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Dear Parents and visitors to our website,

Last week I mentioned some potential changes proposed by the PTA, and this week I will try to explain one of them. The PTA are of the opinion that our weekly round-table meetings for each separate section of the school ought to be changed to a single all-school meeting each month. The format of this new meeting would be created by each of you who has a question/query sending it by mail to the PTA who would then produce an agenda for the meeting. The PTA believes that this will result in far more productive and worthwhile meetings and aid the school to address problems far more quickly. I personally do not want to make such a sweeping change until we have tested the greater parent body, so my proposal is to continue with one further round of Foundation/Primary/Secondary meetings and follow these with one in line with the new proposal on Wednesday 17th February. I would imagine that to get the agenda done in good time the PTA would wish to receive all questions/queries by Wednesday 10th February. Hence if you have an observation to make please send it

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to pta@bisc.wroclaw.pl without delay.

Talking about meetings got me thinking about the word 'forum' and led me to look up a dictionary meaning:

Definition of *forum* in English: noun (plural forums)

1A meeting or medium where ideas and views on a particular issue can be exchanged: *we hope these pages act as a forum for debate*

I immediately thought of the Roman forum and unearthed the following facts:

1. Foro (Forum) was the name that the Romans gave to the central square of the urban settlement.

2. An important part of the Roman Forum was the rostra which was the platform beside the Curia from which orators spoke to the people of Rome. The speaking platform was so important that Julius Caesar had the

rostra re-built in marble. It was from the new marble Rostra that Marc Antony delivered his funeral speech to Julius Caesar.

3. There were actually many Forums in Ancient Rome. It was the inclusion of the Senate House that made the Roman Forum the most important.

4. When the Roman Empire fell, the Roman Forum became abandoned and many of the monuments and buildings were plundered and used in other areas of the city including the walls of the Vatican and many of Rome's churches. On a slightly lighter note here is an unattributed quote - A meeting is an event at which the minutes are kept and the hours are lost. – *Unknown*.

Have a good weekend,



Best regards,
Wayne Billington
Head of School



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				22 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. PTA Coffee Morning Water Tower Sudecka 125a Secondary School Assembly 10.30a.m.	23	24
25 Primary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m.	26 Secondary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Library	27 Foundation Round Table 8.30a.m. dining room 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. Year 3 trip to Tomaszów Bolesławiecki and Grodziec Castle	30	31
1 Primary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Primary Staff Meeting 3.45p.m.	2 Secondary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Library Foundation trip to the "Hopek" Playground	3 Primary Round Table 8.30a.m. dining room	4 Secondary Staff Meeting 3.45p.m.	5 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. Secondary School Assembly 10.30a.m.	6	7
8 Primary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m.	9 Secondary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Library	10 Secondary Round Table 8.30a.m. dining room	11	12 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. Secondary School Assembly 10.30a.m.	13	14

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. Please note that there are small changes regarding our Extracurricular Activities, such as Construction Club, Maths Homework Club and Maths Kangaroo Club.
More details on page 3.

5. The Maths Kangaroo test will take place on **Thursday, the 17th of March, at 9am**. The contest lasts 1h 15 minutes and has a form of a test with multiple-choice questions. It is aimed for students from **Year 4** up.
 Examples of questions in English are available on the websites:

www.kangaroo.math.ca
 www.mathkangaroo.org
 www.kangaroo.org.pk

The organizers require a fee of **9 PLN** per student, to cover the costs of the competition.

If you would like your child to take part in the Maths Kangaroo Contest, please sign up and pay the cost of **9 pln** to the school Secretary by **Wednesday, the 27th of January**.



