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BIRTHDAYS

- 16.04 **Uljana Jegelski**
- 16.04 **Irina Guljavina**
- 17.04 **Henli Pindmaa**
- 17.04 **Aile Einola**
- 20.04 **Eve Kukemelk**
- 21.04 **Helin Semilariski**
- 21.04 **Helen Semilariski**
- 24.04 **Andre Aljo**
- 29.04 **Sirle Lorvi**

PRIZES OF THE NATIONAL COMPETITION OF STUDENTS' SCIENTIFIC WORKS



- **National 1st prize**, Estonian Academy of Sciences 2nd prize - **Maret Hallik** (12b), research paper "Reception menus as a visiting card of the country and their change over time on the example of the Republic of Estonia", supervisors Ilmar Tammisto and Silver Loit.

- **Estonian Language Institute's** special award, **Integration Foundation's** Cultural Richness of the Year special award and the **Rectors' Council of Applied Universities** special award - **Merili Päike** (12a), research paper "The vitality of Seto culture today", supervisor Jana Kübar.
- **Tallinn University of Technology** special award - **Mia Karolina Altküla** (12a), research paper "Possibilities and threats of cooperation between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Estonia in the economic sector", supervisor Ilmar Tammisto.
- Special award of the **Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture** - **Mirtel Tähepõld** (12b) research paper "A month without added sugar", supervisor Helen Semilariski.
- Special award of the **Ministry of Education and Research** - **Kärt Rentel** (12a), research paper "Transition to Estonian-language education - impact, challenges and aspects that need to be solved, using the example of history teachers in Tallinn and Narva", supervisor Alla Vinitšenko.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 16 April - training day for Heads of Development in the library; **at 16:00 meeting of international students and their parents with Deputy Mayor Lemmit Kaplinski at Puiestee 62.**
- 17 April - Tartumaa 3x3 basketball competition for grades 4-5 and 6-7.
- 18 April - DELF scolaire exams; IB DP Theory of Knowledge (TOK) Exhibition; study day for students of the environment module in Rubina bog.
- 19-20 April - Härmatis C1 and C2 dance camp in Võru.
- 19 April – **independent study day (except 9a and 9b); joint tests of Tartu secondary schools;** Math competition Náboj; 7-8e active learning program; Student Council meeting; Estonian national finals of the international German-language debate competition Jugend Debattiert; 9a class night.
- **20-28 April - spring break.**
- 22 April - Estonian language national exam.
- 23 April - Teachers' Collaboration Day.
- 24–26 April – **12DP final examinations week 1.**
- 24 April - Pedagogical Leadership Team Collaboration Day.
- 28-30 April - 9b study trip to Helsinki.
- 30 April - 11th grade career counselling; "Uma pido" regional rehearsal in Aula.
- 1–2 May –**12DP final examinations week 2.**
- 2 May - English national exam (written); 11th grade career counselling; Nepal event in Aula.
- 3-4 May – the final round of the Geography Olympiad.
- 3 May - 11th grade career counselling; 6a class night.
- 4 May – Tartu song festival rehearsal.
- 6–10 May – **12DP final examinations week 3.**
- 6 May - English national exam (oral); 11b at the Must Kast performance "Beating in the manor stable".
- 7 May - 9b Mathematics e-test trial; 11th grade career counselling; 9a, 10a, 11a in the Genialist Club at the performance "Beats in the manor stable"; History-themed trivia for 5th graders of Tartu city and county at MHG.

NOTICED AT HÄRMA

- Our students **Tõnu Uustare** (12DP) and **Maribel Klais** (12a) took part in the final round of the Linguistics Olympiad. Tõnu won a third degree diploma at the Olympiad. Supervised by Riina Murulaid.
- **Uku Nael** (10b), **Sherkhan Torekhanov** (Pre-IB) and **Andri Türkson** (11b) were named candidates for the Estonian team of the International Physics Olympiad.
- **Eliis Raidoja** (7a) won 3rd place in the **reading competition for German language learners** in the city of Tartu for 7th graders; she read a passage from the book "Die kleien Hexe" in German to the committee and the audience in the first round and from Kapo Kamon's children's book "Bodo wird Borusse" in the second round.
- In the interactive game of the Russian language for 8th grade students of the city of Tartu held at the Annelinna Gymnasium, MHG student **Gregor Laht** (8a, teacher Jelena Nikolajeva) took 2nd place with his team. As members of other teams, **Timo Parkja** (8a, M. Vaab) took 5th place, **Mattias Vija** (8a, Jelena Nikolajeva) took 6th place and **Sulev Möls** (8a, student Maret Vaab) took 7th place.
- On 14 March, the **Parliament for the Future of Europe held a citizen's panel in Slovenia** on the topic "European democracy", where **Lisanna Tõnne** (12DP) was also invited to participate. The event took place within the framework of the European Parliament's initiative Conference on the Future of Europe, the aim of which is to create a more efficient and democratic European Union by including more citizens' voices in the decision-making process. For example, topics such as how to develop the awareness of the citizens of the member states about the European Union and how to make the work of the European Union institutions more transparent were discussed.
- **Triinu Riisberg** (9a) became the Estonian champion in both the junior and youth classes in the equestrian obstacle course at the Estonian indoor championships held last weekend.

