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Dear Parents and visitors to our website,

It was good to be back at school following my illness, although it was only towards the end of the week that I felt anywhere near 100% recovered.

It was a whole school assembly this week and we needed a shoe-horn to get everyone into the hall; we ended up with Year 2 sat behind me on the stage! Funnily enough seeing so many people assembled really fitted into the theme of the assembly; that of community. I opened the assembly by asking if anybody could give me their idea of what they thought a community was. As there were no bright sparks present that morning, I informed that I felt that the best definition was probably that a community was a group of people having a common interest, and that together they participate in sharing and friendship. In addition I said I thought the strength of a community was founded on its' rules and in being inclusive, as if either of these are ignored the community with eventually collapse. To illustrate these ideas I read a story more aimed at the younger members of our community about the 'blue people' and 'green people,' to try and also get across the idea that communities can also be insular and exclusive to their detriment. We heard the adventures of a blue boy and a green girl who when hurt during their encounter found that whilst different colours they in fact had the same colour blood: red. Following this revelation they grew together, married had children and created an inclusive community called the rainbow people. For the older students I read a short passage about a disabled woman whose thoughts conveyed the idea that prejudgment can also lead to exclusion form a community which

## BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW

# NEWSLETTER

## WEEKLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



ended with the words. " When we judge a person based on their appearance, or judge a person's character or their actions, we are holding that person up to a standard that we ourselves may not be able to achieve. (Anonymous)." We concluded assembly with the announcement that our school 'House system' will formally start next week, and with a myriad of certificates and prizes for both primary and secondary students.

Other events in school have been focusing on the issue of 'space' in our growing school. It has been decided that due to the expansion in Foundation, after half-term break Mr. Rob's Year 1 class will move in the current Year 4 room and Foundation will expand into that room (we also now have 2 class teachers as well as 2 assistants). Miss Anna's Year 4 class is relocating to the big villa to accommodate this change. It has also been decided in consultation with Miss Diana and at the behest of several parents, that Year 2 will not be split at this late stage in the year, rather our new teacher will team-teach with Miss Diana in the current room which is plenty big enough to cope with the numbers. Personally I would also like to thank the members of Mrs. Lee's Art club who are

currently engaged on painting a mural in the corridor to the indoor gym which is greatly brightening up the surroundings. Keep up the good work!

It only leaves me to thank all of you for supporting our learning community, so I'll leave you with the words of the writer Paul Knight.

"We all know that community must be the center of our lives because it is only in community that we can be citizens. It is only in community that we can find care. It is only in community that we can hear people singing. And if you listen carefully, you can hear the words: I care for you."

LET'S ALL EMBRACE OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

Have a wonderful weekend,



Best regards,  
Wayne Billington  
Head of School



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| Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday                      | Sunday |
|--|--|---|--|--|-------------------------------|--------|
| 6<br>Polish for Parents<br>(2.40p.m. – 3.25 p.m.)  | 7<br>Polish for Parents<br>(2.40p.m. – 3.25 p.m.)  | 8<br>ESL for Parents<br>(2.40p.m.-3.25p.m.)<br><br>Polish for Parents<br>(1.50p.m. – 3.25 p.m.)                                   | 9<br>Whole School<br>Assembly<br>8.35 a.m.   | 10<br>ESL for Parents<br>(8.35a.m.-9.20a.m.)   | 11                            | 12     |
| 13<br>Polish for Parents<br>(2.40p.m. – 3.25 p.m.)   | 14<br>Secondary Round<br>Table<br>8.35a.m.<br><br>Valentine's Day<br><br>Polish for Parents<br>(2.40p.m. – 3.25 p.m.)<br><br>Whole School Staff<br>Meeting<br>3.40p.m. | 15<br>ESL for Parents<br>(2.40p.m.-3.25p.m.)<br><br>Polish for Parents<br>(1.50p.m. – 3.25 p.m.)<br><br>Advisory Board<br>Meeting | 16<br>Secondary School<br>Assembly<br>8.35 a.m.<br><br>Bake a cake Year 5<br><br>Y7-11 Fat Thursday<br>Party | 17<br>ESL for Parents<br>(8.35a.m.-9.20a.m.)<br><br>Primary School<br>Assembly<br>8.35 a.m.<br><br>PTA Pizza Day | 18                            | 19     |
| 20<br>Half Term Break  | 21<br>Half Term Break  | 22<br>Half Term Break   | 23<br>Half Term Break  | 24<br>Half Term Break  | 25                            | 26     |
| 27<br>Polish for Parents<br>(2.40p.m. – 3.25 p.m.)<br><br>Returning/Non<br>Returning forms<br>Deadline | 28<br>Foundation Round<br>Table<br>8.35a.m.<br><br>Polish for Parents<br>(2.40p.m. – 3.25 p.m.)  | 29<br>PTA Coffee Morning<br><br>ESL for Parents<br>(2.40p.m.-3.25p.m.)<br><br>Polish for Parents<br>(1.50p.m. – 3.25 p.m.)        | 1<br>Secondary School<br>Assembly<br>8.35 a.m.   | 2<br>Dr. Seuss' Day<br><br>ESL for Parents<br>(8.35a.m.-9.20a.m.)<br><br>Primary School<br>Assembly<br>8.35 a.m. | 3<br>PTA Friendship<br>Dinner | 4      |
| 5<br>Polish for Parents<br>(2.40p.m. – 3.25 p.m.)  | 6<br>Primary Round Table<br>8.35a.m.<br><br>Polish for Parents<br>(2.40p.m. – 3.25 p.m.)   | 7<br>PTA Meeting<br><br>ESL for Parents<br>(2.40p.m.-3.25p.m.)<br><br>Polish for Parents<br>(1.50p.m. – 3.25 p.m.)                | 8<br>Secondary School<br>Assembly<br>8.35 a.m.   | 9<br>ESL for Parents<br>(8.35a.m.-9.20a.m.)<br><br>Primary School<br>Assembly<br>8.35 a.m.                       | 10                            | 11     |

