

Hi there! Welcome to our *Beehive* 😊 Let us introduce ourselves.

We are a secondary school in the Pomeranian Voivodeship, in the city of Malbork. In September 2021, we celebrated the 60th anniversary of our school. We take part in many interesting projects of external institutions and organize numerous happenings in our school community, as well.

We are proud that our students' successes often reach far beyond the school walls. We are young, conscious, and sensitive people, unable to pass indifferently to someone else's harm. From now on, you will be able to get to know us better, not only by following the events on the school's website and Facebook but also by reading the articles we write in the "*Beehive*" magazine, in English.

We assure you that you will benefit from reading it. Enjoy! 😊



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International internships- our adventures!

What comes to mind when people hear the phrase **Erasmus+**? Students. Prestigious universities from big cities. Trips abroad by mature people who are in their early twenties.

These associations are entirely appropriate. There is just one caveat. Well, the Erasmus + program is not used only by universities. The opportunity to go abroad for internships is not exclusive to students. This program is also aimed at technicians. The possibility of sending its students abroad to work was taken advantage of last school year by the school I attend, which is **Technical School Number 3 in Malbork**.

The management of my school managed to obtain a staggering amount of **EUR 114,512** from the Erasmus + program. This money was used to send abroad **39 Polish students** to work and **5 teachers** to training. The departure of teachers from the logistics industry took place on February 21-25, 2022. They were training in the **Metropolitano de Lisboa**. It is a company that manages public transportation in Lisbon.

As for the students – including me – the internship took place from 2nd to 27th May 2022. We had to take part in a difficult recruitment process and were divided into two almost equal groups. **19 students - including me - went to the Portuguese capital Lisbon, and 20 students to Malaga**.

A trip to Portugal and Spain under the Erasmus + program is not only about working in hotels, restaurants, logistics, or IT companies. It's not just sunbathing on sunny beaches, eating ice cream, or chilling with drinks in front of the pool. In addition to these pleasant things, throughout the month we learned about the Iberian Peninsula, its culture, traditions, cuisine, customs, and mores.

In Portugal, we had the opportunity to visit such places as St. George's Castle, Lisboa Story Center, Arco da Rua Augusta triumphal arch, Lisbon's oceanarium, Vasco da Gama Gallery in the Oriente district, and Columbo Gallery with the famous Primark inside. On top of that, we've been to places like sunny Cascais, Fatima, Nazare, or Obidos. We also went to the statue of Christ the King on the other side of the Tagus, that is, to Almada. When, after returning to Poland, I asked my friends how they evaluated their stay in Portugal, they told me that for a month their horizons had greatly expanded, and they were delighted with the vastness of the places we visited.

As for Málaga, my friends had the opportunity to be in such towns as Mijas Pueblo, Benalmadena, Alcazaba, Granada, and Ronda. They also went to La Paloma Park, the Caminito del Rey trail, and two museums - the Picasso Museum and the Carmen Thyssen Museum.

"This month was one of the best months of my life," recalls an anonymous friend of mine.

by Mariusz Waleryś



Me and my coworker in Spain.

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Spanish internship

Throughout the entire month of practice, I have had the pleasure of working in a health food store in the centre of Torremolinos. As a logistician, I was learning how to accept deliveries, correctly fill in warehouse documents, and how to properly store goods with special requirements. Sometimes I had to locate chosen products in the warehouse and move them to another location or replenish supplies on the shelves. I really enjoyed working in this company, as well as with my boss and other associates. I still miss them from time to time.

On the weekends, we got to know Spanish culture on wonderful trips, and in our free time, we could visit attractions in the surroundings of the hotel. The beach near the hotel has become my favourite place. I love sunbathing!

It was an amazing experience. I would honestly love to go back in time and live it all over again.

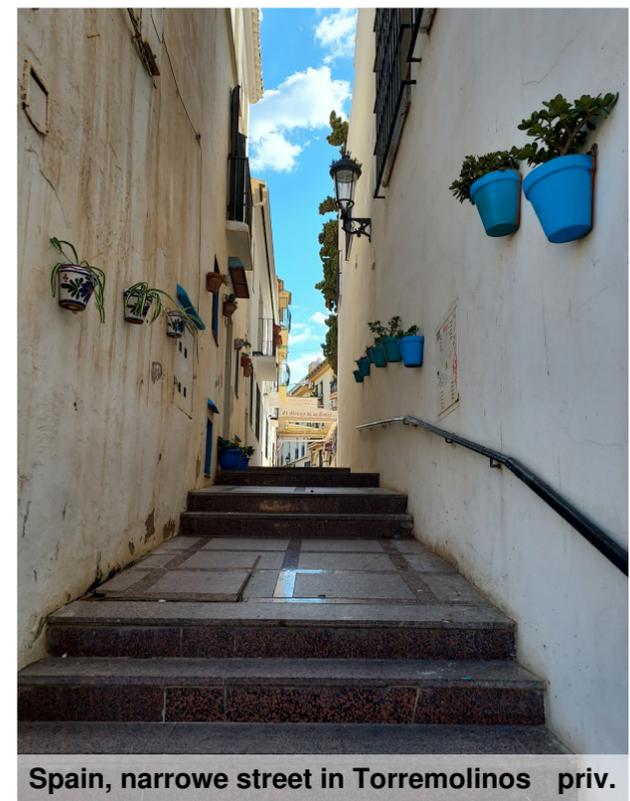
by Szymon Piróg

Spain - memorable internship in a country known for its *corrida*

May 2022 was a precious and impressive month. I had the opportunity to do my internship abroad. I was very lucky and landed in a country that is full of positivity and a chilled approach to life - on May 1st, I landed in Spain! All this would not have been possible without our school and the Erasmus + program, in which the Technical Secondary School No. 3 has been actively participating since 2012. After working hours, our group had time to visit interesting parts of Andalusia, including: Mijas Pueblo - a charming town of white houses, Ronda which is known for the biggest bullfighting arena - Plaza de Toros, Alhambra - with the Moorish fortress Alcazaba and gardens, Muslim Granada, Benalmadena with the charming park - La Paloma and Caminito del Rey, the trail stretched along the walls of the limestone gorge. In addition, in free afternoons, all trainees visited individually the sunny coast of Costa del Sol Torremolinos.

