

Dear Parents,

We have passed the end of the 2013/14 year and are busy preparing for the start of another school year in less than 8 weeks' time. Our new laboratory is fully equipped and ready to be used by all secondary classes in September. The new computer room is ready and kitted out with new desktop computers (right) which will be used by all classes in the next school year. Down in the sports hall the gymnasium is having the final touches added and above on its roof, the outdoor sports and play area is laid with fencing and lights going up during the summer. So come September, we will have some great new facilities for all students to use.

As you will know from the letter concerning staffing, we will also have a number of new teachers in September as our classes and numbers expand. However, it was with sadness that we said goodbye to a small number of staff at the end of June – two of them leaving to have babies and another to join her partner in Belgium. A few students have also left to other schools and other countries. We wish them all the very best.

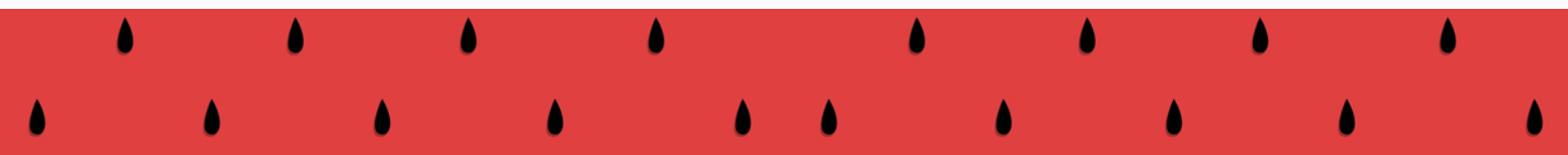
So until September, enjoy the summer wherever you spend it.

Peter Radoja



Sport Day

Enjoy the photos from our splendid Sport Day full of fun, competitions and exercise. You can find more of them on our school website <http://www.cambridgeschool.eu/en/gallery/sports-day-2014->.



Kindergarten

Our last official month of the academic year 2013/2014 was very busy again. We enjoyed amazing weather and could spend much more time outside. We took an advantage of nice sunny days and organised all the big events in the garden, on our terrace or in Horský park.

In line with our topic of the week—‘community helpers’ — we welcomed police dogs to see how they work.



We celebrated the Children's Day with balloons, jumping castle, cotton candy, face painting and many interesting competitions.



We could not forget about our dads and their Father's day. We spent a great afternoon together in Horský park following cross country tracks and fulfilling various tasks. This year's topic was “When I was small, I wanted to be...” and we had a great fun.

We are all already truly looking forward to the summer and wish you nice holidays and a good time ☺.

(Helena Molnárová, Head of Kindergarten)



Highlights of 2013/2014 school year

Year 2G

Our best trip was probably to see the horses as we got to feed them and walk around the stables and the best part was having a ride on one!



We have loved learning outside the classroom this year and took many opportunities to visit Horský park for various lessons.



2G's biggest project was making the planets – it got very messy and took a long time, but the final result was fantastic!



The children most enjoyed role playing in English and they put on a brilliant performance of the three little pigs and Cinderella in assembly.

(Nicki Gray, Year 2G Class Teacher)

Year 2S

Year 2 trip to Vienna to the Technical Museum turned out really fabulous! Children saw a huge number of scientific inventions could experience and understand many laws of nature and nevertheless, had so much fun as they love the trips of any kind.



We had Year 4 students coming to teach us something new about electricity, and to show us how the electric circuits work.



We held an international week in 2S, celebrating the diversity of the different countries we come from. We shared our countries' cultural heritage, talked about the differences and things we have in common.

We were delighted to see the children dress up into their traditional costumes; they looked phenomenal!

We chose this theme for our Friday's assembly as well. The whole school was impressed by our performance so much!



On the last day of the week we had fun presenting ourselves in costumes with crazy hairstyles. As usual, children's - or better to say - parent's creativity did not let us down. It was a day of laughter and happy faces!

(Emília Riapošová, Y2S Class Assistant)

Year 3W

2013-2014 was a fantastic year to be teaching. The children of 3W have surprised me in every way possible. Never have I ever come across a group that puts so much effort into everything they do. Every child in the class is unique and interesting in some way, this is what makes teaching interesting. It has been a year filled with learning, laughter and life lessons. The children have grown up, not just physically, but socially and intellectually. I am VERY proud of each and every one of them and I know they will grow up to be happy, polite and successful people.

