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BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW

NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



Dear Parents and visitors to our website,

The first month of school draws to a close, so I must thank all staff, students and parents for their help in making this (in contrast to many of my previous experiences), what has been a smooth and successful start to the year.

It was a busy week all round, with several important meetings taking place. At the Secondary round table, topics of discussion included homework, resources and curriculum. At the all school staff meeting there was a focus on the school development plan for this academic year with teachers identifying goals met from last year and new targets to be achieved this. On Wednesday I met officially for the first time with the Chairpersons of the new PTA, whence we discussed how the school and PTA would work together plus agreed upon some of the events that were intended throughout the year. The first scheduled event was agreed to be the Autumn Bazaar which will take place on Wednesday 9th November, in relation to this the PTA are asking if there are items you could donate for this sale. PTA funds will be used for the benefit of our children and in a charitable fashion. Everyone is reminded that the next PTA meeting is on Wednesday 5th October in the school dining room starting at 0830. One other VERY important matter raised was the need for care when bringing your children to school by car. PLEASE control your speed, do not

park on corners or on the pedestrian crossing, and MOST importantly be especially alert and patient. We do not need a serious accident to occur before we take note of this request. At the school management meeting, mundane school issues apart, we were able to have the enjoyment of choosing the winning entry in the House names competition. We thank all who entered for their great efforts.

Our all school assembly focused on 'perseverance' and how essential this virtue is in school and later life. I related the story of Thomas Edison who although he had very little schooling went on to patent over 1,000 inventions including things we could now not live without, such as the light bulb. Later the winner and some worthy runners-up in the House name competition were announced and asked onto the stage to receive their gift, these were:
Bo Moon Year 11 (Winner);
Dong Hyun Year 11;
Emmet Year 9 and Charlotte Year 6.

The names of our Houses are official announced as CYGNUS (the swan), PEGASUS (the winged horse), PHOENIX (the magical bird) and LUPUS (the wolf). Our students were again asked to participate by designing House logos that can be used on the Merits scoreboards.

Our assembly concluded with the 'Star of the Week' awards for the Primary classes and a final congratulations from myself on their displays of 'perseverance'.

I hope you enjoyed this little snapshot of our busy school week. Have a lovely weekend.



Best regards,
Wayne Billington
Head of School



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3 Staff Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. dining room	4	5 PTA Meeting 8.30a.m. dining room Advisory Board membership application deadline Basketball Match Girls 10.30a.m. ESL for parents (2.40p.m.- 3.25p.m.)	6 Secondary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. Advisory Board Agenda deadline 12.00 Basketball Match Boys 10.45a.m.	7 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. Basketball Match Girls 10.30a.m. and 10.45a.m.	8 Basketball Match Boys 8.30a.m. and 9.30 a.m.	9
10 Staff Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. dining room Basketball Match Boys 10.00a.m. and 10.45 a.m.	11	12 ESL for parents (2.40p.m.- 3.25p.m.) Advisory Board 5.00p.m.	13 Secondary School Assembly 8.35 a.m.	14 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. ESL for parents (8.35a.m.-9.20a.m.)	15 Basketball Match Girls 11.30a.m.; 12.30p.m. and 1.00 p.m.	16
17 Staff Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. dining room	18 Art Competition Deadline	19 ESL for parents (2.40p.m.- 3.25p.m.)	20 Secondary School Assembly 8.35 a.m.	21 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m.	22	23
24 Staff Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. dining room	25 Parent Teacher Evening 4.00p.m. – 6.00p.m.	26 ESL for parents (2.40p.m.- 3.25p.m.) Parent Teacher Evening 4.00p.m. – 6.00p.m.	27 Whole School Assembly 8.35 a.m.	28 Foundation Bake a Cake Day ESL for parents (8.35a.m.-9.20a.m.) Halloween Party	29	30
31 Half Term Break	1 Half Term Break	2 Half Term Break	3 Half Term Break	4 Half Term Break	5	6

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. School Basketball Team U-12 Matches
Girls
Wednesday 5th October – 10.30a.m.
Friday 7th October – 10.00a.m. and 10.45a.m.
Saturday 15th October – 11.30a.m., 12.30p.m., 13.00p.m.
Boys
Thursday 6th October – 10.45a.m.
Saturday 8th October – 08.30a.m., 09.30a.m.
Monday 10th October – 10.00a.m., 10.45a.m.

2. PTA Meeting – Wednesday 5th October 8.30a.m. (dining room)

3. Primary School Events – Autumn Term Planned Trips
Foundation - Apple orchard Trzebnica
Year 1 Sparrows - Fire Station
Year 1 Eagles - Fire Station
Year 2 - Ceramics factory Boleslawiec
Year 3 - Trip to Rynek
Year 4 - Gold Mine "Zloty Stok"
Year 5 - Trip to the Mosque
Year 6 - Trip to the zoo

Other events:

Halloween: 28th October
Amazing Animals Week: 14th -18th November
Thanksgiving: 25th November
Santa at School: 6th December

4. Unfortunately the situation of Polish for parents is still to be

resolved. I need to meet with the owners to request the appointment of a further part-time teacher to deliver this programme. I will keep you informed about this matter.

