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8 October, 2021



GENERAL

Thought for the week:

“The great teacher is not the one who supplies the most facts, but the one in whose presence we become different people.”- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Director's weekly notes- "The view from Dacia Boulevard"

After the remarkable celebrations of our 1st IGCSE graduates in the Friday afternoon sunshine last Friday, like the sunny autumn weather, the great moments continued into Week 6 with the equally wonderful celebrations from our student councils and students in general, for World Teachers' Day on Tuesday. I do want to share with our Heritage community, the very kind message from Martin Nuttall, Head of Cambridge in Europe, sent to us at the start of the week:



From: Martin Nuttall, Cambridge

Date: Mon, Oct 4, 2021 at 10:05 AM

Subject: RE: Wonderful days in education - The 1st IGCSE graduating class for Heritage and Moldova

To: Robert Ford

Thank you for sharing these wonderful pictures, Rob. We are delighted that your first IGCSE cohort came through with flying colours and wish them and their fellow Heritage School students all the very best for the future.

We are proud to be working with Heritage School.

With all good wishes, Martin

When I walk around the school daily, as does Mrs. Inga, we see remarkable learning in the classrooms, engaged students, technology at its best as well as timeless Socratic teaching methods, as every day we challenge students and continue to develop them and get them to reach their full potential. It's sometimes hard to think we are in a pandemic in these moments and as I have mentioned more than once, school should be the place for calm, learning, hope and certainty, in uncertain times. The way students celebrated their teachers, teaching assistants and support staff this week was truly humbling. I am extremely proud of my colleagues here and the teams I serve as director. For my weekly assembly, I drew upon the influence of one of my teachers, Les Jones, and how his influence on a young me, made all the positive difference in my life. He is still mentoring and teaching students long into his deserved retirement from the beautiful green hills of mid-Wales.

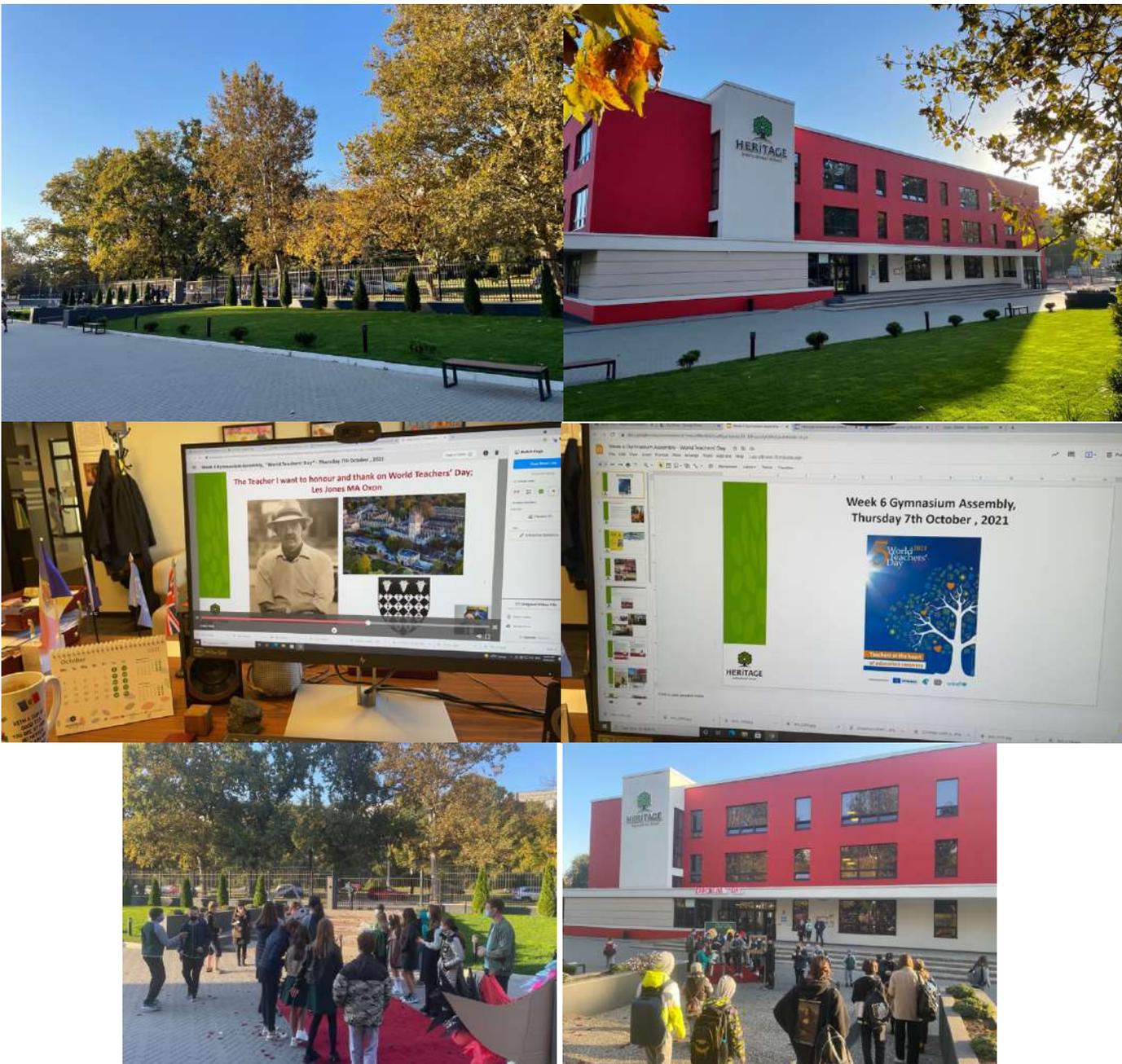
The school's story has been again showcased in major global conferences and webinars this week. For the T4 World Education Week, Mrs. Tatiana and her students, one of 100 global schools chosen, represented Moldova and presented on our sustainable curriculum work at Heritage. Ludmila Gurau, Heritage school governor and parent, spoke about the school's communication and engagement strategy for the Global School Alliance's webinar to a worldwide audience, alongside some of the best international schools. The Lyceum students went from red carpet, mortarboards and gowns to the very serious business of choosing and applying for universities as Mrs. Rose arranged a special morning with an outside expert to get the next stage of education into the forefronts of A Level minds.

