



Students Of Levent College Crowned The New Year Spirit With Solidarity And Sharing!



In the final days of the year, there was an amazing enthusiasm among the students of Levent Schools. At the New Year Bazaar event, students showcased their handcrafted products, adding colour to the event with their smiles and energy. *Continued on page 2*



● Our students selling handmade goods

"One Spirit, One Victory"



The excitement-filled Basketball Tournament activities during the celebrations of BRTK's 60th Anniversary were crowned with a magnificent Basketball Tournament organized by Levent Schools. The U-16 Women's Basketball Tournament, themed 'One Spirit, One Victory,' showcased unforgettable moments in our school's sports hall. Aztars Basketball Club from Azerbaijan, Daçka Şerifali GSK from Turkey's strong teams, and our own Levent Sports and Levent Development teams participated in the tournament hosted by us.

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after the new year bazaar: Meaningful Support from Levent Schools Students to the Çağlayan Children's Shelter



Our students extended a helping hand to their brothers and sisters at Çağlayan Children's Shelter with the proceeds they earned from the "New Year Bazaar" event. In the new year, they donated shoes, bringing hope and joy to their brothers and sisters. This gesture showcased how Levent Schools students, beyond being just individuals, form a powerful community together. This emotional initiative served as a reminder to students of the importance of solidarity, empathy, and sharing. As the Levent Schools family, we take pride in our students' considerate actions.

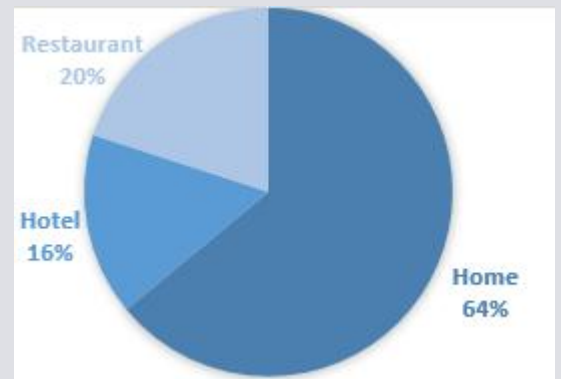


Where Are Levent Students Spending New Year's

A survey conducted by Levent Times journalists revealed the New Year celebration plans of Levent students.

The majority of students prefer welcoming the New Year at home with their families. A significant number of participating students plan to spend a pleasant evening with their families, highlighting the importance of

spending time with loved ones in a warm atmosphere as their preference. However, another notable group of students from the survey are considering welcoming the New Year in a restaurant, aiming for a fun-filled environment. Students interested in celebrating in restaurants plan to enjoy music and entertainment in specially arranged events. Another intriguing point is that some students will enthusiastically welcome the New Year by attending concerts held in hotels. These students, desiring a night filled with music in a concert atmosphere, prefer experiencing the excitement of the New Year in a different venue. One of our beloved staff members, Mr. Menderes, is among those who prefer to welcome the New Year at home. Emphasizing the importance of togetherness, he mentioned planning to have a peaceful New Year in the comfort of his home.



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New Year's Celebrations Around the World

Fascinating Traditions and Beliefs



Japan: On New Year's, a sacred rope made of rice straw, believed to drive away evil spirits, is hung outside homes. Additionally, ferns, tangerines, and lobsters, believed to bring luck and wealth are used to decorate the rope.

Spain: In the first moments of the new year, they eat one grape with each chime of the clock. Consuming 12 grapes precisely at midnight is believed to bring a good year.

Denmark: They smash old plates at the door of the homes they are visiting, believing this act drives away evil spirits.

Russia: They write their desired wishes for the new year on a piece of paper, burn it, mix the ashes with a drink and consume it.

Brazil: Brazilians believe that jumping over 7 waves will bring a year of abundance.

Ancient Egypt: In ancient times, Egyptians celebrated the new year with the flooding of the Nile River; When it flooded, it was believed to mark the beginning of the new year.

Peru: On New Year's Eve, Peruvians engage in a fistfight to welcome the new year, believing this will resolve all problems.

