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OUR ACHIEVEMENTS:

At the **2026 Optimist European Championship**, held in Poland on July 24, 2026, our athlete **Alp Saruhanlı** from Göztepe Sailing Club competed as a member of the Turkish Senior National Team and achieved **second place in Europe**.
We congratulate our athlete and all the coaches who contributed to this outstanding achievement. 🏆🇹🇷

The 2026 Optimist European Championship is an international youth sailing event held in Gdynia, Poland, bringing together **292 athletes from 49 countries**. The championship consists of a total of eight races, including six qualifying races and two final races.



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS:

Our Achievement Beyond Borders: Our eTwinning Project! 🏆✨
Our eTwinning project, carefully carried out under the guidance of our classroom teachers and bringing students and teachers from different countries together to foster intercultural awareness, has been honored with a Quality Label!
Throughout the project, our students developed their foreign language, problem-solving, digital literacy, and intercultural communication skills while gaining valuable experience working collaboratively with peers from different countries. Through an interdisciplinary approach, they created collaborative products, enhanced their creativity, and became part of an international learning community.
Our teachers also enriched their professional experience by sharing innovative teaching methods with colleagues from different countries and connecting 21st-century educational skills through international collaboration.
We sincerely congratulate all our students and teachers who contributed to this valuable project, which carries the vision of contemporary education beyond borders.
At TED İzmir College, we remain committed to supporting our students in becoming individuals who understand the world, communicate across cultures, and create together through international collaboration. 💙

eTwinning is Europe's largest educational community, enabling schools across Europe to develop collaborative projects and work together online.



OUR GUESTS:

As part of **Turkish Language Day on September 26**, we held a meaningful talk for our students with the participation of **Prof. Dr. Şerif Ali Bozkaplan**.
During the talk, which focused on the historical development of the Turkish language, its rich vocabulary, and the importance of language awareness, our students had the opportunity to explore the journey of our language from the past to the present through the insights of an expert academic.
We would like to thank **Prof. Dr. Şerif Ali Bozkaplan** for his valuable contributions and for sharing his knowledge with our students. We proudly celebrate Turkish Language Day.



Prof. Dr. Şerif Ali Bozkaplan is a **Turkologist and academic** at Dokuz Eylül University's Buca Faculty of Education. He continues his academic work within the Department of Turkish Language and Social Sciences Education, Division of Turkish Language and Literature Education.

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KINDERGARTEN



Kindergarten:
Orientation

We have successfully completed our Individual Orientation Process, designed to help our kindergarten students begin their school journey with confidence, love, and joy. 💙
We believe that every child has a unique beginning story. That is why we shape the process of adapting to a new environment, meeting their teachers, and forming their first connections with friends according to their individual needs. Every small step they take during this process turns into confidence, a sense of belonging, and excitement for learning. 🌈
Now it's time for new discoveries, new friendships, and an exciting educational journey where we will grow together!
The first step into school begins with love and confidence. 💙







