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Dear Parents and visitors to our website,

This is the time of year that the school starts to prepare for the new academic year, and one of the first tasks on the list is to ascertain which members of staff are staying and which are leaving the school. This year I can inform you that presently there are two members of staff leaving, namely myself and Mr. Graham. I am returning to the U.K. after 20 odd years away, so that I can be near my daughter Victoria who will be attending university there, and Mr. Graham will be working in a school in Hong Kong, which amazingly he attended as a young boy. I have been very happy in Wroclaw the past five years and have seen with pleasure the growth and development of our school, and witnessed countless young charges find their feet in this world embracing a new found international outlook on life. I thank my colleagues and our parent bodies over the years for making my stay in the school most rewarding and at times challenging.



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW

NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



As I near the end of my career in international education I would like to share a poem

A Man In His Life by Yehuda Amichai

*A man doesn't have time in his life
to have time for everything.
He doesn't have seasons enough to have
a season for every purpose. Ecclesiastes
Was wrong about that.
A man needs to love and to hate at the
same moment,
to laugh and cry with the same eyes,
with the same hands to throw stones and
to gather them,
to make love in war and war in love.
And to hate and forgive and remember
and forget,
to arrange and confuse, to eat and to
digest what history takes years and years
to do.
A man doesn't have time.
When he loses he seeks, when he finds
he forgets, when he forgets he loves,
when he loves he begins to forget.
And his soul is seasoned, his soul
is very professional.*

*Only his body remains forever
an amateur. It tries and it misses,
gets muddled, doesn't learn a thing,
drunk and blind in its pleasures
and its pains.
He will die as figs die in autumn,
Shriveled and full of himself and sweet,
the leaves growing dry on the ground,
the bare branches pointing to the place
where there's time for everything.*

To conclude this week I would like to pass on my and the school community's hearty congratulations to our German teacher Patrycja Sambor who yesterday gave birth to a baby son Sebastian-well-done!!

Also, over the Easter holidays we are having installed in the lunch room a healthy snack vending machine (sugarless etc), so please keep an eye open for that development.

Have a wonderful weekend,



Best regards,
Wayne Billington
Head of School

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				11 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. Secondary School Assembly 10.30a.m. Year 5 Planetarium trip	12	13
14 Primary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m.	15 Secondary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Library ISBC Book Club Payment deadline	16 Round Table 8.30a.m. dining room Savoury Snack Day Year 8	17 Maths Kangaroo Test 9.00a.m. Bisc Factor Final 1.00p.m. Big Villa	18 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. Secondary School Assembly 10.30a.m. Half Day	19	20
21 Easter Break	22 Easter Break	23 Easter Break	24 Easter Break	25 Easter Break	26	27
28 Easter Break School Closed	29 Easter Break	30 Easter Break	31 Easter Break	1 Easter Break	2	3

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** - hysesung.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

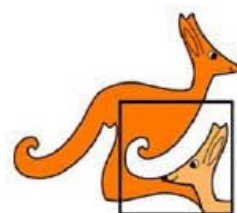
your children that they should not play inside the school after 4:00 pm. Of course children are allowed to use toilets on the ground floor if they need to. We are sure that all parents understand how important it is to keep the children safe. Thank you for your support.

5. The 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

6. Dear Parents, Please note that our Secretary, Ms Natalia, won't be in next Friday (March 18th) due to private matters.



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 it was hard to tell This week we enjoyed bits of winter and spring in surprising mix. You never knew whether it was going to rain or shine (or snow).

The primary and secondary teachers continued their online "Assessment for Learning" course, sharing their thoughts with colleagues from all over the world.

Some talented students from the Primary School went through the second auditions and now we know everything....please read a message from Mr. Phil below:

This year's BISC FACTOR has seen some amazing talent demonstrated yet again. A wide range of different acts ranging from comedy skits and singing through to traditional dance and instrument playing. Our 14 semi-finalists have now been reduced to 8. The final 8 for this year are:

Borys (Yr 6)

Helene, Nada, Sri and Claire (Yr 6 /Yr3)

Gayeon and Tereza (Yr 5)

Alexia (Yr 5)

Yuna, JiHyun and Yeyn (Yr 5)

Mythri (Yr 3)

Min, Hae Yoon and Yunsol (Yr 6)

Przemek (Yr 5)

A very big thank you to all of the acts for their participation. Please feel encouraged to try again next year. The final will take place on Thursday the 17th March in the hall after lunch. Parents are welcome.

Congratulations to our final 8 once again. Make sure you work hard this week if you wish to win the famous 100 merit prize!!!

It is my pleasure to inform you that the school is going to introduce its own vending machine after the Easter break. It is going to sell healthy sandwiches, dried fruit and sugar-free snacks.

