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**Photography is truth. The cinema is truth
twenty-four times per second.**

Jean-Luc Godard

Dear Parents,

Poland has a very strong cinematic tradition and it remains a vibrant part of artistic and cultural life. During Communism the cinema was often a form of expression that skilfully managed to communicate Poland's true spirit while limiting the intervention of the censor. In the first decade following the fall of communism there was the inevitable rush to embrace the glamour of Hollywood and the allure of western blockbusters and there was a fear, at the time, that Polish film would perish in the survival of the fittest capitalist age. However, this prediction was way off the mark and Polish cinema is now enjoying both critical and commercial success.

The most popular film of recent years was *Bogowie*, (Gods). It focused on the career of Poland's pioneering heart surgeon, Dr Zbigniew Religa, and his battles and

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triumphs to establish heart transplant surgery in Poland in the 1970's and 1980's. On paper, it seems like an unlikely story to become such a massive hit but it struck a chord with Polish audiences and there was a certain nostalgia for life in this period. The same producers seem ready to set new records with their latest production, *Sztuka Kochania* (The Art of Love), a biography of Michalina Wislocka, a Gynaecologist in communist times who published the first manual on sexual health in the 1970's. The hero and heroine of the above films share a number of characteristics. The first was their uncompromising passion for their vocation. The second was that there were driven, flawed and difficult people. Thirdly, they took on the system, not to bring it down, but to bend it sufficiently to change reality.

One of the film directors who managed to successfully operate both with the demands of the communist censor and the commercial priorities of capitalism is the recently deceased, Andrzej Wajda. His final film, *Powidoki*, (Afterimages) is now in cinemas and chronicles the life of a Polish Avant-Garde Artist, Władysław

Strzemiński, and how his artistic perspective was out of line with the Socialist-Realism of the Stalinist era and how he suffered for his art. Many commentators see this film as a statement of resistance by Wajda towards the current trend away from openness and pluralism. Wajda's penultimate film took Lech Wałęsa as the protagonist and explored this charismatic, controversial and complicated character in Polish and World history.

In all these films, we see heroes, warts and all, and it is often the case that these heroes will only be truly valued and appreciated with the passing of time. We all need heroes to look up towards, not to put on a pedestal but to inspire us. I encourage you to explore Polish cinema (Nowe Horyzonty Cinema has many Polish films with English subtitles); certainly a worthwhile escape from the winter that surrounds us.



Best regards,
Tom McGrath
Head of School



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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. School doctor is available for Parents and Staff on Thursdays from 10.00am till 12.05pm (G8 room, big villa).

3. Dear Parents,

Following a review of security at our sister school in Krakow by the police we have received the following security recommendations that we will implement from Monday 23rd January. Many are already in place but we wish to

restate these and to enhance security and ensure that your child is safe.

- To ensure a greater security presence at the gate the ancillary staff are now instructed to stand at the gate at busy times and to keep the gate shut whenever possible.
- Visitors to the school will be asked to wait outside the gate until their appointment and documents are checked.
- We are advising parents/minders to escort their children to and from school and children should not be coming to school or returning home unaccompanied; parents can enter the buildings as normal.
- Pupils can only be collected by a third party if we have these details with written authorisation of the parent.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me.

Kindest regards,
Tom McGrath

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	Aysha Love	Year 1-2	Year 1 Rabbits classroom small villa	Thursdays 3.40pm - 4.20pm
Art in Nature Club	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	Gene Goldman	Year 4-6	G7 room big villa	Thursdays 3.40pm - 4.20pm
Art Club	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	Anna Szumilak Jasztal	Year 6 upwards	F3 room big villa	Tuesdays 3.35pm – 4.20pm
GCSE Polish Club	Ewa Gołąbek	Secondary	S2 room big villa	Wednesdays 1.20pm – 1.45pm
Secondary Orchestra	Jakub Stefaniszyn	Secondary	G10 room big villa	Thursdays 1.10pm – 1.45pm
Singstar Club	Jakub Stefaniszyn	Secondary	G11 room big villa	Fridays 1.10pm. – 1.45pm
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



Have you ever wondered what your child has been doing in their English class? In BISC Primary we pride ourselves in delivering 4 double units of English each week! Those lessons are complemented by a thorough EAL programme, involving the basics of English sounds, grammar and vocabulary. So what does actually a strong Literacy programme involve?

Shared reading is an interactive reading process in which a teacher and student share in reading a text and the teacher models the skills of a proficient reader. The text is available for both the student and teacher to see.

Read aloud is a process by which teachers select a text to model specific reading strategies often used by readers as they silently read. The process of reading aloud helps to support students' listening comprehension skills as well as reinforce behaviours that readers would use if they are reading independently.

Guided reading allows teachers to create differentiated small groups to deliver reading instruction at a student's particular reading level.

Cloze reading is a strategy in which words are removed from a text to support a student's reading comprehension. Teachers may choose to remove unknown vocabulary words in a passage in order to support a student's ability to use context clues to determine the missing word.

Interactive Writing is a process by which teachers and students share the pen, essentially modelling parts of the writing process. Teachers may model writing a topic sentence for an introductory paragraph and students contribute what is included within the writing.

Dictation has numerous uses in the classroom, often involving a lot of creativity and interest. Used imaginatively, it can be an effective tool for working on accuracy and fluency in pronunciation, listening and spelling.

There are also discussions, presentations and a vast area of creative writing, and many, many more...!