The hotel we stayed in is named Hotel Parasol Garden 3*. This 3-star property offers a great selection of buffet meals, humble room accommodation, has a large outdoor pool and is additionally located 5 minutes from the beach.

Our hotel group was interning at this hotel for 4 weeks. We have gained experience working in 3 departments of the hotel: restaurant, kitchen, and housekeeping. We got into pairs and worked in a different department every week, changing with each pair of trainees. Chef Andoni led us into the kitchen. Our tasks were to prepare vegetables, semi-finished products, salads, muesli and everyday care for cleanliness in the workplace, so that everything that was prepared could be put on the breakfast buffet.



Spain, narrow street in Torremolinos priv.

While working in the restaurant we dealt with tableware. We collected dirty dishes from guests on service trolleys, tidied up the tables and arranged napkins and cutlery. After breakfast was over we only had to clean the restaurant room and prepare it for the next meal. In the housekeeping department, we took care of the tidiness of common parts in the hotel: corridors, hotel lobby, terrace, games room and bar which was located outside, next to the swimming pool. As a result of constant contact with employees, we got everyday contact with the Spanish language and learned words related to each department. It was the most effective learning because we had a lively contact with the language.

The hotel was managed by lovely, smiling and positive people. There was no way someone would be disregarded by them or left alone, feeling uncomfortable when ending every shift of work. They took care of our mental and physical comfort. They made sure that the working atmosphere is always warm, glad and sincere. They didn't care about time, there was no deadline. These people patiently looked at our clumsiness while working. In such situations the smile from their faces did not disappear not even for a second. In the background you could hear the words "está bien, de nada".

I highly recommend taking part in the recruitment of foreign internships. People who have this opportunity are really lucky and will not regret it, I give my word.

The experience I achieved in this internship influenced my self-discipline, openness to people and, most of all, gave me the chance to get to know the real labor market. Even though I was just a trainee I experienced a real job.

I flew out of there full of joy but also sad that this wonderful time was quickly over. I was very close to all people and it was hard for me to part with them. I remember the day of my return until now. It was a thermal shock. Spain said goodbye to us beautifully and sunnily while Poland welcomed us with gloomy and windy weather. So, we quickly knew that the best was over.

by Nikola Wiktor

PORTUGUESE INTERNSHIP

When we first heard about this kind of internship, back in the first grade, when we just started school, we thought that we would never go there. Then, three years later, as we tried our best to qualify, we packed our bags, and on 1st May 2022 we flew off to Portugal.

The main reason to go there wasn't just to visit another country, or explore it, but to get experience in our profession, which is hospitality.

Our workplace was placed in the heart of Lisbon- on the Rossio Square. This particular place is a very tourist-friendly place, as you can find every kind of souvenir, from magnets to postcards. We visited it often even after our work hours, just to hang out.

The hotel we worked in is named Gat Rossio. The logo and color scheme is something that catches your eyes first. Big, cat eye, with large pupil and almost neon green iris. In fact, the hotel logo contains all of the hotel colors. Black, white, and most importantly-already mentioned green.

Our experience from there is something that we will never forget, that's for sure. On our first day, we were kind of stressed, as we didn't know what to expect. But as the day went on, we realized that there is nothing to worry about. People we met there were treating us like a part of their team from the very beginning.

One of the most important things though, is that we had a chance to find out that hospitality isn't all about cleaning rooms, as many people may think. It's all about doing your best, to make others happy and satisfied, and that is something what really matters for all hotel workers. We got to work mostly in the hotel restaurant- starting on serving breakfasts, and ending on cleaning up the kitchen and all of the devices. After we were done with the kitchen and restaurant, we often were sent to help in the reception, where we helped with setting up key cards, organizing documents, and carrying guests' luggage to special rooms.

In our opinion, an internship like that is something truly worth trying. This way, students are given a really great opportunity to learn from experience, and to try something new. We indeed recommend it to everyone!

by Oliwia Darnowska & Maja Januszewicz



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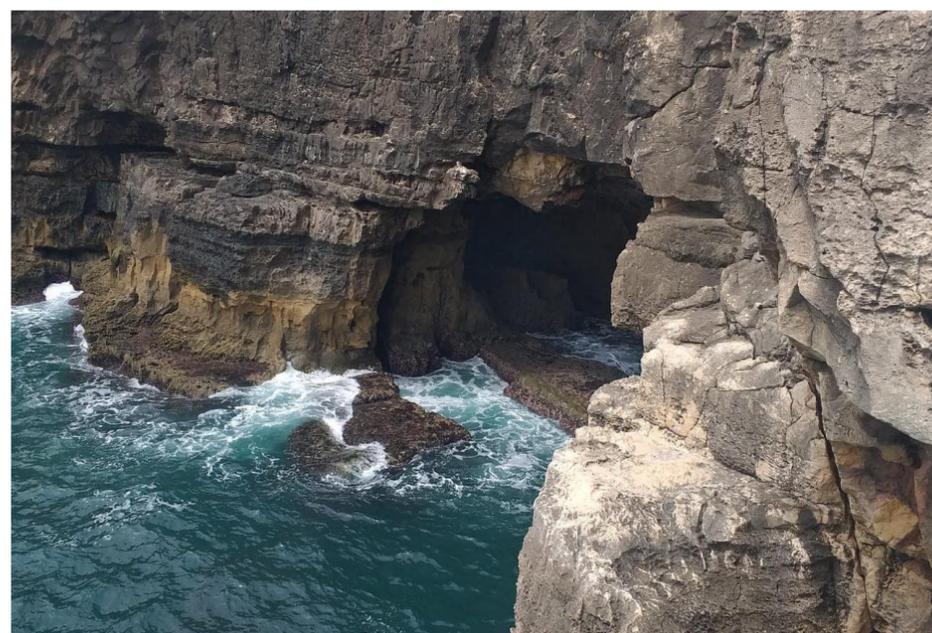
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**It was an unforgettable
experience !!**



Super Sprint Sopot 2022



Sopot is a pretty popular Polish city (we can see the longest wooden pier there), every year millions of tourists visit that place. There are lots of sporting events organised, as well.