My apologies for the teething problems and delays on the Parent Portal section of the website but there have been issues with the payment online facility and the translations of school policies needed to be improved and we want this to work before we take it all live. It will be ready before the end of the month.

The new 1st October restrictions also threw a spanner in the works to launch our new parent group "Friends of Heritage" as we were planning to meet and have events in school. I am in conversation with some parents now about how we take it forward now.

I am sure the good weather won't last but I hope so. Mr. Oleg cut the lawns at the front of school on Thursday, more than likely for the last time this year. The trees are definitely losing their leaves and chestnuts on Dacia Boulevard and it gives us an excuse to bring back our conkers competition, 1st played in the Heritage quad (and Moldova) in the autumn of 2019. There are many "1st" events at Heritage but this one I am very proud of especially, possibly my British roots. Mrs. Larisa and the primary team have set the very lovely homework for the whole family, of going out for a walk in one of our many Chisinau parks and green spaces, or even in the countryside, to put the screens away and collect conkers. Fresh air and being outside is also good in this pandemic. Week 6 over, we have two weeks to get to the break on the 22nd October.

Have a good weekend,
Rob Ford





Articles of interest:

- How tree planters turned a bare valley into a wooded glen; <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-south-scotland-58760924>
- 'Bad teen sleep is an epidemic – adults must model good habits'. Tom Hadcroft explains how he introduced a drive to improve students' sleep at DLD College, London; <https://www.schoolmanagementplus.com/wellbeing-students-staff/bad-teen-sleep-is-an-epidemic-so-adults-must-model-good-habits/>
- The Benefits of Meatless Monday; <https://www.mondaycampaigns.org/meatless-monday/benefits>
- ChildAid partners with Ora Moldova to support Esther House in the village of Vălcineț, Călărași district. A day centre for children aged 5-15 who are at risk. They are from poor families, often left with relatives or neighbours as parents work abroad, or are in single parent families or from families where there is alcohol abuse and violence. The Centre is open five days a week and children arrive after school from 1pm onwards. It is also open during school holidays. It supports 70 children - with 20-25 attending each day; <https://www.childaidee.org.uk/after-school-centre>
- The School Reading List. Suggested reading books for primary & secondary aged children; <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/>

- Raising climate ambition at COP26. A positive outcome at COP26 is crucial to putting the world on a safer path; <https://www.chathamhouse.org/2021/10/raising-climate-ambition-cop26>

- September was fruitful: touristic sites are being revived, children from Gagauzia benefit from laptops to be able to attend online classes, and several initiatives to ensure #justice4all are in place. Learn more from the UNDP Moldova monthly newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/bbd494f812fe/undp-moldova-newsletter-september>



We thank our teachers for their great efforts in providing quality education to the students, it's a great idea to send your teacher a thank you message to let them know their hard work has been noticed.

