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**It is what you read when you don't have to that determines what you will be when you can't help it.**

**Oscar Wilde**

Dear Parents,

Over the Easter holiday I decided it was high time that my 12-year-old daughter was introduced to the fiction of Jane Austen and I proudly presented her with a three volume set of Persuasion, Pride & Prejudice and Sense & Sensibility. Though a very elegant hardback set my daughter had already decided her reading list for the vacation and my attempts to wean her away from modern teen fiction to these classics was initially unsuccessful; imposing books on people never works. The positive outcome was that I took the opportunity to plough through these wonderful books and

# BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW

# NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



reacquaint myself with the delightful dialogue between Mr D'Arcy and Elizabeth Bennett. I became so engrossed I will always associate this Easter break with Jane Austen.

In recent days I have thoroughly enjoyed the various pictures on schoology posted by avid readers, some in the most unusual locations; certainly I've never tried to read on a paddle-board. It is clear that so many of our pupils derive great pleasure from reading and I congratulate Ms Iwona on this excellent Merit challenge. Reading is a gift that will stay with children throughout their life and we wish to make reading a key pastime for all children in our school. We ask you to encourage reading and to make time for reading at home.

While the long May holiday weekend beckons a number of our senior pupils are sitting examinations on Tuesday and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> May. For the examinations this year we are utilising

the Dębowa Gym as the venue. This allows for more appropriate examination conditions and during the month of May I will be there quite often. I wish all our pupils the success they deserve in the forthcoming external examinations. We sit external examinations with two examinations boards, Cambridge International Examinations at IGCSE and AQA at GCSE and A-level.

Though the current weather looks inauspicious, we are planning a family afternoon on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May for a picnic under the cherry blossom and we will have some fun games and activities. Please bring a picnic basket and a rug and join us for this fun event.



Best regards,  
Tom McGrath  
Head of School



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 May holiday School closed	2 May holiday School closed	3 May holiday School closed	4	5 Primary School Assembly 8.35am  Secondary School Assembly 10.30am	6	7
8 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room  Primary students - linguistic competition about France and other French- speaking countries- Part I 8.35am – 9.20am  Primary Staff Meeting 3.40pm F1 room, big villa  Secondary Staff Meeting 3.40pm F3 room, big villa	9	10 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room  Savoury Snack Day Year 4 Owls	11 Double Merit Day : )	12 Primary School Assembly 8.35am  Secondary School Assembly 10.30am  Double Merit Day : )  Cambridge English Exams – Payment deadline  The Baker Books – Closing date of the summer order	13 PTA Picnic under the cherry blossom 1.00pm – 3.00pm School premises	14
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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. Korean Coordinator

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](mailto:haesung.lee@bisc.wroclaw.pl)

### 2. School doctor

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

### 3. Extra Curricular Activities

Dear Parents,

This term we have made some changes to our ECA schedule. Please note, that the following clubs: Drama club, Maths support club, Primary orchestra and Art club

will be discontinued.

We have 5 new clubs:

- Puzzle club
- Explorer's club
- Computer club
- British and American songs club
- Computer animation club.

Starting from Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> our Basketball Club will take place on the school premises.

Our Football club has been moved from Friday to Tuesday and starting from May 9<sup>th</sup> it will take place on the school premises.

More details on page 3.

### 4. Contact details

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

## Extra Curricular Activities 2016/2017

ECA	TEACHER	AGE GROUP	WHERE	WHEN
Puzzle Club <b>NEW</b>	Iza Łuczowska	Foundation – Y2	Foundation unit Lipowa	Wednesdays 3.40pm – 4.20pm
Kendo Club	Takaharu Uesugi	Year 1 upwards	Dębowa Gym Dębowa 9b	Tuesdays 3.45pm - 4.35pm
Football Club	Michał Król	Year 1 upwards	School premises <b>from May 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Tuesdays 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
Basketball Club	Marcin Kwasiuk	Year 1-5	School premises <b>from May 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Fridays 3.45pm - 5.00pm
Polish Club	Anna Łoboziak	Year 1-6	Year 2 Dragonflies classroom small villa	Tuesdays 3:40pm - 4:20pm
British and American Songs Club <b>NEW</b>	Iwona Sokołowska	Year 3-4	G10 room big villa	Thursdays 3.40pm - 4.20pm
Explorer's Club <b>NEW</b>	Agnieszka Peck	Year 3-6	F1 room big villa	Fridays 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
Computer Club <b>NEW</b>	Magda Cempura	Year 4-6	ICT 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
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
GCSE French Club	Magda Mrozowska	Secondary	S6 room big villa	Wednesdays 1.15pm – 1.50pm
Debating Club	Tom McGrath	Secondary	G6 room big villa	Fridays 4.30pm. – 5.30pm
Computer Animation Club <b>NEW</b>	Ian Carr-de Avelon	Secondary	ICT room big villa	Fridays 1.10pm. – 1.50pm
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 break! It was energizing to see pupils back at school, fresh and full of motivation after the holiday. The first week back saw Parent-Teacher Conferences – many thanks for such a great turnout at those meeting and thank you for many warm words!

