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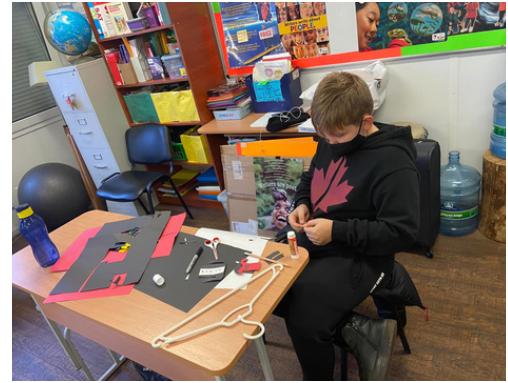
Friday 5: Middle School Math Counts Competition (virtual)

Friday 5 - Saturday 6: Secondary Knowledge Bowl (virtual)

Friday 5 - Saturday 6: CEESA HS Speech & Debate (host)

Thursday 11 - Friday 12: Secondary Drama

Monday 22 - Friday 26: February Break



MSA ACCREDITATION

THE MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION IS A WORLDWIDE LEADER IN ACCREDITATION AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT. FOR OVER 125 YEARS, MIDDLE STATES HAS BEEN HELPING SCHOOL LEADERS ESTABLISH AND REACH THEIR GOALS, DEVELOP STRATEGIC PLANS, PROMOTE STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND ADVANCE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT.



**Want
to be a part
of the discussion..?
Creating actions..?
Plans..?**

Join Up!



MSA COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:

STANDARD
COMMITTEES

MEETING ON 15
FEBURARY
VIA ZOOM

OBJECTIVE
COMMITTEES

Send your inquiry to
corene-anderson@kyiv.qsi.org.

ACCREDITATION

STANDARD COMMITTEES:

STANDARD 1, 2, 3
(MISSION, GOVERNANCE, PLANNING)
THESE ARE IN 1 COMMITTEE

STANDARD 4, 5
(FINANCE AND FACILITIES)
THESE ARE IN 1 COMMITTEE

STANDARD 6
(SCHOOL ORGANIZATION AND STAFF)

STANDARD 7
(HEALTH AND SAFETY)

STANDARD 8
(EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM)

STANDARD 9
(ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING)

STANDARD 10
(STUDENT SERVICES)

STANDARD 11
(STUDENT LIFE)

STANDARD 12
(INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY)

OBJECTIVE COMMITTEES:

21ST CENTURY SKILLS

TRANSPARENT
COMMUNICATION

LITERACY

MASTERY LEARNING



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"IDEAS ARE LIKE PIZZA, MADE TO BE SHARED!"

~Donna Buck 4WB

In the four-year-old classes last week, we expanded the horizons of our little ones by sharing our love for home-made pizza. All of the four-year-olds joined forces (socially distant of course) to create a fun pizza-riffic memory. We found Italy and Ukraine on the globe, identified the origin of pizza and how this famous dish made its way to Ukraine.



PRESCHOOL / ELEMENTARY



We provided ingredients and gave the students the opportunity to be creative in designing their very own pizza! Each boy and girl selected a crust, slathered it with sauce, applied handfuls of cheese, and topped it with pepperoni. While the pizzas baked, we shared our own "ideas" of what makes pizza special to us. Voila....In the end, the children were delivered their very own hot, steamy, cheesy, personal pizza.



In preschool we strive to create an environment where children can express their ideas and feelings in unique ways..... even through pizza.

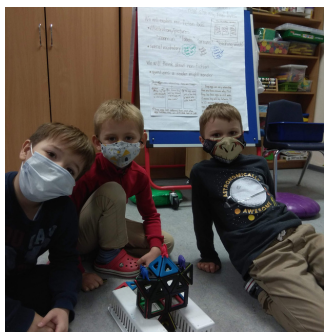


WELCOME TO CLASS 6JC RED AND BLACK STUDENT COHORTS!

We spend half our days with Ms Anna Zabara, and we are really glad she is our teacher! We love her projects because she has lots of creative ideas. We love how she helps us learn to be a team - and how she is very kind to us.

We started the year learning about Geography, The Marketplace, and Rules and Laws. Now we are studying Science and Engineering. We love how she makes everything fun!

We Love Working for Ms Anna!



HALF WAY POINT!

Do you know why February 1 is significant?

