

EXUPERY NEWSLETTER

“What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity”

NEWS OF THE MONTH: CIS PREPARATORY EVALUATION

We are pleased to announce that from May 7-10, the Council of International Schools (CIS) will be conducting its preparatory evaluation visit here at EIS. This is an important step in the process of international accreditation.

The visiting experts—Ms. Christine Bayliss, CIS School Support & Evaluation Officer, and Ms. Carol Al-Awadi, Curriculum Coordinator FAWSEC Educational Company, Kuwait—will be assessing the school’s performance in various areas. These areas, or domains, include (but are not limited to) curriculum, school governance, student learning, and the premises.

We kindly invite you to participate in the parent meeting with the experts at 8:30–9:00 on May 9th, 2019 in the school office. Please inform Ms. Julie or Ms. Veronika if you are able to attend.

For more detailed information about this visit and the domains being assessed, you can review the related ClassDojo post on our School Story.



MAY 23 CONCERT

Created as a collaborative effort between our Music and French programs, the Exposition Universelle Concert will highlight students’ knowledge of the French language, culture, and music with a stylish historical theme. This concert is inspired by the famous Exposition Universelle, which took place in Paris in 1900. We hope you’ll join us to see and hear what the students have been busy learning over the course of the semester!



PLASTIC WASTE COLLECTION PROJECT

Exupery International School is proud to develop a sustainable, ecologically minded culture through community action projects and initiatives. We recently launched a plastic waste project with the help of the Exupery International Summer School (EISS) to help show how much plastic we use over the course of just a few months. We invite everybody to donate their plastic waste (meaning cups, cutlery, straws, and bottles) to the metal structure outside the school, as it will later be used to create an art installation in Riga. Let’s go green together!

PYP (ELEMENTARY) LEARNING IN APRIL



During the month, our students worked hard on the unit entitled “How we Express Ourselves.” Grade 1 focused on script writing and film creation, while Grade 2 explored what makes a good story and how to tell one in an innovative, creative manner. Grade 3 finished its globe-spanning penpal project, designed to reconnect with old friends and teachers. Grade 4 explored the roots of mythological heroes and their qualities before creating their own tale. Grade 5 also took on the task of writing a short story, but focused on how we communicate with various groups by adapting their stories to both 1st and 8th grade readers.

MIDDLE SCHOOL LEARNING IN APRIL



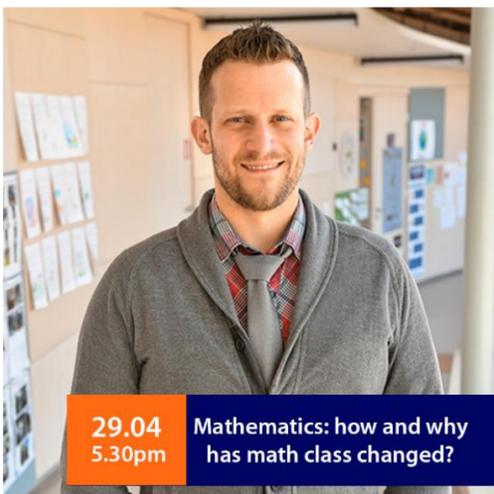
Grade 6 students focused heavily on the concept of inequality in Mathematics, and on analyzing and interpreting Shakespeare in their English classes. Meanwhile, Grade 7 worked on a collaborative project with elements of both Social Studies and English called “Workers of the Future.” Students explored what professions will be in demand, which professions match their personal interests, and how they can hone their professional skillsets moving forward. Students in Grade 8 worked on studying and writing film critiques in English, and learned about pressing environmental issues in Social Studies.

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OPEN LECTURES

As a community of lifelong learners, EIS firmly believes in the benefit of research-based, progressive information and development methods. We recently launched our Open Lectures program, which began with an event discussing intellectual development and learning abilities in children. Our upcoming lectures will focus on topics such as the evolution of mathematics teaching in the classroom, overcoming learning obstacles, student self-management, and more. These lectures feature both our staff as well as experts in pedagogy and educational/scientific fields. Be sure to attend our next lecture (Learning to Learn) on May 14 at 17:30, and stay tuned for our upcoming lecture announcements!



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Mathematics: how and why
has math class changed?



Open Lecture
“Learning to Learn”
May 14 5.30pm



THIS MONTH'S LEARNER PROFILE

Our IB Learner Profile Trait for this past month has been **PRINCIPLED**. Our students have learned about being principled through studying ethical decision-making, and in the younger grades, through discussing how to be honest. Next month's Learner Profile Trait will be **KNOWLEDGEABLE**. Around school, students will show how knowledgeable they are through exhibits such as the Wall of Facts. As we move toward the year's end, this trait is especially important for students to be able to show their own learning.



MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY-BUILDING

Inspired to improve our school community and introduce change through student-led action, our middle school students have put several programs and new installations in place. One of these initiatives is the EIS English Day, in which students will immerse themselves in English culture through food, language, and activities. Sports Day is a similar event designed to encourage physical activity and teamwork. A particularly creative installation is the EIS Pet Wall, in which students and teachers alike can display pictures with their four-legged friends.

EXCURSIONS

In a creative start to the month, Grade 2 visited the National Museum of Art and took part in a scavenger hunt, which was designed to familiarize them with the galleries of Riga's greatest art collection.

Grade 4 traveled to the Ligatne Nature Trails alongside Grade 2 to explore local foliage and biomes in a natural setting. They also visited the National Botanical Gardens for an in-depth experience with Latvia's native and foreign plants.

Grade 5 took part in two excursions—one to the pet shelter Ulubele, and the other to the Ziluks social support center, which marks the continuation of our ongoing community action and charity efforts.

Grades 6, 7, and 8 also took a trip to Sigulda to record part of a Latvian film project (their rendition of the classic play known as Turaidas Roze). To record this important scene, the middle school students performed the scene live at the opening of Gutmanis Cave!



APPROACHING EVENTS

Re-Enrollment for SY2019/2020

Be sure to re-enroll for the upcoming school year through our admissions officer, Aleksandra Oguorka. You may contact Aleksandra by phone (+371 266 22 333) or by emailing aleksandra.oguroka@exupery.lv



CIS Visit
May 7-10

May Holidays

May 1 (Labor Day) and May 4
(Second Independence Day,
May 6 – holiday make up)

Open Lecture “Learning to Learn”
on **May 14 at 17:30**

May 23
Exposition Universelle Concert