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Both optimists and pessimists contribute to society. The optimist invents the aeroplane, the pessimist the parachute.

George Bernard Shaw

Dear Parents,

Atmospheric conditions have dominated this week at school with snow, arctic temperatures and smog. Thankfully the smog concern was less of a concern in Wrocław compared to other Polish cities and we are pleased that the readings have returned to optimal ones. We will continue to monitor this important issue. For interested parents the best website is: <http://www.gios.gov.pl/> where updates on air quality in the various regions of Poland are posted. GIOS stands for Główny Inspektorat Ochrony Środowiska, or Central Inspectorate for Environmental Protection. The school

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW

NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



follows recommendations posted here and is also in regular contact with the Polish educational authorities and the local authority officials. There are no warnings in place in the Wrocław region at present.

The recent snowfall augurs well for our upcoming Ski Camp in Janske Lazne (Cerna Hora-Pec), Czech Republic (23rd- 27th January inclusive). This resort encompasses five ski areas and 41 km of ski slopes and tracks. The camp is for pupils from year 3 upwards and the group of 60 enthusiastic skiers/beginners and accompanying teaching staff are looking forward to an exciting outdoor learning experience. Mr Marcin is sending the packing list, medical/dietary forms and other details to participants this week and we believe this will be one of the highlights of the school year.

For primary pupils who are not

attending the skicamp, Ms Witańska has organised a range of trips and activities to ensure it will be a fun week in Wrocław. There will be some slight alterations to the normal teaching timetable as some staff will be away on ski-camp but we are planning for this.

Please note that pupils can only be collected by parents and/or by persons authorized in writing to collect. These written authorizations must be sent to the school office and should include personal data on the authorized person such as identity card number or PESEL number. We also ask that we are informed in advance of earlier collection. These are for pupil safety and security.



Best regards,
Tom McGrath
Head of School



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>16</p> <p>Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room</p> <p>Mock Exams</p> <p>Primary Staff Meeting 3.40pm F1 room, big villa</p> <p>Secondary Staff Meeting 3.40pm F3 room, big villa</p> <p>Winter Camp Staff Meeting 3.40pm Head's office, small villa</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Mock Exams</p> <p>Movie Night for Key Stage 1 G6 room, big villa 3.30pm – 5.45pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room</p> <p>Mock Exams</p> <p>Advisory Board 4.00pm F3 room, big villa</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Mock Exams</p> <p>Movie Night for Key Stage 2 G6 room, big villa 3.30pm – 5.45pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Primary School Assembly 8.35am</p> <p>Mock Exams</p> <p>Secondary School Assembly 10.30am</p> <p>Maths Kangaroo Contest 2017 Payment deadline</p> <p>PTA Coffee Morning</p> <p>Foundation Carnival Party</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
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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 in the Korean room on:

Mondays: 8:00-10:30 / 12:05-15:30
 Tuesdays: 8:00-9:25 / 11:20-13:50
 Wednesdays: 8:00-9:25 / 12:55-13:50
 Thursdays: 10:10-10:30 / 12:05-13:05
 Fridays: 8:00-9:25

Contact details:

Hae Sung Lee - haesung.lee@bisc.wroclaw.pl

2 Dear Parents,

Ms Jen and I are organizing Movie Nights for our Primary students. On Tuesday, 17th January, we are inviting younger students from Key Stage 1 (Years 1-3), and on Thursday, 19th January, students from Key Stage 2 (Years 4-6). Before watching a movie in the library, the children will receive a

treat: a slice of pizza, a cup of popcorn and a cup of apple juice. Children should be collected from the library at 5.45. If your child(ren) would like to participate, please, sign them up on the Movie Night List pinned to the big board next to Ms Jen's classroom in the small villa. There are 25 places available. The cost is 10 zł.

You can pay the money to either Ms Jen or Ms Iwona before the school.

Kindest regards,
Ms Iwona Sokołowska

3. Please note, that the following clubs: Stories and Tales Club, Discussion Club, Scrabble Club, Swimming Club (session on Friday) and Football Club (temporary for January 2017) will be discontinued.

