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“New technology is common, new thinking is rare.”

Sir Peter Blake

Dear Parents,

I have been reading a great deal about the use of computers and other technological devices to aid and even transform education and learning this week and there is certainly a great deal of exciting innovation happening both in technology and in education on how to harness the power of technology to really impact positively on students' learning. The difficulty as always is that there is a great deal of snake oil for sale out there and it is important to ensure that the investments we make are as much in staff development as well as the hardware and software that we purchase.

Much work on the use of technology in education is being pioneered in various projects set up and funded by Facebook Founder, Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan in the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative. Much of their work is on piloting

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new ways to organise teaching, learning and assessment in selected schools and to then roll out the successes in school districts primarily in the United States. There are some very exciting technologies being tested and I encourage you to learn more about their proposals.

I have also been researching the history of Twitter this week as this medium of communication has been constantly in the news since the election of Donald Trump. The social media concept was developed for internal communication in a company by Biz Stone and Jack Dorsey as a way of bringing a community of researchers and co-workers together while managing new research projects. The developers had been receiving large telecom bills for SMS charges especially during overseas travel and this seemed to be the ideal solution to their predicament. The internal company solution turned out to be so popular that they stopped their other projects to focus on Twitter.

It seems ironic that what had started as basically a learning community to aid

collaboration, exchange of ideas and the strengthening of bonds has now begun to transform into another mode altogether. I was reminded this week when observing parliamentary debate in a number of countries and, in actual fact, parliamentary debate no longer exists. Instead we receive prepared statements from opposing sides that serve only to address the converted. There is no attempt to persuade and acknowledge the merits of the opponent while raising difficulties and helpful comments. The purpose is to oppose and to vilify. Twitter is beginning to mirror this approach as the tool is not really building communities but rather preaching to the converted. Throughout the world technology is leading to alienation rather than connecting people.

Thus education must focus on what is its vision and then how technology can assist this vision rather than grab the glossiest product on the shelf.



Best regards,
Tom McGrath
Head of School



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>13</p> <p>Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room</p> <p>KS1 Chocolate Workshop</p> <p>Primary Staff Meeting 3.40pm F1 room, big villa</p> <p>Secondary Staff Meeting 3.40pm F3 room, big villa</p>	<p>14</p> <p>PTA Mufti Day</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room</p> <p>Savoury Snack Day Year 3 Foxes</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Foundation class – trip to “Glinolandia”</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Primary School Assembly 8.35am</p> <p>Secondary School Assembly 10.30am</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</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. School doctor is available for Parents and Staff on Thursdays from 10.00am till 12.05pm (G8 room, big villa).

3. Dear Parents,

Please make sure that your telephone contact numbers are updated and permanently switched on during school time.

4. 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 :)

Extra Curricular Activities 2016/2017

ECA	TEACHER	AGE GROUP	WHERE	WHEN
Kendo Club	Takaharu Uesugi	Year 1 upwards	Dębowa Gym Dębowa 9b	Tuesdays 3.45pm - 4.35pm
Football Club	Michał Król	Year 1 upwards	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Fridays 4.00pm - 5.15pm
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	WKK ul. Czajcza 19	Fridays 3.45pm - 5.00pm
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 Posłuszny	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



Should children learn times tables? With so many different approaches towards contemporary education, you have surely come across the view that learning times tables is outdated. Still, the research shows that children who have a strong grasp of their times tables are more confident when learning new mathematical concepts and, importantly, enjoy the subject more. However, 'strong grasp' does not simply translate into 'memorised'.

When a child doesn't know their times tables, it can obstruct progress – as they can't draw on this knowledge to solve other maths problems. However, the emphasis on memorisation, speed and testing might lead to superficial retention of number bonds without developing the ability to play with numbers mentally.

Repetition seems to be the key to understanding. Brain science studies have shown that repetition helps build synapses in the brain. Yet it is not a synonym of drilled automaticity! Times tables served in a rich context, requiring students to use the learnt number bonds practically, seem to yield best results.

So it looks like good old tables are still going to be part of the class "number talks" and warm-up activities.

The Primary School is really keen on times tables, and I am proud to present a few shining stars, perhaps not all of them times tables masters yet:

Foundation Bees and Bears - Malika, Mariia, Tanisha
Year 1 Rabbits - Matilda
Year 2 Dragonflies - Olek
Year 3 Foxes – My Tra and William
Year 4 Showls - Oliwia T., Yash, Arin, Safiya, Dong Yeong and Greta
Year 5 Coyotes - Seoin
Year 6 Wolverines – Yuna and Jack

Congratulations, Stars!

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



It was a rather cold week for everyone as the winter weather proved that it will stay with us for a while longer. The football pitch is quite slippery with all of the ice that remains. I would like to remind secondary students, regarding their play outside, to be mindful of the slippery conditions and to avoid the areas of the pitch of greatest concern. Teachers will be keeping a watchful eye as well during the lunchtime play.

As upper-secondary students continue to learn as much as they can before their final exams in May, teachers are gathering information needed for the exam entries. Students will be formally registered for the IGCSE and A-Level exams shortly and exam dates will be given out soon.

Enjoy your weekend,

Joe Peck
Head of Secondary

News from Polish School



„Smutek rodzi się zawsze z czasu, który upływa, a nie zostawia owocu”.

