Dear colleagues, dear parents, dear students, dear staff,

since 1th February we have increased our team again: We have been able to fill three permanent posts with our desired candidates, Mrs Schlemminger, Mrs Cetin and Mr Fleischhauer. Additionally, we have two more trainee teachers at our school. We are also pleased that we have been able to win over Mrs Hillert-Pollok from the Freiwilligenagentur Bremen (volunteer agency Bremen) for our school. She takes care of our 5th year, every Wednesday morning during the project time. For our tenth graders the new calendar year has started with project examinations from 14th to 16th January - a little foretaste of the final exams in May.

On 16th January, around 80 fourth-graders had the opportunity to experience some everyday lessons in a 5th, 6th or 7th class. A big thank you to our students and teachers, who have made the ’Mittmachvormittag’ (join-in morning) possible. Thanks to the efforts of our parents, our visitors were provided with a delicious breakfast during the breaks. From 4th until the 15th resp. 22nd February, the 9th and 10th classes gained an insight into everyday working life during a two-week or three-week internship. Some of them received a confirmation for an apprenticeship.

As every year around this time, on 13th February, our art project started in cooperation with ’Kultur vor Ort’ (local culture) and the artist Anja Fußbach. A school group from the 7th year - supervised by Mrs. Yildiz - created wonderful art objects on the topic ’Be water my friend’ which deals with the topic water in many ways. You will have the opportunity to marvel at the art objects on 3rd April at 4 pm at the Atelierhaus Roter Hahn. Also in February, a 9th class, accompanied by Mrs. Yildiz, made a trip to the Neues Museum Weserburg and was able to get an idea of the role of contingency in art.

On 18th February, the 8th graders of Bremen had the opportunity to show off their knowledge in the subject German. The Vergleichsarbeiten (annual comparative tests) VERA8 were written in the first two lessons.

On 20th February, the students of year 5 were happy to present the results of their ’Around the World‘ project as first semi-public presentations. The classes proudly presented their results to their classmates and their parents.

On 22nd February, Mr. Flueger of the Rotaryclub Bremen handed over a new book with the title ’Florentine or how to get a pig into the elevator‘ to each of our 80 fifth-graders. The children were glad about their new entertaining reading material. - Also on 22nd February, Cem, Ali, Christian, Ahmet, Aref, Nico and Iliyas visited the Wesersadion, the football stadium in Bremen. We were able to offer some free tickets for the match ’Werder Bremen against Stuttgart‘ to our students, since we are well connected to Werder Bremen, thanks to Mr. Arambasic.
On 13th, 20th and 27th March, the 5d of Raeke-Hey designed a very special theater project within our cooperation with the Theater Bremen: The students developed different scenes and objects under professional guidance on the subject of diversity - an attempt to connect theater world and everyday school life. On 3rd April at 2 pm, the great results will be presented at the Theater am Goetheplatz as part of a performance with another school class from Bremen. Parents and other interested parties are cordially invited. On 27th March, around 60 students, most of them from year 7 and 9, took part in another theatre workshop called ZOMBIE in cooperation with the Theater Bremen. The workshop was the kick-off event for the same-named play, which will be performed on the premises of our school on 22nd, 23rd, 25th, 26th, 29th and 30th June.

Another theater project with the group 'Moves' started in February with the 8d and their class teacher Mr. Detjen in the Bürgerhaus Oslebshausen. The theme of this theater project is 'Lebenswelt Gröpelingen – eine interaktive Stadtteilführung' (living environment Gröpelingen - an interactive district tour'. The premiere is in May 2019! We are looking forward to it.

A special challenge, the German Language Diploma I, was successfully mastered by the following students in this school year: Velislav, Hinderin, Yunus and Ayredin from year 8, Halla and Faruk from year 7 and Anatolia from year 6. Congratulations! On 16th March, the annual Teacher Football Tournament took place in Bremen. The NOG football team participated again, put up a good fight and – above all – had some fun.

On 20th March, around 12 scholarship holders from the 'Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft' (German Business foundation) - all of them teacher trainee students – payed us a visit for the fourth time. The visitors sat in on lessons and exchanged views with various representatives of our team regarding the issue 'School as a learning institution'. This encounter is always an exciting exchange for both, our team and the students. A big thank you to Mr. Mews, who organized the visit and prepared the contents.

Finally, I want to say thank you to Mr Benze and Mrs Alagöz for their great commitment to our school. Unfortunately, their socio-pedagogical year of recognition ended on 29th March - after successful examinations - and thus also their working time at our school. We wish them all the very best for their future!

I would like to thank everyone for the great first quarter of 2019, have a nice time until we meet again on Wednesday, 24th April, at the usual time.

Yours sincerely,

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