5. Design competition for House logos

Students designs should be of the equivalent size of two pieces of A3 paper. They can create their design in any medium they wish. There will be Primary and Secondary categories. The cut off for submission to teacher/tutor is Tuesday 18th October at end of school.

6. You may see the whole schemes of work in detail of this academic year in our school website (<http://www.bisc.wroclaw.pl/sow.htm>). If you want that of every following week, please ask your children's form teacher in correspondence book to photocopy it on Friday.

7. Bake a Cake Day is back :) Dates below:

Foundation - Friday the 28th October.
Year 1 - Friday the 25th November.
Year 2 - Friday the 2nd December.
Year 3 - Friday the 13th January.
Year 4 - Friday the 27th January.
Year 5 - Friday the 10th February.
Year 6 - Friday the 2nd March.
Year 7 - Friday the 23rd March
Year 8 - Friday the 27th April.
Year 9 and 10 - Friday the 11th May.
Year 11 and 12 - Friday the 25th May.

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 Posluszny	Yr 3 – Yr 6 Y7 upwards	Music room	Wednesday 3:30 Friday 12.10
School Band	Maciek Posluszny	Y7 upwards	Music room	Tuesday 3:30
School Orchestra	Maciek Posluszny	Y5 upwards	Music room	Thursday 3:30
Drawing Club	Rebecca Grocott	Secondary	Year 11 room	Tuesday 12.10
Japanese for beginners	Hiroko Nagai	Secondary	Japanese room	Monday 12.10 Wednesday 12.10
Japanese for advanced students	Hiroko Nagai	Secondary	Japanese room	Tuesday 12.10 Friday 12.10
Creative writing Club	Joanna Schier	Y2 upwards	Year 6 room	Monday 3.30

News from Head of Primary



It was another busy week in the Primary School. The children were learning, making projects and having fun. On Wednesday Year 1 Sparrows filled the whole building with inspiring aromas, as they decided to make their own pizza. I can honestly tell you - it was delicious :) Year 3 students continued their project on ORT books. Year 4 pupils investigated newspaper articles and had a go at writing own news-style reports.

On Thursday we gathered for a Whole School Assembly. Mr. Billington spoke about perseverance and mentioned our new House System. The winners of the Give-the-Houses-A-Name competition were announced. Having selected the names for the Houses (Pegasus, Cygnus, Phoenix and Lupus) we now need emblems to symbolise each House. Check the newsletter carefully for details of the new competition and surprise everybody with your artistic skills!

The following primary students were awarded the Star certificates:

Foundation: Victoria
Year 1 Sparrows: Jin Hwan
Year 1 Eagles: Ye Yn
Year 2: Martina
Year 3: Sehoon
Year 4: Lena
Year 5: Jimena
Year 6: Chae Hyun

Congratulations :)

On a practical note, may I please ask the parents whose children attend any after school clubs to come to the room where the club takes place and collect the child in person. It makes it much easier for teachers to make sure that the children are safe. Thank you.

Wishing you a nice weekend,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



Dear Parents and students,
Probably the most important thing to occur in Secondary this week was the first meeting of the School Council. The first proceeding was the vote for a student chairperson, and it was decided that as senior students of the school, that Wootie and Eloise should jointly occupy the

positions of chair and vice chair. The first project to be concentrated on was agreed to be an after school Halloween party for the Secondary students. The council discussed the needs for such a party, decided where funds could be found and later allocated jobs and tasks amongst themselves. It was suggested that maybe a small entrance charge for the party or charge for food and drinks should be made to enable them to have funds for future events. If this happens the council saw the need for the election of a treasurer. I left the meeting at this point and look forward to hearing about how the party is developing.

As mentioned in the main newsletter, Bo Moon won the competition to name our Houses; so our congratulations go to her and we hope she enjoys her 2 open tickets to the cinema. We all had to smile at Dong Hyun's tongue-in-cheek entry of Mocha Latte, Americano, Cappuccino and Macchiato which would have been fine if we were sponsored by a famous coffee shop! I am looking forward to judging the artwork for House logos and am already wondering if Bo Moon can make it a double victory.

All in all it has been a good week observing our students take some responsibility and being part of a decision making process, and it has also been good hearing about students who have turned a corner due to their hard work and perseverance finally reaping rewards in what had been areas they had been struggling in.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Wayne Billington
Head of Secondary

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A brief introduction to parents at BISC Wrocław