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Dear Parents and visitors to our website,

A question was raised about the briefness of my comment regarding a departing staff member who had been with us nearly three years, his departure was out of my hands but for my briefness I apologise. I would like to thank Mr Thomas for...

- His effectiveness as a teacher and great exam results.
- For his support in the development of the schools involvement in 'Unihoc.'
- His work on the 'Young Malta' project.
- His school drama productions.
- His input into the school timetable.

On the point of loyalty...

A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead. He remembered dying, and that the dog walking beside him had been dead for years. He wondered where the road was leading them. After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It looked like fine marble. At the top of a long hill it was broken by a tall arch that glowed in the sunlight. When he was standing

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# NEWSLETTER

## WEEKLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



before it he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother of pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold.

He and the dog walked towards the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side. When he was close enough, he called out, 'Excuse me, where are we?' 'This is Heaven, sir,' the man answered. 'Wow! Would you happen to have some water?' the man asked. 'Of course, sir. Come right in and I'll have some ice water brought right up.' The man gestured, and the gate began to open. Can my friend,' gesturing toward his dog, 'come in, too?' the traveller asked. 'I'm sorry, sir, but we don't accept pets.' The man thought a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going with his dog.

After another long walk, and at the top of another long hill, he came to a dirt road, which led through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed. There was no fence and as he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree, reading a book. 'Excuse me!' he called to the reader. 'Do you have any water?' 'Yeah, sure, there's a pump over there.' The man pointed to a place that couldn't be seen from outside the gate. 'Come on in.' 'How about my friend here?' the traveller gestured to the dog. 'There should be a bowl by the pump' replied the man. They went through the gate, and sure enough,

there was an old-fashioned hand pump with a bowl beside it. The traveller filled the bowl, then he gave it to the dog and took a long drink himself. When they had quenched their thirst, he and the dog walked back toward the man who was standing by the tree waiting for them. 'What do you call this place?' the traveller asked. 'This is Heaven,' he answered. 'Well, that's confusing,' the traveller said. 'The man down the road said that was Heaven, too.' 'Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? Nope, that's Hell.' 'Doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?' replied the traveller. 'No! I can see how you might think so, but we're just happy that they screen out the folks who'll leave their best friends behind.'

Mr Graham correlated some interesting facts about staff loyalty which are worth pondering upon when stakeholders express doubts about staff turnover in our school:

Full-time teachers and assistants: 6.1 years  
Full-time teachers: 6.3 years  
Full-time assistants: 5.5 years  
Full-time foreign teachers and assistants: 4.8 years

Have a good weekend,



Best regards,  
Wayne Billington  
Head of School



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				8 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m.  Secondary School Assembly 10.30a.m.	9	10
11 Primary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m.  Ski Camp Janske Lazne	12 Secondary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Library  Ski Camp Janske Lazne	13 Primary Round Table 8.30a.m. dining room  Ski Camp Janske Lazne	14 Ski Camp Janske Lazne	15 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m.  Ski Camp Janske Lazne	16	17
18 Primary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m.  Primary Staff Meeting 3.45p.m.	19 Secondary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Library	20 Savoury Snack Day Year 10&11	21	22 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m.  Secondary School Assembly 10.30a.m.	23	24
25 Primary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m.	26 Secondary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Library	27 Savoury Snack Day Year 12&13  Maths Kangaroo Contest Payment deadline	28	29 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m.  Secondary School Assembly 10.30a.m.	30	31

## 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

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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. Knitting Club – what you need to bring :**

Three balls of yarn will be needed. They can be the same colour or different ones, if knitters want to make a scarf with stripes!

The size of knitting needles needed (one pair) depends on the thickness of the yarn being used.

I suggest chunky yarn with 6-7mm needles. Of

course, chunkier yarns with larger needles will knit up quicker.

You can use DK (double knit) yarn with 4-5 mm needles. It is a thinner yarn than chunky and so will produce a scarf with a thinner texture.

Ms. Lewis

5. The following clubs are being cancelled next week due to the Ski Camp:

- English for Parents with Ms Ewa
- Basketball and Football Club with Mr Marcin
- Chess Club with Mr Alex
- Maths Homework Club with Ms Justyna

**Please note that our Swimming Club will run as usual.**

6. This term we have made some changes to the Extracurricular Activities. Please note, that the following clubs: English language support with Ms Joanna and Homework Club with Ms Alexandra will be discontinued and Primary Orchestra will be held on Thursdays.

We have 5 new clubs for primary students and 1 for secondary students.

