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A Joyful Welcome to the New Year!

Colorful Events at Our School!

Our school celebrated the arrival of the new year with a series of beautiful and meaningful events. This special day, filled with moments of joy and a strong spirit of solidarity, became an unforgettable experience for our students and teachers.

New Year Market and the Spirit of Giving

One of the most meaningful parts of our New Year celebrations was the New Year Market. Handmade crafts and delicious treats, carefully prepared by our students and parents, attracted great interest. All proceeds from the sales were donated to those in need, allowing us to embrace the true spirit of the New Year in the most heartfelt way.

A Musical Feast with Kazmeir

Our school's former school captain and our pride, Kazmeir, mesmerized us with his songs. Our students experienced unforgettable moments, captivated by his energetic performance and heartfelt words. The excitement of the New Year turned into a true musical feast through his powerful voice.

Bingo Excitement

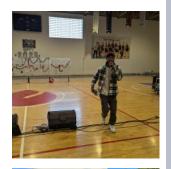
Another entertaining part of our celebrations was the Bingo Event. The game, played with great enthusiasm, brought thrilling moments as winners were awarded surprise gifts. The laughter and friendly competition throughout the game added extra joy to the night.

Our New Year events not only brought us together in a fun and engaging way but also reinforced the values of unity and generosity. As the Levent College family, we wish everyone a 2025 filled with health, happiness, and success!











Looking Ahead to 2025

The new year is actually like a new outfit we put on time. But inside, we're still the same people who balance hope and fear, who dream of something new but still carry the past with them.

So, what will 2025 bring? Less war? More friendship? Or will we just stay quiet and watch the noisy world from a distance? Maybe hope is just something we keep pushing to next year... But aren't we the ones writing our own story? Big changes always start with small steps.

As we step into 2025, maybe we should ask ourselves: What kind of world do we want? A fair life? More sharing? Or will we keep getting lost in a world where we always want more and more?

Maybe it's not about the year at all it's about how we see things when we wake up every morning. Because real change doesn't come from flipping calendar pages; it comes from the way we look at life. A kind word, a small act of kindness...

Maybe 2025 is about bringing our small worlds together and creating something better. In a world where everyone feels alone, can we find a new way to connect? Can we understand the language of the earth, the water, the sky?

The new year asks us the same old question: "Can I be a better person? Kinder, fairer, more human?"

Because in the end, 2025 is just our own reflection in the mirror..



Arda ARIKAN

6th Graders Exploring North Cyprus!

We had an exciting trip with our 6th-grade students to discover the natural beauty and historical heritage of our country. During the trip, we visited Mavi Köşk (The Blue Mansion), the Geçitköy Dam observation area, and the Alsancak Ship Museum.

Our students had the opportunity to explore the historical and natural treasures of Northern Cyprus up close, gaining a deeper understanding of its cultural heritage. This trip, both educational and enjoyable, provided them with an unforgettable experience.











Maraş:

A Forgotten Dream

Once one of the most popular holiday destinations in the Mediterranean, Maraş (Varosha) now stands in silence, a city that hides the shadows of its past. Closed off since 1974, Maraş presents a haunting yet thought-provoking sight with its abandoned hotels, empty streets, and deserted beaches.

In the mid-20th century, Maraş was a luxurious vacation hotspot, famous for its modern hotels, vibrant nightlife, and pristine beaches. It was a favorite destination for celebrities and the global elite. However, after the 1974 Cyprus Peace Operation, the area has been unoccupied and closed to access and is known as "Kapalı Maraş" (Closed Varosha).



Today, Maraş offers a rare glimpse into a place where time has seemingly stopped. The crumbling buildings, overtaken by nature, serve as a stark reminder of its abandoned past. Palm trees now rise from sidewalks, while sand carried by the wind has covered the once-busy streets. The eerie silence of the area serves as a quiet witness to a life that once thrived here. In recent years, parts of Maraş have been reopened to visitors. Those who visit the area can feel the echoes of the past—through the light filtering through the broken windows of abandoned hotels, the silent streets, and the empty beaches that once hosted lively crowds.

