

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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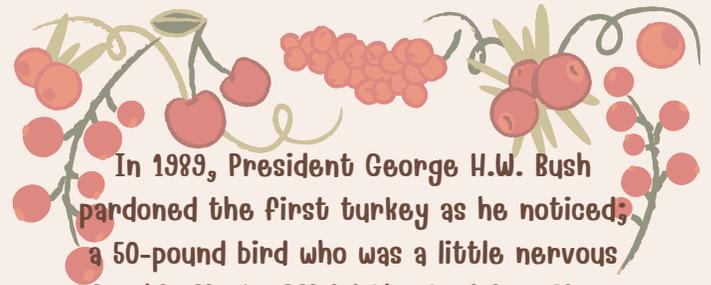
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# THANKSGIVING!!!

## FUN FACTS ABOUT THANKSGIVING?

Thanksgiving is the most celebrated national holiday in the United States, and it takes place on the fourth Thursday of November. It is one of the busiest holiday weekends at US airports, as people travel all over the country to spend the day with family, friends and their communities, express gratitude for the year that has passed while sharing traditional food. In many households there is a tradition of everyone seated at the table sharing what they are most grateful for.

It is generally believed that in 1621, the Pilgrims invited Wampanoag Indians to a feast in Plymouth Colony to celebrate their first harvest, and a good time, with turkey and pumpkin pie. Probably not, as history teaches us that it wasn't until 1863 when Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday, and they likely ate fish. Thanksgiving is very much about food, too. Tables are adorned with huge roast turkeys, stuffing, mash potatoes, sweet potato-and-marshmallow casseroles, mac 'n cheese, corn bread, greens, and lots of gravy. To end the feasts, apple, pecan and pumpkin pies are served with ice-cream or whipped cream!



In 1989, President George H.W. Bush pardoned the first turkey as he noticed a 50-pound bird who was a little nervous for his first official thanksgiving. Since then, every president has upheld the tradition and a few turkeys have been spared from being cooked! In 2005 and 2009, the birds went to Disneyland and Disney World parks to participate in the annual Thanksgiving parades.



Jingle Bells was originally a Thanksgiving Day song.



The largest pumpkin pie ever baked, in Ohio, weighed 1677 kg and measured 6 meters in diameter.



And...female turkeys don't gobble!



# ACADEMIC LIFE



## Physics and Chemistry Lab

During this month, the Physics and Chemistry students completed their IA experiments in the school lab under the guidance of Mr. Vasileios. Students obtained 25 sets of experimental data with continuous attempts. Mr. Vasileios also guided the students to complete their experiments safely and orderly, preparing them well for writing their Physics or Chemistry IA later.

## British Physics Olympiad

Yoana, Maral, and Teresa in DP2 took their British Physics Olympiad competition this month. Congratulations and wish they will get a good score in the Olympiad and get into the next round! It is a great opportunity for students to show their talent and curiosity in Physics and meanwhile a challenge for them. Students are more than welcome to participate in the year onwards.

# COMMUNITY LIFE



## MUN:

The Model United Nations team attended the Ticino MUN (TIMUN) conference in Lugano on the 19th and 20th of November. Kimlong, Hadley and Yoana represented the countries of The Russian Federation, Republic of Hungary and The People's Republic of China respectively and participated in The Third Committee of United Nations General Assembly on the topic of "The Right to privacy in a Digital Age". Maral and Saoirse were part of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and discussed the topic of "Combatting Gender Inequality to End Poverty" and advocated for the countries of The Arab Republic of Egypt and The Republic of South Africa. Students represented the school in heated debates and xx resolutions were approved and passed by their entire committee(s). Yoana was awarded with the "Best delegate" award at the end of the conference. They all made a ton of international friends, from Switzerland and all over the world, and are looking forward to seeing them at the upcoming MUN conferences!



