

The New School Year Began! Hurray!

**Nikola
Vaptsarov
School**

Opening of the School Year

The long days of summer are now behind and another School Year begins and with it all the potential and promise that awaits each person who is awake. Optimism is the key to unlocking the great gifts that will present themselves each and every day this year. Are you ready? Is your heart open to being surprised? Seize the day! The gates of Nikola Vaptsarov School have opened on this 15th day of September to welcome its students and teachers for the new school year. J.K.Rowling once said about her book charac-

ter, " Harry Potter was a strange boy, he loved school." What does school mean to you? Maybe you're like Harry Potter and love it. For some it is about having the 'craic' with friends. For others it is a huge academic challenge. What is it for you? Students! Ask yourselves what you would like to achieve this school year, what projects you would like to implement, what events to celebrate. It's up to you as everything is in your hands. Use your gifts and make wonders!



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September Events at school :

- 15 September 2011, Opening of the New School Year.
- 24 September 2011, Sport Tournament.
- 26 September 2011, Celebration of the European Day of Languages.
- 26-30 September 2011, Week of the Languages
- 1-2 October 2011, Nature Days.
- Quotes on education

• "The whole object of education is...to develop the mind. The mind should be a thing that works. "

Sherwood Anderson (1876-1941)

- "You cannot teach a man anything; you can only help him find it within himself. "

Galileo Galilei (1564-1642)

The Stone Soup Folktale

Not so long ago, during the American Revolutionary War, three patriot soldiers were walking to return to their home and came to a small village. Because food was scarce, the people hid what food they had, including from their

neighbors and friends. The soldiers were hungry and stopped at the first house in the village to ask for some food to eat. "I have no food for you, and there is little in the whole village," said the woman of the house. So on to the next houses they

went and again were told there was no food in the whole village.

"It is time for us to make some stone soup!" shouted one of the soldiers to the other two. They readily agreed and marched to the center of the village, announcing to all along

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the way that they would make some stone soup.

Soon everyone came to the village green to see the soldiers make stone soup, which they had never heard of before. The soldier asked that a big kettle be filled with fresh spring water and a fire built under it to heat the water. Then, with great ceremony, he pulled a small velvet bag from inside his coat and took out three round stones and dropped them into the kettle of boiling water.

The villagers watched with amazement and anticipation as the soldier took a sip of the broth. "Mmmm, it is very tasty stone soup," said the soldier. "Of course, it would taste so much better if it had a little cabbage."

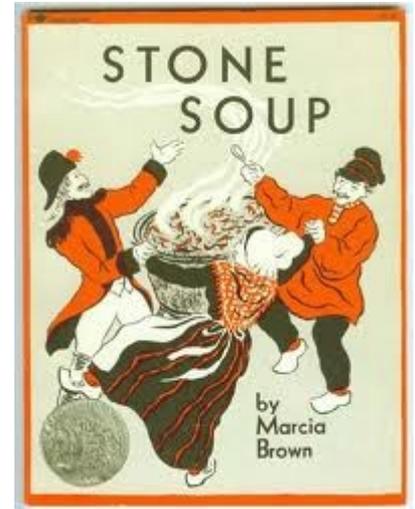
An old woman left and soon returned

with a couple of small heads of cabbage and quickly tossed them into the kettle of stone soup. "Marvelous!" cried the soldier.

Sipping the broth again he said, "Why this soup would be fit for a general if it had . . . carrots." Soon some carrots appeared . . . and on it went, with potatoes, corn, mushrooms, onions, and greens being brought by the villagers to add to the stone soup.

"Ahhh," said the soldier as he tasted the soup again. "If it just had a little chunk of smoked beef, why it would be stone soup fit for General George Washington himself!" Quickly the village butcher managed to find a chunk of beef to add to the stone soup. By now the villagers, from young to old, could smell the soup and brought tables, chairs and bowls to

have a great feast.



