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GENERAL

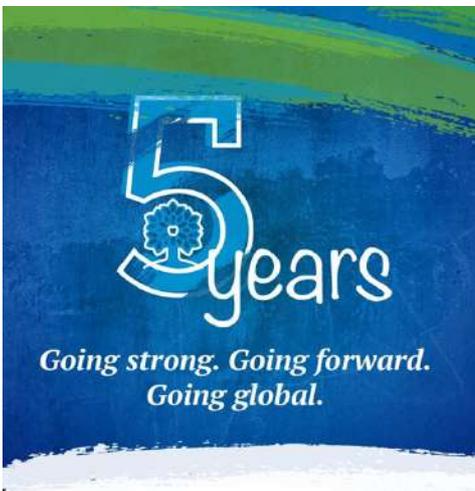
Thought for the week:

"I've always loved the first day of school better than the last day of school. Firsts are best because they are beginnings."

Jenny Han

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

A very warm welcome to our Heritage community, new faces and old, as the new academic year 2022-23 is well underway and our 1st edition of the International Heritage Herald for the new year is published. We will be moving our newsletter over to every two weeks in the new academic year, instead of every week. We are celebrating our 5th anniversary as an international school as we go into our 6th year and we have certainly been celebrating a lot of school success this summer with our Cambridge IGCSE and A Level results, global success with the Owlypia summer competition and to be shortlisted for the prestigious PIE Awards for global education in London last weekend for the secondary school impact category. This is my fourth year now as director and I have seen a lot of development in the school since I first arrived. We have record numbers of students and families, with a student population now over 600 and stretching from K to 12. Our much needed new lyceum for the 16-19 year old students, is well under way and the construction is due to finish this January for Grades 11 and 12 to have their own purpose built World Class Post 16 centre for learning. We will be celebrating the IGCSE success this autumn with their graduation on 30th September for Grade 11 students. We know Covid is still around and we hope, as we did for the celebrations of the 1st September, to have parents in for this event. We all need to make sure we are not complacent here and if your child has any symptoms please do not send them into school. We have had two cases in school this week and classes do need to follow the national public health regulations and go into quarantine. We all need to play our part here still.



As it has been said on the 1st September welcoming students to a new academic year, we have so much hope and optimism for a successful year ahead and to make sure every student achieves their potential at Heritage. This is why the partnership with home is so crucial for us as a school, to ensure we serve over 25 nationalities, three working languages and to manage whatever comes at us that we need to adapt and to continue to provide the certainty of education. There is a link to the copy of the school's priorities that we are focussing on in 2022-23, in this newsletter. Just as it was obvious to me arriving in the Spring of 2019, we all still need to be aware of and improve the 3 Cs; Community, Communication and Cohesion.

The year 2022 has certainly been an extraordinary one so far but for many of us, we are looking for a year in the 2020s to be just an ordinary year after the pandemic and the fallout from the war in Ukraine. As an international school community, with close ties and affiliation to the UK and Commonwealth, we send our condolences to the Queen's family and the people of Britain and the Commonwealth. We lowered our flags at the front of school to show our respect as a community and signed the book of condolence at the UK Embassy here in Chisinau. As a British person, with no particular strong ties or feelings about monarchy, Elizabeth II represents the one constant for the British people in too much change and turbulence. Her 70 years covers so much World history and how the globe has transformed since the second half of the 20th century and into the 21st. A truly global figure. My wife's grandfather met her on a number of occasions and was honoured for his services by her to his community as a local mayor and for his war time career in the RAF. He remarked on the decency and

wisdom of her character. Qualities modern leaders everywhere need more of now. I will be honouring The Queen with at least a cup of tea with milk, if not a glass of whisky, this weekend.

I wish all our students a successful year ahead, one of progress, challenge, living our global values, moments, curiosity, fulfilment and above all happiness, Going Strong, Going Forward, Going Global,

Rob Ford



Heritage in the Wider World:

Mail from Moldova
- Reflections as a Global Educator -

MENU

2022
Standing in fear in the moment when we need to find courage.
September 6, 2022 - Rob Ford

"History is the antidote to hubris" David McCullough

I have had a few moments in these last few weeks of the end of summer, to really spend time to think and

Department for Education

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Defining Global Britain in the 2020s?
It is already here. In praise of the British Council

Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you got 'til it's gone - Joni Mitchell 'Big Yellow Taxi'

By Rob Ford

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Personal Reflections

I will declare an interest at this point. I have had the enormous honour and privilege of working with the British Council, with remarkable and dedicated British Council people for nearly 20 years in international education.

