



PORG

INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOMING YOU BACK TO SCHOOL



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- ECO Day Trip to the Zoo Ostrava: 4 October
- Autumn Break: 23 - 28 October
- Halloween: 31 October

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# Principal's note

Dear parents, pupils, colleagues,

I am delighted to welcome you to the new school year 2023/2024.

I hope you had a lovely, relaxing holiday and many unforgettable adventures and experiences.

At the end of the school year 2022/2023, in June, we were re-inspected by PENTA International and have kept the status of British School Overseas.

I am so proud to announce that at the beginning of the school year, PORG International School received COBIS Accredited Member Status from the Council Of British International Schools (COBIS). It is a great motivation for all PORG International School staff members, and it reflects our commitment to continuous improvement in student welfare and safeguarding, educational ethos and values, levels of learning and teaching, school facilities, and leadership. It is important to us that all members of our school community feel happy, safe, and always looking forward to something new at PORG International.



In addition to consolidation and improvement, we will also focus on sustainability development in the new school year. We will reopen a Czech language course for mothers in October and plan many events for pupils and parents.

I hope that the school year 2023/2024 will bring students and teachers many positive experiences and moments on the shared path of education and that they will support and enrich each other.

I wish all of us to get through the school year with full strength and good health.

Mrs. Barbora Gazdova, Head of PORG International School

# Little Birdies

- Ms. Romana -

Our Kindergarten Birdie's class is a place where children can learn and grow in a multicultural, motivating, and friendly atmosphere.



The Little Birdies learn through creativity, exploration, and play as we strive to encourage a lifelong love of learning.

We use the excellent British Jolly Phonics methods which will help children learn English as a natural means of communication and tool for emergent readers. By the end of the school year, our preschoolers are ready to join the big school in Year 1.



# YEAR 1

- Ms. Veronika -

I am glad I could welcome such a versatile Year 1 regarding the nationalities. It seems to me as if the whole world came to our class. One month is over and we have done a lot. We were working on our relationships, on getting to know each other because a pleasant atmosphere for learning is very important. We were focusing on vocabulary and speaking skills in general, building up confidence when communicating in English. Of course, reading, writing, and Maths are taking an important part of our school days and we progress quite quickly through different activities, games, discussions, and "serious" learning as well. We will continue with more reading, writing, noticing, and discussing the world around us. All the kids try very hard and show an interest in new things which makes me really happy!



# YEAR 2

- Ms. Aylin -

Year 2 is special; we are preparing for a whole new level of KS2. We are growing and learning what is expected of us.

In English, this means we are focusing more on reading comprehension and writing properly using a pen. They should be reading more fluently and be able to discuss what we have read. We will continue to focus on discussing a range of stories, poems, and information books. The sooner they can read well, the sooner they can increase their vocabulary throughout the curriculum.

In Math, we will practice counting, reading, writing, and comparing numbers to 100. We work with a range of materials and contexts in which multiplication and division relate to grouping and sharing quantities. They use multiplication tables to recall multiplication facts and practice mental calculations.



# YEAR 3

- Mr. Sam -

Year 3 is where our Fab Four (Dominik, Lia, Minjoon, Yuha) begin their school life as Key Stage 2 students. There is a step-up in how we learn as more independence will be required in taking on more responsibility in gaining knowledge from all school subjects. Although we hope to have a lot of self-development during this school year, it will always be imperative to work as a team and appreciate each other.

We aim to follow the basis of my 3Cs for success in classroom studies to produce good results;

- **CONFIDENCE** - we come to school with a "we can do it" attitude which means we prepare and practice in all subjects.
- **CONCENTRATION** - we focus in lesson times and listen to teachers, never shy to ask relevant questions and to help each other.
- **CHECK** - we read questions calmly and when writing answers never submit them for marking unless we have checked over our work at least once, "less haste, means less waste".

We are already putting some of the above into practice in subjects such as English, Maths, Science, and Social Studies as you may see in the few photos that follow/are attached;



# YEAR 4

- Ms. Thabang -

Our Year 4 did amazingly well last year as they stepped into KS2. This year will be no exception as they continue to excel in their studies, being more responsible and mature.

Our goal will be to focus more on becoming independent learners and promoting teamwork. We will work on reading more and developing the ability to articulate ourselves when writing also in discussions or presentations clearly.

As much as academic success is necessary, we will also work on nurturing Year 4 students' confidence to encourage them to take risks, express their creativity in classroom assignments, and invest in the work they produce at school.

Being part of a small school, we advocate for building good relationships in and out of the classroom so we can all be in harmony with each other.



# YEAR 5

- Mr. Jeff -

Year 5 is where we start to prepare for secondary school. We take the knowledge which we have learned so far and start to put it all together. We start to see that everything is connected and that titles such as 'English', 'Maths', 'Science', 'Art', 'Computing' or 'Craft' are just handy ways of grouping similar ideas. In fact, as we are starting to learn, we need to combine everything we know to solve problems and understand the world around us. This continues through Year 6 until our pupils leave us to move onwards and upwards.

So we have 4 simple goals this year. If we keep them in sight, we can achieve the rest.

