

# MHG NEWSLETTER

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## BIRTHDAYS

29.01 Tõnis Asson

05.02 Elin Suits

06.02 Ilmar Tammisto



## BEGINNING OF THE ESTONIAN BOOK YEAR

- In 2025, it will be 500 years from the publication of the first Estonian-language book. Thus, the Year of the Estonian Book will take place from Estonian Literature Day, 30 January 2025, to Mother Language Day, March 14, 2026. On January 29, we will celebrate this event at school with a ceremony for **secondary school students** in the Aula during the 5th lesson.
- **Marja Unt**, CEO of the Estonian Literary Society, who also coordinates the Book Year events, will greet us. Students who will also perform at the Tammsaare Texts Reading Competition in Albu on January 31 will present the writer's work at the event.
- **The official start of the book year will be on 30 January at sunrise at the Kristjan Jaak Peterson monument on Toomemägi.** Television will broadcast the event live, and students from our school will also participate. At 8:15, the **President of the Republic of Estonia, Alar Karis**, will give an interview. The ceremony will begin at 8:22 with the reading of poems and end no later than 9:00.
- <https://raamatuaasta.ee/et>  
<https://kirjanduspidu.ee>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 28 January – Pedagogical Leadership Team meeting; **Parent Advisory Board meeting**; Tartu city German translation competition for 8th–9th graders; 6a at the National Archives; Tabula Rasa visits the editorial office of Värske Rõhk; Genetic Engineering students at the "Travelling Bioclass" workshop; XXVIII National Song Festival "Iseoma" I rehearsal and recital for boys' choirs.
- 29 January – **regional round of the Mathematics Olympiad for grades 7–12**; English quiz for 5th graders in Tartu; English Scrabble competition for 6th graders in Tartu; **event in the auditorium celebrating the start of the Estonian Book Year**; product development and design thinking lesson with **Riina Pärn**, Commissioner for Trademark and Design; Physics and Technology practicum excursion to the Film Technology Laboratory of the University of Tartu.
- 30 January – preliminary round of the Religious Education Olympiad; Biotechnology students in the autopsy workshop at the Health Care College; lawyer **Katre Peri** in the "Man and Law" course lesson; **Open House event at 17:45 for parents of first graders (Estonian classes only)**.
- 31 January – Teachers Council meeting No. 1; Tartu Basic School Student Council Night School 2025; 1–4e in the Tartu Art Museum lesson "Against Bullying with Art"; 11DP enzyme practical in the UT laboratory.
- 2 February – Anniversary of the Peace Treaty of Tartu.
- 4 February – **Independent Learning Day; Teachers Collaboration Day**; Härmatis 8–9; C1 and C2 Dance Party Review.
- 5 February – UPT defences; regional Chemistry olympiad for grades 8–12.
- 6 February – Biotechnology students at the Oecologikum practicum at the University of Tartu; alumnus, attorney-at-law **Peeter Viirsalu**, in a lesson of the "Man and Law" course; engineering day at the Delta Centre for 9th–12th grade students.
- 7 February – children's choir at the Song Day in Kõrveküla; alumnus **Markus Veinla** visits the 5a English class; alumnus **Martin Aadamsoo** lectures young athletes about US universities; 5–6e class evening.
- February 8 – **Miina Härma Ball Dance 2025**; regional Art Olympiad.

## NOTICED IN HÄRMA

- **Based on the Chemistry II selection competition, Nurkhan Torekhanov** (11DP) and **Erik Meriloo** (10c) have been considered candidates for the Baltic Chemistry Olympiad.
- On January 21, the Tartu and Tartumaa schools' indoor rowing cup competitions took place at Tartu Variku School. Our school had very good 6th–7th grade boys, who achieved 3rd place. Individually, our student **Robert Vassiljev** (7b) won 1st place. In addition to Robert, we were also represented by **Mihkel Metsla** (7b), **Tom Alfred Kullman** (7b) and **Jan Kristen Roiland** (7b).
- BMX rider **Sten Tristan Raid** (10a) participated in the "Racing Under the Roof" competition in Manchester, England. Sten Tristan came in 2nd place in the junior class.
- **“Tartu Linna Laulutäht”** is a singing competition for children and young people in Tartu city and county. This year's competition brought 110 singers to the preliminary round, of whom only 40 made it to the finals on 19 January. Among the 8–10-year-old singers, **Susanna Soosaar** (3b) took 2nd place and **Otto Grünberg** (2a) took 3rd place. Among the 11–13-year-old singers, **Sofia Soosaar** (5b) took 2nd place. Special prizes were awarded to: **Simon Soosaar** (1b) – a fierce musician and brave like a fish in water; **Thea-Tikker Pikhoff** (4a) – a mellow and jazzy performance; **Tristan Erik Teniste** (7a) – a stylish and artistic performer, **Gristella Mõttus** (6b) – a performance with good energy, **Anelle Elisabeth Birken** (7b) – a future pop artist.



