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Dear Parents and visitors to our website,

This week things were back to normal, with the secondary students back from their trip. From what I hear they were privileged to see some amazing sights, even if this did involve trudging up and down thousands of steps; mind you at least this helped counteract any junk-food that may have been consumed. As a predominantly military historian, I myself would have loved to have seen the Silver Mountain Fortress and witnessed the re-enacted firing of a muzzle-loading canon; this goes on my list of ones to see.

We were very lucky that the visit of the school photographer coincided with a beautifully sunny day, and it was a joy to see everyone assembled for the all-school photo, although due to the increase in numbers the poor old photographer did seem to find it a bit hard to fit us all in! Anyone who missed the deadline for individual pictures can speak to Ms. Marlena after the half-term break and she will provide the photographers address, which I believe is not far from school.

There have been many other small events this week which have included;

- Finalizing activities for Halloween.
- Creating our House lists of students.
- Fire drill.
- Parent meeting appointment lists made available.
- First contact with local Police to see if they have a Community Liaison Officer.

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW

NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



A more important school issue discussed in addition was the problem of P.E. during extremely poor weather. Due to the increase in size of many year groups and our increased ESL provision we have found ourselves temporarily with limited suitable space. To this end Mr. Lee and Ms. Nagai were invited to this week's management meeting to explore finding a temporary solution to this matter. The outcome was that Ms. Hiroko was very kind in agreeing to relocate her center, thus releasing a very large class for school use. We will now re-shuffle some classrooms which will allow Mr. Marcin to have back both gyms for use during bad weather P.E. We are all thankful for Ms. Hiroko's considerate action on behalf of our student's welfare. When other refurbishment is completed we will work with Ms. Hiroko in finding her the best area possible from which to continue her work.

On Wednesday art work for House logos was judged by the management team and the results were;

- Bo Moon Y11-House logos for general use.
- Alexander Y6-Framed picture (Phoenix).
- Charlotte Y6-Framed picture (Cygnus).
- Chae Eun Y6-Framed picture (Lupus).
- Seo Young Y6-Framed picture (Pegasus).

- Chloe Y7-Commended on her designs.
- So Won Y7-Commended on her designs.

These students will receive recognition for their hard work, to be presented at an assembly in due course. Well done to all who entered! Before I go, a reminder about safety after school. Will all parents please ensure that they fully monitor their child(ren's) behaviour and actions if remaining on school grounds after the official end to the school day. When school is over teachers are only involved with school meetings, preparation work or ECA's and cannot be expected to oversee the safety of your children. We do NOT want anyone else stuck up a tree!!

A good weekend to you all,



Best regards,
Wayne Billington
Head of School



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BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Staff Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. dining room	18 Photographer at school Art Competition Deadline Round Table (Primary) 8.30a.m.	19 ESL for parents (2.40p.m.-3.25p.m.)	20 Secondary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. Foundation Botanical Garden Trip	21 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m.	22	23
24 Staff Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. dining room Full Staff Meeting 3.40p.m.	25 Parent Teacher Evening 4.00p.m. – 6.00p.m. Round Table (Secondary) 8.30a.m.	26 ESL for parents (2.40p.m.-3.25p.m.) Parent Teacher Evening 4.00p.m. – 6.00p.m. PTA Deadline for Bazaar Items	27 Whole School Assembly 8.35 a.m. Foundation Bake a Cake Day	28 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. 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 Hiroko, our Japanese Coordinator revised times:

Monday – 11.20 – 3.25

Tuesday – 8.30 – 3.25

Wednesday – 10.30 – 3.25

Thursday – 11.20 – 3.25

Friday – 9.25 – 3.25

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

4. Small change of date for Bake a Cake Day in Foundation class - Thursday 27th October insted of Friday 28th October

5. A set of BISC clothes went missing - navy blue shorts, polo and a P.E. shirt with the name Alvaro on – please check at home and let Ms. Marlena know if you happen to find it ☺
Many thanks!

