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Latest News of SOFL



Track 4 quiz exams were held on May 14th and 15th.

Newcomers Group's Track 3 quiz exams (New Comers) were held on May 16th.

Newcomers Group's Track 3 Progress Test was held on May 30th.

May

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May 12th

International Nurses' Day



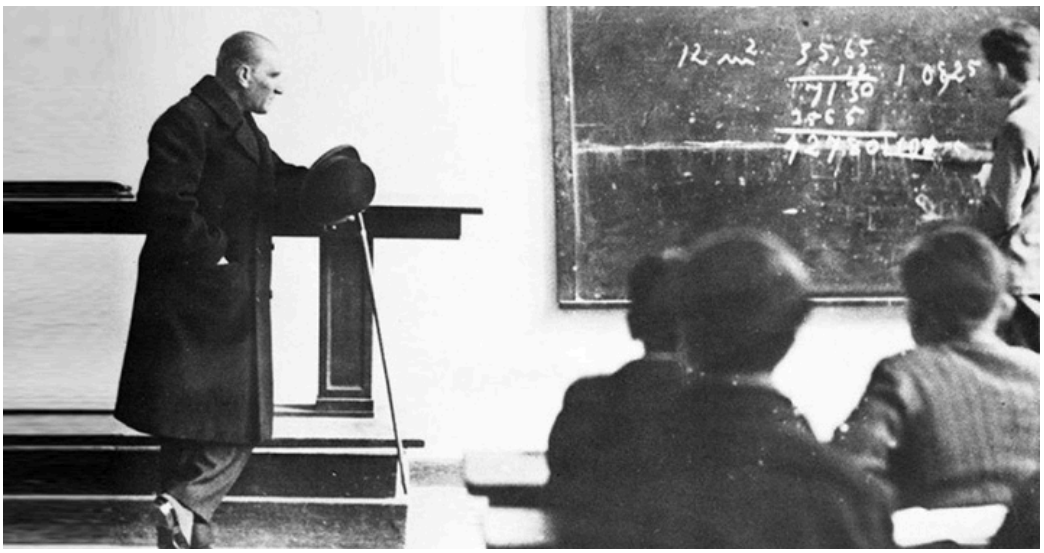
May 19th

Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day



Atatürk's Enduring Legacy in Turkish Education

Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of modern Turkey, placed education at the heart of the nation-building process. Recognizing that a strong, independent country required an educated populace, Atatürk launched sweeping reforms to modernize and secularize the Turkish education system.





One of his most transformative initiatives was the adoption of the Latin alphabet in 1928, replacing the Arabic script. This bold move not only improved literacy rates but also symbolized Turkey's commitment to modernization and Western ideals.

Atatürk established a national, co-educational, and secular public school system to ensure that all citizens—regardless of gender or background—had access to education. He also promoted the idea of lifelong learning, founding "People's Houses" (Halkevleri) that offered adult education in literature, history, science, and the arts.

His vision extended beyond formal instruction. Atatürk believed education should cultivate critical thinking, national consciousness, and a commitment to progress. As he famously said, "The true guide in life is science."

Today, Atatürk's educational philosophy continues to shape Turkey's schooling system, serving as a foundation for democratic values and intellectual development.



English Idioms

'bite the bullet'

to face a difficult or unpleasant situation with courage.

‘hit the nail on the head’
find exactly the right answer.



English Riddles

Q: "What has a neck but no head?"
A: A bottle

Q: "What gets smaller every time it takes a bath?”
A: Soap

Our Staff's Academic Activities



Amir Hamidi delivered a session titled "Better together: Cooperative Learning in the Modern Day Classroom."



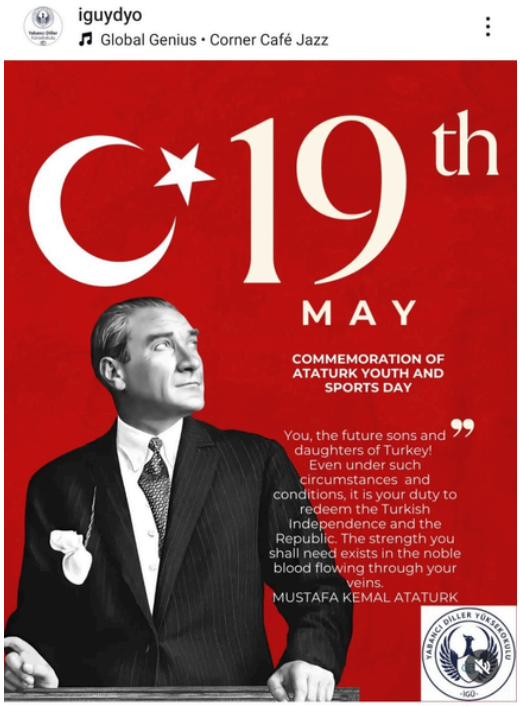
Did you know this?

- **Ataturk is the only leader in the world attributed as the "head teacher".**

- **He wrote a geometry book. In this book he personally named 48 geometrical terms (in Turkish), such as triangle, angle, and rectangular.**

Our School On Social Media



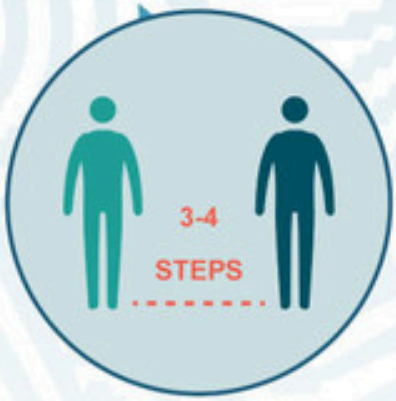




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