Extra Curricular Activities 2016/2017

ECA	TEACHER	AGE GROUP	WHERE	WHEN
Kendo Club	Takaharu Uesugi	Y1 upwards	Dębowa Gym Dębowa 9b	Tuesdays 3.45pm - 4.35pm
Swimming Club Beginners	Marcin Kwasiuk & Jacek Lelewski	Year 1-2 and beginners	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Mondays 3.50pm - 4.35pm
Drama Club NEW	Aysha Love	Year 1-2	Year 1 Rabbits classroom small villa	Thursdays 3.40pm - 4.20pm
Art in Nature Club NEW	Ashleigh Britton	Year 1-4	Year 4 Owls classroom small villa	Wednesdays 3.40pm - 4.20pm
Basketball Club	Marcin Kwasiuk	Year 1-5	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Fridays 4.00pm - 5.15pm
Polish Club	Anna Łoboziak	Year 1-6	Year 2 Dragonflies classroom small villa	Tuesdays 3:40pm - 4:20pm
Maths Support	Anna Witańska	Year 2-6	Year 4 Shoebills classroom small villa	Tuesdays 3:40pm - 4:20pm
Primary Orchestra	Maciej Postuszny	Year 3-6	G11 room big villa	Wednesdays 3:40pm - 4:20pm
Swimming Club intermediate and advanced	Jacek Lelewski	Year 3-11	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Wednesdays 4.35pm – 5.20pm
Creative Writing NEW	Gene Goldman	Year 4-6	G7 room big villa	Thursdays 3.40pm - 4.20pm
Art Club NEW	Hye Seung Lee	Year 4-6	Primary Art room big villa	Tuesdays 3.40pm - 4.20pm
Basketball Club	Marcin Kwasiuk	Year 6 upwards	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Tuesdays 4.00 pm - 5.15 pm
Maths Kangaroo Club	Justyna Zajęc	Year 6 upwards	F6 room big villa	Thursdays 3.35pm – 4.20pm
GCSE Polish Club NEW	Ewa Gołąbek	Secondary	S2 room big villa	Wednesdays 1.20pm – 1.45pm
Secondary Orchestra	Jakub Stefaniszyn	Secondary	G10 room big villa	Thursdays 1.10pm – 1.50pm
Singstar Club	Jakub Stefaniszyn	Secondary	G11 room big villa	Fridays 1.10pm. – 1.50pm
School band	Jakub Stefaniszyn	Secondary	G11 room big villa	Fridays 3.35pm – 5.00pm
Polish for Parents Beginners	Anna Sawiel	Parents :)	EAL Room small villa, first floor	Tuesdays 1.50pm – 3.30pm
Polish for Parents Intermediate	Ania Sawiel	Parents :)	S7 room big villa	Thursdays 1.50pm – 3.30pm
English for Parents	Iwona Sokołowska	Parents :)	G10 room big villa	Tuesdays 2.00pm – 3.25pm

News from Head of Primary



Welcome back after the winter holiday! I trust everybody returned rested and full of new energy. I hope that 2017 will be a year of discoveries, learning new skills and development for all the pupils.

Please note that there is an updated list of ECAs – it is a great opportunity to sign up for a club. Should you have any enquiries about the sport ECAs,

please contact Mr. Marcin.

The preparations for the annual ski camp are in full swing. Let me just remind you that the camp starts on 23rd January and lasts 5 days. The children who will not attend the camp will have regular classes, plus we have some treats for them...a little bird mentioned something about going to the cinema and an ice-skating lesson! There will be more details soon.

There is a brand new event for primary pupils - Ms. Iwona and Ms. Jen are organising Movie nights for Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils (17th and 19th January). For more details please check the School calendar or talk to the teachers in charge.

We have some new students in the primary, so I would like to give my warm welcome to Min Ju, Hyeon Seo, Sai Mihir and Nagisa.

We wish you a successful term in BISC.

I would like to remind all pupils about the necessity of wearing a hat at break time.

