

# Kaluga International School

Dear Parents

May the good times and treasures of the present become the golden memories of tomorrow. We wish you lots of love, joy and happiness. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## **Kaluga International school mission:**

"The school aims to develop its students as knowledgeable, responsible, and open-minded individuals for the benefit of the community in the Kaluga region and for the whole of society.

KIS Administration Team

## **Important News**

### **Parents Partnership Programme**

The Class Parent Representatives Committee was formed. After the first meeting, it was decided to organize a group of active parents who are willing to support the learning journey of our students. You still have a chance to join!

Working together, we can make a difference at school and in lives of our children.



## **Upcoming Events**

### **January 9**

- First day of school

### **January 20-31**

- Interim exams in Middle school

### **January 24**

### **February 21**

- Parent Coffee mornings

### **February 24**

- Defender of the Fatherland Day, no school

**2/03 - 9/03** – Mid term break

## **Important Announcement**



Date	Time	Session
24/01	9:00	Assessment/Exhibition
21/02	9:00	Developing life-long learners: concept-based learning

## Coffee Mornings (Informational)

As part of our commitment to develop a community of learners, we encourage parent participation in our students' learning and development.

## What's been happening at KIS?

### Celebrating special days

#### Winter celebration

On December 19<sup>th</sup> the whole KIS community gathered to celebrate the end of the term and the forthcoming holidays. Our students prepared a wonderful concert – a festival of talents. It was a pleasure to witness kids' initiative and their desire to show their potential.







We are thankful to all the parents who attend our school events and share the mood with joy and laughter.

## Out-of-class learning

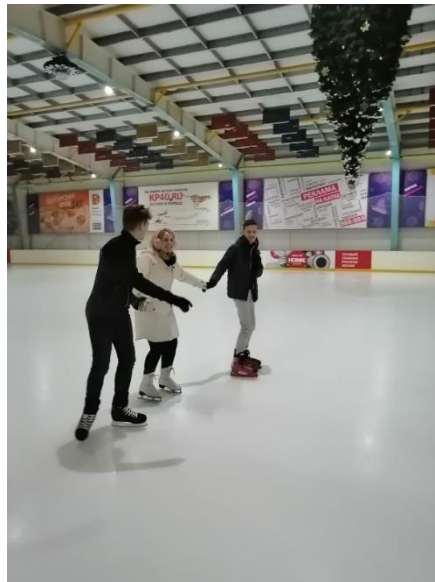


Grade 2/3 and Grade 4 visited Museum of paper. There the students were told a lot about the history of paper, different types of paper and had a great opportunity to create their own copybook.

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When winter doesn't come to us, we go and find it! To find the holiday spirit, to practice a traditional Russian sport and to have a great time outside of school, Middle School students and teachers went to a skating rink in December.



## Broadening horizons through guest interaction

EY/KG/Gr1: As part of the unit Who We Are, we invited parents as guest speakers to talk about what makes a home and what the roles of each family member are.





Gr 2/3: As part of the unit, Filipp's grandfather from London visited the students and told them about communication in his childhood.

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Gr 5: Mr. Anthony is sharing his migration history with the students.

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Gr 5: Mr. Gary asked his former co-worker Ms. Malu to speak with the students about her migration history.

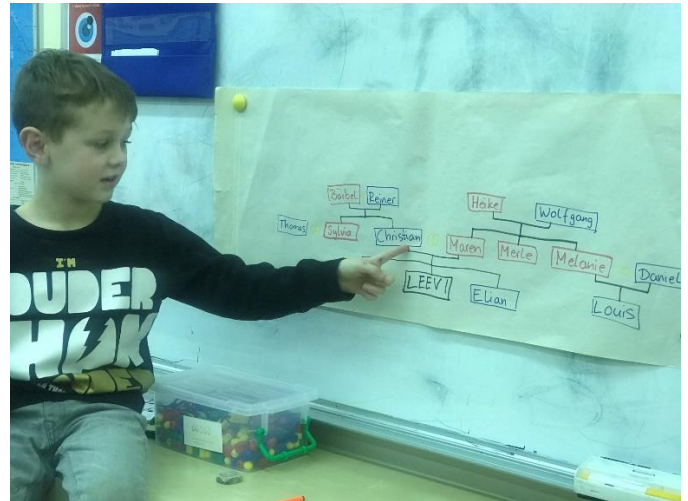
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## Inquiry journey

EY/KG/Gr1: Students showed their enthusiasm in presenting their family members. They started using play dough to create each member of their family. They also presented their family tree in class.

UOI: Who We Are



Students also created homes during their Cooking lessons.



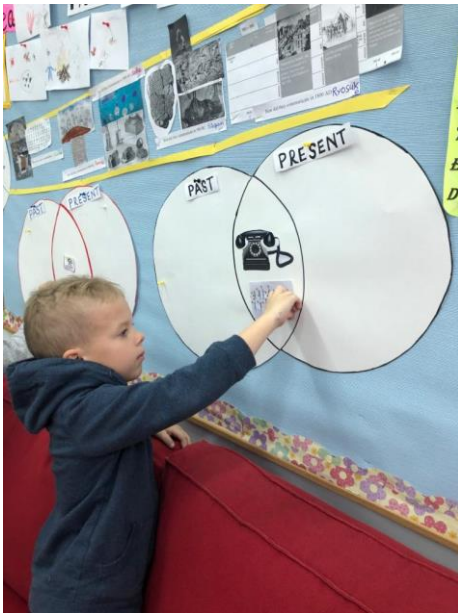


They interviewed teachers as well in school about the unit.



As part of our unit also, we invited the parents to join us in our classroom Christmas party. Parents enjoyed playing and dancing with their kids. Students were very happy and the feeling that though they are from different families, they can still feel that they are at home in school with their friends and teachers.

