PORG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Party: 16 December
Christmas Morning Gifts: 19 December
Christmas Winter Holiday: 22 December - 3 January
Ski Course: 26- 28 January
End of Term 1 Reports: 29 January
Half-term: 30 January
Spring Holiday: 9-13 February
Swimming Lessons: 17 February - 17 March

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you and your family are having a wonderful autumn.
Our Autumn Newsletter has arrived, and I am delighted to share some of the many wonderful moments from recent months at PORG International School.

We began the term after the Autumn holiday in true seasonal spirit with a joyful Halloween celebration. A spooky entrance, imaginative costumes, games, and songs created a fun and welcoming atmosphere for all. The Friday sleepover was a particular highlight and marked a fantastic start to the Autumn term.

This term also brought exciting challenges and achievements. Our pupils took part in the AoBSO “Impossible Challenge”, an initiative designed to develop resilience, teamwork, and courage beyond comfort zones. At PORG International School, we chose an ambitious route – travelling to London by “scooter journey simulation”! The children travelled the equivalent distance from our school to Prague, took a “flight” to Dover, and finally reached London. In total, this amounted to an impressive 489 km, completed in just five days. Congratulations to our incredible pupils for their determination and teamwork!

Junior Duke remains one of our favourite programmes, and our students rose to the skipping rope challenge with great enthusiasm. The task was simple yet testing: how many skips could be achieved in 30 seconds? Our top performers were Serin (Year 6) with 84 skips, Liya (Year 4) with 74 skips, and Jiyeon (Year 2) with 71 skips. Well done to all who took part!

Art also plays an essential part in our co-curricular programme. This year, we are especially proud to expand our cooperation with the Eduard Marhula Arts School into the Fine Arts.
After a one-year break, our pupils are once again participating in the COBIS Art Competition, and we look forward to celebrating their creativity and talent.

In November, we marked Remembrance Day with respect and reflection. At 11 a.m. on 11 November, we paused to honour those who sacrificed their lives for freedom, liberty, and democracy. Pupils worked together on a beautiful art and poetry project inspired by In Flanders Fields by John McCrae, which now decorates our school.

As the festive season approaches, we offer pupils the opportunity to have Christmas photos taken against a winter-themed background. This was especially meaningful for children who will soon return to Korea, offering them a lovely keepsake of their time with us.

We also joined our sister school, PORG Ostrava, for a magical Advent event on Wednesday, 26 November. The lighting of the Christmas tree, the festive market, and carol singing were made even more special by the thick snowfall, creating a truly enchanting winter scene.

Important Dates Ahead

- Early December – St Nicholas Day celebrations
- Tuesday, 16 December at 3:30 pm – Winter Party and pupil performance
- Friday, 19 December – Last school day of 2025
- Monday, 5 January – School reopens
- Friday, 23 January – First-term evaluation issued
- Last week of January – Ski course
- Thursday, 29 January – Reports issued
- Friday, 30 January – Holiday (school closed)
- Monday, 2 February – School resumes
- 9–13 February – Spring holiday

I warmly invite you to our Winter Party on Tuesday, 16 December. Under Mrs Veronika's guidance, the children are preparing a lovely performance. It will be an exceptional opportunity to pause, reflect, and celebrate together as the year comes to a close – with a warm cup of punch or hot chocolate in hand.

On behalf of the entire team at PORG International School, I would like to wish you a great Advent season filled with joy and warmth. Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Barbora Gazdova
Head of PORG International School

LITTLE BUTTERFLIES

Halloween fun with the Preschool Butterflies!

The preschool Butterflies had a wonderful time celebrating Halloween! Our little learners came dressed in a variety of festive costumes – including skeletons, witches, pumpkins, princesses, and many more. The classroom was filled with excitement, imagination, and plenty of spooky fun.



The preschool Butterflies welcomed the season's first snowfall with pure excitement! As the snowflakes began to fall, the children headed outside to build a cheerful snowman and enjoyed lively snowball games together. It was a joyful start to winter and a wonderful day of outdoor fun!









YEAR ONE

We have gone through next period of school. I would say, the kids are at school like at home - or like a fish in water if you want to. 😊 We are talking about changing seasons, autumn weather and kids´ lives in general more and more. Even the students who were more quiet at the beginning, express themselves quite efficiently now. We carry on learning new sounds in Jolly phonics, sometimes we play language games, sometimes it is just hard practice in the desks. We work on adding and subtracting using abacuses, autumn objects, white boards or just maths columns.

The kids relax, have fun, and enjoy meeting older students during their breaks.
Thank you for your support and enjoy a couple of pictures from us!

Ms. Veronika, Year 1 class teacher







YEAR TWO

Year 2 is progressing nicely, and we have become a small classroom family. Unfortunately, some of our family will be leaving for Korea, and we will be sad to see them go.