Last, but certainly not least, let us look at the Stars:

Foundation Bees and Bears - Yuktha

Year 1 Rabbits - Luke

Year 2 Dragonflies - Julia

Year 3 Foxes - Seinosuke

Year 4 Owls - Arin and Tae Hun

Year 4 Shoebills - Louise and Seo Yeong

Year 5 Coyotes - Deepali

Year 6 Wolverines - Gayeon, Matteo, and Yeyn

Congratulations, Stars!

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



Welcome back secondary students! I hope it was an enjoyable holiday break for all. Students have been quite pleased with the recent snowfall and they are very willing to go outside and play more often. It is back to studying again however, so students are also focused on their work each day.

Mock exams for our Y10 and Y11 students begin next week. It is a chance for them to become accustomed to the exam format that they will see in May when the official GCSE exams begin. This also gives them an idea of what to concentrate on during the remaining months leading up to the exams. Our Y11 students will take 15 exams over five days next week, so we all wish them the best of luck.

I would also like to welcome Jin Seo, Min Seo and Honoka to our school as they joined our secondary classes last week. Jin Seo and Min Seo are returning students from a couple of years ago, so it is very nice to see them back. Please help me in giving their families a warm welcome.

Enjoy your weekend,

Joe Peck
Head of Secondary

News from Polish School



Pada śnieg, pada śnieg...

No i nas zasypało...

A wraz z zimą, zawitały do nas różne infekcje i wirusy. W związku z tym chciałabym przypomnieć Państwu zasady dotyczące wcześniejszego odbierania dzieci ze szkoły. Mając na względzie bezpieczeństwo uczniów, ustalono, że w przypadku odbierania dzieci przed zakończeniem planowanych zajęć (15.30), rodzic powinien zrobić to osobiście u wychowawcy lub nauczyciela, z którym klasa ma w tym czasie lekcję.

Jeżeli koniecznym jest, żeby uczeń został odebrany przez osobę inną niż rodzic, jest to oczywiście możliwe, ale szkoła powinna być o tym wcześniej pisemnie (może być mailowo) poinformowana - należy podać imię, nazwisko i nr dowodu lub PESEL danej osoby, która odbierając dziecko musi okazać wskazany w upoważnieniu dokument.

Ze względu na dobro dzieci, zarówno ja, jak i Pan Tom McGrath, liczymy na Państwa zrozumienie.

Pozdrawiam serdecznie, życząc udanych zabaw na śniegu.

Dyrektor Szkoły
Magdalena Mrozowska

Year 13 Aspirations!

For this week's Spotlight, the Year 13 students interview one another, asking the most important question of all: What comes next in life?

Yezu & Hyunah

Yezu: How are you preparing yourself for the university you are aiming for?

Hyunah: Every university has its own entry requirements, hence I checked with the Sixth Form Tutor whether I meet these requirements. Additionally, I sent an email to the admissions staff at the University just to make sure



everything is in the right format. I spent ages exploring a variety of courses. I think it is significantly helpful to consider the related courses that are suggested; you might discover something that you hadn't previously considered.

Yezu: What are your studies going to be about?

Hyunah: It is mainly about Business management and marketing.

Yezu: Are they related to your future plans and your dreams?

Hyunah: In my future career I would like to work as a manager in a hotel or financial institution. At this point it is hard to specify, since my interests and skills are still to develop fully. I hope that the chosen course will help me decide on my field of specialisation.

Hyunah: What about you? Are you planning to go back to Korea? If yes, when and why?

Yezu: It is hard to say at this moment, but there is a possibility to go back to Korea, but well...you never know how your future will look like!

Hyunah & Ayumi

Hyunah: Where do you see yourself in five years?

Ayumi: I think I would be working at an office in Japan or travelling all around the world. As I have experienced a lot of things while living in different countries, I want to get a job related to my experiences.

Hyunah: How do you deal with stressful situations?

Ayumi: I have forced quite a lot of pressured and stressful situations but my best way to deal with it is to meet up with friends and avoid thinking too much about it. Thinking too much and getting depressed doesn't solve anything.

Hyunah: What would your first 30, 60 or 90 days look like in the University?

Ayumi: I will be enjoying that atmosphere and making new friends. At the same time, I will be having a tough time with the assignments. Nevertheless, it should be looking fun!!



