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ISSUE 2 Friday 16th September

Dear Parents and Visitors to our website,
We end our second full week seeing virtually all school routines in place. You can note some additional extra-curricular activities and a few updates later in this newsletter. I would also like to direct you to a fabulous article on the school trip to Chester in the U.K, written by Bo Moon Year 11. Her article is a pleasure to read and is supported by some great photos of the trip itself.

This week also saw the start of our 'round table' sessions, whence parents of the three stages of our school are able to get together and discuss matters relating to their children's education with myself. This week's meeting was with parents from the Foundation stage, and we met at 0835am in our dining hall. I was very pleased with the positive feedback, praise of the teaching team and the general observation that it is a great weight off a parent's mind when their child is enjoying their first taste of formal education so much.

On Wednesday the first PTA meeting of the year was held, and what an excellent turnout from parents there was! The main objective of this meeting was the election of a new PTA committee and discussions regarding plans for the forthcoming year. I personally am so happy that the school has such an active and supportive PTA, as their hard work and endeavours undoubtedly enhances the learning experiences of the

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children of our school.

As you know school is inherently linked to effort and achievement, and also often overcoming personal hurdles. As teachers we wish to recognize these effort, achievements and improvements, and to this end it has been decided that in addition to our normal rewards we will be starting a school House system. Our students from Foundation to Year 13 will be allotted to one of four houses, and throughout the year will strive to earn merits for their house based on their endeavours academically, socially and actively. At the end of each week merits will be counted and the results announced in assembly. At the end of the year the winning house will be presented the 'Merit Cup' for their achievement. In addition there will also be inter-house sporting competitions which will culminate with Sports Day. The overall winning sports team will receive our 'Activities Cup.'

Our Houses will need names so I am proposing that you and your children rack your brains for four good inter-related

names, which are then submitted to their class teacher/form tutor by Wednesday next week. The winning submission will receive a small prize as well as having the prestige of naming the Houses. We all hope that this healthy competition will bring our children even closer together and promote positive interaction between our age groups, as well as seeing everyone striving to do their best and learning to work in teams.

Wishing you all a pleasant 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 Secondary School Assembly 8.35 a.m.	16 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. ESL for parents (8.35a.m.- 9.20a.m.)	17	18
19 Staff Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. dining room	20 Primary round table (0835 in dining room)	21 ESL for parents (2.40p.m.- 3.25p.m.)	22 Secondary School Assembly 8.35 a.m.	23 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. ESL for parents (8.35a.m.- 9.20a.m.)	24	25
26 Staff Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. dining room	27 Secondary round table (8.35a.m. in dining room) Full staff Meeting after school (no clubs/activities)	28 ESL for parents (2.40p.m.- 3.25p.m.)	29 Whole School Assembly 8.35 a.m.	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!

- 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
- Revised Japanese Coordinator times:
Monday – 10.30 – 14.35
Tuesday – 8.30 – 3.25
Wednesday – 10.30 – 3.25
Thursday – 8.30 – 11.15
Friday – 9.25 – 1.00
- Japanese lessons for beginners (Secondary) – Lunch time
Monday – 12.10 - 12.55
Wednesday – 12.10 – 12.55
Japanese advanced lessons – Lunch time
Tuesday – 12.10 – 12.55
Friday – 12.10 - 12.55

Miss Hiroko will also be offering piano lessons. If interested students should speak directly with her to arrange suitable times.

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. Swimming starts next week:
Years 1 to 3 on Tuesdays
Years 4 to 13 on Fridays

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

7. We are still working on the final arrangements regarding polish for parents. We are very sorry for any inconvenience.

Extra Curricular Activities

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 Alex Sitkowiecki	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 upwards	ul. Trwała 17-19	Friday 5:20-6:05
Guitar Club	Maciek Pośluszny	Yr 3 – Yr 6 Y7 upwards	Music room	Wednesday 3:30 Friday 12.10
School Band	Maciek Pośluszny	Y7 upwards	Music room	Tuesday 3:30
School Orchestra	Maciek Pośluszny	Y5 upwards	Music room	Thursday 3:30
Drawing Club	Rebecca Grocott	Secondary	Year 11 room	Tuesday 12.10

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

News from Head of Primary



This week we all had an opportunity to enjoy beautiful, almost summer-like weather. Mr. Marcin and the students used this time to master their baseball and football skills.