Canada: The "Polar Bear Swim" involves swimming in the icy waters of English Bay since the 1920s.

Finland: The tradition of "casting tin" involves pouring melted tin into cold water to determine the shape and predict fortunes for the coming year.

Which one do you think is the most interesting New Year's tradition?



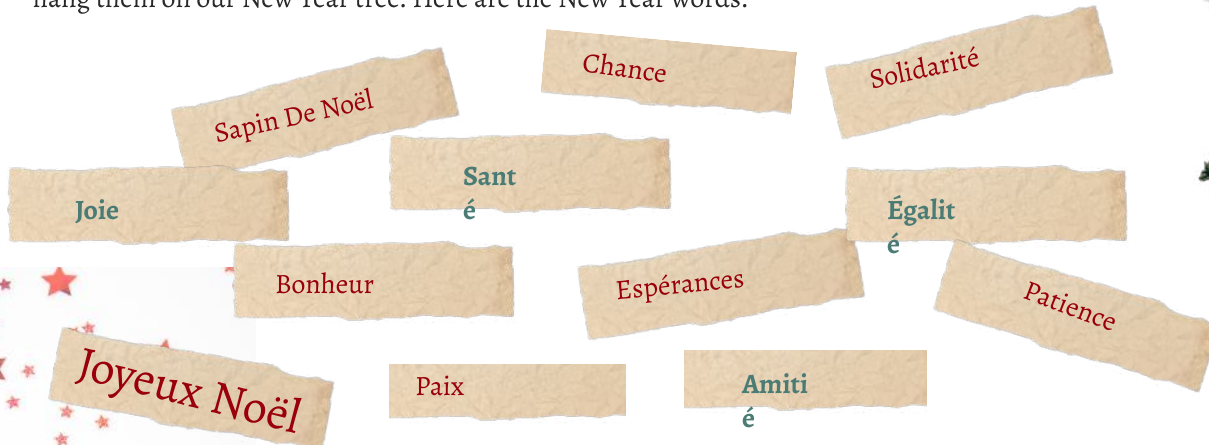
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French Vocabulary Cards Bringing New Year's Excitement To The Classroom

En Décembre, en classe, nous avons écrit des mots sur des cartons en utilisant le vocabulaire de Noël pour faire des écrits et rester dans l'ambiance des fêtes. Nous avons écrit les mots français ci-dessous avec un marqueur noir sur un petit rouge ou carton vert. Nous avons préparé les petits cartons ensemble dans la classe pour s'accrocher au sapin de Noël. Vous êtes enthousiaste à voir le vocabulaire de Noël rapidement, alors je vais être rapide Voilà le vocabulaire de Noël:

During December, we used the vocabulary for New Year to bring a holiday atmosphere to our classroom by writing these words on small red and green cards. We prepared these small cards together by writing the following French words with a black marker to decorate and hang them on our New Year tree. Here are the New Year words.





Education In Germany

Our school hosted an informative event organized by the German Cultural Association. During the seminar, Özge Tahiroğlu provided information to students aspiring to study in Germany about the application processes, necessary requirements, and student life. She also addressed the questions that were of interest.

The event organized by the German Cultural Association garnered significant interest and provided comprehensive guidance to students aspiring to pursue education in Germany. Özge Tahiroğlu, shared valuable insights tailored to students interested in studying in Germany. She covered a wide spectrum of information ranging from application processes to necessary requirements and practical details about student life. Tahiroğlu's impressive presentation and experiences played a significant role in dispelling uncertainties for students contemplating education in Germany. Particularly, the detailed information concerning application procedures and student life received great attention and enthusiasm from the participants.



Tahiroğlu answered numerous questions posed by students throughout the event. By providing clear answers to the topics of interest such as experiences in education in Germany, necessary preparations, and language-related tips, she ensured the seminar was productive and informative.

Education Guide for Students: Experiences of our Business Studies Teacher, Amin Shakourloo, in Germany

Levent Times: Would you share your experiences regarding education in Germany with us?

Amin Shakourloo: Of course, I'd be happy to. I studied at the Technical University of Munich (TUM) in Germany.

Levent Times: How is the education system structured in Germany?

