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Kazakh language week

OUR SCHOOL RECENTLY HELD A KAZAKH LANGUAGE WEEK which lasted four days from December 12 to 15th. Different activities, prizes, and a great atmosphere were a part of the week. The Kazakh Language teachers were in charge of arranging this event and made it interesting for students as they got to take part in various competitions and contests. Students were also encouraged to wear Kazakh national clothes.

The first day of the week started with **A KAZAKH TRADITION "SHASHU"** a custom to shower guests with candies and money. Moreover, it is believed that candies collected during "Shashu" would bring luck and prosperity to a family. During the same day, a flash mob was held at lunch time, so that students and teachers gathered in the hallway to dance to kazakh songs. Later on, pupils from Grades 9-12 took part in an intellectual contest which contained riddles, logical problems, and questions about historical figures.



ON THE THIRD DAY, students from Grades 6-8 had a fun time playing a quest. In the very beginning, students were divided into teams and given clues leading to different classrooms, where they had to find answers to questions related to Kazakh Language, such as proverbs and sayings, grammar, and many more. If they managed to find the answers, they would get an envelope containing the next clue.

The last day was followed by **THE CLOSING CEREMONY**. Students and staff were gathered at the conference hall, where different performances were held. Pupils enthusiastically rooted for the participants and enjoyed the last day of the event.

OVERALL, during Kazakh Language Week, both students and staff members got to learn more about Kazakh customs, participated in engaging competitions, and had a lot of fun.

English Week

Primary

The Primary School's English Week was held from January 23 to January 27. All classes from grade 0 to 5 participated actively, and the event was successful in motivating students to test their abilities.

The week started with daily 'Words of the day'.

Students were given different words and had to find the correct definition of their respective word from the definitions placed around the school corridors. Additionally, an opening ceremony was planned which displayed various performances from skits, choir, and dance.

As the week continued, a poetry recitation competition was held and students from primary were asked to recite the piece of poetry they were provided with.

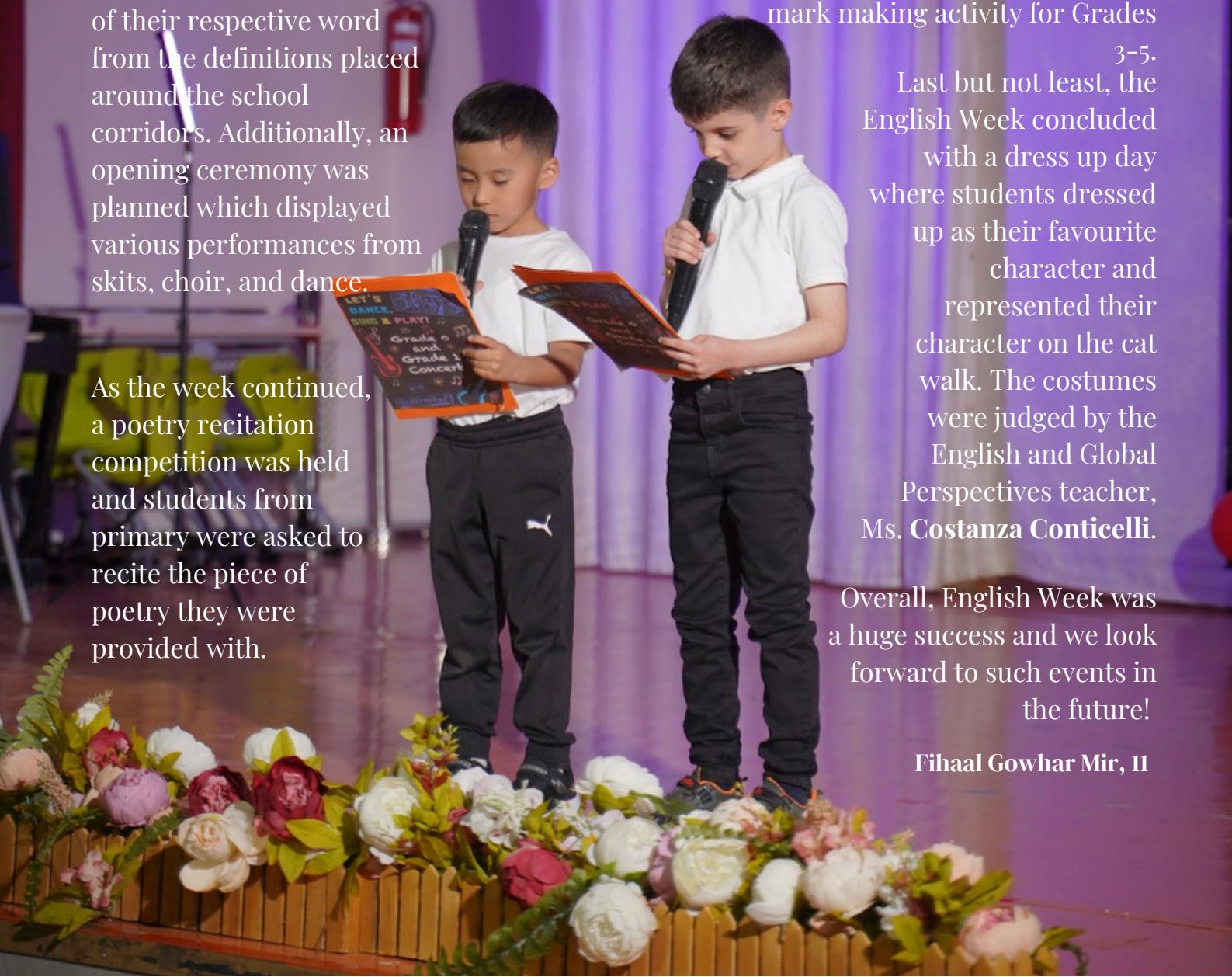
The event was judged by Mr. **Alexander Moorcroft** and Ms. **Nazia Khan** for Grades 0-2, and Ms. **Sahlee Magaling** and Ms. **Misha Borbon** for Grades 3-5.