- Be here - Come on time to lessons with everything ready to go at the beginning. Be here mentally as well by staying focused on the lesson.
- Be respectful - Allow others to speak during discussions, and allow them to work by not distracting them. Maintain an environment where everyone can be safe and learn.
- Be teachable - Keep a mind open to new ideas, look for opportunities to learn for yourself, and don't be afraid to ask if you don't understand or to disagree with a teacher if you think they are wrong (do it politely and explain why you think they are wrong, though!)
- Be awesome - Be the best you can be. Teachers will know if you are doing the minimum that you think they will accept. If pupils are genuinely doing their best, teachers will recognize it. They want to help you make your best even better.

Year 5 is the penultimate year in Primary School but it is certainly not the beginning of the end. Rather, it prepares the children for Year 6 and the end of the beginning.





# YEAR 6

- Mr. Russo -

Hello PORG community, I am really happy to be starting at PORG this year as the year 6 homeroom, science and English teacher as well as the year 4 and 5 science teacher.

My name is Sebastian Russo and I am half Scottish and half Sicilian and have been living in Ostrava for 9 years working at The Ostrava International School. My educational background is in genetics and teaching and have been in the classroom for over ten years. Since graduating in biology in 2006 I have lived in Ulsan, South Korea, teaching English, and then returned to Scotland to do my teaching degree followed by time in Moscow and Bulgaria before coming to Czech.

My goals this year are to spark an interest and curiosity about the natural world as well as develop the skills for lifelong learning.



# Spanish & Clubs

- Mr. David -

## Spanish

The Spanish curriculum starts in KS2 but we already introduce the language to the children in KS1 in the Spanish club. They start to learn vocabulary and simple language skills such as talking about who they are, their names, age, favorite color, favorite animal, parents names, and what they like to do.

For KS2 in Year 3, they start to have 2 hours of Spanish lessons a week. They start learning the basics of the grammar, for example, how to introduce themselves, greetings and intensive vocabulary (animals, colors, numbers, things they use in class, things they have in their bedrooms, activities and verbs, etc.) As the years progress, they advance in the language skills and communication.



**¿Cómo te llamas?**

**What is your name?**



**Me llamo ...**

**My name is ...**

## Clubs

This year we have an amazing offer of clubs for our students.

### KS1

- Creative
- Extra English
- Extra Czech
- Football
- Friday Activities
- Let's Move
- Logic
- Martial Arts
- MonoPORGLy
- Reading Club KS1
- Rubik's Cube KS1
- Science Club KS1
- Spanish
- Team Work Challenge

### KS 2

- Art
- Code Club
- English Games
- Extra Czech
- Drama
- Football
- MonoPORGLy
- Martial Arts
- Reading Club KS2
- Rubik's Cube KS2
- Science Club KS2
- Team Work Challenge

# PAST EVENTS

## First Assembly

As a custom to our school, we regularly meet for assembly. It allows the announcement of special programs or communicating information between teachers and students. During the first meeting, all students were welcomed into the new school year and reminded about school rules and what is expected of them.

They were also introduced to Lion, our new mascot.

To help Year 1 students get accustomed to their new school, they each got paired up with a student from Year 5 to help them settle in.

Our new student council members were also introduced.





# PAST EVENTS

## Welcome Party

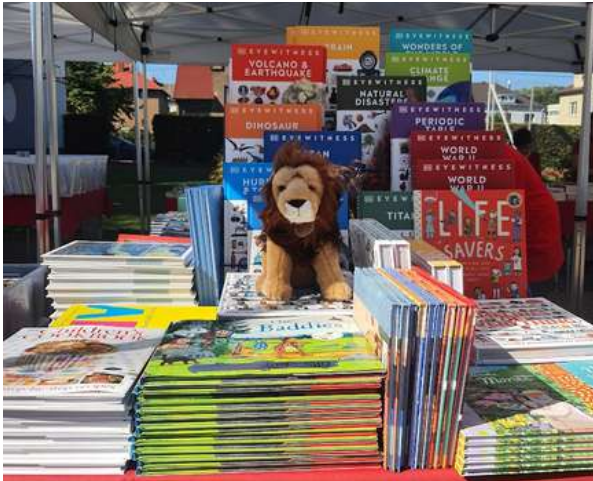
We had the pleasure of hosting a party for all our students and their parents. It is a great way to interact in an informal setting as we get to chat over snacks, drinks and games.



# PAST EVENTS

## Book Fair

This year was no different as the previous for our annual book fair. Lucky for us, the weather was bright and sunny and we got to enjoy browsing the wide selection of books outside. Mrs. Zoe, our wonderful host read a story for the children and they were allowed to browse and make their wish list for the books they were interested in. Of course, we were joined by our loyal mascot to take a look with us.



# PAST EVENTS

## Trip To The British Library

Our school has a partnership with the British Centre which is also part of the City Library. We regularly embark on trips to the library in order to give students more access to books and develop their reading skills. Our students are registered at the library and have membership cards. Parents can also visit with their children at any time to return or borrow more books.



# КНИHOVNA!!!

ENGLISH LIBRARY

# 2023/2024

“May every teacher become a mentor,  
may every classmate become a friend,  
may every lesson teach and enrich you.

Here’s to the  
best school year ever.”



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