Amin Shakourloo: I found the education system in Germany disciplined. It's crucial for students to first develop their German language skills because language proficiency is the key to success.

Levent Times: How does the cost of education in Germany compared to other European countries?

Amin Shakourloo: Germany offers a more economical option compared to other countries. Especially in cities with a high student population, the cost of living is more reasonable.

Levent Times: How is student life in cities?

Amin Shakourloo: In cities like Nuremberg, a significant portion of the population consists of students. Sports, especially football, are quite popular.

Levent Times: Did you learn any surprising details about the education system in Germany?

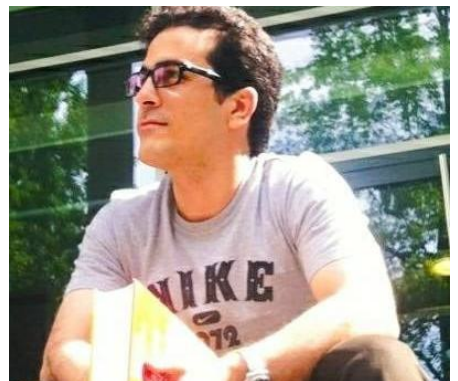
Amin Shakourloo: Yes, the grading system is interesting. Here, 1 is the best grade, and 5 indicates a failing grade.

Levent Times: What are the school administrators and teachers like in Germany?

Amin Shakourloo: Despite appearing strict, they are actually very understanding and helpful. They take pleasure in supporting students.

Levent Times: Lastly, do you have any advice for students in Germany?

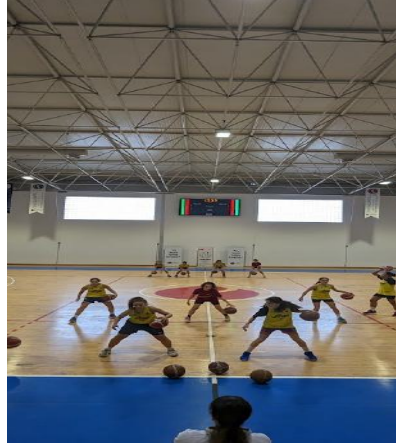
Amin Shakourloo: Certainly, enjoying oneself while studying in Germany is important, but it's essential not to overdo it.



The Power of Differences

Unforgettable Moments at Our School on Disability Awareness Day

Lately, celebrating awareness and solidarity days for people with disabilities also presents an opportunity to make a difference. Our school marked Disability Awareness Day with fantastic activities. On this special day, we gathered to showcase the richness of differences and the power to overcome obstacles.



Wheelchair Basketball Match for People with Disabilities: Power United in Sports

The wheelchair basketball match held in our school's sports hall created emotional moments. The teams formed by individuals with disabilities and our students not only showcased their skills in basketball but also demonstrated how overcoming obstacles together is possible not just in sports but in life. This match, reflecting the unifying power of sports, provided the audience with an unforgettable experience.

Creating a Difference with Sign Language Conference: Unforgettable Moments, Profound Lessons

Our school provided students with an unforgettable experience by hosting sign language interpreter Aslı Akçay. Emphasizing the power of sign language, Akçay highlighted the importance of establishing more effective communication with people with disabilities through basic sign language courses and contributing more to society. Aslı Akçay's presentation allowed students to discover the universality of sign language as a means of communication, realizing that barriers often stem from inadequate communication. This experience propelled Levent Schools students to take a new step toward becoming more understanding, inclusive, and compassionate individuals.



8th Grade Students Trace History: An Unforgettable Discovery Journey In Lefke

History and Nature Together

Setting off on a journey to discover the historical richness of Güzelyurt, 8th-grade students ventured into an unforgettable adventure. Their journey, beginning with the Nature and Archaeology Museum, offered a day immersed in history and nature, providing our students with an unforgettable learning experience.

Our excursion, starting at the Nature and Archaeology Museum in Güzelyurt, granted students the opportunity to explore the region's rich history and natural beauty. Moving on to the historical traces at the train station, we observed the past alongside the present.

