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Dear Parents and visitors to our website,

The long awaited snow has finally arrived, although how long it will be around is another question (the BBC weather website predicts plus 4 centigrade over the weekend for Wroclaw!). In the meantime please ensure your children are suitably attired for the conditions and make sure you give extra time for travelling to ensure that they can be delivered and collected on time. Due to recurring cases of lateness (which of course seriously disrupts lessons) you are reminded that the school hours are **0835 to 1525**. This also raises a further issue in that if you remain in school after 1525 please remember that unless your child is attending an ECA they are completely under your parental control and supervision.

This week I decided to keep my teaching-hand in, and to this end liaised with Miss Jennifer of year5 so that I could take a variety of lessons with them. I have had a great time getting to know year 5 and have really appreciated their politeness, friendliness and readiness to learn. I particularly enjoyed our comprehension lesson where we read a Greek myth about Apollo and the Chimaera; I was particularly impressed with everyone's reading skills and with their rich vocabularies. During the reading we paused to do a quick sketch of the monster based on the description in the text; a lion's head, a goat's body and a serpent tail. If our sketches are to be believed I don't think this monster could have been scary at all! All in all it has been great being back in the classroom, and I commend year 5 for being

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positive and hard-working.

A reminder that next week is our half-term break (18th to 26th February inclusive), so please don't drop off your children at school by accident. Around school in general we are trying to respond to several matters raised by our parent body. The first of these is that due to the weather our primary students are using up lunch time dressing to move to and from the big villa, and that as a result some children are finding it hard to finish their lunches in time. As a winter measure we have decided that the lesson before lunch will end 5 minutes early and that the lesson after lunch will start 5 minutes later; this additional 10 minutes should resolve this issue. With regard to school resourcing the secondary school were pleased to receive a further Digital Projector, and the decision regarding further computer hardware continues with discussion over the best equipment we need for several types of use and how to get the effective usage out of it. When as a teaching team these decisions are arrived at further purchases will be made. Thinking of school in general I ask you all for your patience, understanding and support in this period of development

and change in our school. Rest assured that everything that is happening is for the good of our children and our school, but like most good things they cannot happen overnight and require much planning and forethought to ensure success. A good example of this is the refurbishment of the red building at the back of the school which will begin in the spring but will probably only bear fruition in the new academic year. As the famous writer Goethe said 'He who moves not forward, goes backward,' and hand in hand with this Bernard Shaw who stated 'Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.'

Wishing you all a good holiday,



Best regards,
Wayne Billington
Head of School



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
13 Polish for Parents (2.40p.m. – 3.25 p.m.)	14 Secondary Round Table 8.35a.m. Valentine's Day Polish for Parents (2.40p.m. – 3.25 p.m.) Whole School Staff Meeting 3.40p.m.	15 ESL for Parents (2.40p.m.-3.25p.m.) Polish for Parents (1.50p.m. – 3.25 p.m.) Romeo and Juliet ballet Opera in Wroclaw 7p.m.	16 Secondary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. Bake a cake Year 5 Y7-11 Fat Thursday Party	17 ESL for Parents (8.35a.m.-9.20a.m.) Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. PTA Pizza Day	18	19
20 Half Term Break	21 Half Term Break	22 Half Term Break	23 Half Term Break	24 Half Term Break	25	26
27 Polish for Parents (2.40p.m. – 3.25 p.m.) Returning/Non Returning forms Deadline	28 Foundation Round Table 8.35a.m. Polish for Parents (2.40p.m. – 3.25 p.m.)	29 PTA Coffee Morning ESL for Parents (2.40p.m.-3.25p.m.) Polish for Parents (1.50p.m. – 3.25 p.m.)	1 Secondary School Assembly 8.35 a.m.	2 Dr. Seuss' Day ESL for Parents (8.35a.m.-9.20a.m.) Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m.	3 PTA Friendship Dinner	4
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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 – 3.25
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 Wroclaw 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 27th February 2012**, as this information is
essential for us in order to plan accurately for the

academic year 2012/2013.

5. Message from our PTA: SAVE THE DATE Saturday
March, 3rd BISC Parents and teachers night out.
Details to follow after the break.

6. Office opening hours during the half term break:

Ms. Marlena's Office

Mon 20th February - 8am - 2pm
Tue 21st February - 8am - 2pm
Wed 22nd February - 8am - 2pm
Thur 23rd February - 8am - 2pm
Fri 24th February – office closed

Ms. Kasia's Office

Mon 20th February – office closed
Tue 21st February – office closed
Wed 22nd February - 10am - 4pm
Thur 23rd February - 10am - 4pm
Fri 24th February – 10am - 4pm