The subsequent days consisted of the Spelling Bee, which was held in each classroom. In addition, there was a story telling event where teachers played the story of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" for the primary students, followed by a puppet and book mark making activity for Grades 3-5.

Last but not least, the English Week concluded with a dress up day where students dressed up as their favourite character and represented their character on the cat walk. The costumes were judged by the English and Global Perspectives teacher, Ms. **Costanza Conticelli**.

Overall, English Week was a huge success and we look forward to such events in the future!

Fihaal Gowhar Mir, 11



STUDENT COUNCIL ACHIEVEMENTS & PLANS



FIHAAL GOWHAR MIR, 11

When it comes to future plans, the Student Council has various activities in store for the students. To mention a few; Charity event, Women's day celebration, story writing competition, a guest speaker lecture to discuss mental health and bullying, and International Day.

The Student Council is open to any new ideas and suggestions from the students, so feel free to approach the members if you have any additional suggestions or feedback.

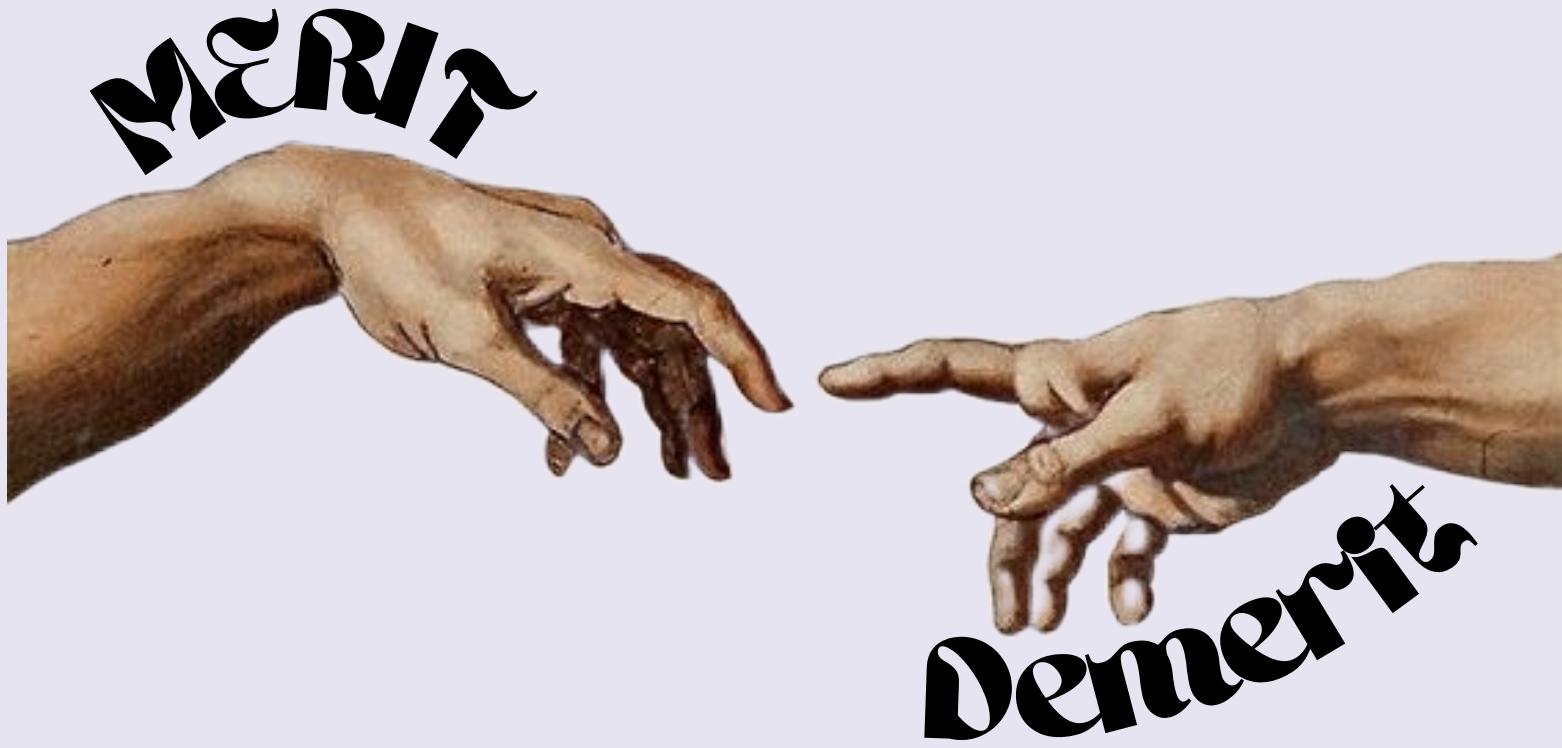
As the third term commences, the Student Council proudly brings forth their achievements and events held so far, along with an insight to the upcoming events and plans.

The student council introduced a "Mentorship Program", where students from Grades 10 and 11 were paired with Grades 6-9, with the aim to help younger students in their weaker subjects. Additionally, a "Book Exchange" event was hosted, where students were invited to exchange their books with fellow peers.

For students who wish to improve their English and other other important skills, the Speaking Club takes place every Saturday. The club consists of activities to improve English, as well as debates and discussions about a variety of topics to give students an opportunity to improve their public speaking skills. To sign up, you must fill out the Google Forms provided on Edupage.