But your teachers were also students once, they had to do homework and earn good grades. Can you recognize your teacher?



Heritage in the Wider World:

The October edition of the [Heritage Globe](https://sites.google.com/heritage.md/heritage-globe/home) is out. We have a new layout, in addition to a variety of articles from students covering topics from student life to international events. <https://sites.google.com/heritage.md/heritage-globe/home>

Last week Heritage teachers Elena Meleca and Inga Corlateanu took part in Mentor's Masterclass organized by Artcor Center





WORLD EDUCATION WEEK

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Announcing our Plenary speakers for this Sunday

H.E. Maia Sandu
President of the Republic of Moldova

Andreas Schleicher
Director of Education & Skills, OECD

Professor Josiah Ajiboye
CEO, Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria

Dr. Rebecca Winthrop, Co-Director, Centre for Universal Education, The Brookings Institution, USA

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LIVE WEBINAR
How to strengthen parental engagement in a digital world
 Wednesday 6th October 2021,
 4 pm BST (UK Time)

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 October 6th: How to strengthen parental engagement in a digital world

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“We launched the parents portal on the website - one section with all the information for the parent to know about the learning process of the school.”

Ludmila Gurau speaks about how her school transformed parental communication LIVE at our webinar.

@ISM_Plus

Heritage Primary:

The week started with the celebration of World Teachers Day. Calin Gurau- 3A, Timur Buriev-4B, Amelia Maxim-4E announced with a message of congratulations towards the teachers of Heritage. The other primary students wrote their appreciation words to all teachers on papyrus scrolls which were delivered by Primary Student Council members to their beloved teachers.



Primary students are in the third week of the Climate Action Project.

Heritage Primary students explored major effects of climate change on people, wildlife, and habitats across the world. As the clock is ticking on Climate Action, in order to save the Earth students looked at ways to tackle climate change. We can all work together to make changes that will create a world where nature and humans can live side by side harmoniously. This is “Our climate, our future” and the future is unwritten.



School Starter students enjoyed the beauty of the seasons



In Finland, since 1994, students have been taught Media Education. Third graders have thoroughly researched the issue of login passwords at the Media Education Club. The students watched the spot about the password, a key that only needs to be personal. They created passwords that would be easy to remember, but hard to guess for others. A quiz with the help of gadgets tested the knowledge gained.





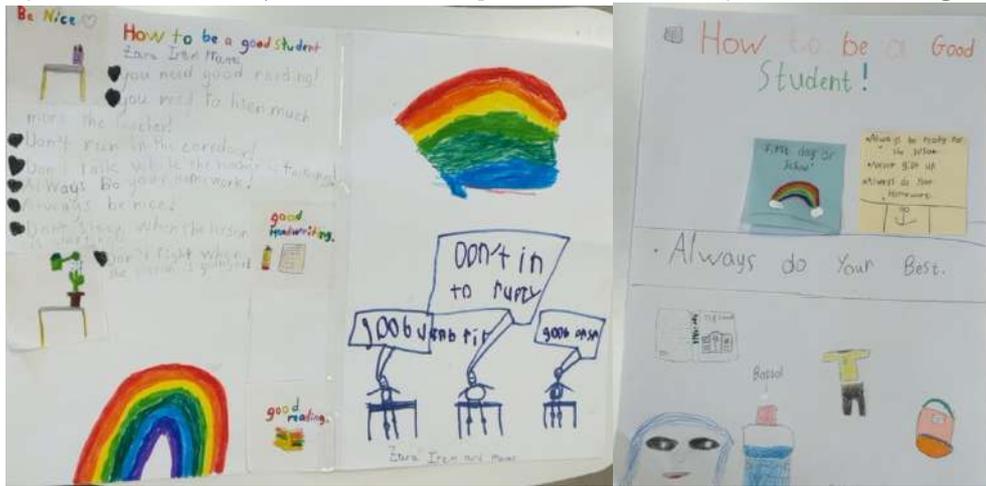
Grade 3 students love reading outside



In science this week, 4E have learnt about and investigated suitable and unsuitable habitats for snails.