Closed Maraş is not just a city; it is a reminder. It embodies the turbulent times of human history, the lasting scars of war, and the invaluable importance of peace.





The Excitement of Exploring History: Famagusta Trip

As Levent College 7th-grade students, we spent a day full of history and culture! During our educational trip to the Famagusta region, we visited important sites that connect the traces of the past with the stories of today.





This enjoyable and insightful trip gave us the opportunity to learn about history while spending meaningful time with our friends. Discovering the unique cultural treasures of Famagusta broadened our horizons and provided us with an unforgettable experience.









With Gratitude and Longing: Atatürk at Our School

The 86th anniversary of the passing of the Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk was commemorated at our school with deep emotions during a heartfelt ceremony.

Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk was not only the founder of the Republic of Turkey but also a visionary leader who guided his people toward freedom and modernization. His principle, "Sovereignty belongs unconditionally to the nation," continues to illuminate our path today. By emphasizing the importance of science, education, and art, he inspired the youth and entrusted the future to them, saying, "All my hope is in the young."

During this meaningful ceremony, our school once again recognized the importance of keeping Atatürk's ideas alive, reinforcing the determination of younger generations to follow in his footsteps.



November 10th is not just a day of remembrance; it is also an opportunity to understand Atatürk better and uphold his legacy. Throughout the ceremony, our teachers and students, guided by his ideas, expressed their deep devotion to Atatürk with great sincerity.

Once again, we remember Atatürk with longing and reaffirm our commitment to walking in the footsteps of his principles and reforms..



Tribute to Our Martyrs, Hope for the Future



On December 21st, as part of Martyrs' Remembrance Week, our school hosted a meaningful gathering. During the event, Mehmet Orbay, the grandfather of our student Ali Yakup Yücel, met with students to share the hardships of the past and the importance of peace.

Orbay recounted his memories from wartime, emphasizing the value of peace and its importance for future generations. His talk, attentively listened to by the students in the auditorium, created an atmosphere that was both emotional and enlightening.

Additionally, the event featured poems prepared by our students. These heartfelt presentations not only strengthened our love for our country but also reminded us once again of our deep gratitude to our martyrs.



JA Innovation Camp

Our 12th-grade Economics and Business students participated in Southern Cyprus's international JA Innovation Camp. They showcased their innovative thinking, teamwork, problemsolving, and entrepreneurial skills throughout the event.

One of our 12th-grade students, Mehmet Menemenci, and his team completed the challenging tasks of the event and won first place. Their creative ideas and strategic approach impressed the jury, earning them this remarkable achievement.

During the camp, students worked against time to develop innovative projects to solve real-world problems. Mehmet Menemenci's team presented an original and practical solution, significantly impacting their project.

We wholeheartedly congratulate our student Mehmet Menemenci, all the students who participated, and the teachers who guided them in this journey. Our school is committed to helping students unlock their potential and succeed in such international events.





A Remarkable Achievement by Our Student Simay Vechi!

We are incredibly proud of our student, Simay Vechi, for her outstanding international academic success. As part of the Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards, organized by Cambridge University Press & Assessment, Simay was honored with the High Achievement Award in Cambridge International AS Level Sociology.

This prestigious award recognizes the most successful Cambridge students worldwide, celebrating exceptional academic excellence. With her extraordinary dedication and academic discipline, Simay has not only made our school proud but has also represented our country in the best possible way.

In the official letter from Cambridge University Press & Assessment, it was stated that Simay's achievements have been recognized at an international level and that this award will serve as an important milestone in her future academic career.

We wholeheartedly congratulate Simay Vechi on this remarkable success and wish her many more academic and professional achievements in the future!





