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International School

THE INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE HERALD

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THOUGHTS FOR THE SUMMER

"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending"

C.S. Lewis

GENERAL

Notes from the Lighthouse

We made it and we are still here thanks to our whole school community;Hope, speranţă, надежда

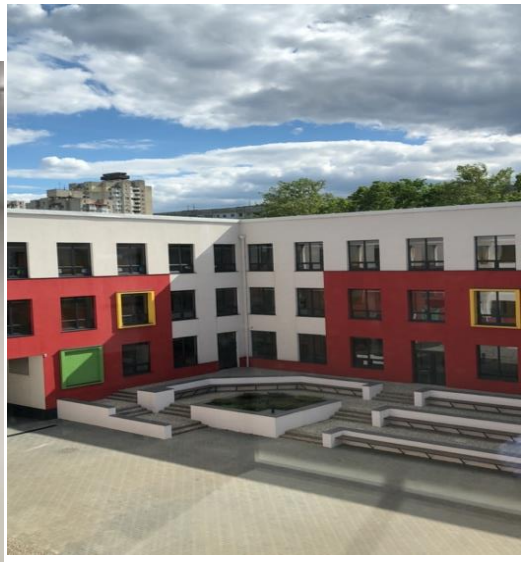
*I read a quote this week that resonated completely with me, not just for the last part of the academic year but for my entire first year at Heritage, exactly one year ago since I arrived to take up the post as director It was on Twitter from a school leader, Mark Enser, in the UK and he said; "**Schools are not physical buildings, they are communities. Those communities still exist whether people are in a building or working from home"**. I spoke these words online on Friday to the entire school community as we joined together as one community in our hundreds, as families, staff and Founders, to mark the extraordinary academic year and the*

unprecedented challenges we have faced to ensure meaningful, daily, engaging and interactive learning has taken place since Day 1 of this crisis and school closures. The mindset of our school being open has been central in the way we have devised our strategy and approached each school day not only with lessons but the spine of full school also operating. This model of educational success has already been showcased by me and my colleagues as key speakers and used in online conferences in Moldova & around the World to show what we can do as a community when we are faced with such a paradigm mindshift. To those very few who have said "it's not really learning" it is an egregious insult to all our teachers working from their homes with their families, turning their kitchens and living rooms into classrooms, using their utilities and resources to deliver quality learning in lessons daily. It is an insult to all our students who have shown the most remarkable resilience, independence and character to make this model work and to continue their learning and routines of school. It is also an insult to all our families who have supported us so much in partnership daily as we have found this inspirational solution for these past weeks and being literally one of the few schools in Europe offering such a full model of education. It also flies in the face of why the Heritage model was sought after by the Minister and Ministry in late March and gave the entire country and our national education community its solution as well as many schools across Europe and the globe. Well actions speak louder than words and on Friday we demonstrated the depth and quality of our education at Heritage.

It was a strange feeling to close the academic year online on Friday in a very first for our school and the way we held a full programme to highlight the outstanding students and learning reflecting over the year. We also remembered with sorrow, as a school community, our student and friend Thomas, whom we lost in December. HE, Ambassador Hogan of the USA, spoke to Mrs Larisa's 3/4E class on Thursday online as we held our International Week to celebrate all our nationalities, cultures and diversity as an international school. He told us all how fortunate we were to be at Heritage, we should be very proud of our school and he praised the model of education we have here. I am using the word "proud" a lot at the moment and on an emotional last Friday, when the voices of the choir sang the opening lines of The Beatles "Here comes the Sun" everything good, powerful and positive about our school community was there to see & hear. It was there looking back over an incredibly rich year of being honoured by the British Council in October in London for our outstanding international education and also being awarded the prestigious European ETwinning School award; it was there looking at the depth and range of speakers and topics from the inaugural Founders' Lectures; it was there looking at our commitment to social responsibility and sustainability; it was there in our sports & the innovative creativity in our arts and music; it was there looking at how we support the daily wellbeing of our students and staff with developed counselling and our new Oak Centre; it was there in the mature and wise student leadership and leaders we have; and it was there looking at the compelling, engaging and challenging learning & unique opportunities students receive every day through the outstanding dedicated teachers we have backed up by professional and diligent support staff. All of this we celebrated and honoured on Friday as we reflected over the year and we honoured our Founders for having the vision to establish the first truly international school in Moldova to prepare our young people for the challenge of the future in Moldova and the international community, as confident global citizens.

