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Dear Parents and visitors to our website,

Of recent there has been some discussion about the problems encountered by children experiencing their first exposure to the 'third culture kids' culture. Third culture kid (TCK) is a term used to refer to children who were raised in a culture outside of their parents' culture for a significant part of their development years. The first culture of children refers to the culture of the country from which the parents originated, the second culture refers to the culture in which the family currently resides, and the third culture refers to the amalgamation of these two cultures. The third culture is further reinforced with the interaction of the third culture individual with another expatriate community one would come to encounter. Some of the common issues encountered by TCK's are.....

1. The question where are you from results in a detailed life story and biography. For most people it's a relatively straightforward question. For TCK's it can be tricky. Most of us have something that goes like this "Well I was born in x country but my parents are from y country and I've lived in a, b and c countries."

2. You have a constant identity crisis. Are you from your birth country? Your passport country? The 5 ones you grew up in but aren't really from? You're used to feeling at home nowhere and everywhere at the same time.

3. You have weirdly detailed knowledge about other nationalities and country spite no obvious connection with them.

4. You have a questionable accent.

5. You don't know what sports team to root for. Especially during the World Cup.

6. Knowing people who could speak 5 to 6 languages was completely normal. In fact you're most likely multilingual yourself. Picking up languages was one of the best ways to interact to the people and was one of the best perks of being a TCK.

7. You're still in contact with friends you haven't seen in years (thank you Facebook) because you never know whom you may see again, it's a small world after all.

8. You know not to get too attached to a particular place. Growing up knowing you were probably going to move sooner or later made you kind of desensitized to goodbyes.

9. Your constant moving may have caused deep-rooted commitment issues.

10. You always feel foreign wherever you are. People in your passport country treat you as foreign; people in other countries treat you as foreign. It's a battle you can't win.

11. You are relatively adaptable compared to

most people. Becoming used to constantly changing situations and new environments forces you to grow up very quickly. You know how to size up situations and make them work to your advantage.

12. You either hate traveling because you're sick of it or you love it because it's all you've ever known. Most TCK's either continue on their road of traveling around and exploring the world or they choose to settle down and try to "fit in" into their passport country and leave traveling in the past.

13. People find your upbringing fascinating wherever you go. Some people love the attention and the questions and the exclamations of "wow, you're so lucky!" But it can be difficult for introverts who often find them taxing and burdensome and prefer to listen rather than talk.

14. You wouldn't trade your experiences for anything in the world. In the end, they truly shape and form you as a person. For better or for worse, a life of constant traveling, cross-cultural exchange, and possible existential crisis have made you who you are today

Have a great weekend,



Best regards,
Wayne Billington
Head of School

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW

NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



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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 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

Contact details:

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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. As you know we are very happy for parents and children to remain on the school grounds at the end of school and enjoy the facilities. However we must reiterate that after you have collected your children at 3.25pm **you must supervise them carefully on the school premises and play equipment.** We would ask parents of children using the slide and

climbing frame to please stay near the children beside the equipment to ensure that they are fully supervised and can play safely. Also, please remind your children that they should not play inside the school after 4:00 pm. Of course children are allowed to use toilets on the ground floor if they need to. We are sure that all parents understand how important it is to keep the children safe. Thank you for your support.

5. The Maths Kangaroo test will take place on **Thursday, the 17th of March, at 9am.** The contest lasts 1h 15 minutes and has a form of a test with multiple-choice questions. It is aimed for students from **Year 4** up.

Examples of questions in English are available on the websites:

