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BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW

NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



Dear Parents and visitors to our website,

Firstly a big thank you to all parents who were able to attend our two parent-teacher evenings this week to follow the progress of your children. If you were unable to make either of these meetings, please feel free to contact your son/daughter's teacher(s) to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss their progress. I would also like to thank the staff for their hard work this week, which on top of the parent meetings has included an after school staff meeting to discuss the school development plan, and for some a late night on Friday overseeing the secondary school disco; you have all earned your half-term break!

Of course the big event this week has been the school Halloween celebrations, and this started for me when one of our senior students jumped in fright when he saw me and said "take that horrible mask off sir, it's not Halloween yet!" Needless to say I wasn't wearing a mask ;) Joking apart, there have been some wonderful hand-made decorations adorning the school this week and I commend all the students on their creativity and hard work. This week was a whole-school assembly and thus a great opportunity to talk a little more about

Halloween. We found out that Halloween is a very ancient celebration that has links with the Celtic, Roman and Christian civilizations, and that many of the things we do now are not new but go back long, long ago. Centuries ago people went from house to house for cakes like we do for sweets, but what they were collecting were 'soul' cakes which they ate for protection against the spirits. Also, scary costumes were worn as far back as we know, and again this was for protection against spirits who would not recognize who you were. Thinking further about what happens on Halloween, we thought about how we must consider others feelings and also not to believe everything you hear is true (especially spooky tales). We had a short story about a witch and her panther (cat), and how her trick kept the local community thinking she was a sweet old lady with only her cat for company. I had a little smile to myself when lots of people jumped off their seats when I roared when the panther chased the girls!

As I write this it is Thursday with our Halloween activity day to look forward to.

I do this because I know that I will be too busy to write tomorrow and also as I would like to properly inform you about the events in the next newsletter. Anyway before I go, a couple of important announcements;

- Congratulations Under 16 girls' basketball team on their victory in the league.
- The PTA would ask you to donate any toys, books, games and DVD's for the Bazaar on the 9th of November.
- The school will be completely closed on Monday 31st October and Tuesday 1st November.

I wish you all a wonderful break,

p.s. "Why didn't the skeleton enjoy the disco?" Because he had nobody to dance with!



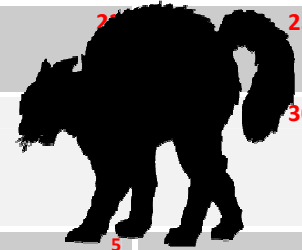
Best regards,
Wayne Billington
Head of School



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 ESL for parents (8.35a.m.-9.20a.m.) Halloween Party	29	30
31 Half Term Break School closed	1 Half Term Break School closed	2 Half Term Break IGCSE exams 9.00 a.m.	3 Half Term Break	4 Half Term Break IGCSE exams 9.00 a.m.	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. School will be completely closed on Monday 31st October and Tuesday 1st November.

5. Office opening hours during the holiday:

Ms. Kasia's Office

Wed 2nd November 10am-4pm

Thurs 3rd November 10am-4pm
Fri 4th November 10am-4pm

Ms. Marlena's Office

Wed 2nd November 8am – 2pm
Thurs 3rd November 8am – 2pm
Fri 4th November 8am – 2pm

6. Remember that the clocks will go back one hour at 3am on Sunday 30th October.

7. ISBC books and school photos can be collected from Ms Marlena's office.



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



Imperceptibly, the first half term came to an end. It was an interesting period of time! The school has welcomed many new students. Our classrooms are full of good energy and laughter.

The children have studied various topics, have undertaken numerous projects, some of which have been presented in assemblies. We enjoyed some exciting and educational trips.

I would like to thank all the primary staff for making the school a friendly and interesting place. Many thanks to PTA parents – we wouldn't have achieved so much without you!

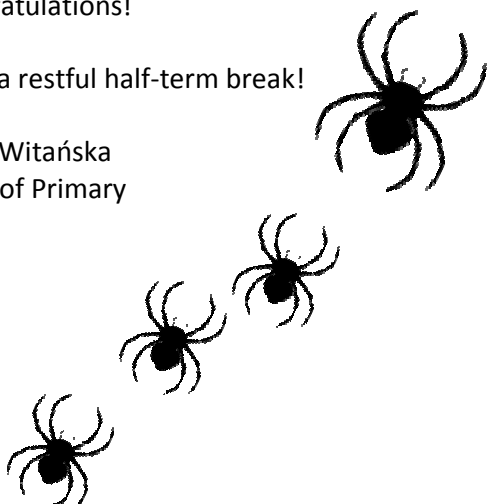
On Thursday the whole school participated in the assembly. The following primary students were nominated Stars of the Week:

Foundation - Max
Year 1 Eagles - Teresa
Year 1 Sparrows – Alexia
Year 2 – Alvaro
Year 3 - David
Year 4 - Anna
Year 5 – Koki
Year 6 – Sanghwan

Congratulations!

Have a restful half-term break!

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary



News from Head of Secondary



Dear Parents and students,

Halloween week draws to a close and I must thank the Secondary school council students for all their hard endeavours in producing the games for tomorrow's activities day, and for

planning their own disco.

This week has focused on our parent-teacher meetings and I hope you all had good news about your son/daughter's progress. Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to arrange a meeting with myself through Ms. Marlena. Also, a reminder to students involved in the November exam sitting that the First Language English exam is on Wednesday 2nd and Friday 4th next week (Yes I know it's during the holiday!! See you there!!).

A piece of news which arrived too late to be included in the main newsletter is that the school owners have kindly given the go ahead for a large room in the big villa to be converted into a bad weather gymnasium. It is expected that this conversion will be quite quick and should be completed by the end of November barring any unforeseen problems. I think Mr. Marcin feels like his Birthday has arrived!

I will let you know how our Halloween activity day went in our next newsletter, so all that remains to be said is have a great half-term break.

Best regards to you all,

Wayne Billington
Head of Secondary

HAPPY HALLOWEEN! :)

