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BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW

# NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



Dear Parents and visitors to our website,

As many of you will have noted recently I have been sporting a wrist-brace, this has been due to carpal tunnel syndrome which has been plaguing me for the past few years and has finally come to a head with no feeling or sensation in my right hand or arm. However there is light at the end of the tunnel as in December I am scheduled to have it operated on, and am looking forward to a return to normality.

When body and soul is creaking and we are looking for salvation from somewhere, someone, something, it is time to take a step back and consider our situation in terms of its importance in life and the lessons we can actually learn from it. So, regardless of how futile your current existence may appear, look at it from another angle and try to find positives and escape-routes. A nice moral tale that reflects this is the one about a poor old donkey.

This is a story of a farmer who owned an old donkey. The donkey fell into the farmer's well. The farmer heard the donkey praying or whatever donkeys do when they fall into wells. After carefully assessing the situation, the farmer sympathized with the donkey, but decided that neither the donkey nor the well

was worth the trouble of saving. Instead, he called his neighbours together, told them what had happened, and asked them to help gather dirt to bury the old donkey in the well and put him out of his misery. Initially the old donkey was hysterical! But as the farmer and his neighbours continued shovelling and the dirt hit his back, a thought struck him. It suddenly dawned on him that every time a shovel load of dirt landed on his back, he would shake it off and take a step up! This he did shovelful after shovelful. "Shake it off and step up...shake it off and step up...shake it off and step up!" He repeated to encourage himself. No matter how painful the blows, or how distressing the situation seemed, the old donkey fought panic and just kept right on shaking it off and taking another step up. It wasn't long before the old donkey, battered and exhausted, stepped triumphantly over the wall of the well! What seemed like it would bury him actually helped him and it was all because of the manner in which he handled his adversity. That's life! If we face our problems and respond to them positively, and refuse to give in to panic, bitterness, or self-pity only positives can come from it. To conclude this week here is the last verse of Rudyard Kipling's "If";

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,

Or walk with Kings - nor lose the common touch,

If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,

If all men count with you, but none too much;

If you can fill the unforgiving minute

With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,

Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,

And - which is more - you'll be a Man, my son!

Have a good weekend,



Best regards,  
Wayne Billington  
Head of School



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				27 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. Secondary School Assembly 10.30a.m. PTA Christmas Bazaar	28	29
30 Primary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m.	1 Secondary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. library	2 Primary Round Table 8.30a.m. dining room	3 Secondary Staff Meeting 3.45p.m.	4 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. Secondary School Assembly 10.30a.m. Year 1 trip to Glinolandia	5	6
7 Primary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m.	8 Secondary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. library	9 Secondary Round Table 8.30a.m. dining room Savoury Snack Day Year 4 Year 1 trip to the Police Station Advisory Board 4.00p.m.	10 Secondary School Christmas Concert 4.00p.m. big villa	11 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. Secondary School Assembly 10.30a.m.	12	13
14 Primary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Foundation Christmas Concert Foundation Unit 2.30p.m.	15 Secondary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Library Primary Christmas Concert – Y1-Y3 1.30p.m. Centre for Culture at Powstańców Śląskich 190	16 Foundation Round Table 8.30a.m. dining room Primary Christmas Concert – Y4-Y6 1.30p.m. Centre for Culture at Powstańców Śląskich 190	17	18 Whole school assembly 8.35 a.m. Half Day School closes at 12.05 12.30p.m. Staff party	19	20

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 Hae Sung Lee, our Korean Coordinator is available:

**Monday** 8:00-8:30 / 10:10-10:30 / 11:20-13:40

**Tuesday** 8:00-8:30 / 10:10-10:30 / 11:20-13:50

**Wednesday** 8:00-8:30 / 10:10-13:50

**Thursday** 8:00-8:30 / 10:10-12:10 / 15:00-15:30

**Friday** 13:20-15:30

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2. School doctor is available for Parents and Staff on Thursdays from 10.00a.m. till 12.05p.m.