www.kangaroo.math.ca
www.mathkangaroo.org

www.kangaroo.org.pk



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	Stawomir Czerwiński	Secondary	S3 room big villa	Tuesdays 1.00p.m. – 1.40p.m.
Animation Club	Ian Carr-de Avelon	Secondary	ICT 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.
Drama Club	Aysha Love	Y1 – Y2	Year 1 Rabbits room small villa	Tuesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Photography Club	Ewelina Żmuda	Y1 – Y6	ICT room big villa	Tuesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Drawing Club	Hye Seung Lee	Primary	Primary Art 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.
Primary Orchestra	Maciej Pośluszny	Y4 – Y6	G11 room big villa	Tuesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Kendo Club	Takaharu Uesugi	Y1 upwards	Dębowa Gym Dębowa 9b	Tuesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.45p.m.
Polish for Beginners	Anna Łoboziak	Y1-Y2	Year 2 Butterflies room Small villa	Tuesdays 3.45p.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.
Sculpture Club	Anna Kawczyńska	Secondary	S7 room big villa	Wednesdays 1.00p.m. – 1.40p.m.
Polish for Parents :) Beginners	Hanna Savel	Parents :)	S1 room big villa	Wednesdays 1.50p.m. – 3.25p.m.
Maths Club	Anna Witańska	Primary	Year 4 Shoebills room small villa	Wednesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Homework Club	Phil Hart	Primary	F6 room big villa	Wednesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Construction Club	Iza Łuczowska	Y1 – Y2	Foundation unit	Wednesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Maths Homework Club	Justyna Połowska	Secondary	F3 room big villa	Wednesdays 3.40p.m. – 4.25p.m.
Maths Kangaroo Club	Justyna Zajac	Secondary	F2 room big villa	Wednesdays 3.40p.m. – 4.25p.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	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 Sokolowska	Parents :)	G10 room big villa	Thursdays 2.00p.m. – 3.25p.m.
Knitting Club	Nichola Lewis	Y5 upwards	Foundation unit	Thursdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.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 we came back to school rested and energetic – at least most of us :) The first signs of springs were enthusiastically welcomed by staff and students, although the snow on Thursday clearly showed that winter hasn't said its last word yet. Thus, please make sure that pupils come to school in proper coats so that they can fully participate in our break time outdoor.

The primary and secondary teachers have begun their online “Assessment for Learning” course, so please keep your fingers crossed for us :)

The primary school got very excited about auditions for the BISC Factor, and Mr. Phil has secretly admitted having seen a few worthwhile pieces. The BISC Factor Final Concert has been scheduled for Thursday, 17th March. We are looking forward to it!

I am pleased to inform that our school kitchen is up and running and is becoming increasingly popular with students across the school.

On Friday we gathered for our weekly assembly. My class worked very hard to make a presentation on “well-being,” which was not an easy task! Many thanks to Ms. Nancy for helping out.

Let me present this week's Stars:

Foundation Bees - Nao
Foundation Turtles - Rustem and Seoyeon
Year 1 Rabbits - Julia
Year 2 Butterflies - Irene
Year 3 Otters - Mathilda
Year 3 Foxes - Arin
Year 4 Shoebills - Seoinand Ms. Nancy!!!!
Year 5 Kangaroos - Fernando
Year 5 Ravens - Yuna and Elia
Year 6 Jaguars - Johannes

Congratulations, Stars!

Wishing you a nice weekend,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



Students appeared to be refreshed after coming back from their week-long holiday and all seemed eager to get back into their daily routines. Key Stage 3 students are working through their normal curriculum while the upper secondary students are revising for their exams that are just around the corner.

This week, I would like to highlight some of the activities that are happening in Science classes.

Year 7 students are discussing topics related to the human reproductive system. Students are approaching this topic in a very mature manner and class discussions have been informative and interesting.

Year 8 students are discussing habitats and environmental factors that affect plants and animals. They have investigated the importance of a food web and the consequences for all involved when even one component is removed from the food chain.

Year 9 students are being introduced to the IGCSE Science curriculum and have been investigating the various separation methods that can be used to remove solutes from solvents.

Year 10 students are identifying various energy transfers and calculating the energy efficiency of motors and light bulbs. They are also learning how to calculate the useful power output for lifting objects with a crane.

Year 11 – 13 students are busy with revision topics and will start to work more in the lab to prepare for their practical exams that take place in April.

Quite a bit is happening in other subjects as well, so I hope to write more about those events next week.

Enjoy your weekend,

Joe Peck
Head of Secondary

Spotlight on Year 2 Butterflies

Butterflies had a busy week this week. In numeracy we played lots of number games. We discovered how to find numbers that are between 2 numbers. We were surprised to see that sometimes there was more than one correct answer. We also understood the concept of a number which is a halfway between two numbers and we literally used our bodies to find that out! We love having fun in our lessons 😊

In literacy we learnt about different jobs. We discussed who we would like to be when we grow up and why we would not like to perform certain professions. We would also like to say thank you to Mr. Billington who kindly agreed to visit us and answer all our questions about being the head teacher. We found this interview extremely interesting!