When students attend class on February 1st, they are starting the second half of the school year!

Wow! Can you believe it?

Some classes in the middle school are also switching. For instance, art, physical education, music and technology all meet for part of the year.

Students can see their new schedule by logging into the KISMET SITE: <https://study.kis.net.ua>.

Look for classes named "2nd half" or "3rd quarter" - these are the classes that start the week of February 1st.

If you have trouble logging into the KISMET site, please contact moodlehelp@kyiv.qsi.org.

Students also received an email from Mrs. Grossman with a link to a Word Document version of their schedule which includes a link to the needed Zoom Room information.

Friday, February 5th will also be a KOZAK STRONG day - so students should wear their Kozak strong shirt!





NEW UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Augusta University (US)

Georgia Southern University (US)

Royal Holloway - University of London (UK)

University of Calgary (Canada)

University of Greenwich (UK)

University of Westminster (UK)

KEEPING SAFE, DESTRESSING AND SOCIAL MEDIA

These were the topics discussed in the Secondary II Keeping Safe Classes this week. Students were tasked to "create apps" that they truly need to be successful. We are not talking about apps like Instagram, TikTok or even youtube- students instead came up with ideas to keep their mind and bodies healthy. Here is a sneak peek of their ideas:



SECONDARY ACADEMICS

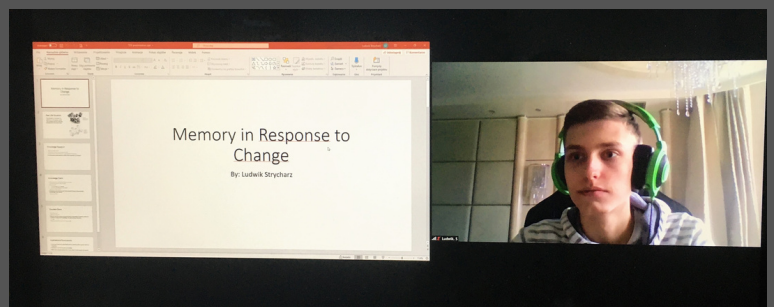
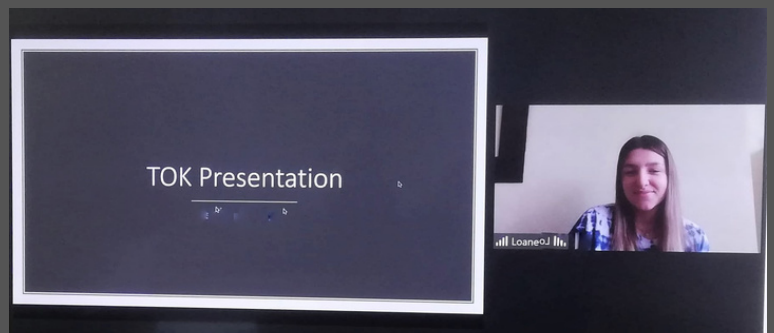


THIS WEEK IN IB - TOK PRESENTATIONS.

The presentation is one of two compulsory TOK assignments. The TOK presentation is meant to test students understanding of TOK concepts in relation to a real-life situation. From this real-life scenario, students developed knowledge questions. During the presentations, students attempted to answers their knowledge questions from different perspectives.

Some of this years' knowledge questions:

- How does Human morality influence decisions in science?
- In what ways do shared and personal knowledge influence how one determines the value of life?
- What is the relationship between personal and societal truth?
- To what extent should religious beliefs influence methodology within the natural sciences?
- To what extent is ignorance bliss?
- To what extent does memory affect the response to change?



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

A quick interview with Secondary IV student Ludwik



PICK ONE WORD OR PHRASE THAT DESCRIBES YOU?

Poland- As a proud representative of this nation, I always try to amplify my nationality glorifying it's greatness and customs, aiming to get people to visit Poland, or buy Polish products hoping to increase our GDP.

WHAT IS THE BEST PART OF SCHOOL? CHALLENGES?

It might be cliché but after attending private & public schools; I have to say that all of my teachers in my 9 years at KIS were dedicated teachers. The challenge is definitely the hybrid learning, in which the teachers have half the students online, and half in class.



DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE QUOTE OR BOOK?

