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"To be remembered, the umbrella waits for the rain!"

Mehmet Murat Ildan

Dear Parents,

Back in the hazy days of the first week of September I spoke to you of my 6 C words that I wanted to concentrate on in my first term in the school. While the September sun has disappeared it is good to look at what has happened with these six words and what progress have we made to date.

The six themes outlined were:

- * Consistency
- * Competence
- * Communication
- * Care
- * Creativity
- * Community

In consistency, I see greater adherence to our uniform policy and the vast majority of the pupils present themselves very well every day at school. I also see

excellent lessons as I drop-in to classes across the school and there is a greater uniformity in standards and expectations. We are now working on enhancing our assessment policy and this has been examined at length by the senior leadership team at the school.

Communication via schoology has been a big success so far and I also believe that the weekly newsletters continue to present a useful overview of the school. We continue to have some issues with our website provider and I apologise for the difficulties that we have experienced here. We believe that we are close to resolving this problem.

Many of my discussions with teachers focus on pupil progress and pupil wellness in the school and I wish to thank our class teachers and EAL teachers in particular who provide such a caring and welcoming environment for our pupils especially those who have limited English skills when they arrive at school. I also wish to thank Verity Duncan for her initiatives to enhance pastoral care especially in the secondary school. We are now working on the election of a school council and Head prefects to ensure pupil involvement and pupil leadership in the school.

Creativity was on display with our Roald Dahl mural but also in the tasks and challenges in the classrooms especially in Literacy, Music and Art. I am seeing pupils challenged and coming up with creative solutions where more than one answer can be found. I am now working with the Music Dept so that musicals become an established part of the school's programme and we hope to announce details of a school musical before the half term

break. We are also teaming up with our sister school in Krakow to attend their musical and we will be send out details shortly about their performance in Teatr Variete in Krakow on Dec 13th.

With community we want to make the school a place of welcome for all our pupils and parents and I am enjoying my regular interaction with parents. We had hoped to organise a sports tournament with our sister school in October but due to some logistical issues this has been now postponed until November 19th. The plan is to invite teams from Krakow to participate in a series of games with our pupils and to bring the community together to celebrate this event.

Finally, Competence. There are many things that are done very well and the school and we have many pockets of good practice and amazingly talented pupils and teachers. Where we need to work is building capacity and systems to ensure that we are working more smartly and we are more responsive. There is already progress in a number of areas and we will continue to develop here.

I will continue with regular updates on these themes and wishing you all a sunny, warm and dry weekend!



Best regards,
Tom McGrath
Head of School

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
10 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room Usborne Book Fair 12.05pm – 4.00pm Big villa Whole Staff Meeting 3.40pm dining room, big villa	11 Year 4 (both groups) trip to the Barycz valley Usborne Book Fair 12.05pm – 4.00pm Big villa	12 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room	13	14 Primary School Assembly 8.35 am Secondary School Assembly 10.30am Teachers' Day :) PTA Coffee Morning	15	16
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24 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room	25	26 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room	27	28 Primary School Assembly 8.35 am Secondary School Assembly 10.30am PTA Mufti Day	29	30

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 in the Korean room on:

Mondays: 8:00-10:30 / 12:05-15:30
Tuesdays: 8:00-9:25 / 11:20-13:50
Wednesdays: 8:00-9:25 / 12:55-13:50
Thursdays: 10:10-10:30 / 12:05-13:05
Fridays: 8:00-9:25

Contact details:

Hae Sung Lee - haesung.lee@bisc.wroclaw.pl

2. School doctor is available for Parents and Staff on
Thursdays from 10.00am till 12.05pm (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. Dear Parents,

I would like to inform that school photos are ready
to be collected from the secretary's office.

Best regards,
Katarzyna Frankiewicz

5. For security reasons all adults other than parents
guardians who collect children from the School must
be authorised in written form to collect the pupils.
This written authorisation must include the id
details of the adults and must be signed by both
parents and delivered to the school secretary, Ms
Katarzyna Frankiewicz.

