

Kaluga International School

Dear Parents

Welcome to our final official School Newsletter in the academic Year 2017-2018! 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.

KIS Administration Team

Parents Partnership Programme

Coffee Mornings (Informational)

As part of our commitment to develop a community of learners, we encourage parent participation in our students' learning and development. For the remainder of the year, we have scheduled a series of parent sessions on various topics.

On May 28th we were very pleased to see our parents participating in the workshop "What is PYP?" led by the Educational Consultant Naadia Momberg who came to KIS to train the staff regarding the forthcoming IB Evaluation visit in November. It was a very productive meeting, all the participants managed to ask questions and share their opinions and experience. In the community we try to organize open communication with parents and we do appreciate your involvement and



Upcoming Events

Summer Holidays!

In the Community

Coffee Morning

June 28th 2018

Agenda:

What is PYP?

Survey for parents will be sent soon! Stay tuned!

your constant reflection, it is YOUR school and we want to make it better with your help. Soon you will get a Survey and we will be very grateful if you spend 5 minutes and leave your feedback.



What's been happening at KIS?

Out-of-class learning



UOI: How We Express Ourselves.

These 8 weeks KG students were working at the transdisciplinary theme How We Express Ourselves. For a field trip the kids visited Kaluga Drama Theatre where they were allowed to have a look behind the scene process exploring everything from the moment of creating the plot, designing the costumes... to the performance.



UOI: Where We Are in Place and Time

Grade 1/2, Grade 1 (linguistic), Grade 3 and Grade 4/5 visited The State Museum of the history of Cosmonautics named by K.E. Tsiolkovsky and also Grade 1/2 walked around Victory Square thinking about heroes of past, present and future.



UOI: Where We Are in Place and Time

Grade 2, the tour around museum is always fun in the company of Mr Know-Nothing!



UOI: Where We Are in Place and Time

Following the central idea "Present Civilization are Built Upon the Experiences of Past Civilizations" and supporting IB philosophy which stipulates that learning should be focused around the Host Country, Grade 4/5 spent a whole day on the field trip visiting Kaluga sights and museums. On this photo Antonia is in the Craftsmen's House. She is delighted with the Eiffel Tower made of cones. It's really unusual and very beautiful!

Academic progress

UOI: How We Express Ourselves

As usual we put a lot of effort in developing our speaking skills. Being inspired by the story Red Hen KG students created the farm and role-played the story adding some new characters.



UOI: How We Express Ourselves

Taking into action the acquired knowledge we created books to show how we can express ourselves through writing and drawing. That was our final project. Everyone was working hard at developing the plot, characters and the moral of the story. The students demonstrated themselves as knowledgeable, creative, reflective and open-minded learners who should be highly commended for their efforts this unit!



Interaction of KG and Grade 1 – play-based learning of English!



Grade 1 prepared Assembly on the topic "Balanced" We came to conclusion that being in harmony is one of the most important skills we should develop to be successful in life!



Grade 1: End of Unit Celebration!
Where We Are in Place and Time.
Our little professors presenting their projects.



UOI: Where We Are in Place and Time

Grade 2: New Unit is a long and challenging journey... mind maps, debates, collaborative work, art projects – we always support imagination of our kids and help them make their ideas real!

Being students of the International school our kids realize importance of being open-minded – being able to accept and respect other cultures, being willing to learn and get new experience. At the Assembly Grade 2 and 3 made an impressive presentation of Russian traditions and habits for our multicultural school community.



UOI: Where We Are in Place and Time

Antonia and Artem are fully involved in the study of a new unit. They made national headdresses and musical instruments - a German folk musical instrument- an accordion and Russian kokoshnik beautifully decorated with colorful little stars. Artem's choice is a harmonica peaked cap and the most popular Russian folk instrument- balalaika.

Events

We are very pleased to announce that this year we have 2 graduates who successfully finished their PYP and became students of the Middle School. Artem and Jakub, our KIS newcomers, managed to make a great progress in English and academic studies and according to IB assessment programme prepared their own final project – Exhibition that was held on June 1st.



Boys worked with patience and enthusiasm at the Unit „How the World Works” with the Central Ideas: “People use different forms of Media to express themselves” and “Communication Tools”. They demonstrated a good understanding of the various forms of media and communication, were self-motivated and did a great job, showed themselves as independent learners and brilliantly presented their exhibition projects. Congratulation, boys! We are proud of you!

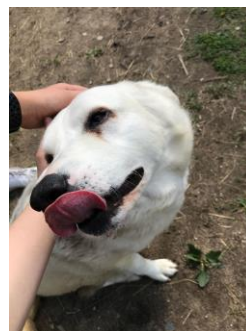
June 1st was not only an Exhibition Day, it is an International Children's Day! At KIS we do not only study we know how to have fun! We place our children in the center of everything we do, our students are the heart of KIS – their smiles and happy eyes give us motivation to develop! Concert, funny games, sweet treats – the best way to finish the day!



Safety first! Rehearsal of fire drill.
KIS Health&Safety policy in action.



One of the biggest events in the life of our Middle School students was a charity project they ran for a couple of months. During a Global Perspectives lesson they spoke about cruelty to animals, and they felt so bad for poor stray cats and dogs that they decided to do something to help. Students did research and found a local animal shelter (The True Friends) with 30 cats and 200 dogs under their care. After a month of promotion and fundraising students went on a school trip where they bought food, medicines and other necessary things and went to the shelter to share it all with the animals in need. The trip certainly made a huge impact on the Middle School students and the rest of our school community, so we will certainly keep in touch with The True Friends next school year!



When exams in the Middle School are over and final reports have been handed out to parents, school in June can be fun! Believe it or not, but there's a Treasure Island hidden in narrow streets of Kaluga. Middle School students managed to get all the necessary clues and solve tricky riddles, they found the treasure map and took pirates' gold!) Being all excited and inspired by the success in the adventurous treasure hunt, we went on a cycling trip through a beautiful pine forest and around Kaluga Waterstorage (Kaluga Lake). Sun, friends, laughter, ice-cream - all of these make an incredible day-out for KIS students in the end of a hard school year!



End of Year Final Concert

Traditionally our school year ends with a final concert. On June, 22 KIS community were lucky to have a sneaky peak at the enchanting world Under The Sea. Cheerful Flounder. Wise Sebastian. Brave sailors. Beautiful mermaids. Powerful Triton. Cunning witch and her mischievous friends. Cute sea citizens. Handsome Prince and sweet-voiced Ariel. They sang and danced and enjoyed themselves and we were proud of great acting our students demonstrated. We are grateful to the students for participating, teachers for helping out with the performance, parents for understanding and support. We would like to thank in particular our amazing Music teacher - Miss Elena who directed the play and did it brilliantly! We hope you had as much fun and joy as we did!



Professional development



Being life-long learners – our KIS principle!

In-service days are always very productive for teachers. On June 9th Ms Mary Tan shared her experience how to work with POI (Programme of Inquiry) and Mr Anthony Gonzalez gave a workshop on Assessment tools.

Our students being already on vacation, teachers go on working acquiring knowledge for the new academic year!

July 2nd-July 6th – Ms. Naadia Momberg will be giving workshops for KIS staff.



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support and participation in the life of Kaluga International School. This academic year was full of challenges and achievements and we expect next year be even more interesting and eventful! We wish you hot and relaxing summer and see you in September!

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