**More details on page 3.**

## 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.
Animation Club	Ian Carr-de Avelon	Secondary	ICT 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.
Drama Club	Aysha Love	Y1 – Y2	Year 1 Rabbits room small villa	Tuesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Photography Club From 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	Ewelina Żmuda	Y1 – Y6	Year 2 Butterflies room Small villa	Tuesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Drawing Club From 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	Hye Seung Lee	Primary	Primary Art 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.
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.
Polish for Parents : ) Beginners	Hanna Savel	Parents : )	S1 room big villa	Wednesdays 1.50p.m. – 3.25p.m.
Maths Club	Anna Witańska	Primary	Year 4 Shoebills room small villa	Wednesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Homework Club	Phil Hart	Primary	F6 room big villa	Wednesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.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.
Construction Club	Iza Łuczowska	Y1 – Y3	Foundation unit	Thursdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Knitting Club	Nichola Lewis	Y5 upwards	Foundation unit	Thursdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Primary Orchestra	Maciej Pośluszny	Y4 – Y6	G11 room big villa	Thursdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.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



Happy New Year! The first week of..well..Spring Term occurred in the middle of a true Polish winter this year. The winter wonderland was well enjoyed by the BISC students. Please bear in mind that each child MUST HAVE gloves and a hat to be allowed to go outside in this weather.

Please note that our new, updated list of ECA Clubs is available in this newsletter. All ECAs begin next week.

The BISC annual Ski Camp also commences next week. The children who stay behind might follow a slightly amended timetable, so please talk to your child's form teacher. The primary PE lessons will be covered by Ms. Karolina Kałużka. Please note that Ms. Lee will be away for two weeks for family reasons, thus next week I will act as an Art teacher and librarian in one person!

Another piece of information is that in the week following the camp the Primary School will organise some internal testing in spelling and comprehension. Years 1-2 will have some dictation exercises while Years 3-6 will try their skills at dictation and reading comprehension.

The first back-to-school assembly was a short, singing one. The first Stars of the Week were presented to the primary community:

Foundation Bees - Lara  
Foundation Turtles - Rustem  
Year 1 Rabbits - Lena  
Year 2 Butterflies - Joseph  
Year 3 Foxes - Ola  
Year 3 Otters - Akshaya  
Year 4 Shoebills – Nohyeon, Nika and Lara  
Year 5 Kangaroos - Andrey  
Year 5 Ravens - Yuna  
Year 6 Jaguars - Borys

Congratulations, Stars!

Wishing you a nice weekend and heaps of snow to all our Campers,

Anna Witańska  
Head of Primary

## News from Head of Secondary



I would like to welcome everyone back to school and hope that students have come back well rested after having quality time with friends and family over the holidays. It was a rather quiet week due to several students not back yet from their holiday vacations and to not having school on Wednesday.

