over 160 countries attending. I would also like to congratulate Mark Negritu for his continuing success in international motor racing. Two of our students – Isabella O'Connell and Arsen Hachaturean, have participated in the Equestrian Championship of Chisinau. Isabella came 1st on her horse named "La Perla" in the children's division at 100 cm on day 1, and 1st in the 110 cm category on day 2, winning the cup and becoming Champion of Chisinau in her division. Arsen came joint 1st on the horse named "Las Vegas" in the open class mini division at 70 cm on day 1. Unfortunately, his horse got injured, therefore he couldn't participate on the 2nd day. We are proud of*

*you all. My colleagues continue to represent Heritage in the wider world of education and you will find in his IHH recent articles for ISN from Mrs. Adriana and Mrs. Anna Maria. Mrs. Inga was specially invited to a Cambridge International conference this week in Romania and along with Mrs. Tatiana, I was honoured to show colleagues around the World the work of Heritage at last week's Global School Alliance webinar on our international work.*

*When we celebrate Thanksgiving at the end of November, we will have a lot to be thankful for especially in the gift of our daily education and community.*

*Thank you for all of your support of Heritage,  
Going Strong, Going Forward, Going Global  
Rob Ford  
Director*



# HERITAGE IN THE WIDER WORLD

**2022 SPEAKER**  
**Rob Ford, Director of Heritage International School group**  
**Making your budget work to support international activities**

Thursday 27th October 2022  
 4 pm BST (GMT +1)

Visit [globalschoolalliance.com/events](https://globalschoolalliance.com/events) to register your attendance





Robert Ford - Director of the Heritage International School

RF interview on writing for America House Chisinau; <https://fb.watch/gnkKHG9DhW/>

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**AWARDS**

**2023 International School Awards**  
 Wednesday Jan 18, 2023 / 10:30AM - 11:00AM

**"Sustainability"**



Tatiana Popa  
 + 4 other speakers

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TES article; "Keep calm and carry on: why emergency drills are a must". Ensuring that your staff and students know what to do in an emergency is crucial. Here one leader of a school close to the conflict in Ukraine shares some ideas about how SLT at home and abroad can get their emergency planning right: <https://www.tes.com/magazine/leadership/compliance/why-emergency-planning-drills-are-must-schools>

tes magazine

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## Keep calm and carry on: why emergency drills are a must

Ensuring that your staff and students know what to do in an emergency is crucial. Here one leader of a school close to the conflict in Ukraine shares some ideas about how SLT at home and abroad can get their emergency planning right

17th October 2022, 1:26pm

Rob Ford

ISN International Schools Network

## Why you need to find the time for project-based learning

Published: 27/10/22  
 #Teaching Theory, Practice & Implementation

Commentary Article



**Adriana Bujag**  
 Primary teacher, Chair of Primary Leadership Team

Adriana Bujag explains why project-based learning is a rewarding experience for teachers and students

ISN International Schools Network

## Five super cool offline and online coding activities

Published: 01/04/22  
 #Digital & the Future of Learning, #Early Years Learning, #STEM, #Teaching Theory, Practice & Implementation

Educator in Practice Article



**Anna Maria Cires**  
 Teacher of Computer Science and Robotics, Heritage International School

Anna Maria's article for ISN: <https://isn.education/articles/open/five-super-cool-offline-and-online-coding-activities/>

Adriana's article for ISN here: <https://isn.education/articles/open/why-you-need-to-find-the-time-for-project-based-learning/>



Cambridge International Regional Principals' Forum, an opportunity for you to catch up with the latest news from Cambridge International, discuss various aspects with Cambridge team, ask questions and meet fellow school leaders from Romania and the region (Moldova, Albania, Bulgaria, Serbia and Hungary).



## ARTICLES OF INTEREST

1. "We must accelerate efforts to protect Ukraine's culture," says British Council chief. Culture will be central to the country's recovery—enabling people to process trauma, share a common identity and articulate shared experiences; <https://www.theartnewspaper.com/2022/10/24/after-eight-months-of-war-we-must-accelerate-efforts-to-protect-ukraines-culture-says-british-council-chief>

2. Edward Hopper's New York: exploring the artist's relationship with the city; <https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2022/oct/25/edward-hopper-new-york-whitney-museum-exhibition>
3. Neil Gaiman and Chris Riddell on why we need libraries – an essay in pictures; <https://www.theguardian.com/books/gallery/2018/sep/06/neil-gaiman-and-chris-riddell-on-why-we-need-libraries-an-essay-in-pictures>
4. Moldova Update: UN and EU supported conservation work on the monumental ruins of the 18th century synagogue in Raşcov has been completed; <https://jewish-heritage-europe.eu/2022/10/12/moldova-update-conservation-synagogue-in-rascov/>
5. Mail from Moldova blog; "The need for decent people"; <https://mailfrommoldova.home.blog/2022/10/23/the-need-for-decent-people/>
6. Language, war, and cruelty – an interview with Romanian Moldovan novelist Tatiana Țibuleac; <https://www.apofenie.com/interviews/2022/10/11/tatiana-tibuleac-interview>
7. Are You the Same Person You Used to Be? Researchers have studied how much our personality is set from childhood, but what you're like isn't who you are. <https://www.apofenie.com/interviews/2022/10/11/tatiana-tibuleac-interview>
8. Cut meat consumption to two burgers a week to save the planet, study suggests. Climate crisis report says 'we are not winning in any sector' as experts call for urgent action on fossil fuels; <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/oct/26/cut-meat-consumption-save-planet-climate-crisis-fossil-fuels>
9. Wholesome soup, night walks and wearable sleeping bags: how to prepare for winter – and even embrace it; <https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2022/oct/26/wholesome-soup-night-walks-and-wearable-sleeping-bags-how-to-prepare-for-winter-and-even-embrace-it>
10. Why Victorian houses look so haunted - The Washington Post; <https://www.washingtonpost.com/home/2022/10/27/why-victorian-houses-look-haunted/>
11. How can I stop climate change? Six easy lifestyle changes to make - Positive News; <https://www.positive.news/environment/how-can-i-help-stop-climate-change/>
12. Giant steps: why walking in nature is good for mind, body and soul | Walking | The Guardian; <https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2022/oct/30/walk-nature-good-for-mind-body-soul>

## NEWS FROM PRIMARY





  
**GOLDEN AUTUMN FEST**  
**October 19, 2022**  
Works/compositions made of natural materials  
Fruits/vegetables compositions  
3D posters "Autumn Fairy Tale"  
Photo/drawing/painting:  
autumnal landscape  
autumnal portrait  
**Conkers Craft**  
**October 21, 2022**  
Heritage Conkers Championship  
The students can wear autumn colors, autumn related costumes or school uniform  
**October 31, 2022**  
Pumpkin carving contest









*5E took pride in their Golden Autumn display and with presented this excitedly to all our guests*