A Step Towards Intercultural Dialogue: AHDR's In-Service Training Program

The Association for Historical Dialogue and Research (AHDR) organized an in-service training program for Levent College teachers to strengthen intercultural understanding. Throughout the program, teachers gained knowledge and skills in historical dialogue, overcoming cultural biases, and creating an inclusive learning environment. Supported by workshops and seminars, the training provided participants with practical ways to integrate empathy and tolerance into their teaching practices.





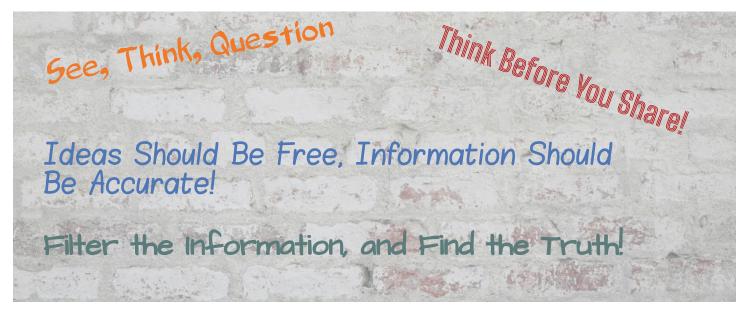


Participants expressed that the program significantly impacted their professional development and requested its continuation in the future.

Levent College teachers shared their thoughts: "This training has reinforced our commitment to an approach that balances academic excellence with human values in our classrooms, encouraging us to further integrate these principles into our teaching".

Media Literacy: The Power of Accessing Accurate Information in the Digital World

As access to information becomes easier in the digital age, distinguishing between accurate and false information has become more critical than ever. In this context, Gülden Alyaz from the Cyprus International University held an engaging seminar at our school on the importance of media literacy.



During the seminar, Alyaz highlighted the impact of media on our lives and shared insights on how to become a conscious and informed individual in the digital era.





The 41st Anniversary Of The Turkish Republic Of Northern Cyprus Celebrated With Enthusiasm!

At Levent College, the 41st anniversary of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) was celebrated with great excitement. The events strengthened the sense of national unity and pride among students and teachers.

The celebration program began with meaningful poems and the screening of an inspiring short film. Students passionately recited poems about the Turkish Cypriot people's struggle for independence, filling the audience with pride and emotion. The short film that followed showcased the historical journey leading to the establishment of the TRNC and highlighted the unwavering determination of its people.

One of the most exciting parts of the program was the road races and marches organized among students. These sports activities, symbolizing unity and solidarity, were met with great enthusiasm and participation. Carrying TRNC flags and banners, participants marched excitedly, emphasizing the day's significance.

Happy Anniversary to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus!











The Light Of Science Shined At Levent College! The Science Exhibition Amazed Visitors!

Levent College's Traditional Science Exhibition, organized since 2007, once again brought together science enthusiasts this year. The exhibition, held with the participation of multiple schools, was brought to life through the dedication and hard work of students and teachers. At the Science Exhibition, 70 different experiments prepared by students were showcased to visitors. These experiments introduced scientific concepts in a fun and educational way, providing participants with an unforgettable experience.









More than 400 students actively took part in the exhibition, applying their scientific knowledge in practice and answering visitors' questions, making this year's event a true celebration of science!



Parents and guests were amazed by the creative projects presented by the students. At the end of the exhibition, participants expressed their joy in spending a day immersed in science and praised the young scientists for their impressive work.



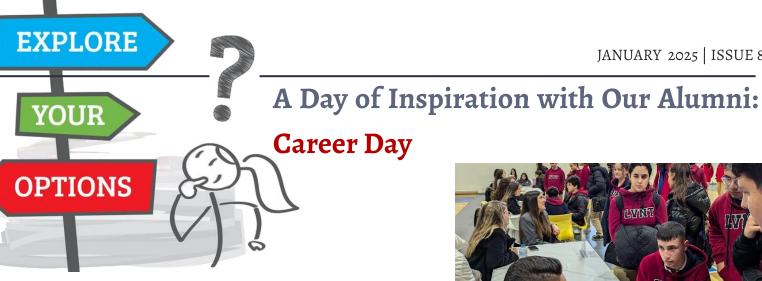
With its Science Exhibition, aimed at fostering a love for science and encouraging young minds to explore and innovate, Levent College once again achieved great success!











