Dear colleagues,
dear parents and students,
dear all other staff,

At the turn of the year we would like to inform you of all school news.

On Friday, 20th October during our reading-practise lesson our school received a generous donation - 200 new published books for our school library. This donation is a Youth Book Prize “Luchs” awarded by the Newspaper “Die Zeit” and Radio Bremen. It was handed over to our Year 5 students.

From 23rd to 27th October our Year 5 group went on the year trip to Verdener Brunnen. It was great fun for everyone.

At the same time the students of Latin language course went to Rome. They were accompanied by Ms Reuter and Ms Loosen (former Ms Böttcher).

On 26th October MdB Elombo Bolajela and Minister of Trade and Commerce in Bremen Mr Günter visited our school. Together with our Year 10 students they discussed topics of career choices and new cooperation partners.

On 9th November the premier of the musical „Wir kommen in Frieden, 2nd Part“ performed by the Group XbYZ took place at the community centre Oslebshausen. Following Year 8 students were performing in the musical: Merve Orhan, Gypsy Tirnov, Jülide Akin und Dilayla Gürsel. It was a great success.

On 15th November our Year 5 to Year 7 girls’ football teams participated at the football tournament Barmer-Cup. They were accompanied by Mr Klinz and Mr Arambasic.

From 4th to 8th December Year 10 students had an opportunity to work on their own stage play in a theatre workshop as part of our cooperation with the Theatre Bremen and they presented their work on 8th December at the Moks Theatre in front of an audience. The students were inspired by the piece „Waisen“ („Orphans“) and they were accompanied and supported by Ms Fuchs and Mr Brandes. It was a great success.

On 4th December Year 6 students went to the opera “Hänsel und Gretel” at the Theatre Bremen.

On 5th December Year 5 students watched Christmas fairytale “Tom Sawyer”.

On 8th December our students Patricia Molter, Bernard Afreh and Sila Cibuk accompanied by Mr Wildenheim participated in the creative workshop “Education for more democracy”. It took place at KWADRAT in Bremen. On 8th December our students of classes 6b and 8d participated again in the project of Urban Art XbYZ. It took place at the community centre Weserterrassen. At the end of the project the students presented a great show with Hiphop, Break Dance and Poetry Slam. Many thanks to Ms Loosen and Ms Gerlach for supporting the students throughout the project.

On 15th December, this year’s Excursion Day, many interesting outings were planned again: some classes went to the current exhibition at the Universum, some went skating at skating ring Paradise and some went to Chocoversum in Hamburg. It was great fun for everyone.

Yesterday, on 20th December, as a part of society and history studies Year 10 students visited KZ-Memorial in Neuengamme.

To conclude this Winter-Newsletter, I would like to share with you some special and very exciting information! It is like a wonderful Christmas present for all of us!

Since last Monday our school NOG is one of the Top 20 schools in Germany!

How did that come about? Two months ago we applied for the German School Prize. Out of ninety candidate schools twenty schools were nominated. Our school was chosen as one of the 20 nominees. We are really proud of this great success! On 5th and 6th February we will have a group of experts from Robert-Bosch-Foundation visiting our school. There are going to be many discussions with the teaching stuff, parents and students. The experts will sit in on many lessons. Afterwards the results of the competition will be announced. It will be quite an exiting and challenging time for all of us!

Finally I would like to thank everyone for the great teamwork this year and I am looking forward to next year! I wish you all pleasant and peaceful holidays and a good start to the New Year!

We start back at school on Monday 8th January 2018 at the usual time.

Kind regards
Sabine Jacobsen
- Principal -