At the Literacy lesson, students from 2-E made posters to tell everyone How to be good student.



This week in IPC, students in 6E were learning about growth mindset. The students were set easy puzzles to solve. The students completed these puzzles quickly. The students were then given a more difficult puzzle, which no one could solve. Students then gave their puzzles to their families, who also found the puzzle difficult to solve. This activity taught the students about the importance of perseverance and effort. Skills which will help the students become lifelong learners and learn how to work towards long-term goals.



Heritage Secondary:



Another successful week for our Lyceum students.

On Tuesday we were visited by Excel, a careers and university counselling service here in Moldova. We are excited to move forward and grow our partnership with Excel in order for our students to be ambitious in their future plans whilst staying informed and knowledgeable about their options.



Upcoming events:

- On 14th October there is a useful webinar for students and parents on studying in Italy. Italy is a popular destination for undergraduate study in English, for a variety of courses and disciplines. [14th October 8.30 pm Moldova time](#)
- A fantastic opportunity for students to study visit University College London for an immersive career experience: [Summer career experiences](#)
- Opportunities for parent to support career interests: **InvestIN's parent event series is designed to give parents the essential tools they'll need to support their child on their career journey. [Events are run by leading experts and are free to attend.](#)**
- On 20th October Students and parents are invited to take part in the [Virtual University Fair](#) hosted by COBIS
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- On 25th October we will be visited by the University Roadshow from the UK, representing various universities and courses

Virtual University Fair
Wednesday 20 October 2021
8-11am BST and 3-6pm BST



Gymnasium/Cambridge Secondary:

Do you like fantasy literature? Those in the 7th grade really like it!

Do you know the difference between science fiction and fantasy? What is a "utopia" and a "dystopia"? In the Romanian language and literature lessons, we found it out! And the presentation of R. Bradbury's novel "Fahrenheit 451" created a real storm in our brains! We are waiting to start reading!



6A Technology Etwinning project Quality label





Leaving school early on a regular basis; We have some new software installed and we are going to send out to all Gymnasium families a standardised permission form that allows you to request permission for your child to leave school early at the end of the day for reasons such as an outside club or activity. It needs the reason and your valid request to be agreed jointly by the Home Room teacher and Mrs. Inga as academic director. It doesn't matter if you have arrangements in place with the school already, all families will need to use this new form so we can keep our records upto date, valid and all children safe. For one afternoon, for example, it's not needed but the school being informed is still needed before we can release any student early as they are in our legal care.

Week 2 Climate Action Project. 5A learners explored the effect of climate change on our planet at local levels. The talked about effects on plants, animals, weather patterns.



At Heritage nothing is impossible. Debates while on hybrid learning program? Easy! All you need is a set of speakers, a microphone and a great team .



Student leadership

The Primary Student Council, led by Larisa Mirza, Head of Primary, started its activity. The Primary Student Council has 51 members as of right now. This week on Thursday, the student body had a meeting for the first time to introduce the Student Council and its role, and to discuss the action plan and managing the work. Members of the Student Council suggested they work in sub committees. A new Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, and Secretary will be elected next week, after they deliver their speeches and are elected by a secret ballot. The key functions of Primary Student Council are to promote good communication within the school, to represent the views of the student body to the school management, to promote citizenship, leadership and Heritage cultural values, and to increase student involvement and school pride.



Global education:

It was the second week of the Climate Action Project 2021 at Heritage and around the world. Lots of classes did research, explored and illustrated the effects of climate change - all in a different way! The upper classes made digital presentations, the younger students made posters, small group projects, collages, etc. It happened across all levels and it was wonderful to see our students involved in this important project in order to raise awareness about this global issue.

<https://climate-action.info/>



One more Big News from the Climate Action Project! TAG has the **Climate Action Booklist for Classrooms!**

The Climate Action Booklist for Classrooms is offered as a free resource for classrooms around the world and is published as a supporting resource for the [Climate Action Project](#) and associated climate education programs offered by TAG.

Book titles are presented in categories based on general developmental reading levels. Each book is shared with a title, author, illustrator, book cover, and book description. Curator notes provide comments and guidance from global educators based on their own instructional practice. Ms Tatiana Popa was one of the 23 booklist curators participating in the creation of this rich collection last summer.