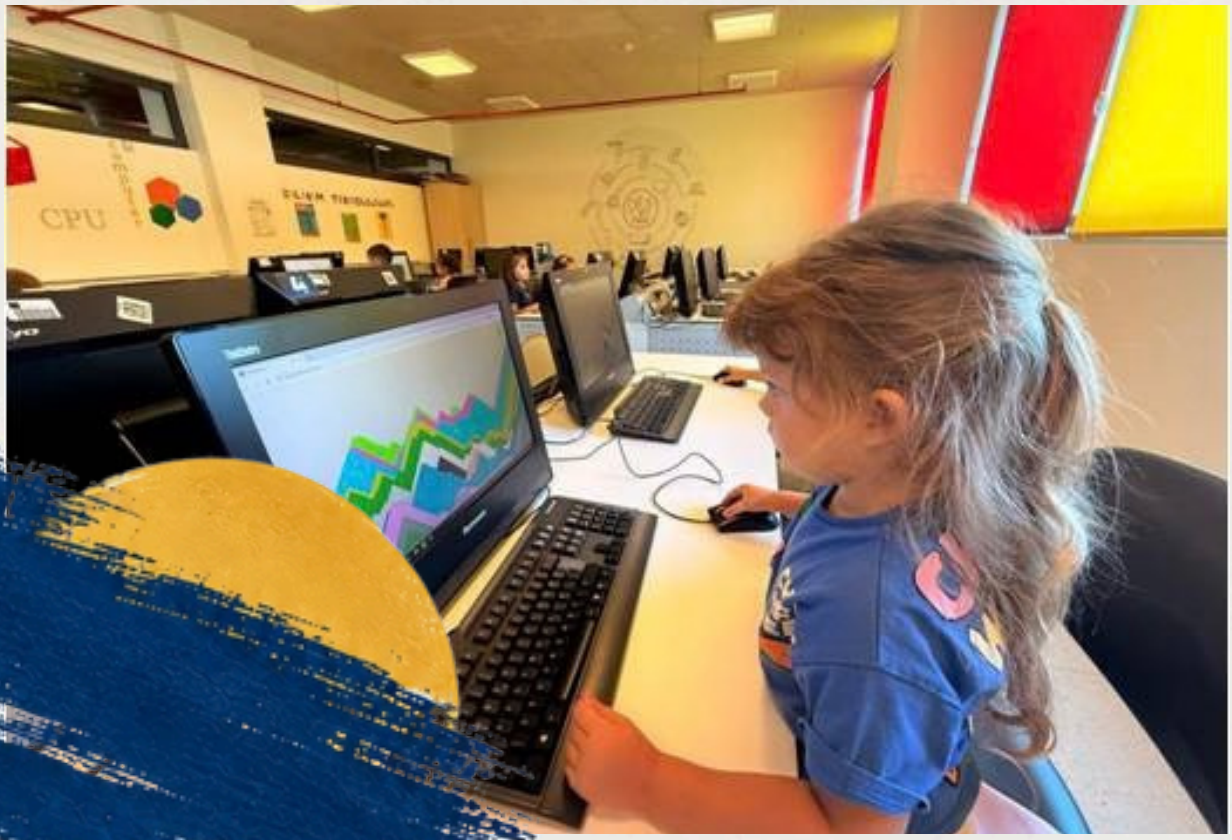
Kindergarten:

We Used the "This is Sand" App

In our ICT lesson, our K3 students used the “This is Sand” application to develop their mouse skills. Through this enjoyable activity, they practised holding, moving and clicking the mouse correctly. The activity also supported their concentration, hand–eye coordination and fine motor skills. Our students had fun while learning and strengthening their basic computer skills.







Kindergarten:
Exploring Lines

As part of our preparation for reading and writing, our K3 students first **explored the lines** they could find around our school. They then began practising drawing lines.









Kindergarten:
My Dream School

As part of our "My School" theme, our K3 classes took part in the "**My Dream School**" activity. Using wooden blocks, our students designed and built the schools of their dreams. They shared ideas, worked together in groups and used their creativity to develop their own school designs.







Kindergarten:
Walking Rainbow Experiment

Our K3 students explored the magic of colour with our Walking Rainbow Experiment! Through this fun, hands-on science activity, they discovered how red, blue and yellow can be combined to create orange, green and purple. Watching the colours "walk" and blend together made learning about colour mixing an exciting and colourful experience!







Kindergarten:
Physical Education and Play

Through educational games and movement activities, our students developed their walking, running, leaping, jumping, direction-changing and balance skills. These activities encouraged them to move safely and with control.





Physical education is one of the most important school activities supporting children's physical, mental, and social development.

Kindergarten

ART & CREATIVITY



Kindergarten:
Watercolor and Collage Techniques

Our K3 students created original artworks using watercolour and collage techniques. By experimenting with different materials and techniques, they explored the relationships between colour, texture and form, developing their artistic expression.







The collage technique is an art form in which different visual materials, such as paper, photographs, fabric, and newspaper clippings, are arranged side by side or layered on a flat surface to create a new composition.

Kindergarten:
Our Feelings

Throughout September, our K3 classes explored the theme "**Our Feelings**". We carried out a variety of activities to help students recognise, express and share different emotions. One of the month's highlights was our "Feelings Collage" activity, in which students creatively expressed their feelings through drawings and pictures.









Kindergarten:
HILL Lesson

In our HILL lesson, our K3 students created models of the human body using natural materials such as stones, twigs, pine cones and leaves. After sharing their designs with their classmates, they drew the parts of the human body on paper, developing their fine motor skills and body awareness.







Kindergarten:
We Got to Know W.A. Mozart

In our kindergarten music lesson, we learnt about **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** and some of his best-known compositions. Using a musicogram to guide us, we accompanied his "Turkish March" with our classroom percussion instruments.





Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was one of the most important, prolific, and renowned genius composers of Western Classical Music.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL



Primary School:
Discovering the “a” Sound

Recognising, Exploring and Writing the “a” Sound

As part of their early literacy activities, our Grade 1 students explored the “a” sound through a range of sensory and writing activities. They first traced the letter “a” on kinetic sand boards in the school garden, discovering how the letter is formed through a sensory experience. They then made puppets representing the “a” sound and used them in activities that supported their sound awareness. These activities helped our students recognise the sound and form and write the letter correctly, making learning an enjoyable and interactive experience.







Primary School:
Sensory Line-Drawing Activities

As part of their preparation for reading and writing, our Grade 1 students took part in **sensory line-drawing activities**. By drawing straight, curved and wavy lines in foam, they explored different types of lines while developing their hand–eye coordination and fine motor skills. These sensory activities helped students explore line direction and movement as they prepared for writing, making learning enjoyable and interactive.









Primary School:
Polite Expressions in Everyday Life



In our Turkish lesson, students took part in an enjoyable activity at different learning stations, focusing on using polite expressions appropriately in everyday life, helping one another and communicating positively. Working in
groups, they performed short role-plays at each station. Afterwards, they formed a "**Kindness Chain**": standing in a circle, they kept the chain going by thanking one another and sharing kind words.







Primary School:
Getting to Know Geometric Shapes

In our mathematics lesson, students took part in an enjoyable group activity to recognise 3D shapes, explore their properties and combine them to create original structures. Working in small groups, they used models of cubes, cylinders and other 3D shapes to design their own towers and houses. After presenting their structures to their classmates, they explored together whether the shapes retained their geometric properties when the positions of the individual parts were changed.







Primary School:
Reading Pirates



Our students embarked on an enjoyable journey through the magical world of books in our "**Reading Pirates**" activity. Through this fun, pirate-themed activity, they strengthened their love of reading and experienced the excitement of discovery and learning as they completed different tasks. Discovering that books are treasures and reading is a wonderful way to find them, our students combined reading, fun and learning. Every book is a new adventure, and every page is a treasure waiting to be discovered!



Primary School:
Exploring The Musicians of Bremen



Our 3rd grade students took part in a collaborative group activity in the library as an introduction to The Musicians of Bremen, the story they will be reading in their English lessons. Through teamwork and discussion, students explored the story and its key elements in an engaging and interactive way.





Primary School:
Creating Three-Digit Numbers



Creating Three-Digit Numbers!
In our mathematics lesson, students took part in a fun, interactive activity using number cards. Working together, they strengthened their number recognition, comparison and mathematical thinking skills. By creating three-digit numbers, they enjoyed combining learning with play.
Throughout the activity, students developed their cooperation, concentration, problem-solving and quick-thinking skills while enjoying the exciting world of mathematics.





Primary School:
Kick and Proper Breathing

In our swimming lessons, students practised freestyle kicking and correct breathing techniques to develop their coordination and rhythm in the water.





PRIMARY SCHOOL

ART & CREATIVITY



Primary School:
Warm and Cool Colors

Our Grade 1 students learnt about warm and cool colours and geometric shapes, discovering how to use these visual elements together. By incorporating the colours and shapes they had learnt into original compositions, they developed their creativity and visual expression.







Primary School:
Getting to Know Musical Instruments

In our music lessons, students began exploring the violin, piano, cello and wind instruments. We organised them into instrument groups and started our activities to help them get to know the instruments and choose which one they would like to play at the end of the school year.





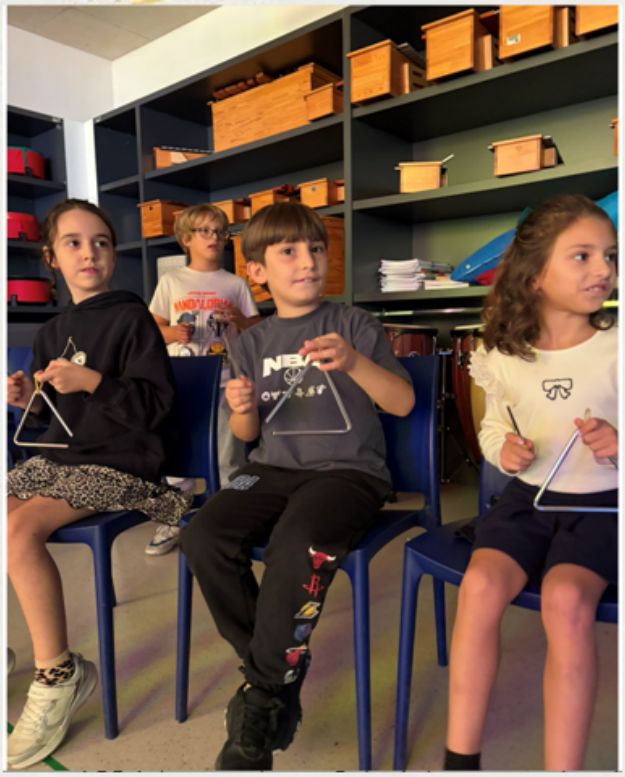
In our **"Getting to Know Musical Instruments"** lesson, our students were introduced to the violin, cello, piano, saxophone, trumpet, flute, and clarinet.