On Friday we gathered for our weekly assembly. Year 3 Otters did a fantastic presentation and got a round of applause!

Let me present this week's Stars:

Foundation Bees – Nao and Elodie

Foundation Turtles – Vittoria

Year 1 Rabbits – Nicolas

Year 2 Butterflies – Jiwon

Year 3 Otters – All Otters

Year 3 Foxes - Soshiro

Year 4 Shoebills - Youenn

Year 5 Kangaroos - Przemek

Year 5 Ravens – Sunmin

Year 6 Jaguars – Alicia and David

Congratulations, Stars!

Wishing you a good weekend,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



As I had mentioned last week, Mr. Ian has created several interesting projects for our Computing students this year. I had asked him to comment on what projects the Year 8 students are currently working on and here is what he wrote:

In their Computing lessons, Year 8 was working on short projects. There are series activities in which each pair of pupils completes one activity each week and then moves through the circus over a couple of months. This week Dongmin was programming Minecraft using Python. By the end he could see how to build a game of his own devising into the popular video game.

Genevre and Luna wrote a Python program to control our stage lights and use them as disco lights. With 10 minutes remaining in the lesson, they had the lights pulsing to the beat of a track they were listening to on Youtube.

Etienne and Chan Young were writing a Python program to print prices of fruit and vegetables like the self-service scales in a supermarket. This was their first time at writing a Windows-style program, so creating buttons on the screen to click on took most of the time. However, they were still able to weigh the goods using a computer interface balance from the Science lab. The end of the lesson was approaching and unfortunately, they still had some bugs to work out and they were not able to show their finished project.

The rest of the class was working with Scratch, a graphical programming system developed by Massachusetts Institute of Technology for use in schools. Gayeon and Sujin controlled the Scratch with a MIDI drum-kit borrowed from our Music department, while Chae Yeon and Min Yeong were using a DrDAQ interface borrowed from the school Science lab. The Scratch activities are open-ended and creative tasks in which all the pupils enjoyed participating in and used their time well.

Enjoy your weekend,

Joe Peck
Head of Secondary

Spotlight on Year 5 Kangaroos

Well, a lot has happened since we were last in the spotlight. Having overcome a plague of different illnesses the Kangaroo's class is more or less at full health. With a strengthened immune system the class has been tackling increasingly difficult problems about *area and volume* in numeracy, glanced into outer space during our Science *space* lessons and can now explain to you how *mountains* are formed after a series of interesting Geography sessions.

Most of the time spent during literacy lessons has been on *Shakespeare's Macbeth and Romeo and Juliet*. The class had a great time exploring the strange language of Shakespeare and acting out some of the different scenes. We looked at the role of magic, fate and fortune in both of the plays, and during the Valentine's Day week one or two love letters might have been written to a special '*Romeo*' or '*Juliet*'.

We have incorporated numeracy revision in a number of fun games, namely, *mentals football* and *random races*. Here, the class has the opportunity to use their numeracy knowledge to gain opportunities to earn points in different sport activities. One of the highlights was the *three-legged-race* won by Julia and Gayeon (what a team!!!).

We have been making slippers in DT. We are going by the principle of *slow and steady*. There are a lot of fine details that have proved challenging - yet rewarding as the class seeks out new ways to overcome a range of different problems. So, while the Kangaroos might not have a pair of slippers ready any time soon, let's hope that everything works out any that we don't need to put a special order in with Santa this Christmas ☺

This Friday we are going on a trip the Wroclaw Planetarium which we are very excited about. We will have the chance to gaze up into space and get a closer look at our solar system. If we find signs of life on Mars, we promise to let you know. After the planetarium, we will enjoy lunch at *Greco* restaurant – as a way of connecting our lunch with our current History topic of *Ancient Greece*. Yum!

The Kangaroos hope that you have enjoyed reading about our daily adventures...

Mr Phil



BookClubs

Promoting a love for reading
Giving **free books** to your school



ISBC (Formerly Red House Book Club)

ISBC is an international schools' book club to which BISC Wrocław has subscribed since 2006. Every term we send out catalogues to all parents, and about a week later orders are dispatched to England by the school. The more you buy, the more our school library benefits, as we get free books to the value of 20% of the total order. A lot of the books in the library have been ordered from the Red House over the past four years, and this is thanks to the generous size of our parents' orders!

If you would like to place an order, please read below to make sure you follow the correct procedure:

1. Fill in the form at the back of the catalogues, ticking the books of your choice.
2. Convert the cost of the books **in euros** into zloties, using the exchange rate of **4,32 PLN** (3rd March 2016 NBP exchange rate).
3. Return the order to Ms Kasia (G5 room, big villa), together with the correct amount of money, by **15th March 2016**.