We worked hard in our lessons this week, however we still managed to find some time for a party! We celebrated Songhyun's birthday with healthy snacks and cake.

Have a great and relaxing weekend!

Ms. Ewelina, Ms. Kasia and the Butterflies



Bake-A-Cake or Savoury Snack Dates:

Year 7	March 2, 2016
Year 8	March 16, 2016
Year 9	April 13, 2016
Year 5 Ravens	April 27, 2016
Year 5 Kangaroos	May 11, 2016



1. **Thank you to all volunteers:**

We would like to thank all volunteers who helped to make the Pancake Day happen. Your help is highly appreciated.

2. **Collection of egg cartons and a call for volunteers:**

Many thanks to all who brought the egg cartons to school for the gardening project to launch. Meanwhile we would like to ask parents who still did not give an egg carton to children for the school gardening project provide them with one. The planning for the garden will begin after the break. Therefore PTA would invite parents with some knowledge about gardening to volunteer in joining us to create a “gardening club” to assist classes with planning, preparation, planting, maintenance and in the end harvesting of our BISC gardens.

3. **News for Uniform Lost & Found**

In order to tidy up the big Lost&Found wooden chest and multiple other boxes with lost and found items, there will be a display day for all the Lost&Found items. This is preliminarily planned for the week of February 29 to March 4. Please follow us on Facebook or posters on school doors for further and more detailed information.

The Lost&Found items will be displayed for whole day and everybody will be free to come and look if they can find their lost things. Unfortunately, only unsigned or unreadably signed items are left in Lost&Found chest as the signed items have been returned to their owners. Therefore, once more – sign the uniforms so lost things find their way back to their owners.

Please note that all the displayed and not collected items after the designated display day will be selected as follows – uniform items will be considered as donated for the PTA Bazaar, and no-uniform items will get packed and taken to a charity. This clean-up should make it easier to trace freshly lost items instead of them getting lost among things many times from children who have long left our school.

Reminder – the Lost&Found items from the school gym will be available for collection until February 22 (Monday after school break). After that the things will be selected for Bazaar and charity as it was announced. Use your last chance to collect your lost things.

Lunch Menu March 2016

Dear Parents,

I have prepared for you the menu from a different catering company. Please have a look at the chart below. There are 3 possibilities each day. Cost per meal is exactly 10 PLN.

Also, if you have some suggestions let me know and maybe we can do some changes for the future.

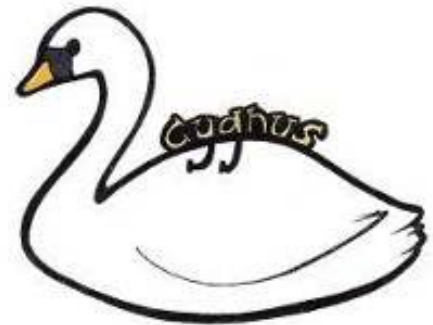
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Long toastie with spinach , tomato and mozzarella	Hash browns	Pie with vegetables or spinach	Russian dumplings	Pancakes with curd cheese and pineapple
Pancakes with curd cheese and chocolate/ or just with chocolate	Dumplings filled with spinach, feta cheese and dried tomatoes	Grilled chicken cutlet + salad + you choose between potatoes/rice/ French fries or buckwheat	Pancakes with cheese, ham and champignon mushrooms	Hash browns
Breaded chicken cutlet + salad + you choose between potatoes/rice/ French fries or buckwheat	Pancakes with apple sauce	Fried Cod + + salad + you choose between potatoes/rice/ French fries or buckwheat	Sesame-crusted chicken cutlet+ salad + you choose between potatoes/rice/ French fries or buckwheat	Long toastie with spinach , tomato and mozzarella
07.03	08.03	09.03	10.03	11.03
Grilled chicken cutlet + salad + you choose between potatoes/rice/ French fries or buckwheat	Fried Cod + + salad + you choose between potatoes/rice/ French fries or buckwheat	Sesame-crusted chicken cutlet+ salad + you choose between potatoes/rice/ French fries or buckwheat	Breaded chicken cutlet + salad + you choose between potatoes/rice/ French fries or buckwheat	Fried Cod + + salad + you choose between potatoes/rice/ French fries or buckwheat
Pie with vegetables or spinach	Dumplings filled with spinach, feta cheese and dried tomatoes	Hash browns	Pie with vegetables or spinach	Long toastie with spinach , tomato and mozzarella
Pancakes with curd cheese and chocolate/ or just with chocolate	Pancakes with broccoli	Pancakes with apple sauce	Pancakes with cheese, ham and champignon mushrooms	Pancakes with curd cheese and pineapple

