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Dear parents,

Many years ago a prospective parent once said to me how lucky I was being in the education business. 'After all,' he said, 'you only need some rooms, chairs, tables, a computer, secretary and some teachers!' I often remember this totally misguided comment and smile to myself thinking, 'If only he knew!' Over the past 20 years, I have often pondered the question: *which are the most important functions of a Headteacher?* There are many answers to this question, but undoubtedly, among the top three or four - and one of the most difficult to achieve - has to be the ability to build a team of staff that work together and complement each other in ensuring that the school operates smoothly. I believe at BISC Wroclaw, we have achieved this with flying colours!

I mentioned the above specifically because I was thinking about the middle management team that we have in here at BISC Wroclaw. What a great team they are! Ms Anna Witanska, Mr Joe Peck aided by Ms Agnieszka Peck and Mr Graham Lewis are true professionals who

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display a rare sense of unity, which is a major part of the engine that drives the quality of education with which BISC Wroclaw is renowned. Management meetings, which take place each Wednesday afternoon, provide a crucial forum to discuss a wide range of topics that develop the school, coordinate activities and generate debate on all issues that affect the education of our pupils. So I'd like to say a bit THANK YOU to our middle management team for their ongoing efforts and commitment to our school.

On Tuesday of this week, pupils from Year 11 sat the first of the many IGCSE, GCSE and A Level written exams which will be taken over this May/June public examination session. As this day was an official holiday in Poland and only the exam takers, Mr Jerzy and myself were in school, I must admit that conditions were perfect for writing exams! I would like to thank Mr Jerzy for opening and closing the school on this day.

Talking about exams reminds me to ask all parents to ensure that they know the exact times and dates of their child's exams. The scheduled start and end of IGCSE, GCSE and A Level exams is set by the Exam Board and cannot be changed. If your child is late for an exam, they will not be allowed to make up for time lost. I would also like to point out that students who miss an exam for any

reason will not be permitted to retake the exam at a later date. The rules are strict and specifically intended to ensure examination security.

My thanks to Mr Marcin for organising the pre-green camp meeting after school last Wednesday. Many documents were provided and questions answered, and this year the camp promises to be better than ever! Mr Marcin has asked me to remind all participating parents to return the medical form to the office by next Monday 9th May.

Yesterday the PTA held their Spring Bazaar. It was a lively occasion with some serious shopping taking place! The PTA raised around 1,200 pln and I would like to thank all the parents who prepared the bazaar, those of you who donated items, and of course, all of you for spending your money at this enjoyable and very profitable event!

Finally, I am very pleased to announce that Wayne will be back at BISC Wroclaw from next Monday. I'm sure that I speak for all of our pupils, staff, parents and the school owners in wishing him a healthy return to school, and an enjoyable remainder of this academic year.



Best regards,
Andy Harris
Acting Head of School



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				6 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. Secondary School Assembly 10.30a.m.		8
9 Primary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m.	10 Secondary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Library	11 Savoury Snack Day Year 5 Kangaroos	12	13 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. Secondary School Assembly 10.30a.m.	14	15 Green Camp
16 Primary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Green Camp	17 Secondary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Library Green Camp	18 Green Camp	19 Green Camp	20 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. Secondary School Assembly 10.30a.m.	21	22
23 Primary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m.	24 Secondary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Library	25 Usborne Book Sale	26 Corpus Christi School Closed	27 Corpus Christi School Closed	28	29

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:

Hae Sung Lee - haesung.lee@bisc.wroclaw.pl
 Hye Seung Lee - hyeseung.lee@bisc.wroclaw.pl

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 BISC Department of Finance & Administration kindly requests that all overdue school fees and examination fees, as well as June tuition fees, are paid by 10th June 2016 at the latest. Please note that in the event of overdue payment, the School reserves the right to withhold all documents referring to the Student, including school records and examination certificates, until the outstanding fees are paid.

6. Dear Parents,

Please note that the school will be closed on Thursday 26th May and Friday 27th May due to the Corpus Christi.

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	Sławomir Czerwiński	Secondary	S3 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.
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.
Homework Club	Agnieszka Peck	Primary	F1 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	Justyna Zajęc	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 Sokołowska	Parents :)	G10 room big villa	Thursdays 2.00p.m. – 3.25p.m.
Famous British and American songs	Iwona Sokołowska	Y3 – Y6	G10 room big villa	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 was a short one, and we kept thinking that Wednesday was Monday, which made things rather confusing. The Primary School did its second round of dictation and comprehensions tests and spent a lot of time practising steps for the Belgian dance. On Friday we had our first rehearsal together – and it went quite well!

