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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The World is full of magical things, patiently waiting for our senses to grow sharper."

W. B. Yeats

GENERAL

Notes from the Lighthouse

After the rain, Chisinau is looking very green. It also feels and looks like the month of May should look and feel. Life has begun to return to the streets of the city and apart from the masks on the faces of people, it feels at a stage further along in this crisis. There is, understandably, a caution, as everyone is ensuring the gains we have made as a society in the lockdown, are not lost. It was very hard to read the emotional messages from students, colleagues and parents who had gone outside to get some late Spring fresh air for the very first time following the easing of restrictions and we wait to see today, (15th May) what the next stage of the return to normality looks like as the Emergency is lifted by the government. We know for Moldovan schools, the return is not until September as we see out the final two weeks of this academic year, but even then we anticipate and plan for possible safe physical distancing in school and a safe school

environment to return to study. We are holding our first ever virtual Open House on the 16th May, and the normality of planning for education and the next academic year continues. The desire to return to work, school, normal life and routines for all of us is palpable around the globe. And understandable, at the same time, none of us want to experience again what we have had since March in Europe. Einstein said "Example isn't another way to teach, it is the only way to teach" and for all of us it has meant individually we have had to make sure we have done our small part as a member of society. This has often been difficult for some and when people talk about not returning to "normal" completely often they infer that some of the poor behaviours, inward looking, selfishness, lack of caring, lack of social responsibility, pettiness etc are the things we should move away from and, as the Irish writer Yeats said, we will see the better things in the World if we just allow our senses to become sharper.

My assembly this week to Gymnasium was on social responsibility, and two of the inspirational stories to come from this crisis around the World are the responses to key workers with people cheering them loudly, see the Banksy image in this IHH, and the story of Captain Tom in the UK. Captain Tom, aged 100, not only demonstrates the importance of all members of our society, no matter what the age, but the fortitude, duty and resilience we all celebrated when we commemorated across all countries last weekend the 75th anniversary of VE Day and the remarkable global generation who defeated a despicable evil in WWII. Captain Tom's example, raising tens of millions of pounds for the UK's health service is a remarkable example to us all and shows the good that exists in this World to inspire our young people to find the solutions to the problems such as climate change, still waiting for us when we get back to normal. Two wonderful assemblies from Primary School have also inspired us all about the creativity and fortitude of our own students. Mrs Valentina and 3A showed us the importance of our continent on Europe Day and the strength and support we have from our European neighbours in peaceful cooperation. Mrs Natalia and 1B showed us this week the strengths, shapes and importance of our families as we celebrate Family Day this week. My weekly teaching and learning briefing jumped back 2500 years to Ancient Greece, nothing about digital learning this week, but Socratic Questioning in learning. One of my other hopes is we have less false equivalence and false binary choices when we approach debates on most issues where "Karen from Facebook" is the go to expert for too many people. An awful area of 21st century life our learning, knowledge and wisdom definitely educates our students away from as real seekers of veritas. I can only point to the small example of the brilliant WHO and UN advice in the help they have given us as a school to make sure we have had an effective informed school strategy in this crisis.

Next week, our school will represent Moldova & join with another proud ancient nation on the other side of Europe, Wales, as we celebrate #Heddwych2020/#Peace2020. Our students are preparing their messages and voices of hope, peace and goodwill across the World to all global citizens and young people everywhere as we take part in Urdd's peace message from Wales linking countries in a positive affirmation for the 2020s. An act of hope Urdd has been holding for nearly 100 years. The World is full of magical things and our education mission now, and even more so after this crisis, is to ensure we continue to sharpen the senses of our young people for a better World to pass on to them. That continues to be our Heritage Hope.