PSHE sessions have been held for Grades 6 and 7 to help them with academic and personal problems. Additionally, the student council invited a Galaxy Alumna to share their experiences and knowledge regarding university applications.

Last but not least, in correspondence to the theme of honesty, a store without a cashier was set up, which had the purpose of giving students the opportunity to buy products without supervision, in order to put their honesty to test.



Since the beginning of the third term, our school has adopted a Merit and Demerit points policy.

The system had been implemented before, however, a lot has changed this year. One of the primary goals is to encourage students to acquire different skills, such as analytic and reasoning ability, self-confidence, and problem-solving skills. All of this can be achieved by participating in various activities such as olympiads, sports and projects.

One of the alterations made, is that earning points has become an easier task in comparison to the previous years, which will ultimately motivate students. For instance, pupils can approach a teacher and ask for an additional assignment, take part in a school event, or donate useful goods to the classroom or the school.

In addition to that, the platform for teachers to change points has become more convenient and can be accessed at any time.

The end of the third term will be followed by prizes: the class that earns the highest average number of points will be awarded with 50,000 tenge. Aside from that, the top 10 students with the highest number of merits points will receive 5,000 tenge separately. At the end of the academic year, the policy will be reviewed once again to see if there is anything that needs to be changed, and whether there is a way to enhance the system and make it more convenient for both teachers and students.

