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Dear Parents and visitors to our website,

This week the new Chair of the Advisory Board asked me in light of last week's newsletter exactly what impact Assessment for Learning would have on the students. In response in terms of curriculum content the changes are:

- In maths, children will be expected to learn more at an earlier age - for example to know their 12 times table by the age of nine
- History will take a more chronological approach than under the old curriculum
- In English, pupils will learn more Shakespeare and there will be more importance placed on spelling
- The new computing curriculum will require pupils to learn how to write code
- In science, there will be a shift towards hard facts and "scientific knowledge"

In terms of their own approach to their learning and how their teachers deal with this.....

Schools in England had become data driven; teachers heavily influenced by the need to produce summative performance data to assess school effectiveness, set targets and monitor standards. Most schools had amalgamated this into their regular monitoring systems with teachers being asked to report on achievement every few months. This approach to assessment amplifies the negative messages that low-attainers perceive about their lack of success compared to others in their class. This can lead to increased feelings of helplessness and further decreased motivation. Assessment need not have this effect

on learners if teachers focus their efforts on formative assessment, which supports learning rather than judging achievement. This is known as Assessment for Learning (AfL). Through AfL, teachers find out what students know, what they partly know and what they do not know so that the follow-on activities can advance learning. They encourage students to talk about their learning and can then gauge what's needed more accurately. At the same time, students can question their own learning as they try to make sense of their own ideas. Through the process and routine of feedback, learners can sort out small problems and misunderstandings, and form better links between ideas. This develops the learner and prevents them losing sight of their long-term goal.

The goal of AfL is not just to motivate students to work hard on challenging problems, but also to develop their identities as capable learners. For low-attaining students, AfL refocuses their attitude towards assessment as something that can help them learn rather than a process that highlights their incompetencies. For high attainers, it offers a more challenging curriculum that focuses on their progress rather than simply meeting targets. Putting AfL into practice is not easy. It requires school to prioritise this approach to assessment and ensure that other initiatives do not clash with its implementation. School should stop relying on summative assessments that tell students how they are performing in relation to national curriculum sub-levels, something which demotivates many learners.

Pupils don't need to be told every few weeks that they are level 4a, and so on, instead they need to know whether they are making progress and where they need to improve. Putting AfL into practice also requires teachers to change the way they work with their students. It is not simply a matter of adding on to existing practice – it requires a reconsideration of practice to enhance the necessary feedback loops involved and help pupils become more active and collaborative in their learning and assessment.

I hoped you enjoyed the Christmas concerts (I enjoyed my cameo appearance in Foundations), and are now ready for a well-earned rest.

It is a fond farewell to Ms Marlena and Mr Peter who head into the New Year for pastures new, and a warm welcome to Ms Natalia our new secretary.

Have a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year,



Best regards,
Wayne Billington
Head of School

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW

NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				18 Whole school assembly 8.35 a.m. Half Day School closes at 12.05 12.30p.m. Staff party	19	20
21 Christmas break	22 Christmas break	23 Christmas break	24 Christmas break School closed	25 Christmas break School closed	26	27
28 Christmas break	29 Christmas break	30 Christmas break	31 Christmas break	1 School closed	2	3
4 Primary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m.	5 Secondary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Library	6 The Epiphany School closed	7	8 Primary school assembly 8.35 a.m.	9	10

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. Office opening hours during the break:

Ms. Natalia's office (small villa)

Monday 21st December – 8.00a.m. –2p.m.

Tuesday 22nd December – 8.00a.m. –2p.m.

Wednesday 23rd December – 8.00a.m. –2p.m.

Thursday 24th December – office closed

Friday 25th December – office closed

Monday 28th December – 8.00a.m. –2p.m.

Tuesday 29th December – 8.00a.m. –2p.m.

Wednesday 30th December – 8.00a.m. –2p.m.

Thursday 31st December – 8.00a.m. –2p.m.

Friday 1st January – office closed

Ms. Kasia's office (big villa)

Monday 21st December – 10.00a.m. –4p.m.

Tuesday 22nd December – 10.00a.m. –4p.m.

Wednesday 23rd December – 10.00a.m. –4p.m.

Thursday 24th December – office closed

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Extra Curricular Activities 2015/2016

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.
English language support	Joanna Schier	Primary	Year 6 Jaguars room small villa	Tuesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Primary Orchestra	Maciej Posłuszny	Y4 – Y6	G11 room big villa	Tuesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Discussion Club	Jennifer Jones	Y2 – Y3	Year 3 Foxes room small villa	Tuesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Polish for Beginners	Anna Łoboziak	Y1-Y2	Year 2 Butterflies room Small villa	Tuesdays 3.45p.m. – 4.45p.m.
Kendo Club	Takaharu Uesugi	Y1 upwards	Dębowa Gym Dębowa 9b	Tuesdays 3.35p.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.
Maths Club	Anna Witańska	Primary	Year 4 Shoebills room small villa	Wednesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Homework Club	Alexandra Turner	Primary	Year 3 Otters room small villa	Wednesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Polish for Parents :) Beginners	Hanna Savel	Parents :)	S1 room big villa	Wednesdays 1.50p.m. – 3.25p.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 and Bogdan Piątkowski	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.
Maths Homework Club	Justyna Połowska	Secondary	F3 room big villa	Thursdays 3.40p.m. – 4.25p.m.
Maths Kangaroo Club	Justyna Zając	Secondary	F2 room big villa	Thursdays 3.40p.m. – 4.25p.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



It seems we have only started the school year and here we are, getting ready for the Christmas break. Despite the non-Christmassy weather, we managed to create a truly festive atmosphere during our three primary concerts.

