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Dear Parents and visitors to our website,

This Wednesday was a busy day with the PTA attending the school management meeting (which they will do on a monthly basis hereon), and in the evening the gathering of the school advisory board; another 12 hour working day for many of us. One important point finalized with the PTA was the change to the round-table programme, which will from now on occur on a monthly basis. The first such meeting of this format will take place on Wednesday 16th March in the canteen at 0835am, so please get any points you may wish raised to the PTA. At the advisory board, importantly we were addressed by the CEO of the company that have just completed the installation of the school's new fire-alarm, not only did we receive many technical details but also were able to see and hear a demonstration of the alarm in action. We also received the impressive news that our school is the only one in Wroclaw to have it. The comprehensive minutes of the board meeting will be circulated to you very soon, so you can see other matters discussed.

On a lighter note did you know that today is Darwin Day a day to celebrate the birth of Charles Darwin on 12th February 1809; various events are conducted on Darwin Day around

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the world. They have included dinner parties with special recipes for [primordial soup](#) and other inventive dishes, protests with [school boards](#) and other governmental bodies, workshops and symposia, distribution of information by people in ape costumes, lectures and debates, essay and art competitions, concerts, poetry readings, plays, artwork, and comedy routines

1. Darwin was born on the same day as Abraham Lincoln.

Both Darwin and Lincoln were born on February 12, 1809, but in much different settings. While America's 16th president was born in a log cabin in the Kentucky wilderness, Darwin was born in a grand Georgian house on an estate overlooking the River Severn and the medieval market town of Shrewsbury, England.

2. Darwin suffered from chronic illnesses.

After returning from his trip around the world, Darwin began to suffer from exhaustion, eczema and chronic bouts of nausea, headaches and heart palpitations that would persist for the rest of his life. Some speculate that during his travels Darwin may have contracted a parasitic illness called Chagas disease that can eventually result in cardiac damage, which ultimately caused Darwin's death.

3. He dropped out of medical school.

Darwin's father was a successful doctor who

groomed his son to follow in his footsteps. After spending the summer of 1825 serving as an apprentice in his father's practice, he entered one of Britain's top medical schools at the University of Edinburgh. Darwin, however, hated the sight of blood and was bored with the lectures. He left medical school and dashed his father's dreams.

4. He dined on exotic animals.

Darwin not only studied an eclectic menagerie of animals from around the globe, he ate them as well. As a student at Cambridge, he formed the Gourmet Club, also known as the Glutton Club, for the purpose of dining on "birds and beasts, which were before unknown to human palate." Darwin ate hawk and bittern but couldn't choke down a brown owl that was served. While circumnavigating the globe on HMS Beagle, Darwin continued his adventurous eating by snacking on armadillo, ostrich and puma ("remarkably like veal in its taste," he described).

Have an evolving weekend,



Best regards,
Wayne Billington
Head of School



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				12 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. Secondary School Assembly 10.30a.m. Mufti and Crazy Hair Day Pancake Day	13	14
15 Half Term Break	16 Half Term Break	17 Half Term Break	18 Half Term Break	19 Half Term Break	20	21
29 Primary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m.	1 Secondary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Library	2 Savoury Snack Day Year 7	3	4 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. Secondary School Assembly 10.30a.m.	5	6
7 Primary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m.	8 Secondary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Library	9	10	11 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. Secondary School Assembly 10.30a.m.	12	13

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:

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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. 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 15th February – 9.00a.m. –3p.m.
 Tuesday 16th February – 9.00a.m. –3p.m.
 Wednesday 17th February – 9.00a.m. –3p.m.
 Thursday 18th February – 9.00a.m. –3p.m.
 Friday 19th February – 9.00a.m. –3p.m.

Ms. Kasia's office (big villa)

Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February – office closed

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	Stawomir 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.
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	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 Zajac	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 Sokolowska	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 the viruses continued their triumphant march throughout the primary school, keeping many staff members at home. I would like to thank all the Teachers and Teaching Assistants who did their utmost to cover for their sick colleagues and delivered quality lessons to our pupils.

Let me take the opportunity to remind you about a possible cause of the sicknesses around. As I wrote in my letter, there have been cases of *chlamydomphila pneumoniae* diagnosed in some of our students. It is a bacterium that is a common cause of pneumonia around the world; it is typically acquired by otherwise-healthy people and is a form of community-acquired pneumonia. Please observe your child. If you notice that they cough a lot or have difficulty fully recovering from illness, we advise you to go to a lab and do a throat swab for that particular strand. And I am appealing once again to parents and carers – **please do not bring sick children to school!** Let us hope that we will all return to school after the break fully recovered and healthy.

On Friday we celebrated yet another Mufti Day, which was a Crazy Hair Day and Pancake Day in one. Many thanks to PTA for organising this worthwhile event. During the assembly it was the Year 5 Ravens' turn to do a presentation – and they were very successful at it! Meet the last Star Students of this half-term:

Foundation Bees – Elodie
Foundation Turtles - Vittoria
Year 1 Rabbits – Seoyul and GaEun
Year 2 Butterflies – Songhyun
Year 3 Otters – Julia
Year 3 Foxes - Didac
Year 4 Shoebills – Youenn and Albin
Year 5 Kangaroos - Andrey
Year 5 Ravens - Jack
Year 6 Jaguars – Joon

Congratulations, Stars!

