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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

- On 10 November, the Alexela Concert Hall hosted a youth conference, Lahe Koolipäev, with the participation of Annabel Raig, Margaret Roost, Riin Värton, Katrina Laur and Getter Vodi. Liisi Brett volunteered to organise the event and took pictures. The theme of this year's conference was "It's me who changes the world". The day was divided into three sessions. The students were accompanied by our Head of Extra-Curricular Activities, Liis Somelar.

BIRTHDAYS

- 15.11** **Tii Ševtšuk**
- 15.11** **Anita Trink**
- 17.11** **Tiiu Mür**
- 21.11** **Alla Vinitšenko**
- 22.11** **Gerli Puis**
- 22.11** **Helle Sorge**





WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

- On 8 November, class teachers from Järva-Jaani Gümnaasium visited MHG. Our PYP coordinator **Triinu Pihus** introduced the guests to inquiry and concept-based learning, and the guests also observed lessons and discussed what they had seen .
- On 10 November, the teachers' collaboration day took place at MHG. In the first part, under the guidance of **Tiia Lepik**, Head of Development, the teachers reviewed the sections of philosophy, management and resources of the last three years for the internal assessment. Later, they analysed their activities in subject groups.



In the afternoon, a KiVa re-launch training for all school staff took place, led by trainer **Viivika Keskküla** (in the photo).

In the afternoon, the homeroom teachers of grades 1-9 acquired more practical KiVa skills, while other subject teachers could improve their digital skills under the guidance of our Educational Technologist **Triinu Pihus**.



- On 10 November, a chess tournament for school staff started where the chess boards were taken by **Merike Tammi, Karmen Grigor, Henrik Sova, Kaarel Viljaste, Allar Aav, Jüri Raudmaa, Martin Pent, Heiki Puusepp, Madis Kahro and Vello Vellearu**. We are looking forward to the results!
- The Estonian Tennis Association once again recognized the Tennis School of our alumni **Martin Karis** as the best tennis school in Estonia, **Laura Rahnel** (10b) won the title of the best youth tennis player among U16 girls, **Sten Hiiesalu** (9b) among U16 boys and **Oliver Ojakäär** (11b) among U18 boys.



WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

THE VISIT OF TEACHERS FROM SWEDEN

Just after the school holidays, on 31 October, four Swedish teachers visited MHG. The guests came from different schools in Uppsala and their trip to Tartu to get to know the local schools and university was mediated by the local Estonian representatives to the Nordic Council of Ministers. When arranging the itinerary, the teachers from Uppsala expressed their interest to visit Swedish language classes or meet Swedish-speaking pupils in schools where Swedish is taught. At the time of the trip, there were a total of two secondary schools in Tartu where Swedish is taught.

On the morning of 1 October, the guests arrived at our school after a stay at the HTG. First of all, our Swedish teacher **Heikki Veinimäe** introduced the guests to the school (both briefly about the history and the present MHG) by giving them a short tour of the building - they visited the lobby, the teachers' room, the 2nd floor classes and observed the classroom life. Finally, they arrived at the reading room of the school library, where they were met by the second year Swedish students of grade 11. The conversation, which had started off with a gentle start, turned into a lively exchange of questions and answers. Although the grade 11 pupils had not yet had any Swedish lessons this term after the summer break, they managed to have a good conversation in Swedish. The visitors were interested in how the pupils were doing at school, their attitudes towards school and learning, their hobbies and leisure activities, etc. They were also interested in how the pupils were getting on with their studies. The students asked questions to find out about the background of the visitors, the aims and content of their trip to Estonia and various facts about Sweden. The interviews revealed that three out of the four teachers worked as support teachers in classes with pupils with special needs and/or with a high proportion of immigrant pupils who did not speak enough Swedish. The fourth teacher was an intermediate level Mathematics teacher. The meeting in the reading room of the school library turned out to be about 30 minutes longer than originally planned.

From the MHG, the guests went on to the university to meet the people of the Scandinavian Studies Department.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



- 14-17 November - Maths week for grades 1-4.
- 15 November - 4b School curriculum survey.
- **15-17 November - Portrait and friendship photos.**
- 16 November - students from the Environment Module in GIS Day lectures and workshops; 12abc students from the Humanities and Law module visiting the Supreme Court as guests of the national judge **Velmar Bret**; 9a and 12b visiting Tallinn to see the play "Lehman Brothers".
- 17 November - Job shadowing day for secondary school students; 10a and 10b visiting ERM.
- 18 November - grade 1 watching play at the Institute of German Culture; grade 7 on a field trip to the UT Museum on Toomemäe; rehearsal and singing evening for grade 3–4 Children's Choir and Boys' Choir; lecture by MEP **Urmas Paet** to secondary school pupils.
- 18-19 November - 9a class evening.
- 19 November - Children's Choir singing camp.
- 21 November - 12c study programme "Letters from Siberia" at the Noora House of the National Archives; 6a study programme "Know yourself".
- 22 November - **DSD II written exam**; 9b first aid training; 11b on a field trip to Tallinn; 12a study programme "Letters from Siberia" at the National Archives' Noora House; 7b on a field trip to the UT Museum on Toomemäe.
- 23 November - 6b educational programme "Know yourself".
- 24 November - Day 2 of the mental health project for 8th graders from three schools at Kesklinna School; concert **Tik-Tok LIVE** or **Brassical** for grades 1-4 in Aula; citywide German quiz for grade 8-9 teams; translation competition **Juvenes Translatores** of the European Commission; regional round of the National Literature Olympiad.
- 24-25 November - 11DP class night.
- 24-26 November - 7b KLAPP trip.
- 25 Nov - **e-learning day**; regional round of Science Olympiad; C1 Advanced exam preparation day for grades 12; 4b class night.
- 26 November - written part of **C1 Advanced exam**.



BE CURIOUS

On 16 November, we celebrate **International GIS** (Geographic Information System) **Day**. For students in Tartu, the competition "Linnas on salapäraseid ukseid" will take place from 14 to 21 November.

Register here : <https://forms.gle/ZGk2r43Svn99Jnz28>

Put together a team of 3 and find the 25 doors in the city in the pictures and associate a fact and a person with each door.

The team that finds the most doors wins. The search area and the pictures of the doors can be found in the tasks. The competition takes place in Estonian.

More information from [HERE](#).

Wisdom begins with the will to know. That is why **President Alar Karis** proposes to celebrate 17 November this year as **Curiosity Day**.

The day includes all sorts of exciting lectures online, activities in schools, library tours. Get to know the programme [HERE](#).





THE SCHEDULE FOR TAKING PROTRAIT AND FRIEND PHOTOS FOR GRADES 1–8 AND GRADUATION ALBUM PHOTOS FOR GRADES 9 AND 12

Tuesday, 15.11
Mirror Hall

Wednesday, 16.11
Aula

Thursday, 17.11
Näituse 13a
(ground floor)

Time	Grade
8:30	4b
9:00	6b
9:30	6a
10:00	5b
10:30	5a
11:00	8b
11:30	3a
12:00	3b
12:30	4a
13:00	8a
13_30	7b
14:00	7a
14:30	2b
15:00	2a
15:30	1b
16:00	1a
16:30	1–2e

Time	Grade
8:30	12a
9:00	12b
9:30	12c
10:00	12DP
10:30	9b
11:00	9a
11:30	9e

Time	Grade
9:00	7–8e
9:30	4e
9:50	5–6e
10:20	3e

