

Kaluga International School

Dear Parents

Welcome to our first official School Newsletter Academic Year 2018-2019! We believe it is our duty to ensure a successful, and positive, school experience for all our pupils. By working closely with parents, we strive to inspire each child to discover the joy of learning and ensure that your child achieves their true potential.

We use Cambridge International and the International Baccalaureate Primary Year Programme (PYP) to support us in teaching and learning. We encourage our pupils to learn and experience a broad and balanced curriculum and offer a range of extra-curricular opportunities.

A positive and fulfilling education encourages not only academic, but also personal growth. We want all KIS pupils to become aware and emotionally intelligent citizens that are empowered and enabled to make a valuable contribution to their community, and beyond.

This year is a very interesting and challenging journey but we feel your support which is highly motivating for us. We are very grateful for your understanding and cooperation and the first term shows great progress not only of the students but of the whole school community. Great job!

KIS Administration Team

Important News

Parents Partnership Programme

Coffee Mornings (Informational)

As part of our commitment to develop a community of learners, we



Upcoming Events

November 6th – first day of school after the break

November 26th-28th – IB Evaluation visit

December 21st – Winter Celebration

December 24th – January 8th – Winter break

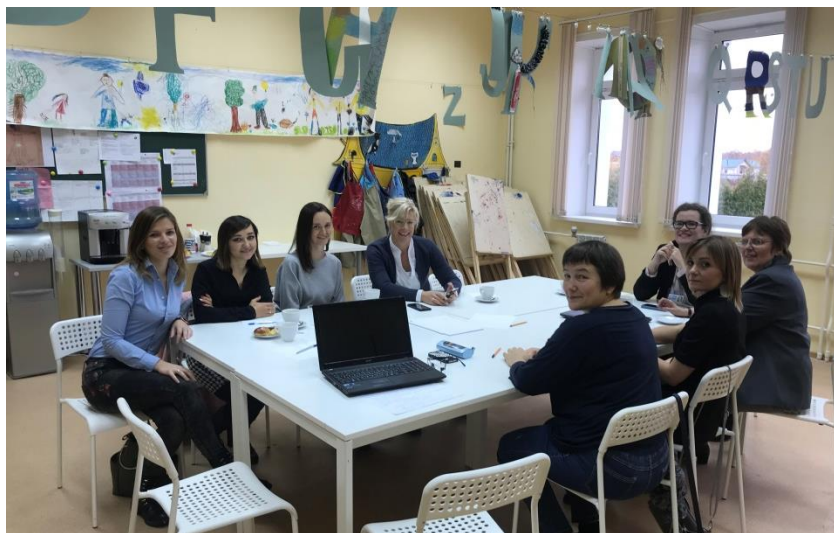
Important Announcement

Parent coffee morning



encourage parent participation in our students' learning and development. We are happy and very pleased that we managed to form a CPR (Class Parent Representatives) Committee this year and the first meeting took place on October 24th. The list of suggested activities: going to Kaluga theatre, excursions for different grades, camping or field trips with parents, sports events for students and parents at school, snow tubing, ice-skating, sleepovers and home visits for groups of classmates, teambuilding activities and ballroom dances during school events. Sounds great!

Please stay tuned as we are going to hold 2 coffee-mornings before the winter break. The dates will be announced via email.



In the Community

IB EVALUATION VISIT

KIS has reached another milestone – IB PYP Evaluation visit which the school must undergo 4 years after the Authorization in 2015.

On November 26th we expect two representatives of the Evaluation Team from India and Canada.












We already have a detailed agenda for 3 days of the visit. We have worked hard, developed professionally, spent breaks attending in-house trainings, met regularly for collaborative reflection and self-study and hope that all our efforts will be fruitful. We will need your participation as well. More information will be sent later.

What's been happening at KIS?

September 3rd – beginning of the academic year: welcoming newcomers, charity tradition, flash mob dancing, lots of fun, meeting with friends and new homeroom teachers!



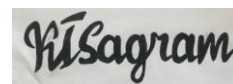
Introducing HOUSE POINTS

Captain: Mr Anthony 	Captain: Mrs Kate 	Captain: Mr Padhraic 	Captain: Mr Gary 
Deputy: Mrs Olga 	Deputy: Mr Dmitry 	Deputy: Mrs Sofia 	Deputy: Mrs Maria 
Vice-Captain: Talissa 	Vice-Captain: Simon 	Vice-Captain: Zille 	Vice-Captain: Vlad 

This year we decided to implement HOUSE POINTS at school as a reward system, which fosters community spirit and gives the students an opportunity to contribute to something bigger, achieve their best potential and provides them with an awareness of individual and collective responsibility.



To celebrate students' success and achievements we created



- Students achievement board.

Support your kids at home and "like" their positive actions as we do.



Goal-setting Conferences

It is a time for parents to meet teachers and discuss how the student has settled into school. This conference gives the student, parent and teacher an opportunity to reflect on how the student has begun the academic year, settled into his (her) class and to set achievable goals.



Autumn Celebration

At KIS we know not only how to work hard but also how to relax and party, because school should be fun! Songs in English prepared by the students at their music lessons, funny activities, dance battle between the Houses and sweet treats fest! Already thinking about Winter Celebration...



Academic progress

UOI: Who We Are

EY/KG/Gr1



We are what we eat!

And we want to stay healthy and strong, that's why this term we had a deep investigation in what healthy and unhealthy is, what food groups exist, and even created our healthy lunch boxes. By the way our karate teacher introduced us to some Greek national food!

We've also made a school research on what the representatives of our community prefer to eat.



But nothing will work until balance is everywhere. And here we came to the conclusion...that being healthy means being balanced, keep to healthy dieting and enjoy the world around!

GR 2/3



We started writing our own books; the children wrote and illustrated on their own.



We did some fun activities for our unit of inquiry 'the five senses', here the children practiced being blind and depending on their sense of touch to read.



We started preparing portfolios for PYP, the children decorated the cover of their folder and started filling in the folders with samples of their work.



Grade 2/3 are learning phonics through reading and playing in groups.



The international grades 4-5 did their best to finish RAL project on the star signs and to compose a horoscope for this school year.



The children were trying to express not only themselves but also others (models) during studying a human figure proportions and movements.



Our first Unit of Inquiry "Who We Are" gave everyone an opportunity to speak about their personalities in different ways – sometimes literally "in ways"!



This year we also started holding our P.E. lessons in English! Mixture of physical and mental exercises shows really great results!



We made posters in English to tell the whole school about our favorite artists.



Mobile phones can help us to learn – one group from Grade 4/5 is doing a quiz in English using them.

Middle School



This year KIS is introducing a new Cambridge subject that is called Global Perspectives. It is not a content driven discipline, doing GP Challenges students will develop skills necessary in all other subjects and out of school. The skills are: Research, Evaluation, Analysis, Collaboration, Communication and Reflection. The first Challenge we did was "What makes us human?" We focused on Research and Communication mainly, and by the end of the Challenge students presented their projects on the human-related issues that they investigated (Are humans the only ones who can care? Are humans the only ones who can be affected by their self-esteem? Are humans the only ones who can communicate, etc.) After holidays we are going to start a new Challenge - "What everyone needs?"

Grade 6 preparing samples for viewing under the microscopes and learning how to use anemometer to measure wind speed.



Professional development

Our Board representatives and EY/KG/Gr1 Homeroom Teacher Mrs. Kate took part in the IB Global Conference, Vienna, Austria on October 4-6th. It is a part of IB to be constant learners and gain and share experience.



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