# COMMUNITY LIFE

## Zoo

Our school took us to the Arth Goldau Zoo on November 27, which is just 30 minutes from our school. Its name was Tierpark Goldau. One of Switzerland's six zoos that are run under scientific management is Tierpark Goldau. It is located in a region that was severely damaged by the 1806 Goldau landslide. The students were having a great time at the zoo. They were able to see a variety of creatures, including wolves, lynxes, wild boars, and wild cats in sizable enclosures, as well as deer and moufflon sheep in a sizable free-range area. The fact that the students could interact with and pet the animals at the zoo was one of its unique features. That was a wonderful opportunity for our students to interact with nature more, and it was also fantastic for the students who are animal lovers.

Picture



## CERN:

The school took the DP2 physics and chemistry students to visit The European Organization for Nuclear Research, known as CERN, in Geneva, Switzerland on November 4th. Students and teachers had the opportunity to learn about the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), unique of its kind, as well as how data is stored and processed and the various operations that take place at CERN. We visited the Anti-Matter factory, and a CERN physicist guided us through the place while explaining the procedures that lead to the production and study of anti-matter particles and hydrogen. It was a great learning experience for everyone that helped students to dive deeper into their physics and chemistry courses back at school.



## Paintball

Every week, our school provides a different activity to give our students a chance to try something new and enjoy over the weekend. Our school took us to play paintball in Luzern on November 11th. The recently constructed sports and recreation facility Hangar 13 is where the paintball Arena Luzern is situated. They don't just offer paintball; they also offer many other more intense activities, such as laser tag and a brand-new kids' arena and indoor play park. Games and entertainment for kids and adults. There, our students had a great time. They were able to communicate with one another more and gained new experiences from paintball. The activity encouraged participation and increased intergroup communication among the students.

# Teacher's Interview



Mr. Vasileios:



What do you think about Cern? Please introduce it.

Founded in 1954, The European Centre for Nuclear Research (CERN) is located near the Franco-Swiss border near Geneva. Physicists and engineers at CERN use the world's largest and most complex scientific instruments to study the basic constituents of matter – fundamental particles and dark matter. Subatomic particles are made to collide together at close to the speed of light. Accelerators boost beams of particles to high energies before the beams are made to collide with each other or with stationary targets. Detectors observe and record the results of these collisions.

We heard that the day you went to Cern was your birthday. Did you have any special feelings?

There is an interesting story behind this. When I did the booking, I tried several dates with no result because of the high demand for a visit. Then suddenly I felt that my birthday would be the lucky date. And it was. I have to admit that it was a nice birthday gift. And I hope that it was a nice gift, for everyone who participated.

What new things did you learn from Cern?

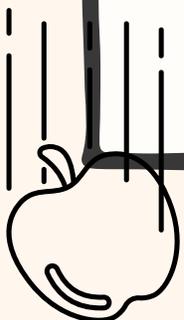
The most important new thing I learned, which is irrelevant to Physics, has to do with our visit to the data center. Did you know that there is a new high speed data-link connecting CERN and USA at 622 MBPS?

How would you recommend Cern to students who have not been there?

It's definitely a must-do visit. It's where everything happens. No matter if you like Physics or not, and I really hope you do, it is truly an inspiration to be able to visit the most advanced research facilities in the world and to be able to get motivated by some of the brightest minds.

When will we possibly visit Cern next time?

The aim is to organize a visit to CERN for DP2 students on annual basis every autumn.



# Students Interview

What is MUN? Please introduce it.

MUN is Model United Nations, it is an academic activity that provides high school and university participants with a streamlined United Nations agenda, allowing students to represent different countries and discuss real-world issues. MUN aims to provide students with an understanding of the process of multilateral diplomatic collaboration, enhance communication among students around the world, develop individual critical thinking and leadership skills, and understand the historical and current positions and situations of each country.

What do you think of your first time attending MUN conference?

It's interesting, I learned a lot from it. Speaking in public is not a small challenge, but I made it. I also saw the different positions of representatives of different countries on the same issue, which expanded my thinking.