The weather seems to be improving, so in the weeks to come we expect our school garden to burst with greenness and hopefully bear some fruit (or vege).

Soon the Summer Term trips are going to start too. Meanwhile I encourage all the Parents and Pupils to look at the updated list of the ECAs for the term.

My congratulations to this week's Stars:

Foundation Bees and Bears - Yukhta, Nao and Tanisha

Year 1 Rabbits - Luke

Year 2 Dragonflies - Larisa Jyerah

Year 3 Foxes - Cameron

Year 4 Owls - Soshiro

Year 4 Shoebills - Louisa, Dong Yeong, Mythri and Akshaya

Year 5 Coyotes - Jessica

Year 6 Wolverines - Matteo and Dawid

Wishing you a relaxing weekend,

Anna Witańska  
Head of Primary

## News from Head of Secondary



Secondary students enjoyed being back to school this week after a long holiday break and showed greater enthusiasm toward their studies. So it looks like a longer break was very much needed. Despite the unpredictable weather, they enjoyed their free time outside playing football and other playground games. I have also watched some very competitive football matches among

our current year 6 group which we look forward to seeing next year when they join our secondary group.

Students in French, Spanish and German took their writing and speaking GCSE exams this week and the A-Level Art exam began on Thursday. The Art exam requires 15 hours of testing over four days so it is a quite demanding exam. I would also like to welcome two new students to our secondary classes. Geonhyung Park and Kaiya Yamada have joined us recently and both have quickly making new friendships.

Enjoy your weekend,

Joe Peck  
Head of Secondary

## News from Polish School



To był długi tydzień...

Po wielu dniach beztróskiego leniuchowania wszyscy powróciliśmy pełni energii do pracy. A z pewnością jej potrzebowaliśmy, gdyż tydzień wydawał się dłuższy niż zwykle. Nie jest tu przesadą stwierdzenie, że w szkole byliśmy od rana do wieczora ;)

Większość rodziców skorzystała z możliwości spotkania się z nauczycielami swoich pociech. Ci, którym, z różnych względów, nie udało się tego zrobić w wyznaczonym terminie, a chcieliby jednak porozmawiać o postępach swoich dzieci, wciąż mogą to zrobić umawiając się na spotkania bezpośrednio lub za moim pośrednictwem.

Napracowali się nauczyciele i rodzice, ale i dzieci nie próżnowały. W piątek uczniowie klas 5 i 6 wzięli udział w konkursie przyrodniczym „Młodzi Odkrywczy”, organizowanym przez Zespół Szkół Nr 11 przy ulicy Grochowej. Współpracując ze sobą w dwuosobowych zespołach, nasi uczniowie stawili czoło trudnym zagadnieniom dotyczącym tajemnic natury. Wszyscy trzymaliśmy za nich kciuki ;).

A przed nami kolejnych kilka dni relaksu... Może pogoda pozwoli na spędzenie ich na łonie przyrody...

Pozdrawiam serdecznie.

Dyrektor Szkoły  
Magdalena Mrozowska



## Spotlight on Year 10



Year 10 students are taking a couple of the GCSE exams this year and they wished to share some of their thoughts on preparing for the exams. The students are also sharing their feelings about their progress in the GCSE programme as they near the end of the first year.

### **Daria**

This year I'm taking only two exams, ESL and French. Both are foreign languages for me so it's important to gain this inner confidence, especially for the speaking part. Except preparing morally, I have been trying for the whole year to expand my vocabulary. I hope I'll do well on these two exams although, I expect both to be quite difficult.

One specific thing that I like about this school is that you get a chance to have lessons one-to-one with a teacher who is paying attention only to you. In my case, I have individual Computer Science and History courses. I want to thank both teachers for the fact that they found an effective approach to learning for me and I hope it will reflect well next year during the GCSE exams.

### **Yejin**

At the moment, I think the GCSE exams are very important. Preparing for the exams is significant too. All of the subjects are not easy, but if you revise and ask questions to the teachers, you will get an easy way for preparing the exam. Studying is a hard task and so is getting good grades. However, if you do your best, your effort will show up later.

### **Yunhwa**

Compared to my experiences in Year 9, I am doing much more work now. There are new subjects, new textbooks and more papers to complete. The studies I work on now are much harder but I think I am coping well. However, I have some problems with my languages. I am preparing for the Spanish and Polish GCSE exams and I often mix the languages up and speak in a silly way. Even though there are some difficulties, I am trying hard to score well in the IGCSE exams next year.



