

DEAR PARENTS and STUDENTS!

My name is **Olga Kosobokova** (kosobokova@schoolnova.org). As we begin our extraordinary journey into the World of Science, I'd like to welcome you to my **virtual class** at SchoolNova! This is my eleventh year of teaching at SchoolNova and I feel very excited about meeting you all soon!

The goal of our Science 1 class is to help students make their first steps towards scientific understanding of the surrounding world while observing, wondering and raising clever questions. We are going to learn a lot (the course syllabus is available at <https://schoolnova.org/nova/scienceprogram>) and have a lot of fun using our knowledge during two Games throughout the year.

This class will be using **Google Classroom** for all materials, homework and related communication. All students will be invited to join the class through their designated SchoolNova email account (student email information can be found on your private account page on schoolnova.org website). Please make sure to **join prior to our first lesson!**

We will be meeting remotely **via Zoom on Mondays at 5:30 pm (please note the class start time shift)**, starting on **September 16**. The **direct link to join the class session** will be posted to the **top of the classroom stream** and reused for all recurring classes. Each of our live Zoom lessons will be **45 minutes long** (class will end at 6:15 pm).

Please be on time and make sure that **students always login using their real name**. Ideally the student should be equipped with a decent size screen (a smartphone is NOT a good option), a working web camera and a microphone, and have their **camera always on while in class**. This is a “talk and discussion” type of class and I hope for active student participation!

Working remotely makes all of us dependent on a fast, reliable internet connection. Occasionally, the connection malfunctions beyond our control or may become unstable, causing an interruption or even a cancelation of a class. In this (hopefully rare) case please **check the Google Classroom stream** for the class status updates.

Essential class information (Google Classroom code, Zoom meeting link, meeting ID and passcode, as well as the class-specific calendar) will be **emailed separately** and will be **also posted in Google Classroom**. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Let us make this a great year full of discoveries!

Truly yours, Olga