You can find all the titles here:

<https://wakelet.com/@ClimateActionProject>



for classrooms 2021 - 2022

For World Teacher's Day, our Heritage Student Council members, led by Mrs Larisa Mirza in the Primary and by Mrs Cristina Ungureanu for Gymnasium, did an amazing job and surprised their teachers from early morning on Tuesday!

Our school's social media was buzzing with nice pictures and lovely messages from the teachers, and even the Global School Alliance picked the event and decided to mention Heritage and our teachers in their article for World Teacher's Day. Have a read here:

<https://platform.globalschoolalliance.com/education/world-teachers-day-2021/>



We were part of T4 World Edu Week 2021 this week, and Friday was a big day for our school, as it was the day when Heritage had to showcase globally about one expertise. This year we chose community partnerships, or more exactly the title was "**From Community Partnership and Collaboration to Global Mindedness**". This year our showcase was special, as only students presented at the event, Tatiana Popa being the moderator. Our brilliant students Sabina Turcan, Bogdana Bujag, and Gesica Sirbu impressed the audience with their great critical thinking skills and mature worldviews. Besides them, we had a team of brave students who participated in the pre-recorded video that was shown live to all attendees at our event on Friday afternoon. Many thanks to all participants! You have been great! Heritage International School is so proud of you!

<http://worldeduweek.org/event/heritage-international-school/>

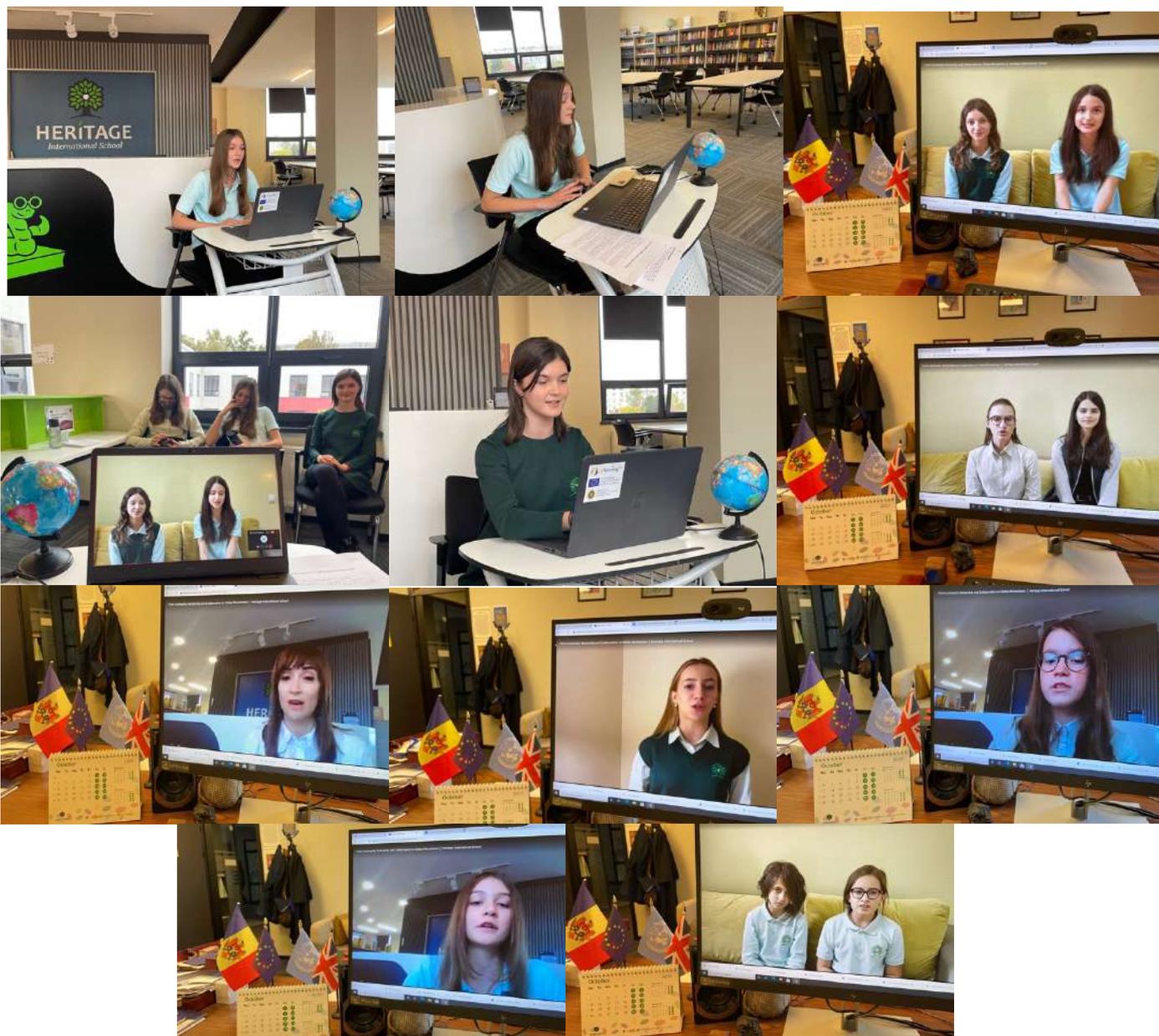
Keep an eye on the news coming from Heritage - more excellent surprises to follow!