*Yes, it is by Friedrich W. Nietzsche who said:
"Beware that, when fighting monsters, you yourself do not become a monster... for when you gaze long into the abyss. The abyss gazes also into you." I first read it in Polish in a book by Andrzej Sapkowski, "The Witcher", but it stuck in my head primarily because I am irritated by people who say how much they would change the world, and it's corruption, and how they would be different, not realizing that fighting the monster you might become one, and when you gaze at an abyss you know it is dangerous, yet you are curious, and it influences you.*



WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 20 YEARS?

Repairing my car under the block. As a car enthusiast I dream of having an engineering class, like in the beginning of Fast & Furious Tokyo Drift where kids learn to fix and modify their cars. I own a classic young Timer, a yellow Fiat 126p from 1983 which is objectively a dreadful vehicle, but has more personality and expression than many people I met. I really enjoy driving and find any excuse possible to get behind the wheel.

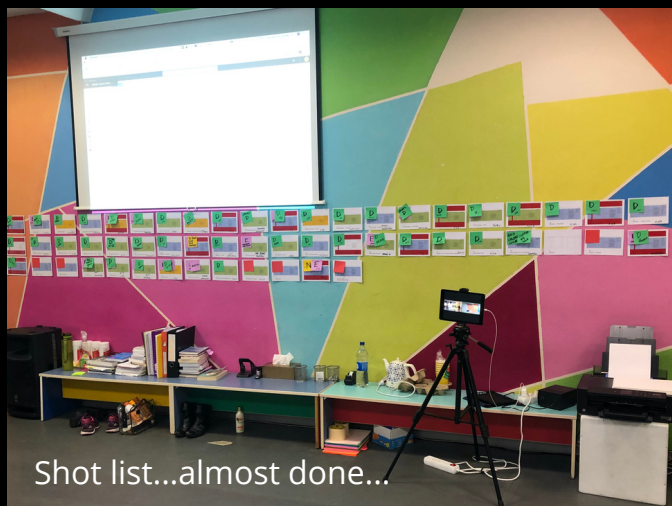
LUDWIK



Georgia as Matilda



Vaiva as Aya



Shot list...almost done...

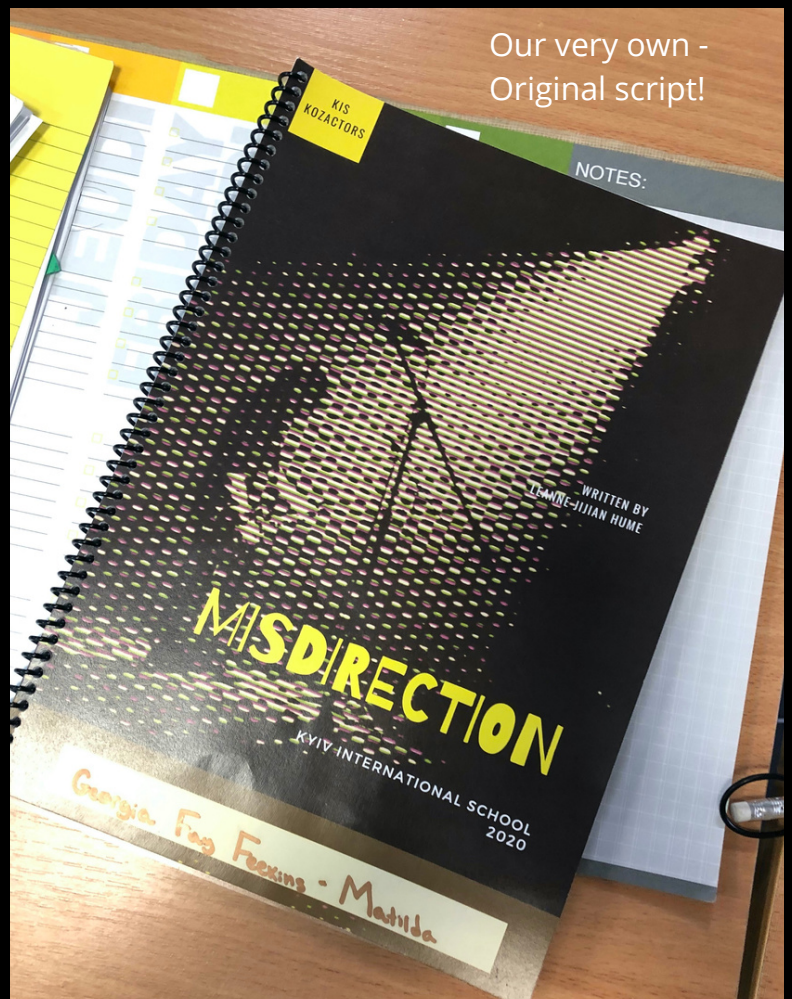
MISDIRECTION

This week KIS Kozactors will "Wrap" all shooting for KIS's first ever after school drama "Mockumentary."

