

KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

KOZAK KORNER

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OCTOBER 2020

Saturday 31: Virtual Cross Country Race

NOVEMBER 2020

Monday 2: Secondary III Class Day

Tuesday 3: Secondary IV Class Day

Wednesday 4: Preschool/Elementary PTO Zoom Call

Thursday 5: Zoom Room Coffee Chat Call

Thursday 26 - Friday 27: Staff PD. No School.

Red/Black and A/B Group Schedule for Middle School and Secondary School

November					December				
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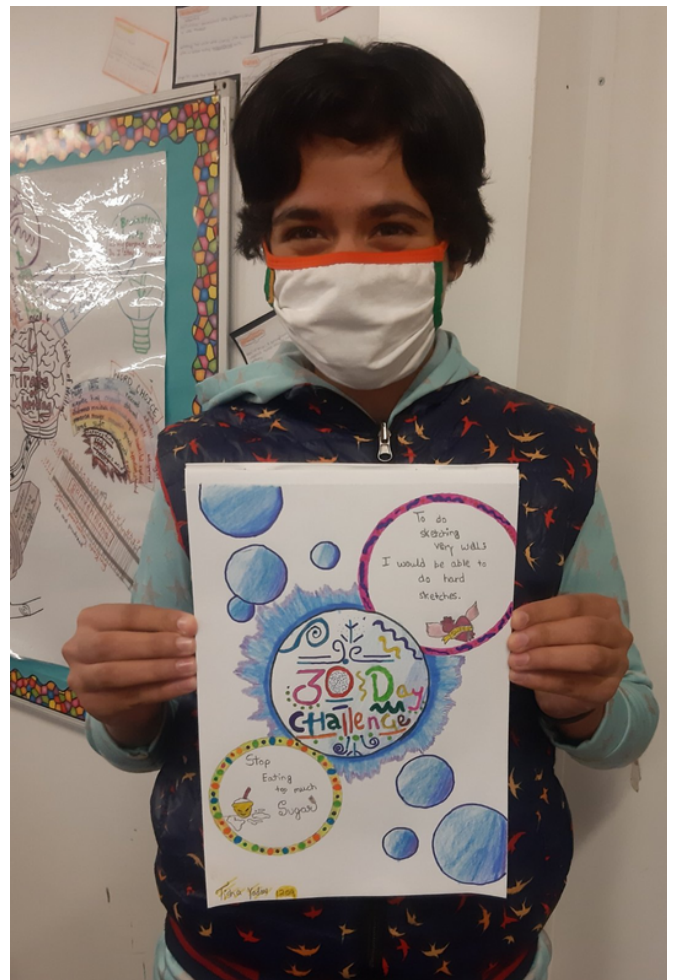
HEALTH & SAFETY AT KIS

The health and safety of our campus community is our top priority. Access the links below to learn more about the guidelines and policies we've introduced during the 2020-2021 school year.

Parents should regularly check for **KIS Informer** emails for the latest news and updates.

- Community Responsibility
- Suspected and Confirmed Cases of COVID
- COVID Reporting Procedures Flowchart
- 2020-2021 School Protocol Video
- Parking, Traffic, Drop Off and Pick Up Guidelines
- Pick Up/Drop Off Scheme
- Campus Security & ID's
- Parents/Visitors Parking Lot Guidelines

If you are a member of the campus community, please report any COVID-19 related healthy concerns to the school immediately by emailing health@kyiv.qsi.org.



Dear KIS Community,

Happy Fall Festival!

I know that it is not the same as in previous years when we would all be together to celebrate with yummy food, games, and exciting costumes, but it is always fun to see everyone dressed up and the many creative outfits.

October has come and gone in a flash - I think I saw a few Flash costumes today, as well.



We are all watching the number of cases increase in Ukraine with the expectation that at some point, we may be asked to quarantine for a time. No doubt, much of this has been the result of outdoor seating moving back inside for many places in Kyiv.

As we head into November, we are preparing for colder weather. We are still keeping doors and windows open as much as possible while making sure to keep our classrooms warm. We are also looking at some ways to keep some of our outdoor spaces warm enough to keep using them throughout the window.

All of that is to say, that we encourage students to make sure they have appropriately warm clothing, as the weather changes.

In April and May, we were in a position where we didn't fully understand or feel comfortable bringing students back on campus. We were also not prepared for some of the accommodations and schedule that would need to be in place.

