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MAKING A HAPPY AUTUMN



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 7 December: Christmas Performance
- 13 December: Library Visit
- 20 December: Christmas Morning & Secret Santa
- 21 - 22 December: Principal's Holiday
- 23 December - 2 January: Christmas Holidays
- 3 January: First Day of School 2024

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTE



Dear Parents, Colleagues and Pupils,

We have the first quarter of the school year behind us, so I would like to share some highlights of our school life in the past two months. We had many fun and educational activities that strengthened our school community and enriched our learning experience.

In October, children learned more about animals and their habitats by visiting the zoo. They saw many different species and learned how to respect and protect them.

We celebrated Halloween with a spooky party where everyone dressed in creative costumes and played games. It was an excellent opportunity to express our individuality and enjoy each other's company. In the afternoon, parents were invited to the school for the workshop - traditional pumpkin curving, bringing our school community together and having a lovely time.

In November, we had a sleepover at school, watched movies, read stories, played games, and had dinner and breakfast together. It was a memorable night that helped us bond as a class.

We also created an opportunity for children to take Christmas photos - individual or group photos - so families have a lovely souvenir for themselves and their loved ones.

I would like to also share with you two great successes with you.

One of them is that PORG International School belongs to the top hundred international schools. The HKPEP agency is the only one in the world that makes the ranking list of primary and secondary schools. On the list from 21 countries, of which 34 are American and 22 are British schools, PORG International Schools is one of more than 1500 schools worldwide, and we keep the 70th position. The criteria are based on the international common education indicators in the UNESCO Statistical Yearbook.

The second big success of which we are proud is the Czech Republic, which was rated as the 12th safest country in the world. This rating is set up annually by The Institute for Economics and Peace, which publishes the Global Peace Index.

The calendar's last month is in front of us, so let me say a few words about what is coming in December.

You are very welcome to the Christmas Party, whose part will be the Christmas performance on December 7th at 3:30 pm. On Wednesday, December 13th, children will visit the British Library for the last time this year, 2023.

The last day of school, Wednesday, December 20th, will be in the Christmas spirit. Children will prepare Christmas Santa, and after lunch, there will be an afternoon movie time. We will be back on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024.

I wish you a lovely upcoming advent time and look forward to meeting you at the Christmas Party.

Mrs Barbora, Head of PORG International School

LITTLE BIRDIES

- Ms. Romana -

Autumn brought us beautiful changes of colour in nature and all around us. The Little Birdies embraced the colourful leaves as they started to change. We joined the primary school kids as we celebrated the spooky Halloween party. Our cute little witches, skeletons, ghosts, cats, vampires, and others had a nice costume parade, dance, and trick-or/treat. In the afternoon we all celebrated together by carving the pumpkins. What a great party it was!



YEAR 1

- Ms. Veronika -

I am delighted to report that the Year 1 kids have made remarkable progress in their learning and mental growth. In Math, we have covered 2D and 3D shapes. For English lessons, they can recognize different Jolly phonics sounds, and write and read using the blending method.



In Czech lessons, the kids have been working hard and making great progress. They recently finished Živá Abeceda and have now moved on to Slabikář, which is a big milestone for them. To prepare them for the digital world, they have computing lessons where they have been learning skills such as typing and digital art.



YEAR 2

- Ms. Aylin -

In year 2 we used some outside of the box thinking, in Science and Math. Our Science lesson was about Rocks, a topic which interests us personally. We examined our own sedimentary and igneous rocks, and we tested them like proper scientists. We even tried to examine some bits under a microscope! We were lucky enough to have a look at crystal geodes, and some agates thanks to Minha, who brought in her whole collection of rocks.



In Math we were measuring in centimeters and meters. We measured the length and width of our classroom, as well the length of our corridor, which we discovered was 1610cm, or 16m10cm! Our ruler was 120cm long, so that made for some interesting math calculations. We also measured our height and calculated how much we grew since last year! That was fun! Now on to more mundane things, like Multiplication!