The school came of age in its third year as we rang the school bell on Friday to signal the end of the academic year and the start of the summer. Heritage stands as an educational institution for so much good in Moldova and the international education World. We are at the heart of so many national and international networks as an outward facing school. Our school culture is about the challenge of learning, preparing future leaders with decent values to make the World a better place and to have balance in their lives. As a director, reflecting on his own first year, you realise what a privilege it is to be working with such outstanding educators, teams, young people and families. I am speaking as a guest speaker at a number of conferences this summer, including Eton College at the end of June, and I will be sharing the remarkable journey of our school and the promise of the next stage to come as we prepare for our 4th academic year. For now, we all need our rest, we need to respect physical distancing especially with the easing of the lockdown and we need to appreciate, as the crisis has taught us, the real things that matter, starting with our families, friends, neighbours and colleagues. We know even more so how global, interconnected and interdependent we all are as a society. Moldova is a remarkable and special land and I am proud to live and work with the community. It is my honour and privilege to serve. I am looking forward to starting my second year as director in mid August when school staff return to plan the physical return of school for 1st September. I leave you with the Celtic-Irish prayer and wish all our community a wonderful summer and thank you for your incredible support of me and the school. ***"May the road rise to meet you. May the wind always be at your back. May the sunshine warm upon your face and rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand".***

Rob Ford Director.



Useful links/articles for the summer:

How did Dutch pupils react to going back to school? TES Article: https://www.tes.com/news/school-reopening-mental-health-pupils-insights-happy-sad?amp#click=https://t.co/9iAD1TpGnT

How we live now: social distancing across the globe - in pictures, Guardian article: https://www.theguardian.com/world/gallery/2020/may/30/how-we-live-now-social-distancing-across-the-globe-in-pictures#img-15

Learning at Home with Minecraft: https://education.microsoft.com/en-us/resource/d1080168?OCID=org

Expert-Grup launches a new call for participation in the "Youth Essay Prize Competition": *https://www.expert-grup.org/en/activitate/noutati/item/1972-expert-grup-anunta-un-nou-apel-de-participare-in-cadrul-concursului-youth-essay-prize-competition-al-cincilea/1972-expert-grup-anunta-un-nou-apel-de-participare-in-cadrul-concursului-youth-essay-prize-competition-al-cincilea*

How I created a digital exhibition | British Council - nice summer stretch and challenge activity: https://www.britishcouncil.org/voices-magazine/how-to-curate-digital-exhibition

Global Learners and Universities of the Future | British Council: https://www.britishcouncil.org/going-global/live-events/global-learners-and-universities-future

Summer Reading Stretch and Challenge: https://www.heritage.md/en/news/summer-reading-challenge/

Staff Leavers at the end of the academic year

On behalf of the school community we want to express our sincerest appreciation and thanks to those colleagues leaving us at the end of the academic year. They have made a very valuable contribution to our school in their time and service with us and we wish them well for the future: Mrs Lynda; Mrs Vera, Mrs Monica; Mr Mike P and Mike V.
We have been in the process for several months now, interviewing and appointing our new intake of international teachers to join us and in the director's "Welcome Back" letter at the end of August we will have confirmed all appointments but so far we have 6 outstanding experienced international teachers coming from the US and UK confirmed in English, Primary, Math and Science, and we have more appointments to confirm in the next week or so. It is a very gratifying picture to see the high number of experienced international teachers interested in applying in coming to work at our school.

It is a pleasure to announce that from 1st June, Mrs Elize will be taking over as our new Head of Primary School. Elize is a very experienced primary international teacher and she will be continuing with 2E as they move into 3E.