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 Friday, period 1
Origami Club	Iza Łuczowska	Y1– Y6	Foundation room	Tuesday 3:30
Handwriting	Diana Tonge	Y2– Y6	Year 2 room	Thursday 3:30
Creative Writing	Joanna Schier	Y3- Y6	Year 6 room	Monday 3:30
Art Club	Hye Seung Lee	Y3- Secondary	Art room	Thursday 3:30
Football Club	Rob Jefferies Alex Sitkowiecki	Y1 – Y6	ul. Trwała 17-19	Monday 4:00 – 5:15
Swimming	Marcin Kwasiuk	Y1 – Y3	ul. Trwała 17-19	Tuesday 5:20-6:05
Swimming	Marcin Kwasiuk	Y4 upwards	ul. Trwała 17-19	Friday 5:20-6:05
Guitar Club	Maciek Połuszny	Y3 – Y6 Y7 upwards	Music room	Wednesday 3:30 Friday 12.10
School Band	Maciek Połuszny	Y7 upwards	Music room	Tuesday 3:30
School Orchestra	Maciek Połuszny	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
Polish for Parents	Hanna Savel	Beginners	ESL room (by the gym)	Tuesdays 2.40 Wednesdays 1.50
		Intermediate	French room	Mondays 2.40 Wednesdays 2.40

News from Head of Primary



This week saw a lot of snow, which entailed lots of snow-related activities for our students. First of all, they could start making snowmen, and I must say that I saw a lot of good team work while they pushed the gigantic balls. Secondly, they could play ice-hockey with Mr Marcin, which they really enjoyed.

As you probably know, there will be some room changes during and after the break. The Art room will be moved to the big villa. Year 4 will follow to its new classroom on the first floor. Year 1 Eagles will take the former Year 4's room, while Foundation will get another room for the little ones. There will be some new members of primary staff as well – Mr. Phil Hart who will be the second teacher in Year 2 and Ms. Jolanta Skiba to take the role of Year 5 assistant.

The last week of school was also filled with some good learning taking place. Year 3 were making their Anglo-Saxon houses (a History project). Year 4 studied various kinds of triangles in maths. Foundation prepared a lovely presentation about penguins.

On Friday we had our primary assembly. The following students got Star certificates:

Foundasia - Anastasia
Year 1 Eagles – Yasuyuki
Year 1 Sparrows – Chloe
Year 2 - Hyunha
Year 3 – Soomin
Year 4 – Yusuke
Year 5 – Rebeka, Candela, Iris, Jimena, Rion and Sang Hee
Year 6 – Jack

Congratulations!

I would also like to thank all the Teachers and Parents for the first half of term.

Wishing you a restful break,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



Dear Parents and students,

Secondary school has been busy this week with several events occurring. There have been student powerpoint presentations in assembly, Carnival celebrations and a hockey tournament.

In assembly this week we focused on Carnival and the fact that the day it was held was actually 'Fat Thursday.' Year 9 had prepared presentations about how carnival is celebrated around the world, and they shared this with the rest of the school. Following assembly the students used their PSHE time to create some colourful Carnival masks. In the afternoon the PTA kindly provided a traditional doughnut for each student (which ensures good luck for the rest of the year), and a short after school disco was held.

Mr. Marcin has been practicing hockey with the students all this week, so as it is the last day of half-term decided to hold a secondary House tournament today. Everyone gathered on a misty grey morning and battle began and continues as I write this. At this moment the pre-tournament favourites Pheonix have already suffered two defeats, so it will be interesting to see what House comes out on top in the end. Finally as you will note from the previous sentences our House system is now officially underway and hopefully our secondary students are starting to earn merits not only for good work, but for perseverance, helpfulness, improvement etc. and will see their House triumph at the end of the year.

Have a good holiday,

Wayne Billington
Head of Secondary

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST in the Wrocław Puppet Theatre at pl.Teatralny 4, on Saturday 18th February at 11:00
tickets: PLN 25
(the show is in Polish)

FLAMENCO DANCING NIGHT (a dance school show, then Latino music) in Mleczarnia at ul. Włodkowica 5 on Sunday 19th February at 6:00
Tickets: free

REGGAE LIVE SHOWS (a concert) Alibi Klub, at ul. Grunwaldzka 67 on Sunday 19th February at 7:00 p.m.
Tickets: PLN 70 -90

"La libertà chiama la libertà" in Wrocław Opera House at ul. Świdnicka 35, on Wednesday 22nd February at 7:00 p.m.
Tickets: PLN 25 – 250

"Halka" by S. Moniuszko in Wrocław Opera House at ul. Świdnicka 35, on Thursday 23rd February at 7:00 p.m.
Tickets: PLN 10 – 250

Shortbread

Ingredients

- 125g butter
- 55g caster sugar
- 180g plain flour

Preparation method

1. Heat the oven to 190C/375F/Gas 5.
2. Beat the butter and the sugar together until smooth.
3. Stir in the flour to get a smooth paste. Turn on to a work surface and gently roll out until the paste is 1cm/½in thick.
4. Cut into rounds or fingers and place onto a baking tray. Sprinkle with icing sugar and chill in the fridge for 20 minutes.

Bake in the oven for 15-20 minutes, or until pale golden-brown. Set aside to cool on a wire rack.



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