Pirate Day was also a bundle of fun. Everyone dressed up and we played Pirate games to practice spatial awareness and learned new words such as clockwise and anticlockwise while we hunted for treasure.



We have had a packed year with too many highlights to mention. For me, I thought our Beach Day was a fantastic experience for everyone. We drank homemade cocktails, sunbathed and wrote beautiful descriptions of the seaside.

International Day was another personal highlight. In our class alone we have someone from England, Russia, Wales, South Korea and of course Slovakia. The stalls were packed with tasty food and magical instruments. The children got to sample crafts and experiences that they may never have the chance to experience

(David Wells, Year 3W Class Teacher)



Year 3M



Y3M playing Oompa Loompas during our 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' Christmas performance



Y3Ms with their class teacher Mr Masoud Motlagh during the book week dressing up as their favourite book characters



Year 3 singing 'What shall we do?' during the Art and Music afternoon in our school garden this June



Year 3M's wonderful end of the year assembly about 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf'



Year 4H

The year has flown by in Year 4H. As part of the English curriculum and our push to get children reading the school celebrated World Book Day. We all came to school dressed as our favourite character from a novel, Year 4H and 4S also had a day in pyjamas! We spent a lot of time improving writing skills by creating our own story books.



In Science we studied many different topics, including the human body and skeletons, states of matter, electricity, sound and habitats. We performed many investigations and practical experiments, including building habitat models, making batteries out of coins, making electric switches out of paper clips and cardboard, making life-size classification keys and going on a habitat walk.

In addition to all the learning that has been happening, we have improved our fitness as well by participating in PE lessons and the school sports day in the summer. This was a huge success and everyone really did their best. We also performed assemblies for the rest of the Primary School, teaching them all some valuable lessons in the process.



Overall, this has been a fantastic year and I can't wait for the next one! I am sure all the children have had a great time too. Here's to having a great summer and fantastic holiday!

(Jason Harrison, Year 4H Class Teacher)

Year 4S

Pupils in 4S studied electricity, habitats, states of matter, skeletons, magnets and sound. Here are some pictures of pupils acting out how a switch works in a circuit along with some diagrams drawn by pupils. In May, pupils in 4S became scientists for the day. Pupils made their own lava lamps, used Co₂ to blow up a balloon, made an egg float in salt water and even skewered some balloons!

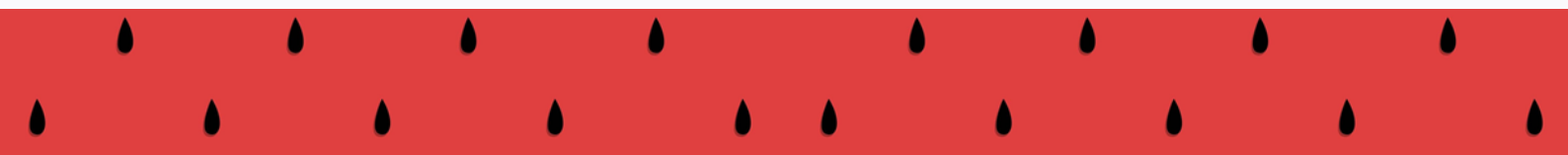


The students extended what they already knew from the topics number, shape, measure and data handling this school year. They had great fun on Maths day. Pupils needed to work as a team to solve mathematical problems and collect as much money as they could to defeat the evil Dr Prism.



In English pupils studied two books: *Treasure Island* and *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Pupils wrote persuasive letters to Jim's mum, created a play-script about Lucy's first encounter with a faun, made persuasive adverts for Narnia, wrote a description of *Treasure Island* and even wrote their own endings to *Treasure Island*. Pupils also wrote newspapers, non-chronological reports and a range of poems. Book week was a great success with a wide range of activities for pupils to take part in. Pupils in 4S took the opportunity to share some stories they had written with class 2G.

(Faye Smith, Year 4S Class Teacher)



Year 5H

It has been a very successful year for us. We worked very hard in Science, Maths and English but the lessons involved many practical and fun activities which helped the children remember new information and enjoy the lessons. We also had fun and learned a lot in Topic lessons because we had many group projects which involved drama and art to help the children improve their tactile skills.



