PORG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

My Freedom Day: 11 March

Poetry Recital: 26 March

Parents/Teachers Meeting: 31 March - 4 April

Easter Holiday: 17 - 21 April

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Dear Parents, Students and Colleagues,

As the year drew to a close, our school gathered to celebrate a delightful December performance, a cherished event prepared with care and dedication by our wonderful Mrs. Veronika and her talented group of students. It was a heartwarming occasion that not only showcased the creativity and hard work of the children but also brought together parents, teachers, and students to strengthen the bonds within our school community.

The performance itself was a joy to behold. The children took to the stage with excitement and confidence, presenting songs, skits, and dances that captured the festive spirit of the season. Their enthusiasm was contagious, filling the room with laughter, applause, and plenty of proud smiles from the audience. Mrs. Veronika's guidance and encouragement were evident in every aspect of the performance, as each child shone in their own unique way.

Following the performance, the celebration continued with a shared feast. Parents brought an array of delicious homemade dishes, filling the tables with flavours from different cultures and traditions. From savoury treats to sweet delights, every dish was made with love and contributed to the warm and welcoming atmosphere.

We also had the wonderful opportunity to learn about Hanukkah, enriching our understanding of different cultures and traditions. To top off the festive season, Santa Claus made a special appearance on the last day of school in 2024, bringing presents for all the children and adding a magical touch to the celebration.

As we moved into January, it proved to be a challenging but rewarding month. Students undertook tests, and the evaluation for the first term was finalized. Handing over the evaluation reports was an exciting occasion, especially for our Year 1 pupils, as it marked their first school evaluation. All students performed admirably—congratulations to everyone!

One of the highlights of January was the traditional ski course at Family Park Skalka. This year, we welcomed many students who had never skied before. They embraced the challenge with determination and courage, proving themselves to be true champions on the slopes.

A special thank you goes to Mrs. Emma Kim, who, along with other Korean mothers, introduced us to Korean traditions. Children and teachers had the fantastic opportunity to try on traditional Korean costumes, which was a unique and memorable experience.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the opportunities the second term will bring. On 19 February, we will host our Open Day event from 9:30 am, welcoming all families interested in PORG International School education. We will also participate in the international event #MyFreedomDay on March 11, and our Year 6 students will begin preparing for their entrance exams in April. Additionally, we look forward to meeting parents during the upcoming Parents/Teachers conference between 31 March and 4 April to discuss each child's progress and further explore ways to support their development.

Thank you all for your continued support. We are excited for the journey ahead!

Barbora Gazdova, Head of PORG International School

LITTLE BUTTERFLIES - Ms. Romana

The holiday season brought joy and excitement to our kindergarten! Our little learners embraced the festive spirit with fun activities, including Christmas crafts, carol singing, and a special visit from Santa himself!

From decorating the classroom to eating holiday treats, the children enjoyed every moment of the season. Their smiles and laughter truly made this Christmas one to remember.



Christmas show performance

It was such a heartwarming performance! The preschool Butterflies have been adorable singing and dancing "I Want to Be an Elf"—what a fun and festive choice! I bet their parents were so proud watching their little ones perform.



It has been such an exciting time for our preschoolers. Imagine their faces lighting up when Santa walked in. And the presents, books and toys were a big hit. Singing songs for Santa was such a cute touch.

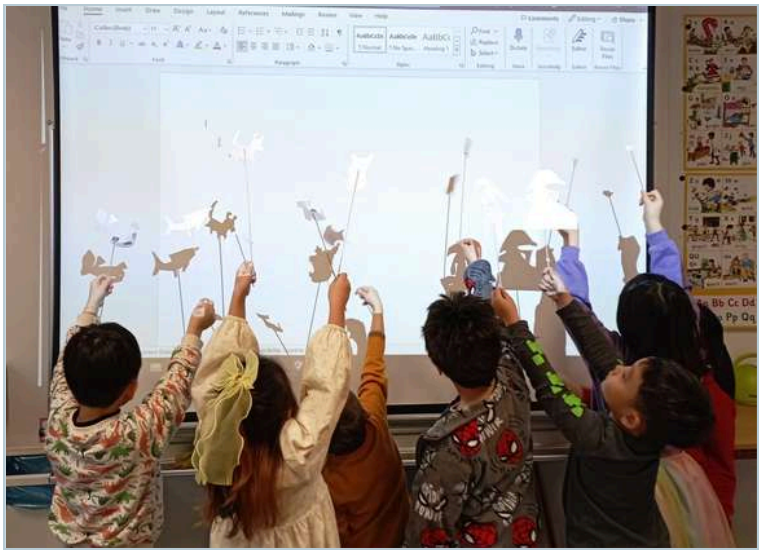


YEAR 1

Dear Parents,

We've been keeping busy these days, there has been so much to do preparing for Christmas. In Music, we learned our lines and memorized our songs. In Art, we worked like elves making holiday gifts for friends and family. In Math, adding a bit of movement always helps to learn numbers. During our Science lesson, we learned about our senses and light and dark. We had fun making shadow puppets and playing with them, the old-fashioned way. For our senses experiment we blindfolded each other and had to move around the room. It was fun and a little bit scary. We learned to have some empathy for blind people.

-Ms. Aylin-





YEAR 2

Dear parents, winter is here but we are not frozen. I am glad to share active pictures from our lessons. January and February brought us multiplication, division, and money distribution, which resulted in many hands-on Maths tasks. There are a lot of options of expressing examples and the kids boosted their thinking how to visualize them. Hopefully, it made the counting easier on the paper after. Enjoy the work, kids !