How would you recommend MUN to other students?

MUN is a place where you can practice your speaking and thinking skills. It's easy to feel nervous when attending for the first time, but you just need to pay close attention to what the other delegates are doing. The difficult part of MUN is sticking to your country's position, not your own. Even delegates who have attended several times may make mistakes, but this is not serious. Just be confident and tell the other delegates what you think. Remember, the most important thing is to be confident!

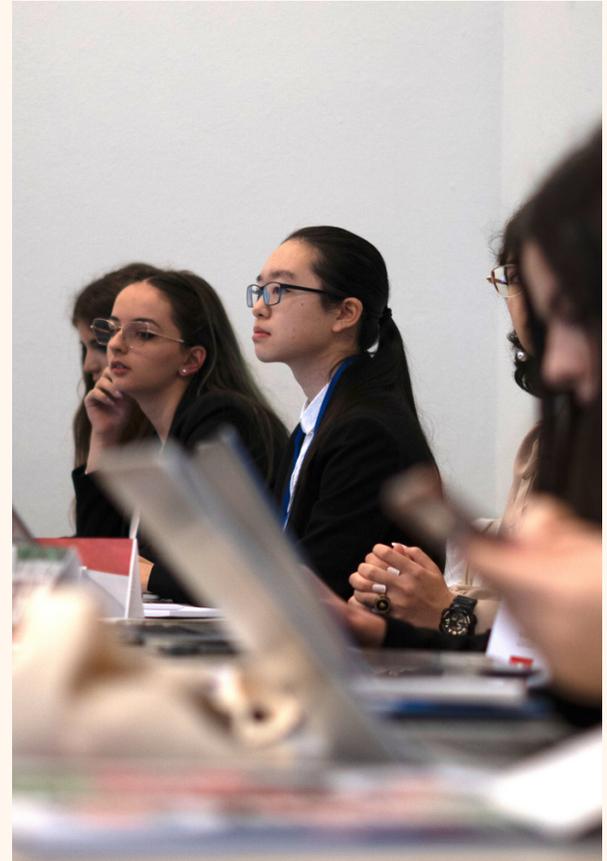
Which part of the MUN conference impress you the most?

What astonished me the most were the opinions of several delegates. Delegates from each country proposed several solutions to the issue. However, in comparison to some economically developed countries, developing nations could difficultly achieve even good plans.

What is the future plan for MUN club?

In the future, we will practice more, and in December we will hold an online MUN as the organizer.

Saoirse:





# GLOBAL NEWS

## Accident in Poland

Last week from the night of November 15 to 16, 2 missiles landed on Polish territory. Both of them landed about 6 km from Polish border with Ukraine, on a small farm. 2 people were killed where employees were weighing grain. On Wednesday, the President of Poland – Andrzej Duda, organized a special meeting to discuss what happened. There are many discussions since no one knows who was responsible for that – Ukraine or Russia. Some countries think that it was a Russian missile, and he did it on purpose, some countries think that indeed it was a Russian missile, but it was an accident. USA thinks that it was Ukrainian missiles, and they were supposed to defend Ukraine from Russian missiles. The investigation still is going on, and no one knows whose missiles are those, but President of Ukraine – Volodymyr Zelenskyy says that he is sure it wasn't Ukrainian missiles. I personally hope that it was just an unpleasant accident which will be solved soon.



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## Qatar World Cup



2022 is the year of the World Cup, and this year's World Cup will be hosted in Qatar. This World Cup is different from previous World Cups. It is the first time to be held in winter in the northern hemisphere. It was also the last World Cup games to be attended by 32 teams. It is worth mentioning that this World Cup is called "the most expensive World Cup in history", with a total investment of about 14.3 billion US dollars.

This World Cup teams have Qatar (host), Argentina (Copa America champion), Brazil (FIFA men's national team ranked first), England, France, Belgium, Spain, Japan, the United States, Senegal, and other teams. Unfortunately, the last European champions Italy missed the World Cup because they were eliminated in the qualifiers.