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(Weekly Winner)



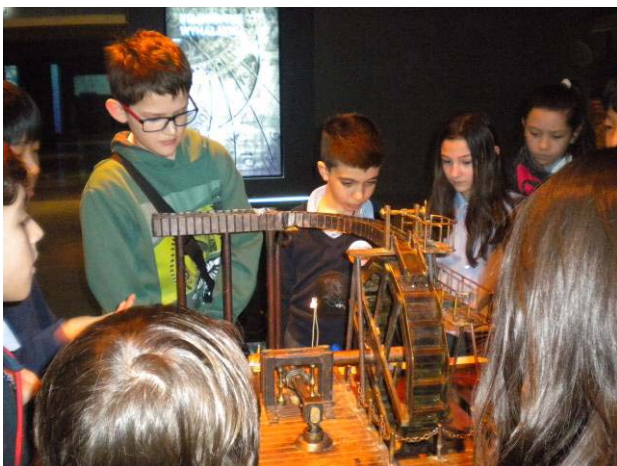
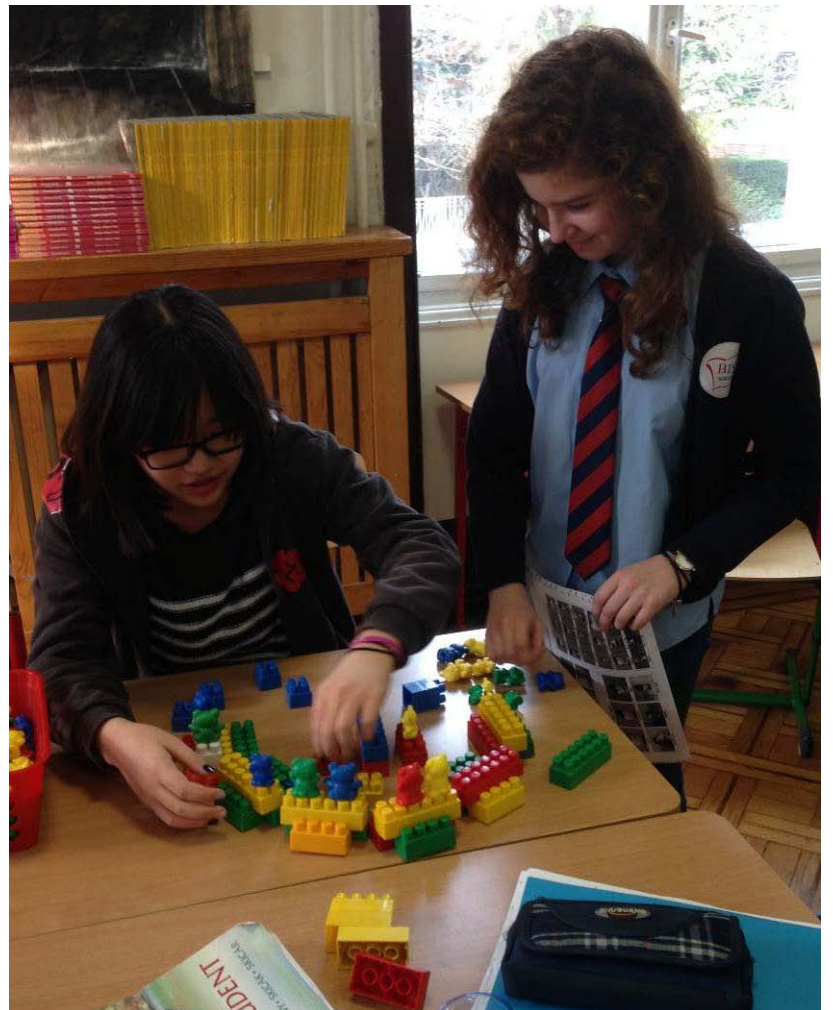
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AROUND BISC WROCLAW



A brief introduction to parents at BISC Wrocław