(G8 room, big villa)

3. We would like to remind all parents that they

should label their children's BISC uniforms, as sometimes the clothing items are left behind in the playground. A name label makes the identification process much faster and easier : )

4. Euro 26 ID Cards are ready. Please see Ms Marlena (school office, small villa) for more details.

5. ISBC books are finally here : ) Please see Ms Marlena (school office, small villa) for more details.

## Extra Curricular Activities 2015/2016

ECA	TEACHER	AGE GROUP	WHERE	WHEN
English for Parents : ) Intermediate group	Ewa Gołąbek	Parents : )	S2 room big villa	Mondays 2.00p.m. – 3.25p.m.
Short animated movie Club	Sławomir Czerwiński	Secondary	S3 room big villa	Tuesdays 1.00p.m. – 1.40p.m.
Polish for Parents : ) Intermediate group	Hanna Savel	Parents : )	S3 room big villa	Tuesdays 1.50p.m. – 3.25p.m.
English language support	Joanna Schier	Primary	Year 6 Jaguars room small villa	Tuesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Primary Orchestra	Maciej Posłuszny	Y4 – Y6	G11 room big villa	Tuesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Discussion Club	Jennifer Jones	Y2 – Y3	Year 3 Foxes room small villa	Tuesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Polish for Beginners	Anna Łoboziak	Y1-Y2	Year 2 Butterflies room Small villa	Tuesdays 3.45p.m. – 4.45p.m.
Kendo Club	Takaharu Uesugi	Y1 upwards	Dębowa Gym Dębowa 9b	Tuesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.45p.m.
Basketball Club (Boys and Girls)	Marcin Kwasiuk	Y6 – Y13	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Tuesdays 4.00p.m. – 5.20p.m.
Swimming	Marcin Kwasiuk	Y1 upwards Intermediate & Advanced	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Tuesdays 5.20p.m. – 6.05p.m.
Maths Club	Anna Witańska	Primary	Year 4 Shoebills room small villa	Wednesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Homework Club	Alexandra Turner	Primary	Year 3 Otters room small villa	Wednesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Polish for Parents : ) Beginners	Hanna Savel	Parents : )	S1 room big villa	Wednesdays 1.50p.m. – 3.25p.m.
Football Club	Marcin Kwasiuk	Y1 – Y9	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19 (all weather Sport's pitch outside of the school)	Wednesdays 4.00p.m. – 5.30p.m.
Chess Club	Alex Sitkowiecki and Bogdan Piątkowski	Secondary	S1 room big villa	Thursdays 1.15p.m. – 1.35p.m.
SingStar Club	Jakub Stefaniszyn	Secondary	G6 room big villa	Thursdays 1.15p.m. – 1.40p.m.
English for Parents : ) Pre Intermediate	Iwona Sokołowska	Parents : )	G10 room big villa	Thursdays 2.00p.m. – 3.25p.m.
Maths Homework Club	Justyna Połowska	Secondary	F3 room big villa	Thursdays 3.40p.m. – 4.25p.m.
Maths Kangaroo Club	Justyna Zając	Secondary	F2 room big villa	Thursdays 3.40p.m. – 4.25p.m.
Swimming	Karolina Kałużka	Y1 upwards Beginners	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Thursdays 5.20p.m. – 6.05p.m.
Musical Performance Club	Jakub Stefaniszyn	Secondary	G11 room big villa	Fridays 3.30p.m. – 4.40p.m.
Basketball Club	Marcin Kwasiuk	Y1- Y5	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Fridays 4.00p.m. – 5.20p.m.
Swimming	Marcin Kwasiuk	Y1 upwards Intermediate & Advanced	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Fridays 5.20p.m. – 6.05p.m.

## News from Head of Primary



This week brought the first snow which was a surprise to many of us (have you changed your tyres yet?). The kids were elated, still, there was not enough to make even the tiniest snowman. Please make sure that the children wear a warm coat and a hat in this weather.

I would like to thank all the parents who have signed the "doctor's check" permission slips. I encourage all the parents to do it, so as a school community we can all undergo regular examinations to prevent head lice from spreading and hopefully get rid of the problem very soon.

I shall take this opportunity to remind everybody about our concert dates: Foundation on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 14:30. The first primary Concert for Years 1-3 will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30, while the second Concert (Years 4-6) will be organised on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30.

On Friday we met in the hall for a singing assembly. The following students got this week's Star certificates:

Foundation Bees – Lara  
Foundation Turtles - Vittoria  
Year 1 Rabbits – Ga Eun, Matheo  
Year 2 Butterflies – Zuzia  
Year 3 Otters – Seo Yeong  
Year 3 Foxes – Didac  
Year 4 Shoebills – Lara and Youenn  
Year 5 Ravens – Alex  
Year 5 Kangaroos – Li Hyun  
Year 6 Jaguars – Helene

Congratulations, Stars!