Fun Facts about our Secondary teachers

Mr Joshua:

"I am a Kenyan teacher who enjoys theater, and loves to write plays and dramas in my free time."

Mrs. Meruert:

"Once, in the secondary school, I tried to steal exams after classes, and got locked inside for the whole night."

Mrs. Anastasia:

"I used to professionally speed skate for five years."

Mr Alexander:

"I enjoy all types of cuisine, whether it's scorpion or monkey meat."

Mr Nolan:

"I have been arrested in 6 different countries."

Mrs. Aizada:

"I'm a PhD student."

Mr Nurken:

" I am the only teacher in school whose Galaxy student got an A star in the A levels examinations."

our teachers are
pure angels!

Mr Beibarys:

"I am a professional magician, and I was invited to perform magic tricks on TV in 2022."

Mrs. Dinara:

Once, my family and I got lost at the border of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan with no food during the snowstorm for 15 hours.

Mrs. Svetlana:

"I used to play the dombra in the school orchestra"

10 facts about *Alcantara Lesley*

By Zarqa Hidayat, 12

1.

She is an ambivert

2.

She usually wakes up at 5:30 or earlier.

3.

The book that has inspired and had an impact on her is "Tuesdays with Morrie".

4.

She can speak 3 languages.

5.

Her hobbies are reading books, watching movies, playing with her cat, and going outdoors.

6.

As a child, she wanted to be a nurse, but she had Hemophobia, the fear of blood.

7.

Her favourite place is Vatican City.

8.

She has a Blue Lynx Point Siamese cat.

9.

She is credulous.

10.

One of her aspirations is to live as a free person.



The Importance of First Aid

First Aid is the immediate assistance provided to a person who requires attention. A Red Cross survey showed a staggering 59% of deaths from injuries would have been preventable, had first aid been given before the emergency services arrived.

"I WAS motivated to learn First Aid because of a speech given by the Head of "Red Crescent" during the club fair at my university. My main motivation was the idea of being helpful to my family members and people around me, hence, I decided to sign up expecting a half semester course. However, it turned out that the club required a new instructor from the first-year students, so I was offered the position of a teacher. I accepted the job, in order to enhance my teaching skills, and most importantly, enhance my knowledge.