The Magnificent Natural Beauty of Lefke

In the area of Lefke, including Lefke Pond and the CMC, students encountered the tranquility and beauty of nature. Engaging with nature through observation, we aimed to grasp the importance of the environment. It was an important experience for our students that helped them to understand the significance of preserving and appreciating nature.

The Soli Ruins provided our students with a genuine sense of life beyond their history lessons. As they explored the historical Soli settlement and its importance, students traced the imprints of the past. They discovered that history is as vivid and impactful as portrayed in their textbooks.

The last destination, the Cengiz Topel Monument, helped our students grasp the importance of the Erenköy Resistance and the historical events of that time. It instilled in them the spirit of resistance that resonated among the Turkish Cypriot people. This experience allowed our students to connect with the emotions and significance of these real events, going beyond what they had read in history books



Levent College Students Watched The Canterville Ghost Theater Play

An Entertaining and Educational Experience

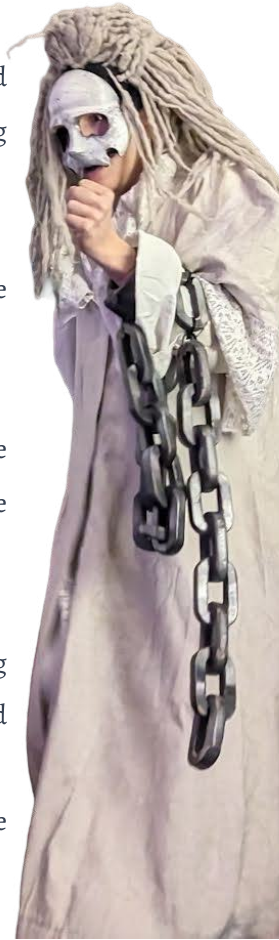
Levent College students had the opportunity to watch the interactive 'Canterville Ghost' theater play performed in English. Before the performance, students thoroughly discussed the book in class, forming a strong connection with the play.

They greatly enjoyed seeing the familiar characters from the book come to life on stage during the 'Canterville Ghost' play.

The interactive nature of the performance encouraged active participation from the audience, especially the students, immersing them in the story. Integrating classroom discussions into the stage performance showcased how students could engage more deeply with literary works through a visual experience.

Sharing their feelings after the show, students expressed that beyond just entertainment, visual storytelling enhanced their understanding and learning. It was evident that this activity supported in-class learning and significantly increased interest in the subject.

Levent College continues to embrace a holistic educational approach by encouraging students to explore various learning domains and experience the role of art in education beyond language acquisition..



Unity in Education: Students, Teachers, and Parents Gather for Informative Seminars at Our School

Various seminars were organized at our school for students, teachers, and parents. The aim of these seminars was to enhance the knowledge and awareness of our students, teachers, and parents.

Seminar on Adolescence



The adolescence seminar at our school was led by our guidance counselors, Laçin Serhun and Parisa Razzaghi. This seminar explored the role of families during our youth's critical phases, communication strategies, and other significant topics. We thank all our parents for their participation and interest.

Safe Internet Use Seminar

At the 'Safe Internet Use Seminar,' we shared important information with our students about staying safe and careful in the online world. This event aimed to promote good online habits and raise awareness about digital security.



Environmental Awareness Seminar



At the 'Environmental Awareness seminar organized for 9th-grade students at our school, under the guidance of our esteemed speaker Prof. Dr. Şerife Gündüz, we analyzed environmental issues and brainstormed ideas for solution oriented projects.

First Aid

At our school, a seminar was conducted to provide our students with basic first aid knowledge. This lesson was crucial in enhancing students' abilities to perform basic interventions in emergency situations.



