PORG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Holiday: 9 - 13 February

Swimming Lessons: 17 February - 17 March

(every Tuesday for 5 weeks)

Easter Holidays: 2 - 6 April

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A Season of Celebration, Challenge and Achievement at PORG International School

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, and Colleagues,

As we reflect on the past two months at PORG International School, I am proud to share a period filled with professional growth, joyful traditions, academic achievement, and a strong focus on student wellbeing – all core to who we are as a school community.

The season began with my attendance at the AoBSO Conference, “Redefining Impossible.” It was a valuable opportunity to engage with international school leaders, exchange ideas, and reflect on how we continue to evolve as a learning community. The insights gained will help guide our ongoing commitment to high-quality education and thoughtful leadership at PORG International School.

In early December, our pupils enjoyed taking part in the Czech tradition of St. Nicholas (Mikuláš). Learning about local customs is an important part of our international ethos, and it was a joy to see the children’s excitement as they received chocolates and fruit in keeping with tradition. Moments like these help build cultural understanding and a strong sense of belonging within our school.

The festive season then culminated in our Christmas Performance and Party, a wonderful celebration of creativity, confidence, and community spirit. Our students impressed us all with their performances, and it was heartening to see families, staff, and pupils come together to celebrate the end of the year in such a warm and joyful atmosphere.

In January, students completed their Term 1 tests, demonstrating focus, resilience, and commitment to their learning. Immediately after this academic focus, pupils participated in a ski course at Skalka Family Resort at the end of January. This experience provided a valuable opportunity to support well-being and mental health, offering physical activity, time outdoors, and shared experiences after a busy term. The ski course helped students build confidence, resilience, and positive relationships, enabling them to return to school refreshed and energised.

This was followed by the handover of Term 1 reports on Thursday, January 29, an important milestone that allowed us to recognise academic progress, effort, and personal development, made possible by the dedication of both our students and staff.

I am immensely proud of our students, staff and wider community for the way they continue to learn, support one another and embrace opportunities both in and beyond the classroom. These past months truly reflect the values and spirit of PORG International School.

As we look ahead to the coming months, I am grateful for the way our community continues to embody the values at the heart of PORG – Passion for learning, Opportunity to explore and grow, Resilience in the face of challenge, and Growth both academically and personally. These qualities are visible every day in our classrooms, on the slopes, on stage and in the way we care for one another.

Thank you to our students for their energy and commitment, to our staff for their dedication and professionalism, and to our families for their ongoing trust and partnership. Together, we make PORG International a place where young people are supported to thrive.

I look forward to all that lies ahead.

With warm regards,

Barbora Gazdova
Head of PORG International School

LITTLE BUTTERFLIES

- Ms. Romana & Ms. Jennifer -

The preschool Butterflies participated in many Christmas activities, including cookie decorating. The children learned a dance for Santa and were very excited when he came to visit them.










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YEAR ONE

- Ms. Veronika -

Year 1 is very happy to welcome our new student, Aro!

The winter air is here with our winter newsletter. Everybody enjoyed Christmas and after that we had a period of half-term tests. Additionally, our PE lessons were also very important for us. We were getting "mountain-ready" for our ski course with exercises that build strength, balance, and confidence needed for the slopes. We also had somersaults and tumbles for body control, as a way of reducing the risk of injury in case of falls. Pizza vs.French Fries were there too, but not as food, but ski terms! All tried hard and we can say that this effort paid off.





