

# MHG NEWSLETTER

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## BIRTHDAYS

- 07.04 Ivika Hein  
09.04 Heli Lätt  
11.04 Janika Kaljula  
14.04 Tiia Lepik  
15.04 Kersti Kivi  
16.04 Uljana Jegelski  
16.04 Irina Guljavina  
17.04 Henli Pindmaa  
17.04 Aile Einola  
20.04 Eve Kukemelk  
21.04 Helin Semilarski  
21.04 Helen Semilarski  
22.04 Stiina Lõhmus

## 12TH GRADE BABY DAY

On 4 April, the secondary school graduates dressed up as first-grade students and filled their day with exciting games and a water fight. On 11 March, we will send our dear secondary school graduates off to the exam period with the last school bell. We wish them success in their exams!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 7–11 April – **Secondary school preliminary exams week**
- 7 April – "Safe Choice" training for 11th grade students; **PISA test; DELF Scolaire** exams.
- 8 April – **PISA test; DELF Scolaire** exams; **DSD I oral exam; student science festival at the AHHA Science Center**; 8a and 8b watching the film "Fränk" at the Elektrikino; KiVa event for 1a and 1b; Tartu schools' indoor hockey competitions for 2nd–3rd grades; 1–2e class morning.
- 9 April – **student science festival at the AHHA Science Center**; Härmatis groups rehearsal at the ERM; Lithuanian teachers from Palanga visiting MHG; 3a at the Tartu Art Museum; "Entrepreneurship Ecosystem" students at Hotel SOHO.
- 10 April – **Regional round of the Humanities Olympiad** for grades 5–8; XXVIII General Song Festival, rehearsal and performance of the 3rd–4th-grade children's choir; Tartu schools' indoor hockey competitions for grades 4–5.
- 11 April – **12th grade last school bell ceremony**; 5b class evening; 4a class morning; 1b at the Art Museum.
- 12 April – mixed choir at the song festival recital; Härmatis C1 at Hopser's birthday concert in Võru.
- 13 April – Concert by Härmatis dance groups at the ERM.
- 12–20 April – **Spring holidays.**
- 14 April – Estonian language national exam.
- 15 April – Teachers' Collaboration Day.
- 22 April – **final exam in Estonian for basic school**; students of the Environmental Module at a bird song morning in Raadi; Pedagogical Leadership Team meeting
- 23 April – Career counseling for 11th graders; follow-up defense of UPTs; **Open House for future 10th graders.**
- 25 April – 8a class night.



2.–12. MAI

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KATSETELE  
SISSEASTUMINE.EE

17. MAI  
KELL 10.00

SISSEASTUMIS-  
TEST

27. MAI  
KELL 17.00

TESTIDE  
TULEMUSED

28. MAI  
13. JUUNI

VESTLUSED  
VASTUVÕTU  
KUTSETE OTSUSED

16. JUUNI

KUTSE  
KINNITAMINE

16.–28. JUUNI

OOTENIMEKIRJAST  
KUTSED  
(VAJADUSEL)

28. JUUNI

LAPSEVANEMA  
TAOTLUS  
ARNOS



## NOTICED IN HÄRMA

- In the regional round of the **Biology Olympiad** held on 26 March, **Aino-Martina Kanger** (7b) took 2nd place in the 7th grade category and 2nd–3rd place in the 6th–7th grade category overall. **Roosi Kõiv** (7b) took 3rd–4th place, 6th–7th place in the 6th–7th grade category overall.

In the 9th grade, **Lille Mai Kangur** (9th grade) and Kaisa Tullus (9th grade) shared 3rd–5th place. In the 8th–9th grade, 5th–8th place. The students' supervisor is Keily Ehasalu.

- On 4 April, grades 6 and 8 participated in the RMK educational program “What do annual rings tell us?” Each class began with a theoretical lesson, followed by a practical part in the school library.



- On 29 March, our students participated in the **final round of the mathematics competition Nuputa**, which took place at Haapsalu Basic School. The 7th grade team, consisting of **Helena Luikmäe**, **Tristan Erik Teniste** and **Lemme Toompere**, achieved the nationally awarded 6th place. The 5th–6th grade team, consisting of **Taaniel Mehine**, **Kuti Tombak**, **Marta Birk** and **Samuel Sööt**, achieved 8th place. Mathematics teachers **Kersti Kivi** and **Veronika Lehesaar** accompanied and supervised the students.

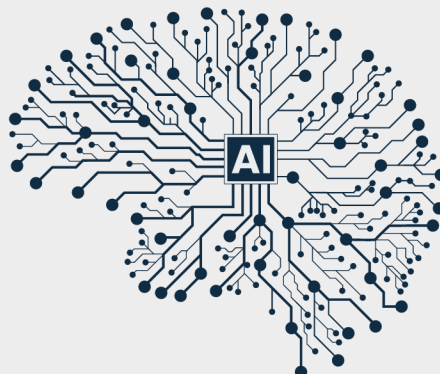


## NOTICED IN HÄRMA

- On 2 April, the Minister of Education and Research, **Kristina Kallas**, spoke about artificial intelligence to the 10th and 11th grade students and teachers of our school. Thoughts from the Minister's presentation:

Artificial intelligence can produce text that summarizes information and synthesizes knowledge from it. It can learn from very large amounts of data, solve problems and make decisions, it can create visual reality. Artificial intelligence helps **reduce the workload of teachers** by taking over feedback, assessment and lesson planning, it **improves access to education**.