### The 3rd Heritage and Moldova Conker Championship



October **21** 2022

Grades 1-2	10:30- 11:00
Grades 3-4	11:10-11:45
Grades 5-6	12:00- 12:30





















*Autumn lessons in School Starter are full of colour*

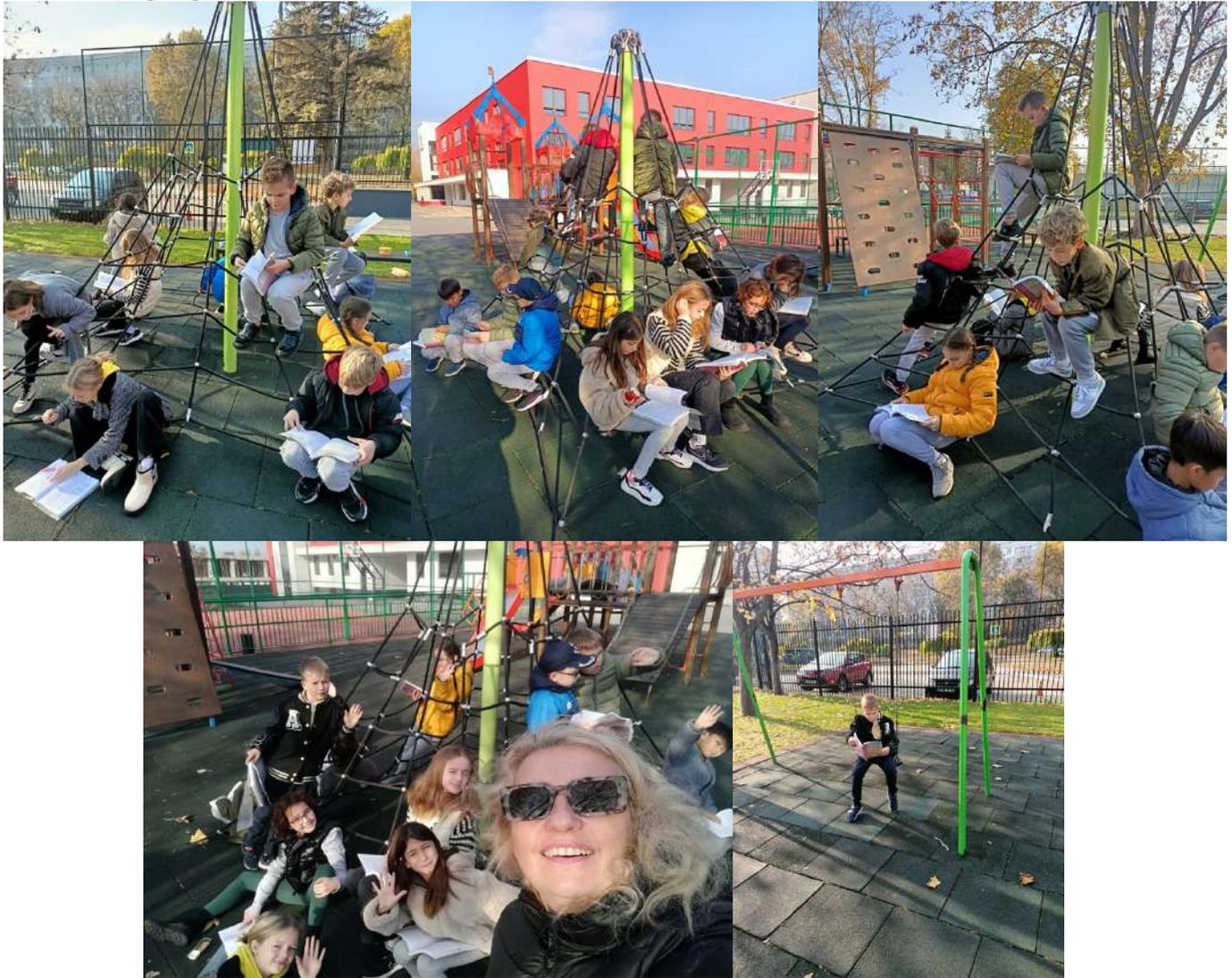




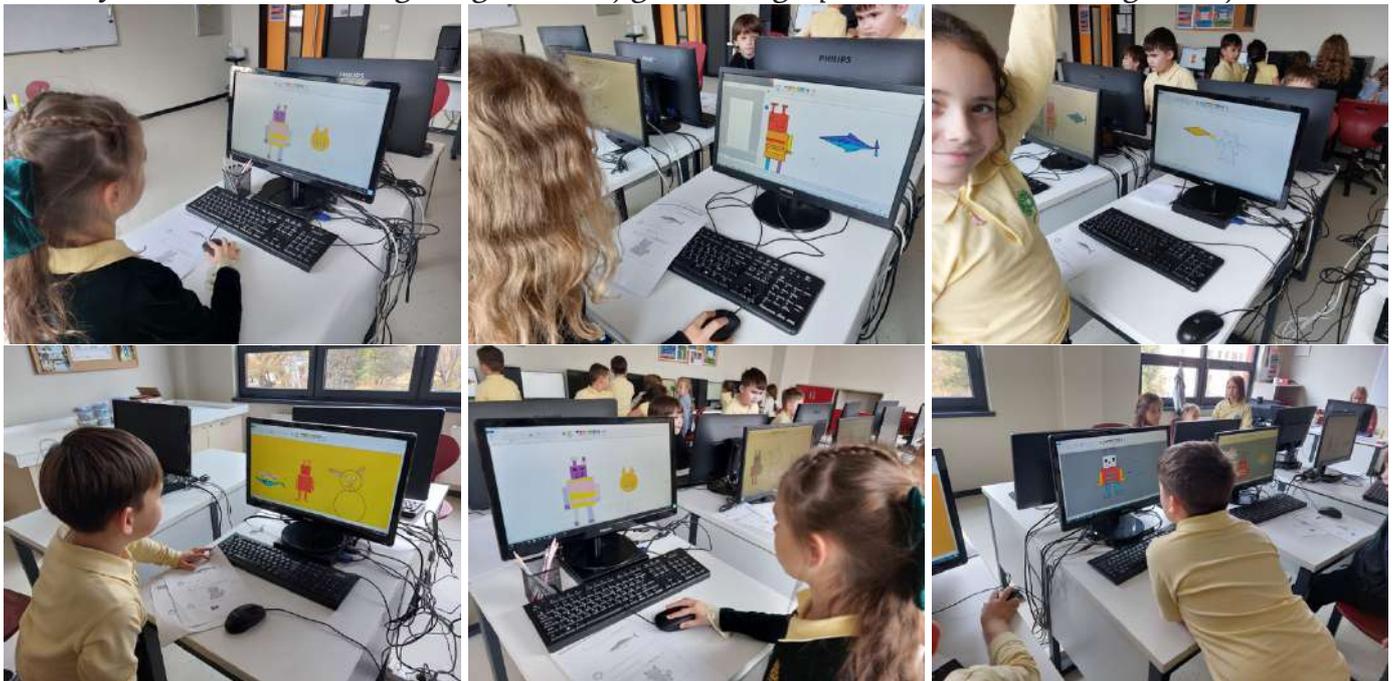
*2B class decorated the school cafeteria to celebrate Golden autumn festival. Healthy diet is essential for good health and nutrition, we have learn how to take care of ourselves and be always healthy. Our chefs prepare delicious and, most importantly, healthy food for us. A big thank you to all the staff at the canteen for all their hard work!*

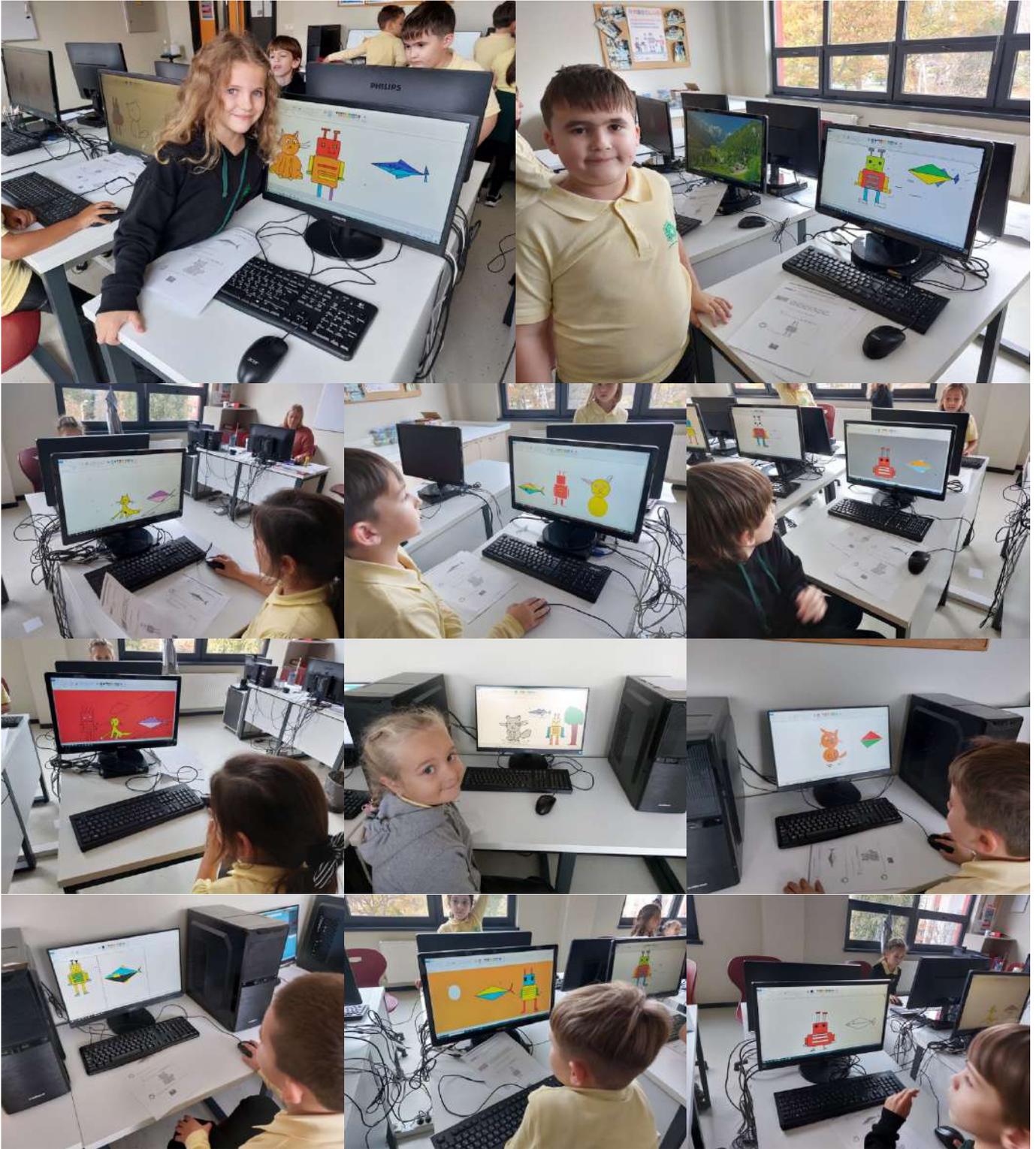


*Russian language and literature in nature, read, breathe, listen, enjoy and learn!*



*Primary school students using use geometric figures and graphic editors to draw digital objects*



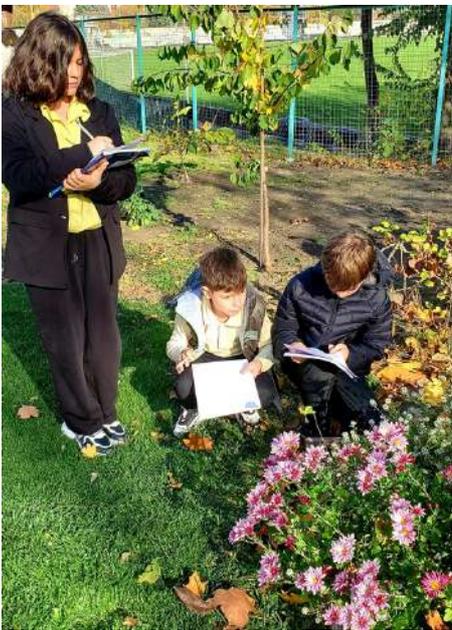


*A cognitive outdoor activity had students in grade 4A. They created the leaf's Curriculum Vitae. The students were creative and ingenious when they wrote the leaf's name, its spoken language, the leaf's email and a poetic thought at the end.*