On Monday the parents of the Foundation children could enjoy some songs presented by the Bees and

Turtles. The youngest students were genuinely surprised to see Santa himself coming to witness this joyful event. On Tuesday Years 1-3 performed their dances, musicals and little plays in the MDK Centre of Culture, well applauded by the audience. On Wednesday, on the same stage, Years 4-6 played live music, sang, and showed their plays with a Christmas moral.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Teachers for working so hard this term and preparing the children for the concerts, Mr. Maciek – for great music and Ms. Lee – for all the decorations. Many thanks to the Parents for all their support!

On Thursday the Year 4 Charity Sale brought some further profit, which, together with the generous contribution made by Year 6 Jaguars, exceeded PLN 700. Thank you for all the donations!

On Friday we gathered for a short morning assembly and then again to sign songs together with the Secondary students. This little BISC tradition seems to have become very popular with students and staff. Before I announce the Stars of the Week, one more thanks – to PTA for all their activities and support this term.

Now – please meet the Stars:

Foundation Bees – all Bees
Foundation Turtles – all Turtles
Year 1 Rabbits – Charlie
Year 2 Butterflies - William
Year 3 Otters – all Otters
Year 3 Foxes – Taehun and Maks
Year 4 Shoebills – Shinun and Seohyeon
Year 5 Kangaroos - Fernando
Year 5 Ravens – all Ravens
Year 6 Jaguars – all Jaguars

Wishing you a Merry Christmas,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



It has been another fine week here at BISC. The best news all week is probably the opening of our new football pitch! Students are very pleased with the pitch and are now trying to play on it every chance they can get. Now that the pitch has the official boundary lines and

other field markings, players are now focusing more on the rules of the game which helps to maintain a friendly match.

Our girls basketball team did very well in their matches this week too. Their performance advanced them to the next round which will be played during the first week in January.

Other events happening in January will include our ski camp starting on the 11th and mock exams for year 11 starting on the 18th.

I hope everyone enjoys the holiday break and has a chance to spend more time with family and friends.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Joe Peck
Head of Secondary

House Wise Cracks



Bake-A-Cake or Savoury Snack Dates:

Please Note: Due to the expected Ski Camp, Bake-A-Cake or Savoury Day for Years 10&11 is changed to a different day.

Year 5 Ravens	April 27, 2016
Year 5 Kangaroos	May 11, 2016
Year 6 Jaguars	February 10, 2016
Year 7	March 2, 2016
Year 8	March 16, 2016
Year 9	April 13, 2016
Year 10 & 11	January 20, 2016
Year 12 & 13	January 27, 2016



PTA announcements:

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year

PTA wish to all parents and to the school staff Merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year.

Thank you

We would like to thank everybody who supported the Charity Christmas Wish initiative. Thanks to your support and amazing solidarity and social feeling we together managed to raise 3160 PLN for the therapy of Mr. Marcin's little son Pawel. We wish little Pawel to make a great progress in the coming year. PTA are grateful to all families for this amazing experience of unity in support of the Charity Christmas Wish initiative. We would like to thank all of you for the support given to the PTA activities so far and we are looking forward to even more fruitful co-operation in the coming year.

Lunch Menu January 2016

Dear Parents,

Below please find a few details about our lunch ordering system:

1. Lunches for the upcoming week can be ordered in the secretary's office (small villa) from Monday till Thursday.
2. You can choose between the polish, Italian and vegetarian menu.
3. In case of child's absence, please inform school's office on the same day by phone (71 79 66 861) or e-mail (wroclaw@bisc.krakow.pl) before 9a.m. Depending on your request, order will be cancelled or moved for the next week.
4. The orders are accepted together with the payment only.
5. Menu for the following month will be posted on the information boards in both villas and also in our weekly newsletter.
6. The cost for one lunch is 12PLN.

Date	POLISH MENU		ITALIAN MENU	VEGETARIAN MENU
04.01.2016	barley soup with vegetables. potatoes and groats	Noodles with turmeric, cabbage and meat	Penne pasta with tomato sauce and mozzarella, bread, salad	Noodles with turmeric and cabbage
05.01.2016	Pea soup	Chicken fillet, potatoes, bread, salad	Chicken fillet, potatoes, bread, salad	Fried egg, potatoes, salad
06.01.2015	The Epiphany School Closed			
07.01.2016	Italian soup Minestrone	Hungary goulash with vegetables, buckwheat groats, salad	Ricotta spinach and tortellini with cream 30 %, bread, salad	Buckwheat porridge with vegetable sauce and chickpeas
08.01.2016	Cauliflower soup	Pollock fillet, potatoes, stewed and steamed vegetables	Farfalle with tuna, olives and mozzarella, bread, salad	Rice with steamed vegetables
11.01.2016	Sour soup	Wholemeal spaghetti Bolognese	Spaghetti Bolognese, salad, bread	Wholemeal spaghetti Napoli
12.01.2016	Tomato soup with brown rice	Baked pork chops with herbs (oregano, basil) in gravy, groats and salad	Vegetable cream soup, omelette with ham, salad, bread	zucchini cutlet, potatoes, salad
13.01.2016	Vegetable cream soup with croutons	Lasagne with tomato sauce	Pizza Margarita, salad	Beans with rosemary and Italian sausages and tomatoes, wholemeal bread
14.01.2016	Cucumber soup	Chicken leg, potatoes, salad	Chicken leg, potatoes, salad, bread	Penne pasta baked with tomatoes and mozzarella
15.01.2016	Italian soup Minestrone	Russian dumplings	Gnocchi with cheese sauce, bread, salad	Russian dumplings

***juice and dessert to each menu**

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(Weekly Winner)



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A brief introduction to parents at BISC Wrocław