Wishing you a nice weekend,

Anna Witańska  
Head of Primary

## News from Head of Secondary



Dear parents and students,

We had another pleasant week that included a book fair, snow, savory snacks, and entertaining rehearsals for the upcoming Christmas concert. The concert will be at 4:00 on December 10 in the main hall of the big villa.

Please come and join us to celebrate our students' musical talents.

In other news, year 11 Art students were working on their individual projects. Ye Ihn developed her ideas regarding comparison of works of three, great, female artists: Frida Kahlo, Alina Szapocznikow and Tracey Emin. Her focus is on the influence of their personal life experience on their art. This project is part of Ye Ihn's IGCSE Art and Design exam.

Martina is developing her first design project which is designing a costume for a dancer. The costume has to reflect the atmosphere of a life in a big city. Martina needs to make a visual and written research about different aspects of a life in a big city. Then she needs to design a costume based on her findings. This is a very important project because it will be similar to the one Martina can expect during her IGCSE Art and Design exam.

In the year 9 Maths class, students are working on examples that involve converting metric units. Some interesting examples include: how high a pile of 4000 1-grosz coins would be, how many matches do you need to place one after another to have a 1-km long track and how many cups would you need to fill in a swimming pool (about 1 920 000 cups).

Have a nice weekend,

Joe Peck  
Head of Secondary

## Spotlight on Year 9 – Thank you Teachers!

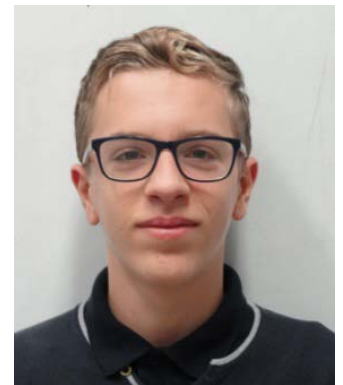
The Year 9 class would like to use this week's spotlight to thank the teachers and staff for all of their efforts to make each day a fun and interesting one. Here is what they have to say:

Mrs. Patricja, thank you for being such a nice teacher. I really enjoy my German classes because I learn many new things, but at the same time I have loads of fun. You always encourage me and it makes me want to get a lot better at German. - Iris



Mr. Marcin, thank you for making the PE classes so fun! I love sports and PE is my favourite lesson. So thank you for giving us the opportunity to play different types of sports, and go to many tournaments. Also, one last thank you for bringing me to the hospital when I got hurt at the hockey tournament. – Iris

If I had to thank someone from BISC staff, I would probably thank the staff like Mr. Marek, Mr. Jacek, Ms. Elwira, Ms. Anna, etc. Mostly because they probably opened the gate for me thousands of times and saved the ball from the greedy tree and repaired things that are broken all around the school. Also, for distributing the lunches every day to most of us. - Theo



I'd also like to thank Miss Iwona as a teacher because without her help, I couldn't be writing this as I learned English from her for a year and a half. Overall, I think every teacher. - Theo

Thank you Ms. Nancy. You are teaching me a new language, Spanish. When I first had lessons with you, I didn't understand anything. Now, thanks to you, I am catching up and I can understand some. - Yunhwa



Ms. Ewa, thank you for being our Polish teacher. I really like having this class. I learned a lot of Polish vocabulary and grammar. Polish is a really hard language but I don't find Polish that difficult and I am really having fun during class. Oh, and thank you for letting us go to the pizzeria!

- Sanghee





## Spotlight on Year 9 – Thank you Teachers!

Thank you Mr. Peter. In your English class it's not hard to understand and work with English when I compare with the first time in this school. I can see that I'm improved. Thank you for help in English.

- Daeun



Mr. Marcin, thank you for supporting us in different sport competitions and your faith in us. You are helping me to become stronger and more resistant. After your PE lessons, we are always in a good mood and ready to repeat everything one more time. Thank you for good teaching and we will try to not disappoint you in the future. - Daria



Thank you Mrs. Justyna. I didn't know many math words but you helped me a lot, so thank you. I'm concentrating in the class that's why I don't talk a lot. I'm not shy! Math class is very interesting! - Yejin



Thank you Mr. Ian for your help with English and thank you for keeping your promise. We were very surprised because we didn't know you remembered that. We will try to work more hard!