BEIBARYS ZHUMAGALI



GIS STUDENTS

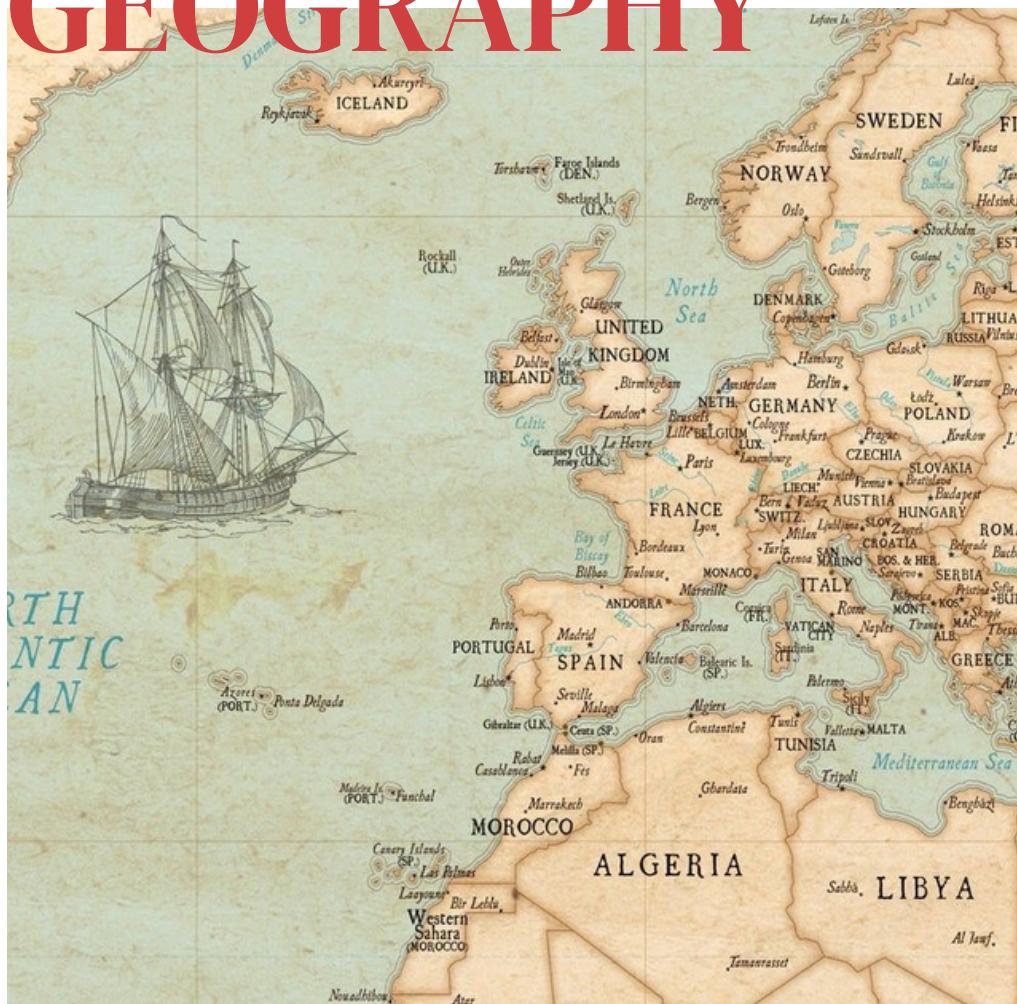
First Aid has enabled me to not only improve my communication skills, but also my confidence when it comes to helping people around me. I feel proud in being aware of the fact that I can be of help to other people, as well as when assisting my students when practising First Aid.

During these incidents, I came to acknowledge the negative aspects of our society; how instead of helping individuals in need, people find it more convenient to just surround the scene of the accident, due to them not having the basic knowledge of First Aid.

I believe that every individual should have the basic knowledge of First Aid, and if not for the community, then at least for oneself. At school, I have a First Aid club where I teach students the practices and importance of possessing this important knowledge."

My Favorite Subject

GEOGRAPHY



AIM NUR TAS, 11

My favorite subject is Geography, because, for the first time, my love for the subject developed due to a new teacher.

Mr. Nolan has explained and opened a whole new understanding of geography and its aspects, that have never been explained to me before. We have went through the topics of Core Physical Geography,

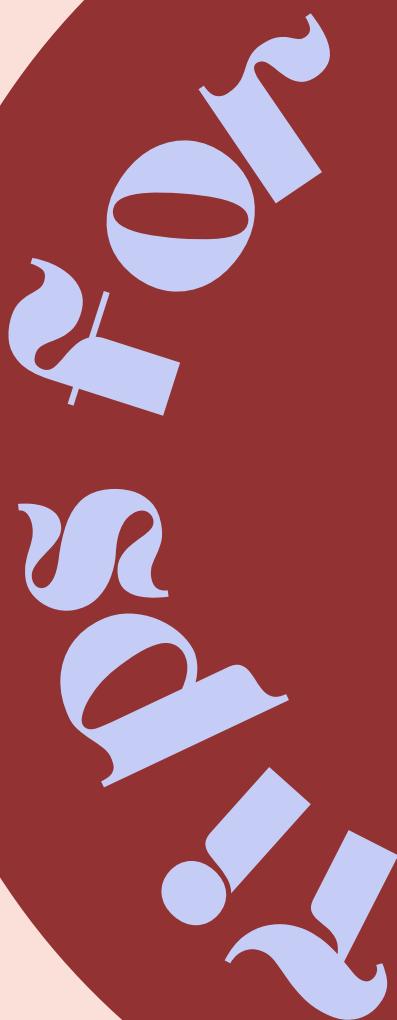
which includes Fluvial Geomorphology, Atmosphere and Weather, as well as Rocks and Weathering. Also Core Human Geography, which is about our whole population and the different problems our world faces. I never knew that I could find such topics interesting, but I couldn't have been more wrong.

