PORG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

# SPRING NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**30 April: Art Exhibition**
**1 May: Labour Day**
**7 May: Principal's Holiday**
**8 May: Liberation (Victory) Day**
**18 May: Family Day & Arts School Presentation**
**1 - 5 June: School in Nature**
**18 June: Summer Party & Graduation**
**24June: PORG Ostrava Summer Party**
**26 June: End of School Year**

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Dear Parents and Members of our School Community,

As we move through the spring months, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many enriching experiences our students and children have already enjoyed, and to share what lies ahead as we approach the end of the academic year.

February marked a wonderful milestone with our Open Day, during which we welcomed prospective families to our school. It was a pleasure to showcase the vibrant learning environment we have built together. We are also delighted to report a very successful Year 1 and preschool admissions process, and we look forward to welcoming our new pupils and children in the coming school year.

In March, our students have been actively engaged in meaningful initiatives and creative projects. We proudly participated in *#MyFreedomDay*, raising awareness about children's rights and modern slavery.

Some of our students also took part in a wonderful drama performance, Leošek and the Magic Harmonium, written and directed by Mr Jaromir Navrat. This lovely project was organised in partnership with the Art School Vítkovice and the Basic School Mitušova, providing our students with a valuable opportunity to collaborate and express their creativity on stage. You can watch the performance here: https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=c9EYZfh-AcQ

The Easter Workshop with our preschool brought together younger and older learners in a joyful celebration of creativity and community.

Additionally, our Poetry Competition highlighted our students' literary talents, while our Eco Project, in celebration of Earth Day, inspired thoughtful discussions and actions toward sustainability.

What we can look forward to in the following weeks.

We are pleased to announce that on Monday and Tuesday, May 25 and 26, our school will undergo a BSO (British Schools Overseas) inspection. We are delighted to welcome Ruth Dollner, PENTA Inspector, who will be visiting us as part of this process. This is an important opportunity for us to reflect on our practices, celebrate our strengths, and continue striving for excellence in all areas of school life.

Looking ahead, we have several exciting events planned:

- On Monday, May 18, we warmly invite all parents to join us for Family Day, organised in collaboration with ZUŠ Eduarda Marhuly. The event will feature an Art Exhibition showcasing the fine artwork of our students, along with a musical performance by selected children.

- From June 1 to 5, our primary school pupils will enjoy a unique outdoor learning experience in the Beskydy Mountains, specifically in Horní Lomná.
- The Testing Week will take place from June 15 to 19.
- Our End-of-Year Party and Graduation Ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 18, from 3:30 pm.
- The last day of the academic year 2025/2026 will be Friday, June 26.

Please also note the following important dates:

- Principal's Days Off are scheduled for Thursday, May 7, and Monday and Tuesday, June 29 and 30.
- Public holidays fall on Friday, May 1 and Friday, May 8.

On all principal's days and public holidays, the entire PORG International School will be closed.

I look forward to celebrating many more achievements with you in the weeks ahead.

Warm regards,

Barbora Gazdova
Head of PORG International School

# LITTLE BUTTERFLIES

- Ms. Romana & Ms. Jennifer -

The preschool poetry recital was pure magic. Little Butterflies stood up in front of everyone, so brave and so confident, and delivered their poem with the biggest smile. Every word was filled with courage and joy, and it was impossible not to feel proud. Moments like these remind us how powerful a tiny voice can be when it believes in itself.






The Butterflies celebrated Earth Day in the most wonderful way. The children had so much fun planting flower and pea seeds, getting their hands a little messy while learning how to care for our planet.

There was laughter, curiosity, and lots of excitement as each little gardener took part.A beautiful day full of learning, nature and joy.









# YEAR ONE

- Ms. Veronika -

Year 1 continues well in all the literacy skills and we move on successfully to sentence level reading and writing. Apart from the activities we do on regular basis “with a pencil and paper,” the kids enjoy hands-on tasks. These refresh our lessons, motivate the children, and move the skills into the real life.







# YEAR TWO

- Ms. Aylin -

Hello from Year 2!
We are very happy to welcome Spring! This semester, we enjoyed some cross-curricular activities. In English, we learned how to measure like they did in ancient times! We used our feet and our hands instead of rulers! We also learned how to fold crepe paper to make a beautiful flower. In Science, we launched a rocket with a plastic bottle and paper, using air inside the bottle to make the paper rocket fly, or not! We also became detectives and looked at our fingerprints; do they have loops, whorls or arches? In Math we spent a good amount of time on telling Time! Of course it wouldn't be Spring without planting some seeds, or beans!








# YEAR THREE

- Ms. Thabang -

These past few months in Year 3 have been very exciting and full of learning. We have gained so much knowledge and made great progress in all subjects. I feel confident that the end-of-year tests will be much easier to manage, especially with all the preparation we have done.