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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
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 is hard to believe that it is only a fortnight until the half-term break. Doesn't time fly?

As the weather seems to get gradually colder, we have started preparations of the gyms to be ready for this ungrateful season. The temporary ESL room will be soon relocated to the big villa, while Mr. Marcin shall regain his games room.

I would like to remind the parents yet again that they are responsible for the safety of their own and other children after school. Sadly, we had incidents of children climbing up trees or running unsupervised in the buildings. I count on your understanding and support.

The children in the Primary Section had yet another busy week. Year 1 Sparrows traced the body of one of the pupils to create a 2D life-size model of the human body. Year 2 were discussing how to look after pets and what the needs are of plants and animals in the home. They were also getting into 'the spirit' of things by doing Halloween arts and crafts. Year 3 has just begun working on their pillows for DT! They are looking forward to the final outcome in the next couple of weeks. Year 4 worked on geometry, learning how to calculate perimeter and area of shapes. Year 6 studied various habitats and their dependence on climate zones, and wrote essays about the Zoo trip.

On Friday we had our Primary Assembly. Year 1 Eagles told us some things about our five senses and danced for us. The following students got Star Certificates:

Foundation - Nico
Year 1 Eagles – Magda
Year 1 Sparrows - Aaron
Year 2 - Manuel
Year 3 - Leo
Year 4 - Luna
Year 5 - Iris
Year 6 – Jack

A special award was given to Mati in year 4 for his sensible behaviour during the fire drill. Congratulations!

Enjoy your shopping for the Halloween costumes :)

Wishing you a good weekend,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



Dear Parents and students,

Back to normal, no longer like a 'Ghost Town,' now much more like 'London Calling' by the famous band 'The Clash.' By the way a big thanks to Mrs. O'Toole who did indeed provide me with a trip down memory lane in the guise of a 'Specials' CD which had all my favourite songs on it.

As I said in the main newsletter, I am very glad our secondary students had such a worthwhile trip. The sights, sounds, scenery and experiences will prove a great reinforcement to learning not only now but into the future. In addition to general learning this was a wonderful cultural experience for so many of our students and will certainly broaden their outlook on the world as a whole; for this I would again like to thank the staff for their hard work in facilitating this event. A trip round-up on Friday afternoon was a great chance to unwind for the weekend and reminisce on the trip.

In assembly This week we discussed the link between ones behaviour, experience and wisdom, and how this impacts upon life and learning. As Einstein said 'the only source of knowledge is experience,' and that 'good judgment comes from experience, and often experience comes from bad judgment,' (Brown) with the culmination of this being that 'from the errors of others, a wise man corrects his own.' (Syrus). This deep thinking was linked to the announcement of a new secondary behaviour policy which will be officially announced to all stakeholders after the half-term break. It was pointed out to the students that this is not a response to their bad behaviour but rather a need to clearly clarify the roles of all people in their attempt to ensure;

The opportunity to learn and study effectively.

A safe and secure environment where students feel valued and respected members of the community.

The assembly concluded with the announcement of the House logo art competition and the handing out of bronze Math's certificates from Ms. Justyna. Well done to all recipients for their hard work and perseverance.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Wayne Billington
Head of Secondary

Secondary School Trip

Last week, all the secondary students went on a trip to the Table Mountains. This trip was part of different subjects such as history, geography, PHSE and English. It lasted for four days. We left the school on the 12th of October and we came back on the 15th.

The first day we stopped quite a few times. We visited the beautiful Książ Castle and its secret bunkers, we walked around and explored the cities of Nowa Ruda and Kłodzko and we finally discovered the hotel where we would stay during our visit. It was called the 'Polonez Hotel'. It was quite good and the food was ok too! During the evening, we had some activities like a disco and movies.

