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BIRTHDAYS

- 12.03 Mia Maria Petuhhov
- 14.03 Maiu Kaljuorg
- 15.03 Külli Pullerits
- 20.03 Mann Loper
- 22.03 Mehmet Emir Uslu
- 22.03 Kadri Leppoja



CELEBRATING ESTONIAN MOTHER TONGUE DAY

On 14 March, we are celebrating Mother Tongue Day at school. As part of this, at the beginning of the 3rd period, students and, if desired, teachers will have the opportunity to write an e-dictation in the library.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HVgZcd0G1mQ>

During the 4th lesson, writer Valdur Mikita meets with 11th and 12th grade students in the Aula to discuss the Estonian language and the mind. The meeting will be conducted by students from the Literature module.



Ivika Hein: “No page is superfluous”

Literature Teacher of the Year **Ivika Hein** published her thoughts on the beginning of the Book Year in the teachers' newspaper “Õpetajate Leht” on 25 February. We are sharing her thoughts.

Read the full article <https://opleht.ee/2025/02/ukski-lehekulg-ei-ole-ulearu/>

A valuable book kept to yourself is half a book, but a book shared with others doubles in value.

Every Estonian person should delight their bookshelf and themselves with at least a couple of good novels, biographies, short stories, essays or poetry collections in Estonian during the Book Year. One's own book is the closest thing, and home bookshelves should be kept in honour – above all, this is necessary for the sake of truth.

It is difficult for a modern person to escape the clutches of the algorithms. Fortunately, algorithms do not work on bookshelves, so when reading a book that represents one particular worldview, other books with a similar mindset do not jump off the shelf onto our reading table, do not intrusively claim to be the only truth, and do not block the way to other ones. On the contrary, when independently searching for the next reading material, it is more than likely that we will come across a specimen that contradicts the previous one, questions its truth points, and shows other possibilities. This is how our truth becomes clear.

In the Estonian Book Year, it wouldn't be a bad idea for all of us to reread books from our early childhood and school days, look at the cover, delve into the illustrations, recall the feelings a book once evoked. You could also ask yourself whether your children have a close relationship with any book, and if not, start correcting this mistake as soon as possible. When indulging in rereading, you shouldn't despise the compulsory literature of school days (excluding Russian Soviet authors), which usually had to be read in a hurry and at a time when the necessary social maturity was still lacking to derive value from classic works truly. Comprehension may also be hindered by poor reading skills - a slow reading speed makes it challenging to understand the text, because the beginning of a sentence may already be erased from memory by the time the reader reaches the end. Reading speed develops only by reading books, but a secondary school student's ability to understand text and thus their success in their studies is primarily determined by the number of pages they have read previously. There can never be too many of them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 10 March – 5b 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; 1–4th grade portrait and friend photoshoot; 1-2e participate in the active learning program at Just Dance School; 10c at Tartu City Library.
- 12 March – DSD I written exam; 5a at Tartu Nature House on the program "The Baltic Sea and its inhabitants".
- 13 March – 5th grade field trip to Taevaskoja; Härmatis 8–9; C1 and C2 dance party at the II review at HTG; Health Awareness Study Day at Tartu Health Care College; KiVa morning for 2nd graders in the auditorium.
- 14 March – **Estonian Mother Tongue Day; e-dictation; writer Valdur Mikita** meets with 11th and 12th grade students; **final round of the Religious Education Olympiad; Lauri Saks**, associate professor of ichthyology at the University of Tartu, in a biology hobby group of secondary school; Náboj 2025; visit of Kuristiku High School teachers.
- 15 March – **final round of the Religious Education Olympiad**; MHLS Song Day in the Aula.
- 17 March – Start of the new Estonian language course for 10th grade; Start of the new B1 foreign language course for 10th–11th grade; Start of the new Literature course for 11th grade; Simulations of secondary school admission interviews for 9th grade students; 9th grade watching the play "First Love is a Revolution" in Väike Vanemuine.
- 18 March – 7a and 7b at the Endla Theater for the performance "Evil".
- 19 March – **independent learning day; teachers collaboration day; 17.00-18.00, online information hour for 9th grade students, parents, and teachers**; online conference on financial literacy "Do I manage money or does money manage me?"
- 20 March – **Math Kangaroo competition**; 12th grade students at the Tallinn Youth Theatre watching "All the Hot Stuff" performance and visiting Tallinn universities; 9th grade students' simulations of secondary school entrance interviews; 10–11 grade students meet with **Irish Ambassador James Sherry**.
- 22 March – **final round of the Social Studies Olympiad**; annual meeting of the History and Social Studies Teachers' Association.

NOTICED IN HÄRMA

- At the national French Language Olympiad held on 3 March at Tallinn University, **Leo Fišel** (9b) took 1st place and **Roosi Kõiv** (7b) 6th place in the basic school B language section, supervised by **Marit Karelson**. In the C-language section of the basic school, **Hebe Linn Caceres** (9b) took 4th place, **Ats Joosep Laineste** (9b) took 5th place, and **Marian Herodes** (9b) took 8th place. The students were supervised by **Marit Karelson**. In the secondary school B-language national round, **Birgit Männigo** (11a), supervisor **Helen Rägo**, shared 9th-11th places, and **Keili Raaperi** (11c), supervisor **Marit Karelson**, shared 12th-13th places.
- The best results in the **8th grade school Olympiad in English** were achieved by: **Helena Mai Raudvassar** 8a (92%), **Rahel Värton** 8a (88.5%), **Sander Kuusik** 8b (88%), **Anni Maria Volt** 8b, **Linda Viispert** 8a (86%), and **Gregor Käära** (85%). Supervised by **Anne Aluvee** and **Annabel Moltsaar**.
- **Ott Loper** (9b), supervisor **Maiu Kaljuorg**, has been invited to the final round of the Geography Olympiad.
- On 5 March, **Juliette Tyrlik-Alispahic**, attaché and **Deputy Director of Linguistic Cooperation at the French Institute**, and **Gabriel Voisin-Moncho**, **Head of Interuniversity and Research Cooperation**, visited MHG and introduced secondary school students to the opportunities for studying in France.