## NOTICED IN HÄRMA

- On 24 January, the “Kapsas” review competition winners were announced at the Estonian Children's Literature Centre. The competition was aimed at students in grades 6–9 across Estonia who reviewed children's or young adult books published in Estonian between 2021 and 2024. A total of 83 works were sent to the jury for evaluation. The works were evaluated in two age groups. Among students in grades 6–7, **Roosi Kõiv** (7b, teacher Karmen Grigor) received 3rd place. The Apollo special prize went to **Kaisaliisa Talviste** (6a, teacher Jana Kübar).



Photo: Estonian Children's Literature Centre

- On 28 January, the **Tabula Rasa team** visited the editorial office of Värskes Rõhk. Participants included: **Henrik Harjus** (12a), **Eleriin Sepp** (12b), **Elin Hainsalu** (11c), **Helena Mai Raudvassar** (8a), **Karolin Ruumet** (12a), **Laura Kirke Bertel Pertel** (11a), **Mia-Chanel Susi** (12c), **Mikk Mihkel Ruus** (8b), **Vidushi Choubey** (9e), **Rando Jaaksoo** (11c), **Margaret Roost** (12b), **Adeele Kams** (8a) and **Aleksander Tammiste** (5b). The editorial office learned a lot about the youth literature scene and gained inspiration for future writing.



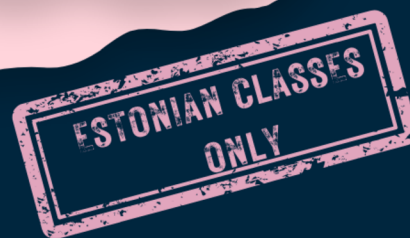
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## OPEN HOUSE DAY FOR PARENTS OF 1ST GRADE STUDENTS 30 JANUARY AT 17:45 IN THE AULA OF MIINA HÄRMA GÜMNAASIUM

You can register for the admission day electronically in the [sissestastumine.ee](https://sissestastumine.ee) environment from 20 January to 10 February, 2025. Registration ends on February 10 at 9:00 PM.

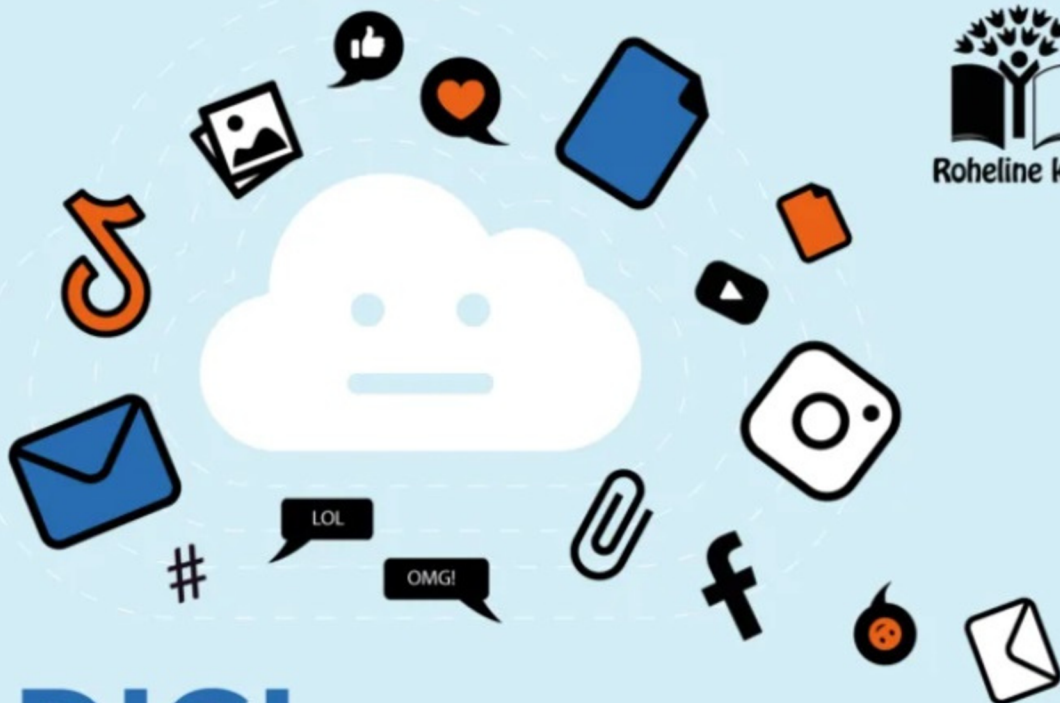
An admission day to determine school readiness will be held 15 February, 2025 from 10:00 to 12:00 and from 13:00 to 15:00 by prior registration.

The admission day is only meant for students applying for Estonian classes.



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STUDENTS WHO CHANGE THE WORLD

DIGITAL CLEANUP WEEK FROM 27-31 JANUARY



# DIGI- KORISTUS- NÄDAL 2025



27. jaanuar – 2. veebruar

Osale klassi, meeskonna või perega digitaalsel koristusnädalal!

