
TES Weekly News | 9 October 2026



A Message from Our Director

Dear TES Community,

We started this week off with one of our most important celebrations of the year: International Teachers' Day! Thank you to our Parent Council for organising the wonderful (and colourful) notebooks for our staff, to Liis Udod for coordinating the afternoon event and lesson substitutions, to the upper-secondary students who took on the role of teachers for those lessons and, of course, to all our wonderful educators!

On Wednesday, the teachers and students who took part in the Moot Court event returned from Romania with a prestigious Team Spirit Award and plenty of wonderful memories. Congratulations to them for the recognition of teamwork, resilience, and harmonious collaboration, and I hope that this is an event we can add to our list of annual traditions.

Another student mobility began this week with Elena Truuts, Gerry Massa, Hanna Geara, and Ana Ichim accompanying a group of S4, S5, and S7 students to Iceland for the "Bridging Minds and Cultures Through Stories" project. We will get to read more about their experience in next week's newsletter.

Finally, we finished off our week with the annual class, staff, and individual photos, as well as an exciting 5-5 draw between our secondary junior boys' football team and Tallinn English College. Thank you to Liis Udod for organising the photoshoot, and congratulations to our athletes and Coach Livia Garlick!

I hope you enjoy this week's edition of the newsletter, and I wish you all a wonderful weekend!

Best regards,
Ian Karell
Director

Celebrating the Heart of TES: Our Teachers!

What a lovely way to start the week!

Monday's Teachers' Day celebrations brought so much warmth, joy and appreciation to TES and our wonderful Parent Council deserves a huge thank you for making it all happen!



The morning's flower stall and Teacher Appreciation Box were a real hit, with students choosing flowers and writing heartfelt messages for their teachers. Such a simple but beautiful idea, reminding us how much even the smallest gestures can mean.

Later in the day, our teachers enjoyed a well-deserved lunch break together, complete with delicious food, thoughtful gifts and plenty of laughter. One of the highlights was a Kahoot quiz prepared by our students, which brought out some friendly competition and lots of smiles!

A special thank you also goes to Liis Udod for coordinating the afternoon and to our upper-secondary students for stepping into the teachers' shoes and taking over lessons.

The whole day was filled with a genuinely warm and lovely feeling a beautiful reminder of what makes the TES community so special.

To our Parent Council, students, families and, most importantly, our wonderful teachers: thank you for making this Teachers' Day one to remember!



First Moot Court, First Award!

Seven TES students from S5–S7 returned from Moot Court Europe 2026 in Câmpulung, Romania, with a wonderful achievement: the Team Spirit Award!



Accompanied by Jennifer Lyall and Guilherme Struecker, our students participated in simulated international criminal trials, arguing complex legal questions before expert judges and competing alongside schools from 10 countries across Europe, Asia and Africa.

What makes their achievement especially impressive? This was TES's very first Moot Court competition.

The students faced challenging questions, learned from feedback and grew more confident with every round, holding their own against schools with considerably more experience.

The Team Spirit Award recognised their collaboration, resilience, respect for other participants and willingness to support one another.

As Guilherme reflected, watching the students confidently present their arguments before accomplished legal experts was one of the proudest moments of the entire experience.

Congratulations to our seven students and their teachers! An excellent reminder that success is not only about winning an argument, but also about how you learn, grow and work together.



A Little Piece of Copenhagen on Our Walls

Our Erasmus+ mobility to Copenhagen may be over, but the learning continues right here at TES! From 28 September to 2 October, students and teachers from Tallinn, Helsinki and Copenhagen explored sustainability, sustainable urban development, marine life and the Baltic Sea through workshops, visits and shared experiences.

Our teacher Suviliis Sakk has now created a lovely display documenting the mobility, featuring photographs, student reflections and highlights from the week. You can find the display on the second floor, in front of the administration area. Come and take a look! It's a wonderful example of how an international learning experience can be shared with the whole

school community.



Greetings from Northern Iceland! Nordplus Junior, Bridging Minds and Cultures Through Stories



Six TES students: **Miina Järviste, Maxim Chernov, Quirze-Lingzing, Visús Chan, Eerik Metsa and Paul-Arthur Schönle** are currently in Ólafsfjörður, northern Iceland, participating in a Nordplus exchange alongside students from Iceland and Finland.

Accompanied by teachers Gerry Massa and Hanna Geara, our students are exploring storytelling, culture and shared experiences across borders. Ana Ichim and Elena Truuts are also participating in a study visit and job-shadowing activities.

Alongside their project work, students have been discovering Icelandic history at the Herring Museum and Poetry Museum in Siglufjörður and Pálshús Natural History Museum in Ólafsfjörður. They have also been exploring how outdoor activities and connecting with nature can support mental wellbeing.

More stories, photographs and reflections from Iceland are coming in next week's newsletter!

Five Goals Each, One Fantastic Match! ⚽



TES Boys' Football Team 5 – 5 Tallinn English College

What a match!

Our TES boys' football team took on Tallinn English College (TIK) in a thrilling friendly, with both sides battling their way to an exciting 5–5 draw.

Goals from Bulcsu Hangya-Lachmann and Maksim Vinogradov helped TES secure the result against a strong TIK team featuring players with professional club experience. Beyond the scoreline, the match was a great display of determination, teamwork and sportsmanship and a promising sign for the season ahead.

Representing TES: Bulcsu Hangya-Lachmann, Maksim Vinogradov, Robin Germans, Youssef Elamry, Vuk Smit, Rokko Breckon, Lio Pappalardo, David Steenkamp, Milan Orosz, Leo Ridley and Torres Chen. **Congratulations to the whole team and Coach Livia Garlick!**

Bob Is Back and He's Got a Bone to Pick with Last Year's Record!

Bob is back!

PUMPKIN COLLECTION FOR THE ZOO!

 **19-23 OCTOBER**

During the last week before the break, Bob will be collecting pumpkins for the zoo – and this year, he's also collecting drawings and letters for the animals!

PUMPKIN RULES:

-  Fresh pumpkins only, no spoiled ones, please!
-  No drawings or paint on the pumpkins – keep them clean for our zoo friends!

 Drawings and letters for the animals are very welcome! ♥

Last year, we collected 126 kg of pumpkins!

Can we beat our record this year?

19–23 October

It's pumpkin time again! Our beloved Bob the Skeleton is returning for the annual zoo pumpkin collection. Last year, the TES community collected an impressive 126 kg of pumpkins. Can we beat that record this year? And this year, Bob has an extra mission: collecting drawings and letters for the animals, too!

A few important pumpkin rules:

- Bring fresh pumpkins only – no spoiled ones, please.
- Keep pumpkins clean, with no paint or drawings on them.
- Drawings and letters for the animals are very welcome, but please bring them separately.

Every pumpkin counts, and every little contribution helps our zoo friends.

Let's make this year's collection the biggest one yet!



Show Your Firebirds Spirit – Order Your TES Sports Top!

Our student-designed TES sports tops are back by popular demand! Available for students, parents and family members, these personalised tops are perfect for supporting TES teams, wearing to PE lessons or showing your school spirit.

What you need to know:

- Price: €25–€35, depending on the number ordered; parents will be invoiced.
- Personalised with your name and number.
- Designed by TES students.
- Official competition top for TES sports teams – required for students representing the school.

Order deadline: Friday, 16 October.

[Fill in the TES Sports Tops order form here.](#) For questions, contact Tom Flowers at tom.flowers@est.edu.ee.

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