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	Ewelina Żmuda	Y1 – Y6	ICT room big villa	Tuesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Drawing Club	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.
Primary Orchestra	Maciej Pośluszny	Y4 – Y6	G11 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.
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.
Construction Club	Iza Łuczowska	Y1 – Y2	Foundation unit	Wednesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Maths Homework Club	Justyna Połowska	Secondary	F3 room big villa	Wednesdays 3.40p.m. – 4.25p.m.
Maths Kangaroo 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.
Knitting Club	Nichola Lewis	Y5 upwards	Foundation unit	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 in Primary we had some more snow and some more challenges in classes. Year 4 Shoebills went to explore the new museum of the City of Wrocław – the Hydropolis, where they learnt nearly everything about water.

The Primary School trudged through some spelling and comprehension tests :) . We definitely need more practice and are going to work hard to achieve even better results in the next sitting!

It is my pleasure to announce that from now on you can sign up for yet another edition of the BISC Factor. If you want to be in it this year, please talk to Mr. Phil.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform the Parents and Students that on 5th February we are going to have a Carnival Day. Costumes will be more than welcome! I am looking forward to all the fun activities prepared by our Carnival Team this year!

I am also pleased to inform the school community that we have new students in the Primary School: Marie in Year 2 Butterflies, Zaffea in Nursery Bees and Zaffar in Year 3 Otters!

We wish them a happy year in BISC!

The Friday was welcomed by an assembly on conflict resolution, prepared by Year 6 Jaguars. Now meet this week's Stars:

Foundation Bees – Zaffea
Foundation Turtles – Deniz
Year 1 Rabbits – Nina
Year 2 Butterflies – Marie
Year 3 Otters – Mingyu
Year 3 Foxes – TaeHun
Year 4 Shoebills – Kazuho
Year 5 Kangaroos – Jaeweon
Year 5 Ravens – Alexia
Year 6 Jaguars – Johannes

Congratulations to all the hard working Stars!

Wishing you a nice weekend,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



The classrooms throughout the school became full again after students returned from their fun-filled week at Ski Camp. I have heard many entertaining stories from students about their adventures on the ski slopes and other events that they participated in. I am happy

to hear that a good time was had by all.

I would like to thank Mr. Marcin for all of his hard work with organising the Ski Camp and making sure that all of the students enjoyed themselves each day. I also would like to thank Miss Ewa, Miss Połoska and Mr. Alex for attending the Ski Camp and for their tireless efforts to keep kids safe throughout the week.

Most of the secondary students are now into their full weekly schedule again, except for Year 10 and Year 11 who are participating in our mock exams. They have been taking a flurry of exams all week and deserve a long restful weekend. These students have been working hard to prepare for these exams which can be a bit stressful since there are time limits attached to each exam. Year 11 will have taken 15 exams by the end of the week and Year 10 will have taken between three and five exams. Thanks Year 10 and Year 11 for all of your hard work!

I hope you enjoy the snow and your weekend too,

Joe Peck
Head of Secondary
BISC Wrocław

Spotlight on Year 1 Rabbits

We have had a busy week in year 1! During literacy we have been looking at stories from other countries and even wrote our own version of a traditional African tale. We were working hard during maths doubling numbers and swapping money. It was difficult but we did it! We also followed our own designs to make a play park in design and technology. It was fun, but we don't think they are safe to play on :)

Most importantly, we have been talking about friendship and being nice to each other..but this was easy for us as we are all amazing friends in year 1 and never argue (well maybe sometimes).

Have a nice weekend
From your friendly neighbourhood Rabbits



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



1. **PTA coffee morning:**

We would like to announce first PTA coffee morning in the New Year.

When: Friday, January 22 in the morning after leaving children at school

Where: as usual Water Tower on Sudecka Street 125a.

The issues to be discussed: (1) upcoming events – pancake day, mufti and crazy hair day, international day; (2) call for volunteers for the upcoming events; (3) new initiative – uniform Lost & Found.

2. **Uniform Lost & Found. Please sign the uniforms!!!**

We would like to launch a new initiative – Uniform Lost & Found. The box of Lost & Found in Small Villa is full of different clothes, mainly uniforms. At the same time all our children need uniforms. Uniforms are expensive and take long time, sometimes very long time to arrive. Therefore, it would be nice to help us all to find quickly and efficiently uniform items our children have lost. However, to make it possible, please sign your children's uniforms.