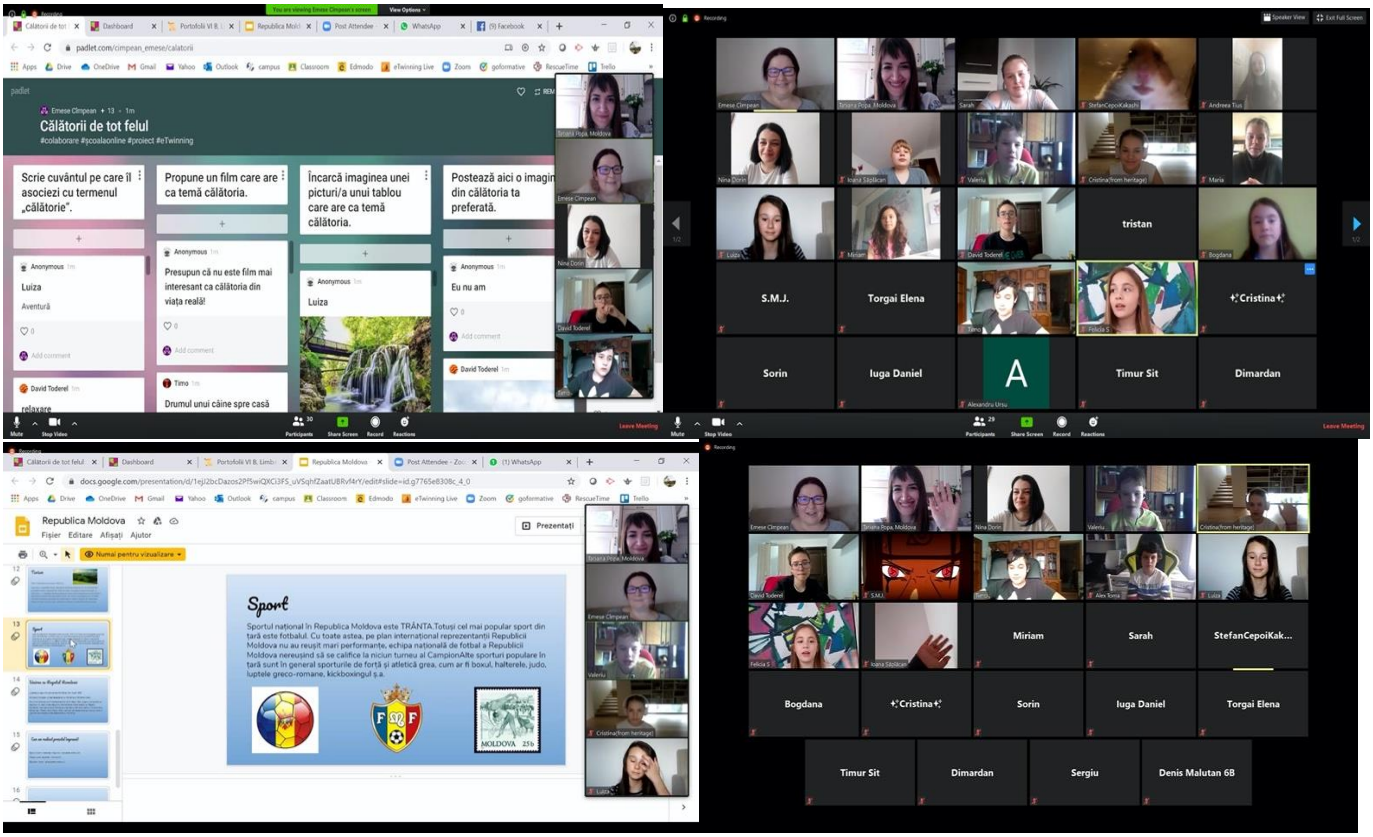
Heritage Virtual Tour

Admissions

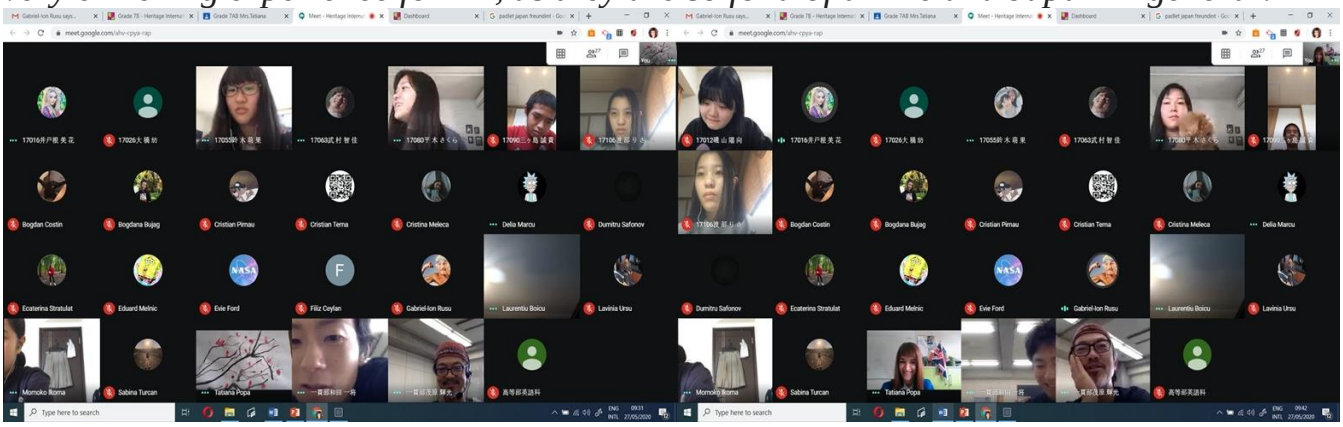
"Unlocking the Lockdown" *- school guiding principles on planning the physical return to school in September - link here: http://heritage.md/en/coronavirus-updates/*

Our Bright Shine students **:**

On Tuesday, our students took part in a videoconference with a team from Beclean, Romania, as part of the eTwinning project "Are we citizens of a democratic world?". Our students listened to a presentation made by the Romanian team about Moldova, and they added details to improve it. Finally, students wrote collaboratively on a Padlet about things to do in the summer and places to visit virtually. The Padlet is to be used by both teams during the summer.