We also performed well in school assemblies and hopefully taught the rest of the primary children some valuable lessons. Here are the photos from our Food for Thought and Angry Birds...on Wire assemblies.



Help Africa project – we decided to help a school in Kenya and asked people to bring some unused things. We were extremely excited about people's generosity. The amount of clothes, shoes, stationery items and toys we collected was overwhelming. All the donations were taken to the St Elizabeth University of Health and Social Sciences and will be shipped to the children in Kenya in August.

(Edita Harrison, Year 5H Class Teacher)



Year 6E

This has been an exciting, busy and productive year for Y6. It is hard to believe that ten months have passed since September 2013 and yet when we look back at all that we have done, we realise just how much we have achieved in that time. In October we celebrated Halloween and also Miss Elena's birthday and both she and Y6 came to school looking a little strange! Maths day was held in November and this meant that Y6, along with the rest of the school, spent the day puzzling out mathematical problems and putting to good use many of the skills they had learnt both this year and in past school years.



Before we knew it was December and there was a buzz of excitement as we prepared for the school production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and, of course, looked forward to Christmas. The New Year found us busy making mountains as part of our geographical studies. There was also an element of science involved as we discovered that when plaster of Paris and water are mixed together, a chemical reaction takes place and a lot of heat is produced. We began with chicken wire frames and ended up with beautiful model mountains depicting the seasons of the year in a mountain environment.



On several occasions during the year we held cake bake sales. Some were to raise money for trips and the last two were to raise money for the charity EWPF which is involved in saving sea turtles from possible extinction. The generous donation of cakes and other delicious food ensured that each time we had plenty to sell and raised a lot of money from our very satisfied customers.



As we moved towards the end of the school year there were Cambridge tests to revise for and take. Y6 worked extremely hard and I am delighted to say that their results were excellent and they were able to enjoy the last few weeks of term feeling proud of their achievements and looking forward to the summer holidays.

Immediately after the exams were over, it was sports day and everyone took part with enthusiasm and a really good sporting attitude. I was proud of the way they all encouraged each other and were happy to congratulate the winners.

A few days later we were off on our field trip to Zochova Chata which we had been planning and looking forward to for months. The trip was a great success and a wonderful way to end the school year.



During the past 10 months, Y6 have worked hard, played hard and grown up a lot. They are an amazing group of young people who are now ready for the challenges of High School. It has been a privilege to teach them and I look forward to watching them progress in the years to come. Well done Y6E – you have really made me proud!

(Judi Easton, Year 6E Class Teacher)

My year with Y7T

At the beginning of the academic year 2013/2014 I became a class teacher for a group of very bright children who knew exactly what they want and do not want to do. In their little heads they had a clear picture about the school day, school subject and what it should be like for them. In many ways their idea was in a direct opposite of what I and my colleagues had in mind.

At the beginning we could see little rebellions against the school rules and requirements. As the year continued, these rebellions grew more and more. In a way I did appreciate it because it meant that these children were thinking for themselves and for many reasons I still thought they are excellent children and student. On the other hand it came to a point where we had to solve some kind of a behaviour problem almost every day.

And then I started to see the slow but steady change in their way of thinking and behaving. Suddenly they realized that their actions have impact not only on themselves but also on the whole class and many other students and teachers. They started to respect other peoples' choices and decisions. During this year they grew up so much. It is amazing to see how many things they could see from a different point of view.

I have to say I am very proud of them. Academically they belong to very strong classes in our school. But what is more important they begin to respect other people around them not because they have to do it, but because they see the value of other personalities around them.

(Elena Turoňová, Year 7T Class Teacher)



Y7s during the Hollywood ball, Art and Music Opening and Halloween



Year 8H

- 1) We had two very succesful bake sales to raise funds for the Dog Shelter.
- 2) We had a number of students participating in the School play. Antonia played the role of Will Wonka, Barbara played the spoilt rich girl "Veruca Salt" and Adriana was the play narrator
- 3) Nina and Antonia were successful in the school poetry and prose competition Hviezdoslavov Kubín
- 4) New class mate Nina was a wonderful addition to the class and it was a highlight when she joined in March. She had made lots of new friends and she gets on well with everyone in the class.
- 5) Halloween - The class really enjoyed dressing up, taking part in the all the Halloween activities themselves during the day but also organising activities for the younger classes in Primary. For example, pretending to be a ghost and haunt the secondary corridors.

