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## WELCOMING CHILDREN FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

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## Season's Greetings

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of 2021, allow me to look back at the past months of this school year.

I am very proud to announce that we are now a member of Code Club World, part of Raspberry Pi Cambridge, UK. I would like to mention some noteworthy events that occurred in this school year.

In September, we took an expedition into the Poruba forest where children could learn and verify the theory of Science and Social Studies in practice. We also experienced a lot of adventures in sporting meeting activities. Traditionally, we couldn't miss the roasting of sausages in the outdoors. Once again, we had the opportunity to host Ms. Zoe of Usborne for the book fair.

We celebrated the tenth anniversary of PORQ Ostrava in October. On the morning of the 12th of October, the teachers prepared activities for students. The gala evening took place in Dolní Oblast Vítkovice. Parents, alumni, students, and teachers met there and enjoyed a rich programme and excellent refreshments together.

We also organized the traditional Halloween party. The children and teachers wore terrific and scary costumes. Teachers prepared spooky competitions and games where children learned Math's and English in a different setting.

In November, our Year 5 girls solved The unlock Turing Mug challenge, which was prepared by Mr. Jeff for them. **Congratulations girls!** Parents also had an opportunity to consult with teachers about their children's progress in November and what to focus on.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of December, St. Nicholas secretly visited our school. This time, he rang the bell to let the children know he had left some gifts for them, and they were very excited that he had not forgotten about them. In regards to the pandemic COVID-19 and a deteriorating situation of hospitals, we decided to follow last year UK social phenomenon "Thank you NHS" for part of the COVID-19 pandemic, whereby people and organizations posted messages of support for members of the National Health Service (NHS) and other key workers, to acknowledge their heavy workload as well as their risk of infection. Our students together with their teachers, prepared cards and posters for hospitals to support them and show admiration and gratitude.

The year 2021 was another year marked by the Covid-19 pandemic. I am delighted that our school maintained safety for all PORQ International School Community members. I want to thank all of you for your collaboration and support, and I wish you an amazing new year 2022 and that it brings good health, joy and happiness to you and your loved ones.

I look forward to meeting you back at school on January 3, 2022.

Sincerely,

Mrs Barbora, Head of PORQ International School

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## Year 1 – Ms. Veronica

It is Christmas time, the time of joy, the time of feelings, but also the time for a little summary and looking back at the past days.



In Year 1 we started the new school year with 4 kids – Ji-seop, Lia, Minjoon and Yuha. Together with their families, they were full of expectations and anxious what their new role as a pupil will bring into their lives. It was very active - learning words, poems, reading stories to acquire the language of their future education as quickly as possible.



Additionally, other subjects helped to develop their English – Science, Social Studies, of course Music, Art, PE and Maths as well. All my students are talented in Maths, they enjoy numbers and have clear, quick and correct results. What's more, our tactile tasks and inner feeling of things represented by a number as a symbol give us a pleasure, and build up mathematical thinking for next year. We explain the rules of social contact as well, try in games – and believe me – the kids are not built to be second or third. Parents lose easily, but peers don't, another task for the teacher. 😊



In November, we welcomed a new student Niki who joined the group smoothly, became a good friend and his native English underlines “a serious English environment”.

After these words, I would like to emphasize our Christmas atmosphere, we painted pictures, and the kids prepared a lot for you to see at home, we painted pictures for hospitals in order to support the doctors and fight a difficult COVID period. 😊



All the best for the 2022 and enjoy your holiday!

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## Year 2 - Ms. Aylin



The beginning of the school year for year 2. We like practicing reading with our silly sentences. They help us learn our grammar as well. We use it throughout the year.



Working in groups makes learning Math more fun!



We had a special visit from NATO pilots, for NATO days. We got a lot of our questions answered, including why they wear different uniforms.

Christmas is here and making crafts is fun! We spent a long time learning how to paint, twist, and glue things together.



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## Year 3 - Ms. Thabang

The year started off with Mr. Mike as the class teacher but unfortunately, he had to leave to join his family back in the U.S. When change happens, what we are left with are memories. We wish Mr. Mike all the best in his future endeavors.



*Creating memories together*



*Enjoying P.E. in the sunshine*

Learning is always better when we try things ourselves. In Science, we learned about plants and how they grow. We decided to grow our own avocado plants.



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*Year 4 – Ms. Gabby*



*Mike & Vilem*



Mike and Vilem continue to excel in their studies.

In math, we completed the unit on 'multiplication' in which we studied to multiply and divide the numbers.

In English, we are building our vocabulary, practicing our grammar. We travelled together around the Sun. We learnt a lot about Solar system and planets. We thought how an ideal planet could be. We read about hidden army and ancient years. We liked to know about Julius Caesar and Roman empire.

In science, we discovered the human skeleton and we drew "Radius" (photo - bottom left). We knew many interesting facts about amazing birds, animals in local habitats and we discussed how people affect environment.

We realize Czech language important for our personality. We continue to take progress in reading and writing.

We enjoy also another school subjects for example Spanish, PE, Craft and Art and Social too.



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## Year 5 - Mr. Jeff

The most amazing thing about learning is giving children a chance to explore and use their critical thinking skills. Year 5 girls demonstrated their skills in many of the projects we had this term.



Turing Mug challenge winners



PORG Rugby Team



Learning about different temperature scales - Celsius, Fahrenheit and Kelvin.

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## Year 6 – Ms. Misha/ Mr. Sam

A class full of debates and hunger to present their own ideas.



Ashley, Tomaš and Zoe give their arguments



Matylda and Viktor in argument for Brexit  
For staying in the EU



The girls with their chosen European countries (Ashley = Slovakia, Matylda = Italy, Zoe = France) to present as Tour Guides in Social Studies lessons

For their final year in the international primary school, Year 6 students demonstrated their commitment to hard work and ambition as they took their entry preparation test to the gymnasium. We wish them all the best for the next academic year.

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## Events & Clubs

Science Expedition – Poruba, Ostrava



*Learning is better when it is a hands-on experience*

Spooky Halloween Fiesta



PORQ Ostrava 10 Years Celebration



*10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary gala with live music from local Czech bands in Dolní Oblast Vítkovice*  
*Spanish With Mr. David*



*Hola amigos*

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# Christmas fun

Match the words to the correct pictures to complete the crossword. Then find a secret message.

- bells
- candle
- candy cane
- card
- chimney
- Christmas tree
- elf
- gingerbread
- holly
- letter
- lights
- ornaments
- presents
- reindeer
- Santa Claus
- sleigh
- snowman
- stocking
- wreath



The secret message is \_\_\_\_\_ ISLCo lead home.

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