

SCHOOL LIFE

A VISIT

Representatives of the Aleko Konstantinov Elementary School were invited by the Faik Konitsa Elementary School, town of Prishtina, Republic of Kosova, so they went for a visit and performed a special celebratory performance to mark the 60th anniversary of the founding of the school. The first and second grade pupils sang, danced and recited poetry for their friends, dressed in Bulgarian folk costumes. The rhythms of the Bulgarian horo and rachenitsa dances impressed the audience, but it was the performance of the Albanian folk song “Moj e bukura More” which at first left the audience in the hall literally breathless, after which they rewarded with a storm of applause. After the end of their performance the kids gave their gifts for the pupils from the school that celebrated its anniversary – balloons, martenitsas and hand-made souvenirs of paper and beads – flowers, bracelets, necklaces...

While brief, the visit was an unforgettable experience both for the visitors and the hosts, and the latter repeatedly mentioned their great memories from their visit to Plovdiv in May 2013.

YOU PLAY AND HAVE FUN

The National Fencing Championship took place on 14,15 and 16th of March 2014.

Borislava Karaivanova of the 2v class was the only participant from the Aleko Konstantinov Elementary School. She was the youngest participant in the contest.

In April over 1,200 contestants from 90 countries will participate in the Cadet and Junior World Fencing Championship which will take place from 3 to 12 of April 2014 in Plovdiv.

Fencing is sort of fight between two people who duel with weapons like sabers, rapiers and swords. In the past it was a way of solving disputes and it often ended with somebody's death. In the 18th and 19th century it established itself as a sport. It was most actively practiced and most developed in France, Italy, Austria-Hungary and Germany.

Health benefits from fencing training:

1. It burns calories and improves the heart rhythm
2. Flexibility
3. It relieves the stress level
4. It improves the mental capabilities

Fencing is a superb and fun way to let off some steam after a tough day, to lose some weight or to gain flexibility and functional strength.

Nowadays, it is the friendship between the partners and the pleasure from victory that create the enjoyment from playing. And that is what playing means – achieving some results, while you are having fun.

Iva Balinska – elementary school teacher

ACHIEVEMENTS

The regional round of the “Znam i Moga”(“I know and I Can”) Olympiad took place on February 2014. Twenty fourth graders represented the Aleko Konstantinov Elementary School and achieved decent results.

Yaroslav Dokuzov of the 4g class was ranked 7th of a total of 412 kids who participated, with a score of 45.5 points. Maria Mincheva of the 4g class is ranked 11th with a score of 44.75 points.

We would like to express our profound gratitude to both of them and all the other pupils who participated and to wish them many future achievements! We, your teachers, are proud of you!

Vesela Ruseva, homeroom teacher of the 4g class

KIDS CREATIVE EFFORTS THE RED CHERRY

One day a cherry fell from a tree while it was ripening but it was still green. The name of this cherry was Mimi. She started wondering what she could do to turn red and decided to buy red skin paint. Since she did not know where to buy that paint from, she turned for advice to the cherry that was nearby who had also fallen from the tree before it was fully ripe but was now red. The red cherry explained to her she needed to go to the “From Green to Red” shop. But she added that the cherry should not walk around nude, because she would be laughed at.

Mimi went shopping but everything was too expensive. She knew that she would have to win a discount card but regretfully the contest was for red cherries only. Mimi took a risk and went without clothing. She reached the paint shop. But the paint was too expensive too. She walked around crestfallen and was thinking about her bad luck. She stopped and suddenly she got lucky – she found a discount card lying on the ground. Overjoyed, Mimi went to the clothing shop, she bought pants, blouse and shoes but also bought red paint. When she went to bed in the evening she was happy because she was now red, she turned on the TV and saw in the news that she had become Miss Cherry and had won the Red Cherry Award!

Konstantin Vitkovski – 4a class