

Interview with Mrs. Lhoták



You are the teacher behind Ressenews, what is the story of our school magazine?

"I was supposed to teach a seminar but I didn't want to do the same things that students do in a normal English class, and so I was looking for ideas and then I realized that it would be maybe interesting for students if I suggested working on a magazine.

They embraced the idea and started inventing topics and we started working on it and I think, that's just my feeling, the more we worked on it the more they liked it, although I'm not sure how many students actually read the first 2 or 3 issues, because we didn't get much feedback on that."

When did the first issue come out?

"Just before the covid, I think, so probably 2019, we worked on 2 issues and then covid came."

Does your family celebrate Halloween?

"We don't. Actually I'm not a huge fan, because it feels to me that it's not related to our culture, not enough. I celebrated it with my kids when we were in the United States and they liked it, because people there just do it and they know how to react, but it seems unnatural to celebrate it here, knock on doors and say : "trick or treat!" Or I don't even know what we say in Czech. Kids like the costumes, but then the whole activity, I don't like that, not a huge fan."

Will you participate in the Halloween day at our school and if yes, have you thought about your costume?

"Yeah I think I'm enough witchy. Maybe I'm a witch, don't know, may bring a black cat or something. Just kidding, I have no idea. I really don't know, maybe I won't comb my hair or something, I really have no idea, probably not."

What was your dream job when you were little?

"I wanted to sit in an office and fill in forms, but I was like 5 or 4 years old, it just was my dream job. But what I do now is completely different, it's more creative and more intense in terms of being with people."