Last year, for the first time, the ESL team arranged Cambridge English exams for those pupils whose parents desired it. This year, in conjunction with our colleagues at International House, we are arranging exams again. The dates will be decided once we know the demand but it is possible that some levels will be held on a Saturday rather than a normal school day. It is also possible that International House will send invigilators to conduct some of the exams in BISC instead of us all going to them.

Taking the exams is a useful motivation for pupils and the certificates demonstrate that pupils are progressing as we all intend. The higher levels of the range of exams are accepted as a demonstration of English language ability by Universities, companies and other organisations throughout the world.

If your child takes ESL at BISC, their teacher will write to you stating the level that would be most appropriate for your son or daughter to attempt. Children who do not have ESL classes are also welcome to take the exams if their parents wish them to. Pupils in ESL classes will be taking exams in the same format, which are also from Cambridge. This is part of our end of year learning assessment but is also as useful practice for those taking the exam with International House. We are of course happy to provide a mock exam for other pupils being entered for the Cambridge Exams.

Cambridge University has provided exams for schools since 1858 (but for girls only since 1864!). The English as a Second Language exams date back to 1913 and were originally for adults. At the beginning candidates were mainly foreign English teachers who wanted a certificate from Britain to show competency back in their own countries. The range of levels examined has expanded over the years and exams aimed at children rather than adults have been added too.

The prices of the various levels are:

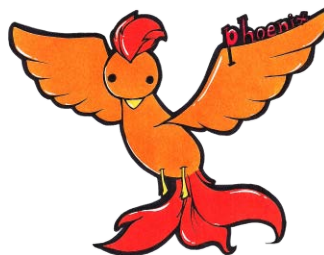
YLE Starters	240,00 PLN
YLE Movers	250,00 PLN
YLE Flyers	260,00 PLN
KET/KET for Schools	310,00 PLN
PET/PET for Schools	330,00 PLN
FCE/FCE for Schools	580,00 PLN
CAE	600,00 PLN
CPE	620,00 PLN

If your child is not in an ESL group, but you would like them to take one of the exams this year, please complete the form and return it with the exam fee to the school secretary Kasia Frankiewicz by **12<sup>th</sup> May**.

Best regards,  
Ian Carr-de Avelon

Cambridge ESL Exams 2017	
I wish my child to be entered for the Cambridge ESL exams this year.	
Signed: _____	
Pupil's Name	
Form Group	
Exam Level	
Exam fee	

# HOUSE SCORES 2016/2017



1<sup>st</sup>

Place

2<sup>nd</sup>






Place

3<sup>rd</sup>

Place

4<sup>th</sup>

Place

HOUSE SCORES	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
				
Weekly Points	4	2	3	1
Weekly Winner				
Total Points	68	64	72	56
Weekly Merits	1179	672	826	500
<b>RANKING</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> PLACE	3 <sup>rd</sup> PLACE	1 <sup>st</sup> PLACE	4 <sup>th</sup> PLACE

### Primary House Captains:

	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
	<b>Gayeon Lee</b> Year 6 Wolverines Wolverines	<b>Magda Sawicka</b> Year 6 Wolverines	<b>Jack Kidd</b> Year 6 Wolverines	<b>Madhav Sathish</b> Year 6 Wolverines

### Secondary House Captains:

	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
	<b>Yunhwa Jung</b> Year 10	<b>Yejin Lee</b> Year 10	<b>DongMin Seo</b> Year 9	<b>Jeong Min Hong</b> Y11

### Secondary House Vice Captains:

	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
	<b>Borys Rusko</b> Year 7	<b>Alicia Marie McInerney</b> Year 7	<b>Nada Mikati</b> Year 7	<b>Anastasia Lacroix</b> Year 7



PTA BISC Wroclaw on Facebook:  
[goo.gl/WNw25e](https://goo.gl/WNw25e)  
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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:

May 10, 2017	Year 4 Owls
May 24, 2017	Year 8

## **2. Spring is in the air!**

On Saturday May 13th we will be opening the school from 1:00pm till 3:00pm for a family picnic.

Bring your picnic rugs and food for your family and relax or join in with some fun team sports and activities. All are welcome.

Please note, the date might be postponed in the case of bad weather.

## **3. International Day:**

On Friday May 26th we will be holding our annual International Day. Students and Teachers are to come dressed in their National Dress, or Colours of their flag. We will begin at 08:30 with a flag parade and assembly, followed by a tea reception for parents and staff. Please bring a small plate of food from your country to share with our parent/staff community. Primary children will then be separated into groups to participate in activities representing countries from our global community. We hope to see you all there.

