

# MHG NEWSLETTER

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## BIRTHDAYS

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## TEACHERS' COLLABORATION DAY

- On January 5, MHG **teachers' collaboration** day was held. Under the leadership of the support staff members, we were reminded of the **influence measures formulated in our internal rules**. The rest of the day, we focused on **developing approaches to learning**. This time, the focus was on thinking skills, specifically critical **thinking skills**. IB Biology teacher and DP coordinator **Kirstin Karis** gave an introductory presentation on critical thinking. After that, **study circles** were held where teachers could practice appropriate methods for teaching critical thinking skills.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 10 January - **9th-grade Personal Project fair**; 3-4e watching "The Nutcracker" in Vanemuise; 10abc teacher Tiina Tubli's English language group at the annual exhibition in Tartu Art Museum.
- 11-12 January - **Five Schools Competition.**
- 11 January - 1-2e visiting the Parrot Center.
- 12 January - 5b class night.
- 16 January - **DSD II oral exam**; Pre-IB and 11DP visit the biobank of UT Estonian Genome Project.
- 18 January - at 6:00 p.m., **parenting circle** on the topic "How to motivate a child to learn and support him in learning?" (held in Estonian).
- **19 January - end of the first semester in basic school; a regional round of secondary school Biology Olympiad; 12DP class night.**
- 20 January - children's choir singing camp in the school Aula.
- 21 January – Tartu song festival rehearsal at MHG.
- 22 January - regional round of the French Olympiad; 11a study trip to Tallinn.
- 23 January – 10b at Kuutsemäe ski centre.
- 25 January - concert Big Bang vol. 1. Music made man from a monkey!
- 26 January - regional round of the Estonian Mother Tongue Olympiad; Teachers' Committee Meeting no 1.
- 30 January - 5a at Noorsoteater watching the play "Röövitütar Ronja".
- **31 January - project day of the whole school family: "KiVa - notice and support".**
- 1 February - regional round of the Religious Studies Olympiad; at 18:00, open doors for parents of 1st grade applicants (Estonian classes only).
- 2 February - Tartu peace anniversary.
- 3 February - School Ball Dance.
- 6 February - UPT defences.

## NOTICED AT HÄRMA

- In the **Physics Open Competition** held on 2 December, MHG students reached high places. In the younger age group (8th-10th grade), **Sherkhan Torekhanov** (Pre-IB, teacher Riina Murulaid) took 3rd place among 10th grades, 4th-5th. place was shared by **Uku Nael** (10b, Riina Murulaid), 10th was **Uku Märt Raasik** (10b, Riina Murulaid) and 12th place was **Nurkhan Torekhanov** (Pre-IB, Riina Murulaid). In the older age group (11th-12th grade), **Andri Türkson** (11b, teacher Riina Murulaid) took 13th place among the 11th grades, and **Laur Saks** (12DP, teacher Leo Siiman) took 2nd place among the 12th grades.
- **Leana Mironov** (10b) took first place in the women's epee at the Estonian Junior Cup held on 30 December.
- The **Estonian U20 women's volleyball team** won a bronze medal at the championship of the Eastern European Volleyball Association (EEVZA). Estonian team player **Lill Kandimaa** (11a) was declared **the best player of the tournament**.
- On 2-3 January, a **teachers' volleyball competition** was held in Tartu, in which 36 teams from all over Estonia took part. Our teachers took an honourable **4th place** in the first league. The following teachers took part in the competition: **Riina Murulaid, Age Raimets, Kadri Türk, Liis Somelar, Andre Aljo, Heiki Puusepp, Martin Kimmel, Tairo Talvis.**





## NPTICED AT HÄRMA

- On 14 December 2023, Tartu schools' indoor athletics competitions took place. Our school was successfully represented by:
- In grades 6-7: **Emma Kurim** - 60m run 3rd place, **Liis Väljamäe** - long jump 3rd place, **Linda Lehtsaar** - 600m run 3rd place;
- In grades 8-9: **Edith Eelmäe** - 60m run 1st place, **Oliver Mäesalu** - 60m run 1st place, **Brita Pruks** - 600m run 2nd place, **Villem Piirimäe** - 600m run 2nd place, **Aliis Türk** - long jump 2nd place, **Otto Pärtel Palm** - long jump 3rd place, **Laura Liisa Vider** - high jump 2nd place, **Emma Mägi** - shot put 3rd place, **Mattias Vija** - shot put 3rd place; girls' 4x200m - 1st place (**Edith Eelmäe, Brita Pruks, Laura Liisa Vider, Aliis Türk**), young men's 4x200m - 2nd place (**Mattias Vija, Sebastian Sõritsa, Otto Pärtel Palm, Oliver Mäesalu**). All in all, in grades 8-9, MHG girls received first place, and boys received 2nd place.
- In the secondary school: **Maia Toomsalu** - 60m run 3rd place, **Kert Alekand** - 60m run 1st place, **Adeline Lail** - 600m run 3rd place, Jan Justin **Paju** - 600m run 2nd place, **Kert Köidam** - long jump 3rd place, **Tim-Hendrik Haar** - shot put 3rd place, **Elis Leppik** - high jump III place.