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Third-grade students complete Science classes with activities that match the topic, importance, and necessity of the Climate Action project. This week we discussed the effects of climate change on plants, animals, activity, and human life. Researching the topic of Water, we discussed water pollution and the deplorable condition of marine animals. The students being researchers, analyzed, deduced rules and protection measures.



Heritage Creativity:

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Poetry Competition
'Looking Ahead'
Submission Deadline:
2 February 2022
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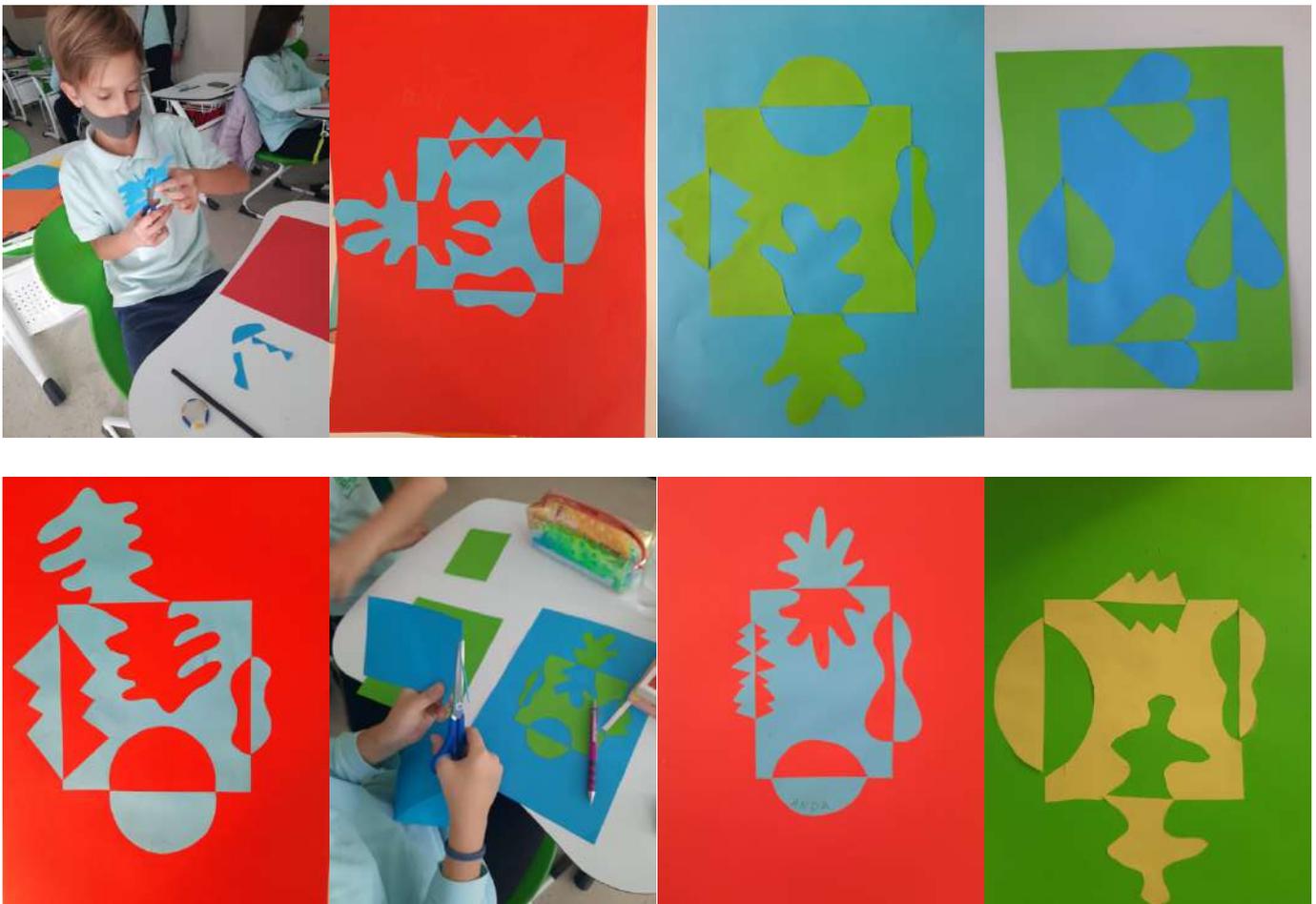


