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ISSUE 9 Thursday 10th November

Dear Parents and visitors to our website,

It seems like only yesterday that I completed our last newsletter, but lo and behold here we are again! I hope you all had a pleasant break and are back fresh for the run-up to Christmas.

As promised in the last newsletter, I will relate a little more about our Halloween activities day. Every primary class and three rooms prepared by the secondary school council became Halloween themed rooms for the day. There were games such as throwing balls into a monster's mouth and being chased by the mummified King Tutankhamen, as well as plenty of gooey stuff being liberally spread everywhere. Our students spent the morning moving from room to room experiencing all the spooky activities and, when lucky, collecting treats for their efforts. Virtually the whole school were wearing imaginative themed costumes, and congratulations goes to those who won the best dressed prizes. By the way, Miss Nancy scared the life out of me - way too realistic, I think! All in all everyone had a great time, and I give my thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the celebration a success. That evening after school the secondary students continued the celebrations with their Halloween disco. The music was loud (it blew up the amplifier!) and the dancing was hard, with DJ Emmett doing his best to keep everyone happy. Whilst I am still suffering a certain amount of deafness, I must thank

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the school council representatives for their brilliant organization in planning and holding the event. Also a big well done for setting everything up on the night, and for leaving everything as tidy as possible at the end. I should also comment on the excellent behaviour of those who attended, and thanks to Mr. Alex and Ms. Maria for staying behind to give me a hand.

This week has seen the first major PTA event, namely the Autumn Bazaar, so I must thank all the PTA members for their effort, and everyone who kindly donated items for the sale. A big thanks also goes to Mrs. Taniguchi and Iwasa who are working on updating the 'Where are we from' map. The school would also like to express its gratitude to the PTA for funding the purchase of a primary school Christmas play which will be staged later in December. Keep your eyes on the PTA noticeboard for the announcement of Christmas workshops and other events.

A couple of other announcements are that the owners of the school kindly

agreed to the refurbishment of a large ground floor room in the big villa for use as a bad weather gym. Mr. Marcin has been liaising with the architect and builders, and informs me that work may be completed well before the end of the month. Another development has been in our mother-tongue programme, which has seen the inclusion of Russian, and also the opportunity of using this teacher for Polish lessons for parents (watch out for the time and place this will happen).

Finally, please all remember that this Friday 11th November is a National Holiday, and as such the school will be closed.

Wishing you all a pleasant long weekend,



Best regards,
Wayne Billington
Head of School



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Y2 Trip to Boleslawiec	9 ESL for parents (2.40p.m.- 3.25p.m.) P.T.A. Bazaar 1.00p.m. dining room	10 Secondary School Assembly 8.35 a.m.	11 Polish Independence Day National Holiday	12	13
14 Staff Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. dining room Secondary Staff Meeting	15 Round Table (Primary) 8.30a.m.	16 ESL for parents (2.40p.m.- 3.25p.m.)	17 Secondary School Assembly 8.35 a.m.	18 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. ESL for parents (8.35a.m.- 9.20a.m.)	19	20
21 Staff Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. dining room Full Staff Meeting	22 Round Table (Secondary) 8.30a.m.	23 ESL for parents (2.40p.m.- 3.25p.m.)	24 Secondary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. Thanksgiving Day	25 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. ESL for parents (8.35a.m.- 9.20a.m.) Y1 Bake a Cake Day	26	27
28 Staff Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. dining room	29	30 ESL for parents (2.40p.m.- 3.25p.m.)	1 Whole School Assembly 8.35 a.m.	2	3	4

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. The school will be completely closed on Friday 11th November due to public holiday in Poland (Polish Independence Day).

5. Prizes for the House logo art competition will be presented at the next all-school assembly.

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



The first week of the second half-term passed very quickly. The children seemed happy to see their friends and teachers again and to share their experiences from the break.

The everyday activities went as usual throughout the school.

Mr. Marcin made use of the (still!) beautiful weather to practise football and basketball skills with the students. Year 4 finished typing their articles on the second world war. Year 2 went on a well-enjoyed trip to the ceramics factory in Boleslawiec.

Next week we are going to start rehearsing for the Christmas Concert. This year the Primary Concert will take place in the Firlej Theatre. I can reveal that Key Stage 2 children will prepare a musical play about Peter Pan. Please support this worthwhile event by helping your child work on memorising their lines and song lyrics at home.

Next week's newsletter is going to include WHAT'S ON section so that you will be able to easily follow the cultural life of the city.

As you know, Friday is a public holiday in Poland and this is why the children do not go to school on that day. Some of them asked me about the origin of this holiday, hence I would like to provide you with a few words of explanation. National Independence Day (Polish: *Narodowe Święto Niepodległości*) is celebrated every year on 11 November to commemorate the anniversary of Poland's assumption of independent statehood in 1918 after 123 years of partition by Russia, Prussia and Austria. The foundation of the Second Polish Republic is considered a key event by many Poles.

Wishing you a nice weekend,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



Dear Parents and students,

Welcome back from the half-term break.

Being a short week and following on from the holiday, exciting news is a little far and few between. Probably the most important issue is the creation of two management posts in the Secondary school teaching team. I am pleased to announce that Ms. Justyna has accepted the position of Deputy Head and Ms. Maria the position of Senior teacher. The Secondary school now has a strong management team, and I hope working together we can move the school even further forward.

I must again reiterate sentiments expressed in the main newsletter regarding the involvement of the School Council in providing the 'What's the time Mr. Tut,' 'Monsters' Last meal' and 'Monster body parts' rooms for the Halloween celebrations. These activities were well received by the younger students, who especially enjoyed the messier aspects of the games such as the sloppy jelly stomach contents and the spaghetti and ketchup brains. Well done also on holding a great disco which was well attended and will provide funds for a Christmas event, and I would like to suggest a council meeting for Wednesday 16th November next week to discuss ideas for the forthcoming festivities.

This week's assembly was on the theme of remembrance and acknowledged the fact that since the signing of the Armistice that ended World War one, there has yet to be one day of peace around the World. In remembrance of all who have lost their lives in conflicts during the last century we listened to part of Laurence Binyon's poem 'For the Fallen.' The key verse reads;

'They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.'

A great long-weekend to everyone,

Wayne Billington
Head of Secondary

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