Primary School:

We Learned About Mozart's Life and Works

In our music lesson, we learnt about Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's life and works. We formed a classroom orchestra and accompanied "Eine kleine Nachtmusik" ("A Little Night Music") with our percussion instruments.







Primary School:
Good Morning Machine



Our Grade 2 students designed a "**Good Morning Machine**" using the LEGO Education SPIKE Essential set. They built their models with a programmable hub and a motor, then brought them to life by coding them on a tablet. Throughout the activity, they developed their coding, problem-solving and design skills, with opportunities to test and refine their models. This fun and creative learning experience brought technology and engineering together.





Primary School:
The Use of Colors in Nature



Our Grade 3 students learnt about warm and cool colours and explored how these colours appear in nature. In their nature-inspired artworks, they combined warm and cool colours, discovering their effects on visual expression as they created original compositions.



Primary School:
Turkey with Warm and Cool Colors



After learning about warm and cool colours, our students used them to depict different cities and natural beauty spots across Türkiye. As they explored the effects of colour on representations of nature and places, they expressed their creativity through their art.





Primary School:
We Created Our Own Fossils

We enjoyed a hands-on science activity in our classroom. By pressing seashells, leaves and dinosaur footprints into modelling dough, we created our own model fossils. Students had fun while exploring natural history through touch and creative design.





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MIDDLE SCHOOL



Middle School:
5th Grade Adaptation Period

The transition from primary school to middle school is one of the most important milestones in our students' educational journey. As our students embark on this new and exciting chapter, we are coming together for our 5th Grade Parent–School Management Welcome Meeting to introduce our school administration, academic staff, and guidance team, and to share the orientation process and roadmap for the new school year.
We greatly value meeting with you, our esteemed parents, and working together to ensure that our children navigate this transition in the healthiest, safest, and most successful way possible.
We look forward to making a strong start to our middle school journey together!











Middle School:

A City's Voice on the Road to Freedom

A City's Voice on the Road to Freedom: 9 September
As part of their History of the Turkish Revolution and Atatürkism course, our Grade 8 students produced a special radio programme entitled “A City's Voice on the Road to Freedom: 9 September”. They researched the liberation of İzmir and the significance of 9 September in the history of the Turkish War of Independence, then shared their findings with listeners through the programme. By bringing historical knowledge to life in their own voices, our students reflected the perseverance, determination and spirit of independence of the national struggle. This activity gave them the opportunity both to learn and to share what they had learnt. We congratulate all the students who contributed to this meaningful journey connecting the past and the future, and the teacher who guided them.







Middle School:
Visit to the Urla City History and Archive

A Visit to the Urla City History and Archive Centre
Our Grade 7 students visited the Urla City History and Archive Centre as part of İzmir Metropolitan Municipality's Respect for History Local Conservation Awards initiative. The visit supported their project, "Urla's Disappearing Crafts: A Study of Traditional Crafts in the Arasta and Malgaca Market Areas", giving them the opportunity to explore Urla's cultural heritage and traditional crafts first-hand. During the visit, students conducted oral history interviews to gain a deeper understanding of the knowledge and experiences passed down through generations. By examining traces of the past from a present-day perspective, they learnt through direct experience why preserving local cultural heritage and passing it on to future generations matters.







Middle School:
Visit to Yeşilova Höyüğü

As part of their Social Studies lessons, our Grade 5 students enjoyed an educational visit to Yeşilova Höyük to explore traces of the past first-hand and deepen their historical awareness. At this museum, which sheds light on İzmir's 8,500-year history, students had the opportunity to see the archaeological excavation site and evidence of life in earlier periods. At TED İzmir College, we explore the past, learn about our historical and cultural heritage, and move towards the future with greater awareness.









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HIGH SCHOOL



High School:
Beyond the Waves

To mark the European Day of Languages on 26 September, we held a joint celebration with our international partners in our eTwinning project, "Beyond the Waves". The project brings together schools from France, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Bulgaria and Türkiye and is coordinated through interdisciplinary collaboration among our high school Turkish Language and Literature, Geography, Biology and English departments.

