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TES Weekly Newsletter

Friday, 23 October 2026

A Message from Our Director, Ian Karell



Dear TES Community,

Happy final day of our first term!

As this is our longest term of the year, it is somewhat hard to believe that it is already over. However, I know that everyone is relieved and ready for the well-deserved break ahead.

Alongside wrapping up the final assessments and projects of the term, we also concluded our pumpkin collection for the animals at Tallinn Zoo. Thank you to everyone who donated a pumpkin, left a message for the animals and, of course, to Noemi Pataki for continuing this lovely tradition!

I would also like to thank Noemi and the entire KiVa team for organising Wednesday morning's KiVa Breakfast with our parents. The KiVa programme is a fundamental part of our efforts to promote wellbeing and belonging at school. Making sure our whole community understands how it works is essential to its success.

Also on Wednesday, our Secondary basketball teams competed in a highly competitive tournament against some excellent Estonian teams. Well done to our athletes and coaches for their sportsmanship and teamwork! Go Firebirds!

To finish the week, our Nursery and Primary students enjoyed an exceptionally relaxing day thanks to the Pyjama Day organised by our Primary Student Council. Meanwhile, students who arrived at school by bicycle or scooter were treated to delicious baked goods provided by our Eco-Committee to encourage environmentally friendly transportation. Thank you to both groups for bringing our community together through such creative initiatives!

I hope you enjoy this week's newsletter, and I wish you all a wonderful weekend and a restful, rejuvenating break.

See you on 2 November for the start of Term 2!

Five TES Teams Take on Estonia's 3x3 Basketball Competition!



What a day for our Firebirds!

On Wednesday, **five TES teams** represented our school at the Estonian 3x3 basketball competition, taking on strong opponents from larger schools.

Our players competed with determination, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship throughout the day, achieving results we can all be proud of. Overall, our TES teams achieved an impressive 10th place in the competition!

A huge congratulations to every player who represented TES and to the coaches: Tom Flowers, Robin Orgulas and Luke Ridley, who supported them!

See the official tournament results here

Go Firebirds!

Pancakes, Coffee and Conversations: Our KiVa Breakfast



Who knew pancakes could spark so many meaningful conversations?

Our latest **KiVa Parent Breakfast** brought families and staff together for a morning of coffee, pancakes and thoughtful discussions about our school community.

Parents shared valuable perspectives, asked questions and helped open important conversations about student wellbeing, belonging and creating a safe, supportive environment for everyone.

In fact, the conversations were so engaging that we probably should have booked the Assembly Hall for much longer!

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who joined us and to **Noemi Pataki and our wonderful KiVa team** for organising the morning.

We're looking forward to continuing these conversations and strengthening the partnership between school and home.

89 Pumpkins and One Very Happy Skeleton!



Bob the Skeleton has officially finished counting, and the results are in!

89 pumpkins!

Our annual pumpkin collection for Tallinn Zoo has come to a wonderful conclusion, with our school community generously contributing pumpkins and messages for the animals.