Outside the classroom, we have been busy as well. We are very proud of Anetka, Viki, and Polina for taking part in the Leošek drama performance—it was truly spectacular.

We are now looking forward to finishing the school year on a high note.







# YEAR FOUR

- Ms. Thabang -

Martin and Liya in Year 4, continue to grow, learn, and enjoy their hobbies. Congratulations to both of them for achieving second and third place in the poetry recital. They were amazing and presented themselves with great confidence.

In the drama club, Martin gave an outstanding performance as Leošek. Congratulations also to Liya for her remarkable achievement in her gymnastics competition.







# YEAR FIVE

- Mr. Jeff -

Since February, Year 5 has enjoyed a busy and enriching few months packed with learning beyond the classroom. We took part in our annual swimming course, developing confidence and technique in the pool, and attended a fascinating presentation about Czech airmen in World War II, which truly brought this important topic to life. A visit to a bilingual primary school was another highlight, where we watched their English-language production of Roald Dahl's Fairy Tales and were impressed by the performances. We also attended a creative workshop at the Ostrava Gallery of Fine Arts, where pupils explored art in a hands-on and inspiring way.

Back at school, we marked Earth Day by planting a wide variety of seeds as we began creating our own flower garden, learning about nature and responsibility along the way. Year 5 also took part in My Freedom Day, completing a thoughtful project focused on child protection and children's rights. To round off the term, pupils showcased their confidence and expression in our annual poetry recital competition. It has been a wonderful term full of memorable experiences, creativity, and growth for everyone in Year 5.
Enjoy!






# YEAR SIX

- Mr. Russo-

Hello PORG International Community,

Does the area behind the school look drab, dreary, and uninviting? Then have no fear, the Eco-project is here! The idea is to transform the space into a small chillout area with flowers and a bench. We plan to tidy up and de-weed the area too. We also hope to attract insects who may find the flowers irresistible.

KS2 has successfully planted 4 species of flowers: sunflowers, snapdragon, zinnia, and marigolds. We planted the seeds in trays and pots and are waiting for them to germinate. After 10 days, we will have some seedlings coming through, and we will be ready to transfer them into bigger pots and planters. We should have the area up and running by the beginning of June for everyone to enjoy.








# MEMORIES

## Swimming Course

Our students enjoyed five weeks of swimming lessons in March as part of the PE curriculum. Every Tuesday, they visited Brušpek, where they learned important water skills, built confidence, and had great fun. With the support of the amazing instructors, the students made excellent progress and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.












NABAIJI

## Drama Club

Our drama club, led by Mr. Matt, proudly took to the stage in the musical Leošek and The Magic Harmonium at Základní Mitušová 16 in Ostrava. Written by Mr. Jaromír Návrat of ZUŠ Leoše Janáčka, this phenomenal production was a wonderful experience for everyone involved. Our students performed a fantastic scene inspired by the popular K-pop band Blackpink, and they did an amazing job!







## My Freedom Day

On March 11th, we took part in CNN's My Freedom Day, a global student-led campaign that shines a light on modern slavery and child exploitation. Students learned about the importance of freedom, equality, and protecting the rights of every child. Through discussions and creative activities, they explored how they can help build a safer and fairer world for others.

With help from Ms. Veronika,  Art Teacher, KS2 kids did a project about emotions that people can experience.
In KS1 they did a project about the place where they feel the most comfortable.












## Poetry Recital

The annual poetry recital was a wonderful celebration of creativity and confidence. Students performed a range of poems with expression and enthusiasm, showcasing their speaking skills and love of language. It was a memorable event enjoyed by all who attended.









# ART CLUB

## GVUO Art Gallery

KS2 pupils visited the GVUO Art Gallery. A lot of appreciation goes to Ms. Veronika (Art Club) and Mr. David for organizing the trip.











# Online Resources for PORG Students

Mathletics

Reading Eggs

Typing Club

Microsoft 365

Umime česky

Scratch

Canva



# Liberation (Victory) Day

Every year on May 8, people in the Czech Republic celebrate Liberation Day (Den osvobození), also called Victory Day (Den vítězství). It is an important national holiday.

This day remembers the end of World War II in Europe in 1945. After many years of war, peace finally came. People were free again, and there was great joy in towns and cities.

In the Czech Republic, many people remember the brave soldiers and citizens who helped bring freedom. Some people visit memorials, lay flowers, or attend ceremonies.

For children, this day is a chance to learn about history, courage, and the importance of peace. It reminds us that working together can help make the world better.

***Fun Fact:*** Because May 8 is a public holiday, many schools and offices are closed.



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