Soyi & Yezu

Soyi: Do you have any hobbies? If so, are they related to your future aims that you want to achieve?

Yezu: I do have "general" hobbies, which I honestly don't enjoy every second of every day, e.g. nail art, playing the



piano, watching films. However, there is one activity that I can call a special hobby and that is related to my future aims- teaching and preparing materials for lessons. I'm not sure if I could call this a hobby, but I definitely know that I enjoy doing it. While collecting materials I feel excited to show and teach the student by planning teaching methods for better understanding. Moreover, I cannot explain the satisfaction I receive from her/him when they learn and achieve points. Obviously, you might have already noticed, my dream is to become a teacher. Therefore, I can confidently state that teaching is my favourite hobby which is strongly related to my further plans after my studies or even after graduating from BISC.

Soyi: Then, as we know that your parents are great teachers in the BISC school. Do you think your parents gave a crucial influence on deciding your dream job?

Yezu: It is possible that I have similar characteristics and style with my parents and thus my hobbies are like theirs.

Soyi: One more question that I would like to ask you is....

How do you actually relieve stress in a good way when you are preparing and studying for tests and exams?

Yezu: The best way of releasing exam stress is to simply not think about exams for a while. In this way I get less bad memories and hardly suffer from test/exam seasons.

Soyi: Thank you for the wonderful answers today during the interview. I dearly desire you to become an intelligent teacher, which is what you have been dreaming of!

Yezu: What about you? What are your favourite subjects?

Soyi: I can't choose which subject is my favourite, mostly because at the moment I am studying many subjects such as Economics, Biology, German, Art, PE, IELTS and Japanese. Nevertheless, I like all subjects and enjoy gaining new information from them.

Yezu: But there must be a subject you're focussing on! C'mon, tell me!

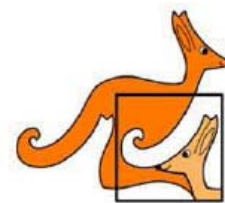
Soyi: I look forward to studying Economics at my future university. That is why I chose Economics for A-level.

Yezu: And what about your future after uni?

Soyi: Well, I have not decided what I want to become and personally I don't know what I'd like to do. I would like to become a person who loves their job, and not do it just for the money!



Dear Parents and Students,



The International Maths Kangaroo contest has been started by Australian mathematicians and now is organised in many countries all over the world. Its aim is to encourage students to master their mathematical knowledge and to give them a chance to enjoy problem solving. Our school has been taking part in the contest since 2010.

This years' Maths Kangaroo test is going to be held on **Thursday, the 16th of March, at 9 am**. The contest lasts 1h 15 minutes and has a form of a test with multiple-choice questions. It is aimed for students from **Year 3** up. The cost required by the organizers is **9 PLN**. To try out some questions you can visit the following websites:

www.kangaroo.math.ca

www.mathkangaroo.org

www.kangaroo.edu.pk



To take part in the Maths Kangaroo Contest, please fill in the slip below and bring it along with the payment of **9 pln** to the School Secretary by **Friday, the 20th of January**.

Justyna Zajac
Secondary Maths Teacher

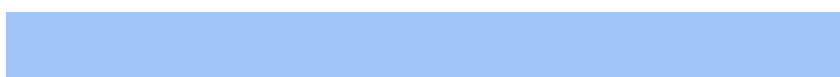
Hereby I agree for my child to take part in the 26th International Maths Kangaroo Competition on the 16th of March 2017 at the British International School Wrocław.

I declare that according to the Personal Data Protection Act of 19 August 1997 I give my permission to process personal data of my child to the organiser: Association of Popularisation of Knowledge and Mathematical Sciences from Toruń for the purposes connected with the child's participation in the contest.