Recognising that different languages and cultures build bridges of friendship, understanding and cooperation, our students communicate across cultures and work collaboratively with their peers in Europe.

Different languages, a shared future!





High School:
Exploring Languages & Cultures!

Our Preparatory Class students at TED İzmir College took part in European Day of Languages activities organised by our Second Foreign Languages Department. Through interactive workshops, language games and cultural activities, they explored different languages and cultures and experienced how language learning extends beyond the classroom.
On this meaningful day, students encountered different languages, cultures and perspectives. Together, we discovered the value of multilingualism, intercultural understanding and seeing the world from different points of view. Every new language offers a new way to discover the world.









TED İzmir Koleji

Radio

Our 8th-grade students at TED İzmir College Middle School prepared a meaningful radio program to commemorate the anniversary of the liberation of İzmir as part of their History of the Turkish Revolution and Kemalism course.
Bringing together their research and presentation skills, our students explored the events leading to the liberation of İzmir on September 9, 1922, the key turning points of the Turkish War of Independence, and the significance of this historic day, sharing their insights with listeners in their own voices.
Rather than simply learning history from textbooks, our students researched, interpreted, and narrated it themselves. Through the radio program they prepared, they brought the spirit of independence and freedom of September 9 to life once again.
From the liberation of a city to a nation's struggle for independence... The voice of September 9 echoes today through the voices of our students.



TED İzmir Koleji
Blog

Life rarely presents us with questions to which we already know the answers. To adapt to rapidly changing circumstances, develop original solutions to problems, and transform the ordinary into the extraordinary, we need something beyond knowledge: creativity.

What truly matters in this process is not simply helping our children find answers to questions, but nurturing their endless sense of curiosity, encouraging different perspectives, and removing the boundaries in their minds.

At TED İzmir College, we believe it is essential for our students to grow into creative, inquisitive, and future-ready individuals—not merely individuals who acquire knowledge.

You can read our blog post on ways to foster creative thinking in children and practical tips for families on our website.



TED İzmir Koleji
School-Parent Association

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the 2025–2026 School Year School-Parent Association Board and Supervisory Board members for their dedication, valuable efforts, and contributions to our school and our students' educational journey.
Throughout their terms, they contributed to strengthening school-family collaboration and took responsibility for initiatives addressing the needs of our students and school.
We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our members and wish them health, happiness, and success in the years ahead.
Thank you for the value you have brought to our school and for your unwavering dedication. 💙



TED İzmir Koleji
School-Parent Association

Our School-Parent Association has selected its new board for the upcoming term following the elections, continuing its efforts to contribute to our educational processes and strengthen our school community.

As a result of the election, the principal and alternate members of the Board of Directors and the Supervisory Board have been determined. We wish all the parents who will take on responsibilities during the new term every success.

Full Members of the Board of Directors

Aslı Dinkci · Ahu Pakdemirli · Damla Hınçalan · Talya Romano · Beste Bragg

Alternate Members of the Board of Directors

Ekin Köksal · Ebru Ayhan · Feray Bilgiç · Gülce Alp · Nisa Karakaş · Ece Zorlu

Regular Members of the Board of Directors

Sinem Bezircilioğlu · Sedef Toros · Pınar Bekiş

Alternate Members of the Supervisory Board

Yemen Tuner · Nermin Köse Binici · Arzu Tutar

We believe that the new term will bring continued and strengthened efforts to support our school's development, our students' educational journey, and stronger school-family collaboration.

We congratulate our new School-Parent Association Board, wish them success in their new roles, and thank them for their dedication, collaboration, and valuable contributions.



TED İzmir Koleji

TED Sahne

Since 2013, Şubadap Çocuk has been composing children's songs and performing concerts for children across Türkiye. With eight albums and more than 500 concerts to date, the group brings children together through songs exploring themes such as peace, nature, curiosity, labor, ecology, diversity, freedom, gender roles, and peer bullying. Their interactive, energetic, and joyful concerts continue to be a favorite among children.

Beloved by children, Şubadap Çocuk joined us at TED SAHNE İzmir on Saturday, October 3, 2026. It was a joyful concert filled with children's laughter and energy, and seeing the happiness of both our students and parents made us equally happy.

As we witnessed the enthusiasm and participation in this event, which we held for the second time, we are confident that we will welcome Şubadap Çocuk to TED SAHNE many more times.

Until we meet again at many more concerts! 🎶💙