*5E enjoyed their outdoor activity related to their science topic. They investigated the parts of the flowers and transferred their observations into their drawings.*





*Students in 3rd B grade held an hour of Russian language outside, thus marking the Outdoor Classroom Day*



*Beautiful autumn days are best suited to communicate with colleagues, play, enjoy your free time.*



*First graders enjoy Golden autumn*





2B students enjoy learning Maths outdoors

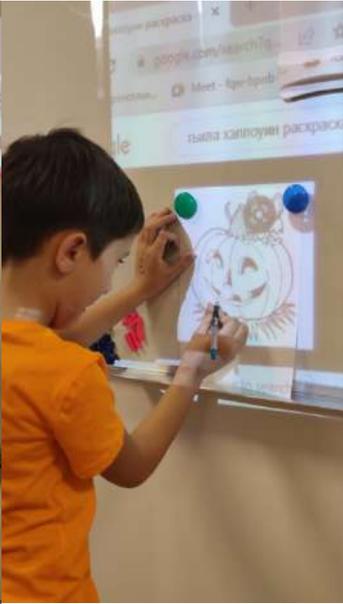


*Students decided to show what they have learned at the end of the IPC unit "Community" and to share the most important information with us.*



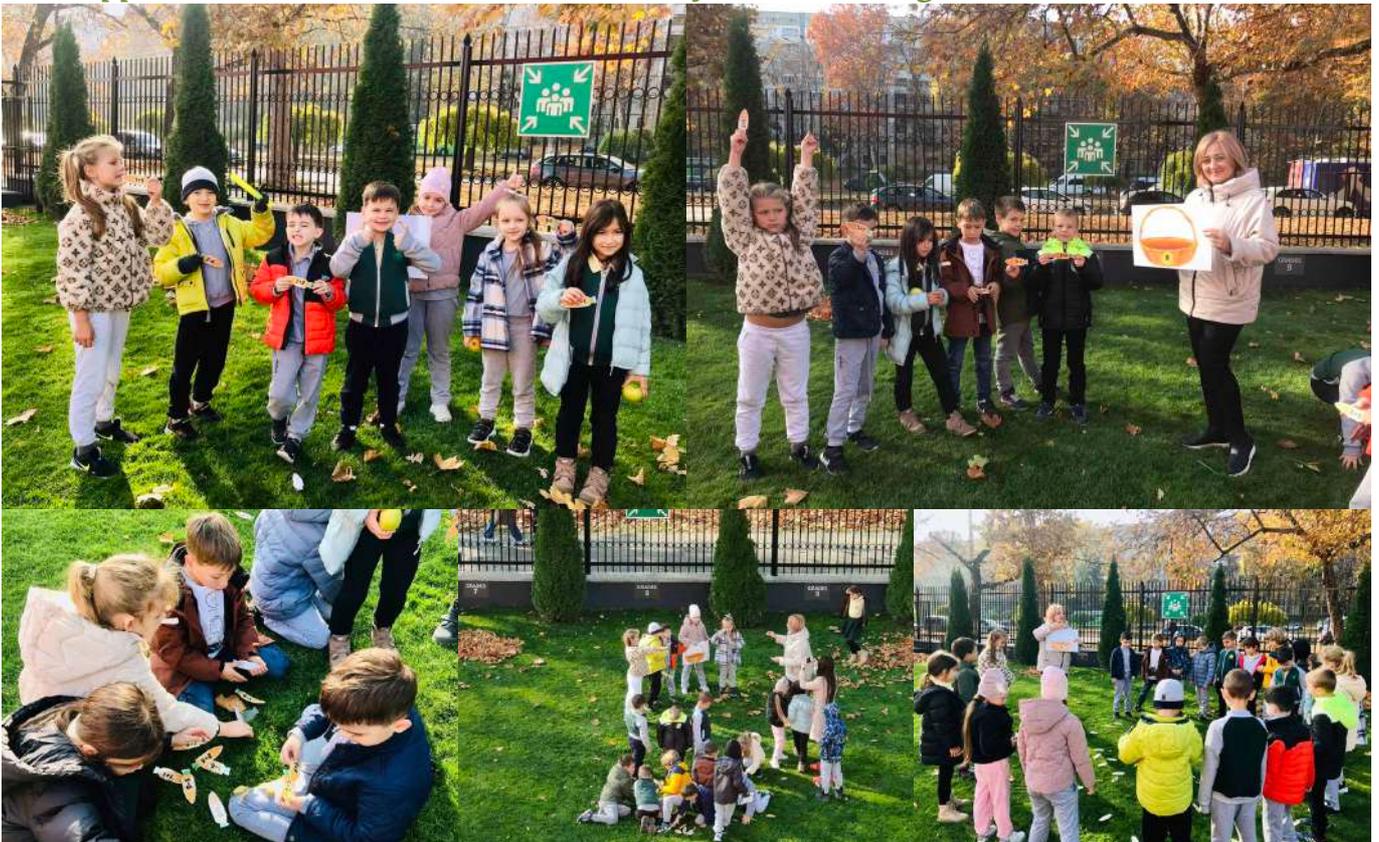
*School Starter students learn and grow*







*The happiest children in outdoor activities today were those in grade 1A!*



*A new meeting with a Robotics champion took place today with the students from 4A. Sanda Bostan shared her experience of participating in the „First Global Challenge” and winning the gold medal.*



*The description of an autumn leaf was a task for 3E outdoor activity.*





*Spelling Bee Competition at Heritage International School becomes more popular each year and is always a great way to celebrate learning. Primary students not only got a worthy educational experience but also gained various skills by partaking in this contest. They enhanced their vocabulary, brushed up their grammar, boosted their confidence, memory and learning skills. Most importantly, the Spelling Bee Contest teaches children to compete in a healthy and competitive environment which cultivates friendships with other peers.*







### Curriculum

The required knowledge, understanding and skills.

 Cambridge Assessment International Education

## Cambridge Primary: an aligned approach



### Teaching & learning

The approaches that help teaching and learning to take place.

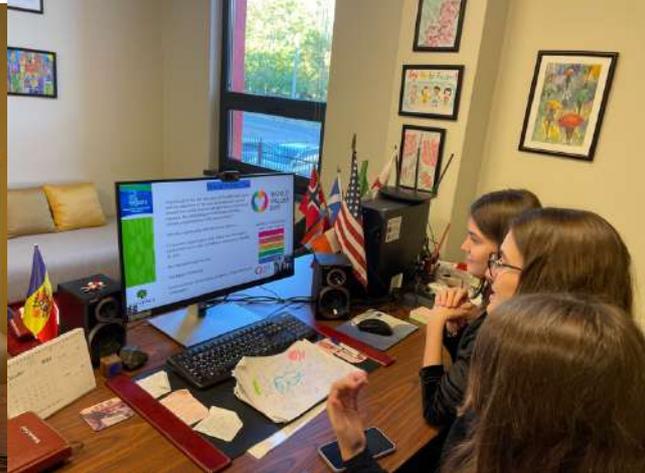


### Assessment

The process of finding out what learners have learned.

# NEWS FROM GYMNASIUM

## Gymnasium Assembly:



### World Values Day

- Organised on the 3rd Thursday of October every year and the objective is "to raise awareness of values around the world, and to highlight the crucial role of values in the well-being of individuals, families, schools, organisations and communities."
- Initially organised by the UK Values Alliance
- First event organised in 2016. Since then the media potential rose to over 75 million responses on Twitter in 2022
- First breakthrough in 2017
- The Values challenge
- Events such as conferences, projects, competitions and campaigns



### WORLD VALUES DAY

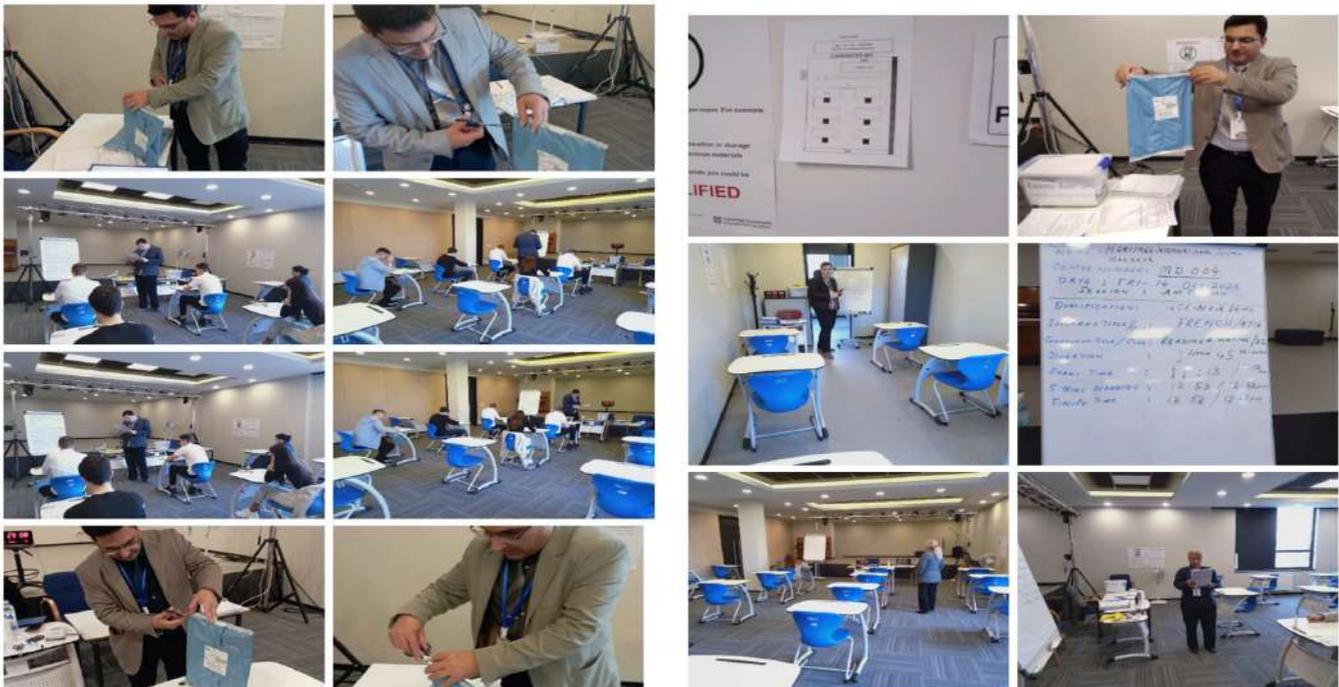
#### How to get involved

- Join the #wvday on your social media
- Follow us and share everything you do as part of the conversation
- Join our LinkedIn Group to meet other WVD members
- Sign up to our newsletter: [www.worldvaluesday.com](http://www.worldvaluesday.com)
- Come and try this on Twitter: #wvday, #wvdaychallenge



**Public Exams of Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) November 2022 Series:** First ever physical exams of IGCSE and GCE AS Level started on October 4, 2022 in Heritage International School. It will end on 17th November 2022.