Student's Name:

Date:

Parent's signature:



HOUSE SCORES 2016/2017



1st

Place

2nd

Place

3rd






Place

4th

Place

MERIT CHALLENGE

Merit Challenge this week	Broad smiles
Merit Challenge next week	Spelling

HOUSE SCORES	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
				
Weekly Points	4	3	2	1
Weekly Winner				
Total Points	32	37	46	25
Weekly Merits	1040	743	587	473
RANKING	3 rd PLACE	2 nd PLACE	1 st PLACE	4 th PLACE

Primary House Captains:

Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
Gayeon Lee Year 6 Yellow Wolverines	Magda Sawicka Year 6 Yellow Wolverines	Jack Kidd Year 6 Blue Wolverines	Jin Hwan Bae Year 6 Blue Wolverines

Secondary House Captains:

Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
Yunhwa Jung Year 10	Yejin Lee Year 10	DongMin Seo Year 9	Sang Hee Park Year 10

Secondary House Vice Captains:

Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
Borys Rusko Year 7	Alicia Marie McInerney Year 7	Jin Seong Kim Year 7	Anastasia Lacroix Year 7



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1. Bake-a-Cake and Savoury Snack Days

The Bake-a-Cake and Savoury Snack Days in Year 2016/2017 are as follows:

February 1, 2017	Year 1 Rabbits
February 15, 2017	Year 3 Foxes
March 8, 2017	Year 7
March 22, 2017	Year 4 Shoebills
April 5, 2017	Year 2 Dragonflies
May 10, 2017	Year 4 Owls
May 24, 2017	Year 8

2. PTA coffee morning:

On Friday, January 20, PTA will hold a coffee morning to discuss the upcoming events. There will be more details regarding the exact time and place on Schoology, Facebook and posters. Everyone is welcome to join the coffee morning. We hope to see many of you next Friday.

Regarding the Mufti Day on 13 January, we would like to express many thanks to all Mufti Day participants. We are extremely grateful to all students and school staff for making the Mufti Day bright and colourful.

Yours,
PTA

Lunch Menu for January 2017 – Weranda Smaków

Dear Parents,

To place an order and also to pay for it you must do this online:

1. Please register at <https://system.masterszef.com.pl/Rejestracja/BISC>
2. Please place your order for the whole month. You do not have to order items every day but you need to complete the order form online and please save afterwards.
3. If you have any questions about the “**MASTERSZEF**” system, please contact Mrs Joanna Wierzejska, Project Manager by e-mail (jwierzejska@masterszef.com.pl) or by the phone (22 110 50 07).
4. Please note that the menu for January is available also online.

	16.01	17.01	18.01	19.01	20.01
Soup	Broccoli soup	Carrot cream with cardamom and coconut milk	Warming cream potato and garlic	Sweet potato cream	Pepper and chickpeas cream
	Cream root vegetables turkey	Fresh vegetable fennel and fine beans	Ukrainian borscht	Mushroom with green parsley	Minestrone soup with fine noodles
Main course	(Vege) Gnocchi with basil-parsley pesto, roasted sunflower seeds, pumpkin and parmesan, boiled carrot sprinkled with sesame seeds	(Vege) Slices of celery roasted under grana padano cheese, baked potatoes, pickled cabbage salad with carrots and apples	(Vege) Beet and lentils cutlets, rice with vegetables, tomato salad	(Vege) Cutlets buckwheat with a sauce of roasted peppers and eggplants (ajvar), celery salad	(Vege) Tagliatelle with champignons, salad with carrots and zucchini
	(Meat) Gnocchi with basil-parsley pesto, sirloin chicken, boiled carrot sprinkled with sesame seeds	(Meat) Pork loin cooked in the oven with herbs, baked potatoes, pickled cabbage salad with carrots and apples	(Meat) Chicken marinated with herbal buttermilk baked in the oven rice with vegetables, tomato salad	(Meat) Buckwheat chops with a sauce of roasted peppers and eggplants (ajvar), chicken fillet, celery salad	(Meat) Tagliatelle with long roast beef ragout and vegetables, salad with carrots and zucchini
	(Fish) Gnocchi with basil-parsley pesto, sirloin cod, boiled carrot sprinkled with sesame seeds	(Fish) Miruna fillet, dill cream, baked potatoes, pickled cabbage salad with carrots and apples	(Fish) Salmon baked in the oven, rice with vegetables, tomato salad	(Fish) Cutlets buckwheat with a sauce of roasted peppers and eggplants (ajvar) with tuna, celery salad	(Fish) Tagliatelle with tuna, sauce with capers, salad with carrots and zucchini

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