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WARM WINTER WISHES



UPCOMING EVENTS

Open Day: 6th February

Ski Course: 7th - 9th February

Swimming Lessons: 15th February - 21st March

Spring Holiday: 11th -15th March

Easter Holiday: 28th March - 1st April

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Dear Parents, Colleagues and Pupils,

It's not that long time since we welcomed children back to school. Now, the first term of the school year is behind us. I am glad I can confirm that all children have done a great job, and many pupils have made remarkable progress. Especially for the Year 1 child, the past five months were a huge development, and they made big progress not only in English but in Mathematics, Science, and other subjects, and they received their first school report.

I'd like to briefly remind you of a few past events. In December, pupils prepared a lovely Christmas performance with their teachers under Mrs Veronica's direction. I want to thank all the parents who supported the children and prepared small goodies for our Christmas party after the performance. We had a great time together, and the smell of punch and hot chocolate, which was served, underlined the Christmas atmosphere.

January was spent on a wave of testing. The children proved their knowledge of individual subjects. All of them worked very hard, and they did a fantastic job. They were waiting for their report card at the end of the month.

At the end of January, we priced three of our pupils who had 100% attendance at school. Also, three students received awards for completing the first level of the Rubik's Cube course.

As usually happens at international schools, two of our students finished their attendance at the end of January because the time had come for them and their families to return to their country of Korea. We will miss you, Lia, and Nahyeon.

What's in store for us in the upcoming weeks? Pupils can look forward to the ski course and swimming lessons, St. Valentine's Day, poetry recitals, parent/teacher conferences, and more. Children can also look forward to the Spring and Easter holidays.

I hope you will enjoy reading this Newsletter. Stay well and have a lovely time.

Best wishes,

Mrs Barbora,
Head of PORG International School

LITTLE BIRDIES

- Ms. Romana -

The end of the year was an exceptional month full of joy, hopes and secret wishes. The children enjoyed this charming time of the year a lot. We spent most of our time singing Christmas carols, doing lots of craft activities, practicing our Christmas performance and I must say, I am so proud of them. They did an amazing job. We were all very excited and looking forward to Santa's visit. What a magical moment it was.

For Jolly Phonics, the children have learned the 3rd group sounds (g, o, u). Pre-reading activities: flashcards – blending words.



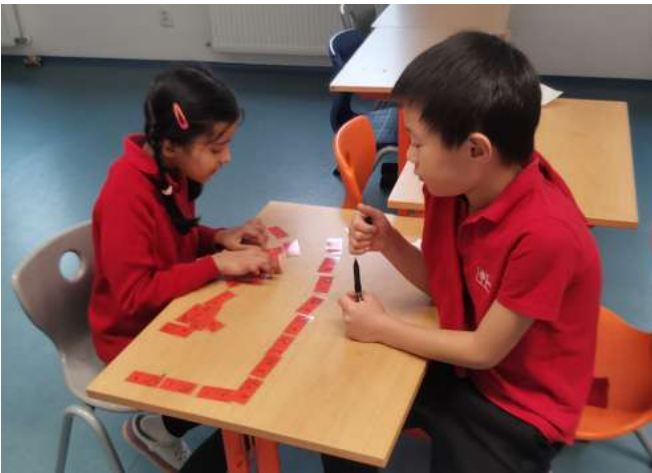
YEAR 1

- Ms. Veronika -

Dear parents,

I would like to praise all the kids for their great progress and their will to learn. Even if it gets tiring sometimes - work is work - they still enjoy it. The kids are becoming independent learners, trying to help each other but also they are ready to adopt my role!!!

They can explain things and we are working on pair/group tasks which teach them cooperation and sometimes I must be really careful how they handle it - it must be practiced as well. It is a pleasurable way of practice. Have a look! 😊



YEAR 2

- Ms. Aylin -

In Year 2, we like to use all our senses and incorporate different types of learning aids to help us. We know there are different types of learners, and we like to make sure everyone gets involved.

In Math, we learned about fractions by folding paper into halves, fourths, eighths, sixteenths, and not for the faint of heart, thirty seconds! We managed to compare different fractions and sizes and decide whether we would like $\frac{1}{4}$ th of a cake or $\frac{2}{8}$ th. Learning about tens and ones is made easier when you have cubes to stack and visualize.



In Science we were learning about Changing Materials, and how we can get a completely different substance. We incorporated this into our art lesson, using watercolors and salt. The salt absorbs the water colour and leaves a beautiful design when it has dried and scraped off.

In Social Studies we were studying about First Aid, and we learned about different accidents that could happen and how to prevent and treat them. We now have a handy booklet!

In English, we like to use our Silly Sentences cards, which have the words divided into different grammar points. It makes for some funny sentences.



YEAR 3

- Mr. Sam -

Winter is coming to an end and Spring is fast approaching with great optimism in all our study classes and clubs. Unfortunately our "Fab Four" will become three in the second semester as we say a fond farewell to Lia, who has been one of our most valued members for her kindness and warmth – we wish you the best as you return to Korea.