On 17th September one of the students of our Technical School no.3 in Malbork –Jan Rażewski took part in one of these events - Super Sprint Sopot 2022 which was a triathlon.

The competitors had to swim 250 meters, cycle 6,5 kilometers, and also run 1,6 kilometers. Janek from the beginning showed us, he's prepared very well and he qualified for the final after a great race. Later, the same day there was a final which was even better for him, he improved his result from the first race and got placed 2nd in his age category. It's very impressive because the weather that day wasn't spoiling the competitors, 14°C of water temperature and some rain.

We are proud and happy for him and we wish him many more successes in the future.

by Kamil Kot

Meeting with the author Sylwia Kubik



On 16th September, we had the honor of meeting Mrs. Sylwia Kubik - she is the author of many novels. One of her books, "Miłość pod naszym niebem", received an award in the plebiscite "Best book for autumn 2020" and also became the prince of the year in the category "Polish Prose". The purpose of the meeting was to familiarize our youth with the works of Mrs. Sylwia. The meeting enjoyed great interest among students and teachers, and it was also an opportunity to obtain the author's autograph.

As students, we thank you and hope for more such events.

by Amelia Łaszewska



Autumn vibes in Warsaw



Students from classes 3K, 4AR, 4IPS and 4IP took part in a project named "Zostań Zawodowcem" on 15th to 16th September this year.

During this time students visited: Copernicus science centre where they were able to see interactive exhibitions

and even had the chance to do some experiments.

Łazienki Park, in this place our students admired the views but also took part in a small poetic contest.

Museum of the history of Polish Jews POLIN, where they were able to immerse

themselves in the true history of Polish Jews. For sure it was an eye-opening experience.

There were also a bunch of attractions for IT classes, such as king penguin and esports spot. King penguin is an esports performance centre where players can train with experts

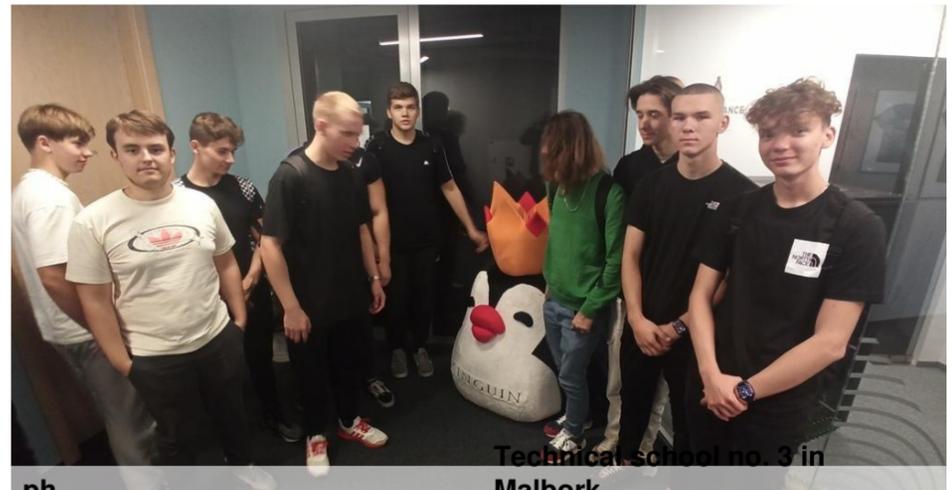
in gaming in amazing conditions. At esports spot, students were able to play their favourite games such as *League of legends*, or *Valorant* with each other at this gaming event.

In the meantime students spent time on activities such as taking

walks and buying souvenirs.

To sum up, I'm sure that all of the participants had a great and educational time in Warsaw.

by Oliwia Darnowska



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ZDOLNI Z POMORZA - The trip to Gdańsk



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This trip was dedicated for the participants of the project named “Zdolni z Pomorza” This whole trip took about 5 days. But our students weren’t the only ones there - you could also find students from other high schools, or even primary schools.

The whole purpose of this trip was to take part in the lectures that took place every day. Each day, students had different things to learn about one particular subject. Those classes were 90 minutes long each.

Before the trip, each student got to know what he or she will be studying in those five days. Because most of our students, participating in this project, are learning information technology, they got to attend IT and math classes. Some of them got to learn about humanities and history stuff. The list of those subjects is not very long, but everyone can learn what they like.

The classes themselves were well organised, the lecturers showed students a different way of teaching, which is different from what we know from school. Furthermore, a friend of mine who actually participated in this project said that some of the topics interested him so much that he still likes to come back to them, and think about them once more.

“I am really pleased by this trip. It turned out to be beyond my expectations in terms of the level of the classes. It turned out, that the subjects which interested me the most, were in truth the subjects I planned to take naps on” -Tymek Majcher, 4IP

by Maja Januszewicz



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The welcome party



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Every year, many new students join the school's community and every year the school welcomes them with a bang.

On 30th Saturday before the main event, at the school yard, everyone had an opportunity to take a break from lessons

and dance even with the principal.

The fun was in full swing but it was needed to get back to reality and start the main part of the event – welcome party to the first graders.

Songs like „Morskie opowieści”, „Bitwa”, „W sumie nie jest źle” were presented by classes

as a part of a talent show.

The other part of this event was a bubble football match which was played by 3 players from each class. Bouncing, falling and running after the ball – all this looked like a lot of fun.

The game could go on until morning but it

was time to start summing everything up, not in the casual way though, but with a festival of colours.

In our school they were symbols of a great adventure which is being a student of Technical school no. 3.