Our unit was Where We Are in Place and Time and we learned how human communications have changed over time. We learned means of communications in the past and in the present and wondered how we will communicate in the future. We sent letters and postcards to our classmates and teachers that became a good tradition in our school.



Grade 4 revising symmetry during preparing winter play decorations.



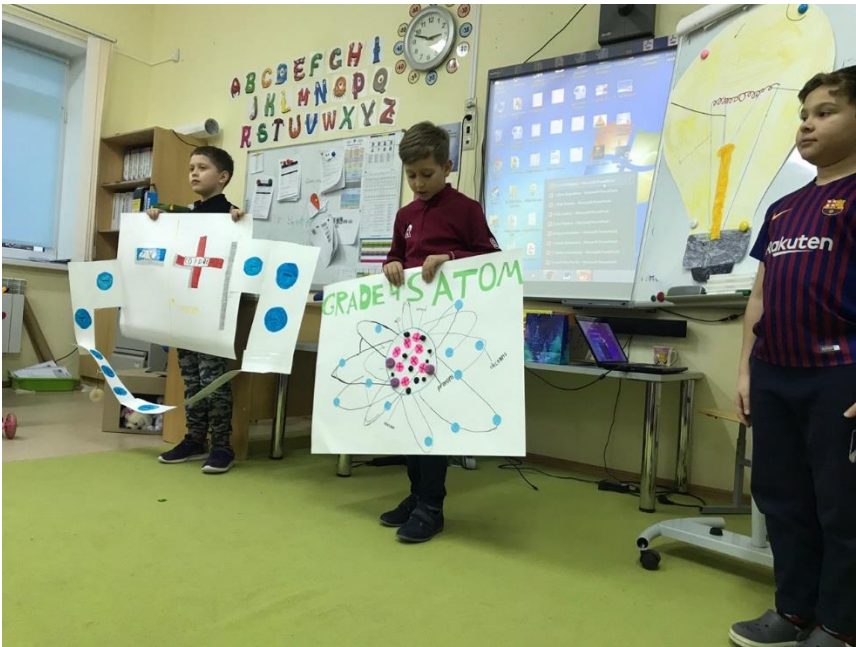




Grade 4 studying the structure of atom.



RAL projects in grades 4/5



Grade 4 End of Unit Celebration  
"Inventions and discoveries have changed the way we think about the world".

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Student Council discussing the school needs.



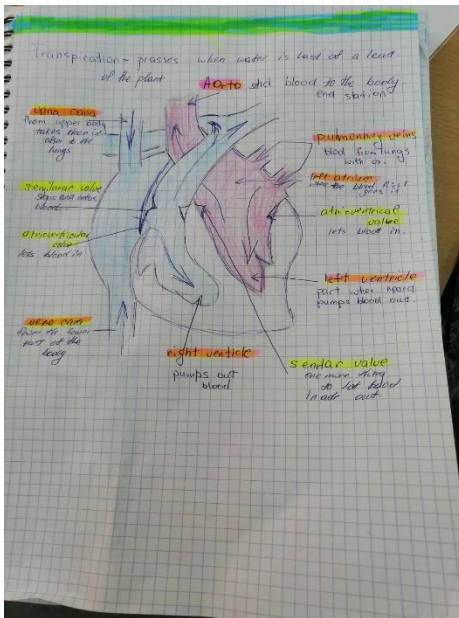
KIS students took part in the regional chess competition.



Middle school students were invited to EY/KG/G1 End of Unit Art Exhibition. We learnt a lot about colors, forms and creative ways to express oneself.







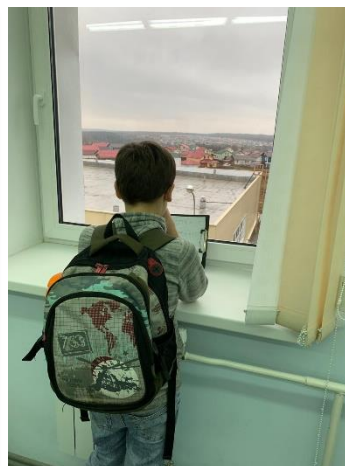
Grade 9 Biology course: learning about the anatomy of heart and dissecting it.



In science course it is important to have first-hand experience on what is studied in class. Grade 6 students learnt about water and even built their own water filter.



Anna is looking at her own blood cells.



Exploring microclimate around the school.

## Library and ecological projects

On November 14, we met a writer, poet and journalist Marina Alekseevna Ulybysheva. She read us her tales, talked about her books, answered questions, we composed poems, played a little, and the meeting ended with an autograph session.



On November 22, the regular session "Drop Everything and Read" was held.

On December 18, the interim results of waste paper collection action at school were summed up. From the beginning of the school year, 350 kg of waste paper were collected and handed over for recycling (including waste paper children brought from home). Thus, we saved 7 trees from cutting, reduced the emission of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere by 595 kg, saved 350 kW of electricity and 7000 liters of water. Kids who took an active part in collecting waste paper got eco-friendly gifts - eco bags for fruit and vegetables and a string bag with tangerines!





Our school supported the charity event of the "New Day" fund "New Year's Miracle". Together we raised 7100 rubles and added the money from our previous bake sales to buy gifts for orphans, children in Kaluga hospitals, children from families in dire need and children with disabilities.

## Student Council event – Pajama party and movie day



On Friday December, 6th Student Council organized a pajama party at school. After lunch, students had a choice to watch either the live-action Lion King or Maleficent. In addition, sweet popcorn was sold as a fundraiser for future Student Council events.

We are very proud of our Student Council for working so hard to plan and organize this event!

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