Võtame ette seadmed kodus, koolis või tööl ning vabaneme sinna kuhjunud digiprügist.

PANE END KIRJA:

- [rohelinekool.ee/digikoristus](https://rohelinekool.ee/digikoristus)
- Digikoristusnädal 2025
- #digikoristusnädal2025

Usinatele koristajatele AUHINNAD!



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MIINA HÄRMA BALL 2025

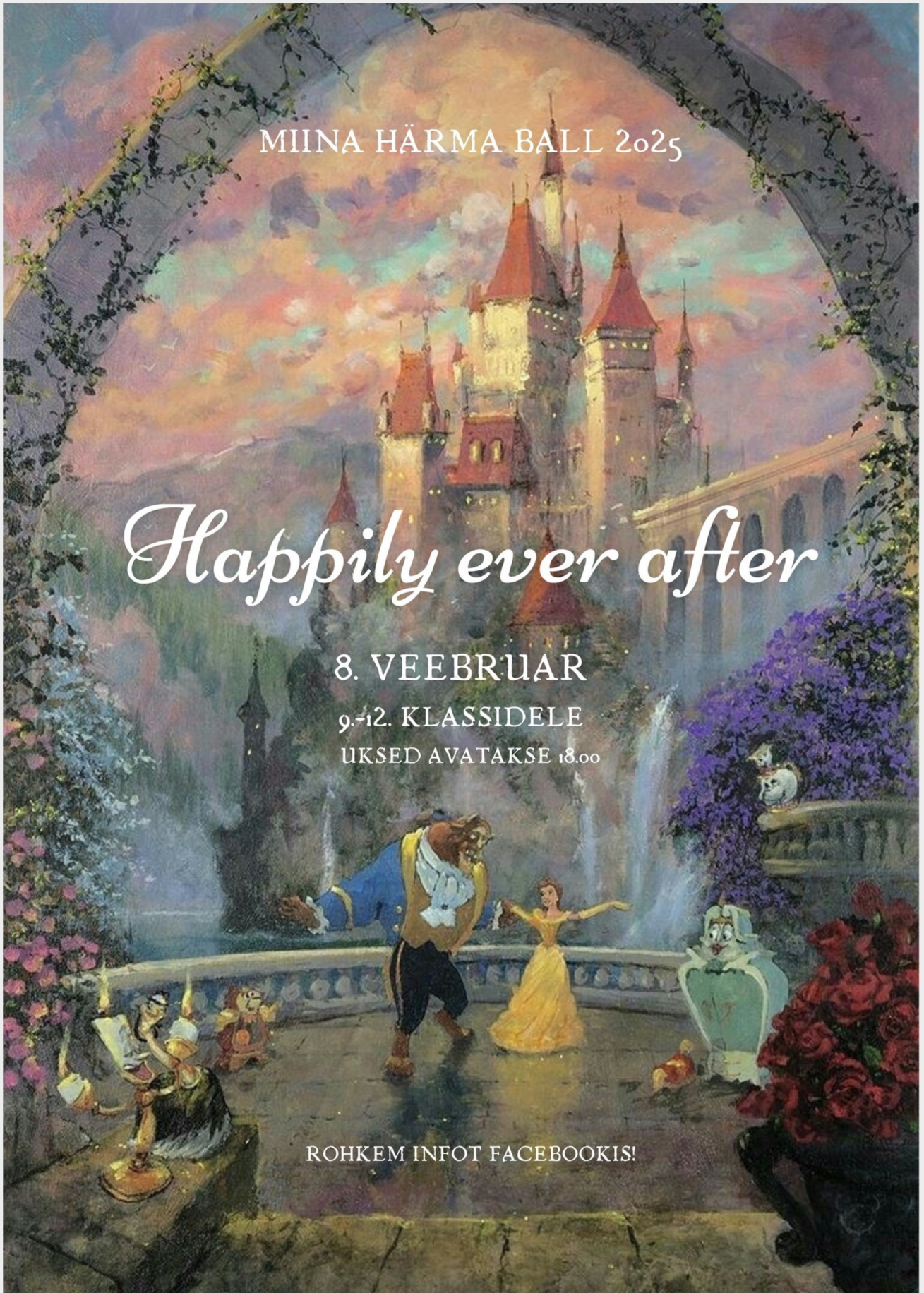
*Happily ever after*

8. VEEBRUAR

9.-12. KLASSIDELE

UKSED AVATAKSE 18.00

ROHKEM INFOT FACEBOOKIS!



## NOTICED IN HÄRMA

# Republic of Estonia 107th anniversary



## FESTIVE CEREMONIES 21.02.2025

grades 5-9

at 11:20 in Aula (4th lesson)

grades 1-4

at 12:20 in Aula (5th lesson)

grades 10-12

at 13:15 in Aula (6th lesson)

FORMAL CLOTHES AND SCHOOL HATS



**NB! The school day finishes after the ceremony.**