In Math we were practicing the topic of Measurements, it is always fun to see how much we have grown. We also had a competition to see who could build the tallest Lego tower without falling over! It was a lot of patient rebuilding. We love reading, especially in our Reading corner. We have books in multiple languages, so there is always something interesting to learn.

This month was Remembrance Day, marking the end of WWI, and Mr. Jeff gave us a very interesting seminar on importance of Poppy flowers. Afterwards we painted our own poppy flowers. We are looking forward to Christmas and diligently practicing for our performance, as well as making little keepsakes.

Ms. Aylin , Year 2 class teacher





YEAR THREE

Our Year 3 class has made a wonderful start to life in Key Stage 2. They have adapted quickly to the new routines and expectations, showing maturity, enthusiasm, and a real willingness to learn. The children work very well together and are consistently helpful and supportive of one another, creating a positive and inclusive classroom atmosphere.

One of the highlights of our term has been their growing love of science. They approach each experiment with excitement and curiosity, eagerly discussing their observations and taking pride in their discoveries. Their teamwork and enthusiasm make every activity a joy to lead.

Overall, Year 3 has been an absolute delight to teach—fun, engaged, and full of energy. We are proud of all they have achieved so far and look forward to a fantastic rest of the year!

Ms. Thabang, Year 3 class teacher









YEAR FOUR

Our Year 4 class has had a fantastic term, showing strong progress and a positive attitude toward learning. They continue to excel in maths and science, approaching each lesson with focus, confidence, and curiosity. Their ability to tackle challenging problems and work collaboratively has been impressive to see.

A particularly exciting development this year has been their renewed love of reading, inspired by The Books Tower Challenge. The children have embraced the challenge with enthusiasm, sharing their favourite stories, setting personal reading goals, and celebrating each new book added to their growing “towers.” Their excitement has created a wonderful reading culture in the classroom.

We are incredibly proud of Year 4—their hard work, their teamwork, and their eagerness to learn. They are a pleasure to teach, and we look forward to seeing their achievements continue throughout the year.

Ms. Thabang, Year 3 class teacher







YEAR FIVE

Year 5 have been levelling up their skills across the board over the past couple of months. Building on what they learned in Year 4 in maths, adding critical thinking to their repertoire in maths, English and craft as well as improving their range of interests in art.
As well as all of the academic excitement, they have welcomed a new pupil to their class and helped her integrate very quickly indeed.

Now that there is snow on the ground and the Christmas play rehearsals have started, we have our sights set on getting as good as we can before the end of the year.
Mr. Jeff, Year 5 class teacher





YEAR SIX

As a class we have been looking at many topics over the last few months: everything from rivers and continents in Geography, quadrilateral shapes in Mathematics, forces in Science and being Anchorwomen for PORG International News.

We as a school excelled in the scooter challenge and all students pushed themselves through the pain barrier and accomplished the goal as a teamwith a combined distance of 400+ km. Well done.

Mr. Russo, Year 6 class teacher









MEMORIES

HALLOWEEN

















SCOOTER CHALLENGE

Our school took part in a truly unique and inspiring project: the AoBSO Redefining the Impossible Challenge, in partnership with adventurer and motivational speaker Darren Edwards. We decided to do a Scooter Challenge where the kids had to ride the same distance from Ostrava to Prague, fly to Dover, then continue on scooters once again to reach London. With a lot of energy, collaboration amongst the students, they did it! Much appreciation also to our PE teachers, Ms. Veronika and Mr. Russo for helping our students in achieving this goal.

Ostrava – London: 489 km on scooters

Itinerary:

- **on scooters:**
  Ostrava – Prague: 368 km
- **by plane:**
  Prague – England (Dover)
- **on scooters:**
  Dover – London: 129km





SLEEPOVER









REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day, 11 November, is a special day when we stop and think about the brave people who went to war to keep others safe.
At 11 o'clock, many people observe a moment of silence for one minute to show respect and remember those who fought and those who didn't come home.
The red poppy flower is a symbol we wear to help us remember.







ART CLUB











Online Resources for PORG Students

Mathletics

Reading Eggs

Typing Club

Microsoft 365

Umime česky

Scratch

Canva

St. Nicholas Day

In the Czech Republic, St. Nicholas Day (Mikuláš) is celebrated on the evening of December 5th. St. Nicholas walks through towns accompanied by:

- An angel (anděl) – representing good
- A devil (čert) – representing mischief or punishment

They visit children to ask whether they've been good during the year. Good children receive small gifts like sweets, fruit, or nuts. Children who've misbehaved might get a piece of coal or potatoes from the devil—though it's all in fun.
It's a lively, festive tradition that marks the start of the Christmas season in Czech culture.



Way to go!



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