This day brought a lot of fun and smiles and will surely

remain in the memory of the participants for a long time and let's hope for more days like this - spontaneous or not.

by Kamil Kot

School helps

On 30th September, our school organised the 'Sweet Boy Day'. This action, apart from having fun, was to help Zuzia - the sister of one of our students attending class 4Lp, who was the initiator of this event. Students from our school reacted without hesitation, prepared sweet snacks like cakes, muffins or even toasts and brought also other items for sale, such as books or games. Thanks to the idea of the 4Lp - logistics class - the headmaster's support and the students' commitment, the staggering amount of PLN 1,935.71 was collected! This action, like many others before, showed that Technical school no.3 in Malbork can help in need.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the great event, and we wish Zuzia a lot of health.

by Amelia Łaszewska



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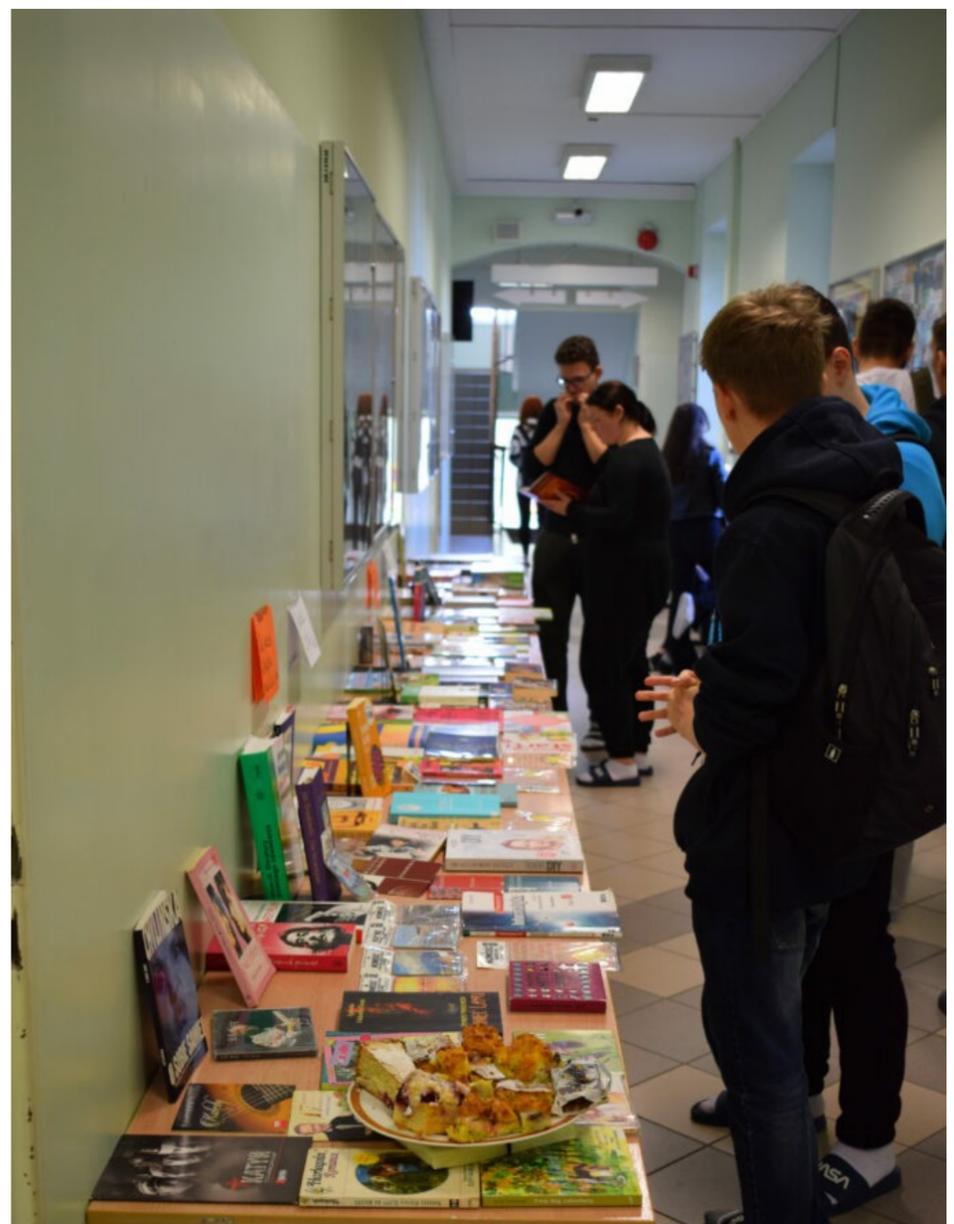


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The POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews trip

On 15-16th September, a group of students from our school had a chance to see the beauty of our capital city, Warsaw.

The first point of the trip was POLIN- the Museum of the History of Polish Jews, located in Warsaw's Śródmieście district. Its participants watched the exhibition devoted to the history of Jews and their existence in pre-war Poland with profound curiosity.

Another attraction was visiting such an iconic point of Warsaw as Łazienki Park. There, the students were divided into groups and were given the task to find the most important monuments, take a photo of them and describe them artistically.

Students also had the opportunity to visit the very modern Copernicus Science Center, which was unquestionably an unforgettable experience. The participants of the trip also visited the Old Town of Warsaw and saw its beauty in a slightly less common version, as this part of the trip took place after sunset.

This trip was undoubtedly a great experience for the students, and also a perfect getaway from ordinary school life.

by Szymon Piróg

Challenges of the modern world

Nowadays the world constantly changes what applies to many areas of human's life like economy, education and culture etc. All these alterations cause people to face many challenges. But the main question is if we are all ready for them and how to get prepared to face the modifications. On 22nd September, students of 4ARp class attended an online meeting with **Krzysztof Pietraszewski - President of the Polish Bank Association**. The meeting was part of the school's cooperation in the project "**Bakcył- Bankowcy dla Edukacji Finansowej Dzieci i Młodzieży**". On that day students could talk about many topics related strictly to today's world like what changes did the war in Ukraine bring or how to keep up with technology development. The topic of climate changes was also discussed and what can we do to have a positive effect on it.