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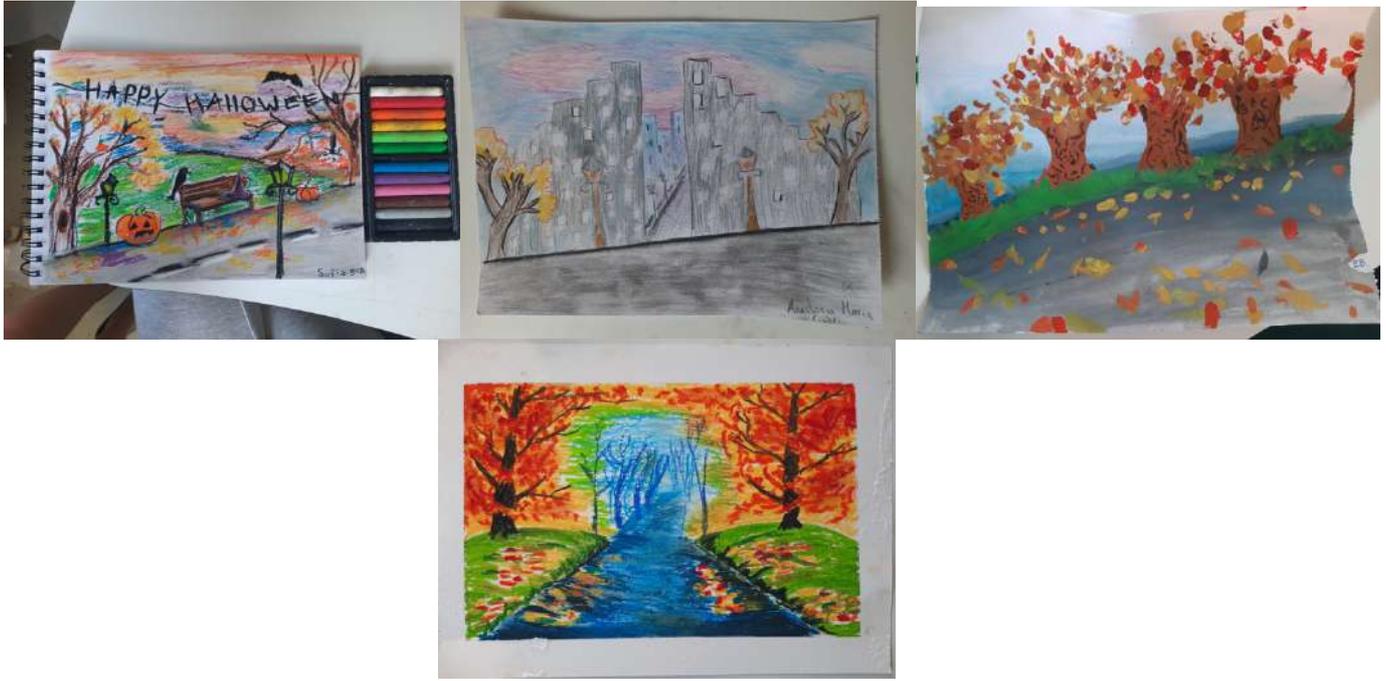
Art Competition
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23 February 2022
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ARTS UNIVERSITY BOURNEMOUTH



Exploring negative and positive spaces , grade 7 E find out how to use these elements in collage.



Autumn peisajes depicted by the grade 5 A



The students from grade 1 E learning about primary colors , yellow, red and blue. How to mix them to get new secondary colors? They practiced all the primary colors on a colorful caterpillar to get green, purple and orange.



Travelling to Greece the students from grade 4 E learned how to draw a greek vase using scratching drawing technique. They designed their own vase with different greek ornaments.