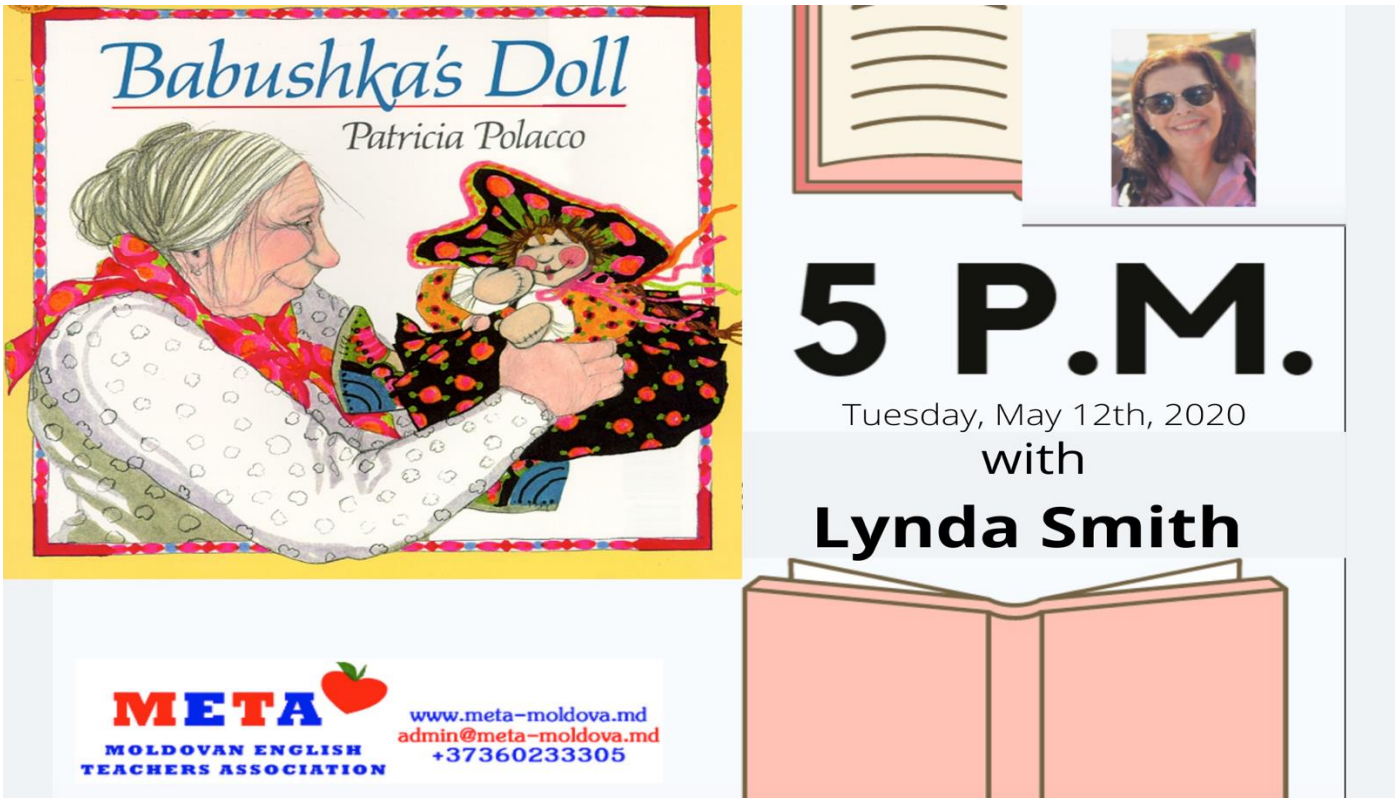
Rob Ford, Director

Heritage in the media:

A Peace and Goodwill Message | Urdd Gobaith Cymru

#Heddwych2020/#Peace2020: Since 1922 the process of sending a Peace and Goodwill Message on May 18th has inspired philanthropic activity in Wales and beyond. On Monday 18th May, as an international school community, our young people will join with other young people on the other side of Europe in Wales, and around the World, to speak the peace and goodwill message, so desperately needed in these times;

https://www.urdd.cymru/en/peace-and-goodwill/



Anything on Summer School and Intense English Summer Courses here?

FAQs

Q1: You mentioned on Monday in your weekly address that there would be some activities at the end of August and possibly in September for students to give them the opportunity to re-socialise, do you have any more details on this?