The Qatar World Cup will kick off on November 21 this year at the Gulf Stadium in Doha. The final will be played at the Lusail Stadium on December 18, 2022.

Procedures for the final draw for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ released. Accessibility takes centre stage in countdown to Qatar 2022. (n.d.). Retrieved November 9, 2022, from <https://www.fifa.com/tournaments/mens/worldcup/qatar2022/media-releases/procedures-for-the-final-draw-for-the-fifa-world-cup-qatar-2022-tm-released>



# GLOBAL NEWS

## Tesla recalls 40,000 cars over power-steering fault

Tesla cars are now the object that many owners are willing to buy. But it has recalled purchased cars many times for many different reasons.

Tesla recalled more than 40,000 vehicles in the U.S. due to potential power steering issues. Problems with the car's power steering can cause the car to break down on rough roads, which can be unsafeguarded for the driver and passengers.



But not all Tesla vehicles face such problems, and the problematic ones are the Model S and Model X from 2017 to 2021. But 97% of the problem vehicles have already solved the problem. At the same time, in addition to technical problems, the rearview mirror of some models of Tesla vehicles does not meet the US regulations on the appearance of vehicle construction. In September, about 1.1 million cars were recalled because the windows were closed so quickly that people could easily get caught in their hands. That's a lot.

This also warns people to drive cautiously to avoid traffic accidents. Now we also need to protect the environment, so we might as well walk more and drive less. This not only reduces air pollution, but also reduces the traffic accident rate.

LOCAL NEWS &  
SPORTS NEWS

## Downtown Carnival



On November 12th and 13th there was a carnival held downtown, in Teldekmal. The carnival included a small Ferris Wheel, a merry-go-round, food stands, and other smaller games you could play in order to win prizes. Even though most of these rides and games were meant for a younger audience, a multitude of people showed up and enjoyed themselves. It was nice to see the community of Altdorf come together for a small yet entertaining event.

## UFC 281: Adesanya vs. Pereira

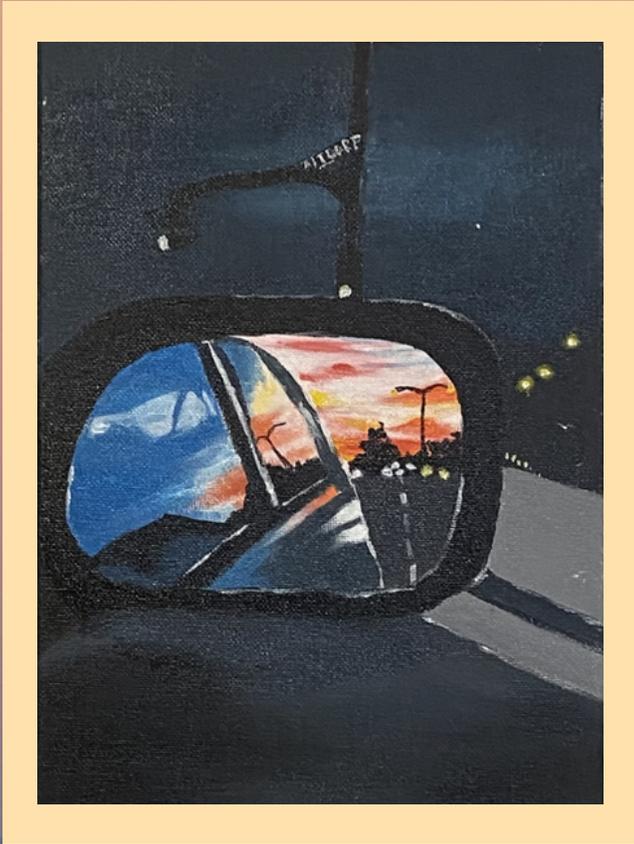
The MMA (mixed martial arts) event Adesanya vs. Pereira by the UFC took place on November 12, 2022 at the Madison Square Garden in New York.

