

# MHG NEWSLETTER

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## BIRTHDAYS

- 02.03 Regita Saksing
- 03.03 Marii Kangur
- 05.03 Helgi Rootslane
- 05.03 Mithu Guha
- 12.03 Mia Maria Petuhhov
- 14.03 Maiu Kaljuorg
- 15.03 Külli Pullerits

## PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION

On 24 February, a festive reception by the President was held on the 107th anniversary of the Republic of Estonia. Our Rakett 69 winner, **Andri Türkson**, and literature teacher of the year, **Ivika Hein**, were invited. Our alumni and teachers were also among the guests.



Pictured are alumni **Kristel Maruste**, **Kristjan Maruste**, **Kirstin Karis** (former teacher and alumna); students **Andri Türkson** and Ralf **Jürgenson**; teachers **Ivika Hein** and **Jana Kübar**.

## Speech by student Ida Parmas (9.b) on the 107th anniversary of the Republic of Estonia (translated by T. Pihus)

### **Dear school family, dear fellow students,**

We are gathered here today to celebrate the **107th anniversary of the Republic of Estonia**. Our country has lasted for over a century and has been dreamed of and created by several generations of people. Each generation, each person, has had their own story and role in protecting, preserving and developing our country and culture. But each generation has had its own idea of Estonia.

**My great-great-grandfather** thought of Estonia as his farm, parish school and newspaper. It was completely unbelievable that we had our own song festivals, books and intellectuals. Their family's greatest joy and dream was to have their own farm, and in the second half of the 19th century, it came true. Awakening and emergence and all this new hope and fresh winds – that was the dream of Estonia that carried their generation.

**My great-grandmother** Linda saw the beginning of the Republic. Never before in history, at least as far as we know, had there been one single, distinct Estonia. The youth, love, and advancement of their country were their guiding principles for Estonia's development. But they also saw the loss of their jobs and all sorts of attempts to crush their dreams. Almost all of Linda's family fled by boat to Sweden and from there around the world. They survived, but today their families no longer consider themselves Estonians.

**My grandmother Saime** did not live in the Estonian state. It was not even allowed to be talked about. Estonian stories that were secretly told at home from her parents' time and about which children were told to be quiet. They did not hope for a free state, they did not hope to preserve their culture or even their language, because everywhere they tried to eradicate them. **However, deep down in their souls they had a spark, because their secret Estonia still lasted.**

**My mother Kristi's** generation wanted freedom. They demanded it loudly, but without violence. They got it. The new state was weak and needed a lot of work to create their dream of it. Their own free Estonian state, where our language would live and our culture would live and history could be spoken about directly, honestly and openly. Where a person could proudly say that they are Estonian. On the strength of this dream, they built the state that we know and love today.

**And now it is the turn of our generation. Estonia was created, then faded and kept secret, and despite everything, it was recreated.** We are told that we are the future, and that this country is for us. But what is our generation's guiding idea of Estonia? In which direction do we feel the need to develop it? How will we survive in today's turbulent world? Will our language and culture survive, or will their importance for us be less and will they fade away? These are my and many others' greatest fears, because what is a country without a language, a nation without a culture, and a people without a state?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 3 March – 8a annual HARNO survey.
- 4 March – 11a and 11c HARNO survey; **at 17:00, Parent Advisory Board meeting**; 8a at the Tartu Sadamateater performance "Mitte midagi".
- 5 March – **8th grade English City Olympiad**; **Juliette Tyrlik-Alispahic**, Attaché and Deputy Director of Linguistic Cooperation at the French Institute, meets with secondary school students interested in studying or doing an internship in France; 1a active learning program at Just Dance School; alumna **Maret Ahonen** in the "Entrepreneurship Ecosystem" module lesson; **7th grade Technology competition**.
- 6 March – **regional round of the Economics Olympiad**; 11b HARNO survey; 7a in the "Estonian Hoofed Animals in Elistvere" study program; 1b in the Just Dance School active learning program; 6a and 6b tubing in Tartu Snow Park; **grades 5–11 portrait and friend photoshoot**.
- 7 March – **final round of the Mother Tongue Olympiad**; 8b HARNO survey; 7b on the study program "Estonian Hoofed Animals in Elistvere"; 11a celebrating Shrove Tuesday in Tartu Snow Park; 2a and 2b at Tartu City Library.
- 8 March – **final round of the Mother Tongue Olympiad**; children's choir singing camp in the MHG Aula.
- 10 March – 5.b at the Tartu Nature House on the educational program "The Baltic Sea and its inhabitants".
- 11 March – **at 16:00 Pedagogical Leadership Team meeting**; Härmatis 8–9, C1 and C2 dance party II review at HTG; grades 1–4 portrait and friend photoshoot; 1e and 2e participate in the active learning program at Just Dance School.
- 12 March – DSD I written exam; 5a at Tartu Nature House on the program "The Baltic Sea and its inhabitants".
- March 13 – 5b field trip to Taevaskoja; Härmatis 8–9, C1 and C2 dance party II review at HTG.
- 14 March – **Estonian Mother Tongue Day**; **final round of the Religious Education Olympiad**; **Lauri Saks** (associate professor of ichthyology at the University of Tartu) in a secondary school biology club; **Náboj 2025**.
- 15 March – **final round of the Religious Education Olympiad**; MHLS Song Day in the Aula.