A1: So far the idea has come from staff, students and a few parents that we look at some simple activities such as a picnic, sports, creativity, music and team building, in late August and perhaps some weekends in September, that are fun and gives the students the opportunity to be out of the house, gives parents the time and break from the children, and we can all connect again as a school community. Definitely zero screen time. Obviously, under whatever conditions we have to operate with at that point. It's not Summer School, that is an educational programme of the school for internal and external students for the summer

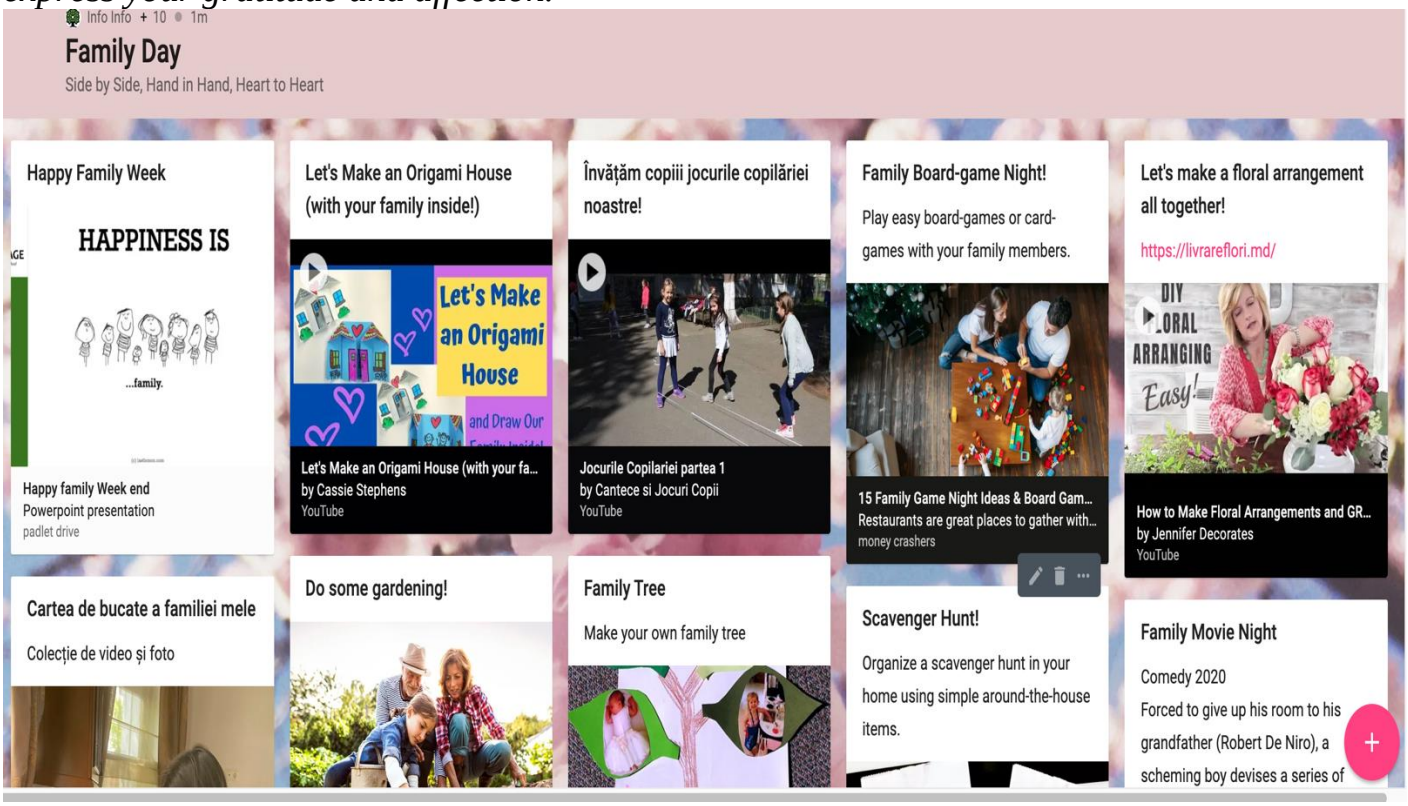
months, this would be aimed as a cohesion exercise for our students, provided freely by the school.