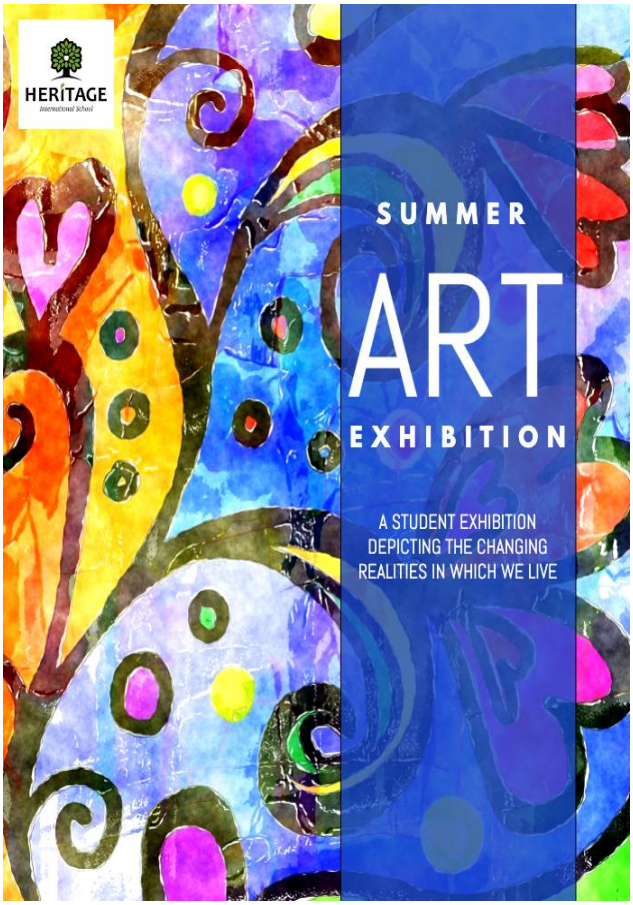


On Wednesday, grade 7B students, having chosen Japan as their country for the International Day, had the opportunity, together with their teacher Tatiana Popa, to meet Mr. Kazumasa Wada,an English teacher and his students in Tokyo, Japan, via Google Meet. They all had a lovely conversation about Japanese culture, cuisine, anime, cars and famous people. It was a very enriching experience for 7B, as they are so fond of anime and Japan in general!



Also on Wednesday, our students in grade 5 were taken virtually to Wales, where they talked to Mr.Paul Glaze, the chief executive of CWVYS, a voluntary youth organisation in Wales. Mr.Glaze taught them some words in Welsh, and students shared their own knowledge of Welsh words (which they learned from our director or in the English class). Also, they discussed the symbols of Wales, as well as the culture, sports and cuisine.
A truly International Week at Heritage International school!

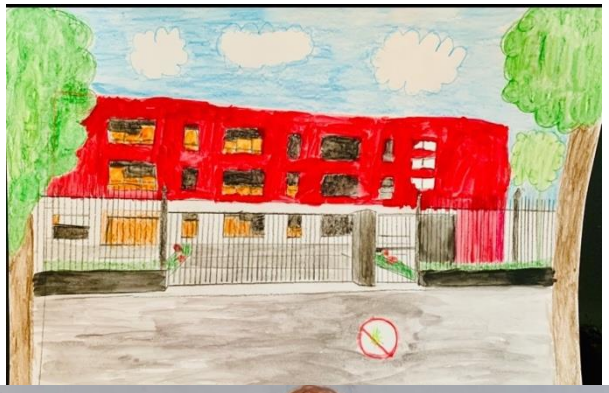
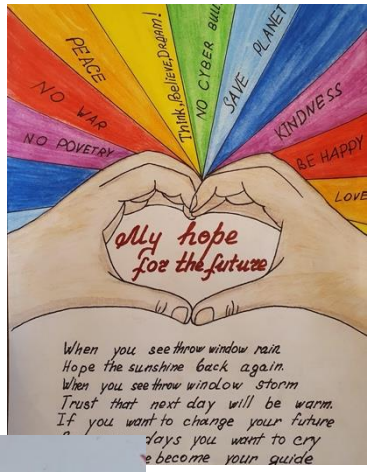
Ambassador Dereck J.Hogan was our guest of honour answering children' s questions as part of our project for International Day. The children prepared the questions beforehand. They were absolutely delighted due to the fact that they had no idea who that would be, and 5 minutes before the video call the teacher announced that the Mystery guest was going to be HE Ambassador , Dereck J. Hogan.
Mr. Hogan talked about his favourite subject at school, countries he has lived in, pros and cons of being famous. Also, he shared his plans what and how he would change America and American Education System if he were the president, spoke about his best adventures and where he met his wife.