If we do need to close the campus for a short amount of quarantine time, we feel much more comfortable now with our ability to transition online and then back to campus. Our goal has always been to accommodate as much face-to-face learning as possible.

Community responsibility and reporting have been the cornerstone in our ability to prevent spread while at school and make any necessary adjustments to our program.

Thank you for continuing to communicate with the school.



Luke Woodruff

Director

Kyiv International School

Dear Parents,

During the months of September and October, your 6-13 year old child took several MAP® Growth™ tests from NWEA® on a computer or tablet- if they were onsite.

MAP Growth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth for Reading and Mathematics.



Teachers use results to tailor classroom lessons and set goals for students.

MAP Growth tests are unique, and it adapts to your child's responses to measure your child's skill level. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier.

These results will provide a more complete picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn—whether it is on, above, or below their age level.

Since MAP Growth tests provide immediate and accurate information about your child's learning, it's easy for teachers to identify students with similar scores that are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics, and then plan instruction accordingly.

MAP Growth reports also provide typical growth data for students who are in the same age level, subject and have the same starting performance level.

Following each testing period, you will receive a Student or Family Report on the Parent Moodle site showing a summary of how your child is performing academically.

We are truly excited to focus on your child's individual growth and achievement.

For more information about MAP Growth, visit [NWEA.org/familytoolkit](https://nwea.org/familytoolkit).

Sincerely,



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MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons in the Elementary division look different this year, but still are filled with lots instrumental and singing activities. Students from the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10-year-old classes play on xylophones, rhythm sticks, chimes, bells along with singing, tapping and clapping different songs.

Recently, all classes have started their Winter Holiday adventure by practicing their winter songs. There is a song in the heart of every elementary student – even during this unique year!



EVERYBODY CAN LEARN MATH

“New” Math - We have all heard this term, maybe even used this term when talking about our children in math class but is it all that new? Not really. Maybe the methods to which we are learning the math is different than what used to be the typical math instruction yet every one of us knows that experiencing things stick with us.

By helping students develop a math mindset means more than being right or wrong but means being involved in the process to determine quality and knowing what that looks like in their math.

In essence, knowing the how and the why – not just memorize curriculum concepts in chunks, pass unit assessments, and proceed further. When a student experiences the math, s/he is more invested in his/her learning and can interpret the why and how behind the math.

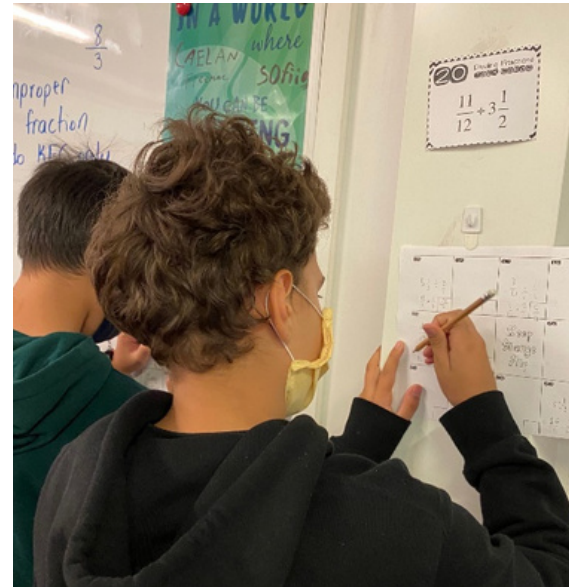
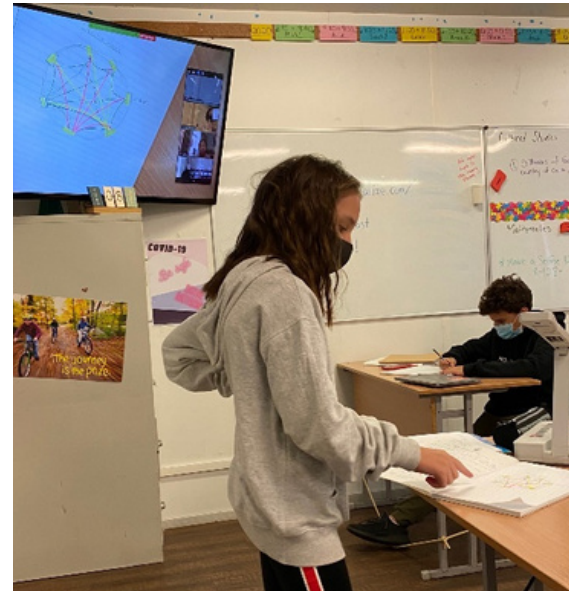
This then can allow for habits of mind to grow stronger, develop critical thinking, promote problem solving, and invest in deeper understandings. Ultimately, affecting growth and perseverance.