Few students availed this opportunity to improve their grades as a retake / resit in the November 2022 exam series.



**The Heritage Golden 10:** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/19a84QG84nWA-RrbVDPwo9rDDn0SH1QfSAz6aq4F9JIo/edit?usp=sharing>



## Cambridge IGCSE - 14-16 Year Olds International Qualification

<https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-upper-secondary/cambridge-igcse/>

## Cambridge IGCSE



Wherever in the world your students want to go, help them get there with Cambridge IGCSE.

We created Cambridge IGCSE more than 30 years ago. Today, it's the world's most popular international qualification for 14 to 16 year olds. Not only is it truly international - it gives students more options than any other international qualification. That means more subjects to choose from, more ways to learn and more ways to succeed.

*In order to prepare for your exams, we are delighted to announce that **Education Perfect IGCSE Revision Challenge is open for our students.***

*Running for three days (22 - 24 November) this flexible, FREE online event is a great way to engage with IGCSE English, Maths, and Science - and a perfect opportunity to help you to prepare for any upcoming exams or assessments!*

*The Challenge is suitable for students taking any of the following IGCSE courses:*

- Cambridge IGCSE: English First Language 0500, English Literature 0475, Co-ordinated Sciences 0654, Mathematics (Extended) 0580

*Students will earn points for every question correctly answered from the IGCSE content banks (including lessons, parallel papers & exam resources) and they can choose to complete content from one course or several. There are certificates & prizes up for grabs, too!*

*Access for the students will open **two weeks before the event**, allowing the students to assign practice activities.*

If you are interested to participate then register yourself for this event at below link by November 7, 2022.

[Education Perfect IGCSE Revision Challenge 2022](#)

We look forward to seeing your engagement in this exciting event!



Between the 12th and 16th of October, the FIRST Global Challenge Robotics competition took place. Our 10th grade student Sanda Bostan represent Moldova together with 4 other students from different schools in Chişinău. There were participants from over 160 countries and they succeeded into getting the gold medal for Innovation in Engineering, having the best robot in the competition. As every year this competition abords different global problems, this year's theme was Carbon Capture, about air pollution. The field was simulating many "carbon" balls which the robot had to first store, then launch them in a tower of 2.5 meters and finally to lift itself to one of the 4 bars, the highest one being at 1.70 metres. All this had to be done in only 2 and a half minutes. Their robot was different from everyone else's by having the option to lift to the highest bar universally from any side, and also to launch around 60 balls per match.



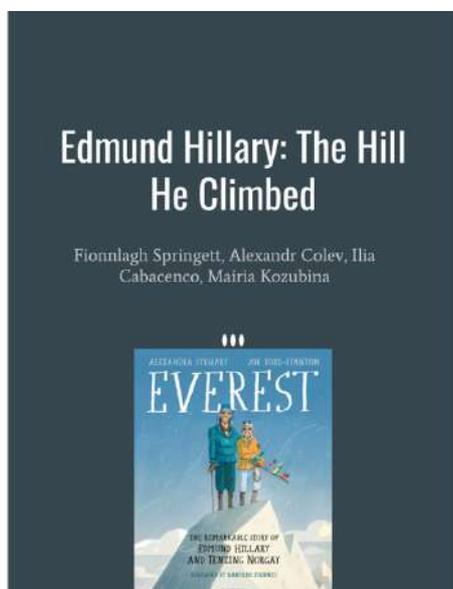
## Code Week Treasure Hunt

This is a game on Telegram that is simple enough for beginners, but also challenging to keep experienced participants on their toes.

In technology 7B studies graphic language programs. I design buildings and dream houses. Play the role of architects and engineers.



## 8E students created great presentations about explorers



### Amelia Earheart Life story



Amelia Earheart was born on July 24 1897 in Atchison, Kansas. Growing up Amelia liked to play sports and to collect insects and frogs. She went through many careers, but towards the end of 1920 she went to an air show and went on her first flight that day.

In 1928 she was invited to take part in a historic flight across the Atlantic. She was the navigator with a crew of 2. She was the first women to make a flight across the Atlantic. She tried to do the same thing alone and broke many records. Sadly on July 2, 1937 her and the co-pilot went missing. Her plane still has not been found.

EU Code Week

# Code Week Treasure Hunt



*The Code Week Treasure Hunt is a game best played on your PC with a mobile phone in hand. The game will ask you to solve coding challenges and guide you through the history of coding, computer science and technology in Europe.*

**To start playing you need to**

1. Download the Telegram app. It is available for [Desktop](#) (Windows, macOS and Linux), [iOS](#) and [Android](#)
2. You can play the game either on your PC or laptop, or on your smartphone. We recommend you play it on your computer so that you can get the instructions and solve the coding challenges on the Telegram app on your phone.
3. To play the game, [open the game](#) that will take you to the Telegram app and give you the first set of instructions.
4. To win, you need to solve 10 coding challenges and find 10 [locations on the map of Europe](#) that are linked to the rise of coding and technology.
5. After you complete the game, share your score with your friends using #CodeWeek and challenge them to play and learn about the history of coding too. Let's see who scores the top results!

By taking part students will develop leadership skills, learn about local and global issues, explore their passions, build confidence, connect with other students from COBIS schools around the world, and become part of a global movement.



- **AGE ELIGIBILITY** | 11-18-years-old
- **DATES** | 11th – 13th November 2022
- **DURATION** | 3 days of live interactive virtual sessions followed by 30-days (Catalyst) or 60-days (Accelerator) of independent action
- **GRADUATION** | Thursday 26th January 2023

- **COST FOR INDIVIDUAL BOOKINGS** | Early bird £185, or £220 if booked after 9th October (member school students access 20% discounted rates)
- **COST FOR SCHOOL BOOKINGS (groups of 10+ students)** | Early bird £165, or £200 if booked after 9th October
- **EARLY BIRD BOOKING DEADLINE** | 9th October 2022
- **FINAL BOOKING DEADLINE** | 31st October 2022



Menu

Join us for the return of the COBIS GSL Leadership Weekend, taking place from the 11th – 13th November 2022!

We are excited to share that this year's weekend will include two strands:

- **COBIS GSL Catalyst** – For students who are starting their journey as a social leader.
- **COBIS GSL Accelerator** – For graduates of previous Catalyst programmes who are looking to further develop their social action skills.

## NEWS FROM LYCEUM

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**Recommended Cambridge International A Level subjects for the most popular careers**

*Heritage Lyceum is the only one in Moldova providing the Cambridge curriculum and globally recognized AS and A Level qualifications.*

**Heritage Lyceum learners become:**

confident responsible reflective

innovative engaged

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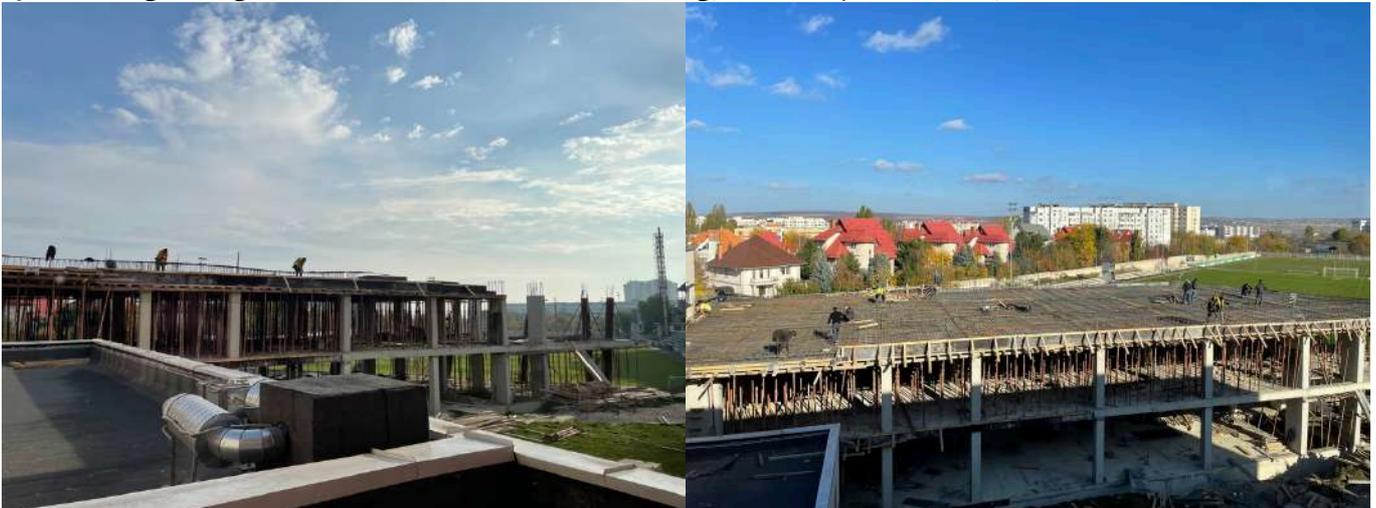
**Within the Cambridge International AS & A Level Program**

*Heritage Lyceum is the only one in Moldova providing the Cambridge curriculum and globally recognized AS and A Level qualifications.*

**Don't miss out: 18 free opportunities for young people in the Republic of Moldova - EU NEIGHBOURS east**

<https://eunighbourseast.eu/news/explainers/dont-miss-out-18-free-opportunities-for-young-people-in-the-republic-of-moldova/>

**Heritage Lyceum building progress:** The construction of the new lyceum building is apparently progressing and we would love all of our lyceum students to be actively involved in creating a wonderful interior that will motivate students and contribute to a productive learning process at the same time helping them feel like they belong here. Please contact your homeroom teacher for more details. Any ideas regarding the decoration inside the building, names of the rooms, etc. are welcome.



