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SCHOOL EVENTS

- **November 20th / 21st**- As part of the **Professional Training and Development** Program, the first 2-day sessions were delivered in our Conference Hall by 2 professionals in the field of teacher training, **Tony Gurr**, and **JT Hill**. The very fruitful training program was a part of an ongoing collaborative work with an internationally recognized publishing company, Pearson.

Both days involved 3 sessions (of 75 minutes) for the whole group of teachers.

Thursday 20th November- Theme - Motivation, Student Engagement and Teacher Learning (09.30-12.50) The school's goals of introducing a performance improvement model across the school.

Friday 21st November- Theme - Peer Observation and Instructional Coaching (09.30-12.50) How teachers can support each other through peer-coaching, mentoring, effective questioning and reflection on classroom practice.



- **November 24th**- Students organized a surprise celebration for all academic staff to mark the **Teachers' Day**. This event, which took place at the Conference Hall, included several stage performances such as a mini concert and a play. Each and every event was staged by our beloved students.





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November 10th- Students and teachers prepared some shows and presentations to mark **the 10th of November**, a day in memorial of the death of **Ataturk**. After a one minute silence, the Director of the English Preparatory School Asst. Prof. Dr. Necmiye Karataş gave an opening speech after which a video about some deeds of Ataturk was shown. Mini concerts, an oratorio and poem recitations, all performed by the students and teachers, were also notable and interesting attractions in the event. One of the esteemed invitees also included Professor Dr. İbrahim Hakkı Aydın.

- **November 11th – 14th**- A series of presentations with the theme **“How to make Impressive Presentations”** was given to our students by one of the academic staff at the Prep School, Murat Kalelioğlu. The aim of the event was to enlighten the students on the importance of design and intelligibility in presentation and using body language.



- **November 12th** – In collaboration with “Kızılay” we organized a **Blood Donation Campaign**. Many volunteer students donated blood.



- **November 28th**- A workshop themed **“How to Make the Most of EF 3rd”** was organized by Oxford in our school Conference Hall. It was delivered by Turgut Turunç- a Teacher Trainer with Oxford Press.

- **October-November** – **“Study Abroad Program Enlightenment Days”** were organized on different dates.

October 14th -15th – *Belgin Eyibil* –the representative of **Pera College, Canada**- presented the benefits of studying in Canada to our students in four sessions.

November 24th – 25th - *Türkiz Erdoğan*-representative of **Regents University, England** / *Marius Lisauskas & Oliver Kurer* –representatives of **Edgware Language School** – gave a presentation regarding the advantages of studying English in London.



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- **November 26th** - As part of our English Prep School **Traditional Debate Days**, the first round of debates was arranged between the pre-intermediate and the intermediate groups. The subject of the debate was “**Should assisted suicide be legal or not?**”.
- **December 10th** - In the second round of debates, the students representing the evening program and degree students of level B were opponents and their debate subject was “**Is science a threat to humanity or not?**” Both debates were very competitive and exciting. All groups worked hard and performed well. Two more debate groups will battle it out on different dates in the future.
- **December 5th / 12th** - A part of In-service training, “**Work-Safety**” Seminars were organized and presented to the staff in English Prep. School on two different dates by Med.Dr. Ülkü Başdaş and Emre Ulupınar.

- **December 15th -19th** - The school infirmary doctor, Ülkü Başdaş, seeing that most of the students go down to the canteen to smoke at break-times, made a **presentation about smoking and its harmful effects**. At this presentation, he made mention of cancer types and other diseases that smoking might cause. He also emphasized that smoking causes not only medical problems, but also financial problems. The presentation contained many useful information and our students heard many advice from the doctor.