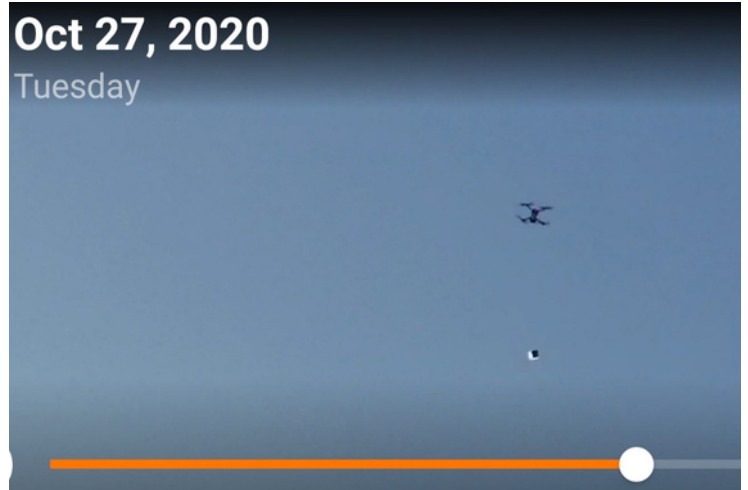
This “new” math will foster students as independent, responsible, intrinsic learners versus students not experiencing such methods.

So go ahead and ask, what is this “new” math, because in the middle school math classrooms, it is what we are doing! Math Talks. Modeling. Conjectures. Interactive Notebooks. And so much more.

Maybe some students (even parents) will experience “math shock” when the new norm is all about the experience for which is active, full of challenges, grappling, and making many mistakes. However, they will not be alone and will persevere through these endeavors and new feats.

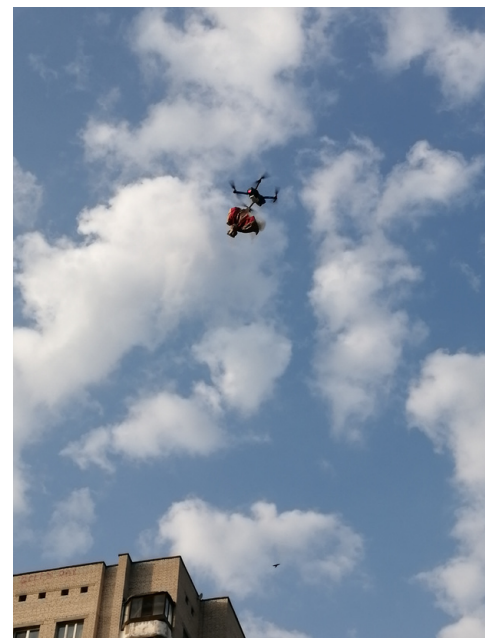
As you can see, already early in the school year, they have diligently trudged through this new format to math and each day experienced successes. Although there are some still hesitate to be 100% vulnerable, they do meet the expectations in experiencing the direction we are heading. Believing that this methodology will be vital to shaping our students, our major objective is to obtain a love of learning mathematics where every student thrives and becomes a mathematical thinker. Essentially tying together a purpose with ultimate gain.

