

To the members of the school community of the
European School Frankfurt

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Dear members of the school community,

As we approach the end of the first term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the journey we have collectively embarked on and express my sincere gratitude to all of you for your commitment, support and dedication.

The start of the new school year has been a time of establishing further school routines, but also a time of growth, learning and bonding made possible by the combined efforts and commitment of our students, teachers, staff and all families.

At the beginning of the school year, we were confronted with a tragic and difficult situation that touched us all deeply. But in true community spirit, we stood together and offered each other support and understanding. This enabled us not only to get through this difficult time, but also to overcome it and grow stronger.

We are happy that our students take every opportunity to learn, grow and socialize. Their enthusiasm, curiosity and openness create a positive and vibrant atmosphere that makes our school a unique place to be every day. The dedicated work of our teachers and staff for our students and our school is invaluable.

We are also very grateful to the families of our students for their continued support, encouragement and co-operation. Their commitment is essential to the success of our school. The Education Council also took place this week, and I can assure you that with the combined efforts of everyone involved, we will continue to shape and strengthen our school community this school year and beyond.

As we reflect on our successes and challenges, I would like to emphasize the importance of supporting the social and emotional wellbeing of our students and its importance to all members of the school community. At our school, we believe that a solid foundation for social and emotional learning is just as important as academic growth. By helping our students develop skills in the areas of empathy, self-awareness, emotional regulation and resilience, we enable them to build meaningful relationships, manage stress and overcome challenges. These skills are essential for their personal development and play an important role in creating a positive and inclusive school culture.

The importance of these skills is also highlighted in the [OECD Survey on Social and Emotional Skills 2023 report](#) published this week on the development of social and emotional skills such as creativity, empathy, performance motivation, responsibility and collaboration in 10- to 15-year-old students.

We look forward to the continued success of our students and our school community and are excited about all the new opportunities and growth this school year will bring.

I hope the upcoming holidays offer you some time to rest and recharge.



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