As you probably noticed, we had started our extra-curricular activities. If you have not signed for a club yet, please see the teachers responsible for particular ECAs.

It is great to see the children play outside after school but I would like to emphasize that safety should always come first, so I appeal to the parents to supervise the children at all times. They should not climb up trees in the garden or be in the big or small villa on their own – the cleaning ladies need time to prepare the school for the next day. Thank you for your understanding.

It is my pleasure to inform you that our primary staff have grown in numbers – Ms. Ania joined the Foundation class this week to help as a full-time assistant. Welcome on board :)

On Friday the primary school had its second assembly. Year 5 entertained us with a presentation on rules. We had a number of students joining our Star gallery:

Foundation - Youenn
Year 1 Eagles - Julia
Year Sparrows – Joo Won
Year 2 – Joo Eun
Year 3 - Tom
Year 4 - Felly
Year 5 – Sang Hee
Year 6 - Charlotte

Well done!
Wishing you a nice weekend,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



Another busy week in the Secondary school has drawn to a close.

In assembly on Thursday we focused on teamwork and its link to friendship, in that often when being part of a team this draws individuals together which often builds the foundations for strong friendships. The students heard two pieces of poetry relating to these issues, and the keywords identified were “Together we stand and divided we fall” (Roger Stevens) and that “Friendship has no borders and its boundary is that of the world.” (Veronique Tadjou) Thus the ideas of becoming stronger, more efficient and more successful and of having the opportunity to make friends when in a team linked nicely with the creation of the new House system in the school. I encourage all students to get their House names suggestions to their tutors as soon as possible.

Taking this theme one step further, the creation of a school council was announced, with elections to take place during PSE time after assembly. A list of elected representatives will be printed next week. The importance of a school council team was discussed, with it being explained that this in itself is part of a broader school team which includes the PTA, the Advisory Board and the school management. Everyone was to understand that the work of the team(s) will serve to enhance all of our school lives.

Students are reminded that swimming begins next Friday, and that they need to sign up in the School Secretary’s office in order to join.

Enjoy your weekend break.

Best regards,
Wayne Billington
Head of Secondary

Trip to Chester



Have you ever been to Chester? Chester is located in Northwest of England. It was made by Romans in AD79, and has about 2,000 years of history! Today, you can see lots of remains from the middle Ages. 9 people went to Chester and we stayed there for a week. We took lots of pictures and had a great opportunity to learn about Chester's history.

Grosvenor Museum



The very first place we went was Grosvenor Museum. You can enter this museum for free! We met a Roman soldier and he explained about the Roman times as we walked along the old castle walls and river Dee. We also learned more about Romans on the education service with another teacher.

We were able to touch some pots, bricks that were almost 2,000 years old! It was a wonderful experience that I would never forget.



Chester Cathedral

Chester Cathedral is one of the best places to go in Chester. It was amazing! The stain glass was very delicate, and colourful. It made me wonder how they made these pieces of art on that time. As we wandered around the church, we had an earphone, giving information on each room. The chapter house, the Lady Chapel, The nave, the quire carving, the consistory court and so on. People held concerts in Chester Cathedral as well. After listening to the information, we made a clay model for an exhibition. Other clay models made by other people will also be showed. Unfortunately, we were not able to see the exhibition.



Chester Town Crier

At every 12 o'clock, the town crier comes to the cross and does the proclamations. He said greetings in other languages, even Korean! He had a good Korean pronunciation :) He made jokes that made people laugh and introduced Chester in a funny way.



Open Air theatre

We also visited the open air theatre. We watched 'Merlin and the Woods of Time'. The story was very fun, but the English was quite fast and there were some old-words so we weren't able to understand some sentences. People on the stage sang and acted well, and they were very funny.





I thought it was an excellent trip. We were able to learn the history of Chester easily by actually seeing the remains than looking a book. It was more effective. The program was well made and I am satisfied with what I have done during the trip. I am sure others have as well. I would like to thank Ms. Jola for arranging the programs, Mr. Marcin for looking after us, especially the little boys! I also thank Ha Heong and Min Hyeok's mom for looking after them as well. If I have another chance to go to other places, I would like to go again.



Come to Chester!

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