## NOTICED IN HÄRMA

- On 15 February, the Keeltekode Hobby School held an **open English language cup competition** for 3rd–4th grade students (English A1 Whizz) and 5th–6th grade students (English A2 Whizz). From the sixth graders, **Lily Marie Sõõrd** won 3rd place, **Tiit Haabma** 4th place, **Teele Haak** 5th–8th place, **Kaisaliisa Talviste** 9th–13th place, **Herman Vinni** 14th–17th place and **Felix Pungar** 14th–17th place. The students were supervised by **Ene Sööt**.
- On 19 February, the **Tartu regional round of the Mathematics Olympiad** for grades 4–6 took place. In the 4th grade category, **Oliver Ruumet** took 6th place (supervisor **Karin Kannerma**), **Saskia Räisa** (Karin Kannerma) and **Oskar Vallikivi** took 7th–11th place (supervisor **Egle-Diana Keldt**). In the 5th grade category, **Anni Grünberg** took 1st place (supervisor **Allar Aav**), **Jorke Saluse** took 2nd–3rd place (supervisor **Janika Kaljula**). In the 6th grade category, **Saamuel Sööt** took 5th–6th place (supervisor **Veronika Lehesaar**) and **Helmi Russak** took 5th–6th place (supervisor **Kersti Kivi**).
- On 29 January, the **regional round of the Mathematics Olympiad** for secondary school students took place. In the 11th grade, **Sherkhan Torekhanov** took 1st place, **Uku Märt Raasik** took 3rd place, **Nurkhan Torekhanov** took 4th–6th place (supervisor **Signe Kinnas**). In the 12th grade, **Karolin Ruumet** took 7th place (supervisor **Tiiu Sasi**), and **Erik Julius Lindgren** took 11th place (Signe Kinnas).
- **Martha Johanna Garcia** (8th grade) won 1st place in the **Tartu City German translation competition** (supervisor Sigrid Parts).
- **Ott Loper** from the 9th grade (supervisor **Helle Sorge**) has been **invited to the final round of the Chemistry Olympiad**. In the secondary school, **Uku Raudmäe** from the 10th grade, **Nurkhan Torekhanov** and **Uku Nael** from the 11th grade, and **Karolin Ruumet** from the 12th grade (supervisor **Jörgen Metsik**) have been invited to the final round of the Chemistry Olympiad.
- **Martha Johanna Garcia** (8th grade) (supervisor **Ivika Hiis**) has been invited to the **final round of the National Art Olympiad**.
- **Jasper Alla** (10c), achieved 3rd place in the **national round of the Literature Olympiad** in the middle age group (grades 9–10). He qualified for the national round with his research paper on the topic "Formation of the Identity of the Main Character in Karl Ristikivi's Novel "The Witch's Student"" (supervisor Ivika Hein).

