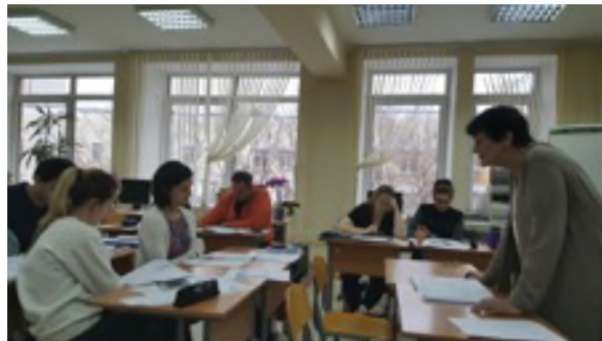


# SCHOOL TIMES



Last holidays were quite intense for all the teachers of our school complex. We had a chance to practice our language skills at courses with a native speaker from Scotland. We struggled with the language problems for the Russian speakers, especially cross-culture differences, national stereotypes, styles of communication, colloquial responses and idioms. We developed audio skills listening to a number of varieties of English from all over the world as well as dialects of Britain. Got to know lots of useful information! Keep up!



**Welcome to the world of English!**

**Breaking news about the life of our school.**

## Important Dates

**23 February - Defender of the Fatherland Day**

The history of this holiday trace back to 1918 when the decree on the establishment of the Red Army (18 February 1918) was announced. In 1919 this date fell on Monday, so it was decided to move the holiday to the nearest Sunday – 23 February. Since then it is on that day.

Now this holiday is celebrated as all men's day. In the working calendar, it's considered to be a **day off** since 2002.

In the USSR it was officially named **the Day of the Red Army and the Navy**.

During **Defender of the Fatherland Day** people celebrate the great triumph and the power of the Russian army. We are proud of our defenders!

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**14 FEBRUARY**  
**Valentine's Day**  
 Love is in the air!!!  
 Friendship forever

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**23 FEBRUARY**  
**Defender of the Fatherland Day**

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**MASLENITSA**  
 Pancakes for the whole week!!! Good bye, winter! Welcome, spring and Great Lent!

We honour the soldiers and all the military men ready at any time to defend our country, they are the real heroes. Our presents, gifts, the warmest wishes and colorful fireworks displays are all for them!

## The most striking event of the month



### Dancing Ball

It was an amazing dancing battle between the students of high school.

We had a really hard preparation, we had to learn a lot to play our roles properly.

At first I was a little bit scared but when I heard a storm of applause, I felt relieved. It was a great success!

When I was dancing, I felt the rush of energy. Smiling faces of the audience cheered me up.

I will never forget the magnificent girl's dresses like from the fairy-tale.

It was the most unforgettable experience I have ever had. We wish this tradition would continue...

The disco was really cool! 10A , 10B

The girls are congratulating the boys - the future Defenders of our Motherland. Poems by heart and warm wishes were said to each of the boys. A good example of kind relationships among the classmates! Respect and friendship begins from an early age. Well done!

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### Unforgettable excursion

On the 24th of February we had a wonderful trip to the Ice-cream Factory. At first, we made a jam decoration for three ice-cream balls. Then we have eaten them with great pleasure. It was fantastic and extremely delicious! After that we had an excursion around the factory where the guide showed us all the phases of delicacy appearing. We also tried the first freshness ice-cream during our excursion. It was a magnificent taste! We took great photos of our group wearing special protective clothes ,so we looked quite funny. Guess what? Now we are waiting for the parcel from this factory - two kilos of ice-cream!!!

Anastasia Sergeeva , 7B



# STEP FORWARD to the Emerald City

Have you heard about our school students' self-government? Its name is FORWARD STEP. And step by step, little by little we are ready to make a great leap into the better future of our school life.

Since the beginning of 2016 school year our students' self-government has been participating in a special movement «Emerald City». Its aim is to check the group cohesion, unity and sociability of each team. Our self-government consists of some active students from the 6-9 forms. To be honest, «Forward Step» is a young self-government but it took us only a few months to achieve some good results.

At first we only planned to organize a group of students who would take part in organizing school events.



We had to help the teachers with screenplays and decorations for the concerts. So we needed to invite some volunteers. When the team was gathered, we decided to find solutions to some school problems. Since that time «Forward Step» has made some interactive lessons for Primary school. We also organized funny competitions, made bright posters for school



events and now we have been patrolling the school in order everybody follows the rules.

Recently our self-government introduced the student's interests having asked the Head Master of our school some actual questions.



Now we are planning to arrange this "Feedback hour" on a regular basis.

This month our team is going to organize the quest «The House for strange children». I suppose this event will be totally unexpected. Surely!

We hope that our pupils' self-government will increase in number of volunteers and start to influence the school issues.

**Are you active and ready to do something truly worthwhile for our school?**

**Then join our self-government!**