The traditional Career Day at our school once again met with great enthusiasm this year. In this special event, where we welcomed our graduates, students gained valuable insights into the university preparation process and the details of various professions.

Experiences Shared, Horizons Expanded

Our alums sincerely shared their personal experiences and career journeys, inspiring our students. Topics such as key points to consider when entering university, the advantages and challenges of different academic programs, and the realities of various professions were discussed. Additionally, alums provided insights into career opportunities and industry expectations while answering students' questions.

School Memories Revived

Career Day was meaningful not only for students but also for our alums. Reuniting with old friends and teachers, they reminisced about their school years and shared joyful memories, making the day a nostalgic and heartwarming experience.

This event strengthened bonds between students and alums while offering hope and guidance for the future. As the Levent College family, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our graduates for their participation and support, and we wish our students a bright and prosperous future!











Our Creative Pens

In our English classes, students explore their creativity while honing their language skills. On this page, you will find their original written works, shared exactly as they were created—without any edits or corrections. We are proud to celebrate their authentic voices and unique ideas. Enjoy their inspiring stories and thoughts!

Ode to My Earphones

my earphones charge all day in their box

tired they relax and renew their charge

while charging they fall asleep and dream of listening to music.

they relisten the song they listened to during the day

and wake up excited fully charged ready for use Hasan Çelebi Year 7

> Colors are wonderful Look at this gorgeous dress! On yourself Think about it **H**igh heels with it **E**xcellent choice **S**o you are ready to party. Irmak Kalkan

My Beautiful Car my car

when i see you I am very happy. whenI hear your sound my ears are open

your speed is so fast if I don't have you I would be sad my car

I love your nitro I love your engine when i don't drive you I would be sad Arkan Özdemir

Year 7

My Grandpa

My grandfather's name is Sadık. He is 66 years old. He was born in Lefkoşa. His birthday is in 13th of January. He has green eyes, white hair and beauty spots. He has three children and three grandchildren.

I am his oldest grandchildren. He is my first teacher and he is still my teacher. He is very hard working and caring. He always spoils me. I like play sports with him like basketball.

He is one of my favorite person in my life. I love him.

Aren Ali Ulupınar Year 6

my yellow pillow, I don't know how to say bye I still hug you when i sleep and my pink pyjamas look amazing on you

I hope you are not cold while i am at school you're ripped but still so beautiful to say bye

my mum hates you because you are ripped but don't be afraid I won't throw you Beren Başaran Year 7

My pillow



The first few weeks at my new school was a little different. When I first came to this school I didn't know anyone and I was a bit scared and excited too. After a few weeks I made a lot of new friends and met with all my teachers.

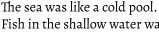
Mt favourite subject is Science and Social studies. It is fun learning about animals and plants in science and learning about culture and society is fun in social studies. But our science teacher always gave us homework but not much in social studies. But still I love Science a bit more. I have got good marks in my all lessons. They were all a piece of cake for me. But the best mark of all was from the math

I joined the volleyball and tennis club after school. I learned how to kick the ball with a racket. I also love solving puzzles with my friends.

I have made lots of new friends. All of my new friends are so friendly and kind to me and now my school and my lessons are going so well.

Dafne Önkal Year 6





Year 7

Fish in the shallow water waved its beautiful looking fins as it swam past. Two fish moved slowly in the wind like wife and husband. I sat on a chair and listened to the birds chatting about the sea. The wind whispered in my ears "It isn't love for anything" but I pretended not to hear it.



Pajama Day:

A Fun and Colorful Day at School!