Wishing you a lovely break,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



It was another eventful week for secondary which included a disco, mufti day and pancakes! Students celebrated the last days of Carnival with an afternoon disco on Tuesday, which was enjoyable for teachers and students alike. The week concluded with

pancakes provided by the PTA and other parent supporters. Mufti day was also a big hit with the students as they were able to dress as they wish and a small donation helped fund the great events that the PTA work hard to organise. On behalf of all secondary, I would like to thank the PTA and parents for their efforts for making Friday a wonderful event to end the week with.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to Maria Cataldi, who is our native Italian teacher. Maria and her family are moving to Germany next week and her terrific contribution in educating our native speakers will surely be missed. Rest assured, native Italian classes will still continue as we have found a suitable replacement who will be introduced after our half-term break.

Our fabulous German language teacher, Patrycja Sambor, will also be leaving us at the end of this week due to her maternity leave. She will not return for the rest of the school year, but promises to be back to work in September. We all wish Patrycja the best, and we will be eagerly waiting for any baby news to reach the school. In her absence, Jan Schneider will be taking over her classes. He is a native speaker of German, and he looks forward to teaching and helping students with revision for their upcoming exams.

Enjoy your weekend,

Joe Peck
Head of Secondary

Spotlight on Year 3 Foxes

Hi Everyone,

Well, here are the Year 3 Foxes again – a few of us anyway. So many of us are off school sick at the moment. We've had loads of interesting lessons. We've learned about our skeletons, why we have one and what it does. Did you know we have 206 bones in our body? How do they all fit? We wrote haiku about animals. Haiku is a special Japanese poem with 17 syllables. The first line has 5 syllables, the second has 7 and the last has 5. It was so difficult to get the right number of syllables on each line. We went to the hall in the big villa and pretended to be clocks so we could learn how to tell the time. We also finally managed to paint our Roman pots. Miss Jen was really happy because we didn't get paint on the tables.

Here are some haiku that we wrote:

Gigantic and blue

Water sprays from its blowhole

Dives in the water.

Eyes moving on stalks

Slowly sliming through the grass

Then hides in its shell.



Bake-A-Cake or Savoury Snack Dates:

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. Thank you to all volunteers:

We would like to thank all volunteers who helped to make the Pancake Day happen. Your help is highly appreciated.

2. Collection of egg cartons and a call for volunteers:

Many thanks to all who brought the egg cartons to school for the gardening project to launch. Meanwhile we would like to ask parents who still did not give an egg carton to children for the school gardening project provide them with one. The planning for the garden will begin after the break. Therefore PTA would invite parents with some knowledge about gardening to volunteer in joining us to create a “gardening club” to assist classes with planning, preparation, planting, maintenance and in the end harvesting of our BISC gardens.

3. News for Uniform Lost & Found

In order to tidy up the big Lost&Found wooden chest and multiple other boxes with lost and found items, there will be a display day for all the Lost&Found items. This is preliminarily planned for the week of February 29 to March 4. Please follow us on Facebook or posters on school doors for further and more detailed information.

The Lost&Found items will be displayed for whole day and everybody will be free to come and look if they can find their lost things. Unfortunately, only unsigned or unreadably signed items are left in Lost&Found chest as the signed items have been returned to their owners. Therefore, once more – sign the uniforms so lost things find their way back to their owners.

Please note that all the displayed and not collected items after the designated display day will be selected as follows – uniform items will be considered as donated for the PTA Bazaar, and no-uniform items will get packed and taken to a charity. This clean-up should make it easier to trace freshly lost items instead of them getting lost among things many times from children who have long left our school.

Reminder – the Lost&Found items from the school gym will be available for collection until February 22 (Monday after school break). After that the things will be selected for Bazaar and charity as it was announced. Use your last chance to collect your lost things.

Lunch March 2016

Dear Parents,

I have prepared for you the menu from a different catering company. Please have a look at the chart below. There are 3 possibilities each day. Cost per meal is exactly 10 PLN.

Also, if you have some suggestions let me know and maybe we can do some changes for the future.

29.02	01.03	02.03	03.03	04.03
Long toastie with spinach , tomato and mozzarella	Hash browns	Pie with vegetables or spinach	Russian dumplings	Pancakes with curd cheese and pineapple
Pancakes with curd cheese and chocolate/ or just with chocolate	Dumplings filled with spinach, feta cheese and dried tomatoes	Grilled chicken cutlet + salad + you choose between potatoes/rice/ French fries or buckwheat	Pancakes with cheese, ham and champignon mushrooms	Hash browns
Breaded chicken cutlet + salad + you choose between potatoes/rice/ French fries or buckwheat	Pancakes with apple sauce	Fried Cod + + salad + you choose between potatoes/rice/ French fries or buckwheat	Sesame-crusted chicken cutlet+ salad + you choose between potatoes/rice/ French fries or buckwheat	Long toastie with spinach , tomato and mozzarella
07.03	08.03	09.03	10.03	11.03
Grilled chicken cutlet + salad + you choose between potatoes/rice/ French fries or buckwheat	Fried Cod + + salad + you choose between potatoes/rice/ French fries or buckwheat	Sesame-crusted chicken cutlet+ salad + you choose between potatoes/rice/ French fries or buckwheat	Breaded chicken cutlet + salad + you choose between potatoes/rice/ French fries or buckwheat	Fried Cod + + salad + you choose between potatoes/rice/ French fries or buckwheat
Pie with vegetables or spinach	Dumplings filled with spinach, feta cheese and dried tomatoes	Hash browns	Pie with vegetables or spinach	Long toastie with spinach , tomato and mozzarella
Pancakes with curd cheese and chocolate/ or just with chocolate	Pancakes with broccoli	Pancakes with apple sauce	Pancakes with cheese, ham and champignon mushrooms	Pancakes with curd cheese and pineapple

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(Weekly Winner)



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A brief introduction to parents at BISC Wrocław