On Thursday we went to the medieval Czech town of Kutna Hóra where one of the three churches of bones in the world, was located. This church was filled with up to 20,000 human bones. The fact that the church was entirely made of bones gave it a gloomy aspect. We stayed in the Czech Republic for the whole day. When we came back to the border with Poland, we walked around Duszniki Zdrój which was a really nice town and its 'rynek' was quite similar to Wrocław. We also visited some castles there.

The best day of our trip, was in my opinion, Friday. On this day we explored the Table Mountains. To get up there, we had to climb seven hundred steps...but it was worth it, because the landscape was just amazing! We had a wonderful view. Just think that thousand of years ago, this place was completely under the sea... Later on, we visited the bunkers of the Czechoslovakian 'Maginot line', they were really big, dark, and gloomy. In the afternoon we finally came back to our hotel and had some activities.

Saturday was sadly, the last day of our trip, but we still had fun though. We saw the gold mine in Złoty Stok and we explored the biggest mountain fortress in Europe at Srebrna Góra, our visit to the fortress was quite fun because our guide made a demonstration of shotguns and canons.

After having visited beautiful parks, fascinating museums and rustic towns full of historical and architectural treasures, we unfortunately had to come back to Wrocław. Our field trip gave us the unique opportunity to develop our knowledge, and we enjoyed it and had fun over there too. That's why we should say thank you to all the teachers that helped and organized this amazing trip.

Anne-Sophie Neyra
Year 9



More photos from this trip on the last page of the newsletter.

Year 6 Trip to the Zoo

Our trip to the zoo happened on the twelfth of October 2011 in wroclaw. The whole class came but we had an extra student, Marten in year seven.

The day started off at the same time as usual. We than got all our stuff together and headed out. The tram came as we crossed the road to the tram stop. We were right on time. The tram was number 2 ,which lead straight to the zoo. The journey took about forty minutes by tram and ten minutes of walking.

We got to the zoo and started our trip. We looked at the animals for about an hour. We went to the petting zoo and saw animals like the giraffe, zebra, bear, monkey and so on. We found a nice place to sit and had our snacks. Later we looked some more. This time we saw hyaenas, gazelles, antelopes, not to forget our favourite, the lions and more. We made our way to the aquarium to have our workshop. The lady spoke English but had trouble with certain words. She showed us 2 turtles, a tarantula, some fish, 2 monkeys, some deer like things and the Kea.

I learned that there are more endangered species then I thought. I also learned that some animals they have there are extinct from the wild! I now know that they have a special place just for birds.

A lot of people including me liked the lions. You can climb into a truck and look at them up close! A lioness actually came up to the window and tried to attack it. When that happened everybody screamed.

Well that's all of my zoo story. I had loads of fun and can't wait to come back.

Charlotte Kelham

It all started a cold Wednesday morning in October. We were about to leave to get on the tram. Our teacher, Mrs Shier told us to try to find interesting stuff of Wroclaw that we could. But we were already busy racing a bus. 30 minutes passed, we were almost there. Some of us



could already see Peoples Hall, that meant we were really close.

At last we got off from the tram. I was so excited to see animals like lions, hippos, giraffes... But I did not know that after those gates I was going to see animals that I never imagined. We had just entered the zoo gates when I saw a giraffe's head. I knew that from that very moment that there was going to be much better animals. Our class was moving in direction to the petting zoo. Inside it there a lot of fun animals but my favourite one was a brownish bunny with black eyes. Then we went to see the horses but none of them were outside except a funny looking donkey. Then we went to see the llamas, they weren't really interesting because they were only eating grass. So we moved to the next animal. This time it was really interesting: it was the lynx, an endangered specie. They were eating when we went to see them. It was a whole family and one looked at me and hid it self. Then we continued going through the zoo when we reached the bison's, they were huge! Next we moved until we reached the bears and a type of monkey. Both were really interesting but especially the monkey. This was one of my favourite parts. When we started to go see another animal a monkey started following us. It was really funny. After that we went to see the lions. To see them you had to get on a car and be silent. Suddenly a lioness got up and came to the car, then it put it's paw on the window. It was so cool! Next we went to see the kangaroos. They were really funny. Then we went to see one really interesting animal. It was called Kea. I looked at my watch 2:30, time to go. We quickly got out of the zoo and caught the tram. When I got on I started thinking about our day at the zoo.