Zdziwiłby się niezmiernie Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, gdyby w tym tygodniu wylądował w naszej szkole. Zobaczyłby tu zapewne same uśmiechnięte buzie ☺, gdyż u nas mało kto czas traci.

Kilkuosobowe grupy i przyjazna atmosfera w zestawieniu ze zdolnymi uczniami – to musi dawać dobre owoce ☺. Przekonać mogli się o tym rodzice, którzy w ostatnich dniach odebrali z sekretariatu wyniki klasyfikacji semestralnej naszych podopiecznych.

Płynne czytanie, kształtne pismo, bogate słownictwo – w klasach 1-3 na najwyższe uznanie zasłużyły **Ida Legendziewicz** i **Julia Trawińska**.

W klasach 4-6 najwyższą średnią (5,1) może pochwalić się **Kinga Jahl**, ale honorowy „czerwony pasek” trafiłby również do **Niki Hurkacz** (5,0), **Julii Sawickiej** (4,7) i **Anshumali Johri** (4,7).

Gwiazdą pierwszego semestru została natomiast bez wątpienia **Julia Zarzecka**, która dzięki swej dojrzałości i samozaparciu podolała niełatwemu zadaniu, jakim jest nauka w gimnazjum i osiągnęła średnią 4,9 z 13 przedmiotów!!!

„Serce roście...” :)

Gratulacje należą się jednak wszystkim uczniom, którzy godzą naukę w dwóch programach, bo to już jest wyczyn!

Dyrektor Szkoły
Magdalena Mrozowska

Spotlight on Year 3 Foxes

Dear All,

Year 3 Foxes have had a very busy week. We learned how to read and write instructions and how many different kinds of instructions there are. We also tried to follow some instructions by drawing them out on some paper but they were so confusing even Miss Jen couldn't follow them correctly. This showed us two things; instructions need to be clear and accurate and that even teachers get things wrong at times.

In science, we were learning why shadows form and how to make the best shadow. Mr McGrath came into our class during this lesson and showed us how solid objects and opaque objects block light. This was a great lesson! Then, in numeracy, we learned more about fractions. You have to know your times tables or this topic is impossible!

In geography we're learning about the landscape of China. The Loess Plateau doesn't seem a very nice place to live because the Chinese live in cave houses. They can't make brick houses because the soil won't hold the weight and there are no trees to make wooden houses. I bet it's really dark inside their caves. During DT, we made lots of gifts for our Valentine's sale on Monday. We had a great time but Ms Asia and Miss Jen were very strict about messy work. We're really looking forward to selling them on Monday.

Year 3 Foxes



HOUSE SCORES 2016/2017



1st

Place

2nd

Place

3rd






Place

4th

Place

MERIT CHALLENGE

Merit Challenge this week	Cities
Merit Challenge next week	Abbreviations

HOUSE SCORES	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
				
Weekly Points	2	3	1	4
Weekly Winner				
Total Points	43	45	54	38
Weekly Merits	399	406	359	424
RANKING	3 rd PLACE	2 nd PLACE	1 st PLACE	4 th PLACE

Primary House Captains:

	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
	Gayeon Lee Year 6 Wolverines Wolverines	Magda Sawicka Year 6 Wolverines	Jack Kidd Year 6 Wolverines	Madhav Sathish Year 6 Wolverines

Secondary House Captains:

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

Secondary House Vice Captains:

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



PTA BISC Wroclaw on Facebook:
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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 Spring Bazaar (Friday, March 17)
- PTA Fat Thursday (Thursday, April 6)
- PTA Mufti Day (Friday, April 7)

3. Upcoming PTA Mufti Day and its theme:

In celebration of the recent International Friends Day and upcoming Valentine's Day, we are having a BISC MUFTI DAY on Tuesday 14 February 2017. We would like to ask you to dress in RED, PINK, or WHITE to show your support of your international friendships. A donation of 2PLN can be passed to your form teacher for participation as usual. The money raised during the Mufti Day will be used to organize our other fun activities for children.


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.

	13.02	14.02	15.02	16.02	17.02
Soup	Vegetable soup	Green pea soup	Cream of corn with ginger	Potato leek soup	Tomato cream
	Pea with sausage soup	Cauliflower soup	Tomato soup with rice	Champignon soup	Garlic soup
Main course	(Vege) Risotto (beetroot, lentils sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds)	(Vege) Buckwheat champignon cutlets with parsley and feta cheese, potato puree, red cabbage salad	(Vege) Lasagna with vegetables and mozzarella, celery salad	(Vege) Vegetable pancakes with yogurt, iceberg lettuce and carrot salad	(Vege) Bean cutlets with herbed yogurt dip, barley groats, chinese cabbage with raisins and yoghurt salad
	(Meat) Roast chicken, rice with vegetables	(Meat) Turkey filled in thyme breadcrumbs, potato puree, red cabbage salad	(Meat) Beef lasagna with mozzarella, celery salad	(Meat) Vegetable pancakes with ham, iceberg lettuce and carrot salad	(Meat) Roasted pork loin, barley groats, chinese cabbage with raisins and yoghurt salad
	(Fish) Fish burger with cod, rice with vegetables	(Fish) Pollock filled in thyme breadcrumbs, potato puree, red cabbage salad	(Fish) risotto with salmon and vegetables, celery salad	(Fish) Vegetable pancakes with smoked salmon, yogurt dip, iceberg lettuce and carrot salad	(Fish) Cod fingers, barley groats, chinese cabbage with raisins and yoghurt salad

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