Q2: With the changes in the lockdown on the 15th May, can parents come into school to pay next year's fees and can it be in more installments due to the lockdown?
A2: Parents can come into the building from Monday 18th May, adhering to the regulations on wearing a facemask, gloves and physical distancing, to pay next year's fees. The school has been deep cleaned and we have a system to enter the building in accordance with the latest public health instructions. We stated last week that the school is not passing on the additional costs from the DLP or raising fees for 2020-21 in recognition of the economic situation families face. Installments can be agreed with the Finance Office and Marina is in school to talk with.

A3: Thinking ahead to September, are there any anticipated changes to the dress code to be aware of for parents?
Q3: Apart from continuing the dress code rules from this academic year and making sure this was supported by all, we are looking to say no jeans at all and for dark footwear from September.

Our Bright Shine students **:**

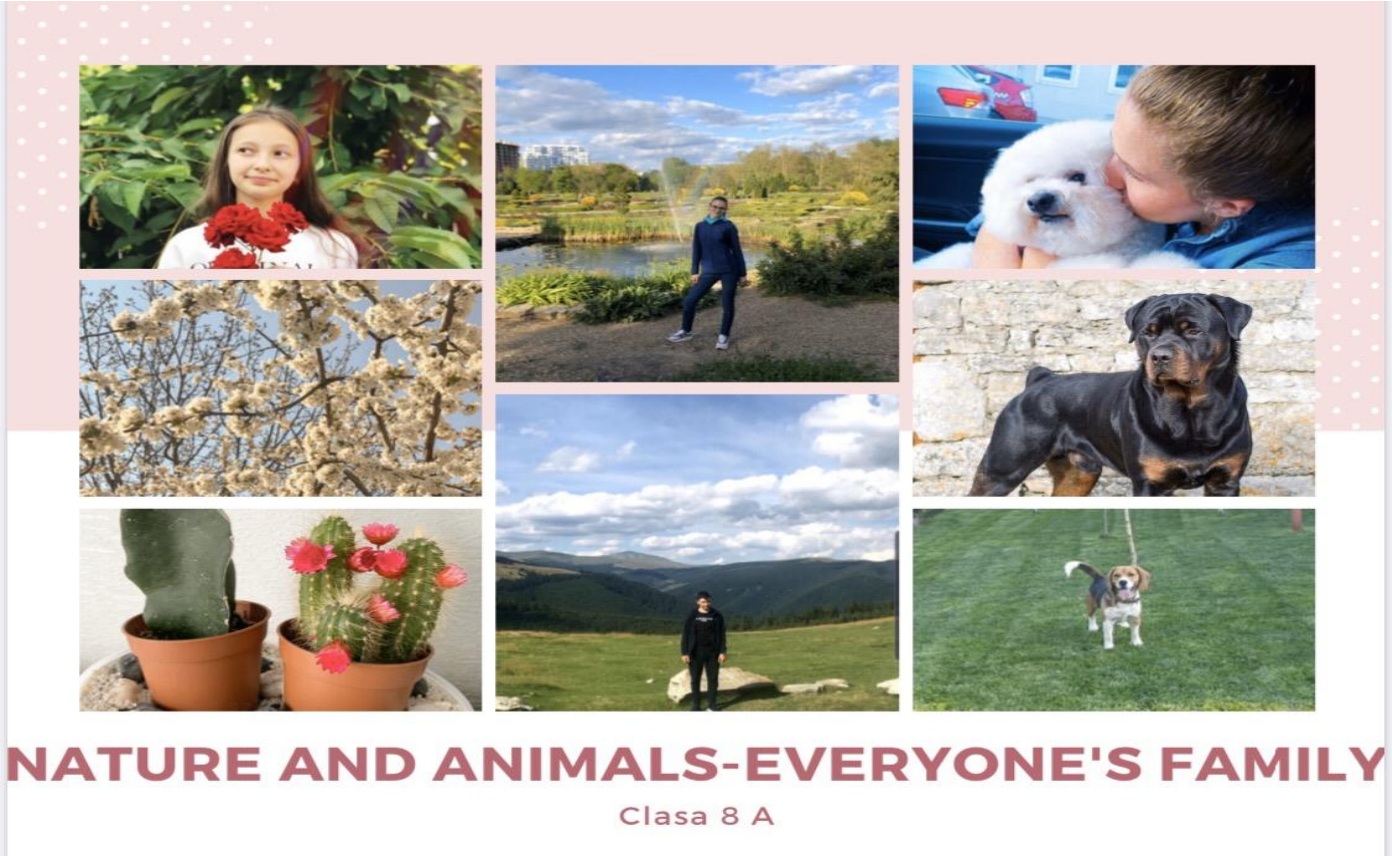
[The International Family Day](), annually held on May15, celebrates the importance of families, it is a great opportunity to spend quality time connecting with your family and express your gratitude and affection.