NOTICED AT HÄRMA

- On 12 April, we sent our lovely 112th graduate year on its way to the exams. According to a beloved tradition, the 1st graders brought the graduates to the ceremony of the last school bell. Head of studies Terje Hallik gave an inspiring speech, Madis Kahro spoke on behalf of the class teachers, and Mirtel Tähepõld on behalf of the 12th grade students. Greetings and good wishes for the exams were conveyed by Annabel Raig on behalf of the 11th grades. The 12th graders then thanked their teachers and performed humorous and brilliant performances. The event was followed by a photo shoot of the graduating classes at the monument of Peeter Põld.



- 11b student **Andri Türkson** is in the **finals of Rakett69**. Let's cheer for him already this Saturday!



- **Sofia Soosaar** made it to the finals of the TV show "Tähtede lava"!

MATH KANGAROO 2024

On 21 March, the 29th international Kangaroo Mathematics competition was held, where a total of 23,712 Estonian students from 416 schools participated. 244 students from MHG took part in the competition, 28 of them reached the first hundred in their age group.

The best of our school in the Estonian ranking were:

- Pre-ekolier(grades 1-2): **Aino Parmas** 12th place, **Liis Lulla** 27th place, **Janno Treier** 88th place;
- Ekolier (grades 3-4): **Märt Mattias Alas** 1st place, **Oliver Ruumet** 6th place, **Elisabeth Yenma Virnas** 41st place;
- Benjamin (grades 5-6): **Tristan Erik Teniste** 20th place, **Kristofer Koger** 46th place, **Egert Laius** 60th place, **Mihkel Metsla** 78th place, **Helmi Russak** 78th place, **Grete Audova** 81st place;
- Kadett (grades 7-8): **Ats Joosep Laineste** 7th place, **Leo Fišel** 42nd place, **Tambet Uustare** 53rd place, **Oliver Mäesalu** 97th place;
- Junior (grades 9-10): **Sherkhan Torekhanov** 13th place, **Uku Märt Raasik** 14th place, **Jelizaveta Shčura** 37th place, **Tinto Kuusk** 40th place, **Jaan Pruulmann** 55th place, **Tarvet Kukk** 55th place, **Nurkhan Torekhanov** 55 . place, **Britta Raie** 100th place;
- Student (grades 11-12): **Koit Helger Panksepp** 6th place, **Tõnu Uustare** 12th place, **Karolin Ruumet** 45th place, **Erik Julius Lindgren** 73rd place.



THE ACTIVITIES OF FILM MODULE

- An animated film was created in the animation course of the secondary school Film Module. All types of animation are represented - pixilation, flat dolls and round dolls. In addition, a little so-called live-action. Since cinematography is a collective art, the whole course was divided into four groups, and it was done in groups. **Andri Türkson** (11b), the best inventor and operator of the whole school, made the final editing. In addition, students of the film module visited the Film Museum, BFM and Nukufilm as part of the course. The students were guided by alumnus and film producer **Kerdi Kuusik-Oengo**. You can watch the film [HERE](#).



