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Lower School Grade 2 Outdoor Arts Competition

Middle & Upper School Art U14 Girls Volleyball

<u>...and more!</u>
PTG Final meeting



"In the environment, everything is connected and everything has a purpose. Education must emphasize the interconnectedness of all things and inspire us to create solutions that respect and preserve nature." - David W. Orr

As part of our unit on 'How We Express Ourselves,' Grade 2 designed pictures using natural materials. Their creativity was superb. We further used this activity to reflect on our writing to consider the importance of adding detail to our sentences. Seeing students connect with nature and enhance their creativity is incredibly valuable.

Ms. Osborne





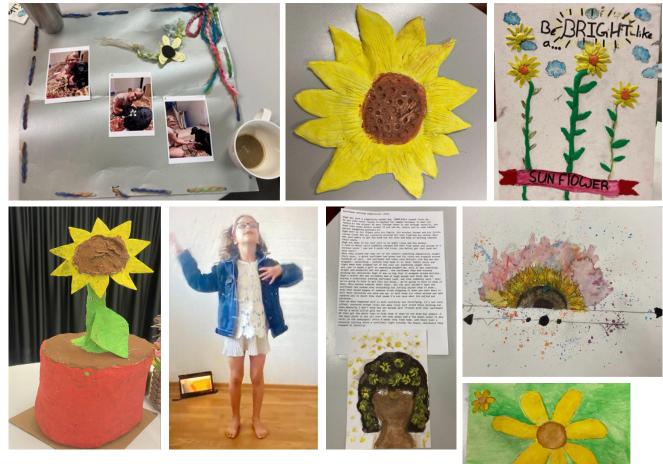
Arts Competition

Students turned up the sunshine with their creativity in our "Let the Sunflowers Bloom" Arts Competition! We challenged them to unleash their imagination and create a sunflower masterpiece, and they certainly delivered. From ceramics and paintings to dance routines, papier-mâché and imaginative stories, the sunflowers bloomed in a multitude of mediums, even a Sunflower Shake Shop!

Your creativity has truly brightened our community. Thanks to all who participated, and congratulations to our winners: Vera, Nadia, Nica, Casper, Henry, Louisa, Defne, Vilma, Deniz, Jenica, Anna, Attila, Leyni, Karlo.



Ms Balsom





Grade 9 art students recently completed an assignment where they had the opportunity to revisit a piece they had made earlier in the year. Using their own work as a starting point, students developed and explored ways in which they could extend the message of their artwork or recontextualise some of their imagery. Here are the very successful outcomes of this assignment.

Ms Thomas











On the 7th of June the U14 girls volleyball team departed ISU and set off for Stuttgart, for the U14 girls' volleyball final. With a quick and easy train ride, we were promptly in Stuttgart. Little did we know this would become one of the most physically and mentally challenging tournaments of the year.

Day 1. On the first day we had 3 games, 1. BBIS, this was a very close game with a tough opponent and we were able to pull through with a very strong win. Everyone gave their all and played as best as they possibly could. 2. BERIS, this was one of the most challenging games we had. Unfortunately we didn't win but we did get very close, but in the end it wasn't our game. That didn't stop us from learning and reviewing the points we dropped and using this as motivation for the next game. 3. BIS, once again this was a very important game and luckily we pulled through with an excellent result. A win! Our team played amazing and everyone demonstrated strong sportsmanship and determination.

As an overall result for the first day we won 2/3 of our games - a strong foundation for the second day. Once safely returned to Ulm everyone went home for a good night's sleep before our next day.

Day 2. To start off with we would like to give an enormous thank you to all the parents and teachers that volunteered to drive and chaperone. Our participation would not have been possible without you. Our first game of the day was against STG, as a team we were a little bit intimidated and nervous given many of their players are very skilled, but needless to say, everyone entered and left that court with a positive mental attitude and a growth mindset. Unfortunately we were met with a loss but we put up a tough defence. Once we had completed this game we realised that now we were competing for somewhere between 5th and 10th place. After a quick break and regrouping we had our second game of the day against ISS. This was one of the closest games we played this whole entire season, going up point by point for each team. Unfortunately we did lose and this was a very emotional and mentally challenging game for many people. With this result we were competing for seventh or eighth place. Unfortunately, we did not have much time to take a break and regroup since we had our game immediately after, once again against BBIS. Emotions ran high as we put our all into our last game as an U14 team. We won the first set, BBIS got the second, leading to the most nerve shattering tie-breaker that we've ever experienced, taking the score all the way to 28-26. Even though getting exhausted, we put up an amazing fight one last time as a team and came through with the win. The other team played amazingly and we have the biggest respect for them - we were extremely well matched.

We could then relax a little and enjoy watching the rest of the games and talking to our friends

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from the other schools. Following a fast paced final between STG and FIS which saw STG take the win, we had a lovely award ceremony where the winners were announced and the sportsmanship award was given out. Every single team that participated in this tournament demonstrated superb skills and should be very proud and we have the biggest respect for every single player. ISU ended up coming 7th place out of 10 very skilled teams. Personally, I have never been prouder of all my teammates in both our gameplay and support of one another. Everyone played with such dignity, passion, and drive. As a result we were rewarded with the sportsmanship award. This was completely unexpected, but I think that it was a lovely heartfelt surprise not only to signify our sportsmanship but also to send Mr. Alex off.

First of all, we would like to give the biggest thank you to Mr. Paul Foege. He coached us throughout our whole season and has built our skills to new heights and developed us as a team. Unfortunately he could not make it to the final, but he taught us everything we needed to know to succeed and we are so grateful for all the time and energy he put into our team to give us the best chance at the final and all of our games. So, on behalf of the whole U14 girls volley-ball team, thank you so much.

Secondly we would like to give a huge thank you to Mr. Dave/Stewart and Ms. Snider. These two teachers chaperoned and coached our team through the final. Without them it would not have been possible to participate and for that we thank them greatly.

We have developed so much as a team - dedicated, driven and passionate to the team and the game. To start with, thank you so much to all players for your participation. We would like to say a huge thank you and good luck to those who will be moving to varsity next year. We have enjoyed playing with you so much and have learnt so much from your experience and we will definitely miss you. We hope you continue to play all your sports next year. Thank you so much.

And last, but not least, we would like to give an enormous thank you to Mr. Alex. Thank you so much for all the time and energy you have put into creating all the opportunities we have been provided with. We will miss you so much at ISU and we wish you the best of luck in your new School. You have been a wonderful teacher, coach and athletic director and we will certainly miss you around here at ISU. Your amazing accomplishments and efforts will never be forgotten by anyone. (Ps. You will be receiving updates)

Thank you so much to all coaches, students, parents and supporters. It's been the best year for the Wolves. See you next year.

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2024/25 Event Suggestions

Wolf Cave