This week we had welcomed some new primary students: Deepali in Year 4 Shoebills, AhRin in Year 1 Rabbits and Soo Kyeom in Year 3 Foxes. We wish them a happy term in BISC!

I am pleased to inform all the parents and students that we are going to have another Usborne Book Sale on 25th May. Get your pocket money ready :-)

On Friday we sang during our Musical Assembly – thank you Mr. Maciek and the orchestra! - and we saw a lot of certificates being handed to our Stars of the Week! Here they come:

Foundation Bees - Lara and Kenzaburo
Foundation Turtles - Luke
Year 1 Rabbits - Ida nad Keito
Year 2 Butterflies - Maarten
Year 3 Otters - Dongyeong, Min Gyu and Junki
Year 3 Foxes - Yash
Year 4 Shoebills - all Shoebills
Year 5 Kangaravens - Fernando and Sihyeon
Year 6 Jaguars - Kaito, Come and Jin Seong

Congratulations, Stars!

Wishing you a good weekend,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



We had a shortened week but secondary students still managed to get quite a bit accomplished. Mr. Marcin held a meeting for parents on Wednesday regarding the Green Camp and parents were given the camp itinerary and a packing list. These lists were also emailed to all parents in case they were not able to attend the meeting.

Exams season is in full swing now. Year 10 and 11 students have been busy taking exams all week. The exams this week included Mathematics, Geography, English and ESL. When Year 11 students are not having exams, they are busy revising for next one coming up. They are getting lots of support from teachers and other students, so I hope the added encouragement helps to ease the stress that usually comes with the exam season.

I hope everyone is enjoying the sunshine and taking time to view the colourful landscapes all around. Spring is here in full force and I imagine allergies are as well.

Enjoy your weekend,

Joe Peck
Head of Secondary

Spotlight on Year 11

On the 3rd of May most of us enjoyed the public holiday - but not Year 11 students - since they all started their exam session then. I keep my fingers crossed for my class not only to get good results, but also for the experience of exams to be valuable for them, to prepare them for further challenges in life. – **Justyna Zajac, Y11 Form Tutor**

This year I am taking 6 IGCSE exams: Mathematics, Geography, Science, Korean, History and Spanish and the FCE exam. Last year I've passed my ESL IGCSE. These days, I am solving past papers, reading through notebooks and textbooks to revise for the exams. The most difficult subjects for me to study are Science and History, because there are many topics to cover. My classmates and I are stressed out because of the exams and we all are looking forward to June, when all the exams are finished. I hope us all to get good grades in the exams. Good luck, everyone! – **Joo Young Park**

I am taking 5 IGCSE exams this year: Art, French, English as a First Language (EFL), Mathematics, and Geography. I already passed Korean and English Lit exams last year and I have just finished the two sections of my art exams. Both sections were challenging for me, but the part which had stressed me the most was preparing the portfolio, because it was the activity I haven't done before so I did not know what to do, and it was extremely time consuming since I had to create several preparatory sketches in order to show the developing process of my work. I spent almost 2 weeks to complete my projects. Since I missed a lot of classes for other subjects in that period of time, I need to put more effort on preparing for the exams than other students, especially for the subjects which are my weak points such as mathematics, but I'm not sure if my health condition will be good enough to support it. Unfortunately, I get sick easily these days and it worries me a lot. – **Yeihn Ji**

"Stressed" this is how I would describe myself. I, personally am not EXTREMELY worried about the exams but as the time comes closer day by day, I feel like I am pressed down by all those things that I need to study and revise. I am taking 6 IGCSEs, the same subjects as Joo Young, and also the FCE. I have done my ESL exam last year. Two subjects that worry me a lot are science and history, because there are too many equations and dates to remember. I am going back to Korea this summer so when I finish all of my exams I will have only a couple of weeks left until the end of this semester. – **Sun Young Yang**

This year I'm having 6 IGCSEs: Mathematics, Science, Korean, French, Geography, History, and 1 FCE. I have done my ESL exam last year. These days, because of exams, I'm under uncomfortable pressure, and that makes me so nervous. I think I could lose my mind soon, because these tests make me so freaky. I am even sometimes being ridiculous to people that I meet. I'm trying to study the subjects to prevent the worst situation. I'm not sure which grades will I get, but I'm not that confident to get high grades. Please, do not disturb me when I'm studying! – **Hyung Jin Kwak**