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Heritage International School-Moldo... @HIS_Moldova

A fantastic conference with school leaders & colleagues from around the World as we discuss how we support & drive the transformation of teachers as key agents of change ahead of the @UNESCO @TeachersFor2030 #TeachersTransform summit @VarkeyFdn @FundacionVarkey

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP NETWORK GLOBAL MEETING #2

CONVOCATION SESSION WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE TRANSFORMING OF CURRICULUM SUMMIT

Council of British International Schools

HIS_Global_Education @his_global

Our @HIS_Moldova team met the @COBIS_CEO Colin Bell yesterday and the COBIS HQ in London to discuss future plans, Heritage being the only @CambridgeInt & #COBIS school in #Moldova. Many thanks for the warm welcome and support, Mr Bell!

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Secondary learning international impact award

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Alice Smith School, Malaysia
Amerigo Education, US
Heritage International School, Moldova
Kellett School, Hong Kong
Minerva's Virtual Academy, UK
Nord Anglia Education, UK
St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School, Australia
THINK Global School, Global

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Great moment of pride for @HIS_Moldova being shortlisted for the prestigious PIONEER Awards in international education! Our school was present at the award ceremony yesterday, alongside other 550 participants from all continents! Congratulations, Moldova! 🇷🇷 @PieNews @COBISorg

Pie and 8 others

MfM: <https://mailfrommoldova.home.blog/blog/>
IS Magazine Autumn 2022: <https://www.schoolmanagementplus.com/publications/international-school-magazine/international-school-magazine-autumn-2022/>

ISN: <https://isn.education/articles/open/why-sustainability-projects-are-no-longer-optional/>

Why Sustainability Projects Are No Longer Optional
Published: 08/09/22
#Professional Development, #Sustainability in Schools
Educator in Practice Article

Tatiana Popa
Head of Global Education & Hybrid Learning
Coordinator, Heritage International School in Chisinau, Moldova

Tatiana Popa explains how she placed sustainability at the heart of many projects at Heritage International School and calls on all educators to take action

Heritage International School-Mo...
The Heritage International School community mourns the loss of HM Elizabeth II. We send our heartfelt condolences to the Royal Family, the people of Britain & the Commonwealth. The Queen was a truly global figure, inspiring so many, for so long, through her wisdom & sense of duty

Published: 15/09/22
#Curriculum & Assessment, #Digital & the Future of Learning, #Early Years Learning, #STEM
Educator in Practice Article

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How To Design Unplugged Coding Activities On Any Topic
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COBIS Black Sea Schools' Principals meeting



Articles of interest:

- 1) 15 tips on how to get ready for school quickly. From preparing backpacks and lunches the night before to banning screens in the morning, try these tips for getting ready and out the door stress-free; <https://www.care.com/c/15-tips-on-how-to-get-ready-for-school-quick/>
- 2) Don't Teach Your Kids to Fear the World - The Atlantic; <https://www.theatlantic.com/family/archive/2022/09/the-best-way-to-teach-kids-about-danger/671310/>
- 3) The BBC obituary on the life of HM Queen Elizabeth II; <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-61605149>
- 4) GSA article from a partner school in the UK "To invite and celebrate diversity in schools"; <https://platform.globalschoolalliance.com/education/to-invite-and-celebrate-diversity/>
- 5) 'History Is Human': Remembering David McCullough; <https://www.theatlantic.com/books/archive/2022/08/david-mccullough-death-tribute/671096/>
- 6) What is Arsenal? Why are teams called United? What is a Hotspur? A history of English football names; <https://theathletic.com/3441904/2022/07/30/arsenal-united-hotspur-rovers/?smtyp=cur&smid=tw-nytimes>
- 7) Running a school in a war zone - life as a head in Ukraine; <https://www.tes.com/magazine/video-podcasts/leadership/running-school-war-zone-life-head-ukraine>
- 8) Where Does the British Monarchy Go Under King Charles III? The New Yorker; <https://www.newyorker.com/news/our-columnists/where-does-the-british-monarchy-go-under-king-charles-iii>

Heritage Primary:

Second graders love school activities. Here they explore, read, communicate, create.