- Jejin and Daeun

For my year 9 form class, thank you for your very kind and thoughtful comments that you wrote to me about how much you enjoy science class. You are a terrific group to work with, and I really appreciate your efforts and the enthusiastic approach you have toward learning. – Mr. Peck



## **Bake-A-Cake or Savoury Snack Dates:**

Please Note: Due to expected tests and exams for Years 10-13 there are changes in the dates for Bake-A-Cake or Savoury Days.

Year 4 Shoebills	December 9, 2015
Year 5 Ravens	April 27, 2016
Year 5 Kangaroos	May 11, 2016
Year 6 Jaguars	February 10, 2016
Year 7	March 2, 2016
Year 8	March 16, 2016
Year 9	April 13, 2016
Year 10 & 11	January 13, 2016
Year 12 & 13	January 27, 2016



## **PTA announcements:**

There are a few important events coming up:

- 1) Crafts morning on Monday, November 23 – making Christmas tree decorations for the charity collection and crafts for decorating the school
- 2) Christmas bazaar on Friday, November 27
- 3) School decoration for the beginning of Advent

Everybody is very welcome to join. Please follow announcements for further, more detailed information.

### **2. Call for ideas – fund-raising for charity during the Advent time:**

We would like to invite parents to think about potential recipients of the Christmas charity collection. Please send your suggestions of potential recipients to PTA e-mail address [pta@bisc.wroclaw.pl](mailto:pta@bisc.wroclaw.pl) by November 20, 2015.

### **3. Call for Class Mums/Dads:**

The following classes are still missing their Class Mums / Dads: Y3 Otters, Y3 Foxes, Y4 Shoebills, Y5 Ravens, Y5 Kangaroos, Y6 Jaguars, Y 8, Y10, Y11, Y12, Y13. Please apply to [pta@bisc.wroclaw.pl](mailto:pta@bisc.wroclaw.pl)

# Lunch Menu December 2015

Dear Parents,

Below please find a few details about our lunch ordering system:

1. Lunches for the upcoming week can be ordered in the secretary's office (small villa) from Monday till Thursday.
2. You can choose between the polish, Italian and vegetarian menu.
3. In case of child's absence, please inform school's office on the same day by phone (71 79 66 861) or e-mail ([wroclaw@bisc.krakow.pl](mailto:wroclaw@bisc.krakow.pl)) before 9a.m. Depending on your request, order will be cancelled or moved for the next week.
4. The orders are accepted together with the payment only.
5. Menu for the following month will be posted on the information boards in both villas and also in our weekly newsletter.
6. The cost for one lunch is 12PLN.

Date	POLISH MENU		ITALIAN MENU	VEGETARIAN MENU
30.11.2015	Italian soup Minestrone	pork meatballs,groats, salad	Fusili pasta , meat balls (pork) with tomato sauce, bread, salad	Buckwheat porridge with vegetable sauce and chickpeas
01.12.2015	Ukrainian borsch	Dumplings with meat (pork) and vegetable sauce , salad	Gnocchi with cheese sauce, bread, salad	Noodles with vegetables sauce
02.12.2015	Cauliflower soup	Turkey fillet, potatos, vegetables ,salad	Penne with chicken and mozzarella , vegetables,bread, salad	Penne with mozzarella , vegetables
03.12.2015	Sour Soup	Pork steak, potatos, salad	omelet with ham bread, salad	Fried eggs, potatoes, salad
04.12.2015	barley soup with vegetables	Russian dumplings	Farfalle with tuna, olives and mozzarella, vegetables, bread	Russian dumplings
07.12.2015	Cucumber soup	Spaghetti Bolognese	Spaghetti Bolognese	Spaghetti with tomato sauce Napoli
08.12.2015	Italian soup Minestrone	Turkey cutlet,potatos, salad	Rikotta spinach and tortellini with cream 30 %	Beans cooked with rosemary and tomatoes, bread wholemeal
09.12.2015	broth	Stuffed cabbage with meat(pork) with brown rice and tomato sauce	Pizza Margherita	Stuffed cabbage with brown rice and tomato sauce
10.12.2015	Pea soup	pork chop, potatos, salad	Chicken fillet, potatos, salad, bread, salad	Cutlets zucchini , grits sauce , salad
11.12.2015	Soup with vegetable	Penne with tuna and mozzarella , vegetables	Penne with chicken and mozzarella, vegetables	Dumplings with cabbage

**\*juice and dessert to each menu**



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(Weekly Winner)



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