As a class of four, we continued with our KS2 learning and development, gaining great knowledge about the world around us in subjects such as Social Studies (Rivers and Stone-Aged people) and we even tested our 5-senses in practical Science experiments. Who knows, maybe one or all of them will be a budding Geologist, Historian, or Scientist in the future.



YEAR 4

- Ms. Thabang -

Serin and Kuba have been very busy this past couple of months as they worked hard and demonstrated tremendous growth in their learning, preparing for end of term tests and their cooperation together as a strong unit. I am happy with the results they have achieved and encourage both of them to continue in the same way for their success in the future.



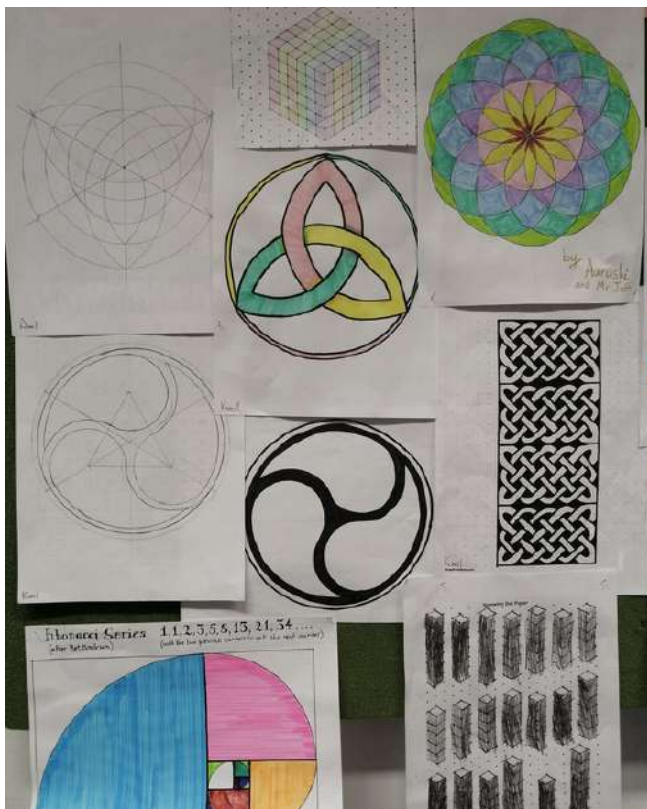
YEAR 5

- Mr. Jeff -

Since our last newsletter, Year 5 have been very artistic. Firstly, they learned their parts in a play. Then they realised that the play wasn't very long, so they helped write an extra piece to make it longer. After that, they learned their parts for several other plays and after THAT, they performed all of them flawlessly!

As part of our maths work, we have been learning about how art can be used in maths, or what happens when you draw mathematical principles. In the process, they have also developed their fine motor and recognition skills.

We finished the semester by receiving our reports and having a well-deserved long weekend to recover. Now we are back and looking for ways of raising the bar!

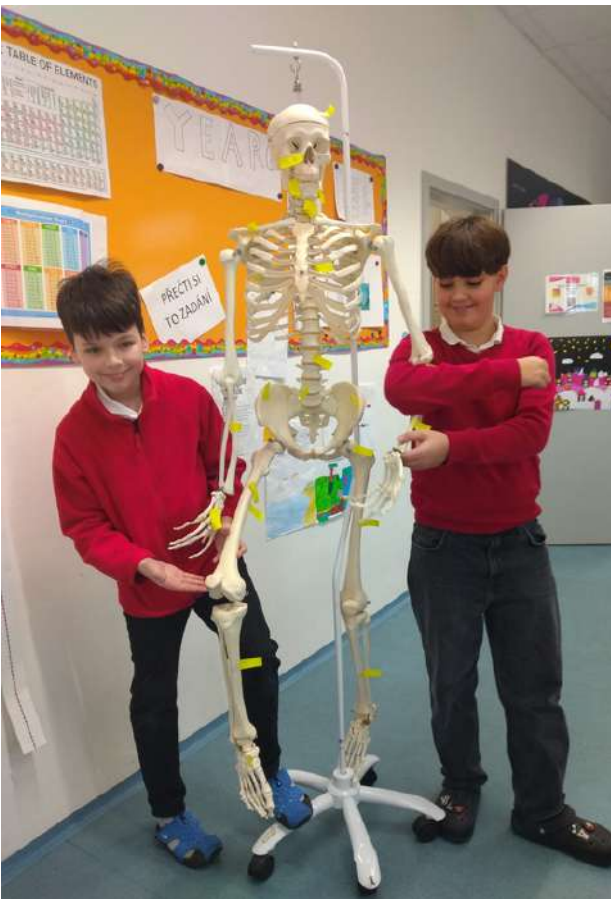


YEAR 6

- Mr. Russo -

In year 6 Science, we have been looking at various body systems including the digestive system and immune system.

For English we have started reading the Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins and exploring the themes of totalitarianism and sacrifice.



PAST EVENTS

SAINT NICHOLAS DAY - 5 December

The charming tradition of Mikulas, St. Nicholas Day, is on the 5th December and marks the start of Christmas for Czech people. St. Nicholas (Mikuláš) pays a visit to children during the first week of December, bearing gifts of chocolate, walnuts, and oranges to the well behaved.