International Day Exhibition

Art Gallery

Virtual Art Exhibition "My Beloved School", *dedicated to the Founders' Day.*

Letter from Student Council

Fellow students,
I cannot explain how proud I am. We all know that this was a hard academic year it may be the hardest year of our academic life. However, we made it we pushed our selves through all our limits and we are here we made it. Some of us were struggling some of us were flourishing under pressure, but it doesn't matter we are all here healthy and strong. Through this terrible situation, we succeeded to keep up with our academic performance, and this is probably our biggest accomplishment yet. We have accomplished so much this year. I want to thank all of you for doing such an astounding job. We are also very proud of our first IGCSE students

ever. We want to tell you that you will be well remembered. The Student Council is so proud that we can produce resolutions to make your school life better and more accomplished. We want to say how thankful we are to you for letting us make those tiny decisions that might change something and create something huge. We can promise you that we are doing everything we can to make you feel safe and welcomed in our school. Again thank you. May the end of this academic year bring you all the joy in this world. Stay healthy, strong, and safe.

-Georgia Elizabeth Okropiridze President of the Student Council

The Heritage Globe

Our Student Newspaper: for students and by students

Read it here:

https://sites.google.com/heritage.md/heritage-globe/home

(see archive link for previous editions)

GOOD BYE
2019-2020

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International Day
Celebrate diversity
Friday 29th of May 2020
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Olesea Pletniov
Adam Dacho

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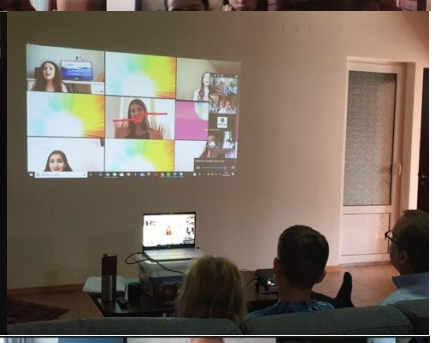