Be precise about the section you'll choose to write your essays about. Even if the school program gives you a particular topic to study, make sure you still memorize the ones that are already fixed in your mind, and that you are comfortable with writing about.

If English is not your first language, **YouTube** is the greatest source for History lessons! Search the topics you'll cover in the test in your native language, and try to actively translate them to keep it in your mind.

Each paragraph is a **subtopic**. Don't mix subtopics into a single paragraph as it will look messy and confusing.

Shahar Sultan, 12

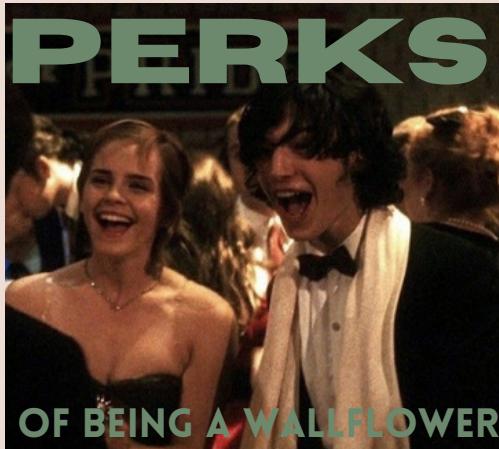


Make sure your essay is properly **structured**. The examiners prefer a more logical approach when reading your essay, and structure is more pleasant to the eye. You can write in either an IELTS or TOEFL Writing model, if you're more familiar with them.

Each sentence should bring new information. Don't repeat the same information you wrote in the previous sentence. If you write causes in the first sentence, don't repeat them - discuss the consequences instead. Time is precious, and so is the paper.

History
specialist

MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS



"The Perks of being a Wallflower" (Drama)- A coming of age movie where a boy finally finds a place where he belongs, but can he overcome his traumatic past to find true acceptance from others?



"Knives Out" (Mystery)-A family suddenly finds themselves trying to prove their innocence after their father is murdered, and a detective comes in to solve the case.



"Sick" (Horror/Thriller) -While quarantining at her family's lake house during the pandemic, Parker and her best friend are threatened by an unexpected visitor.



"Hidden Figures" (Drama/History)- The inspiring film about three women at NASA who helped launch John Glenn into orbit. Meanwhile, they also have to deal with racial and gender discrimination at work. (Drama/History)

Holidays over the Winter Break



These winter holidays spent with my family. Although it was application deadlines season, I tried my best to enjoy New Year's Eve, as well as be on time with the deadlines. I have moved to Almaty from Astana, so I also spent time with my cousin, exploring the new city and making new friends. Overall, I stayed in Almaty for the holidays, while familiarizing myself with my new home.

Shakhar Sultan, 12

My winter holidays went as usual. I spent time skiing in Akbulak with my parents, though I was tired after that. On New Year's Eve, I had a wonderful time as I went to my relatives' place to celebrate the new upcoming year together. The next day, we celebrated and congratulated our friends and other relatives. For the rest of the break, I skied and hung out with my friends. I really enjoyed the winter holidays!

Amira Kaliolla, 7

I had an amazing winter holiday with my family at Akbulak. We enjoyed skiing on slopes of varying difficulty and spent cozy evenings in our lodge, playing games and watching films.

It was a new experience for me, and I loved the thrill of learning to ski, while spending quality time with my family.

Lina Yeleuova, 11



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

By Ayana Alimova, 11

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NAZAR, 11

"Succeed in my academic journey and get good scores on my AS Levels."

BEKZHAN, 11

"Create healthier habits, focus on my academic achievements, and improve my behavior at the beginning of the calendar year."

JAMAL, 10A

"Promise to start doing more physical activities and programming, focus on school work, and create warmer memories"

ARYSTAN, 9A

"Win the teens global round with iHealthCorp team, pass my internship in Big Tech, and make the most out of this year."

ABDULAZIZ, 6A

"Have my health checked, get closer with my family (particularly my older brother), improve my GPA, and spend more time with my friends"

RAMSHACKLE, 8A

"I will be working hard for good grades this year, connect with my old friends and family , as well as dedicate more time for my art."

AYANA, 11

"This year i'll be focusing on completing my portfolio for future university applications. I also want to spend all of my free time with friends and make new unforgettable memories"



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