



June 21, 2019

## Reflection on this school year

Dear Parents,

We have had a tremendous year! I am sure that you were informed and updated with all the school events through our curriculum overviews for parents, Miss Galina's emails, emails from teachers, Class Dojo, Google Classroom, our website, Instagram and Facebook. Still, I would like to reflect and comment on a few events marked in bold which happened between January and today.

Upon our return from the winter holiday, we had our **Parents' Evenings** where the aim was to inform parents and caretakers about everything that was happening with their child at school: behaviour, academic progress, social interaction, etc. We shared their strengths and targeted areas for improvement. We would like to thank all parents for attending these very important meetings.

In February, Arcadia Academy students went to Bulgaria where the BEST Foundation and the American University in Bulgaria hosted "Balkan Voices", the second annual **International Oratory Competition**. We are so proud that our students made it to the quarterfinals! We will be even better next year!

In March, we had the **2nd Interdisciplinary Day** where we combined the knowledge from different fields such as Maths, Science, and PE. Students left their classrooms and spent their day close to Podgorica where they had an amazing experience in karting. We raced, cheered our hearts out, calculated average speed, drew graphs, analysed the results, but most importantly, we had loads of fun!

At the end of March we had our **Red Nose Day 2019**. With the money raised on our Red Nose Day event, we bought a new and much needed ECG (Electrocardiograph) machine for the Accident and Emergency Department in Tivat. This machine is used for measuring activity in the heart to show whether the heart is working well or not. Thank you very much for your support and participation!



There have been some really challenging moments this year and one of them was **repairing the football pitch** which was damaged in the flood! We are so glad we managed to do that and continue with our outdoor PE programme! In May we organised **The Second Montenegrin Schools Football Tournament** which brought a lovely atmosphere here at Arcadia Academy, with other schools joining in and bringing friendship, sportsmanship, smiles and tons of positive emotions. Thank you, Mr Chris, for organising this amazing event for the second time this school year!

Last month we had our traditional **Book Day**. Students and teachers in Primary came dressed as a book character and spent the afternoon sharing books and book related activities. It was a lot of fun!

Another sports event took place at the beginning of June in Vienna. Congratulations to Arcadia Academy for winning the third place at the **International Vienna Calling Cup Football Tournament!** Our Duke scored the goal of the tournament in the last match with a fantastic left foot volley from a tight angle, on Hasan's assist. Mr Chris was presented with a host club recognition as the best coach of the tournament. WELL DONE ARCADIA!

Regarding the **Cambridge Exams**, yesterday we received the Cambridge Primary and Lower Secondary Checkpoint results. In a nutshell, the results were as expected with a few positive and negative surprises. Year 6 showed great success as an average higher than 4.0 shows good academic standard. We are very proud of our Year 9 students; some of them hardly spoke English in September! The results of IGCSE exams are expected on 13<sup>th</sup> August.

We are pleased to advise that the plans of **planning to build a second floor** during the summer break are all positive. As everyone who lives in Montenegro knows, construction works are a challenge and we hope that all will be concluded before the 2019 school year. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor addition will primarily be used by Years 7 to 13, leaving the ground floor for preschool and Years 1 to 6.

As a reminder, this school year ends today and the new year begins on **Monday 2 September at 8.30am**. Miss Galina will contact you about picking up the school uniform from the office a week before the school begins.



Thank you for your continued support over the year. It is very much appreciated.

All members of the staff team at Arcadia Academy wish you and all your family all the best for the summer holidays.

We look forward to seeing you back in September!

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Bozovic Milija'.

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