This year I am taking 4 IGCSE exams: Art, French, Mathematics and ESL (Extended). I already finished my Art exam last week. It was very complicated. I had 8 hours for both units but very often I felt like the time was just flying away so it was incredibly stressful both physically and mentally. I have done also the two displays where I had to arrange all the sketches I prepared before and the final

piece. When I finished them I literally was feeling better and I was extremely proud of all the work I did since I started. But unfortunately I still did not finish the rest of my exams, so now I am still practicing through different past papers for the other subjects. I hope for me and my classmates that we will keep doing nice work and finally get rid of these exams ☺ - **Martina La Spada**

This year I am taking 8 IGCSE exams: Mathematics, Science, German, History, ICT, English as a First Language (EFL), Geography and Korean. Last year I've passed my ESL exam. I am extremely worried about the exams. The most difficult subjects are German and ICT because this is the first time to study these subjects in details. However, I am kind of confident in Korean because it is my native language. I feel much encircled by the exams because I will get wider range of subjects to choose for A-Levels if I get good grades. I want to be released from this agony as quick as possible. - **Jaein Lee**

I am taking 7 IGCSE exams and also FCE. I have already taken ICT practical exams and they were tough. I need to take German exam soon but the problem is that I am allergic to flower pollen (I think), so right now I don't feel very well. I will have to try my best to keep my body fit until the exams finish. Lastly, I am incredibly sad to say that one of my classmates, called Sun Young, is leaving soon because we have been together for about 5 years. – **Eun Jih Park**



Bake-a-Cake and Savoury Days

Year 5 Kangaroos	May 11, 2016
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1. News on gardening project

At the end of this week and during the next week Primary children will be seeding and transplanting cold weather tolerating vegetables into their vegetable patches. This means the vegetable patches will stop being just empty patches with soil turned over. The vegetables will actually get planted there. Therefore, please supervise your children during the after-school play time and please remind them to stay off the vegetable patches to not ruin the work of their own and of others.

2. Round Table with PTA agenda

Please keep in mind that you are very welcome to send your comments, questions and complaints, as well as observations about positive things happening at school, to PTA e-mail address pta@bisc.wroclaw.pl . PTA will discuss your concerns with the school management and will work towards finding a solution to the problems you would point out.

Previous Round Tables with PTA agenda proved that several problems pointed at by parents have been solved and many questions did get answered. Therefore, we invite you to be active and help to work together with PTA in solving the problems which concern you at school.

ORT Birthday Competition – First Entry :)

Here is the first entry for the ORT Birthday Competition by our Year 3 student, Mythri. Enjoy the read!
Ms. Anna

The Floating Castle

Whilst Kipper, Biff and Chip were strolling in the nature park, they saw something mysterious floating in the sky. It looked enormous but was hidden behind the clouds. They could see an outline of something...something that resembled a castle!

"Look it's a floating castle!" the children shouted to the people in the park.

Everyone ran to see what all the shouting was about and looked up, but all they could see was the clear, blue sky.

"Ha Ha Ha!" laughed the people. "You just wanted to trick us" saying which they started walking away.

Just as the people were clearing, Kipper tripped on the root of a giant Banyan tree. As he was getting back up, an underground tunnel, which led to a glass staircase, opened.

"Should we go?" asked Biff.

Without hesitation the children raced into the massive tunnel. Inside they noticed a captivating shop that was colourfully lit up. Hundreds of colourful candies and yummy treats were hung outside. The name board of the shop said 'Alex's Marvellous Cakes'.

They went inside the shop and saw a little boy who was about Chip's age. He was baking delicious chocolate cakes.

"Hello!" exclaimed Kipper.

The little boy turned around smiling happily and remarked, "Hello. I am Alex. How can I help you?". Astonished Chip asked Alex if he knew anything about the floating castle up in the sky.

"Yes, I do" responded Alex assuringly.

"Why can't anyone else but us, see the floating castle?" asked Chip.

Alex replied " There's a noble King high up in the castle who chooses 3 children each year to come to his castle and spend a day with him. You 3 are the chosen ones! So are you excited?".

"Yes,very much" replied Biff, Chip and Kipper in unison.

Just as they were leaving Alex said " Wait! You haven't tried any of my flavored cakes. Please take some before you go". Clutching a box of cake each,they climbed the stairs excitedly.