Happy Family Day

Happy Family Book

Family Day School Project

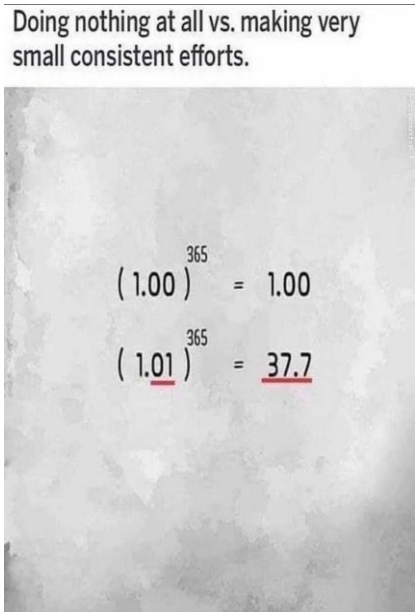


On the 30th of April Heritage students from 5 A, 7 A ,7B and 8A took part in an online Romanian language and literaturecontest „LECTURIADA PUBLICĂ PENTRU JUNIORI ȘI SENIORI", 17th edition. During the past 2 months they worked hard reading the internationally acclaimed books „Alone in the world„ by Hector Mallot (532 pages) and „All sails up" by Radu Tudoran (632 pages). About 650 students from 35 schools from all over the country participated in this contest, answering 150 questions based on the books they have read. ***Congratulations to our students on their outstanding results!***