Nicolas Gamez Pineda



Today all year 6, one from year 7 and I went to the zoo on 12th October 2011. This tells you what happened.

At the zoo we saw lots of animals like lions, tigers, deer, emus, monkeys, bears, bison, elephants, and lots more.

The things I liked the best, were the lions, especially when they got real close to us and hit the window of the safari truck. I liked the monkeys, because they followed us around when we had food. I liked under the keas wings because they were bright orange. I liked the elephant's exhibit because the elephants did tricks.

I learnt the endangered levels and that most turtles are endangered. That most of the animals in the zoo are rated LC.

In conclusion the day was a success, I had lots of fun with my friends. Thank you Miss Schier and Miss Anna.

Jack Wilson

It's the twelfth October 2011 and we went on a trip today. We went to the Zoo in Wroclaw. Let's first get more details.

We went to the lions. You could sit in a car and you had to get in from the back. I was sitting in the front where the steering wheel was. Then a lioness came up to us. She sat down at the other side of the car then it walked my way! Than it did the same as on the other side and she just sat there. I was looking at it then with one quick movement it scratched the window as if it wanted me. Of course there was glass in between but everybody started screaming. I was so scared. After Sanghwan gave it a hi five he got scared too.

I really liked the lions. I also liked the Kea (a type of Bird) because it was so smart and of course it was a nice bird to see. I liked some of the monkeys to especially our favorite monkey. The monkeys at the bears where nice too, they followed us even

when we were running. The bears were very big and probably strong too. I learned about the Kea first of it's a real bird and it can solve puzzles and stuff like that . I learned about a small fish I learned alot about if they would all die then maybe bigger animals would die because they can't find any food. I learned about two different types of turtles. One lives on land the other one swim most of the time. The water turtle has a really long neck. The strange thing is the neck is so long it doesn't fit in its shell! It's also endangered because people hunt them for their shells to make things like bowls out of it and they eat the meet. The other turtle has a shorter neck and also is endanger because of the same reasons the one. Then we saw a bird called the starling. Another type of bird, it's all white and it's small these are also endanger because people used to think it gave luck so they caught them but of course they would die quickly so then they just caught a new one and a new one because they died so quickly.

After that we took the tram back to school we were all really tired but we had a great time.

Stan Timmermans



Year 3 Trip to the Rynek

Today is October 17th, 2011. The weather was very sunny. the destination of our trip was Rynek of Wroclaw.

We went to the Rynek by tram and it took 30 minutes to get to the Rynek. After we got off, we walked about 5 minutes.

We looked around the Rynek for object and said what materials they were made from. After, we ate pizza and drank Cola.

My favourite thing was a gnome because the gnome was funny that it was pushing the big ball!

We came back to the school by tram again. It was hot. Today's trip was very fun and good. Also, I was a little bit tired :)

Yun Jin

Date: 17th of October

Weather: Sunny and cold

Destination: Rynek

We went to the Rynek by tram. It took about 13 minutes to get there.

We tried to find many kinds of materials. After that we ate pizza for lunch.

I liked to find many kinds of materials around me because I could learn what things are made from.

After lunch, we took the tram to go back to school.

Sehoon

On Monday, October 17th, 2011, we went to the Rynek. The weather was sunny but cold.

We got there by tram and it didn't take long.

In the Rynek we found different materials. I walked with my best friend Totos (aka Tom). I ate pizza.

I liked walking with Totos and Ben. It was fun.

We ate pizza. Then we went back to school by tram.

David



AROUND BISC WROCLAW



A brief introduction to parents at BISC Wroclaw