We would like to ask some volunteers who would check the Lost & Found box and mark clothes with owner's name. The goal is to find most of the owners of uniforms which are in the box now. Afterwards it would be good to check the Lost & Found regularly, mark things with owner's name visibly and we could use Newsletter or find another way of publicizing whose uniform items have been found. Please feel free to come up with your ideas how to make this initiative work the best and be as efficient as possible. It would be ideal to end the academic year with empty Lost & Found box. We will discuss it on the PTA coffee morning.

Lunch Menu January / February 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
25.01.2016	Vegetable cream soup with croutons	Baked pork chops with herbs, gravy, groats and salad	Spaghetti Carbonara, bread roll, salad, dessert	Penne pasta baked with tomatoes and mozzarella
26.01.2016	Celery cream soup with croutons	Risotto with chunks of roasted turkey breast with thyme	Gnocchi with cheese sauce, bread roll, salad, dessert	Vegetarian risotto
27.01.2016	Cucumber soup	Meatballs with ham and sauce, potatoes, salad	Meatballs in marinara sauce on fusilli pasta, bread roll, salad, dessert	Buckwheat porridge with vegetable sauce and chickpeas
28.01.2016	Vegetable soup with noodles	skewers of turkey, vegetables, potatoes, salad	Tortellini with ricotta, spinach and cream 30 %, bread roll, salad, dessert	Silesian noodles with cheese sauce, salad,
29.01.2016	White bean soup with vegetables and potatoes	Pancakes with turmeric , stuffed with cheese or jam	Penne pasta with tomato sauce and mozzarella, bread, salad, dessert	Pancakes with turmeric , stuffed with cheese or jam
01.02.2016	Barley soup with vegetables, potatoes and groats	Wholemeal spaghetti Bolognese	Spaghetti Bolognese, bread roll, salad, dessert	Wholemeal spaghetti Napoli
02.02.2016	Cucumber soup	Chicken fillet baked with thyme and onion, potatoes, salad	Chicken fillet, <i>potato puree</i> , bread roll, salad, dessert	Fried eggs, potatoes, salad
03.02.2016	Tomato soup	Silesian noodles with meat and vegetable sauce	Penne pasta baked with tomatoes, mozzarella, bread roll, salad, dessert	Penne pasta baked with tomatoes, mozzarella
04.02.2016	<i>Creamy celery soup with croutons</i>	Stuffed cabbage with meat, brown rice and tomato sauce	Vegetable cream soup, omelette with ham, bread roll, salad, desert	Stuffed cabbage with vegetables in tomato sauce
05.02.2016	Ukrainian borsch with potatoes and red lentils	Pollock fillet, potatoes, stewed and steamed vegetables	Gnocchi with cheese sauce, bread roll, salad, dessert	Gnocchi with cheese sauce
08.02.2016	Tomato soup with brown rice	Hungary goulash with vegetables, groats, salad	Spaghetti Carbonara, bread roll, salad, dessert	Chickpeas with vegetable sauce, groats, salad
09.02.2016	Vegetable cream soup with croutons	Chicken leg, potatoes, salad	Tortellini with ricotta, spinach and cream 30 %, bread roll, salad, dessert	Tortellini with ricotta, spinach and cream
10.02.2016	Cauliflower soup with chickpeas	Lasagna with tomato sauce	Penne pasta baked with chicken, tomatoes and mozzarella, bread roll, salad, dessert	Fried eggs, potatoes, salad
11.02.2016	Duck broth with noodles	Meatballs with ham and sauce, potatoes, salad	Pizza Margarita, salad, dessert	Russian dumplings
12.02.2016	Cabbage soup with carrot and potatoes	Brown rice baked with apples and cinnamon	Farfalle with tuna, olives and mozzarella, bread roll, salad, dessert	Brown rice baked with apples and cinnamon

***juice and dessert to each menu**

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(Weekly Winner)



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