PAST EVENTS

CHRISTMAS PARTY - 7 December

Santa was feeling very poorly this time around, but our international student kids did amazing to cheer him up and help him to feel better. We had KS1 and Little Birdies singing for him, Year 3 and 4 performing a lively tropical dance and Year 5 showing us the Nativity play. Thankfully, in the end he felt better and was able to deliver all those important gifts to the good children around the world.



PAST EVENTS

LIBRARY & CHRISTMAS MARKET-13 December

Our school went on a field trip to the library and a Christmas market. The library was a great place to learn and explore new interests. All the children were encouraged to find books that they found interesting. Later, we headed to Ostrava Centre to visit the Christmas market where they enjoyed the festive atmosphere and the delicious holiday treats. It was a fun and educational day for all of us!



PAST EVENTS

SANTA'S VISIT - 20 December

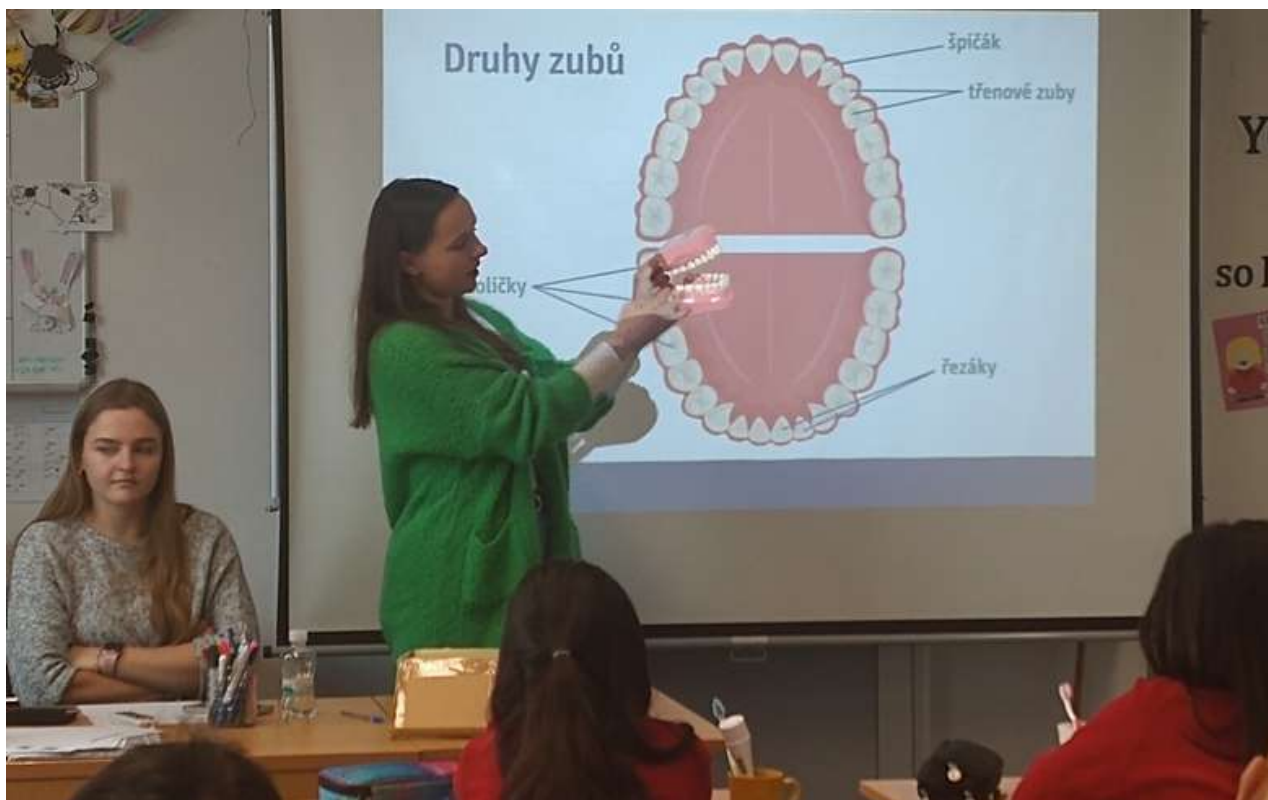
'Twas a magical day at our school as students eagerly awaited the arrival of a special guest who needed no introduction - the one and only Santa Claus himself. The air was filled with excitement and anticipation, as whispers of the North Pole's most famous resident echoed through the hallways. The moment finally arrived as Santa made a grand entrance with his sack full of goodies. The children erupted into cheers and applause, their faces lighting up with sheer delight at the sight of the beloved figure who embodied the spirit of giving and kindness.



PAST EVENTS

DENTAL CARE - 10 January

Say 'cheese'! That is what we all think when the camera comes out for a photo and we shine our pearly whites. On this day, the children learned how to properly brush their teeth from the dental experts for beautiful smiles 😊



PAST EVENTS

END OF FIRST TERM - 31 January



“And now we welcome
the New Year.
Full of things that have
never been!”

Rainer Maria Rilke



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