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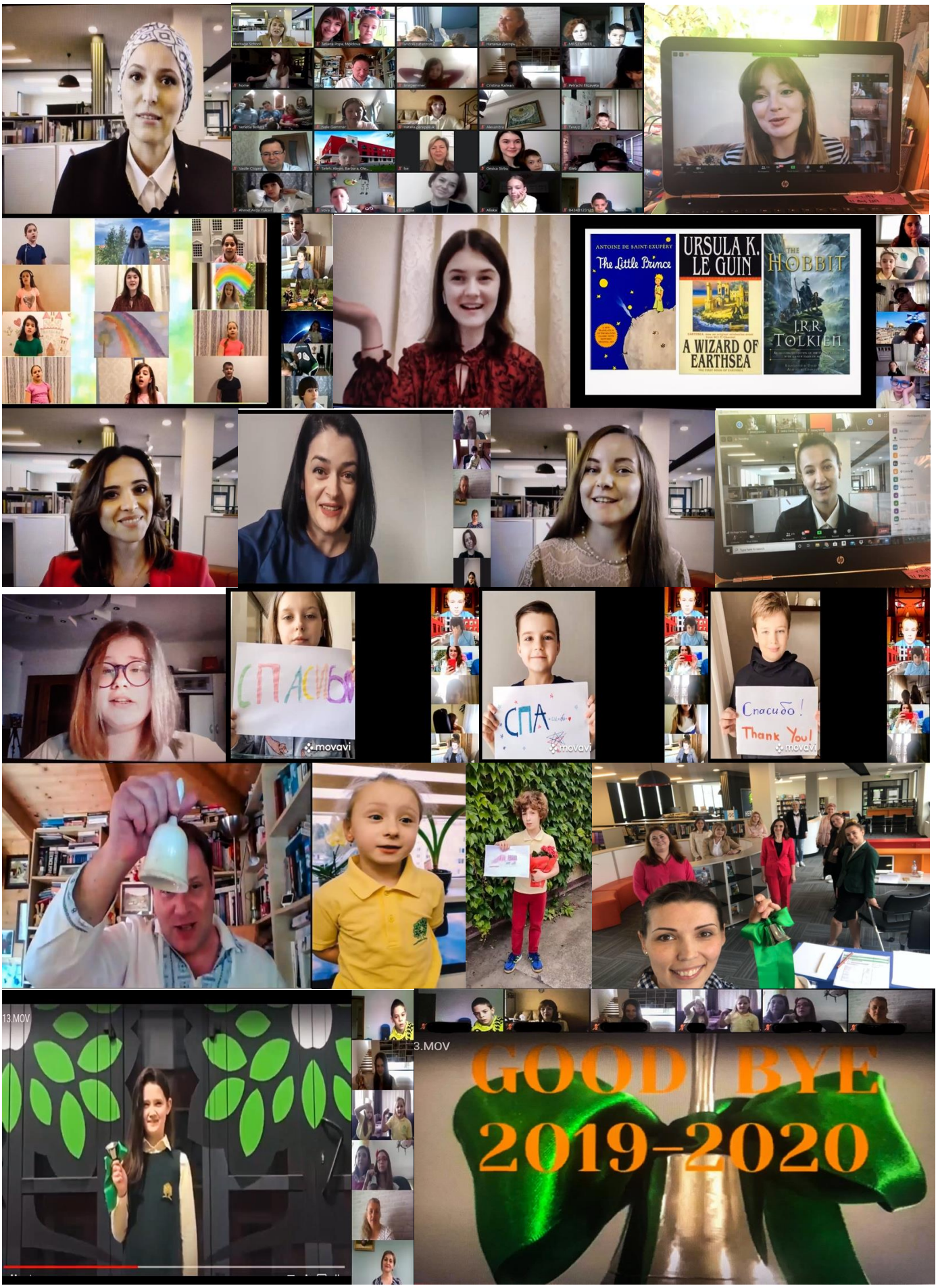
From Eugen Crivceanschi SB to Everyone
It's the most unusual event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The Little Prince
URSULA K. LE GUIN
A WIZARD OF EARTHSEA
THE HOBBIT
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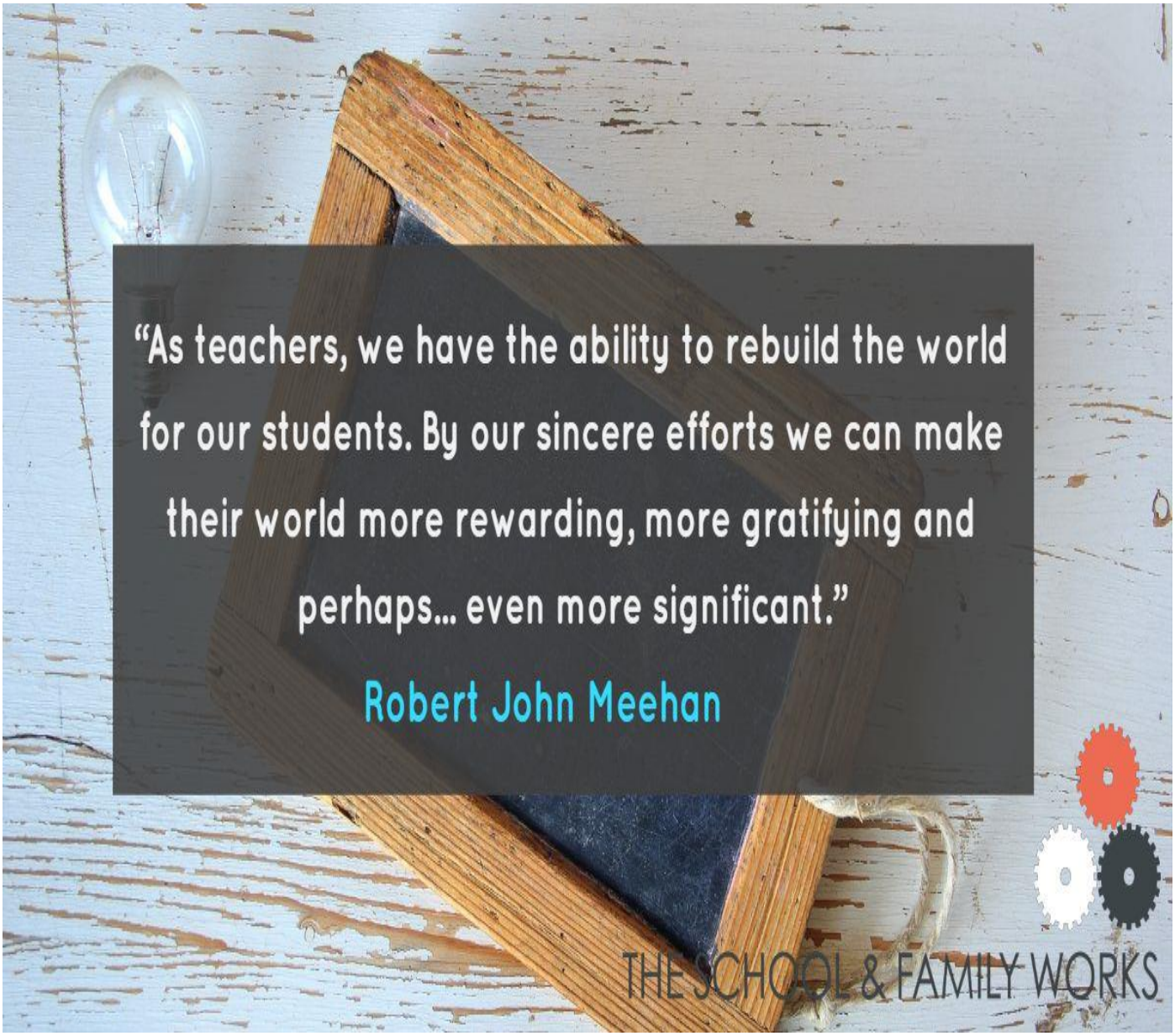
GOOD BYE
2019–2020



If your
actions
inspire
others to
dream more,
learn more,
do more &
become more,
YOU ARE A
LEADER.