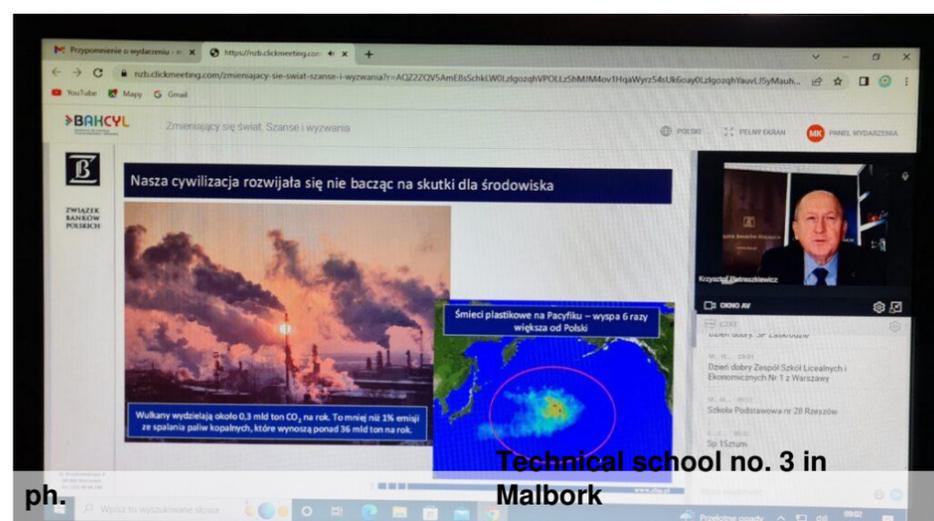
This meeting was supposed to help the students find answers to these questions and prepare for the challenges awaiting them.

by Kamil Kot



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How can close bonds affect you?

A closer look at the movie "Johnny"

"Johnny" is a film directed by Daniel Jaroszek. It tells the story of a priest who struggled with many things, some of the most prominent were kidney cancer and brain glioma, which ended up being the cause of his early death. Jan Kaczkowski, because that's the name of one of our protagonists, was from a regular family that didn't really understand his religious calling. Still, they were supportive of him even though they viewed his path as doubtful. The man was kind-hearted and ambitious no matter the hard circumstances he was put in. That could be easily noticed by how he treated the people around him. But his kindness didn't stop at words because in 2009 he built a hospice from the ground up, and even before then, in 2004 he would drive to people's homes to give them the peace of mind they craved in their last moments. What he didn't know is that later in life he'd end up in his hospice as well.

The main character of that film isn't the priest himself though. Not in my opinion at least, which might come as a surprise when you consider the title. Even though the movie depicts Jan's life, his work, and his family, I think the man who really takes the spotlight in that picture is Patryk Galewski played by Piotr Trojan. He's the narrator of the entire film and even when it shows the experiences of Jan, it's from the perspective of Patryk.

Another argument that seems pretty reasonable as to why the other would be the lead is because Johnny's character doesn't go through any major changes throughout the movie but rather takes up a supportive or even fatherly role towards the younger man. It's about Patryk's journey and how the right people can help you get out of the worst kinds of situations. All you have to do is let them in.

The movie is probably one of the first ones in Poland that shows the prison system in a less than appealing light. In fact there's even a mention from Johnny about how he thinks the best way to actually rehabilitate criminals is by letting them volunteer at places like hospices and such. It tells us that he was aware of how much the system was failing all those less privileged or living in poverty, who'd be more affected by such rigour. Thanks to this, some can assume that he'd support the abolition of prisons, since they do more damage than good. It's not only a story about a kind priest that helped someone and led them to the right path. If you look at the larger picture it shows how flawed our society is and how much improvement we still have to go through.

by Olga Klemarczyk

Poznań Game Arena 2022

On 8-9th October, several dozen students of our school studying as a programmer and IT technicians had the honour of visiting the Game Arena 2022 fair, which was held for the 18th time at the Poznań International Fair. They could meet their favourite Internet creators and influencers, test the latest computer equipment or watch esports games at the highest level.

This year's PGA consists of 7 pavilions filled with gaming attractions from around the world. There are many esports tournaments and shows on the agenda, and the whole thing is surrounded by many influencers and cosplayers. The whole event lasted three days, of which our students saw the most interesting part, happening on Saturday and Sunday.

The youth additionally received a trip subsidy in the form of coverage of transport costs thanks to the "Zostań zawodowcem" project, which they were certainly pleased about.

by Szymon Piróg



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How to survive in the school jungle?

Do you feel like you could do better at school but don't know how? I think we all had our ups and downs during studying or we don't have the motivation to do anything productive. Trust me, it's alright to feel burnt out. However, here are some tips that may help you get through in the school jungle.

1. Improve your time management.

Most teenagers spend hours in front of their phones or computers and then they complain that the day is too short. No, that's wasting the time and postponing important things for later.

Remember to set your goals, do your to-do list, keep your room clean and your studying place organized.

2. Good sleep.

Sleep is the key to feeling good during the day. It makes us more focused, we learn and memorize things a way better. Lack of sleep can cause brain fog, lack of concentration generally is detrimental to our health.

That's a fact! We shouldn't be on our phones before going to sleep. Why? Well, not only because blue light is harmful to our eyes but also because it restrains the production of melatonin which makes it even harder to fall asleep and wake up in the morning.

3. Be active during lessons.

Listen carefully, ask the teacher about the things you don't understand, and write down important information. You will memorize more from these lessons and studying the topic will take less time.

4. Studying.

When you are about to study, turn off your phone, get in a comfortable position, and maybe make some tea or prepare some healthy snacks that you can eat in the meantime.

5. Remember to take regular breaks.

For example: study for an hour and then do a 10-minute break. Perhaps do some activities so that when you come back to your lessons, your brain feels refreshed and energized.

These are some of the main tips you should pay attention to if you would like to improve your learning skills. Stay tough and do your best at school :)

by Martyna Ropel

When the whole country fell silent for ten days.

Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's longest reigning monarch, **died at the age of 96 at 15:10 on 8th September in Balmoral Castle.**

She occupied the throne of Great Britain for 70 years, 7 months and 2 days. Her husband, Prince Philip, died not long before her because just on 9th April 2021, the cause of death was stated as "old age", the same as his wife's.

The monarch, whose whole name is **Elizabeth Alexandra Mary**, initially wasn't expected to become the ruler of the country as her father's elder brother, Edward, was the first in line after George V, but he abdicated the throne to marry a divorcee which was not allowed for a monarch to do so, 10 years old Elizabeth was appointed as the next ruler after her dad.

Prince Philip met her when she was just 8 years old and when he was 13, later on, they fell in love and quickly married on 20th November, 1947. They shared one of the most enduring royal relationships in history. She had only one sister, Princess Margaret. The monarch gave birth to 4 children — King Charles III, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and the youngest Prince Andrew. She also lived to see 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

During her long service, she had many great accomplishments to name a few; **she served in World War II, modernized the monarchy or helped the decolonization and gained the independence of many countries** and many more. She was most likely the last female ruler of the UK we got to see during our lifetime.

The news of her death was not unexpected because of her age but still shocking and very tragic, her eldest son then Prince Charles alongside his wife, Camilla were declared as the new King and Queen Consort of the country just hours after the announcement of her passing. As of right now, Prince William is first in line to step on the throne after his father. Queen Elizabeth II, during her reign, met 15 different British prime ministers. Her funeral was broadcasted live, and it was estimated that more than 4 billion people tuned in to watch it at some point. Many important figures also showed up at her burial, including our president.

The national mourning period in the UK lasted 10 days since her tragic death, hence the title. Because of that, many places got closed for this period, events have been rescheduled, workshops shut down and people were granted a day off. This event will inevitably have consequences as the Queen was loved by many and the succession of King Charles II had a lot of backlash from the public as an aftermath of his past actions such as cheating on his then-wife Princess Diane, and many more. Queen Elizabeth II will have been sealed and will not be revealed for the next 90 years.

Another chapter of the British monarchy came to an end and a new one just began with King Charles II reigning from now on with hopes of continuing this great line of rulers.

May he lead the country with competency and intelligence and overcome this mediocre opinion of the public about him.

by Julia Wąsicka

Pros and cons of working during holidays- my experience.

What can you do during the summer vacation? "Sunbathe," some will say. "Go on vacation and explore the world," others will say. Still others will say, "sit at home, do nothing and relax."

If someone asked me such a question, I would answer: "Work!" It is true that my answer must be viewed through the prism of the fact that I am still a high school student and holidays are the only moment for me when I can work and not worry about school. However, there are also cases when people prefer to work during the vacations, and take holidays in other months than July and August. Today I will look at the benefits and drawbacks of such a solution for both cases.

Let's start with what we all like best, which is the upside. As I mentioned above, for me - as for many students - summer work does not conflict with school and its responsibilities. Getting up in the morning to go to work, I didn't have to worry, for example, that I had class work to do that day, homework to do, or that I had to keep track of attendance in a particular subject.

Let's imagine the following situation. A person wakes up in the morning with the awareness that on a given day he does nothing. Such a day contributes nothing to that person's life. Such a man has learned nothing that day. And so for two months. You could go crazy that way. For many students, however, this is what vacation looks like. Each day brings nothing to their lives, they also learn nothing. And working during this time solves this problem, because each day offers some knowledge and, above all, you get better at what you do.

The obvious advantage of working in a holiday – as well as of work in general – is earning money. For students, this is a chance for – depending on their earnings – greater or lesser independence from their parents. Having your own money also allows you to buy what you want. I think each of us has heard a text from our parents like "We bought you this thing so respect it". When we buy "this something" with our money, we will immediately approach it with respect, because to get it we had to devote our time and energy.

For me, as a technical student, a fairly good argument for working during the holidays was the opportunity to gain both experience in the profession and contacts in the industry, which will be useful for me after graduating from school.

Moreover, adults who decide to take a leave in other months than July and August raise two arguments. Firstly, they do not encounter crowds and can relax in peace. Secondly, off-season prices are definitely lower.

Okay... There were pleasant things - i.e., pluses - now it's time for downsides. Of course, I, as an avid fan of working on vacation, cannot make up all the disadvantages of working on vacation, but I will try to come up with something.

Maybe let's start with what bothered me the most – especially last summer – the fatigue. When I got home it was only to think about eating something, washing up and turning on some movie. Zero energy to go out with friends on the town or to the cinema.

Another thing is – which fortunately got past me last summer because of my stay in May on Erasmus – the inability to go somewhere and visit anything. For students, holidays are the only time for such attractions. Apparently, you can beat this argument by saying that there are still holidays or May Day. There is only one problem. In the winter, you cannot sunbathe, and there is not much to explore through May. Anyway, when I hear this argument I always reply: when I'm an adult and I'm working permanently then I'll take vacations on holidays and enjoy those vacations.

Another downside strongly related to the previous one, is the fact that you cannot plan to do many useful things on vacation – such as making a driver's license – due to the fact that work takes away our entire vacation. Sometimes you are lucky, though, like me when at the very peak of the season I managed to break away on a pilgrimage on foot to Jasna Góra. Not everyone was as lucky as I was, and throughout July and August they were so engrossed with work that there was nothing more for them than work and the things associated with it.

After my experience, I can say that there is nothing better than working during the holidays. However, I know that there are people with a completely different approach to life than mine, for whom this holiday work is not something cool, nice and pleasant. It is known that everyone can have an opinion and I respect their opinion. I am always happy to engage in polemics with such people and adhere to the principle that you can always change your opinion. However, at the moment, I believe that working on holidays has more pros than cons.

by Mariusz Waleryś



PARODY: cruel or invigorating?

There's always been a lot of misconceptions and double standards when it comes to **parody**. As for the word that we hear so often, many people don't understand its origins or what purpose it serves. A lot of the time you'll see someone using words such as satire or pastiche interchangeably with parody, but they are not synonymous.