- Ms. Veronika-





YEAR 3

Our Year 3 students, Martin, Htet and Liya have successfully completed their first term, and what an incredible journey it has been! From exciting lessons and creative projects to new friendships and personal growth, this term was filled with achievements.

I am so proud of how much they have learned and the enthusiasm they've shown in the classroom. A big thank you to their supportive parents for making this term a success.

- Ms. Thabang-



YEAR 4

A whole first semester into YEAR 4 was completed and some hard work out of the way in subject testing – all four students produced excellent results and were satisfied with their reports. I believe that we will continue with great progress into the second semester. Sad news came with the departure of Minjoon who returns to South Korea after 3.5 years of embracing all that it takes to be part of our PORG International family – we wish him all the best in his future as we do with the 3 students (and teachers) he leaves behind.

- Mr. Sam-





YEAR 5

January was a very hectic month with end-of-term exams. I am pleased that all of year 5 did extremely well and I am proud of their effort and progress during the first term. Here are some comments from my class about term 1:

I am happy to have met new friends in Maya and Noya and happy that they joined PORG.

Serin

I learned how to make and give presentations and I also learned how to sew and now I can make something for my friends.

Nelly

I have learned how to double check my work and not rush to finish it. I have also learned to sew.

Lucia

We like Ostrava because of the snow because in Israel it snows very rarely and only in a few places.

Maya & Noya

– Mr. Russo



YEAR 6

It's the end of the first semester for Year 6, which means that they are just about to begin the most challenging stage of their school so far. The fun and games of Halloween, their hard work putting on the Christmas performance, the Winter Holidays and the ski course are all behind them now. They are facing a lot of tests over the next few months as they head towards their secondary education. It can be a stressful time for young people but they are focused and haven't lost their sense of fun.

As a balance to all of the academic work, they have been very productive in art and craft lessons, learning to design and make solutions to problems. Along with their work in after-school clubs, they have gained important skills for life, such as learning to sew, use computers to design and create objects for 3D printing or work with natural materials safely and sustainably.

As they prepare for entrance exams for their next schools, you can be sure their team spirit and enthusiasm for life will carry them through!

-Mr. Jeff-



> Success is the sum of small efforts,
> repeated day in and day out.
>
> ROBERT COLLIER

LOOKING BACK....

As Term 1 comes to an end, it's the perfect time to reflect on all the different learning experiences and events that we got to celebrate and enjoy in the last couple of months.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY

Mikulas (St. Nicholas Day) is on the 5th of December and marks the start of Christmas for Czech people. Children get a visit from St. Nicholas, the angel and the devil. Lucky for our students, the devil didn't have any naughty kids to take away.













CINEMA TRIP – CINESTAR OSTRAVA

We had the priviledge of having the whole screen room to ourselves as we went to watch the newly released movie, Moana 2.







Připravujeme




BOOKFAIR

The annual book fair returned bigger than ever! We joined in on the celebration of literature, creativity, and community. For all our passionate readers or those just looking for a new favorite story, this event had something for everyone.











SANTA CLAUS AND GIFT EXCHANGE

Santa Claus made a special stop at our school to bring the students Christmas joy as they got to exchange gifts!











SKI COURSE

Our recent ski course at Skalka Family Park was a fantastic success! From beginners mastering their first turns to advanced skiers refining their techniques, everyone had a blast. Our expert instructors provided top-notch guidance, and the perfect snowy conditions made the experience even more special.















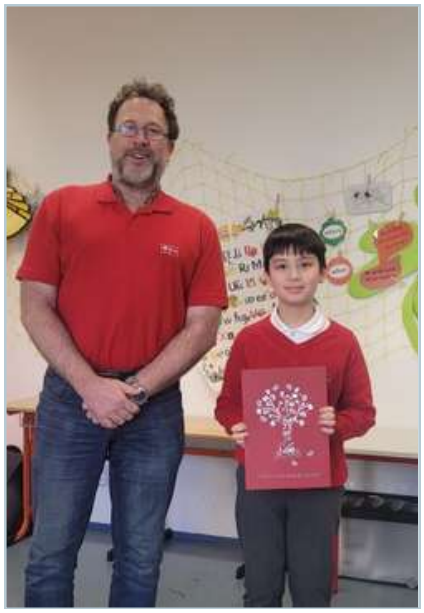
END OF TERM 1 REPORT CARDS

Our students received their report cards to mark the end of the first term. It was a wonderful opportunity for students and teachers to connect and reflect on their progress. Teachers provided valuable insights, and students had a chance to celebrate their hard work while setting new targets.









EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

At PORG International School, learning goes beyond the classroom with our amazing extracurricular clubs! From sports teams and drama to coding, music, and art, there's something for everyone to explore and enjoy.

These clubs provide students with a chance to develop new skills, build friendships, and discover their passions. Whether you love science or brain games, there's a place for you to shine!
We encourage all students to get involved and make the most of these opportunities. For more details on available clubs and meeting times, please contact Mr. David!

- Reading Club
- Rubik's Cube
- English games
- Logic
- Let's Move
- Coding
- Drama
- Martial Arts
- Creative
- Brain Games
- Memory games
- Craft & Technology
- Art
- Junior Duke
- Science Club
- Teamwork Challenge
- Spanish
- MonoPorgly
- Football
- Storytelling

For more photos, check out our albums on KidsNote.

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Online Resources for PORG Students

Mathletics

Raz-Kids

Typing Club

Microsoft 365

Umime česky

Scratch

Canva

School is where learning meets fun!



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