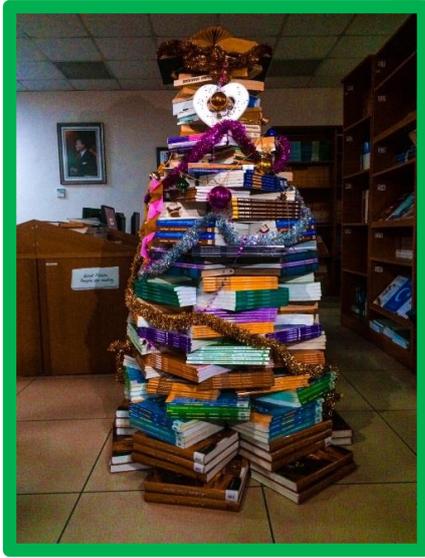
- **December 19th** - The workshop themed “**Teaching Listening Skills**”, which was delivered by Phil Keegan- Teacher Trainer- was held by Oxford Press in our school Conference Hall. All our instructors participated in it.
- **December 26th** – Cengage Heinle Publishing Company held another workshop on **Teaching Writing**. The speaker was Dr. Semih İrfaner- a Teacher Trainer by Cengage Heinle Publishing Company.



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- **December 30th – A New Year Party** was organized by the students in collaboration with their instructors. The party included attractions such as **music, live performance** by students and beverages. Our **New Year tree** which was creatively made out of books collected from the school library had been set up by our students a week before the party. With excellent decorations, our school lobby lighted up with sparkles which induced a **spirit of the season** in everyone.



- In order to create awareness on the importance of learning English, IAU Prep School Young Entrepreneurs Club organized **two Professional Awareness Panels** for which they invited professionals who are successful in their fields.

In the first panel dated December 12 2015, the guests were **three successful young lawyers** - Taha Polat GEÇMEZ, Gökhan ALPERTUNGA and Mustafa Kemal BALTA , who enlightened our students on the Role of English in Modern Law.

The second event was a conference which was delivered by Mehmet Tayfur DOĞAN- the manager of Ground Operations Standards and Documentation. He emphasized that learning English is inevitable in the field of **Civil Aviation**.





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SCHOOL NEWS



- **A Book Donation Campaign**, spear-headed by one of our teachers, is being organized by our students at the English Prep. School. Publishing houses such as Pearson and Oxford, have also indicated their willingness to support by providing printed materials including books.

- **Our School Magazine “Aydın Young Pens”** has been given a start off for its first issue for this academic year. Our students improve their English while writing articles, making interviews and dealing with the other issues of the School Magazine.



- **November 22th** - Assis.Prof.Dr. Necmiye Karataş, lecturer Tülay Billor and lecturer Sema Okay participated in **An ELT Symposium** themed **“What Is It Like To Be An English Language Teacher?”** . The symposium was held at Istanbul Kültür University.
- **Accreditation:** Istanbul Aydın University – English Preparatory School has initiated an accreditation process which will eventually lead to Our School being accredited by an international Accreditation Body (PEARSON ASSURED).
- **Peer Coaching:** As a product or outcome of one of our workshops delivered by a distinguished trainer (JT Rehill) on Peer Coaching, **A Peer Observation Program** has been initiated in our Prep School and scheduled to kick off from the 3rd Track starting in February.
- **“THE ENGLISH Speaking Club Campaign”** is being implemented again this year. The campaign encourages students to converse amongst themselves in English both inside the classroom and more so outside of the classroom in a more interactive social setting. This **Speaking Club activity** is being put together by Joey Guertin. Some of the underlining reasons of this activity is to provide students the required environment where they could express themselves confidently thereby improving their oral English communication skills. This year’s intermediate level students are going to be mentors in the club.



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- **IAU Prep School Photography Club** is still very much active and the trips and tours, together with taking pictures is continuing this year, too. Their photographs taken will be exhibited in our school premises on a later date. They went to the following places listed below.

-A live Museum (11th October, 2014)

-Taksim, Galata, Eminönü : (16th November, 2014)

-Atatürk Arboretum : (07th December, 2014)



* **Zift Project Club** : Some of our students went to Europe for **European Youth Exchange projects** .They were also active in projects carried out in Turkey. Thanks to the European Union, students had some grants to be able to attend and participate in these projects.

-England (25 September- 3 October) (Project Meeting) - 1 student

-Bulgaria (7-16 October) (Environment) - 4 students

-Romania (23-30 October) (Sport) - 1 Student

-Düzce (28 September-4 October) (Dance Project) - 2 students

-Kırklareli (22-29 October) (Sport) - 3 students

-Didim (25-29 October) (Sport and Dance) - 3 students

-Antalya (17-22 December) (Women Rights) - 2 students

-Denizli (23-29 December) (Go Green) - 8 students

-Project Writing Camp- Denizli (04-09 February) - 11 Students