Over 40 students have worked together since September to learn, rehearse, block, shoot and edit a full length 100% original Rock Mocumentary, MISDIRECTION!

The world premiere will be released on the KIS YouTube channel on February 18th. Curtains open at 8:00pm. Save the date...plan on joining the whole Kozak Community, watch with us and celebrate what our incredibly creative kids can achieve when they set thier minds to it!

Keep checking upcoming Kozak Connect issues for more information and special insider glimpses into the creation of this behemoth masterpiece! Bravo to all involved.



Our very own - Original script!

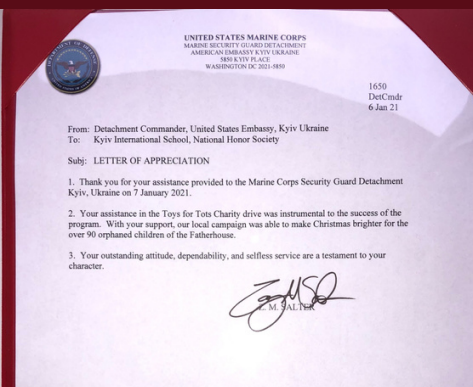
SPREAD LOVE THROUGH ART WITH NAHS!

NAHS Valentines Sale

- Handmade cards 20 UAH
- DIY Cardmaking kit 50 UAH
- Customized 3D print design
(eg. key chain, bracelet or anything you
can think of!!!) 60 UAH (depends on the size of
the design)



**VALENTINE'S DAY
FUNDRAISER**
1-12 February



NHS AND PTO TOYS FOR TOTS CHARITY EVENT

Happy Holidays KIS community, and welcome back to school! The KIS chapter of the National Honor Society wishes you a good start to the New Year!

At the beginning of December, the KIS chapter of NHS and PTO collaborated with the Marines at the United States Embassy to support the annual Toys for Tots charity drive. This endeavor started in 1947 when Major Bill Hendricks' wife asked him to deliver some of her handmade dolls to children in need in honor of the Christmas season. It has become an annual charity event hosted by the United States Marine Corps every year since. Now, we have brought it to Kyiv International School! Throughout December, new toys and books were donated to the festively decorated NHS boxes around the school. Any money collected was donated to the Marines at the US Embassy.

With the tremendous assistance from the Marines and US embassy community, NHS, the KIS PTO, and the wonderful KIS community, we were able to raise over €29,000 (\$1010) in teaching resources, and 70 toys and books to the Father's House Orphanage! All toys and resources were delivered on Orthodox Christmas morning, and brightened the morning for over 90 orphans, ages 6-months to 17-years-old, who live at the orphanage.

Again, NHS and the PTO wants to extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone involved in making this holiday dream for young orphans possible!



By Daniella Ciccione



QSI believes that all children have the right to be safe, and we do all that we can to protect the children in our care. To support this work, we collaborate with several outside organizations, including the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC). The following information comes from ICMEC.

Research indicates schools and parents await too long before conveying critical information to children about adult content online or healthy touch. Most children have already viewed adult sexual content online by the age of 11.

Some tips for parents to start conversations with children around online content:

- Talk up, rather than down, to your child. In other words, frame the conversation as a way for you to learn about your child's experiences online.
- Plan for several smaller conversations rather than conveying all information at one time.
- Use materials depicting children a little older than your child rather than younger or the same age.

A number of vetted conversation starter videos and resources are at EdPortal.ICMEC.org / [Curriculum](#) / [Family Resources](#).

Here is a video of fantastic conversations between children and parents about social media, consent and '[Sharenting](#)'.

Specifically for younger children

- Build and Talk Lego - A program to support conversations while building about online safety, and abuse prevention. Learn more about the program [here](#).
 - Healthy touch conversation guide [here](#).
- [Hot Chocolate Talk](#) (Committee for Children)

Specifically for 11 and up

- [What to do if your child has discloses sexting or abuse](#)