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BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW

NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



Dear Parents and visitors to our website, Our first full week back at school is complete, and what a challenge (a pleasant one) it has been for me personally.

Like all new staff and students to our school, I have been quickly trying to 'learn the ropes' and at the same time finding out that there were more 'ropes to learn' than would be possible in one week! Anyway, I do hope that like me our new students and teachers are a little more relaxed and settled, and in a much better position to meet the weeks in front of us.

I must comment on the wonderful people I have met since joining the school. Firstly, the staff and administration who have been so welcoming and helpful in their efforts to bring me up to speed with school life. Secondly, our fantastic parent body who have also been welcoming, friendly and patient at the usual hectic start to a school year. Finally, a big hurrah to the great students of our school who have been polite and friendly whilst also showing an immediate enthusiasm for their studies. I have particularly enjoyed having Maths and English lessons with Year 2, History and Art with Year7 and History with Year 10. Being in the classroom is always the best way to make contact with our students, and a good way for them to get to know me better.

As a staff we are very close to having a completely finalized timetable for the whole school, although there may still be some late changes to accommodate special timetables for our senior students, and some pertaining to our languages provision. Extra-curricular activities are also being organized, and later in this newsletter you can read about those starting immediately and the proposed start dates for others.

At this point a note of congratulation must be given to our Key Stage 4 and VI form students

who were involved in the summer exam sessions. There were some exceptional individual performances, and overall a great school performance, which when looked at alongside the statistics for England, Wales, Northern Ireland compare more than favourably considering that for most of our students' English is not their first language. I encourage our current Year 11 and VI form students to set forth on this year intending to exceed these good results next summer!

We have good news on the Physical Education front, especially concerning our school teams. Mr. Marcin our P.E. teacher has been working very hard liaising with the local city education authority with the aim of getting us permission to join official Polish school leagues in Wroclaw, thus giving our students much more opportunity to compete, and display the benefits of their hard training. I am pleased to report that this permission has been granted and that BISC Wroclaw will be competing in under 13 and under 16 leagues in basket-ball and football for both boys and girls.

I would also like to inform you that I will be continuing the tradition of 'round table' meetings, giving you the parents of our school the opportunity to meet with other parents in your child's age group, and to discuss any

issues arising with each other and myself. Continuing in a similar vein, I would like to notify you that the first PTA meeting of the academic year will take place at 0835am on Wednesday 14th September in the school dining room. I would encourage as many of you as possible to attend, as this meeting will see elections for the new committee.

On a parting note for this week, I must again apologise for the delay in our school receiving its customized exercise books. As I have previously stated this matter has been out of the school's control with the problem being at the manufacturers. We remain hopeful that this issue will be short-term, and in the meantime thank you all for providing your children with materials to tide them over.

I wish you all a pleasant and restful weekend.



Best regards,
Wayne Billington
Head of School



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Hot school lunches start Doctor at school 11.00 a.m. Big Villa	13 Foundation round table 8.35a.m. Dining Room	14 P.T.A. meeting 8.35a.m. Dining Room ESL for parents (2.40p.m.- 3.25p.m.)	15	16 ESL for parents (8.35a.m.- 9.20a.m.)	17	18
19	20 Primary round table (0835 in dining room)	21 ESL for parents (2.40p.m.- 3.25p.m.)	22	23 ESL for parents (8.35a.m.- 9.20a.m.)	24	25
26	27 Secondary round table (0835 in dining room) Full staff Meeting after school (no clubs/activities)	28 ESL for parents (2.40p.m.- 3.25p.m.)	29	30 ESL for parents (8.35a.m.- 9.20a.m.)		

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS



Please take care when parking around the school.

Avoid blocking entrances to neighbours' houses and driveways.

DO NOT PARK ON THE ZEBRA CROSSINGS!

1. Mr. Lee our Korean Coordinator is available:

Monday – 8.30 – 12.05

Tuesday – 11.20 – 12.05 and 1.00 – 3.20

Wednesday – 8.30 – 12.05

Thursday – 8.30 – 12.05

Friday – 8.30 – 10.10 and 12.20 – 1.50

2. Ms. Nagai our Japanese Coordinator is available:

Monday 8:30 - 14:00

Tuesday 11:20 - 15:25

Wednesday 10:30 - 15:25

Thursday 8:30 - 12:05

Friday 9:25 - 2:00

3. School lunches commence Monday 12th September. Parents should pay the money for these meals (60 zł per week), to Marlena on a Friday to cover the following week.

4. A reminder that uniform is now compulsory. If you are still awaiting delivery e.t.c. please dress your children in clothing that reflects the colour and style of our uniform.