At Levent College, our students enjoyed a fun and relaxing day with this year's Pajama Day event! The hallways transformed into a colorful and cheerful atmosphere as students arrived at school in their pajamas instead of their regular outfits.

This special day allowed students to take a break from school stress and feel more comfortable.









Pajama Day was more than just a fun event; it became a meaningful day that strengthened unity and togetherness among students, creating a warm and welcoming school environment.





The Holistic Approach to Language Teaching

The holistic approach in language teaching is a method aimed at developing students' language skills in an effective and lasting way. This approach emphasizes that language is not just about grammar and vocabulary but requires the integration of reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. Connecting language learning with real-life situations helps students use the language more efficiently.

The holistic approach plays a significant role at our school, and various activities are organized to support it. In our English lessons, we do not limit ourselves to grammar and vocabulary exercises; instead, we incorporate practical applications that make language a natural part of daily life.

Engaging Activities Supporting the Holistic Approach
Reading and Discussion: Our students read and discuss
English books. This helps improve both their reading
comprehension and critical thinking skills.

Speaking Activities: Students can use the language fluently and accurately in real-life contexts through various speaking exercises.

Theater Performances: To support classroom learning, professional theater groups perform plays in English, enhancing students' language learning experience.



Project Work: By working on English projects, students not only develop their language skills but also enhance their teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving abilities.

Through these activities, our students learn the language by experiencing it rather than memorizing it. Using language as a communication tool boosts their academic success and provides them with a valuable advantage in their future lives.

The Meeting of Education and Art: "Real Samurai" Play

"Real Samurai" Performed at Our School

As part of our English lessons. The theater play "Real Samurai" was performed at our school by a professional theater group and was met with great enthusiasm.

Our students had the opportunity to watch a live performance of a topic they studied in class. This experience not only helped them better understand the lesson content but also increased their interest in theater arts.

Inspired by Japanese culture, the play revolved around a samurai's honor and courage, presenting a captivating story that mesmerized the audience.

The actors' performances, costumes, and stage design received high praise from the audience, making the event a memorable experience for all.



The Colorful Side of the New Year in German Class



Our 6th-grade students participated in a New Year-themed coloring activity during their German class. By adding color to their designs, they not only had a fun and enjoyable time but also brought the festive spirit of the New Year into our classroom.

The vibrant and cheerful artwork added an extra energy and excitement to our lesson!





Unsere Schüler der 6. Klasse haben im Deutschunterricht eine weihnachtliche Malaktion durchgeführt. Durch das Ausmalen der Motive hatten die Schüler nicht nur viel sondern brachten auch Spaß, die Weihnachtsstimmung in unser Klassenzimmer. Die bunten und fröhlichen Arbeiten verliehen unserem Unterricht eine besondere Energie!



A Great Achievement from Our Young Athlete!

At the December 27th Road Races, our 8th-grade student, Girne Umut Yerebakan, achieved great success by securing third place with an outstanding performance.

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The Championship Tradition Continues: Sport

Our High School Girls' Team on Top Again!

In the 2024-2025 Academic Year Basketball Tournament. organized by the TRNC Ministry of National Education, our High School Girls' Team defeated all their opponents and proudly lifted the championship trophy.

Throughout the season, our team stood out with their dedication, discipline, and determination. Their outstanding performance in the final match secured a remarkable victory, marking yet another milestone in our school's sports achievements.

This proud success of our High School Girls' Team is a testament to the hard work and dedication invested in our sports program.

We extend our gratitude to all the athletes and coaches who contributed to this championship victory and wish them continued success in the future!



A Proud Achievement in Table Tennis by Our High School Teams!

In the 2024-2025 Academic Year organized by the TRNC Ministry of National Education, our High achieved outstanding success.

After intense matches, our High School Girls' Team finished the tournament in 4th place, while our High School Boys' Team showcased exceptional performance, securing 2nd place and winning the runner-up trophy.

We wholeheartedly congratulate all our athletes, coaches, and everyone who contributed to this success!