### **Lyceum IELTS preparation**

For those interested in IELTS preparation: next week we are planning to start a 4-week **IELTS Preparation Crash course** according to the following schedule:

Wednesday, October, 12, 13.00 - 14.30

Friday, October, 14, 10.05 – 11.05

### **Personal Statement for a university application**

Writing a Convincing Personal Statement to Successfully Apply to Universities:

Friday, 15.30 till 17.00 (lesson 8 and 9).

## Career and University Admission Guidance

Tuesday // Thursday at 8.30

Your children's AS Cambridge Certificates for June 2022 exams are ready and waiting for them downstairs at the secretary's office.

A-level students are supposed to have their badges with violet braids so that the guards at school gates can identify them entering and leaving the school grounds. Please, make sure your child has one, if not remind him/her to have the picture taken at the ground floor (r. 010) and afterwards obtain the badge from me.

## The Heritage 10 Golden Rules

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

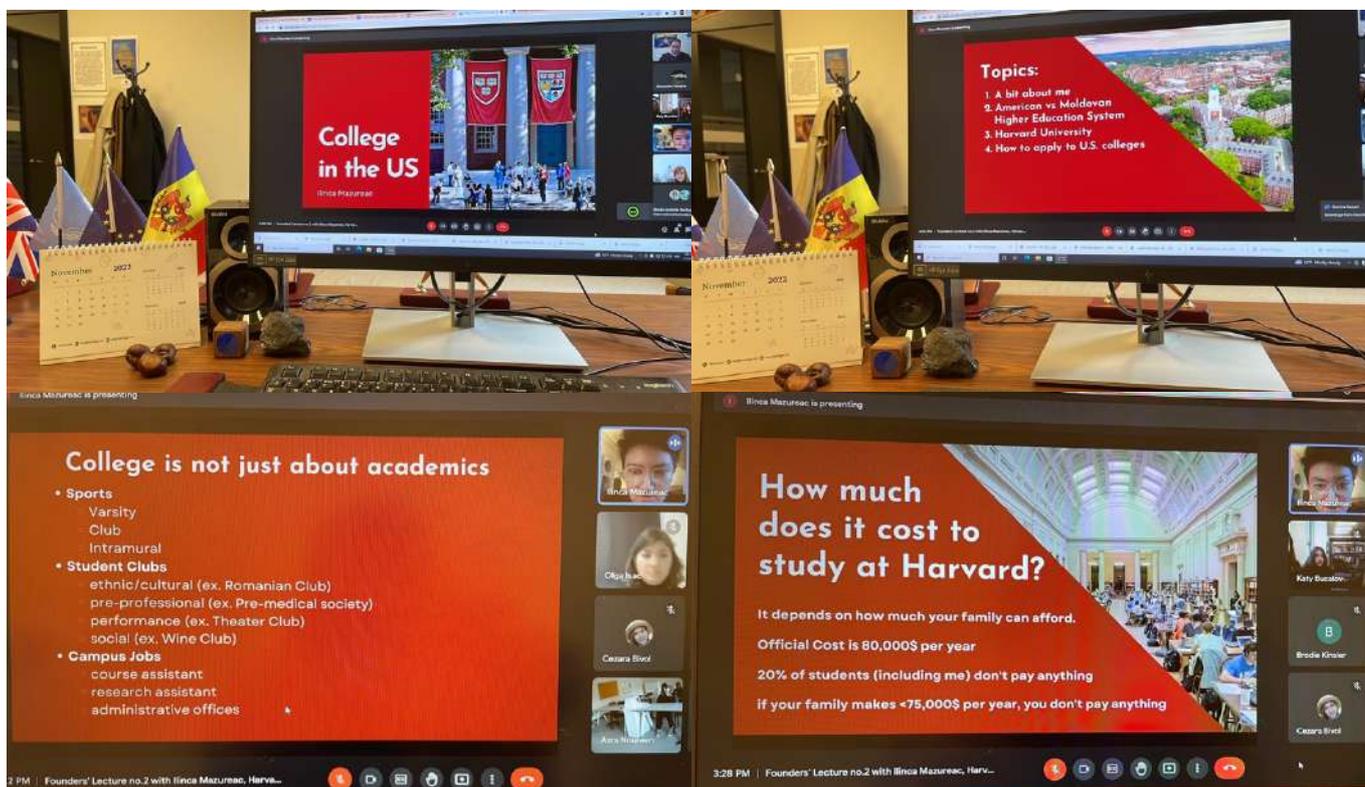
# GLOBAL EDUCATION

On Wednesday, the 2nd of November, Heritage had a virtual guest speaker for the 2nd session of Founders' Lectures for 2022-2023. Our guest speaker was Ilinca Mazureac, a student at Harvard University, who told us how she got accepted there and what are the specifics of the American colleges and upper institutions.

Ilinca took us on a virtual tour of Harvard through images and storytelling, and later at the Q&A session, we could see that our students were asking questions that would help them apply to such an institution in the future as well.

No better learning that from a primary source!

We express our gratitude to Ilinca Mazureac for giving us her time and knowledge! We are proud of our Moldovan role-models!





On November 3rd, 2022, 3.4 million teachers and students from 149 countries celebrated Climate Action Day, the culminating event of the Climate Action Project, a program of Take Action Global (TAG), a leading climate action education organization. The sixth year of the Climate Action Project was supported by partners LEGO, Earth Day Organization, World Wildlife Fund, and UN Environment Programme. Website: <https://www.climate-action.info>.

“Something happens when people from different locations and different life experiences come together to create change,” said TAG co-founder Dr. Jennifer Williams, “When students join in local and global action and as they become united in an effort for taking on a problem as big as the climate crisis, they start to understand how in this world we all fit together.” The six-week program, which has grown in size and scope each year, brings together thousands of schools from around the world to examine climate change and environmental literacy. Students progress through weekly activities exploring causes, effects, and solutions. Classrooms engage in class-to-class virtual exchanges where they work with students from other countries as they consider both local and global implications. In the final week, teachers and students join with project partners Climate Action Day, a global online celebration as they share their learning, actions, and even inventions with world leaders, leading climate scientists and researchers, and international youth activists. Schools and classrooms receive recognition for their efforts with a certificate.

Take Action Global is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization registered in the United States of America. The project is free and open to all PreK-12 classrooms, and curriculum and lesson plans are available in 16 languages. The new EarthProject app helps students track their efforts by showing amounts of avoided carbon reflecting the effects of climate education.

“Climate action education has an important role to tackle climate change on a global scale. It informs students, takes away climate anxiety, and brings important skills to a classroom including empathy,

creativity, and problem-solving,” shared TAG co-founder Koen Timmers.

*"Climate change is happening. This debate is over. When Earth will finally give up, we will know how important it was to us.*

*But I have a dream - in 100 years the Earth is green, and we thrive on this magnificent planet of ours. The 'stop' button is still here. Learn how to click it while you can."* (Ernest Mikuts, student in grade 9, Heritage International School)



*Heritage International School has been in this project for the 3rd year consecutively, our students have done research, shared with other classrooms around the globe, they planted trees and flowers, they created a list of solutions and have been vocal during these 3 years about the need to be sustainable in our approach to living. Just this week, students in grade 7E made a list of suggestions and visited the canteen ladies and told them what they*

*would like to see in our school canteen, they talked to the cafe workers as well, telling them what they didn't like about the food and service there and how it could be changed for the better. Finally, they wrote letters to officials and decision-makers, who can improve the situation by doing their work. They wrote to Maia Sandu, Natalia Gavrilita, Igor Grosu, and our director Rob Ford. As a result, Mr Ford kindly invited them to have a meeting with him next week, together with our COO, in order to discuss the improvements needed.*

*We celebrated Climate Action Day, too, from our classrooms, and this week we spoke to a technical secondary school in Poland and shared inventions created for stopping climate change, but also to a group of 50 students in Brazil, where they shared about the work in CAP, as well as country specifics, culture and language.*

*We are proud to be part of the Climate Action Project!*



Climate Action Day 2022  
Take Action Global  
2548 subscriptions

402 likes  
Comment  
Clip  
Guard



*As part of Climate Action Project, students in 7E made a list of suggestions for the canteen and cafe staff, and together they went and spoke to them. Composting leftovers, reducing the use of plastic, the type of food they want to see on menu - these were just some of the ideas that our students brought to the table.*

*They also wrote letters to officials or decision-makers asking to do things in order to stop climate change. Even our director Mr Ford got some letters! Read them*

*here: [https://www.canva.com/design/DAFO4jUaqj8/w\\_EfggNjvp\\_RMw9h6qW7tg/view?utm\\_content=DAFO4jUaqj8&utm\\_campaign=designshare&utm\\_medium=link2&utm\\_source=sharebutton#7](https://www.canva.com/design/DAFO4jUaqj8/w_EfggNjvp_RMw9h6qW7tg/view?utm_content=DAFO4jUaqj8&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=sharebutton#7)*

*Some examples illustrated below:*

October 27th, 2022

Dear Mr. Rob,

Hello, My name is Victor Dragusin from 7E. It has come to the student's attention that the school buffet uses an excessive amount of non-reusable waste.