YEAR 3

- Mr. Sam -



As we approach Christmas and the winter break, it must be said that although we have been busy adapting to life in KEY STAGE 2 the "Fab Four (or Five for 2 weeks only)" have been joyous throughout and as their class teacher - I see all their great potential. Learning and self-development with a dash of fun have all been proven in subjects such as Science where they looked after plants, Maths where we considered charts and tables but also dressing up for Halloween. The aim is to continue with this mix until the end of Year 3 to be ready for whatever lies ahead.





YEAR 4

- Ms. Thabang -



As we mark the passing of the past two months into this academic year, it's time to shine a spotlight on the incredible achievements and boundless potential of my lovely Year 4 students.

These young minds, brimming with curiosity and enthusiasm, have spent their days showcasing their talents, conquering challenges, and leaving an indelible mark on their educational journey.

Serin and Kuba are ready to be professional podcast hosts, as we spent time learning how to record and edit podcasts in the Computing lessons. They thoroughly enjoyed coming up with ideas and adding background music. Their favorite was when they read some stories to create audiobooks.

In Math, we are progressing at an amazing pace learning our multiplications and divisions, probability and 2D shapes, their properties, and tessellations.





YEAR 5

- Mr. Jeff -



Since October we have been hard at work in all subjects. In maths, we have covered number sequences, 2D geometry and mental arithmetic with decimal places. We have also practiced using compasses to draw circles and seen how we can use geometry in art.

As well as our regular English course, we have learned about play scripts and made up our Christmas play and been to the English library in Ostrava. We have also started in-depth book reviews to promote a little critical thinking in the lessons. The children need to examine reasons why they like/dislike characters and why they do the things they do in the books.

For craft and technology we spent a month learning about the forces acting on bridges in preparation for a competition next year to see who can build an effective 1 metre bridge. In the run up to Christmas we combined the craft and art lessons to design and produce the sets and props for our Christmas play. This combined with our English project so that as we developed the script, we thought about what costumes and props we needed to make it work.

Now we are looking forward to plenty of rehearsals, end of unit tests and CHRISTMAS!!!!



YEAR 6

- Mr. Russo -



On Thursday November 16th, I took Year 6 to the science laboratory in the Gymnázium, where we dissected 3 pig hearts, as obtaining human hearts is dangerous, unethical and the police started asking too many inconvenient questions. This lab is not for the faint hearted, both boys did very well.

In science class with Michal and Vilém, we were looking at the structure and function of the heart and the cardiovascular system in humans. We learnt about the 4 chambers of the heart and how they work.



As diagrams and videos can only take learning so far, I thought it would be highly beneficial to look at real hearts in order to get a real world idea of how big, how it looks and feels. They were amazed at how thick cardiac muscles are and in general just curious about the organ itself.

Unfortunately, under EU and Czech law some parts of the heart had to be removed by the butcher, so there were things we could not look at like the valves. The students enjoyed the overall learning experience as they got to wear lab coats, latex gloves and they got to use the dissection tools.

PAST EVENTS

HALLOWEEN PARTY - 31 October

As is custom to this spooktacular day of the year, we enjoy dressing up and having fun in a pleasant atmosphere, playing games, and pumpkin carving. We also had the pleasure of hosting the lovely parents during the afternoon.



TRICK
OR
TREAT



PAST EVENTS



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TRIP TO THE ZOO - 4 October

For this year's Autumn School in Nature Lite and a World Animal Day celebration, we organized a trip to the zoo. Children could observe autumn nature following the Forest Path - part of the Botanic Park. We saw different animals and visited animal houses, aviaries, and enclosures. To finish off the trip, the children enjoyed some leisure time at the massive playground before heading home.



PAST EVENTS

TRIP TO THE LIBRARY - 8 November

A library is a sanctuary for many students and teachers. We value giving our students an opportunity to discover new interests with the abundance of books offered at the library.



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STAR OF THE MONTH



Aarushi - September



Serin - October

SLEEPOVER - 10 November



“Think left and think right
and think low and think high.
Oh, the thinks you can think
up if only you try!”

Dr. Seuss



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