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Everyone in the village had plenty to eat and they thanked the soldiers for making stone soup. The soldier reached down into the now empty kettle and took out the three round stones, put them back into the velvet bag and then into his great coat. The soldiers thanked the villagers and marched happily toward home, leaving the people wiser and making plans for their own stone soup.

Stone Soup – Friends of All Abilities brings together “friends of all abilities” to build and transform a community and everyone benefits.

History of the Folktale

The folktale dates from the 1600's. The Stone Soup folktale was popularized by a version written in 1947 by Marcia Brown (b. 1918), a pastor's daughter, for which she won a Caldecott Medal for children's literature. The story is a popular children's play in schools today.

Class Dismissed

We have broken all the blackboards
so the teachers cannot write.
We have painted all the toilets black
and all the lockers white.

We have torn up all the math books
and we've locked the school's

front door.
There won't be school no more.

Glory, glory hallelujah!
School is closed now, what's it to ya?
There won't be no more homework
and there won't be no more tests.

There won't be school no more.



European Day of Languages

The year 2001 was declared by the Council of Europe as the European Year of Languages, and was successful in involving millions of people across 45 countries. From this time, each year 26 September is celebrated as the European Day of Languages.

The aim of the European Day of Languages is to celebrate multilingualism in Europe and to promote the learning of languages. There are many events organized in Europe with the aim of promoting the importance of language learning and to increase awareness and appreciation of all the languages spoken in

Europe. Learning other peoples' languages is a way of helping us to understand each other better and overcome our cultural differences.

In addition, globalization and patterns of business ownership mean that citizens increasingly need foreign language skills to work effectively within their own countries, as well as abroad.

Europe is rich in languages – there are over 200 European languages, 23 of which are official languages of the European Union. Knowing several languages takes you further and means greater mobility. You

are never too young nor old to learn a new language.



10 Things you Need to Know

Here are 10 key things you need to know about the European Day of Languages!

1. The European Day of Languages is celebrated annually on 26 September.
2. It is a Europe-wide celebration of language and culture involving 47 countries.
3. It is an initiative organised by the Council of Europe.

“Those who know nothing of foreign languages know nothing of their own.”

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

4. It is coordinated in the UK by [CILT, the National Centre for Languages](http://www.edl.ecml.at/).

5. 2011 is the 10th European Day of Languages.
6. The first European Day of Languages was held in the European Year of Languages in 2001.
7. It has a European website - <http://edl.ecml.at/>
8. It's a celebration of all languages, not just European ones.
9. Everyone can get involved!
10. It's brilliant fun!

European Day of Languages in Nikola Vaptsarov School

This 26th Day of September, students and teachers from Nikola Vaptsarov School gathered together to celebrate the European Day of Languages.

Students from different classes took active part in preparing the event. Brief history presentations about languages have been delivered. A special quiz about languages took students and teachers' attention challenging them to rack their brains.

The junior classes presented the play “At the Airport” and their outstanding performance was welcomed in loud cheering by the audience.



Nikola Vaptsarov School



Nikola Vaptsarov Vocational School was founded in 1925. We are proud to say that it is the first school to teach electrical engineering in our country. During its long history the school has given profession to more than 7 thousand specialists for home power engineering. The tradition generated and stored over the years and the look to the future are the basis of its activities. 261 highly motivated young people are trained in day-time training and 50 in private form of education. The school has spacious classrooms, updated with new tables, chairs and white boards, three computer labs, 2 gymnasiums and a multi-purpose sports playground, rich school library with over 10 000 volumes. There are several clubs in our school: Historian, Theatre Club, Literature and Word and Internet Safety Club. In December 2010 we celebrated 100th anniversary of the patron and 85th anniversary of the foundation of our school. At the celebration, dedicated to 100 anniversary of our patron, the youngest students in our school presented the play *Christmas present*.

You can read more information about our school on the school homepage: <http://www.tpg-radomir.com/>



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Welcome speech of the school headmaster. Ceremony of handing the key of knowledge to the youngest students.



Old Bulgarian tradition of welcoming new students with bread and salt.



Bread and salt are symbols of joy, fertility and health.