In the canteen/buffet; almost every item is served in either paper plates or wrapped in plastic. The quantity of single use plastics being used is unnecessary as there are many alternative ways of protecting food such as biodegradable plastic which take only 3-6 months to decompose compared to regular plastic that takes up to 1000 years to fully decompose! The production of plastic is not great for the environment; it takes coal, natural gas salts and crude oils to make plastic which when they melt together, emit toxic fumes that pollute the environment.

Our school says we recycle our thrown away plastic but 90% of moldova's plastic (even recycled) ends up in a landfill which greatly impacts the environment as it produces high levels of methane and carbon dioxide which are a big contributing factor to the cause of climate change.

I think we can fix this problem by using more biodegradable plastics as they decompose much faster than regular plastic. Also, students can be asked to bring their own tupperware and reusable bottles to reduce the amount of waste produced. In addition, we can give plastic a different use, for example: some places over the world reuse plastic water bottles by cutting them in half and making them into light bulbs. Plastic is very versatile and it can be used for many things so all we need to do is gather, clean and create.

I believe that by teaching students about the importance of recycling, we could all contribute to the protection of our environment.

Kind Regards,  
Victor Dragusin



### Letter to Maia Sandu Dear President Maia Sandu!

In this letter, I would like to draw your attention to one of the problems that do not go away with time. Unfortunately, climate change is only getting stronger over time. Without decisive action, climate change will have catastrophic consequences for all of humanity. In fact, for all living organisms on Earth. Populations of mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, and reptiles have declined by an average of 68% since 1970. Today, unique species of animals may be at high risk of extinction. Scientists claim that if the average global temperature rises by more than 1.5°C, the consequences will be irreversible - droughts and floods will become more intense. In some regions, people will die from exposure to hot air.

I urge you to urgently introduce a system of control over the amount of greenhouse gas emissions, switch to renewable energy sources, and reduce the amount of fossil fuels burned. Also, the transition from gasoline cars to electric ones will help reduce the amount of exhaust gases. Garbage processing is a particular problem. Plastic cannot be simply thrown away or burned, it must be taken to a plant that processes garbage. Otherwise, during burning, toxic gas is released.

There are many ways to prevent further climate change. I ask you to do everything possible to stop the human impact on the environment in Moldova.

Thank you!  
Best wishes,  
Oryna Danyliuk, a Ukrainian student at Heritage International School



### Letter

From Benjamin Braga  
To Rob Ford - Director of Heritage International School MD  
21/10/2022

Dear Mr. Rob, I am writing to urge you to take action to limit climate change. The issue of climate change is affecting the entire planet and we need to work together to find solutions to the problem. I wish to inform you that human activity has already caused our planet to warm by around 1°C. Since you are the school director I am more than sure that you understand that climate change shouldn't be happening at all. I would like to come up with some solutions to how we can stop climate change from happening.

Much of our School's electricity and heat is powered by coal, oil, and gas. We could use less energy by lowering our school's heating and cooling and switching to LED light bulbs which some of our school classrooms don't have.

The school has a canteen meaning that children eat there but as we know not all children finish their food and when they bring their unfinished all of it is thrown away which isn't good. When children throw food away, they're also wasting the resources and energy that were used to grow, produce, package, and transport it. And when food rots in a landfill, it produces methane, a powerful greenhouse gas. So use what you buy and compost any leftovers. Cutting your food waste can reduce your carbon footprint by up to 300 kilograms of CO2e per year.

If the school has funds we could as well occasionally install solar panels on our school's roof because as a renewable source of power, solar energy has an important role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and mitigating climate change, which is critical to protecting humans, wildlife, and ecosystems.

Sincerely,  
Benjamin



Prime-Minister  
Mrs. Natalia Gavrilita

Chisinau, Moldova. 27-oct-2022

Dear Mrs. Natalia Gavrilita,

I would like to express my concern on environment sustainability and climate change. Nowadays we can see alot of plastic waste and pollution around us.

Trees have been cut down in a huge number to build living houses or commercial plazas that also add to environmental pollution.

The Government needs to think very seriously and take major steps to stop all this pollution. Need to reduce plastic waste and pollution and also need to stop unnecessary cutting of trees.

I believe the ministry of environment and climate change will surely do important and necessary steps to save the environment and its sustainability.

Yours truly,  
Awisha Anjum  
7E



Dear Mr. Rob

Today I would like to write about climate change, our school's contribution to it, and some suggestions to make it better.

First of all, I would like to start with the cafeteria. As you may know, our cafeteria sells a lot of single use plastic items. A big example would be the sugary juices known as "Timbark" or "Fuzetea" which are sold daily in large quantities at our cafeteria. A solution to this problem might be to sell reusable plastic bottles instead of single use plastic ones.

Second of all, books are also a problem here at Heritage. Paper books are pricey, and Cambridge Books especially take a pretty long time to come to Moldova. The transportation of those books from the UK to Moldova takes up fossil fuels, and over that distance, you would need plenty of fuel, which will cause harmful exhaust fumes spewing into the air and atmosphere. Also, books are made from a lot of paper, and we need large quantities of books. All that paper is made from tree trunks, which means cutting down more trees, which leads to even more deforestation and air pollution. In fact, the world cuts down about 3 billion trees a year just for paper alone! A simple fix to this would be to use digital format books instead of physical formatted ones, since it's a lot cheaper, less resourceful, less harmful and more convenient for everyone.

That is about it for my letter, I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Yours Truly,  
Bogdan





From October 25-29, 2022, 60 adolescents from different corners of Moldova played the role of high-ranking diplomats in the Moldova Model United Nations. The conference had students nailing global matters in real-life, touching on geopolitics, environmental protection, human rights, economics, security, society, and culture. Heritage students Teodor Zaporozjan, Iulia Golovcenco, and Gesica Sirbu have achieved outstanding results.

Gesica was assigned to the World Food Program (WFP) committee, proudly representing the Gabonese Republic. As a team, the students formed resolutions for:

- Food security in conflict areas
- Capacity building and asset creation in areas threatened by hunger

We created the "UN Trust Fund," dividing developed and developing countries and forming a triangular trade of collaboration of resources. "UN Trust Fund" will work with the other committees to help conflict zones and agricultural land through environmental-friendly approaches.

Overall, MDMUN has offered me the opportunity to learn more about the global issues, objectives, structure, policies, and procedures of the United Nations. Simultaneously, the students have developed their communication, leadership, and debate skills by networking with all my friends. As the Gabonese Republic delegate, Gesica represented Gabon's position and interests, gladly accepting to make a closing speech on WFP's outcomes.





*Monday brought us all back, on the last day of October. Right - 31st of October, the day we celebrate Halloween!*

*Our students decorated their classes, they dressed up and represented favourite characters and went trick-or-treating around the school. The students enjoyed the costume competition a lot, each class bringing different ideas to the stage, but all of them unique and beautiful! Some even had professional makeup!*

*Here are some glimpses of the day at Heritage:*









## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

*Heritage Student Council held its meetings yesterday, for primary and secondary students. The primary students are designing their council logo and making plans for Thanksgiving Day. The secondary Student Council elected its Vice Presidents and Secretary. As a result, the new-elected Vice Presidents are: Gesica Sirbu and Sabina Turcan, and the appointed SC Secretary is Sanda Bostan. Congratulations to all of them! The students are very proud to be represented by these role-model students!*





**Mariella Caraus**  
PRESIDENT OF HERITAGE  
STUDENT COUNCIL  
HERITAGE INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL

Perseverance, strong desire, but also the empathy I like to believe I show, together with a true quality of primacy, are some of the many qualities necessary for the role of the president of the student council of Heritage International School. In addition to that, I am communicative, determined, ready to overcome challenges, interested in highlighting and developing myself person.

I thrive on a challenge and constantly set goals for myself, so I have something to strive toward. I'm not comfortable with settling, and I'm always looking for an opportunity to do better and achieve greatness. I think positively and can execute on difficult tasks. I'm not an individual who needs to be micromanaged. Rather, when given a specific task, I am able to control a situation rather than have a situation control me.



*Student Councils - dropping the donations off for AREAL FOMS - autumn collection*





HERITAGE  
International School

## AUTUMN FOOD DRIVE FOR ANIMAL SHELTER

Heritage community is invited to support AREAL/FOMS animal shelter by donating:

- Pet food or treats
- Toys
- Cleaning Supplies
- Towels and blankets
- Grooming supplies, collars and leashes

All students are invited to donate at Heritage school reception, between 10th and 19th of October, 2022.