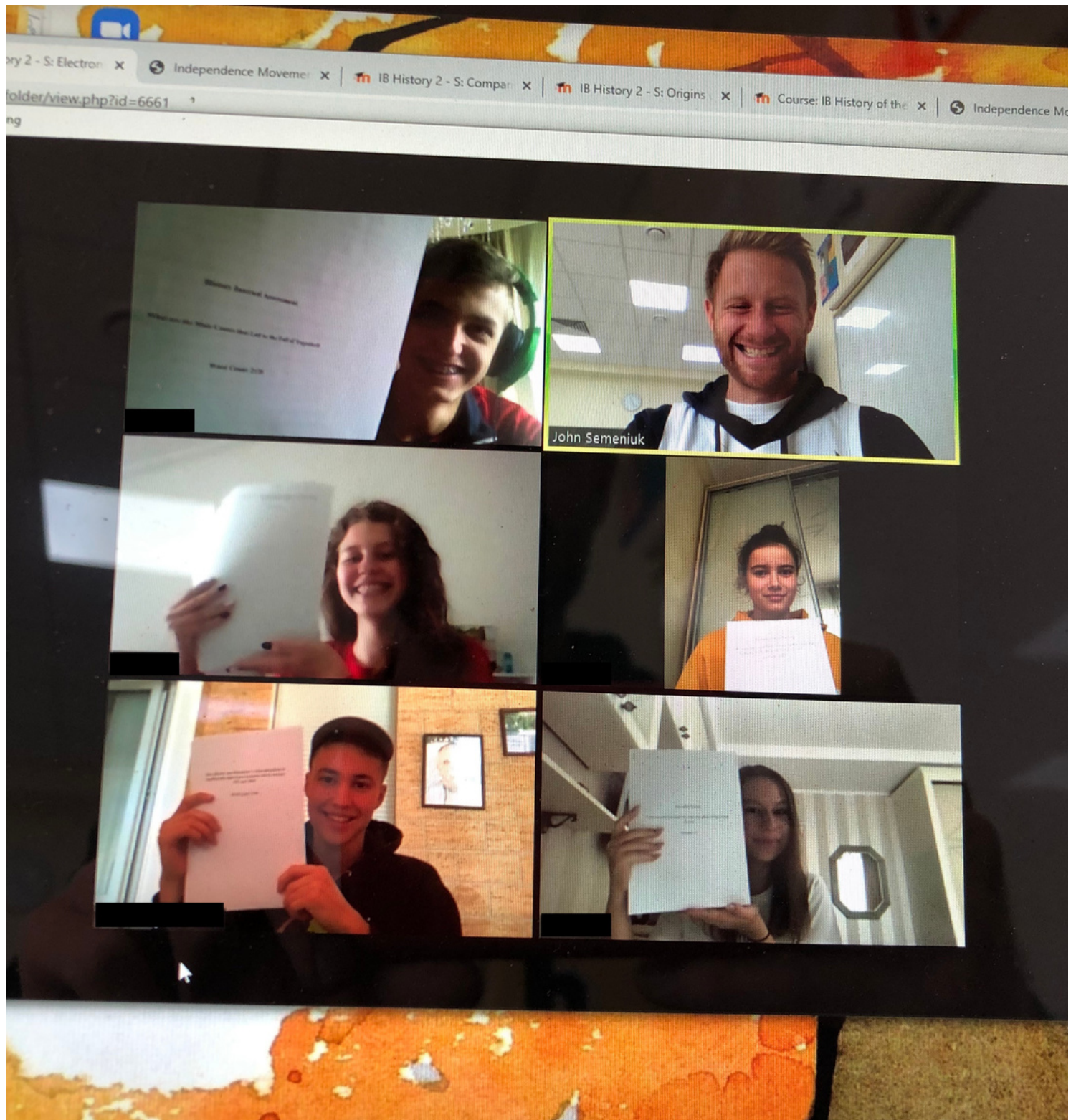




EGG DROP

In physical science class we completed the "Egg Drop Challenge" from the fire escape stairs (8.5 meters) and from the drone (20 - 30 meters).





IB HISTORY

"Students in IB History conquered their Internal Assessments a few weeks ago!"

They started working on them before summer break, researched over the summer and then finished them up in the fall. Students engaged in historical investigations into the causes of the breakdown of Yugoslavia, the impacts of Khrushchev's reforms, how women and black soldiers were treated in WWII, and how the fear of Stalin impacted the outcome of the Berlin Blockade.

Everyone worked incredibly hard and I am so proud of what our IB History students were able to accomplish!"



LANGUAGE CLUBS

The LOE department is planning to organize the first Zoom sessions of Language Clubs in November and December. They will take place after school, at 6 pm or even later, when we are already at home, and may relax a little bit.

There will be no any works to complete, just speaking, watching fun videos, playing, singing, dancing, cooking... If you are MS or HS student, learning French, German, Russian or Spanish, and would like to practice your target language, this opportunity is for you. We will start with Spanish, on Monday, 2nd. The invitation is below:





BALANCING SCHOOL WORK, HOMEWORK, AND LIFE

With our hybrid models of education this year it is taking time to find our balance. In the elementary school we have split classrooms, and in the middle school and secondary schools we have online and in-class learning happening simultaneously. With our school being different this year we can do things at home to help our students have a better emotional state of being.

Here are some tips to regain your balance.

