

## **SCHOOL LIFE**

### **Vasil Levski**

On 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Bulgarian people mark 143 years of the death of the Apostle of Freedom Vasil Levski and 121 years of the opening of his monument in Sofia. The monument is located near the place where Levski has been hanged in 1873. There are some interesting facts about the monument symbolizing eternal life of the Apostle.

1. The monument was the first built monument of Levski released in the Principality.
2. The construction of the monument lasts 17 years. The first stone was laid in 1878 and the official opening of the monument took place in 1895.
3. The monument is the work of city architect Adolf Kolar, who had a task to work out first city plan after the liberation of Sofia.
4. The monument had to be ready in 20 days.

Vasil Levski is an icon for all in Bulgaria, but about his image there are still some uncertainties that are waiting for answers. Many historians, writers and public figures are seeking them.

Every child in the country knows who the Apostle of Bulgarian freedom is. Surely many people remember the date of his birth, and almost everyone knows the date of his hanging. But very seldom we think of that chilly December day when the Vasil Levski was captured at the inn in the village Kakrina.

Daniela Gencheva-history teacher

### **Sights of our homeland**

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, students from class 3v prepared and presented projects about sights of their homeland. Together with their parents and grandparents children studied historical, cultural and natural landmarks in Bulgaria. They created albums, posters and presentations mainly about Plovdiv. The students were proud to point out that Plovdiv is one of the oldest cities in Europe and it was elected as cultural capital in 2019. They discussed the sites in the Old Town, archaeological monuments, the hills on which the city is located. In March students will visit the Early- Christian basilica of Philipopol known as The Little basilica.

Todorka Tahchieva- class teacher,3v class

## **International Day of Safe Internet - February 9th, 2016**

On February 9th, 2016 for the 13th consecutive year the world celebrated the International Day of safe Internet. We prepared this message, which contains advice to children and their parents about how to use the network safely.

Children, remember!

1. Never give out personal information to a person you have met on the Internet, including chat, because you can not be sure what it will be used for by the person to whom you provide it!
2. Never accept an appointment through the Internet, if it necessary -you must notify parents! Do not go to the date alone, it is best to be accompanied by your parents!
3. Always tell your parents what sites you use, whom you write or chat, what files and materials you intend to download from the Internet.
4. Do not do something that can harm you, other people, your computer or other people's computers.
5. Know that dating sites are extremely dangerous! They are among the most visited by pedophiles searching victims. Do not attend! Social networks ( facebook and myspace) offer similar opportunities for people with bad intentions because they offer opportunities for contact, personal information and photos.
6. When you create a password, try to find the one which is difficult to be recognized by another person. Never use your own name or other people's names, phone numbers, nicknames, date of birth, PIN, etc.

Dear Parents,

1. Explain to your child / children what risks are hidden in Internet for them; they should not be trusted anyone they have met in a chat or on the Internet!
2. Use the Internet together- the whole family, be interested in what your child is doing while he/she is on the Internet and what kind of people does he/she contact with.
3. Do not let your child go to meetings with the person or people he/she has met on the Internet. If such a meeting is necessary, accompany him/her !
4. It's a good idea is to use programs that filter the information so that it can be suitable for children. An example of such a program is free Child Defender- free program for parental control and child protection on the Internet.

Students of School Parliament

## **LIBRARY - INFORMATION CENTER**

### **A visit of children's author Borislav Ganchev**

At the end of January in the library of "Aleko Konstantinov" Primary school our guest was writer Borislav Ganchev. He met the students from second and third grade.

In a very funny way the author presented some of his works - riddles and poems on various themes - about seasons, alphabet, Bulgarian holidays, health and others. Children read selected parts from his latest book, guessing riddles, published in them, recited poems.

At the end of the meeting the writer gave his present to the school library - a couple of autographed books.

### **Literary morning „ To honor the Apostle "**

On 29 th January students from the 4th grade together with the librarian Elena Penisheva participated in literary morning in which most of them told or read certain moments of the life of Levski, which impressed them most. Other students presented projects and presentations. They had read scientific, documentary and literary information about his life and work. They started with a special arrangement of the room and ended with the books they took from the library.

**Elena Penisheva- Librarian**

## **Language page**

### **St Valentine's Day**

It's the day when people show their affection for another person or people by sending cards, flowers or chocolates with messages of love. And traditionally on Valentine's Day in a leap year - every four years - women can propose marriage to their partner!

#### ***Who was St Valentine?***

The day gets its name from a famous saint, but there are several stories of who he was. The popular belief about St Valentine is that he was a priest from Rome in the third century AD. Emperor Claudius II had banned marriage because he thought married men were bad soldiers. Valentine felt this was unfair, so he broke the rules and arranged marriages in secret. When Claudius found out, Valentine was thrown in jail and sentenced to death. There, he fell in love with the jailer's daughter and when he was taken to be killed on 14 February he sent her a love letter signed "from your Valentine".

#### ***How did Valentine's Day start?***

Valentine's Day is a very old tradition, thought to have originated from a Roman festival. The Romans had a festival called Lupercalia in the middle of February, officially the start of their springtime. It's thought that as part of the celebrations, boys drew names of girls from a box. They'd be boyfriend and girlfriend during the festival and sometimes they'd get married. Later on, the church wanted to turn this festival into a Christian celebration and decided to use it to remember St Valentine too. Gradually, St Valentine's name started to be used by people to express their feelings to those they loved.

**Happy birthday to all those born in this week! We wish them health, joy and success!**