Parents can access catalogue at:

<http://www6.scholastic.co.uk/3dissue//catalogues/Clubs/ISBCROWPrimaryMarch16/>



Dear Parents,

Our company offers healthy snacks such as fresh sandwiches, natural juices, delicacies, fruit-bars and much more, all available in your school, through a self-service vending machine.

The products on offer provide a lot of valuable ingredients. They are rich in unsaturated fatty acids, fiber, as well as a variety of vitamins and minerals. All these elements have a positive impact on the work of the human body and are a priceless addition to the everyday menu.

All our products meet the requirements of the special regulations of the Polish Ministry of Health.

Our advantages:

- all-day availability of healthy snacks
- monitoring the expiration dates of the products, their freshness and appeal
- helping to maintain good eating habits (there is no junk food in our machines)

We hope that our vending machine will benefit children, teachers and parents.

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Bake-a-Cake and Savoury Days

Year 8	March 16, 2016
Year 9	April 13, 2016
Year 5 Ravens	April 27, 2016
Year 5 Kangaroos	May 11, 2016

1. Round Table with PTA agenda

The first Round Table with PTA agenda will take place on Wednesday, March 16, at 8:30 am. The agenda for this first meeting will be as follows:

- 1) School lunches
- 2) School management chain of command in case of absence etc. (to whom to go if a management member is absent etc.)
- 3) Format and timing of Parent Teacher Conferences

Everyone interested in these agenda issues is warmly welcome to join the meeting.

PTA invites all parents to actively participate in creating the agenda for the Round Table meetings. Please send your questions, comments or complaints you wish PTA to bring up for the meetings, to the PTA e-mail address pta@bisc.wroclaw.pl . The most frequently appearing questions will be discussed with the management and placed on the Round Table agenda.

2. Call for gardening project volunteers:

PTA invites parents to volunteer in joining us to create a “gardening club” to assist classes with planning, preparation, planting, and maintenance and in the end harvesting of our BISC gardens. We would appreciate at least one volunteer per each Primary School Class. The seeding will take place as soon as possible after the Easter break.

3. Uniform Lost & Found: deadlines and others

Please note that Lost&Found items currently placed in the box “For PTA and Parents use only” will be available there until April 11. On this day the box will be emptied, uniform items will be considered donated for the PTA Bazaar, non-uniform items will be donated to the charity. You all were informed through an e-mail that there are Lost&Found items from the Ski camp still waiting at Ms.Natalia’s , school secretary’s, office. If your children had lost some things during the ski camp, please see Ms. Natalia. Please note that also to these Ski Camp Lost&Found items the same deadline applies – April 11. If you are interested in the announced Lost&Found items, please collect them. If you are not interested, we can’t keep storing all these things forever and having mess everywhere. We would like to remind once more - please sign your children’s uniforms and other frequently worn items. This will help to identify the owners and with no delay return the Lost&Found items to them.

We thank you for your cooperation and for picking up the announced Lost&Found items as soon as possible to keep the box neat.

Lunch Menu March / April 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.

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
14.03	15.03	16.03	17.03	18.03
Pancakes with cheese or chocolate	Meat stew with dumplings and salad	Camembert in cranberry – horseradish sauce	Russian dumplings	Half Day
Breaded chicken cutlet + salad + potatoes/ rice or French fries	Hash browns	Meatballs with potatoes and salad	Sesame-crusted chicken cutlet+ salad + potatoes/ rice or French fries	
04.04	05.04	06.04	07.04	08.04
Sesame-crusted chicken cutlet+ salad +baked potatoes/ rice or French fries	Grilled chicken cutlet + salad + potatoes/rice or French fries	Fried Cod + salad+ potatoes/ rice or French fries	Grilled chicken cutlet + salad + potatoes/ rice or French fries	Meatballs with potatoes and salad
Vegetable pie	Pancakes with cheese and cherries	Hash browns	Pancakes with apple sauce	Toastie with spinach , tomato and mozzarella

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

Tomato soup with rice+ bread roll with cheese or salami

Borsch + croquette with cabbage and mushrooms

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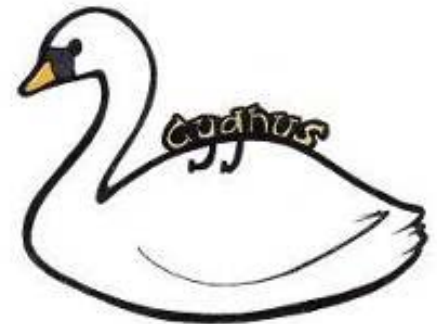


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(Weekly Winner)



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