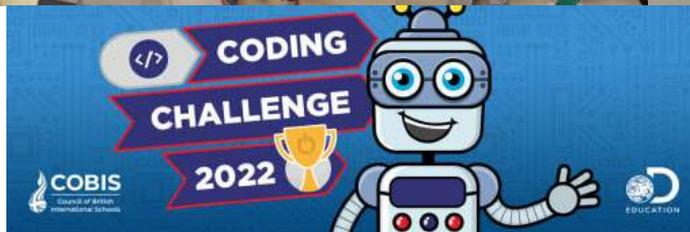




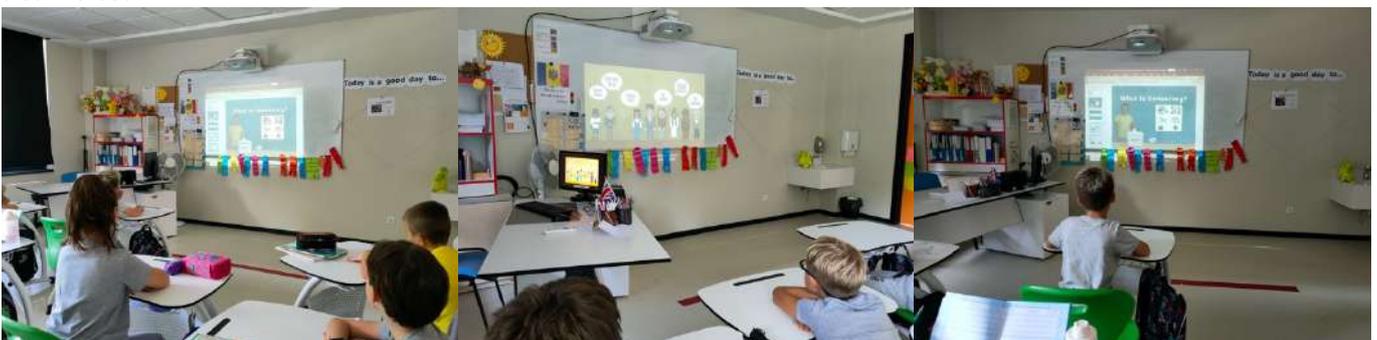
3E students were the happiest students of the school, because finally they had Science, their favorite subject.

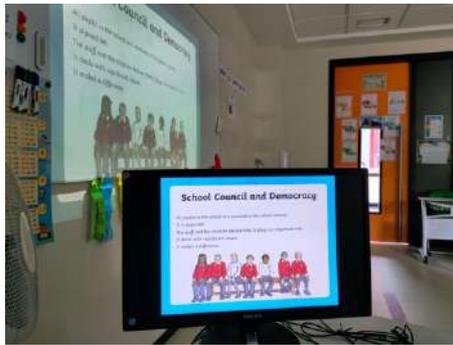


Primary students participated in COBIS Coding Challenge 2022. They designed games using their skills of visual programming languages.



On September 15th, Heritage students talked about democracy. On the occasion, we launched this year's application for Heritage Student Council 2022-2023. At Student Council, students will make new friends, implement ideas for the good of the school, as well as help create all kinds of events and activities.





We wish our first graders at Heritage a very productive week, full of new discoveries and lots of cheerfulness.



The first week of the new academic year was sunny, which was the perfect time for outdoor activities. Students from Heritage felt very happy to be back at school! <https://t.co/3wXTGsoi6G>



Exciting Math activities in third grade.



It's been two weeks since we returned to school and we are the happiest. What amazing opportunities await us in the new school year? The School Starter students are the most active students and the happiest! They enjoy every moment spent together.



On Literacy Day at Heritage, we celebrate the importance of being literate, being able to read, write, count, understand & develop. During the Literacy Day students from Heritage discovered more about books, their components and about the different literary genres.



**Heritage Gymnasium:
Gymnasium Assembly:**



Press Release for Summer 2022 IGCSE results here: <https://www.heritage.md/en/news/heritage-student-success-along-with-over-a-quarter-of-a-million-global-learners-celebrates-its-2nd-cambridge-igcse-results>

Daily football club at Zimbru



Heritage 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

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COBIS Higher Education Week will be running from 3-7 October 2022. It is an online event and free of charge to attend.

The week will include:

- Monday 3 – Wednesday 5 October: **a series of webinars** to support students applying to university.
- Thursday 7 October: a **Virtual University Fair** for students, advisors, and teachers to connect directly with universities.

Full details, including the registration form, are available on COBIS website.