– John Quincy Adams

Începând cu **1 iunie 2020**, **bibliotecile și muzeele** își **reiau activitatea** (fără organizarea evenimentelor culturale în masă), asigurând **respectarea următoarelor reguli:**

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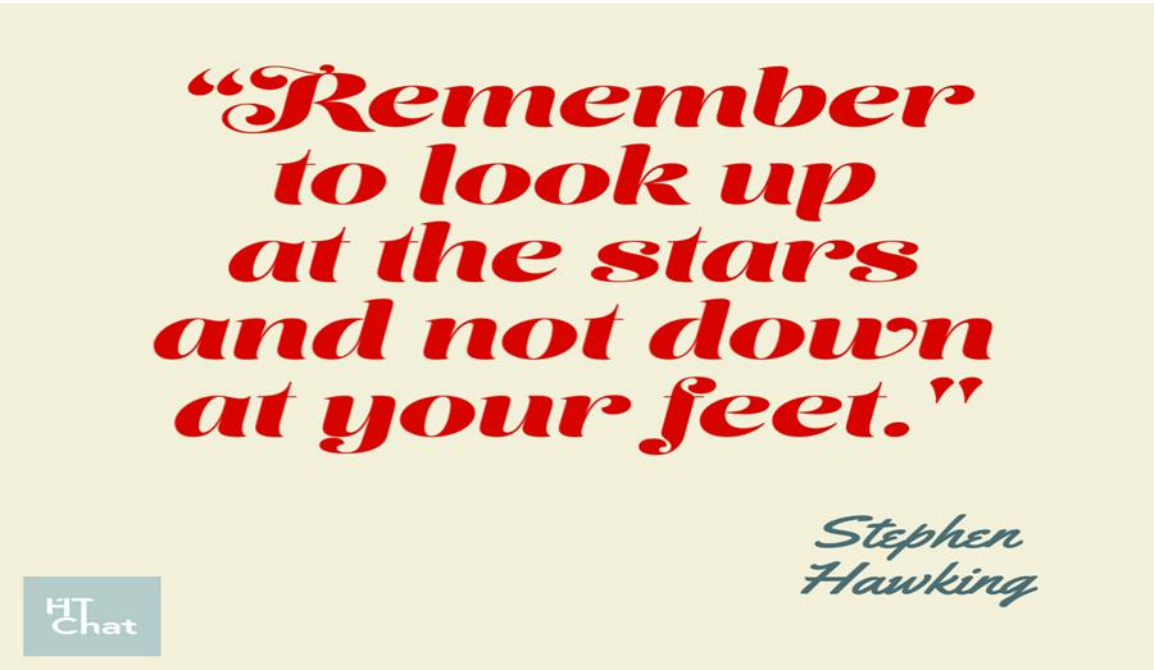
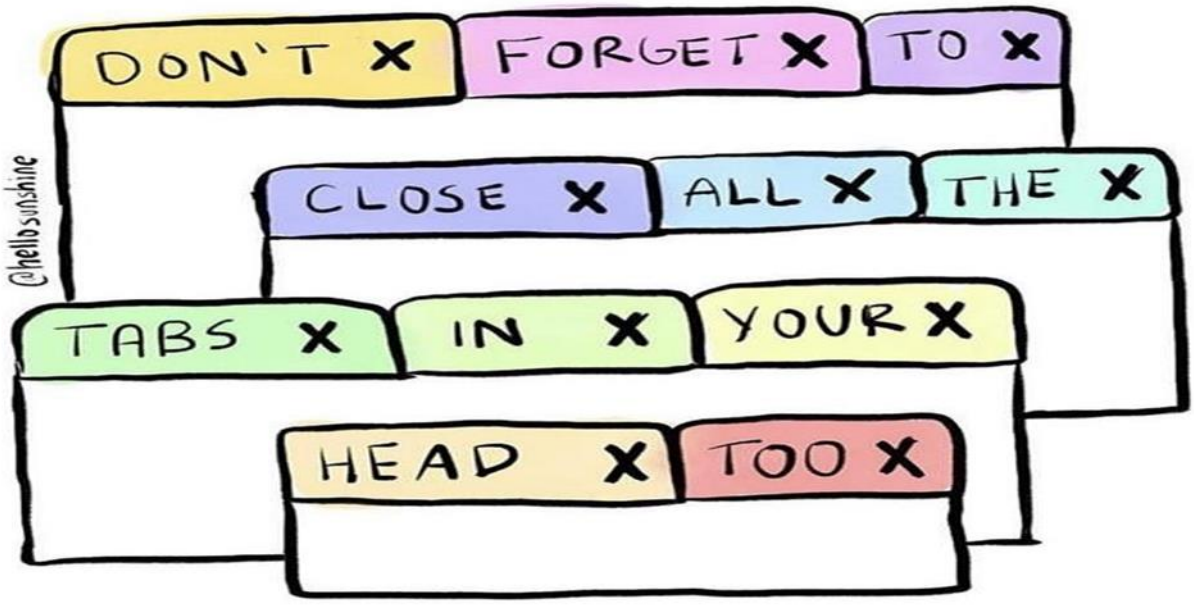