Readers' Corner

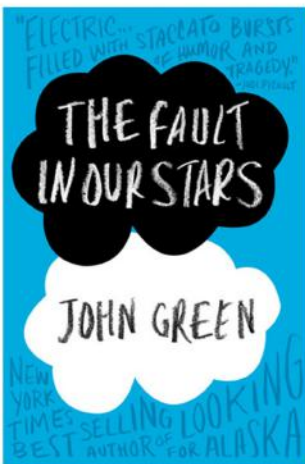
A Month without Internet

Living without internet for a month would profoundly alter my daily routine. Without instant access to information I would have to rely on traditional sources. Communication would shift to calls and letters, fostering deeper connections. Online work and productivity tools would be replaced by manual methods. Entertainment? Books, local events, and offline hobbies. No more scrolling, just genuine experiences. The absence of social media might enhance focus and mental well-being. While challenging, the break could reset priorities and reveal the internet's impact on my life. It's a chance to rediscover simplicity, real-world connections, and the richness beyond the digital realm, offering a unique perspective on the value of both online and offline existence. **Lemi Taşçı (8L)**



8th Graders' Trip to Tekneçik Power Plant

Bookshelf Highlights



"The Fault in Our Stars" is one of John Green's young adult novels. The book revolves around the lives and love of two teenagers dealing with cancer. The story is narrated from the perspective of Hazel Grace Lancaster, a 16 year old girl battling cancer. Due to her illness, Hazel relies on an oxygen tank and spends time at a cancer support group with other patients. It's there that she meets Augustus Waters, a young man who lost a leg to bone cancer but remains positive and cheerful about life. Hazel and Augustus form a special bond and embark on a journey to Amsterdam to learn the ending of a book. This trip helps them gain different perspectives on life, love, and death. While depicting the struggles of young people facing cancer and their emotional, mental, and physical experiences, the book emphasizes the value of love, friendship, and life. "The Fault in Our Stars" appeals to a wide range of readers due to its emotional depth, sincerity, and portrayal of teenagers trying to balance life and death.

Levent College Middle School Girls' Team Shines with Bronze Medal at Atatürk Road Races

TRNC Athletics Federation and the Ministry of National Education jointly organized the Atatürk Road Races on December 27th, where Levent College middle school girls' athletics team achieved a remarkable success. With their impressive performance in the competition, our team secured the third place, earning the bronze medal.



Levent College Football Tournament: **CHAMPION** Ishowfoot!

Levent College captains organized an exhilarating football tournament among our middle school students. The tournament culminated in a magnificent final after intense matches filled with competition. In the final the Ishowfoot team triumphed over Real Barca with a score of 3-1, securing the championship title of the tournament.





"One Spirit, One Victory" Basketball Tournament

Champion: **Levent**

Levent Schools teams, confronted by strong rivals like AZTARS Basketball Club and Daça Şerifali GSK, exhibited a remarkable performance, embracing the spirit of competition to the fullest. The victories in matches were not the only highlights; the respect and camaraderie shown towards opponents garnered significant applause. Throughout the tournament, the sentiment of "One Spirit, One Victory" prevailed on the field and in the stands. The importance of not just winning but also engaging in sports together and strengthening the bonds of friendship was deeply felt at every moment.

This unforgettable tournament once again proved the unifying power of sports and the spirit of solidarity among Levent Schools students. Organized within the framework of BRTK's 60th Anniversary celebrations, this magnificent tournament has etched its place in memories as one of the finest examples of sportsmanship and brotherhood.



The "One Spirit, One Victory" BRTK U16 Women's Basketball Championship took place on December 20-21, 2023, was hosted by Levent College within the



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framework of the 60th Anniversary celebrations of the Bayrak Radio Television Corporation. The tournament featured international participation from Levent College High School and Middle School Basketball Teams, Daça Şerifali U16 Girls Basketball Team from Turkey, and AZSTARS Basketball Club from Azerbaijan. In a vibrant championship adorned with six thrilling matches and two dance performances, the Levent College basketball team, proudly bearing achievements such as TRNC championships, 2023 Turkey third place, and 2022 Turkey runner-up, emerged victorious. Players attributed the team's success to teamwork and discipline, emphasizing their unwavering commitment to hard work and belief in each other.

Players proudly represented TRNC and Levent College in Turkey, praising their coach Ayşe Günerman for her strong character and continuous support, which is beyond words. Known for their strong relationships off the court, team members aim to target an outright Turkey championship in the upcoming season. They seek to inspire future generations by providing valuable advice such as "ot dwelling on others' opinions, staying focused, and never giving up