- Set timers for completing homework. Give your student 30 -45 minutes. If your student needs more time, use the weekend. Email their teacher to let them know.
- Make sure to remove distractions during homework time. Remove the cell phone and gaming apps.
- Reward effort! If your student has completed their work for the week - do something special!
- Make time with family. Schedule family dinners, outings, activities.
- Have set bedtimes for your students. Children need their sleep and they need routine. Have a set bedtime and bedtime routine for the weeknights
- Remove phones and other technology during bedtime.
- Work on mindfulness. There are great tips and strategies to practice mindfulness (<https://www.mindful.org/mindfulness-for-kids/>). Even if it is taking 2 minutes to sit and count our breaths this does wonders to rest our brain to be ready to tackle the day.

We hope these tips will help to create balance in a world of uncertainty.

Let's stay connected and work together to have a great year!

Dear Parents

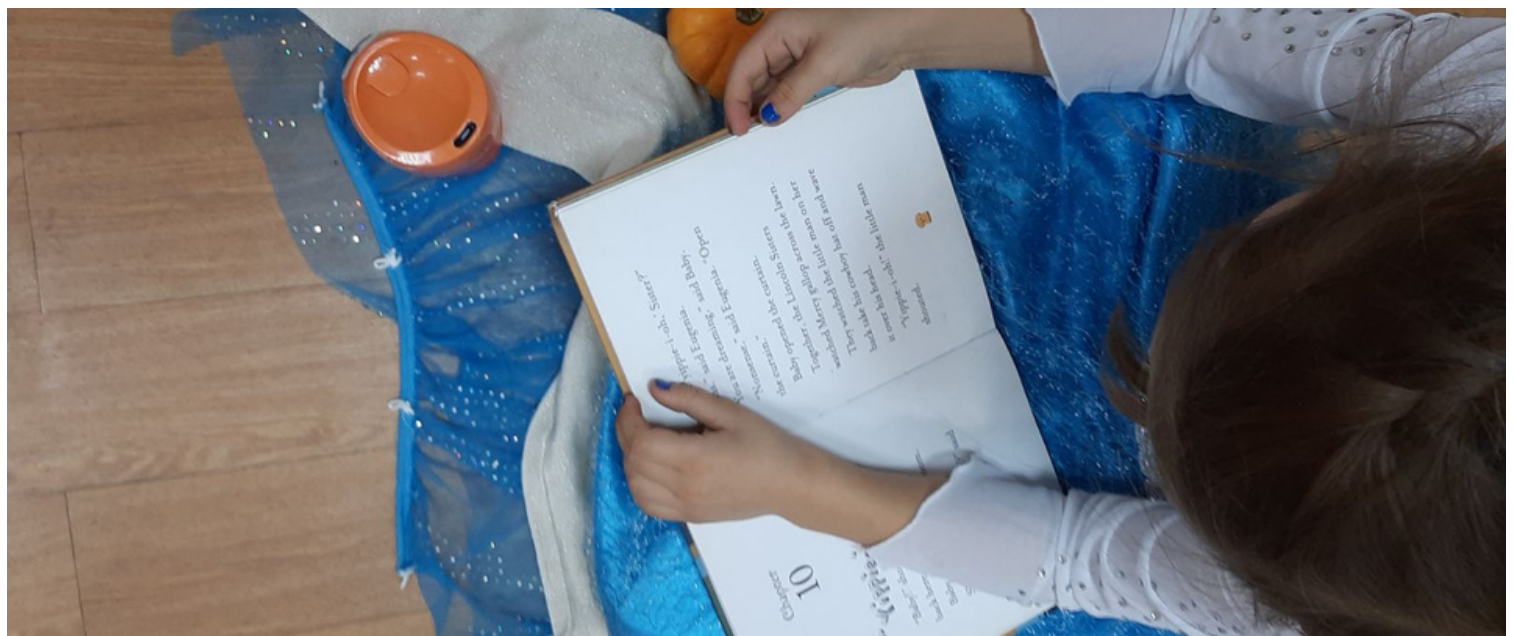
We are opening Our Scholastic Book Club the first one this school year. You and your child can now browse the latest books and order online. There are hundreds of fantastic Children's books to choose from, all at great prices! The parcels will be mailed to school and you need to be in Kyiv to pick it up after notified by your librarian or teacher.

There is no obligation to order but for every £1 you spend on this Month's Book Club; our School will earn 20p in rewards to buy Books for the classroom or library!

Please place your order online by **November 14**.