HÄRMA STUDENTS SHOWED A REAL LEVEL ON THE DEBATE SCENE

- The **III stage of the Estonian Middle School Championships** took place last weekend, summing up the 2023/24 debating season, during which 75 teams participated in the tournaments, with a total of 223 debaters.
- The first rounds of the stage were impro rounds, i.e. the contestants got to know the topic and were assigned their standpoint right before the start of the debate and had 45 minutes to prepare their speeches. The topics varied from wall to wall, for example, in one round it was "'I followed orders' should be an acceptable defence in a war crimes trial", but in another "Expecting celebrities to be vocal about social issues is unfortunate". However, in the final rounds, the topic that had been prepared for weeks was claimed, which this time was "The member states of the European Union should develop a common defence capability instead of a state-based defence capability".
- Many titles were brought home from the stage:
- The **champion of Estonia** in the 2023/24 season was **Mia Karolina Altküla** (12a), whose team also included Mirtel Etverk (Tallinn English College) and Ingel-Ethel Kanistik (Gustav Adolf Gymnasium). The team also took first place in the third stage. Also, Mia was awarded the 5th place in the stage and the 9th place in the individual ranking of the speakers of the season.
- The best beginner team award in the year went to team Noelma, consisting of **Marijana Kreek** (12DP), **Norah Elisabeth Ratas** (11c) and **Eliisabet Jürimäe** (10c)
- The **best basic school speaker** in terms of both the stage and year was Adele **Mikelsaar** (8b)
- Team Simalabim, consisting of **Brita Jõgiaas** (12b), **Simone Nairis** (12DP) and **Lisanna Tõnne** (12DP), also earned 7th place in the annual ranking and a pass to the quarterfinals. They finished 5th in the stage.
- On 23-24 March, the **Estonian University Debate Championships** were also held. **Mia Karolina Altküla** (12a) and **Andreas Põšnograjev, instructor of the Härma debating club**, brought home the championship title and cup from there as well. Our school's **Anna Margaret Petrone** (10c) and **Adele Mikelsaar** (8b) made it to the beginner's final, the latter of whom took 2nd place in the beginner speaker category.

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- Debate is a wonderful way to learn more about current issues in society in a fun way. It teaches to recognize the connections between social processes and to feel what consequences different choices or decisions actually have and how they affect different parties. By developing the ability to analyze and structured and clear expression, the debating experience is a trump card for the hobbyist both in everyday communication, in the future Estonian language exam and in later work life, for example when presenting projects or conducting meetings.
- **During this season, 41 students visited the Härma Debating Club. We are very proud of Härma's strong debating community.**



BREAD MAKING IN THE COOKERY ELECTIVE COURSE

- On 12 April, **Marko Roosiväli**, an alumnus with baker's papers visited the secondary school's cookery elective course. Naturally, as true Estonians, we wanted to make bread. However, yeast and moulds were needed for the bread, which unfortunately do not fit into the school's budget. Fortunately, Jüri Raudmaa, the school's Head of IT, came to the rescue and received the necessary tools to make bread from the Estonian Bread Industry. But, oh horror! The moulds could not fit in the cooking class oven. Fortunately, our school's own lovely canteen came to the rescue once again, and they kindly allowed us to use their baking oven. The obstacles were removed, the bread makers could get to work. As a result, we got an incredible amount of exquisite Estonian bread, which would feed the entire people of Vargamäe. The young chefs would like to thank their supervisor **Marko Roosiväli**, the school canteen, Eesti Leivatööstus and **Jüri Raudmaa** for their contribution to this delicious project, and of course the teacher of the entire course, **Marje Peedisson!**



5.A CLASS STUDENTS
KAISALIISA AND LIISI-LOTA

BAKE SALE

FOR CHARITY

BASED ON COMMUNITY PRACTICE



WITH YOUR
PURCHASE
YOU GET TO
WRITE A
HEARTFUL
MESSAGE TO
ONE OF THE
COMMUNITIES

WE WILL DONATE
THE MONEY WE
GET TO:



VÄHIRAVIFOND
KINGITUD ELU

THE WHOLE MONTH OF APRIL (EXCEPT
THE WEEK OF BREAK)
EVERY THURSDAY 04.04-18.04+02.05
3RD, 4TH AND 5TH RECESS

CASH ONLY!

THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE
internal assessment
EXHIBITION
APRIL 18th, 9AM-12:00AM
MHG Assembly Hall

Gabija Čepononyte
Isabella Bachour
Libby Ban
Erin Amber Anne Dunaway
Tobiloba Michael Italoye
Okko Paavo Uolevi Jalli
Ralf Jürgenson
Greete Kõiv
Mariami Meliva
Mattias Oll
Remi Rasmus Randveer
Meena Rooden
Akari Shimmi
Karl-Richard Silla
Amelia Zaytseva
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