## 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 is available:

Monday – 11.20 – 3.25

Tuesday – 8.30 – 3.25

Wednesday – 10.30 – 3.25

Thursday – 11.20 – 3.25

Friday – 10.30 – 3.25

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

4. All BISC Wrocław families have been sent a form to state their intentions for next year – ie. if they will be staying or leaving. We would really appreciate your support in completing and returning these forms to Ms Kasia **by 27<sup>th</sup> February 2012**, as this information is essential for us in order to plan accurately for the academic year 2012/2013.

## Extra Curricular Activities

| ECA                            | TEACHER                           | AGE GROUP                 | WHERE                       | WHEN                                    |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Homework Club                  | Richard Bywater                   | Y1 – Y6                   | Yr 3 room                   | Wednesday 3:30                          |
| Homework Club                  | Marta Mironiuk                    | Y1 – Y6                   | Yr 1 room (sparrows)        | Monday 3:30                             |
| Sewing Club                    | Anna Witańska                     | Y2 – Y6                   | Yr 4 room                   | Wednesday 3:30                          |
| Newspaper Club                 | Kristina Galuska                  | Y3 – Y6                   | ESL room (opposite the gym) | Monday 3:30                             |
| ESL For Parents                | Iwona Sokołowska                  | parents                   | ESL room in the small villa | Wednesday, period 7<br>Friday, period 1 |
| Origami Club                   | Iza Łuczowska                     | Y1– Y6                    | Foundation room             | Tuesday<br>3:30                         |
| Circle Art Club                | Karolina Traut<br>Karpińska       | F – Y2                    | Year 1 room<br>(eagles)     | Tuesday<br>1:30                         |
| Handwriting                    | Diana Tonge                       | Y2– Y6                    | Year 2 room                 | Thursday<br>3:30                        |
| Creative Writing               | Joanna Schier                     | Y3- Y6                    | Year 6 room                 | Monday<br>3:30                          |
| Art Club                       | Hye Seung Lee                     | Y3- Secondary             | Art room                    | Thursday<br>3:30                        |
| Football Club                  | Rob Jefferies<br>Alex Sitkowiecki | Y1 – Y6                   | ul. Trwała 17-19            | Monday<br>4:00 – 5:15                   |
| Swimming                       | Marcin Kwasiuk                    | Y1 – Y3                   | ul. Trwała 17-19            | Tuesday<br>5:20-6:05                    |
| Swimming                       | Marcin Kwasiuk                    | Y4 upwards                | ul. Trwała 17-19            | Friday<br>5:20-6:05                     |
| Guitar Club                    | Maciek Posłuszny                  | Y3 – Y6<br><br>Y7 upwards | Music room                  | Wednesday 3:30<br>Friday 12.10          |
| School Band                    | Maciek Posłuszny                  | Y7 upwards                | Music room                  | Tuesday<br>3:30                         |
| School Orchestra               | Maciek Posłuszny                  | Y5 upwards                | Music room                  | Thursday<br>3:30                        |
| Drawing Club                   | Rebecca Grocott                   | Secondary                 | Year 11 room                | Tuesday 12.10                           |
| Japanese for beginners         | Hiroko Nagai                      | Secondary                 | Japanese room               | Monday 12.10<br>Wednesday 12.10         |
| Japanese for advanced students | Hiroko Nagai                      | Secondary                 | Japanese room               | Tuesday 12.10<br>Friday 12.10           |
| Creative writing Club          | Joanna Schier                     | Y2 upwards                | Year 6 room                 | Monday 3.30                             |
| Polish for Parents             | Hanna Savel                       | Beginners                 | ESL room (by the gym)       | Tuesdays 2.40<br>Wednesdays 1.50        |
|                                |                                   | Intermediate              | French room                 | Mondays 2.40<br>Wednesdays 2.40         |