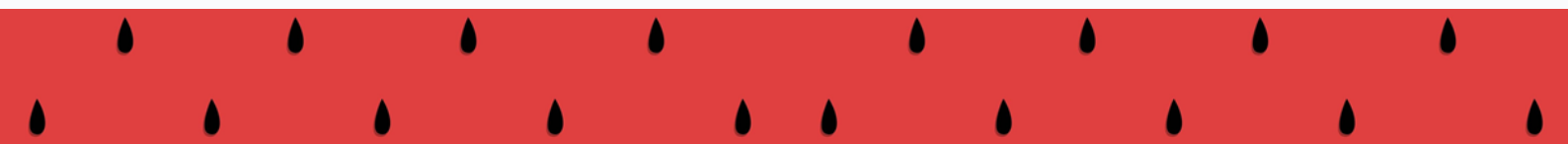
(Declan Hayes, Year 8H Class Teacher)



Year 8H during the Hollywood ball and Art and Music exhibition



Hviezdoslavov Kubín and Antónia getting ready for the Christmas performance



Year 9S

9S eagerly participated in many whole-school events this year. They made an outstanding contribution to the Christmas performance of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', with many students in the class taking lead parts and demonstrating considerable dedication by attending after-school and weekend rehearsals. All of their hard-work and commitment paid off, with exceptional performances on the night - who can forget Joe Himi's Charlie and Jonguk Lee's Augustus Gloop?

The Hollywood Ball was also a major highlight of 9S' year – the students had great fun helping to decorate the basement and entered into the spirit of the occasion by assuming roles as various celebrities. Towards the end of the year, the class' considerable talents were also clearly evident during the 'Summer Variations' concert, with 9S' very own 4-chord song (creatively composed using the lyrics of many well-known, modern songs) both delighting and entertaining the audience.

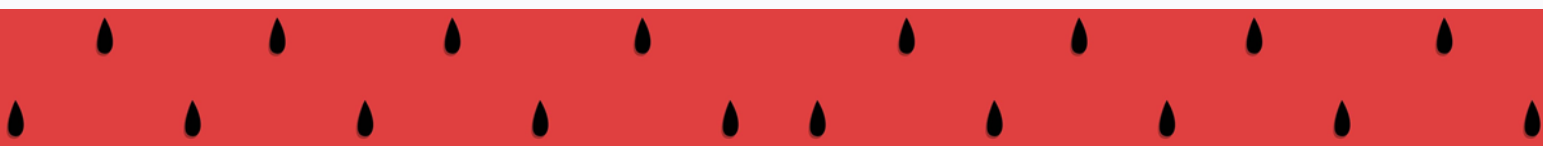
As the friendliest class in the whole school, 9S warmly welcomed many new students to their class this year – Teodora, Taisiya, Linda, Veronika, Petra, Ivana and Yugo have all rapidly become good friends within the group and have settled well in to their new environment, making valuable contributions to the community spirit of the school. Sadly, earlier in the year the class had to bid farewell to Hayeon Lee, who returned to her home country of Korea, but many of the students have stayed in touch through the power of social media and will continue to do so.

As ever, the academic results achieved by 9S have been extremely pleasing this year and all of the students are now looking forward to embarking upon their IGCSE studies with the same sense of commitment, dedication and enthusiasm.

(Claire Smith, Year 9S Class Teacher)



Y9S during our music performances, at the Hollywood ball and practicing for the Christmas musical



Year 11P

The 2013/14 school year was very hectic for the students of Year 11P. All of them knew in September that the IGCSE exams would be waiting for them at the end of the year, and they studied hard during the whole year. As the year went by, the students were joined by a few new-comers, who fitted in the class very well.

We saw a performance in a theatre together, dressed up for Halloween and the book week, and took part in the preparations of the Hollywood ball. Some of the students participated in competitions such as the Expert Geniality Show and Maths Olympics. All of them took the IGCSE exams in May, and we've been waiting for the results ever since. I believe that when they arrive in August, all the expectations of my class will be met.

I wish everyone a nice holidays, full of relaxation, sunny days and fun, so they return full of strength in September to start the AS Level programme.

(Lucia Pauková, Year 11P Class Teacher)



Y11s during our 'Charlie and Chocolate factory' musical; at the Hollywood ball



The students in Halloween costumes