Having had a glimpse at the English programme, let us see who the Stars are this week:

- Foundation Bees and Bears** - Yuktha, Lara and Pascal
- Year 1 Rabbits** - Jun Woo, Rustem and Deniz
- Year 2 Dragonflies** - Ah Rin
- Year 3 Foxes** - Zuzia, Cameron, Geon Woo, Emir and Charlie
- Year 4 Shoebills** - Akshaya and Emilie
- Year 4 Owls** - Yash, Tae Hun, Soshiro, Gain and Ola
- Year 5 Coyotes** - Nika
- Year 6 Wolverines** - Yeyn and Angiras

Wishing you a nice weekend,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



It was another busy week for secondary. Although mock exams for Year 11 are completed, they are still working hard as they have been preparing for unit tests in many of their subjects. The results of the mock exams were given out this week too, and the overall scores were very promising. We will be in the process of signing the students up for their

exam entries in the next coming weeks for their GCSE and A-level exams.

The added snowfall throughout the week gave students a chance to enjoy winter a little bit longer. Building snowmen and throwing snowballs were common activities at lunchtime for most secondary students. Extended weather forecasts predict that the snow will stay with us for a while longer, which is good news to many of our students.

Enjoy your weekend,

Joe Peck
Head of Secondary

News from Polish School



Rozum, serce czy odwaga – co w życiu jest najważniejsze?

W poszukiwaniu odpowiedzi na to pytanie uczniowie naszej szkoły wybrali się w czwartek do baśniowej krainy Oz we wrocławskim Capitolu. Historia „stara jak świat”, a jednak od ponad stu lat, wciąż uczy i bawi kolejne pokolenia.

Dzięki pełnej przygód i fantastycznych stworów muzycznej wędrowce małej Dorotki, Stracha na Wróble, Błazanego Drwala oraz Tchórzliwego Lwa, dzieciaki mogły odkryć jedną z uniwersalnych prawd, mówiącą o tym, że tego, co najważniejsze, nie trzeba szukać daleko – wszyscy mamy dość rozumu, serca i odwagi, żeby pokonać wszelkie przeciwności. Musimy tylko umieć odkryć je w sobie...

Pouczająca historia i wspaniały spektakl pełen barwnych kostiumów, efektów specjalnych oraz teatralnej magii. Każdy mógł znaleźć coś dla siebie, a nawet, tak jak jedna z czarownic, stracić głowę. Czyżby tylko dla teatru? ;)

Pozdrawiam serdecznie.

Dyrektor Szkoły
Magdalena Mrozowska

Spotlight on Year 2 Dragonflies

Dragonflies have been learning how to write instructions. First we tried to remember a set of instructions how to make an aeroplane (and of course we made aeroplanes and had fun testing them), next we identified the features of instruction writing to finally write our own instructions.

In numeracy we have been learning about different units of measurement of mass, length, capacity and time. We have recently looked at British coins and started to solve some simple money problems. In science we have started a new topic “uses of everyday materials” and we had fun exploring and looking for different materials around the school.

In our class friendship is very important. Despite the weather we managed to have fun and play games both indoor and outdoor.

Have a great and relaxing weekend!

Ms Ewelina, Ms Marta and the Dragonflies



HOUSE SCORES 2016/2017



1st

Place

2nd

Place

3rd

Place

4th

Place

MERIT CHALLENGE

Merit Challenge this week	Subtraction
Merit Challenge next week	Cities

HOUSE SCORES	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
				
Weekly Points	4	1	2	3
Weekly Winner				
Total Points	41	42	53	34
Weekly Merits	294	195	246	283
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 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. Upcoming PTA activities:

Until the end of Spring Term 2016/2017, PTA is planning following activities:

- PTA Mufti Day (Tuesday, February 14)
- PTA Spring Bazaar (Friday, March 17)
- PTA Fat Thursday (Thursday, April 6)
- PTA Mufti Day (Friday, April 7)

Regarding a PTA Mufti Day which is a non-uniform day on Tuesday 14 February 2017, students can wear casual clothes to school instead of their school uniform. Donation for participation in Mufti Day will be collected by their form teachers in the morning as usual. We will use the money raised on Mufti Day to organize other fun activities for our students.

Yours,
PTA

Lunch Menu for February 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 February is now available online.

	06.02	7.02	8.02	9.02	10.02
Soup	Parsnip cream	Beetroot cream	Cauliflower cream	Creamy corn soup	Cream of celery
	White borsch with potatoes and hard-boiled egg	Sauerkraut soup with tomatoes	Bean soup	Pickled cucumber soup	Broth with ginger and rice noodles
Main course	(Vege) Frittata with caramelized carrot and spinach, barley grits, peas with vinaigrette	(Vege) Homemade vegetable pizza with champignons, olives and mozzarella	(Vege) Curry with broccoli and coconut milk, rice, celery salad	(Vege) Vegetable lecho with red bean, buckwheat, beetroot salad	(Vege) Oyster mushrooms stew, potatoes, chinese cabbage salad with carrot
	(Meat) Chicken fillet breaded in cornflakes, barley groats, peas with vinaigrette	(Meat) Homemade pizza with vegetables, ham and mozzarella	(Meat) Chicken curry with pineapple and coconut milk, rice, celery salad	(Meat) Pork stew, buckwheat, beetroot salad	(Meat) Chicken strips with gravy, potatoes, chinese cabbage salad with carrot
	(Fish) Pollock fillet breaded in cornflakes, barley groats, peas with vinaigrette	(Fish) Homemade pizza with vegetables, tuna and mozzarella	(Fish) Cod curry with coconut milk, rice, celery salad	(Fish) Sole fish chops, buckwheat, beetroot salad	(Fish) Cod fingers, potatoes, chinese cabbage salad with carrot

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