



# DIS HAPPENINGS

## DELEDDA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



### DIS TEAM GOES TO THE EOES NATIONALS IN PADOVA

Well done to all DIS students who participated in the European Olympiad of Experimental Science Italia (EOESit) 2025. We are pleased to congratulate DP1 students Maurizio Cugurra (Biology), Francesco Lazzarone (Chemistry), and Nicolò Zingarelli (Physics) for their exceptional performance, earning them a place in the National Competition of EOESit 2025. The national competition will be held at Padova University on the 20th and 21st of February 2025. We wish them success in the next stage of the competition! Go DIS!

## COMMUNICATIONS AND NEWS

### FROM THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

The enrollment for the a.y. 2025/2026 is open

<https://genoaschool.eu/admissions/>

### NEW INITIATIVE!!!!

ORIENTATION AT DIS: 45 minutes orientation to get to know DIS!

Click here to book a visit:

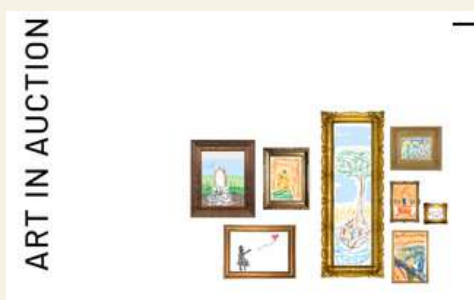
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## GOODBYE TO MARTINA CAMARDA

We want to dedicate a special goodbye and best wishes for the future to Martina Camarda who, after eight years at DIS as Primary Coordinator, has decided to leave her position and join her husband in Israel. The PYP Coordinator role has been taken on by Prof. Susan Smith, while Prof. Nicolò Gabelli Raggio will continue as the Coordinator of the Paritaria.

## ART IN AUCTION: THE GRAND OPENING



Art in Auction is a student-led project in association with our school's Visual Arts and Design teachers, our School Principal and our CAS Coordinator. Art in Auction is a website-based auction process that allows students to donate their artworks to us so that they can then be sold to anyone in our school community (students, parents, teachers, staff, friends) through a bidding process.

In the past, the funds were donated to various charities, this year we chose the 'Centro Antiviolenza Mascherona'. The Online Auctioning will start soon but in the meantime you can check out our website (details in the FAQ section)!

<https://aurelioruggeri.wixsite.com/artinauction>



## PRIMARY ACTIVITIES

### ALL CLASSES AT THE CORALLO CINEMA MATINÉE



Saturday the 11th of January the Primary school went to the "Matinée at the Corallo cinema", where the children watched the animated film 'The Wild Robot' in the original version, preceded by a talk and Q&A session by an animation expert.

### PYP3 - INVENT A STORY



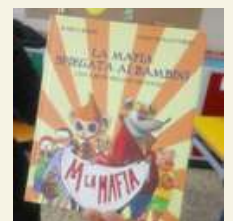
Starting from the table of drawings given, Primary 3 children individually invented a story using direct speech and indirect speech and subsequently built small booklets. Each story reflects each students' personal point of view, showing how images can inspire different and original narratives. (Prof. Marta Giannone)



### PYP4 - LIBERA ASSOCIATION'S VISIT



On the occasion of the new UNIT 'Where we are in place and time', PYP4 welcomed the Associazione Libera who came to do a small project related to the topic "Mafia". We read the book "La Mafia spiegata ai Bambini" and thought about how much our current Key Concepts CAUSATION and CHANGE have to do with this topic. (Prof. Nicolò Gabelli Raggio)



### PYP5 - SCIENCE

The PYP5 class carried out research on microscopes and related discoveries linked to the central idea "Progress Supports Civilizations" and the Line of inquiry "Inventions have had an impact on people's live". (Prof. Tiziana Grazioli)





## MYP ACTIVITIES



## MYP2 - VISUAL ARTS

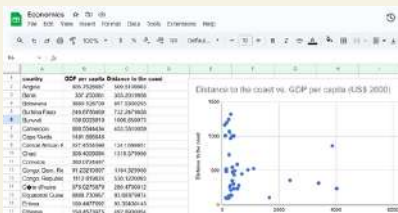
The new Visual Arts unit is aimed at the study of the Renaissance. We joined a nice initiative of the school and youth department of the Uffizi Galleries in Florence and the two MYP2 classes had the opportunity to have an online lesson with the curators of the Uffizi entitled: "The Renaissance in the masterpieces of the Uffizi". (Prof. Arianna Sangiovanni)