Here are the steps you need to take:

- Go to the school's Scholastic Webpage <http://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/qsi-kyiv-international> - you will see QSI in the top right hand corner.
- Select which books you would you like - to do this click "BUY"
- When orders get close to £80.00 or 100\$ please proceed to checkout. There will be a summary of the order, click check out again. You can always open another with the same date straight after. This way the company can keep the orders going through customs without issues/delays.
- It will ask you to register your email address or if you are a returning customer to log in using your email address and password.
- Choose which book club basket/teacher you would like to place the order into. Your child's teacher will receive your order and pass it on to you.
- Make payments for your books.





Photography I and II students have shot, chosen, edited and labelled photos of our entire Kozak Community! A real-world assignment that showcases our student's teamwork, tenacity, and creativity!! Well done photographers!

Kozaks of all ages showed up and showed off how KIS Kozaks face this strange and interesting year...with a smile and a positive attitude. Now we hand the photos of to Ms. Geary and her fabulous yearbook team. Yearbook students will use the photos to build this year's sure-to-be-unique-and amazing and student created yearbook.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this very large assignment run smoothly!
Kozaks Rock!





SIGNUPS FOR OUR WINTER SEASON WILL BEGIN ON OCTOBER 26TH AND CLOSE ON NOVEMBER 6TH

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SECONDARY PARENTS

REGISTER NOW

#kozaknation #kyivisred

for Winter Sports and Activities

Signups for our Winter Season will begin on OCTOBER 26th and close on NOVEMBER 6th.

After NOVEMBER 6th you will NOT be able to sign up for any of the winter sports or activities. Because we need to carefully consider safety precautions and protocols to facilitate our sports and activities, no exceptions can be made this season.

We want ALL our secondary and middle school students to have an opportunity to participate, so PLEASE do not miss the registration deadline!

WINTER SEASON SPORTS and ACTIVITIES

Middle School



Speech and Debate



Math Counts



Basketball



Swim Team

Secondary



Speech and Debate



Knowledge Bowl



Basketball



Swim Team

For the activities (Speech and Debate, Knowledge Bowl and Math Counts) there will be virtual competitions. It is most likely that our winter sports will practice and train to improve skills, have fun and keep fit.

At this point in time, it isn't possible to predict whether there will be games or tournaments, but it seems fairly unlikely.



Rachel Geary

Athletics Director/Activities Coordinator

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AT **KIS WE TREAT OTHERS WITH
KINDNESS...AND THAT'S NO TRICK!**



**TOGETHER WE CAN HELP CHILDREN
IN NEED GET THEIR "FANGS" FIXED!**

- All donations from our fall fund drive will be given to **Loads of Love**, a humanitarian organization that supports the needs of orphans and the elderly around Ukraine.
- Please allow your child an opportunity to *earn* a donation to turn in after they have done an act of kindness and shown *concern for others* (our October Success Orientation).
- Our gift will go directly to fund a special dental project. Dental care for each orphan costs only **850** uah.

Together we can fix A LOT of Fangs!



Donations will be accepted through Friday November 6th

CROSS COUNTRY VIRTUAL RACE



We are excited to announce the Kozaks Cross Country Team are participating in the AAS Virtual Pumpkin Run on **October 31st!**

#kozaknation #kyivisred

PTO FUNDRAISER

This year we are continuing our tradition of holding a silent auction for the beloved KIS project "Caring for birds around us".

You can view the different bird feeders painted by our secondary students.

These will be auctioned off.

Later we will post every 3 days 3 bird feeders and everyone will have the chance to participate in the auction.

The profits from the auction will go towards purchasing more bird feeders and bird houses, as well as bird food for the winter months.

By participating in this auction, you will help continue this art project for the next academic year for KIS secondary students as well as raise awareness towards the importance of caring for birds in the cities.



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First Day of Each Term
First Day of School - August 27
 Term 1: 27 Aug - 18 Dec
 Term 2: 11 Jan - 2 Apr
 Term 3: 5 Apr - 22 June
Last Day of School - June 22

First day of Quintile
 Quintile 1: 27 Aug - 22 Oct
 Quintile 2: 23 Oct - 15 Dec
 Quintile 3: 16 Dec - 3 Mar
 Quintile 4: 4 Mar - 23 Apr
 Quintile 5: 3 May - 22 June

School Holidays
24 Aug - Independence Day
12-16 Oct - Fall Break
21 Dec - 8 Jan - Winter Break
22-26 Feb - February Break
8 Mar - Int'l. Women's Day
26-30 Apr - Easter/Labor Day
10 May - Victory Day