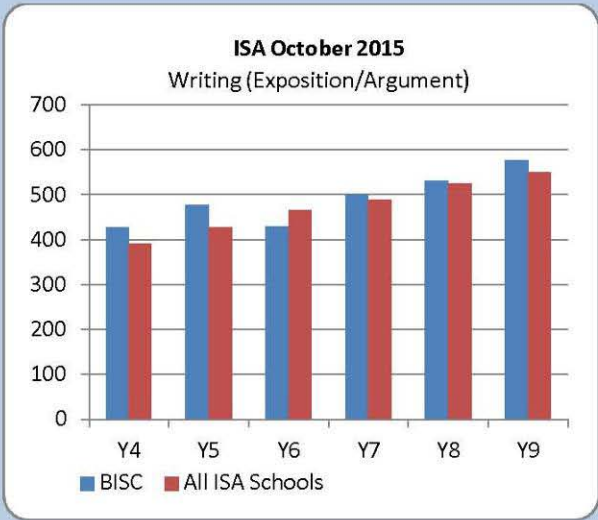
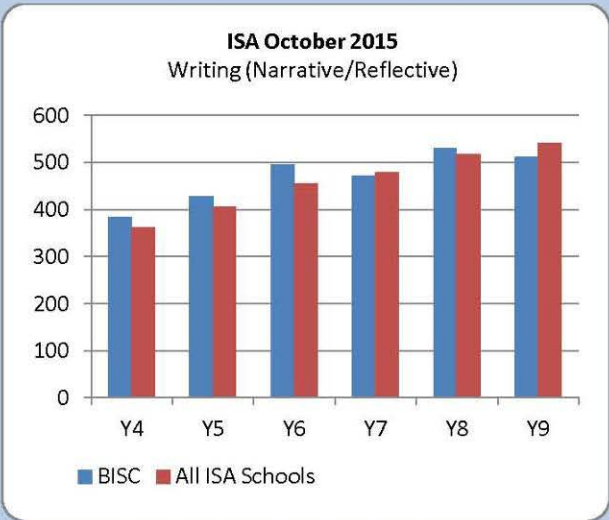
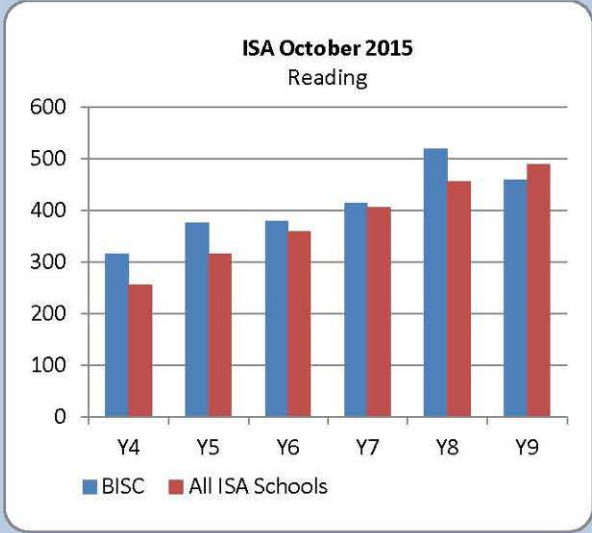
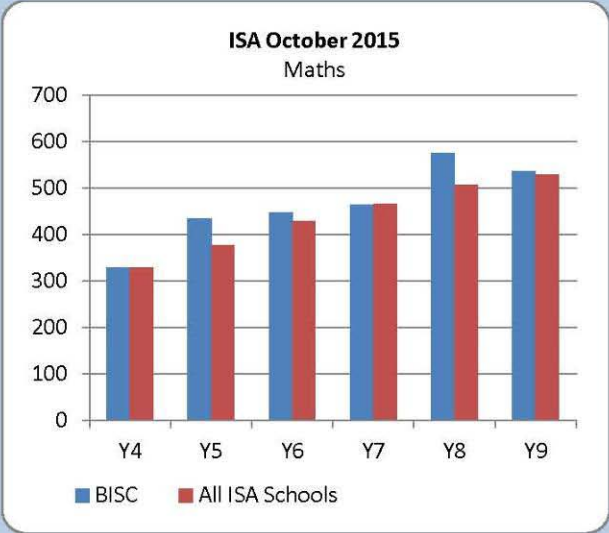
Students have enjoyed the new fallen snow, which is terrific because most of secondary will be seeing much more of it next week during Ski Camp. Mr. Marcin met with several parents during the meeting on Tuesday regarding the ski camp and noted the events and travel documents needed in order for students to participate. Details of the trip have been given to the students and emailed to parents. If you have any questions regarding the trip, please contact Mr. Marcin.

The International Schools' Assessment (ISA) test results have arrived and students will be given their results on Friday. An explanation of how to interpret the results is included with each student's individual score. The overall class year results are very good. The mean score for each year group either met or exceeded the mean score for all participating ISA schools in most cases on all four exams given. This is outstanding! The students should be very proud of their accomplishments. A graph of the overall results is included in this newsletter to show how each year group performed.

Enjoy your weekend,

Joe Peck  
Head of Secondary

ISA Results 2015  
Year 4 – Year 9





# Sixth

## Murdered Businessman found by brother

By SIXTH FORM IELTS

Yesterday 06.01, businessman Ted Naccain 32 was found dead. He was discovered on the second floor of a four storey office block. His body was first found by his brother, Simon 30 and his company accountant, Andrea Christie 27 at 1427. He was a kind father of an 8 year old child and also a good husband. His family could not be consoled and added he doesnt deserve such a tragic death.

The door was locked and the security camera was not working. Teds keys were in his pocket. He was lying on his back in a pool of blood and there was a stab wound to his back but no weapon has yet been found. The Heaters were full on but the office window was open. There were no footprints in the snow under the open window but there was a dead bird on the ground with no obvious injury.

The police arrested Simon and Andrea who found Ted first as two prime suspects. Simon works at Teds company. He claimed that he was in his office room from 9 to 14. However there was no evidence to confirm this. Andrea is engaged to Simon. The police are looking for other possible suspects.

The police claimed that the investigation will proceed mainly on the open window, security camera, spare keys, the murder weapon and the dead bird. They are investigating why and since when the security camera was not working. They are hoping to find he hidden spare keys and weapon.

The Sixth Form IELTS class have started the year with a murder mystery which will be solved over the coming weeks. The students spent their first lesson of 2016 as journalists, first considering the grammar and conventions used in newspaper articles.

- Mr Graham

# Sixth Form

Friday, 8th January 2016

## Businessman Murdered

Yesterday evening, a mysterious crime case shocked the whole world. Ted Naccain (49), a very hard-working business man and father of three was found stabbed to death. His cold body was discovered in his office on the second floor of a four storey office block.

The first person to find Ted was his brother, Simon (44) and the company's accountant, Andrea Christie (32). The two suspects are under serious investigation with the police. According to the investigation, the door was firmly locked, the window

was widely opened and the security camera was not functioning during the expected murder time.