Access to school for parents:

Anyone entering the school must wear a face mask that will cover the mouth and nose.

Parents can go to the Administration through the administration entrance.

No more than 5 people are allowed into the administration at the same time.

No more than 1 person is allowed to the buffet (to pay the meals) at the same time.

Parents can come to administration and buffet as follows:

- Monday to Friday – after 15:00

Useful contacts:

- Reception 062022210
- Accountant Office 062022213
- Uniform shop 069500062
- Meals 079900171

COVID-19 measures:

Please find below the legal requirements in conditions of epidemiological safety for the prevention of the disease with the virus SARS-CoV-2:

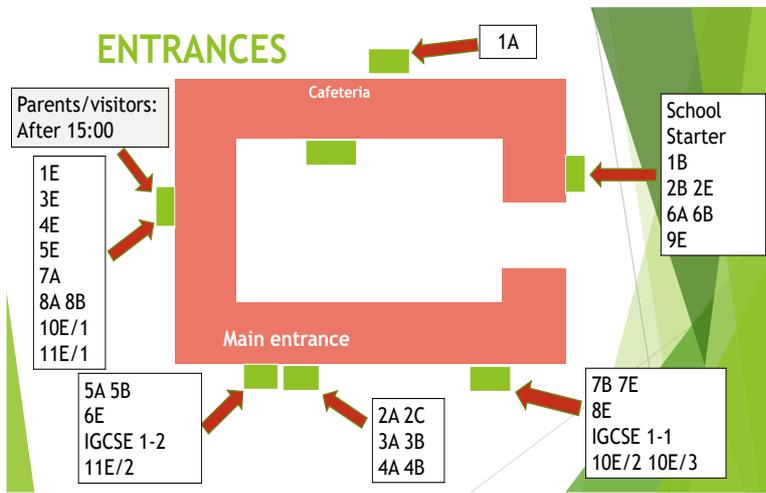
- **Order no. 1070 of 22.09.2021** "On the intensification of precautionary measures, prevention and epidemiological control in primary and secondary education institutions, cycle I and II" <https://chisinauedu.md/ordinul-nr-1070-din-22-04-2021/>
- Instructions regarding the measures for organizing the activity of the primary, gymnasium, high school educational institutions for the 2021-2022 academic year, in conditions of epidemiological safety for the prevention of the disease with the virus SARS-CoV-2, approved by **Decision Nr. 60 from 23.08.2021** https://gov.md/sites/default/files/hotarare_cnesp_nr.60-redactat-ro.pdf
- **Decision** of the Extraordinary Public Health Commission of Chisinau **No 42 from 25.08.2021** <https://chisinauedu.md/hotararea-cespmc-nr-42-din-25-08-2021/>

Due to Covid restrictions this academic year our school follows the rules according to the "**A safe return to physical school strategy and matrix 2021-2022**": [Matrix](#) / [Matricea](#) / [Mampuuu](#)

If your child has **any symptoms** of acute viral respiratory disease, including temperature higher than 37.0°C, parents should not send the child to school and ask for a medical assistant.

For children who have been tested positive with Covid-19 and in case of any disease, for return to school it is mandatory to present the **medical certificate** with the 3 stamps, as a confirmation that the child can attend groups of children.

Distribution of the **entrances** for each grade is presented below:



School days in September:

Starting 15th of September the school day is as follows:

- 1st grades 08:30-16:30
- 2-11 grades 08:30-17:00
- on Fridays, the school day for the whole school is until 16:00

School busses leave: Monday-Thursday at 17:10, on Fridays at 16:10

Uniform:

We remind you that wearing uniform is mandatory for all the students grade 1-10. Following the link below, you can find the [School Uniform Presentation](#)
 Lyceum students' dress code will be black and white smart casual to 'office wear'.



Optimistic October 2021

MONDAY



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



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| 4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list. | 5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good. | 6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better. | 7 Look for the good in people around you today. | 8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding. | 9 Share an important goal with someone you trust. | 10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished this week. |
| 11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward. | 12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today. | 13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing. | 14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation. | 15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted. | 16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting. | 17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society. |
| 18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the week ahead. | 19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future. | 20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time. | 21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you. | 22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague. | 23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise. | 24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently. |
| 25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities this week? | 26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face. | 27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time. | 28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now? | 29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to. | 30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future. | 31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month. |



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