

Dear TES Community,

Happy Sunday! This week's edition comes a little later than usual as I just returned from the AES Conference in Brussels, where representatives of directors, deputy directors, teachers, students, parents, and agencies were graciously hosted by our colleagues from AES Brussels Argenteuil. This year's theme was *Unfolding Europe's Future Through Education: The Potential of the AES*, and I returned to Tallinn with plenty of fresh ideas and confidence in the way we do things at TES.



Throughout the week, members of our Secondary Student Council travelled to AES Helsinki where they were joined by students from AES Copenhagen for the SEAL (Students Engaging Across the Baltic Sea) project, funded by Nordplus JR. Participants took part in workshops focusing on democracy, youth participation, project planning and structured debate. The programme also included visits to the Finnish Parliament, Ateneum Art Museum, Aalto University, Oodi Library and the European office. Working in international groups, students exchanged ideas and developed a Student Council Handbook and an Event Template, which they presented at the end of the week. Thank you to Liis Udod and Robin Orgulas for accompanying them this week!



On Friday, our Assembly Hall was packed as Hungarian HUNOR astronaut Tibor Kapu took our students on a fascinating journey from astronaut selection and training to life aboard the International Space Station. He shared insights into the

demanding two-year preparation, including isolation, physical and survival training, and gave us a glimpse into everyday life in zero gravity – from sleeping and eating to personal hygiene.

Our students had plenty of questions about life in space, including some about the more unusual aspects of using the toilet in space. Tibor also shared some of the experiments he carried out on board, including demonstrations with water and growing plants without soil. He emphasised that, alongside skills and determination, having good friends and colleagues to rely on is an important part of any successful mission.

After the presentation, Mr. Kapu had a special meeting with all of our Hungarian students, who had the wonderful experience of meeting their national hero in person. It was an incredibly informative, inspiring and memorable visit!

Thank you to Mr. Tamas Orosz and the Hungarian Embassy for this fantastic opportunity.



In celebration of the European Day of Languages, our students and teachers hosted and took part in a number of special events:

On Friday, our French, German, Estonian, and English students and teachers organised activities and quizzes for their classmates to take part in throughout the day. Thank you to our language coordinators, Miina Leemets and Brice Lecourt, for coordinating these activities!

Yesterday, our student choir had the honour of performing at a special event hosted by the European Commission at Fotografiska. Congratulations to our students and to Annika Land-Reisser, and thank you for representing our school at such a prestigious event!

In addition, you can celebrate the European Day of Languages by participating in the traditional language quiz hosted by Vikerraadio in cooperation with the European Commission Representation in Estonia. This year, our talented students read stories from the Moomin books in 11 different languages. Thank you to the students who participated in this wonderful tradition!

In English: [Take part in Vikerraadio's European Day of Languages quiz | Vikerraadio | ERR](#)

In Estonian: [Mängi kaasa! Mis keeles kõlavad muumilood? | Vikerraadio | ERR](#)



Finally, here are a few pieces of information from our community for our community:

A word from our KiVa Team

Dear Parents,

We warmly invite you to join us for a special morning to get to know our school's KiVa anti-bullying programme and the people behind it.

Come and meet the KiVa team, learn more about how the programme supports a safe, kind and inclusive school community, and take part in some fun activities. We'll also enjoy a relaxed breakfast and coffee together, which is a lovely opportunity to meet other parents and connect with our school community.

This morning is especially welcoming for new families who don't know the programme yet, but our long-standing families are just as warmly invited. We'd love to see you there!

Date: Wednesday, October 21

Arrival: 8:00–8:15

Event: 8:15–9:00

A member of the KiVa team will meet you downstairs upon arrival and escort you to the event.



Please RSVP by Wednesday, **October 14** at the latest.

[KiVa Community Breakfast & Meet the team!](#)

Kind regards,

TES KiVa Team

FAMES

The 4th edition of FAMES, the Festival of Arts and Music in the European Schools, will take place at The European School Brussels II from Wednesday 10th to Saturday 13th of March 2027.

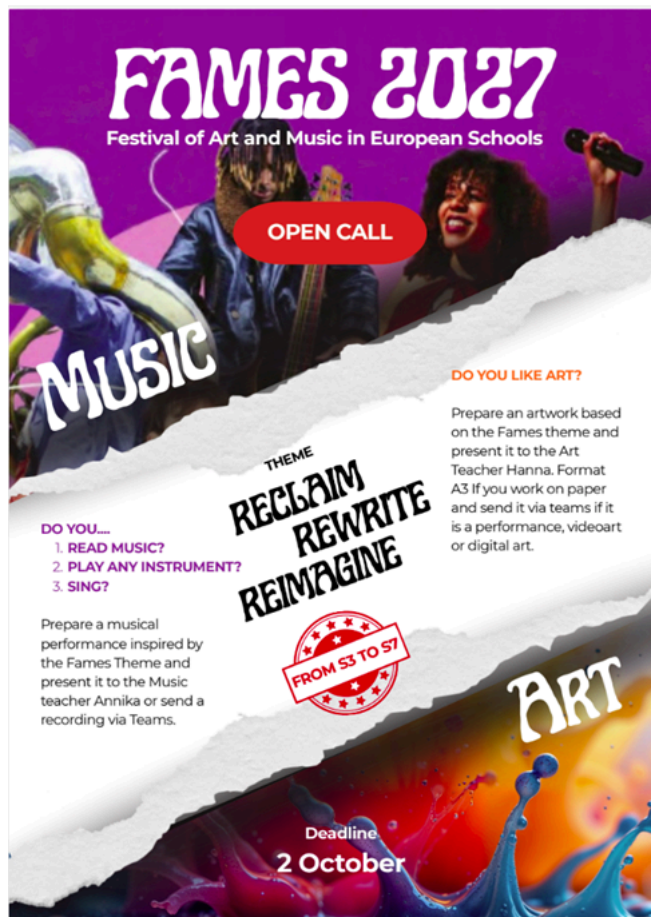
The festival takes place every other year and aims to promote cultural exchange and artistic collaborations across all European Schools. During three days of workshops, art projects will be developed and musicians will perform in a variety of combined ensembles (choir, orchestra, big band and smaller groups of chamber music).

This year's theme, "RECLAIM, REWRITE, REIMAGINE" invites teachers and students to rediscover ideas, music and artworks, places, and cultural traditions from the past and present, and to reinterpret them by giving them new meaning. Throughout the school year, each school will develop art and music projects inspired by the theme for presentation in the Festival's exhibition and final concert.

During the three days of the Festival, accompanying teachers will lead or assist workshops.

Each school will be entitled to send 4 art students and 4 music students from S3-S7. These students will be nominated by their school, not based on their artistic or musical talent alone, but also their ability to contribute to a creative, collaborative atmosphere.

Interested students can contact Annika Land-Reisser or Hanna Geara for more information. Deadline for submissions is 2 October.



Firebirds Sports Shirts

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- Personalised name and number
- Student designed!
- The official top we will wear when we play competitions. If your son or daughter is on a team, they need a sports top!
- A top you can wear to physical education lessons at school.

If you would like one, please fill out the following [Sports tops - TES 2026-27.xlsx](#)

by the **16th of October**. If you have any questions, please contact tom.flowers@est.edu.ee.



I hope you enjoy the rest of your weekend, and I will see you tomorrow!

Best regards,

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