## NOTICED IN HÄRMA

- On 26 February, a **collaboration seminar on the future of mathematics grade 1 and 2 level tests** was held. Representatives of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology from the field of mathematics and external assessment of learning outcomes, teacher associations, the Center for Mathematics Education of the University of Tartu, task developers and teachers who have good experience in implementing formative assessment were invited to the collaboration seminar. Mathematics teacher **Allar Aav** from Miina Härma Gümnaasium participated in the discussion.
- On 19 February, a group of **Science teachers from Lithuania** visited our school. The guests were primarily interested in teaching science both in our school and in Estonia in general. Ene Tannberg gave a short introduction to the school, **Maiu Kaljuorg** spoke about teaching Science, and **Helen Semilarski** helped prepare the presentation. **Jörgen Metsik** introduced the possibilities of the Chemistry class.



Personal Projects from 9th graders submitted to the Student Research competition:

- **Adele Mikelsaar** (9.b) "Emotions from the Baltic Chain", supervisor **Kari Kalk**.
- **Frida Loog** (9a) "Parental parenting styles of primary school students at Miina Härma Gymnasium", supervisor **Pille Markov**.

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ÕPILASTE TEADUS-TÖÖDE-KONKURSS

Osaleda saavad 14-19-aastased õpilased

Tähtaeg 20. veebruar

Konkursi 2. voor toimub õpilaste teadusfestivalil.

Auhinnafond 18 400 €

Anna enda uurimistöle võimalus parimatega mõõtu võtta!

ÕPILASTE TEADUS-FESTIVAL 2025

TASUTA

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Teaduskeskus AHAA

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[www.miks.ee/teadusfestival](http://www.miks.ee/teadusfestival)

## NOTICED IN HÄRMA

- On 22 February, the Estonian Latin American Dance Championships took place, where **Emma Villako** (5b) took 3rd place in the Jun1 age group.



- On 1-2 March, tennis competitions took place at the Tondiraba Tennis Center in Tallinn, where **Joanna Toomiste** (5b) won the Estonian youth GD T12 won the doubles tournament. Joanna was also selected to the SEB Tallink Tennis Team this year. The team includes the best Estonian youth tennis players aged 12 to 18, and is currently essentially the Estonian youth national team.

- The Estonian Disc Golf Association recognized the best. Taaniel Mehine's World Championship titles were named as an achievement for 2024. **Taaniel Mehine** (5b) became the world champion in both singles and doubles in the USA this summer.



**PORTRAIT AND FRIEND PHOTO  
SCHEDULE GRADES 1-10.**

**PORTRAIT PICTURES FOR THE  
FINAL ALBUM OF THE 9TH GRADE  
(IF YOU MISSED 24.02)**

**Tuesday, 11.03  
in Puiestee 62**

Time	Class
9:00	5.-6.e
9:10	Student Council
9:15	7.-8.e
9:40	3.-4.e
9:50	9.-10.e



## PORTREE- JA SÕBRAPILTIDE AJAKAVA

**Neljapäeval, 06.03**  
**peeglisaalis**

Aeg	Klass
9.00	5.a
9.20	6.b
9.40	7.a
10.00	6.a
10.20	7.b
10.40	5.b
11.00	8.b
11.20	8.a
11.40	10.a
12.00	10.b
12.20	10.c
12.40	11. a
13.00	11.b
13.20	11.c
13.40	11DP

**Tuesday, 11.03**  
**in Puiestee 62**

Time	Class
9:00	5.-6.e
9:10	Student Council
9:15	7.-8.e
9:30	1.-2.e
9:40	3.-4.e
9:50	9.-10.e

**Teisipäeval, 11.03**  
**peeglisaalis**

Aeg	Klass
11.30	4.a
12.00	4.b
12.30	3.a
13.00	3.b
13.30	1.a
14.00	2.a
14.30	2.b
15.00	1.b

**NB! Õpetajad, 9. ja 12.**  
**klasside õpilased saavad**  
**mõlemal päeval jooksvalt**  
**teha pilte.**