## NOTICED AT HÄRMA

- MHG was awarded an **active GLOBE school certificate for its activities in 2023**. This means that **NASA uses the data sent by our school to improve its own satellite data**. In addition to the measurements, the year 2023 was extraordinary for the students of the GLOBE circle. In August, we hosted the **GLOBE Estonia Learning Expedition at MHG**, in which nearly 140 students-teachers-researchers from ten countries participated. On 27 September, **US female astronaut Nicole Aunapu Mann, with Estonian roots**, visited Tartu. Students from various GLOBE program schools, including MHG students, had a great opportunity to meet her at the AHHA centre. We thank teacher Maiu Kaljuorg for leading the GLOBE project in our school!
- **GLOBE** (*Global Learning and Observations to Benefit Environment*) is a global environmental education and science program of inquiry-based learning and hands-on activities for basic, middle, and secondary school students, conceived in 1994 by US Vice President Al Gore and launched under the events of Earth Day. The activities of the GLOBE program began a year later, on 22 April 1995. Through inquiry-based learning, GLOBE's vision is to promote and support collaboration among students, teachers, and natural scientists in the field of environmental and Earth system studies. GLOBE is supported by the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration or NASA, the US National Science Foundation and the US State Department in cooperation with universities, school systems and non-governmental organizations in GLOBE countries.



## NOTICED AT HÄRMA

- On 19-20 December, the Estonian Literary Museum hosted the 67th Kreutzwald Days conference: "From Kilplane and Kratt to Artificial Intelligence: Nature, Creativity and Technology". Our educational technologist Triinu Pihus gave a presentation there on the topic "The possibilities and challenges of artificial intelligence in education."
- Summary of the presentation given: Artificial intelligence is here to stay, and that also applies to education. Teachers and students are once again challenged to decide how the development of artificial intelligence will change learning and teaching. Is it a tool that supports academic dishonesty, or is it an excellent tool for improving learning and developing the learner's knowledge? How could the possibilities of artificial intelligence be included in teaching, and what are the ethical limitations? Let's take a brief look at the daily challenges faced by teachers in the era of artificial intelligence and think about the possibilities of using the rapidly developing artificial intelligence technology for the benefit of education.



Triinu Pihus. Photo by Alar Madisson (Estonian Literature Museum)

## NOTICED AT HÄRMA

- On 4 January, the **teachers' collaboration day of Tartu Forselius School** took place, where teachers could participate in several different workshops. One workshop was conducted by **Terje Hallik**, Head of Studies at MHG. The theme of the workshop was **"Supporting the gifted learner"**. The focus was on **spotting and supporting the (gifted) learner in the light of the 2022 PISA test results**, more specifically, what a teacher can do to support a gifted child by creating a **challenging learning environment, choosing appropriate teaching and assessment methods, and considering the emotional and social needs of gifted children**. The teachers of Forselius School were also able to get to know our school's assessment system in grades 5 to 9, including our teachers' sample works and evaluation rubrics.



Terje Hallik. Photo by Signe Salumäe (Tartu Forselius School))



## NOTICED AT HÄRMA

- In their new podcast, 12c student **Laura Karolina Gradickaite** and alumnus **Sass Henno** talk about probably one of the most important topics in a person's happy (?) life - mental health, about which people often lack knowledge of. **Listen to the podcast [HERE](#)** (in Estonian)
- Today is the last day to support **the publication of Laura Karolina Gradickaite's debut novel, "64 Squares of Life"** on the platform **[Hooandja](#)**.



Laura Karolina Gradickaite. Photo: Hooandja



- Once again, the school's skating rink is ready. We invite everyone to enjoy the winter magic on skates. Many thanks to the makers of the ice rink: **Jannar Tähepõld, Ain Kadaja** and **Paul Allas**.

## MHG GRADE 9 PERSONAL PROJECT FAIR IS TAKING PLACE ON WEDNESDAY!

- Come and see what your schoolmates have created for their Personal Projects. The fair is open on **Wednesday, 10 January, during 5th-7th lessons.**
- Everyone is invited to attend!

# 9. klasside **Loovtööde** **laat**

Kolmapäeval, 10. jaanuaril, aulas, 5.-7. tund

**Tule, vaata ja tutvu, mis su kaaslased valmistasid!**



## OPEN HOUSE DAYS FOR THE FUTURE 1ST-GRADE APPLICANTS (FOR ESTONIAN CLASSES ONLY)

AVATUD UKSED 1. KLASSI KANDIDEERIJATE VANEMATELE  
1. VEEBRUARIL KELL 18.00  
MIINA HÄRMA GÜMNAASIUMI AULAS



Õppepäevale saab registreeruda  
elektroniiselt sisseastumine.ee keskkonnas  
alates 22. jaanuarist kuni 12. veebruarini 2024.

Õppepäev 1. klassi kandideerijatele toimub  
17. veebruaril kell 10.00 ja 13.00.



**MÄNGUVAHETUNNID  
1.-4. KLASSIDELE**

Mänguvahetunnid võimaldas!

Mänguvahetund mängujuhtide juhendamisel toimub teisipäeval ja reedel kell 13.10-13.30 võimaldas.

Tule mängima ja võta sõber ka kaasa!  
Õpetaja Age ja mängujuhid

PLAY RECESS FOR  
GRADES 1-4 IN THE  
SPORTS HALL  
EVERY TUESDAY  
AND FRIDAY AT  
13.10-13.30.



MIINA HÄRMA BALL 2024

*Night in Paris*



3. VEEBRUAR

9. - 12. KLASSIDELE

ÜKSED AVATAKSE 19.30

ROHKEM INFOT FACEBOOK'IS