**OECD:** "Two-thirds of workers in OECD countries have literacy, numeracy and digital problem-solving skills on par with computers. Only 13% of workers use higher skills than computers on a daily basis." With the introduction of artificial intelligence, the overall demand for the vast majority of workers whose skills do not exceed computers in terms of literacy, numeracy and problem-solving skills will decrease (OECD). **We are in a natural evolutionary leap.** Our opportunity for an evolutionary leap is to consciously train as many people as possible to be constantly in the workflow of higher cognitive processes (analysis, creative association). This also shapes our educational model and the teacher-student relationship. We can use artificial intelligence as an assistant teacher, with teachers leading the learning process.





## NOTICED IN HÄRMA

- Diplomat **Toomas Kahur** taught the module course “**Diplomatic Etiquette and Protocol**” this academic year. He is a graduate of the Estonian Academy of Music and the Estonian School of Diplomacy and has worked in the Estonian Foreign Service since 1992. From 2009 to 2014, he was the Estonian Ambassador to Spain and Andorra. He then worked as the Director General of the State Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs until September 2017, when he moved to the private sector.



Teacher Kahuri's summary of the completed course: It was a very pleasant experience. The last lesson lasted longer than planned because the students still had so many questions. Smart, sincere and warm-hearted young people! It was a real joy and honor to teach them. In the picture, teacher Kahur with the students in his course.

- The Estonian national final of the global German-language debate series **Jugend Debattiert International** took place in the hall of the Tartu German Cultural Institute on 7 April. Among the four students who reached the final, **Erik Julius Lindgren** (12b) took 3rd place.





## NOTICED IN HÄRMA

- At the end of the fourth period, on 3 April, alumni **Krister Paris** and **Liina Altroff** visited the class of the "Life in the Information Society" module. They told the **students about freedom of speech and its importance in a democratic society**, as well as about possible forms of protest by citizens and, in fact, about being a human being and the importance of human communication in general. In class, the students were able to suggest topics that cause questions or frustration in school life, and the guests led a discussion about how they themselves, if not completely change it right away, then at least nudge the situation in a direction that could change the world for the better. At the end of the class, the guests received warm and spontaneous applause from the students.

**Paris, who has worked as a journalist in both Moscow and Prague and is now based in the editorial office of Delfi in Tallinn, graduated thirty years ago, while Altroff, who heads Jüri Gümnaasium in Harju County, graduated a year earlier.** They recalled that when they started school in Soviet Estonia, they graduated in free Estonia, and their secondary school years at Miina Härma Gümnaasium are what they remember as their first learning experiences and understanding of themselves as citizens with freedom of speech. They also became friends and like-minded people during secondary school, and they still are. **Both have ties to the school through generations** - Paris' grandmother studied at the girls' school at the time, and Altroff's grandmother Valda Laar worked here as a teacher for a long time. **Marii Kangur**, module subject teacher



## NOTICED IN HÄRMA

- On 5 April, the **final round of the literary competition "Rändaja", organized by the Estonian Mother Tongue Teachers' Association**, took place in our school, which was attended by 30 3-member teams from different schools. Every year, the competition covers the life and work of two Estonian writers: this year, **Juhan Liiv** and **Indrek Hargla**. Hiiumaa Gümnaasium took home the victory, beating Tallinn Secondary School of Science by 4 points. The jury included Indrek Hargla and the best Juhan Liiv scholar in the republic, Tanar Kirs, in addition to Kaja Sarapuu, the chairman of the Estonian Mother Tongue Teachers' Association. Juhan Liiv's poems were read by actor Pääru Oja, who played the poet in the film "Vari". The event was helped by the secondary school students of our school.



- The **Estonian Youth Cup** for girls in four age groups (U12, U14, U16 and U18) took place at the **Tähtvere Tennis Center** in Tartu from 28.03 to 31.03. **Joanna Toomiste** (5b) became a double winner of the cup, in both singles and doubles in the U12 age group.





# KiVa

## poster competition

Make your own KiVa poster that reflects KiVa in our school!

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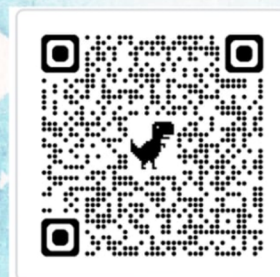
Age groups: grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-8

1st place in each age group will be announced. Rewards guaranteed!

1st place posters will decorate the school hallways.

Bring the completed poster to KiVa team member no later than  
April 25th.

CRITERIA:



For more information, contact the KiVa team.



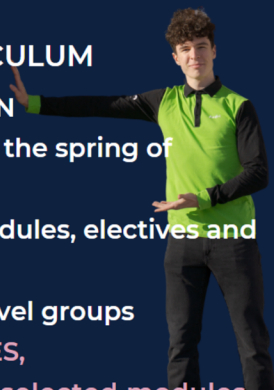


## ONE SCHOOL, TWO CURRICULA



### ESTONIAN CURRICULUM

- \* Studies in **ESTONIAN**
- \* Module selection in the spring of 10th grade
- \* Cross-curricular modules, electives and language groups
- \* English taught in level groups
- \* **9 in-depth MODULES**, everyone can study selected modules



### INTERNATIONAL IB DIPLOMA

- \* Studies in **ENGLISH**
- \* Vertical curriculum that allows for in-depth studies
- \* 6 subjects, **STUDENTS CREATE THEIR OWN** curriculum
- \* Recognized by universities around the world, including Estonia
- \* Applying in spring of 10th grade

### WE CAN LEARN:



- \* We teach critical thinking
- \* We provide tools to cope in a global world
- \* We value creativity and design thinking
- \* We provide skills for agency, leadership and collaboration



We are looking forward to welcoming 9th grade students to the MHG Open House on 23 April at

16:00 or 17:00.

Register: [HERE](#)