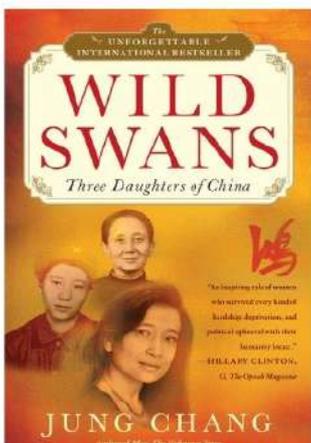
*Let's join efforts  
& help together!  
These animals  
need our help!*

Organiser:  
Heritage Student Councils

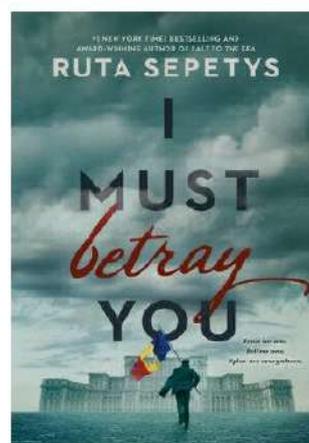


# NEWS FROM EMINESCU LIBRARY

Heritage librarian has some book recommendations for our students (Ages 16-18).

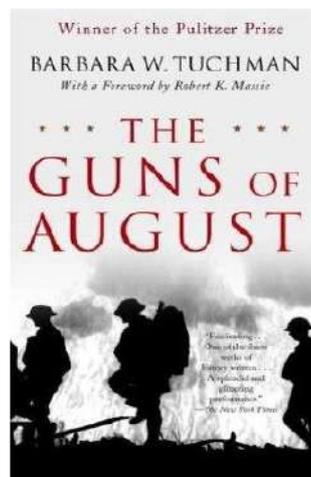


*Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China* is a fascinating description of one family's experiences of China's political upheavals across the 20th century, focusing on Jung Chang's grandmother, mother, and then herself. Although the family are fairly privileged much of the time, they still experience great hardships: being a Party official, was no guarantee of immunity from persecution and sometimes torture.

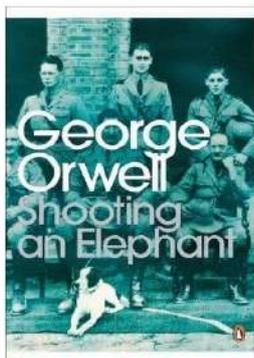
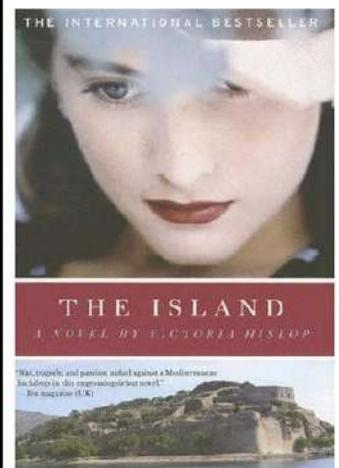


1989, Romania. Communist regimes are starting to crumble all across Europe and Cristian Florescu wants to become a writer. But Romanians are ruled by tyranny. In a country governed by isolation and fear under the dictatorship of Nicolae Ceaușescu, Cristian is blackmailed to become an informer and he has to choose: to betray everyone he loves or to use it to his advantage but the cost might be far greater than he can afford.  
Ruta Sepetys - *I Must Betray You*.

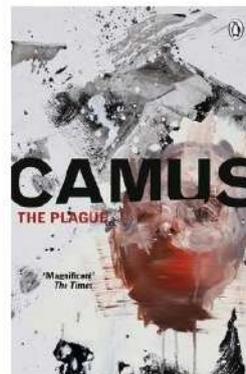
A truly remarkable account of the first month of WWI. If history were taught to high school students the way Barbara Tuchman presents it, perhaps we would not be doomed to repeat it so often. "The Guns of August" is a very readable account of how the Allies almost lost the war in the first 30 days through the bungling due to ego, jealousy, misunderstanding and territorial disputes.



The background to this story is so well researched that you feel as if it is a truthful account of events surrounding the lives of those suffering from leprosy in Crete during the Second World War, and their families and friends. There is love and tragedy, betrayal and loyalty, deceit and courage.  
Victoria Hislop - *The Island*.

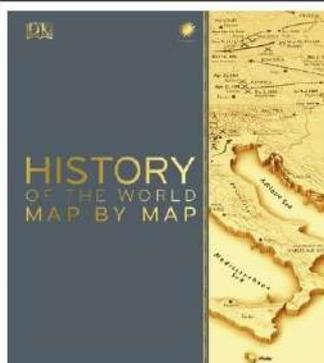


This outstanding collection again shows Orwell was a major essayist. Displaying an almost unrivalled mastery of English plain prose style, Orwell's essays challenge, move and enlighten. Although he deals with some complex issues, what is most striking about this book is the clean, crisp, easy to read nature.  
George Orwell - *Shooting an Elephant*.

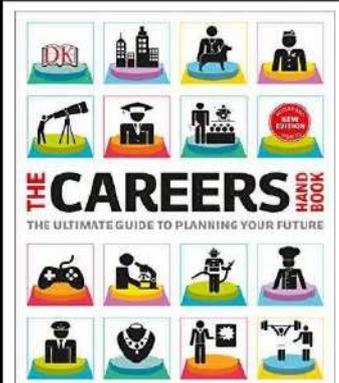


The plague is a symbol of inevitability of human suffering - crisis, sickness, torture, death that can come up at any moment, at any time. That is existential vulnerability that we as humans have to live with, thought out all ages. But in face of collective adversity, we have the ability to choose with our own distinctive response, that is ours only - that is our fundamental freedom.  
Albert Camus - *The Plague*.

More of an encyclopedia than a book this is a wonderfully crafted page by page masterpiece in World History, made to be read more with the "eyes". Every map triggers the reader's imagination without any intrusiveness and imposition of dry information. Awesome, sumptuous and gorgeous reference work that is just what the title describes. This book deserves a spot in any home library.  
*History of the World Map by Map*.

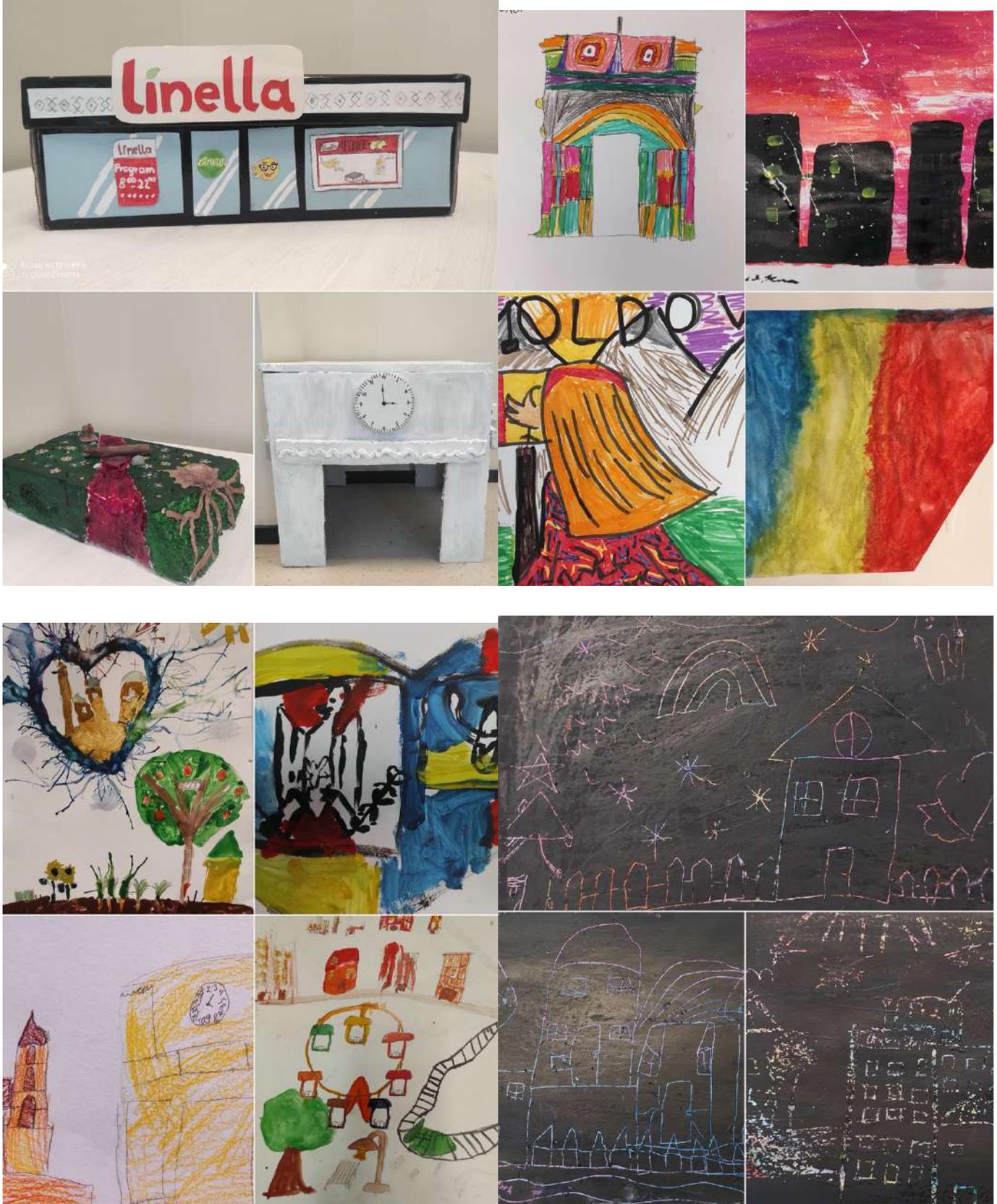


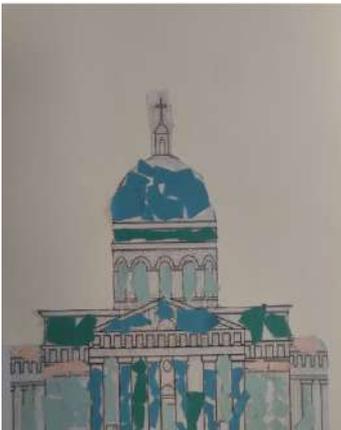
Excellent, fully up-to-date career guide for teenagers. More than 400 professions explained. An absolute item for school teachers and career counsellors, career coaches and anybody who accompanies youngsters and adolescents in their educational choices.  
*The Careers Handbook: The Ultimate Guide to Planning Your Future*.