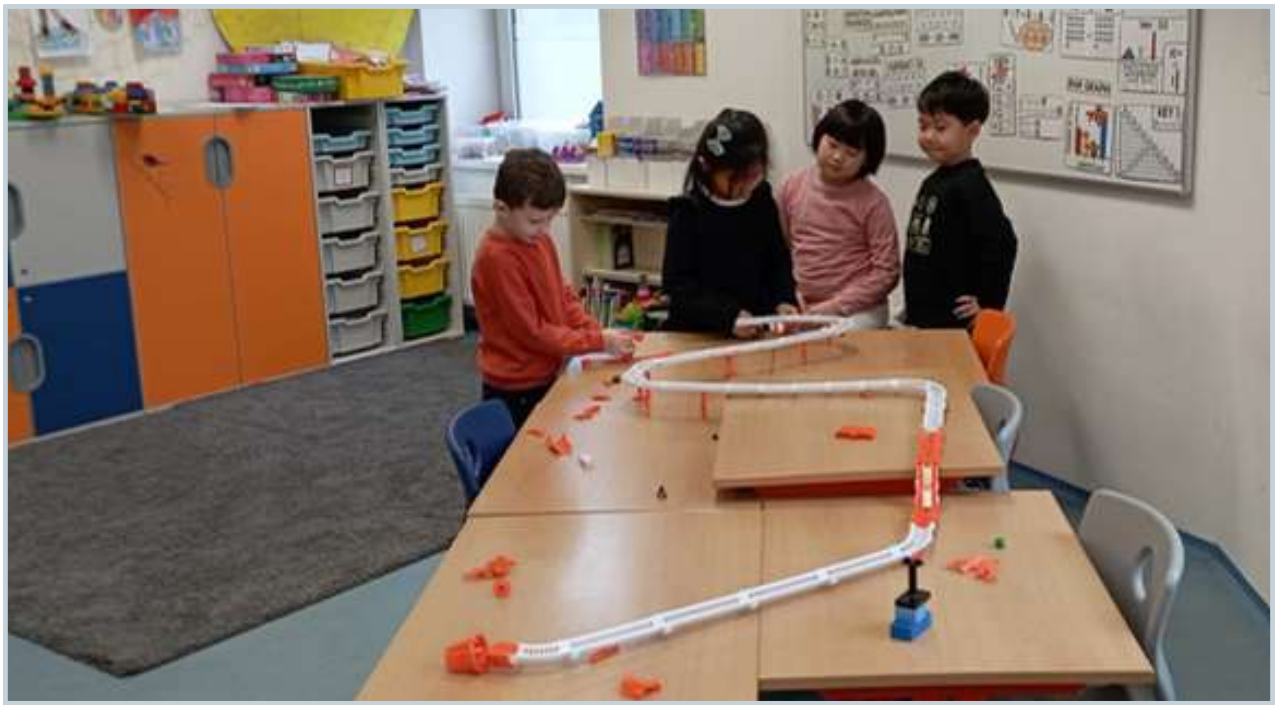




YEAR TWO

- Ms. Aylin -

We have been exploring new topics in Year 2. In Math, we started multiplication, it always invokes awe in the beginning, as well as Division as sharing. They seem to have a good understanding of both topics. In Science we had fun building physical structures to test different theories. They used their breath to see how far they can move objects of different weights.



We built a sundial to see for ourselves how light moves. The kids built a track to test their physics knowledge. It was a group effort with lots of teamwork. The ski trip was another test of physics! We look forward to the next semester at school!

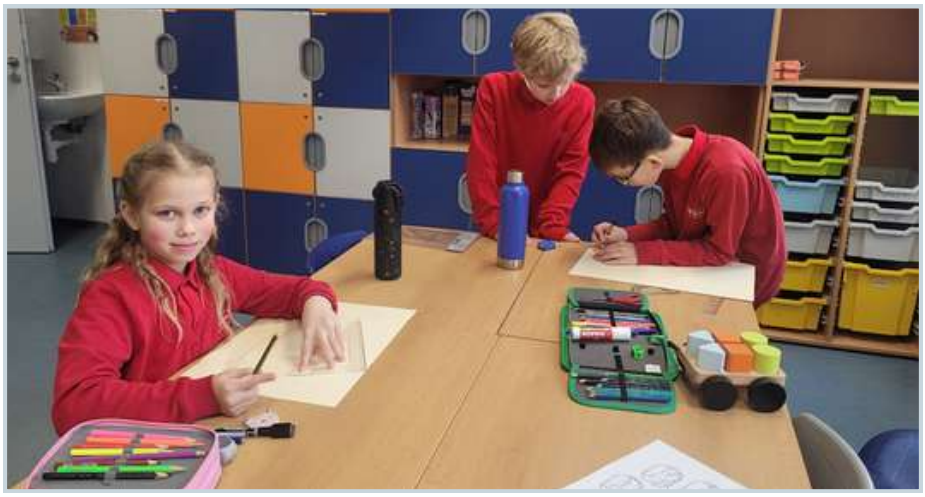


YEAR THREE

- Ms. Thabang -

In math, we are mastering multiplication and learning how to use it to calculate area and work with fractions. In English, students are practicing how to tell the difference between fiction and non-fiction texts. In social studies, the class worked together to design their ideal school bus, sharing ideas and collaborating as a team.







YEAR FOUR

- Ms. Thabang -

The class did very well in their end-of-term tests and should be proud of their efforts. They also performed strongly in the Tower Book Challenge and enjoyed working together to design their ideal school bus. Congratulations to Liya for her hard work and leadership as school president in December.







YEAR FIVE

- Mr. Jeff -

And just like that, it's the end of the first semester!

Looking back at photos and all the work covering the classroom walls, it's obvious why the time has flown by so quickly. Year 5 have done a LOT of work!
Since the last newsletter, we have been busy combining our core subjects with everything else we do. There are short graphic novels, comic strips, brochures and book covers displaying not only English and art skills but a surprising amount of maths as well (ratios, proportions, fractions, percentages and geometry all play a central role in graphic design!)

There are also Flying Dragon models made in technology classes, where we have learned about cranks, axles and wheels; turn the handle on the box and see the dragon flap its wings!

The end of semester tests have come and gone, as has the ski course and as I write this, we are preparing to give the children their reports and send them off on their break with their ears ringing with praise. We look forward to seeing them fresh and eager in a few days time. What will they impress us with next?



YEAR SIX

- Mr. Russo-

It has been a cold and snowy January so far and thankfully the days are getting longer. It will be spring soon enough!!!

In Maths we are learning percentages, decimals and fractions. In English we are looking at classic science fiction stories by Ray Bradbury and how technology has affected our lives. In Science we are about to start looking at various chemical reactions in the laboratory.





We have had some great fun in the snow in Physical Education on January the 15th. We built snowmen and worked as a team to build a snow wall, which inevitably ended in a big snowball fight, which was excellent and I am happy to report no casualties.



MEMORIES

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

















NOEL
MERRY CHRISTMAS




ST. NICHOLAS DAY











SKI COURSE







END OF TERM & REPORTS DAY











ART CLUB

















Online Resources for PORG Students

Mathletics

Reading Eggs

Typing Club

Microsoft 365

Umime česky

Scratch

Canva

Three Kings Day

Three Kings Day (Tři králové) is celebrated in the Czech Republic on January 6 and marks the end of the Christmas season. The holiday commemorates the visit of the three wise men - Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.

A beloved tradition includes children dressed as the Three Kings going door to door, singing carols and collecting donations for charity. Homes are also blessed with chalk markings K+M+B and the year above doorways, symbolizing a wish for protection and blessing in the year ahead.

Three Kings Day is a warm tradition that combines faith, community, and generosity.



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