<https://www.cobis.org.uk/students/forthcoming-events-activities/he-week>

This event will be of great use for those of you planning to apply to European, UK and USA universities.



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Higher Education Week
3-7 October 2022

Register for free for our Higher Education Week, in partnership with The University Guys.

3-7 October 2022

[More information and register](#)

Higher Education Week is a chance for students, families and schools to connect with universities from around the world, learn more about the opportunities available, and prepare for the application process.

Press Release for Summer 2022 AS and A Level results

here: <https://www.heritage.md/en/news/heritage-celebrates-along-with-220-000-global-learners-moldova-s-1st-ever-cambridge-a-level-results-this-summer>

Higher Education Week: <https://www.cobis.org.uk/students/forthcoming-events-activities/he-week>

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.



The Heritage 10 Golden Rules

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/19a84QG84nwA-RrbVDPwo9rDDn0SH1OfSAz6aq4F9JIo/edit?usp=sharing>

Global Education:

Our Heritage team had a business trip to London last week, where they met different people and organizations, in order to establish future partnerships.

We met with CWVYS- Council of Welsh Voluntary Youth organisations- that was selected by the Welsh Government to run the Welsh exchange programme and we received information needed for establishing this funding programme for Myddelton College and Heritage International School. There is one more upcoming twinning programme to be launched in October 2022, and we will apply for both, in order to have our students benefit from Wales-Moldova partnership.

Our representatives visited the COBIS HQ, being an accredit member of this prestigious Council of British International Schools. The COBIS CEO, Mr Colin Bell, praised us enormously for managing to achieve a high reputation globally and our name being known on the International school arena as a role model as one of high standards and dedicated involvement from our Heritage staff.



The news about the death of HRH Queen Elizabeth has taken everyone by surprise. The entire nation is mourning this incredible royal family member who has represented the country during 70 years of her reign as its most iconic symbol. Many official events have been cancelled throughout the UK. Even the PIE Awards (PIE = Professionals in International Education, the most prestigious organisation that gets together the best in global education) have had a changed format. Nevertheless, on Friday evening, Mrs Natalia Cecetova, Heritage Chair of Governors and Co-founder, Mrs Inga Chiosa, Academic Director, and Tatiana Popa, Head of Global Education, attended the PIEoneer Awards ceremony in London, following the invitation we received after being shortlisted for the Secondary Learning International Impact Award category. This has been a moment of pride for the entire Heritage community, as a young school to be appreciated at such high level and to compete alongside prestigious school group from all around the globe.



The Heritage team spent their Saturday in North Wales, paying a business visit to our partner school to Myddelton College, a school of outstanding reputation with high achieving students. We established a long-term partnership with them, with a thorough plan of collaboration. We have been working with Myddelton since last year, and our learners are already looking forward to meeting their virtual friends in person in the future. The International Book Club, the collaborative projects, teacher shadowing and many more to come!



A group of Heritage students visited the British Embassy in Chisinau this week, in order to express our deepest condolences on the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. She was an amazing woman and leader, her tireless service to the British nation for seven decades has made her a truly iconic figure of her country.

Being a COBIS and Cambridge school, it doesn't mean we only have high education standards, but we also share the same values as the British nation.

HM Queen Elizabeth will be remembered as a role model of a mother, woman and leader to us all!

Our students learned about the work of the Embassy and they also found out that the book of condolences will be sent to the United Kingdom in the coming days.



Our student Sanda Bostan is going to Geneva, Switzerland, on October 12-16, as she will be representing Moldova in the global robotics championship FIRST Global Challenge. This event promotes the STEM subjects and challenges teams to find real engineering solutions. The theme of 2022 is "Capturing CO2", as climate change leads to global warming due to increasing levels of CO2. The 180 teams in the competition have the challenge to create a versatile robot that would simulate the capturing and stocking of carbon dioxide. Sanda and her team have been working on this project for months and they are going to present it in Geneva. <https://www.clasaviitorului.md/echipa-nationala-de-robotica-moldova-participa-la-first-global-challenge-geneva/>

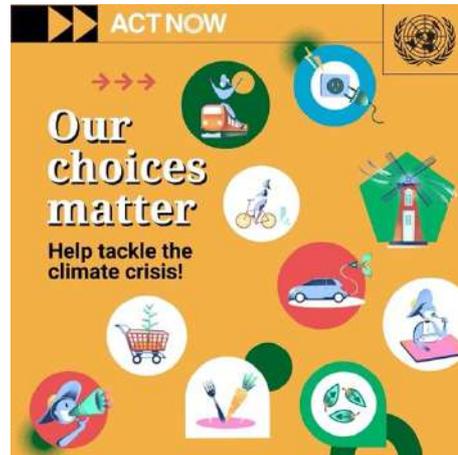
We wish them good luck and we keep our fingers crossed!



