

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**"It takes a community to raise a child."**  
.African proverb

## GENERAL

- Safety at the end of the day and darker weather: A reminder that students need collecting before 5:30 and with the dark nights now before the end of school, students should wait inside the building if there is no member of staff outside.
- Mobile Phone use in school; Please continue your support from home that having a phone in school to support learning when requested, is an earned privilege. Students will lose their phones for their day and in some circumstances be banned from bringing them into school for mis-use.
- Literacy support in school - all students should be in the habit of regularly reading and should have a book in school. In prep time, students always have additional learning if they have completed homework and we recommend the Khan Academy and also TED Talks for wider learning.
- International Charity Bazaar on the 8th December. The school will be supporting this event for local charities with a non-uniform event at the end of November (tbc) and a collection of items. (posters around school)
- Parent Forum/Coffee with the Director this week; many thanks for parents giving up their time to discuss aspects of school life. We have now taken the points to the Leadership Team and governors for further discussion. The next forum is in December - date tbc
- School Uniform: Outside coats and non school jumpers/cardigans/jackets are not permitted inside school. With winter and cold weather anticipated please ensure children are dressed appropriately and in school uniform. Available from the school shop
- Books for the Library; thank you for donations and keep them coming. Much appreciated
- Founders' Lecture Programme; Wednesday 20th November, His Excellency, Ambassador Dacho of Slovakia speaking in the auditorium (4pm-5pm) to staff and students on the 30th anniversary of the Fall of the Iron Curtain and the impact on the modern day Czech and Slovak republics.

- Students ordering food to school at the end of the day; a reminder that students should not be ordering food from outside for them to collect at the end of the school day. School will not accept any food deliveries from outside for students.

- Assemblies; the school holds assemblies from 8:15am for students on Tuesday (grades 5/6) Thursday (grades 7-9) and Friday (Primary School). All students should be attending their respective weekly assembly for key notices and presentations linked to events, school values and often outside speakers.

Refillable/Reusable water bottle - as we make more efforts to be a sustainable society and reduce plastic and waste, a reminder for students to have a refillable/reusable water bottle in school

Lost Property in school - lost items of clothes and other items are kept under the foot of the stairwell by the administration corridor. We encourage all students to make sure their school clothes and their property, like bags and pencil cases, have their name on them

## GLOBAL EDUCATION

This Tuesday, at eTwinning Club, a group of students from grades 7-9 had their first video conference with their partner class at River Road Middle School in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, US, as part of North Carolina - Moldova Partnership for Peace Program, based upon an agreement to link these two states together to better facilitate cooperation in various areas, and the coordination of humanitarian efforts of many governmental and non-governmental organizations.

The students exchanged opinions on various matters, asked lots of questions and simply discussed about their school life, favourite subjects, lunch menus, extracurricular activities, favourite music and films, uniforms, weather and climate change, as well as described their respective countries. This conference is one of the multiple activities planned in this collaborative project between our schools and it will run the whole school year.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 29- **English language Olympiad**
- December 19 -**Heritage Holiday Programme**
- December 20 - **Heritage Kindness Fair**
- December 21- **Orphanage Visit**
- December 25- January 8 **Winter Break**



November 18-24 **International Education Week** is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. Our students will have a range of ways to #BeInternational to promote the benefits of international collaboration, languages and cultural exchange. Heritage students will

- take the #BeInternational languages quiz
- enter [Unexpected Voices speech writing competition](#)
- partner with a school in Europe through [eTwinning](#)
- partner with a school outside Europe with [Connecting Classrooms through Global Learning](#)
- complete [The Great Languages Challenge](#) and design their own challenges for their classmates or peers in their partner school overseas and take part in various activities.

At Heritage we believe that kindness is a skill that can be practiced and developed. There is no better time to be kind to one another and to the people around us than winter holidays.

We design out events that have a lasting impact on school culture, increasing positive behavior and student achievement. This is why we have planned a Kindness Fair and we would appreciate your participation. Join us and showcase the kindness :

**1. Collecting Charity Shoe Box presents for the kids from the orphanage** . Heritage students will fill a shoe box with presents for a kid of his age (books, school supplies, toys, and anything else (except sweets) that you think he recipient would like), will include a personal signed message and will wrap the gift. Please indicate on the box for whom the gift is- age and gender. The boxes will be collected in a specially marked place at Heritage. If your child would also like to donate clothes and shoes, they can do so by placing them in a separate box/bag and marking for whom they are - age and gender.

Date: December 2-14

**2. Participating in the Heritage "Make&Bake Sale"**. Kids can bring handmade souvenirs, handmade objects, homemade baked goods or cookies to sell for a charitable purpose. The collected money will go to the "GO Heritage" program fund and used for more acts of kindness. Date: December 20, 9.30-10.30.

**3. Visiting the kids in orphanage and Child center**. Being kind and socially responsible is part of our core values and we have the opportunity to express it by making a true holiday for the kids from the orphanage ad Child center. Date: December 21

**4. Supporting a local animal shelter** by donating some very much needed cat and dog food.

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