As the climbed up the glass staircase, it magically led them up to the castle. When they opened the huge wooden door to the castle they saw a wonderful sight. Many beautiful paintings of famous painters like Leonardo Da Vinci hung on the walls. Additionally, Kipper saw graceful Peacocks strutting around the courtyard and love birds were chirping merrily. Right in the middle there was a circular garden with red roses, bright rich purple orchids, multi coloured carnations and daisies which were arranged beautifully. It was a real treat to their eyes to see those exotic plants and fragrant flowers.

After admiring them for some time, Biff, Chip, and Kipper made their way joyfully to the entrance of the palace.

When they reached,a voice boomed "Welcome to my palace".

As the door opened they saw the king of the palace sitting majestically on the throne which was made out of glittering gold.

"Hello" said the king.

Biff,Chip and Kipper starred at the throne in astonishment. "Wow" marvellous! exclaimed Biff.

"Do you want to take a look around" asked the friendly king.

"Yeah , sure of course, We would love to" responded Kipper in excitement.

The palace was made of smooth marbles with carvings on it. 'Let's go' said the King. The King took them to many rooms but the most impressive was the chocolate room. The kids were desperate because they really like chocolates.

"Go on. what are you waiting for?" the king asked

'Choose your favourite chocolate and taste them if you want to' he added.

The kids ran around in circles tasting each chocolate. Biff liked dark chocolate, Kipper liked white chocolate and Chip liked the Hazelnut ones.

By then the Grandfather clock in the castle struck 5. It was time to go.

'Get up Biff,Get up' said Kipper and Chip.

"Look what Mum has got for you. A princess castle which you have wanted for a long time."

Biff got up frantically and ran to see the toy. 'Was the dream real?' She wondered. She reached into her pocket and found one of the dark chocolates that she had taken from the chocolate room in the floating castle!!!

by Mythri



Calendar for School Year 2016/2017

AUTUMN TERM	
Teacher's Preparation Day	01.09.2016 Thursday
Open Day for Parents	02.09.2016 Friday
Start of Term	05.09.2016 Monday
End for Half Term Break	28.10.2016 Friday
Start of Second Half of Term	07.11.2016 Monday
Polish Independence Day (school closed)	11.11.2016 Friday
End of Autumn Term (Half day)	16.12.2016 Friday
SPRING TERM	
Start of term	03.01.2017 Tuesday
The Epiphany (school closed)	06.01.2017 Friday
End for half term break	17.02.2017 Friday
Start of second half of term	27.02.2017 Monday
End of Spring Term (Half day)	07.04.2017 Friday
SUMMER TERM	
Start of term	24.04.2017 Monday
May holiday (school closed)	01-03.05.2017 Monday to Wednesday
Corpus Christi (school closed)	15-16.06.2017 Thursday and Friday
End of School Year (Half day)	30.06.2017 Friday

Lunch Menu May 2016

PRICE - 10 PLN per meal

Every day you can choose between 2 available meals.

09.05	10.05	11.05	12.05	13.05
Devolay with mashed potatoes and salad	Meat stew with dumplings and salad	Potato dumplings in mushroom sauce with salads	Meatballs with potatoes and salad	Spaghetti with tomato sauce
Pancakes with cheese & chocolate	Penne with vegetables and chicken in cream sauce	Breaded chicken cutlet + salad + potatoes/ rice or French fries	Borscht soup + croquet with cheese and mushrooms	Steamed Cod + salad+ potatoes/ rice or French fries
16.05	17.05	18.05	19.05	20.05
Sesame-crusted chicken cutlet+ salad +baked potatoes/ rice or French fries	Toastie with with spinach , tomato and mozzarella	Chicken burger with fries	Meatballs with potatoes and salad	Cod + salad+ potatoes/ rice or French fries
Camembert in cranberry-horseradish sauce	Risotto with chicken& veggies	Dumplings + tomato soup with rice	Pancakes with cheese, ham and mushrooms	Spaghetti bolognese
23.05	24.05	25.05	26.05	27.05
Devolay with mashed potatoes and salad	Meat stew with dumplings and salad	Potato dumplings in mushroom sauce with salads	School Closed	School Closed
Pancakes with cheese and cherries or chocolate	Penne with vegetables in cream sauce	Breaded chicken cutlet + salad + potatoes/ rice or French fries		

If you prefer there is also a possibility to exchange something from the menu for :

1. Tomato soup with rice+ bread roll with cheese/salami
2. Sour rye soup with egg + bread roll with cheese/salami
3. Borscht + bread roll with cheese/salami

Of course we can introduce something new according to your preferences. I am waiting for your suggestions.

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(Weekly Winner)



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