## HERITAGE CREATIVITY

On the occasion of the celebration of the city of Chisinau, the students of Heritage executed themed plastic works with a lot of love, creativity and ingenuity. The children created works by painting, drawing, lattice technique, plasticine applications, applications using the paper tearing technique. They performed group work mentioning the outstanding places of our city.







## Art Competition

'Who am I?'

Submission Deadline:  
16 November 2022

EYFS - KS5

[cobis.org.uk/art](http://cobis.org.uk/art)

ARTS UNIVERSITY BOURNEMOUTH




## SCHIMBAREA PRIN ARTĂ

Inspiră comunitatea prin artă murală.



<https://www.moldova.org/artistii-si-tinerii-profesionisti-sunt-invitati-sa-participe-la-un-concurs-de-arta-murala-schimbarea-prin-arta/>

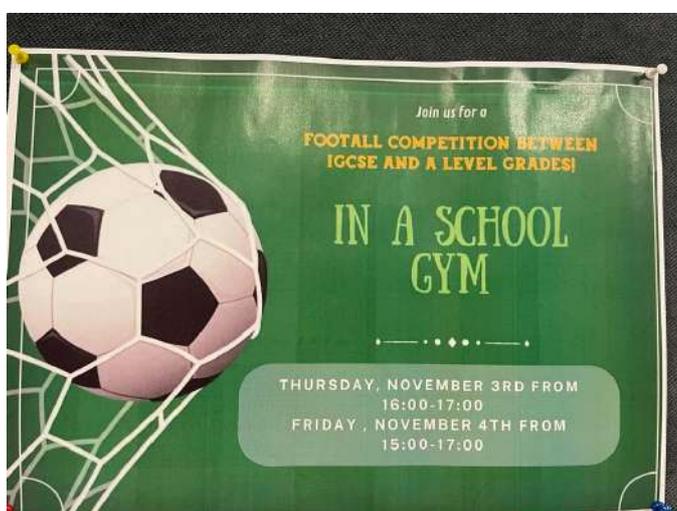
## SPORTS, CLUBS and ACTIVITIES

*Chess Tournament "Cuza Vodă Cup" Husi A SUCCESS from all points of view!*

*A record participation! A number of 130 athletes (children and adults) from Romania and the Republic of Moldova competed during 7 rounds for the numerous prizes up for grabs. Stefan Culzac, the student in our class, managed 2 victories out of 7 games. We are proud of Stefan. Congratulations and continued success!*



*From the 7th to 9th of October in Burgas, Bulgaria, one of our students, Daniela Dragusin, participated in the 8th international meeting briz- Ivan the roshav stoychev swimming competition. Daniela got the CMS title (Candidate for Masters in Sport) as a result, which is the second highest level for swimming in Moldova . Congratulations, dear Daniela! We are all proud of your achievement!*





*IT CLUB practicing with Arduino*





*Last week, two of our students - Isabella O'Connell and Arsen Hachaturean, took part in the Championship of Chisinau.*

*Isabella came 1st on horse La Perla in the children's division at 100cm on day 1, and first in the children's division at 110cm on day 2 giving her overall champion of Chisinau winning the cup in her division.*

*Arsen came joint first on horse Las Vegas in the open class mini division at 70cm on day 1. He didn't participate the 2nd day as his horse got injured.*





If your child is interested in developing your skills in Robotics, Tekwill offers a course in English. <https://tak.md/curs/Robotics%20Course%20in%20English%20%E2%80%9EMILO%E2%80%9D>

The MILO course, designed for kids between 7 and 9 years old, helps participants to develop collaborative skills that are essential for student's success, no matter what subject they choose to pursue in the future.  
Start course 14/11/2022

Schedule of Course:  
November - May, once per week  
Monday: 16.00-17.30  
Duration of 1 lesson 90 minutes

Location: Tekwill, 9/11 Studenților street



## Robotics Course in English „MILO” 7-9 ANI

We hear all the time that Robots will be integrated into our lives everywhere; whether in hospitals, factories, banks or the agricultural industry.

- At Tekwill Academy Kids we offer a wide range of unique, educational, and stimulating robotics programs that help our participants to understand the internal logic of the Robots.
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## Questions to Print & Answer Together

What was your favourite thing you did today?

Can you show me something you learned or did today?

Was today a good day, a bad day or an in-the-middle day?

What was the hardest thing you had to do today?

Who did something nice for you today?

What was something different that happened today?

When did you laugh today?

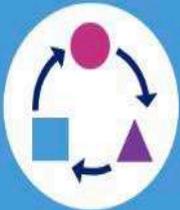
If you could change ONE thing about today, what would it be?

How would you rate your day on a scale of one-to-ten?

What bit of your day do you wish could have lasted all day?

# SIX SOFT SKILLS YOU WILL NEED IN THE NEW ERA OF WORK

As we begin to enter a new era of work, develop these in-demand soft skills to ensure your success:



## 1. ADAPTABILITY

Employers are increasingly looking for people who can move out of their comfort zone and see change as an opportunity for growth and innovation



## 2. A WILLINGNESS TO LEARN

Showing that you are willing to learn is key to understanding any new developments and ultimately helping your organisation to progress



## 3. EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Developing your emotional intelligence will not only protect you as you approach difficult times, but it will also set you in good stead to become a top performer



## 4. COMMUNICATION

Employers continue to favour those who possess exceptional communication skills and are comfortable building relationships and collaborating in an increasingly hybrid working world



## 5. PROBLEM-SOLVING

The changing world of work has created a demand for people who are able to solve problems efficiently and effectively



## 6. CREATIVITY

Employers are looking for professionals who can come up with creative ideas and solutions to ensure deadlines are met and results achieved

# SCHOOL INFORMATION

## School Improvement Priorities Headlines 2022-23:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DT0Cx-vFBrTuxuOK3znedxCuifXHrIk9oOtg6dNbFaY/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 21<sup>st</sup> 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**  
 2022-2023

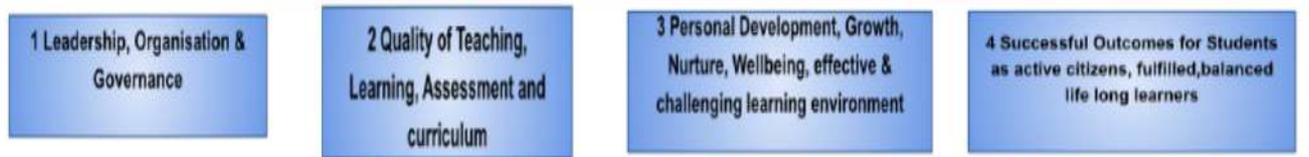


Student Progress, Personal Development, Attainment & Achievements

School Improvement Priorities for 2022-23

**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?



What does success look like for us	Living our Values	Concentrate & Consolidate Core	Our strategy matches our organisation	Making Moments	Building & sustaining legacy for the future
Qualifications & Skills through holistic, challenging & rigorous education  A World Class School that is outward facing  Supporting & sharing innovation with our national education community  Developing future leaders & global citizens  Our communities working with us for all students	Our ethos and values as an international school permeate everything we do in our school culture  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	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  We are a school people want to be a part of our community	Our education is about substance not gimmicks  We continue to develop as a unique, innovative international school in Moldova  Our international partnerships and accreditation such as Cambridge, COBIS, the international community, as well as local such as UTM, define us and help us grow further  We build on our legacy but we look outward and forward for our education, not backwards.	A focus on celebrating key moments in education & school life  To continue to find ways to engage and bring all our communities together  To continue our success in bringing the World into classrooms daily  To link the wider curriculum to the formal, daily classroom for holistic education	Our new Lyceum is built this year as we grow as a World Class school  To put sustainability solutions at the heart of our organisation  To recruit and retain the best people and to invest in skills and leadership for the future  To continue to meet and adapt to the anticipated challenges of the 2020s with success

# New Ways November 2022

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month

2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way

3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you

4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community

5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel

6 Try out a new way of being physically active

7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire

8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week

9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"

10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea

11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way

12 Find out something new about someone you care about

13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax

14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about

15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."

16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective

17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself

18 Connect with someone from a different generation

19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site

20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before

21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them

22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them

23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love

24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently

25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way

26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show

27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it

28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card

29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen

30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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## Lower Secondary Checkpoint Mock Exams 1:

The mock exams for lower secondary checkpoints are commencing by Tuesday, November 22, 2022. Here is the timetable:

Lower Secondary Checkpoint (Year 9E/ Years 8A & 8B) Mock Exams 1

Dates: 21st - 25th November 2022

Date of Exams of component papers				
	Tuesday November 22, 2022	Wednesday November 23, 2022	Thursday November 24, 2022	Friday November 25, 2022
9E	-			English
8A	English as a Second Language	Mathematics	Science	English as a Second Language
8B				

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**MOLDOVA ROUND**  
**3-4 DEC 2022**

A GLOBAL COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS

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- Form a team of 3 with your friends
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

*3-4 December 2022*  
*20 December*  
*21 December*  
*22 December*

*Owlypia Moldova Virtual Round*  
*Heritage Christmas Program Primary/Secondary*  
*Talent Show/ Secondary*  
*Winter Party /Upper Secondary*

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

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