When we talk about the authors of a certain parody, it won't take a genius to notice a gross double standard. Women often are faced with comments about how they're rude or spiteful when parodying something, whereas men don't get that sort of backlash, in fact, they are praised for it and it is seen as clever and comedic.

Aristoteles defined parody as something that imitated the style of epic poems, altering them to turn them into something obscene. Since it was made to counter a creative piece of work, the greeks put two words (*counter and song*) together to create; "παρωδία" (*parodia*) which later on was adapted into English. The suffix "para" also has another meaning, besides, because of it, a parody does not need to ridicule a work it is parodying. It was also used to signify quoting or alluding to prior texts (not funnily or mockingly).

The ancient Greeks parodied the living, the dead, and even the gods. It was often used as a way to make philosophical statements, criticising the way people viewed the world around them. Such works were often referred to as *spoudaiogeloion*.

In the 1700' and 1800' parody became a tool to stifle change, in the words of Gary Dyer: *Many novels used parody as a technique, often to attack literary trends, often to attack contemporary doctrines*

Anyone who tried anything new in terms of style or subject would be shut down by the white, rich upper-class men of that era. Linda Hutcheon, who studied that time period, has described parody in her book as: *often [being] the malicious, denigrating vehicle of satire*

It wasn't always like this of course, as the sociopolitical climate began changing, so did the functions behind parody. Now it was used to change the status quo, now it was the rich, white men who were getting parodied by those who demanded the metaphorical switch to be pulled.

An important thing to remember is that only the very best and the very worst would be remembered and parodied by others. It was an honour in a way, since it showed that your work of art, the style you've created it in, was unique enough for someone to feel like they had to write about it.

Is parody an art form within itself? If you boil it all down, a parody is meant to entertain you and show flaws in a work it is critiquing. A very digestible and accessible way for people to learn about art especially if you don't have time to study literature or you simply have no interest in doing so. Children are also encouraged to parody the writing they are working with because as David Seitz stated:

"It can encourage a more complex view of how language choices relate to audience identification and persuasion, particularly when it comes to the use of humour in persuasion"

Which is not great only for children but anyone who is interested in doing anything like that. It can show you how to play on words or subvert expectations in things that are cliches or are often overused.

by Olga Klemarczyk

Moving out: the true start of your independence

As you may know, many young people decide to leave their family home when they reach a certain point in their lives. Whether it's for university, job opportunities or maybe just the need for privacy and their own space. I'm sure that some of you might be considering it right now. My goal is to help you decide whether it's right for you at the moment or not.

So let's say you do want to move out. What happens now? You no longer have financial support and safety from your parents. The peace of mind you had when it came to your everyday expenses is gone as well. Furthermore, you'll have to get a job, so it's unlikely that you will be able to reserve any time for yourself. Buried by your countless responsibilities you might forget all about self-care which would be the worst thing you could do in a situation like that. It can cause burn-out quickly which would make the already challenging tasks even harder to tackle. Another downside would be that you'll probably be forced to get a roommate, so you have someone to share the bills with. Now, what if you don't get along? Maybe you have a thing that when you see someone do it's an immediate no-go? Finding someone fitting may be frustrating and time-consuming.

But! Don't you worry my dear reader because there's still hope! Here are a couple of reasons you should still consider moving out. I know that with what's been said before you're probably settled on staying home but think about this: You're finally away from your parents. Treat it as an introduction to your adulthood. Moreover, you'll be allowed to do anything you'd like, anytime you'd like. But the most important advantage, in my opinion, is that you can get your best friend to live with you! I'm sure you had countless plans like that as a kid. Daydreaming about what it would be like to live with your favourite person. Well, now it's your chance to actually experience it. :D

To sum it all up, I don't see why you'd prefer staying home. Sure it might be scary at first but after that first stage of figuring everything out, I'm positive that you'll enjoy your own little corner in the world. The good clearly outweighs the bad. Personally, I'm all for independent living especially if you don't get along with the people in your current household. Who knows.. Maybe moving out would end up bringing you closer to them.

by Olga Klemarczyk



ph. Moving out.

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Calm mind, healthy life

On 10th October we were celebrating **National Mental Health Day**. Mental health is very important in our lives and that's why we shouldn't focus on it only during that day, but every day.

This article is a reminder for everybody. A teacher, younger students, older students, for you and also for me. We have to remember that we cannot hide our feelings and let them destroy us from the inside. Let yourself talk about your feelings to a person that you trust. It can be your teacher, family member, therapist, best friend or even your pet. Let all the words escape from your mouth and feel relieved.

Don't be so hard on yourself. If you feel like you could do better at doing something, take a deep breath and accept it. You can always do better next time. Respect and talk kindly to yourself.

Understand yourself. Know that it's okay to feel sad, angry, and disappointed. Find your own best solution to cheer yourself up. Maybe a book or playing with your pet? Or a hot chocolate? Yummy <3

Don't allow yourself to "drown in alcohol", do drugs or smoke cigarettes to feel better. We may think it will give us an euphoric feeling, make us feel numb or that it will be a relief from stress. Drugs are automatically destroying our physical and mental health. Sure, it will make us feel different for a moment but then... it will bring you more problems, and addiction will control your mind and will make you mentally weaker.

A helpline for children and teenagers: **116 111**

A helpline for adults: **116 123**

WE ARE ALL EQUALLY IMPORTANT

by Martyna Ropel

The Malbork Castle

As we are residents of Malbork, it would be a sin not to mention the popular tourist attraction of our city. Of course, we are talking about the Teutonic Castle, the seat of the great masters of the Teutonic Order.

It is the largest Gothic castle in the world. It was built in the 13th century. It is located right on the banks of the Nogat River. This monument is inscribed on the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List (1997). In 1961 it became the Castle Museum and to this day we have this precious monument we are proud of. Our castle contains a considerable amber collection as well. Additionally, sightseeing at the castle takes 3.5 hours because it consists of 3 parts: the High Castle, the Middle Castle and Grand Masters Square.