5. Polish lessons for parents to be announced next week.

6. School doctor is available for Parents on Mondays from 11.a.m. till 1.00p.m.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:

www.bisc.wroclaw.pl

Extra Curricular Activities For Primary School

ECA	TEACHER	AGE GROUP	WHERE	WHEN
Homework Club	Christina Andrzejewski	Whole primary	Yr 3 room	Wednesday 3:30
Homework Club	Marta Mironiuk	Whole primary	Yr 1 room (sparrows)	Monday 3:30
Sewing Club	Anna Witańska	Yr 2-Yr 6	Yr 4 room	Wednesday 3:30
Newspaper Club	Kristina Galuska	Yr 3 – Yr 6	ESL room (opposite the gym)	Monday 3:30
ESL For Parents	Iwona Sokołowska	parents	ESL room in the small villa	Wednesday, period 7 Friday, period 1
Origami Club	Iza Łuczowska	Yr 1- Yr 6	Foundation room	Tuesday 3:30
Circle Art Club	Karolina Traut Karpińska	F - Yr 2	Year 1 room (eagles)	Tuesday 1:30
Paper Art	Diana Tonge	Yr 1- Yr 6	Year 2 room	Thursday 3:30
Card Making Club	Jennifer Jones	Yr 2- Yr 6	Year 5 room	Wednesday 3:30
Free Verse Poetry	Joanna Schier	Yr 3- Yr 6	Year 6 room	Monday 3:30
Art Club	Hye Seung Lee	Yr 3- Yr 6	Art room	Thursday 3:30
Football Club	Marcin Kwasiuk	Yr 1 – Yr 6	Football pitch	Monday 4:00 – 5:15
Swimming	Marcin Kwasiuk	Yr 1 – Yr 3	ul. Trwała 17-19	Tuesday 5:20-6:05
Swimming	Marcin Kwasiuk	Yr 4 - secondary	ul. Trwała 17-19	Friday 5:20-6:05
Guitar Club	Maciek Pośluszny	Yr 3 – Yr 6	Music room	Wednesday 3:30
School Band	Maciek Pośluszny	Y7 upwards	Music room	Tuesday 3:30
School Orchestra	Maciek Pośluszny	Y5 upwards	Music room	Thursday 3:30

***Please note that Swimming starts from 20th September**

News from Head of Primary



It is my pleasure to welcome all the parents and children after the summer holiday. For those of you who are new to the school, I would like to ensure all primary parents that they can contact me if they have any concerns or ideas to share.

This year the children are expected to come to school in their BISC uniforms. If your BISC set has not arrived yet, your child may attend in their regular clothes. On the topic of clothing, may I please remind all parents that once the autumn has set in, the weather becomes less predictable. As the children spend time outside almost every day, please make sure that your child has a jacket or a warm jumper. When the children have their PE lessons, they should always have a change of clothes, so that they do not wear their sports clothes before or after the PE lesson.

I shall also take this opportunity to kindly remind the parents that they are responsible for their children when they are on the playground after school and that all the equipment should be used sensibly. Thank you for your consideration and constant support.

The first week at school was a very busy one. Whenever I walked into a class, I saw children laughing, playing and learning. We have even had some birthday parties already!

On Friday the primary school had its first assembly. Year 6 had a presentation on literature genres, science fiction and story writing. The following students became our first stars:

Foundation - Greta
Year 1 Sparrows - Jiho
Year 1 Eagles - Vincent
Year 2 - Noann
Year 3 – Min Hyeok
Year 4 - Mariana
Year 5 – Geon Woo
Year 6 – Chae Eun

Congratulations to our Star students!
I hope that from next week on all students will enjoy a wide range of ECAs, prepared by BISC staff for this academic year, so don't forget to sign for a club!

Wishing you a sunny weekend,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



Dear Secondary Parents,

It is with pleasure that I write to you for the first time as Head of Secondary school.

May I first congratulate you on your fine children who at the close of the first week have shown themselves to be polite, friendly, humourous and above all else enthusiastic toward their studies.

As I have stated in my Head's address the Secondary timetable is nearing completion, with only a few tailor-made senior students and some areas of Modern Foreign languages to be ironed out. We are all hopeful that by the end of next week all will be concrete and we can totally focus on the year ahead.

Again I also commend the students involved in the summer exam sittings, and again spur on those involved next summer to even greater heights. A sound and focused start to the year will pay 100% dividends as it draws to a close.

In assembly we talked about personal responsibility and how much this can impact on our future life. I have asked our students to take responsibility for their learning, both in and out of school, and have assured them that if they are able to do this it will guarantee them some control over their futures.

I wish everyone a good weekend break.

Best regards,
Wayne Billington
Head of Secondary

AROUND BISC WROCLAW



A brief introduction to parents at BISC Wrocław