## News from Head of Primary

## News from Head of Secondary



It was a busy week in the Primary School. Foundation children were learning about old and new toys. Year 1 Eagles talked about books and shared some special books with the class. Year 4 analysed solids and various mixtures. The students worked on separating mixtures, too.

I would like to appeal to students and parents again regarding the after school time. Sadly, Ms. Kristina's room (ESL) was disturbed on Tuesday after school and her personal belongings damaged. Please bear in mind that children are allowed to be in the buildings after school only if supervised by the parents. Another request – I know that all our students love playing football, but the field needs to rest until spring, let us give it a chance to!

Thursday saw the whole school meet for the assembly. The theme of the assembly was “community.” Mr. Billington talked about the House system, to be introduced very soon.

The following students were Stars of the Week:

Foundation – whole class

Year 1 Eagles - Andrey

Year 1 Sparrows – Alexia

Year 2 – George

Year 3 - Ben

Year 4 – Anna

Year 5 – Hyeon Jin

Year 6 – Chai Hyun

Congratulations!

Let me remind you that it is Valentine's Day on Tuesday. Why don't the children start making cards over the weekend, so that our Valentine Post Box is full on the day.

Wishing you a good weekend,

Anna Witańska  
Head of Primary



Dear Parents and students,

This is the time of year that the secondary school teachers start to focus upon summer exams, both internal and external. Entries for the next IGCSR series are already being passed to me and these will be closely followed by those for AS and A level. There will as always be a formal exam practice session (what we call mocks), and these will be taken at the start of March, precise dates and times will be given to the students in due course. These exams will enable the teachers to make predicted grades to the exam boards and also identify areas of weakness that need to be worked on. Students should take this exam session seriously as it will be their first opportunity to experience a proper controlled exam environment. In line with the final exams, students should prepare themselves a study programme, eat well and make sure they get plenty of sleep outside of studying time.

In September the current Year 9 move into Year 10 and start the first year of the IGCSE programme, and this year I have decided I will hold a meeting with parents to discuss and explain the programme and the choices that can be made. I envisage this occurring in April, but will confirm the exact date and time at a later date.

Next week is Valentine's Day, so I can imagine that our students will have a busy time buying and writing cards to they have affection for over the weekend. There will be a post-box available next week for depositing these in; they will be handed out at the end of the day. The school council are actively considering a disco next Friday to celebrate the event, so keep your eyes open for posters or information confirming whether this has come to fruition.

Wishing you all a good weekend,

Wayne Billington  
Head of Secondary

SPISKA Ice Skating Rink  
ul. Spiska 1  
on Saturday and Sunday (11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>  
February) from 8:00  
tickets: PLN 12

„Percival” by Richard Wagner in Wrocław  
Opera House  
ul. Świdnicka 35  
on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 5:00 p.m.  
tickets: PLN 25 – 250

“See you in Jerusalem in a year's time” a  
Polish-Israeli film and photo project  
White Stork Synagogue, ul. Włodkowica 7  
on Saturday and Sunday (11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>  
February) from 10:00  
tickets: free

Film music of the 20's and 30's for  
children  
Wrocław Philharmonic House, ul.  
Piłsudkiego 19  
on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 11:00  
tickets: PLN 15

Choir concert  
Wrocław Philharmonic House, ul.  
Piłsudkiego 19  
on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7:00  
tickets: PLN 25 - 60

### Doughnuts Recipe

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ grated nutmeg
- 1 egg
- 3 cups flour

### Instructions

1. Combine the ingredients in the order given and mix well.
2. Add enough flour to make dough stiff enough to roll.
3. Divide the dough into three equal parts. Toss one part on a floured board, knead slightly, roll out to one-fourth inch thickness.
4. Cut with doughnut cutter.
5. Fry in several inches of cooking oil, remove with tongs, and let dry on brown paper.
6. Repeat with remaining sections. Roll in powdered sugar before serving.

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