In 1944 the castle got partly destroyed by the second world war but got rebuilt very fastly collecting bricks from across the country and using them to rebuild the castle. Now the castle and the museum bring a lot of interest all around the world, it is visited by thousands of people every year. A lot of attention draws the siege of Malbork when the yard of the castle turns into a medieval city once again for 2 days. You can see fighting stagings, taste medieval dishes, listen to concerts of folk music and many more. The event is so full of attractions that it brings people from so many countries because you can't get bored there. The museum itself is very rich in a lot of different kinds of exhibitions, like the previously mentioned amber collection, which is professionally called "Amber Hall", and our personal favourite- a whole exhibition with all kinds of persian weapons. But this exact topic is a story for a different day, as it's a lot to talk about, and it deserves more attention and a separate article.

Also, did you know that one of the bricks in the castle comes from The Great Wall of China?

It's an interesting story, and kind of sad. So, one day a few Chinese people killed one of the messengers of the Teutonic Order, and they decided to pay for their sins by sending one of the bricks to the Order itself, as a fulfilment. As another fun fact, I'll tell you about the only Polish king, who actually was in the castle, not as a resident but as a guest. His name was Kazimierz the Great, and he got invited to the castle by the Great Master of The Teutonic Order himself. He spent three days there, and he was so impressed by the castle itself that he started to build castles in Poland.

To sum up, our castle is something really special. It is a place visited very gladly by visitors from abroad, for example from Germany or Spain. Among them, there are also sentimental tourists, descendants of the pre-war residents. We Polish People have managed to keep Malbork and this castle. We kept its existence and we think that as beautiful.

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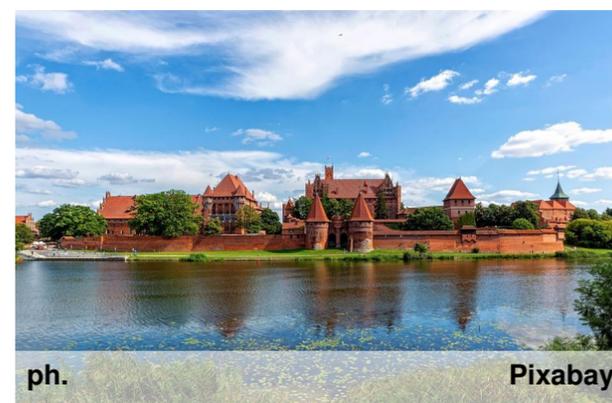
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Insufficiently rooted in literature

Don't you think readership is decreasing? 'Just yesterday' reading was used more often. Why is reading activity disappearing? Young people find more and more attractive ways to spend their free time, rejecting the intellectual effort that would have to be put into reading magazines, comics or newspapers.



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What comes to your mind first when you hear the term 'readership'? It is probably a stack of books (decent looking by the way) but a pile of books never read by you. ARE YOU ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE? Indeed, I deeply believe there are more than a few people who appreciate every single word, and every emotion contained in the story, closed with a cover on both sides of the book. And so they will not agree with my statement 'they buy books only for their presence on shelves'. Absolutely, I just want to straighten it. I do know you all exist, our faithful readers. I even believe you are reading this right now. I am so contented and I respect it a lot.

Our contact with books is basically formed from childhood, we can owe it to our parents (especially mothers) who got us used to night fairy tales. During this period, the toddlers' closeness to novels is a kind of entertainment for them, when watching pictures and at the same time listening to stories and to their mother's voice. In small individuals, a mother's touch and nearness creates safety and a lovely atmosphere. This ritual is then remembered with joy and identified with a pleasantly spent time. Every next time they gladly come back to a joint activity. It builds in them a need for discovering new adventures of characters in the future on their own. Now the most important assignment of the parents! They must maintain in their children this interest in being close to literary work.

Often, at the school stage when the child goes to school he parts with the paper product as it is no longer an element of fun but an obligation of school education. And we can guess what is next. The child perceives reading as dull action. It is hardly necessary to explain why the actual reading (i.e. lettering in order to construct words), when we learn the words, is incredibly valuable. This process broadens our vocabulary (we have direct eye contact with it). Reading activates the imagination and teaches us how to express thoughts and present our opinion. It educates us to use our feelings. Allows understanding of the way others speak. On the other hand, will humans learn all of this only by reading? The answer is: Of course, this is not the only way to learn to live and be. It depends on the person's spatial imagination and experience.

I must also mention another aspect. In the age of digital information, it is hard for us to mobilize ourselves to read because we have much more pleasant paper substitutes and even digital versions of the book on a tray. Humans love solutions that require less effort and the Internet provides them. Instead of enjoying the book yourself, someone can do it for us. Just turn on youtube, enter the title and search for an audiobook of a specific lecture. However, if the audiobook is still too much then you can reach for the movie - a more convenient and common replacement. Today's world does not stop only at movies or audiobooks available on phones. These adaptations can also be admired as performances organized in theatres and seances broadcasted in digital cinemas and outdoor cinemas in the open air.

Another example of the weakening of reading is related to the lack of young people's habit to commune with books. Instead, they reach for their favourite computer games or highlighted music playlists. They choose to surf on social media following the latest information to stay updated, often locking themselves in this virtual world. However, do not forbid them such a form of prospering their time. Let's make smart decisions. One wise proverb says: 'everything is for people but has to be kept to the minimum'. So as far as possible, let's live in harmony with philosophies like this.

Personally, I think reading is losing popularity. Still however, there is no shortage of people fascinated by literature, people who are firmly rooted in this value so that nothing can break their inner self. Our earlier generations relied on journalism since it was the most common source of knowledge and the possibility of self-improvement. I say that it is worth devoting even the smallest free time if not reading one page of the book, then at least one virtual page of an interesting article. In particular, I recommend texts in a foreign language. I strongly feel that it develops us. And what do you think about it?

At the last end of this brainstorm, I would like to share some gripping curiosities.

- 1. Do you know why the saying: "reading from cover to cover" was recorded? Because in the Middle Ages, books were bound in wood.**
- 2. The term "BIBLIOSMIA" is a word that means love of sniffing good or old books.**
- 3. A scented cookbook has been created in Japan.**

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