Information session on the organization of joint entrance tests for Tartu secondary schools (held in Estonian).

On 19 March, from 17.00-18.00, an online information session on Tartu joint entrance tests will be held, and 9th grade students, teachers, and parents are welcome to attend.

During the information hour, we will introduce the organization and schedule of the joint tests, review the test topics, and answer frequently asked questions. Unfortunately, it is not possible to allow time for every participant to ask questions during the information hour, so we ask that students, teachers, and parents submit their questions before the information hour so that we can answer as many questions as possible during the information hour.

The information session will be recorded, and we will also provide a written summary of the questions and answers along with the recording of the information session.

We are waiting for questions at this link until 17th March:
<https://forms.gle/ubkVpe9MusRWKDRp7>

The link to watch the briefing is here:
<https://www.youtube.com/live/MB9dsJTqs2E>

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AJAKAVA 2025

Infotund veebis

19.03 kell 17.00–18.00
9. klasside õpilastele,
lapsevanematele ja
õpetajatele.

Registreerimine

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sisseastumine.ee
2.04.–12.04.

MHG avatud uste päev

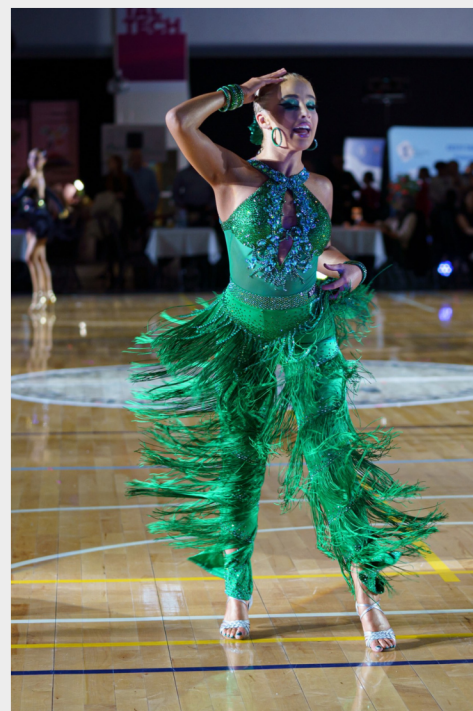
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kell 16.00 ja kell 17.00.

Ühiskatsed 17.05

Vestlused
28.05–13.06

NOTICED IN HÄRMA

- **Roberta Anette Annuk** (7b) became the Estonian champion in competitive dancing. Roberta Anette is the 2025 Estonian champion in Latin American dances (Junior 2 solo age group) and took 2nd place in the Estonian Ballroom Dance Championships 2025 (Junior 2 solo age group).



- Parent Patrick Cheetham donated various instruments to the school. Thank you for the donation!



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- **Freya Cornelia Vilborn** (7e) won bronze in the 400 m freestyle at the Baltic Championships for youths.



CERN invites Härma students!

On 18-23 August, our school is organising a field trip to the world's largest science laboratory, CERN! There will be two days of study at CERN and time for adventures in the mountains and visits to the exciting museums of Geneva. The group size is 18 students. The approximate cost is 600 euros. Teachers Aile Einola and Riina Murulaid will accompany us.

Students in grades 9-12 are welcome to apply.

Teachers Aile and Riina await the motivation letters sent to them in Studium until March 12th.

More information in Studium!



ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS AT TÖNISSONI

A vibrant green poster for St. Patrick's Day celebrations. At the top, a banner of white, green, and orange pennants hangs across the frame. In the center, a shield-shaped flag features the Irish tricolor (green, white, orange) with a green shamrock in the center. Below the banner, two large green leprechaun hats with orange buckles and shamrocks are positioned on either side of the main text. The main text, in white, reads "St. Patrick's Day Irish national holiday" and "17 MARCH". To the right of the text is a QR code. Below the text is an orange rounded rectangle containing a list of activities. At the bottom, two leprechauns with red beards and green hats are shown, one on each side, with a rainbow arching over them. In the center, a large brown pot is overflowing with gold coins. The background is a solid green color with subtle patterns of shamrocks and clovers.

St. Patrick's Day
Irish national
holiday

17 MARCH

ACTIVITIES IN THE TÖNISSON BUILDING

- GREEN OUTFIT, TAKE A PICTURE OF YOUR COSTUME AND UPLOAD IT HERE (PRIZE FOR THE BEST ONE)
- IRISH MUSIC DURING BREAKS
- YOU CAN LEARN IRISH DANCING IN THE LOBBY ON THE 1ST FLOOR.
- IRISH-THEMED QUIZ
- FIND AS MANY LEPRECHAUNS AS POSSIBLE IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING AND WIN A PRIZE (TAKE A PICTURE)
- INTRODUCTION TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN ENGLISH LESSONS
- LOOK FOR IRISH BLESSINGS IN THE SCHOOLHOUSE (TAKE A PICTURE)