## **4. Family Carnival.**

Save the date! On Saturday June 10th we will be having a family Carnival with games, food, & crafts.

More information to follow.

## **5.**

Dear BISC Community,

In Poland, we have an opportunity to nominate a charity that 1% of our tax will go to. Many people just allow their employer to choose for them as they are not aware of the charities that are available.

As you all know, Mr. Marcin Kwasiuk's son Paweł has a very rare and disability disorder that requires constant medical attention and costly therapy. The PTA have actively fundraised to help with some of these costs, but we can also help by nominating Paweł as the recipient of our 1% tax.

This is the final week you can register your charity, so if you would like to nominate Paweł for your 1% tax, the details are:

**Dolnośląska Fundacja Rozwoju Ochrony Zdrowia "DOLFROZ"**

**ul. Lotnicza 37**

**54-154 Wrocław**

**KRS number 0000050135 – „KWASIUK”**

Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

Yours,  
PTA



## **EDU MEN - Tutting**

National Forum of Music

Plac Wolności 1

<http://www.nfm.wroclaw.pl/en/component/nfmcalendar/event/5741>

**Wednesday, 24th May 06:00pm**

## **Thanks Jimi Festival**

Market Square

<http://en.heyjoe.pl/>

**Monday, 1st May**

## **Pat Metheny**

Centennial Hall & Discovery Centre

Wystawowa 1

<http://www.ticketpro.pl/jnp/en/muzyka/rock-pop/1784343-wroclowe-fest-pat-metheny-quartet.html>

**Monday, 15th May 08:00pm**

## **Wrocław Fashion Week**

Making Place Wrocław

Pułaskiego 48

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/makingplacewroclaw/posts/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/makingplacewroclaw/posts/?ref=page_internal)

**Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May until Saturday, 6th May**

## **Veganmania**

IASE Hall next to Centennial Hall & Discovery Centre

Wystawowa 1

<https://www.facebook.com/events/429671127422566>

**Saturday, 13th May 12:00pm until 06:00pm**

## **Exhibition: Józef Hałas - Searches**

Museum of Architecture

Bernardyńska 5

<http://ma.wroc.pl/en/>

**until Thursday, 25th May**

## **Ekobazar**

Tęczowa 57

<http://www.ekobazarwroclaw.com/>

**Every Saturday, 08:00am – 04:00pm**

## **Chill-out Zone**

Musical Theatre Capitol

Piłsudskiego 72

<http://www.wroclaw.pl/go/events/entertainment/35635-chill-out-zone-at-the-capitol?event=263146>

**Everyday**

## **Bass & Beat Festival**

New Horizons Cinema

Kazimierza Wielkiego 19a-21

<http://www.bassandbeat.pl/en/>

**Friday, 19th May 06:30pm until Sunday, 21st May 07:00pm**

## **3-Majówka Festival**

Pergola - Centennial Hall

Wystawowa 1

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1170702619673940/>

**Monday, 1st May until Wednesday, 3rd May**

## **6. Wrocław Tattoo Convention**

Zakłete Rewiry

Krakowska 100

<http://wroclaw.tatookonwent.pl/>

**Saturday, 20th May until Sunday, 21st May**

## **History Regained. The Life of Jewish Community in Wrocław and Lower Silesia**

The White Stork Synagogue

Włodkowica 7

<http://www.wroclaw.pl/go/events/art/35651-history-regained-the-life-of-jewish-community-in-wroclaw-and-lower-silesia>

**Unbounded**

## **National Circus of China – The Grand Hong Kong Hotel**

National Forum of Music

Plac Wolności 1

<http://www.nfm.wroclaw.pl/en/component/nfmcalendar/event/5647>


**Tuesday, 2nd May 04:00pm and 08:00pm**

# Lunch Menu for May 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](mailto:jwierzejska@masterszef.com.pl)) or by the phone (22 110 50 07).
4. Please note that the menu for May is now available online.

	01.05	02.05	03.04	04.04	05.04
<b>Soup</b>	May holiday (School closed)			Champignon soup	Creamy spinach soup
				Ukrainian borscht	Tomato soup with rice
<b>Main course</b>				(Vege) Pearl barley with caramelized pumpkin, raisins and shredded coconut, coleslaw	(Vege) Vegetable skewers, bulgur, pickled cucumber salad
				(Meat) Meatloaf, pearl barley, coleslaw	(Meat) Chicken skewers, bulgur, pickled cucumber salad
				(Fish) Cod fillet, pearl barley, coleslaw	(Fish) Bulgur with tuna and vegetables, pickled cucumber salad



# AROUND BISC WROCLAW