LESSONS THAT KIDS CAN TEACH ADULTS
Be Creative
Be open-minded
Have questions
LOVE unconditionally
LIVE IN THE NOW
ENJOY LIFE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YOUR X
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TOO X
@hellosunshine

UPCOMING EVENTS

1st June-31st August,2020 | *Summer Break*

2019-2020 Academic year Progress reports will be sent not later than June 5, 2020

International Summer School "Become a Global Citizen"

Heritage launches the international summer school, where children from the Republic of Moldova will have the opportunity to interact with children from other countries, to socialize and learn new things in a multicultural environment.

Who can participate*:children aged 7-10 and 11-14, from the Republic of Moldova and abroad*

The international summer school will carry out its activity based on 5 sessions:

- *"Virtual Travels" session: June 8 - June 19*
- *"Digital Era" session: June 22 - July 3*
- *"Critical Thinking" session: July 6 - July 17*
- *"Secrets of the World" session: July 20 - July 31*
- *"Becoming a leader" session: August 3 - August 14*

Schedule of the day - 10:00 - 17:00; Monday to Friday, with an hour break (13:00-14:00)
Number of children in the group - up to 15 children
Teaching languages - Romanian, Russian, English (mixed)

Daily activities within each session will be based on the following key components:

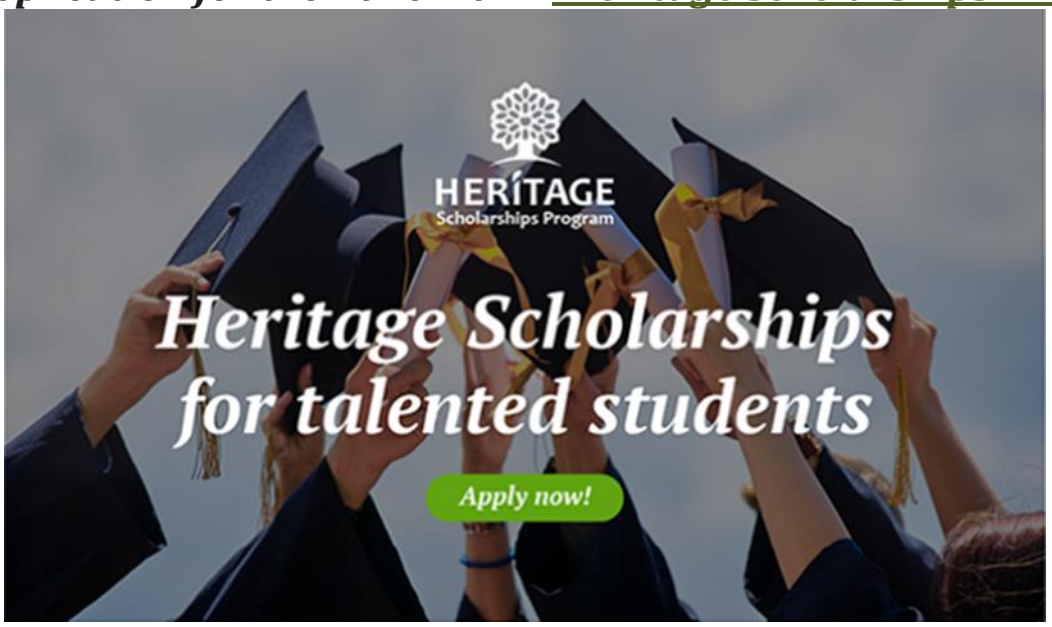
- *Global citizenship*
- *Healthy Lifestyle*
- *Developing business skills*
- *Discover your talent*

Go Green
Developing digital skills
Develop leadership skills
Learning science and having fun

At the same time, during each session we will have a special guest in the field of IT, business, tourism, a secret guest, an important person from the country or abroad. The children will have the chance to explore different countries, to find out about the traditions, gastronomy and culture of each of them. They will visit online museums and will "travel" into space. They will learn about the great world discoveries and people who changed the world. At the same time, through practical exercises they will develop critical thinking and will learn to actively participate in community development. Guided by teachers, will put information technologies into practice and develop digital skills. Your children will make new friends and they will explore social media and leadership -and will discover many other interesting topics together.

phone: 062020108, email: summer.school@heritage.md

Call for application for the 2020-2021 "Heritage Scholarships" Program



2020-2021 Academic year structure	
I semester 01.09.2020- 24.12.2020	***II semester 11.01.2021- 31.05.2021***
Autumn break 24.10.2020 – 01.11.2020 *Winter break 25.12.2020 – 10.01.2021*	*Spring break 05.03.2021 – 08.03.2021* *Easter break 01.05.2021 – 10.05.2021*

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