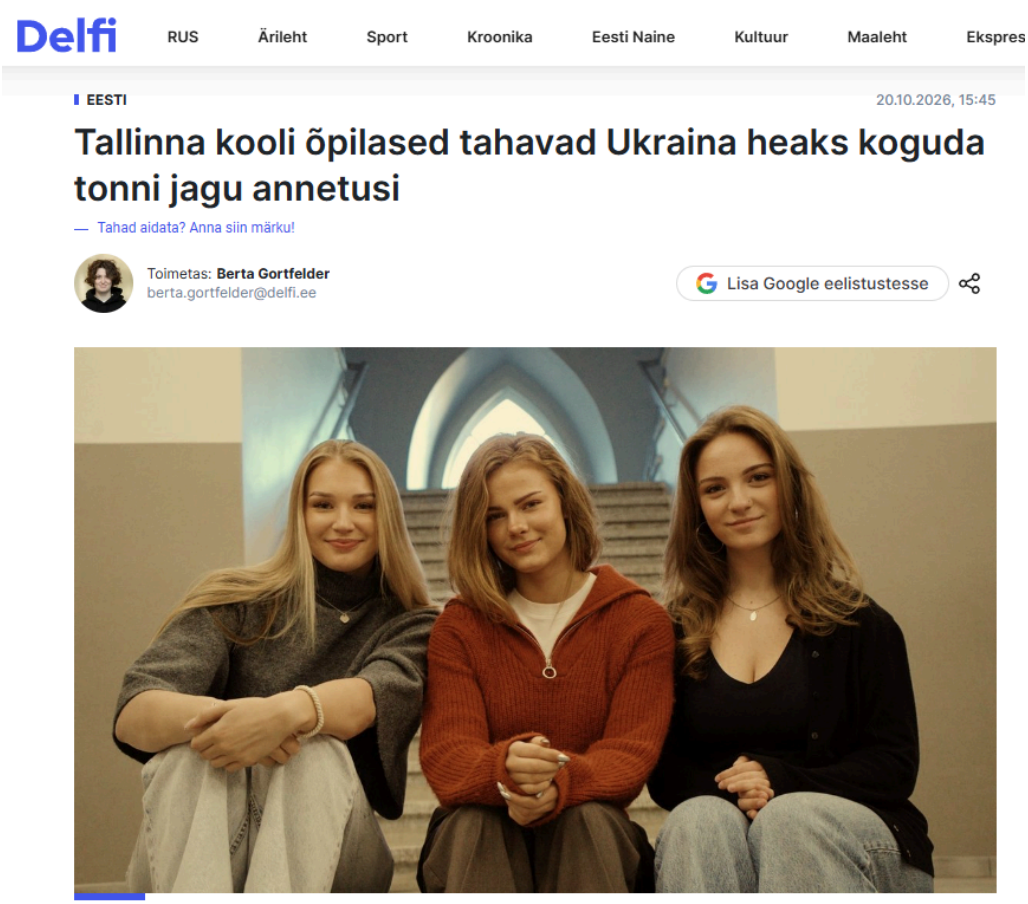
The pumpkins are being delivered to Tallinn Zoo today, ready to become delicious autumn treats for its residents.

A huge thank-you to everyone who donated, participated and helped spread a little autumn magic.

And a special thank-you to **Noemi Pataki** for keeping this much-loved TES tradition alive.

Bob is already looking forward to next year!

Our Students Are Making National Headlines!


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Four of our Secondary students are proving that young people don't have to wait until adulthood to make a difference.

Saskia Unt, Nora Vosman, Mialeene Theresa Jahnke and Alyna Karaki have attracted national media attention for their ambitious *Schools for Victory* initiative.

Last year, the TES community collected nearly **250 kilograms of humanitarian aid for Ukraine**. This year, our students want to bring schools across Estonia together to collect **at least one tonne!**

Their story has now been featured in **Delfi**, one of Estonia's major news outlets, Õhtuleht and GoodNews.com.

But the students' mission doesn't stop at making headlines. They are calling on other schools, Student Councils, teachers and families to get involved.

Do you know someone working or studying at another school in Estonia? Please share the initiative with them and help our students reach more school communities!

On **12 November**, the students are also planning a charity event at TES to raise awareness and collect donations.

Read the Delfi article

Join Schools for Victory

Interested schools can also contact **team@schoolsforvictory.com**.

We're incredibly proud of our students for turning compassion into action!

Pedal Power: Our First Eco-Committee Bike Day!



Cold autumn weather? No problem for our environmentally minded students!

On Friday, the **TES Eco-Committee** organised its first Bike Day, rewarding students who travelled to school by bicycle with a delicious pastry.

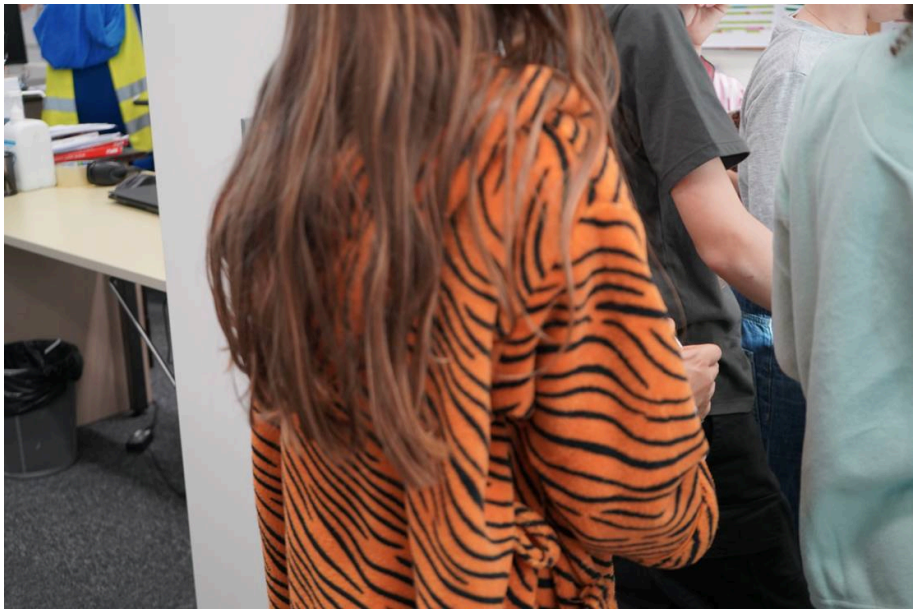
The initiative encourages students to think about how their everyday travel choices can contribute to a more sustainable future.