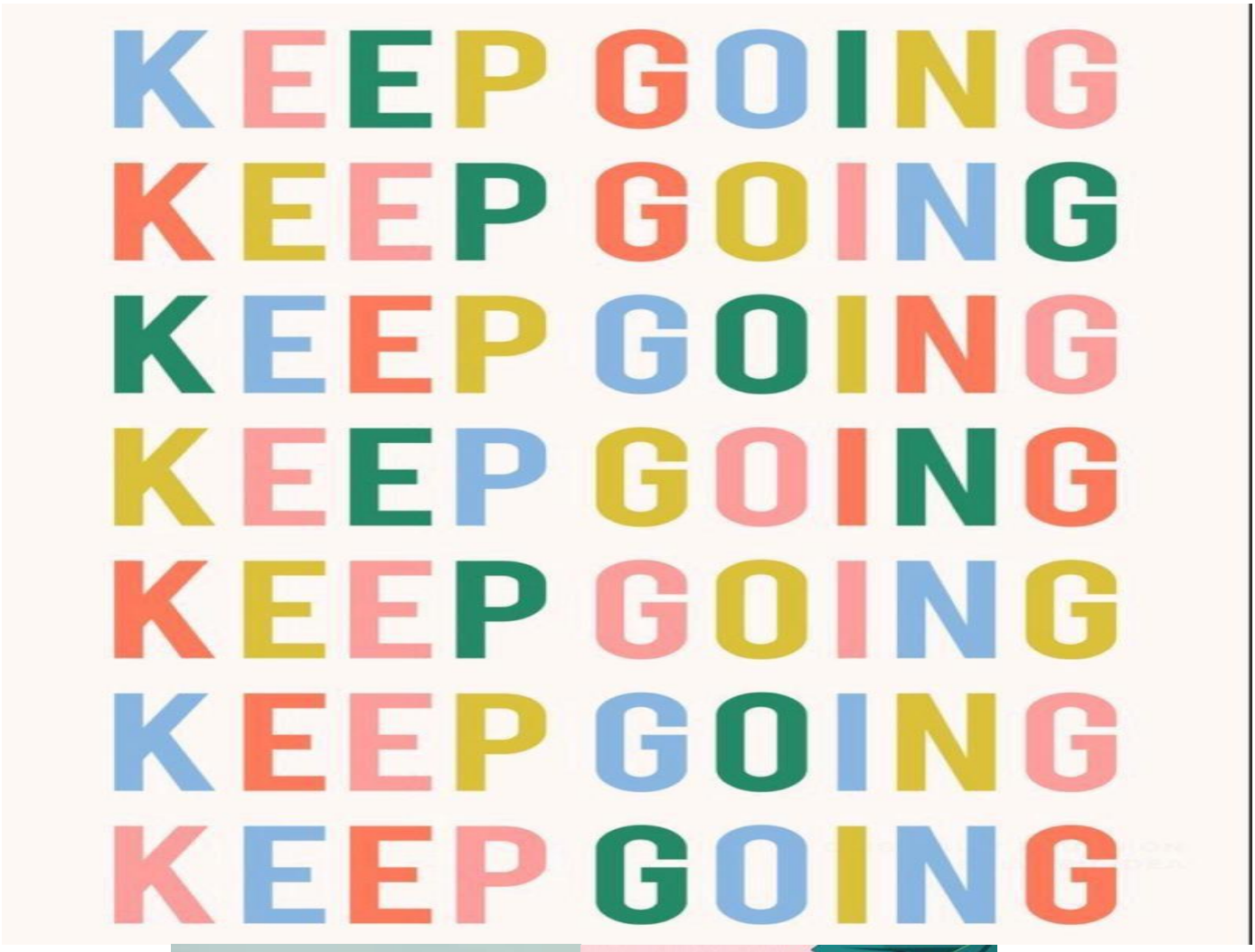
Mardari Nicoleta 8A, locul II, second place
Țurcan Sabina, 7B, locul II, second place
Chiorescu Sofia, 8A, locul III, third place
Bujag Bogdana, 7B, locul III, third place
Gabriel Rusu, 7A, locul III, third place
Maria Crețu, 5A, locul III, third place
Carauș Sebastian, 7A, locul III, third place
Sîli Alexandu,8A, Mențiune, certificate of appreciation
Carauș Mariella, 7A, Mențiune, certificate of appreciation
Ștefan Butnaru, 7A, Mențiune, certificate of appreciation
Valeriu Bodean, 5A, Mențiune, certificate of appreciation
Mihai Crețu, 5A, Mențiune, certificate of appreciation
Tanas Tristan, 5A, Mențiune, certificate of appreciation

Art Gallery Grade 4 Vase in the Greek style

Young Educators History Lesson



Weekend Craft with Natalia and Anastasia	
Primary ***Spring Flower***	*Primary* ***Spring Bouquet***
Secondary ***Flower Pot***	*Secondary* ***Exotic Statuette***



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How to protect your family's mental health in the face of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) - UNICEF: *https://www.unicef.org/coronavirus/how-protect-your-familys-mental-health-face-coronavirus-disease-covid-19*

World Book Day 2020 highlights how important reading can be for children: *https://www.thestar.com.my/lifestyle/culture/2020/03/05/world-book-day-2020-highlights-how-important-reading-can-be-for-children*

The world is paying a high price for cheap clothes- CNN article for use with SDGs: *https://amp-cnn-com.cdn.ampproject.org/c/s/amp.cnn.com/cnn/2020/05/03/business/cheap-clothing-fast-fashion-climate-change-intl/index.html*

In 2020, masks aren't just for protection -- they're being used to make a statement- CNN: *https://amp.cnn.com/cnn/2020/05/10/world/coronavirus-face-masks-statement-trnd/*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

25th-29th May,2020	***International Week***
27th May,2020	***Heritage Founders' Day***
29th May, 2020	***Heritage International Day***
1st June-31st August,2020	***Summer Break***

Starting 8th June, 2020 Heritage Summer School is OPEN

Further more detailed information will be provided next week

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