Good news! Heritage International School has joined the Global Schools Program!

Global Schools' mission is simple; provide the necessary tools and e-resources for schools and teachers to educate their students on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In working with educators, the

program aims to transform learning environments globally and make schools the hubs of education and leadership on the SDGs, ultimately empowering students to prioritize sustainable development in their lifestyles, behaviors, education, and professional careers.
 It's exactly what we do at Heritage!!



Heritage students had outstanding achievements in Virtual Owlypia Round and proudly represented Moldova in Cambridge, Global Round and Virtual Global Round winning the Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.



Heritage Creativity

Students from 1 E learned about the main element of art "LINE" and applied different types of lines on a beautiful sunflower!





Art Competition

'Who am I?'

Submission Deadline:
16 November 2022

EYFS - KS5

cobis.org.uk/art

ARTS UNIVERSITY BOURNEMOUTH



School Improvement Priorities Headlines 2022-23:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DT0Cx-vFBTruxuQK3znedxCuifXHrIk9oQtq6dNbFaY/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 21st 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

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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?

Student Progress, Personal Development, Attainment & Achievements

School Improvement Priorities for 2022-23

1 Leadership, Organisation & Governance

2 Quality of Teaching, Learning, Assessment and curriculum

3 Personal Development, Growth, Nurture, Wellbeing, effective & challenging learning environment

4 Successful Outcomes for Students as active citizens, fulfilled, balanced life long learners

<p>What does success look like for us</p>	<p>Living our Values</p>	<p>Concentrate & Consolidate Core</p>	<p>Our strategy matches our organisation</p>	<p>Making Moments</p>	<p>Building & sustaining laegacy for the future</p>
<p>Qualifications & Skills through holistic, challenging & rigorous education</p> <p>A World Class School that is outward facing</p> <p>Supporting & sharing innovation with our national education community</p> <p>Developing future leaders & global citizens</p> <p>Our communities working with us for all students</p>	<p>Our ethos and values as an international school permeate everything we do in our school culture</p> <p>Diversity, equality, kindness, respect, global citizenship, trust, honour, leadership, social responsibility, are the hallmark of our education</p> <p>Our teachers, staff and community uphold these values and we live them daily in our school culture</p>	<p>Our organisation is held against the highest standards of a World Class school delivering international education</p> <p>Our duty of care is for a safe, happy and caring environment for all students</p> <p>Our organisation operates effectively and efficiently based on structure, systems and policies</p> <p>We are a school people want to be a part of our community</p>	<p>Our education is about substance not gimmicks</p> <p>We continue to develop as a unique, innovative international school in Moldova</p> <p>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</p> <p>We build on our legacy but we look outward and forward for our education, not backwards.</p>	<p>A focus on celebrating key moments in education & school life</p> <p>To continue to find ways to engage and bring all our communities together</p> <p>To continue our success in bringing the World into classrooms daily</p> <p>To link the wider curriculum to the formal, daily classroom for holistic education</p>	<p>Our new Lyceum is built this year as we grow as a World Class school</p> <p>To put sustainability solutions at the heart of our organisation</p> <p>To recruit and retain the best people and to invest in skills and leadership for the future</p> <p>To continue to meet and adapt to the anticipated challenges of the 2020s with success</p>

Self-Care September 2022

MONDAY



5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes

12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost

19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement

26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents

TUESDAY



6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time

13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one

20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories

27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans

WEDNESDAY



7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'

14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break

21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside

28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn

THURSDAY

1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential

8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed

15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low

22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still

29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself

FRIDAY

2 Notice the things you do well, however small

9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect

16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly

23 Let go of other people's expectations of you

30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are

SATURDAY

3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly

10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok

17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself

24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love

SUNDAY

4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it

11 Make time to do something you really enjoy

18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you

25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

4th Founders' lectures series and HE Ambassador Kent Logsdon, US Ambassador to Moldova the 1st speaker on the 28th September

Link to the #3 series, 2021-22, here: <https://www.heritage.md/en/news/captivating-topics-and-remarkable-speakers-in-the-founders-lecture-series-2021-2022>

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

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