Transportation is one of the Eco-Committee's focus areas, so this is just the beginning. More activities promoting environmentally friendly travel are on the way!

A big thank-you to everyone who braved the chilly autumn weather and cycled to school.

Small choices can make a big difference, thank you **Kenty Dubois and Valeria Maxima Schich!**

Pyjama Day: Comfort Takes Over TES!



Who says you can't be cosy at school?

On Thursday, our Nursery and Primary students swapped their usual outfits for pyjamas as part of a special **Pyjama Day organised by the Primary Student Council**.

It was a lovely way to celebrate the end of a busy term, bringing a little extra comfort, fun and school spirit into the classrooms.

A big thank-you to our Primary Student Council for organising such a cheerful initiative!

Space, Light & a Little Friendly Competition in S2!

Who knew revising eight weeks of science could be so sweet?

Our **S2A and S2B students** wrapped up the term with a competitive science revision session using **Blooket**, putting their knowledge of two major topics – **Space and Light** – to the test!

With virtual candy up for grabs, students raced to answer questions, recall scientific concepts and outsmart their classmates.

The best part? Their teacher was particularly impressed by how well they remembered some of the more challenging concepts, even under competitive pressure!



Video

A fun way to finish the term, with a little healthy competition and plenty of learning along the way.

Well done, S2A and S2B!

Coming Up After the Break

Celebrate Diwali at TES – 6 November

Join us as we celebrate **Diwali, the Indian Festival of Lights**, and discover the traditions and meaning behind this special celebration.

Students are invited to visit the Assembly Hall during their lunch break for hands-on arts and crafts activities, including **diya candle making**, while learning about Diwali's message of light, joy and togetherness.

The event is part of our **Celebrating the Cultures of Our Community** initiative, which brings the many cultures represented at TES into our shared school life.

Learn more and sign up here



Schools for Victory Charity Event – 12 November

Our student-led *Schools for Victory* team is preparing a charity event to support Ukraine.

The event will bring our community together through a bake sale, donation collection and opportunities to learn more about the initiative.

The students are also looking for volunteers, cooperation partners and sponsors.

Register your interest or offer your support



TES Carnival Is Coming – 20 November!



Get those costumes ready – **TES Carnival is just around the corner!**

Our Secondary students are preparing to transform classrooms into exciting activity rooms filled with games, challenges and plenty of surprises.

Visitors can purchase **€1 tickets** to participate in the activities, while the Carnival Café in the Assembly Hall will offer homemade treats prepared by our Secondary students.

A few important reminders for families:

- Costumes are warmly encouraged!
- Nursery, P1 and P2 children must be accompanied by an adult.
- All extracurricular activities are cancelled on Carnival Day.
- Aftercare will operate as usual.

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Science Meets Magic at PROTO – 1 November

Looking for something fun, educational and a little magical during the school holidays?

The **Embassy of Ireland in Estonia**, in partnership with **PROTO Invention Factory**, is inviting families to a free, English-language **Science Magic Show** featuring award-winning Irish comedian **Donal Vaughan**.

Combining comedy, science experiments and surprising tricks, the show explores the fascinating world of science using everyday objects and experiments that can even be recreated at home.

The performance is suitable for all ages and is **free to attend**.

Please note that entry to the show is through the PROTO Pantera Hall entrance on the opposite side of the building. Access to the rest of the museum requires a regular admission ticket.

Learn more about the show

View the Facebook event

For questions or further information, please contact the Embassy of Ireland at **tallinnemrsvp@dfa.ie**.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event
26–30 October	Term break
1 November	Science Magic Show at PROTO, 13:00
2 November	**Term 2 begins**
6 November	Diwali Celebration, 12:00–14:00
12 November	Schools for Victory Charity Event
13 November	Primary Independent Project Day
20 November	TES Carnival, 15:00–17:30

Wishing our entire TES community a wonderful and restful term break!

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