The UFC Middleweight Championship fight between the current champion Israel Adesanya and former Glory Middleweight and Light Heavyweight Champion Alex Pereira formed the headline of the event. Pereira defeated Adesanya through knockout. Alex Pereira is the only one to have beaten Israel Adesanya - and that twice.

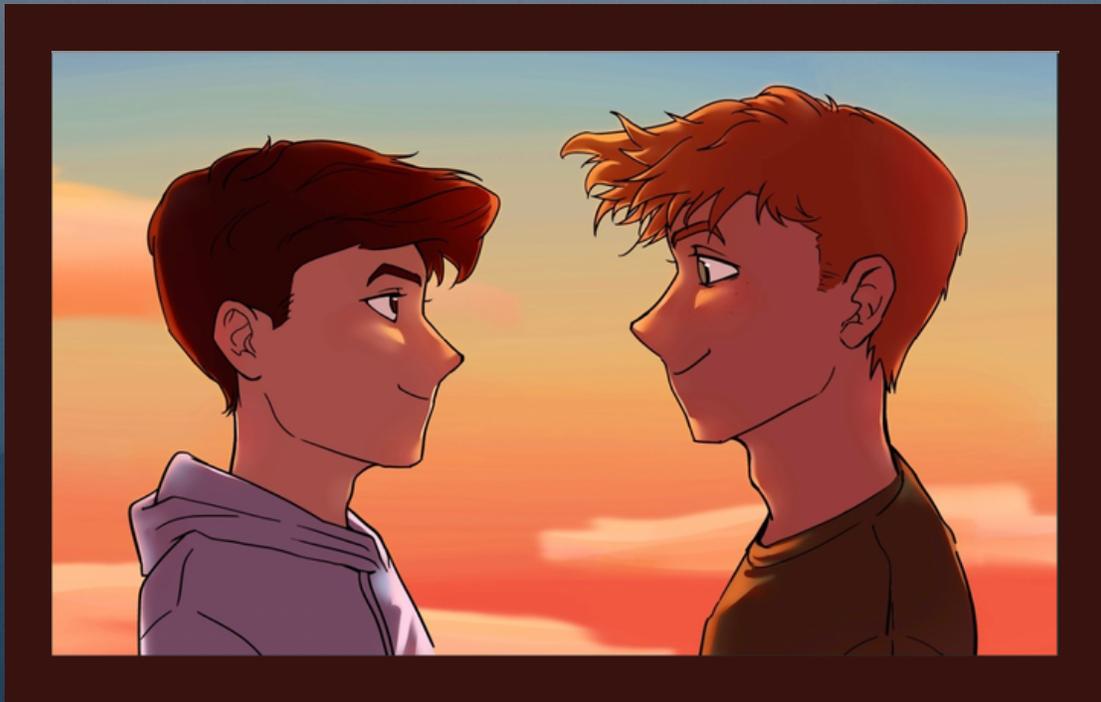


# Students Artworks

By Nancy Zhang



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# Students Artworks

The cold air softly lies on people's warm skin, which makes some individuals shake. Dark red and bright yellowish orange colours made an illusion of Frederic Edwin Church painting. But as soon as we entered the cafe, the warm air made the freezing weather disappear. All about the interior was fine. Bright paintings, bright lamps, which swing from the ceiling nearly touching customer's heads and modern styled furniture. When I tried to listen to him, his voice was slowly fading away to the other people's conversations around us. It's true, people were very loud. The only thing that stayed was the picture. The shine on his blonde hair made the nickname, "sunshine," make sense. The glasses that he wears everyday and suited him so well, would never look that good on myself. His warm hands that are softly covers mine. Bracelets on his wrist and the hair ring that not so long ago used to belong to me. His eyes look like the Pacific Ocean. Everything about him felt so different from other people around. That made me question myself,  
"Why did you became mine?"

# CREDITS

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