The police anticipated that the murderer stabbed Ted with a sharp weapon and escaped through the window taking the weapon with him/herself. The police also emphasised the fact that they will be working their best to solve this mysterious case: "We will be checking the outdoor security cameras as much as possible to find evidence".

Yezu, Hajeong, Soyi & Miseon

Dear Parents & Students,

As many of you may have noticed, a new website for the school was quietly launched in November and since that time the vast majority of technical issues have been resolved. If you haven't been onto the website in a while, you can access it through same address [www.bisc.wroclaw.pl](http://www.bisc.wroclaw.pl).

The new format and software used to run the website will greatly improve our ability to communicate information online, as all updates can now be done in-house and instantly, without the need for external web administrators. There are a few new features which will be coming into use over the term:

- On the home page, you'll notice a live Twitter feed for @biscwroclaw. There's no need to have a Twitter account of your own, as all updates are made publicly.
- School events are displayed chronologically on the home page and will be updated as events occur.
- There is also a school-wide Google Calendar which can be synched to your account, should you use one.
- All newsletters are available on the website and can be found by clicking the "news" link in the main menu. The newsletters are available in English, Korean and Japanese, with the English version available to read online without the need to download the file.
- Under "Learning", you'll find a series of downloadable resources relating to each area of the school and a link to the member of staff responsible. There is a wealth of information available if you would like to learn more about the curriculum guidance we follow and the syllabi used across the school.

As most of you are probably aware, all teaching staff at BISC are now using @bisc.wroclaw.pl email addresses. You can find all teacher's email addresses on the website in the "School Staff" section. I would encourage you to keep all school-related communication to the official email addresses.

The launch of the new website is part of a wider re-branding process. You may have seen the new Foundation Prospectus launched at the end of the last school year and we will complete this effort by printing wholly re-designed brochures for the Primary and Secondary phases of the school towards the end of this term. The new brochures work as a collection, giving a greater focus to each area of school life. In addition, the website and brochures have a shared design-theme for a consistent new image.

I hope this update on some of our recent efforts in the online and marketing spheres has proved useful. If you have any feedback on these projects, I can always be found before or after school.

Best wishes,

Graham Lewis  
Head's Assistant for Strategic Planning

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**Academic**  
95% of our students achieved A\*-C in all the core subjects of English, Maths & Science.

**Welcome to the British International School of Wroclaw**  
The British International School of Wroclaw provides a challenging and personalised education for the city's international community, following the British curriculum delivered in an international context. Combined with extensive sporting, creative and experiential learning opportunities, our students follow a programme which is academically rigorous and yet develops understanding beyond the classroom.

**Foundation**  
Celebrating our youngest pupils' unique approaches to learning and their inquisitive nature, our Foundation Stage supports children's learning and development in a carefully designed, enabling environment.  
[Learn more](#)

**Primary**  
Developing our students' skills across the core subjects in line with the English National Curriculum and providing a wealth of opportunities to enrich their creative, athletic and technological talents in dedicated facilities.  
[Learn more](#)

**Secondary**  
Leading to IGCSE examinations in Year 11 and A-Levels in Sixth Form, our Secondary students achieve impressive results far beyond UK and global averages and progress to top universities around the world.  
[Learn more](#)

**Visit the school**  
We recommend a private tour of our school, tailored to the specific needs of your family. You can make an appointment to see our school in action on a regular working day, meeting our students, teachers and the Head of School who will gladly answer any questions.  
[Make an appointment](#)

**School Prospectus**  
[Foundation Prospectus](#) [Primary Prospectus](#) [Secondary Prospectus](#)

Map showing the location of BISC Wroclaw in Wroclaw, Poland.



## 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





# 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](mailto: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
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
18.01.2016	Cabbage soup	Hungary goulash with vegetables, buckwheat groats, salad		Buckwheat porridge with vegetable sauce and chickpeas
19.01.2016	Vegetable broth with carrots and potatoes	Chicken fillet baked with thyme and onion, potatoes, salad		Baked potatoes with garlic sauce, steam boiled vegetables
20.01.2016	Barley soup with vegetables. potatoes and groats	Stuffed cabbage with meat, brown rice and tomato sauce		Stuffed cabbage with vegetables in tomato sauce
21.01.2016	Vegetable soup	Baked beans with rosemary, Italian sausages and tomatoes, wholemeal bread		Baked beans with rosemary, Italian sausages and tomatoes, wholemeal bread
22.01.2016	Ukrainian borsch	Pollock fillet, potatoes, stewed and steamed vegetables		Russian dumplings

\*juice and dessert to each menu

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(Weekly Winner)



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## AROUND BISC WROCŁAW



A brief introduction to parents at BISC Wrocław