## MYP3 - HISTORY WITH VR

MYP3 students were asked to step into the trenches of World War I through a VR experience, exploring dugouts, communication lines, and the daily struggles of soldiers. This immersive activity can bring history to life, making trench warfare more vivid and engaging. (Prof. Pierfrancesco Rolla)



## MYP4 - WORKING AS A NOBEL LAUREATE



MYP4 students stepped into the shoes of the 2024 Nobel Prize winner in Economics, Daron Acemoglu, using a dataset he used 20 years ago for his seminal paper on the colonial origins of development. Students explored why some countries are rich and others are poor through Excel and data analysis. Thanks to this work, as true development economists, they uncovered patterns in economic development and inequality. (Prof. Pierfrancesco Rolla)

## MYP5 - FRENCH

We all know Stromae... a world-famous Belgian artist. But who knows Pomme, Gael Faye, Eddy de Pretto, Grand corps malade, Big Flo et Oli, Angèle or Hoshi? They are all French and Francophone artists who use their talent to make us reflect on today's society. Songs can be the mirrors of the evolutions, concerns and even contradictions of society. In MYP5 French class each student chose an artist and studied the lyrics of one of their songs to highlight the themes and then presented it in class. It was an opportunity to think about various issues such as loneliness, racism and indifference, inclusion, identity and taboos. We are pleased to share with you our playlist which contains all the songs we talked about in class! (Prof. Chiara Lanciano)



**Listen:**

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/0b5N6Umjgo2AnHiiAshJpd?si=cJ0B6p9sQaC7ceGxL774eg&pi=e-ZPzCD9jRSAC>



**Also on Spotify all the 3 episodes of the podcast DIS & That:**

<https://open.spotify.com/show/2FTTr7q8WU0fM837sKAzcwY?si=8bff00ff124b4053>



## DP ACTIVITIES - Focus on CAS

In this issue, we wanted to underline students' support to associations such as 'Make-A-Wish', a non-profit organization committed to making sick children's dreams come true. Riccardo Emanuelli, DP1 student explains: "Over the last few months my classmates Arturo Mondragon, Noemi Parodi, Rachele Elisa Grosso, Ludovica Pastorino, Margherita Battaglieri, Alessandro De Ferrari, Luca Simone, Sao Khue Trinh Ngoc, Arambe Gedara, Hiruni Thathsani and I, carried out various activities to help Make-A-Wish Italia Onlus. They were very different activities which ranged from the translation of texts (from Italian to English) to be sent to companies, volunteers or the general public, to the packaging of Christmas greetings and gifts and preparing envelopes to be sent to collaborators and donors, to other types of manual work such as rearranging 'Make-A-Wish' products and other gifts. All these activities were very engaging and allowed us to effectively and actively help the Make-A-Wish foundation." (Riccardo Emanuelli)

DP2 student Benedetta Massa, who volunteered for 'Make-A-Wish' last year, also found the experience very rewarding, especially with her participation in announcing the realization of a little girl's dream who had asked to go to Disneyland. For Benedetta "It was a day full of emotions that made me reflect on how a kind act and a smile can change a little girl's day."



Benedetta is now involved in helping another charity association 'Il Sogno di Tommy', which offers a system of both practical and psychological support to families in difficult conditions, in particular those with children hospitalized or being cared for at home. Benedetta helped with fundraising, through the sale of high quality products, and with other services for children hospitalized at Gaslini. Another way to raise funds is developed in the 'Il Sogno di Tommy' space at MOG, where Benedetta recently helped children with various recreational activities, such as drawing, creating Christmas cards and talking about important issues such as the rights of hospitalized children. Benedetta states: "It is certainly a worthwhile experience, even if it carries a considerable emotional burden, but then the happiness of the children repays all the work. I would recommend this Service to those who like to be in contact with children and help improve their days." (Benedetta Massa)



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