Best regards,
Tom McGrath

Extra Curricular Activities 2016/2017

ECA	TEACHER	AGE GROUP	WHERE	WHEN
Kendo Club	Takaharu Uesugi	Y1 upwards	Dębowa Gym Dębowa 9b	Tuesdays 3.45pm - 4.35pm
Swimming Club Beginners 1 st group	Marcin Kwasiuk & Jacek Lelewski	Year 1-2 and beginners	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Mondays 3.50pm - 4.35pm
Swimming Club Beginners 2 nd group	Marcin Kwasiuk & Jacek Lelewski	Year 1-2 and beginners	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Fridays 5.20pm - 6.05pm
Football Club	Michał Król	Year 1-5	School premises	Tuesdays 3.45pm - 5.00pm
Basketball Club	Marcin Kwasiuk	Year 1-5	School premises from October: SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Fridays 4.00pm - 5.15pm
Polish Club	Anna Łoboziak	Year 1-6	Year 2 Dragonflies classroom small villa	Tuesdays 3:40pm - 4:20pm
Stories and Tales Club	Ewelina Pachla	Year 2-3	Year 2 Dragonflies classroom small villa	Wednesdays 3:40pm - 4:20pm
Maths Support	Anna Witańska	Year 2-6	Year 4 Shoebills classroom small villa	Tuesdays 3:40pm - 4:20pm
Discussion Club	Jennifer Jones	Year 3-4	Year 3 Foxes classroom small villa	Tuesdays 3:40pm - 4:20pm
Primary Orchestra	Maciej Połuszny	Year 3-6	G11 room big villa	Wednesdays 3:40pm - 4:20pm
Swimming Club intermediate and advanced	Jacek Lelewski	Year 3-11	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Wednesdays 4.35pm – 5.20pm
Football Club	Michał Król Danny Young	Year 6 upwards	School premises	Fridays 3.45pm - 5.00pm
Basketball Club	Marcin Kwasiuk	Year 6 upwards	School premises From October: SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Tuesdays 4.00 pm - 5.15 pm
Scrabble Club	Ewa Gołąbek	Secondary	S2 room big villa	Wednesdays 1.20pm – 1.45pm
Secondary Orchestra	Jakub Stefaniszyn	Secondary	G11 room big villa	Thursdays 1.10pm – 1.50pm
Singstar Club	Jakub Stefaniszyn	Secondary	G6 room big villa	Fridays 1.10pm. – 1.50pm
School band	Jakub Stefaniszyn	Secondary	G11 room big villa	Fridays 3.35pm – 5.00pm
Maths Club *NEW	Justyna Zajęc	Secondary	F6 room big villa	Thursdays 3.35pm – 4.20pm
Polish for Parents Beginners	Anna Sawiel	Parents :)	EAL Room small villa, first floor	Tuesdays 1.50pm – 3.30pm
Polish for Parents Intermediate	Ania Sawiel	Parents :)	S7 room big villa	Thursdays 1.50pm – 3.30pm
English for Parents	Iwona Sokołowska	Parents :)	G10 room big villa	Tuesdays 2.00pm – 3.25pm

News from Head of Primary



The weather this week was very different from we got used to in the past couple of weeks. We had to stay indoors during quite a few breaks yet still we had a good time chatting, playing games or inventing new ones.

Dear pupils, please remember to wear a coat these days; the weather is changeable and we

would like to be able to go outside as often as we can.

On Wednesday and Thursday Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils sat their annual ISA test. Well done, everyone! We will await the results which probably will be available in January.

This week we also had a very successful Bake-a-Cake sale in Foundation; many thanks to the parents who donated the goodies and helped with selling them.

Year 3 Foxes, despite all that rain, went on their excursion to Kowary, where they visited the Museum of Miniatures.

On Friday we had a singing assembly, conducted by Mr. Maciek and his orchestra. Some outstanding students have been rewarded with the Star certificates:

Foundation Bees and Bears - Tanisha

Year 1 Rabbits - Saatvik

Year 2 Dragonflies - Julia

Year 3 Foxes - Seung Geon and Emir

Year 4 Owls - Oliwia T. and Tae Hun

Year 4 Shoebills - Louise

Year 5 Coyotes - Kotaro

Year 6 Wolverines - Kinga, Jack and Jin Hwan

Congratulations, Stars!

* I am kindly reminding all parents and pupils that we are going to host yet another Usborne Book Fair on 10th and 11th October – get ready for an unlimited book-shopping frenzy!

Wishing you a nice weekend,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



With the cooler weather upon us, I would like to encourage secondary students to bring a jacket and wear their cardigan sweater that goes with the uniform. Storing an extra pair of shoes in the cloakroom is advisable, especially on days that are wet.

The ISA exams were the highlight of the week as students in Year 7 to Year 9 participated in this exam which given each year. The students completed tests

in maths and English and their comments afterward were positive as they tried to determine their overall success on the exam. Results will be given to the students in January.

I also would like to thank parents from the Foundation class who brought many tasty treats to the Savoury Snack Day this week. Students and teachers enjoyed them very much.

Have a nice weekend,

Joe Peck
Head of Secondary

News from Polish School



Podróże kształcą :)

Bez wątpienia...

Są doskonałym sposobem na poznanie języków obcych, kultury, historii czy geografii dalekich krajów. Gorąco zachęcam zatem wszystkich do odkrywania nowych światów. Pamiętajmy jednak, że...

Podróże kształcą... ludzi wykształconych ;) dlatego nie pozwalajmy na to, aby z chęci otwierania młodym ludziom drzwi do świata, zamykać przed nimi te do wiedzy. Starajmy się, żeby czas przewidziany na naukę wykorzystywali jak najlepiej.

Nikt nie lubi pozostawać w tyle. Wprowadzając Schoology Szkoła zadbała o to, aby wszyscy ci, którzy nie mogą uczestniczyć w zajęciach, jak najmniej z nich tracili. Warunkiem powodzenia jest odpowiednie podejście. Dlatego chciałabym przypomnieć wszystkim o obowiązku informowania o zamiarach zaplanowanych nieobecności dzieci, zarówno dyrektora szkoły polskiej, jak też brytyjskiej.

Z pewnością pozwoli nam to na wspólne znalezienie najlepszych rozwiązań i pomoże naszym podopiecznym w osiąganiu sukcesów i satysfakcji z nauki :)

Miłego weekendu i wypoczynku :)

Dyrektor Szkoły
Magdalena Mrozowska

Spotlight on Year 4 Shoebills

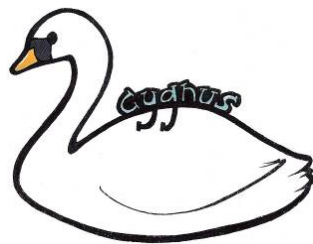
Year 4 Shoebills are very modest pupils, thus they decided to redirect our readers' attention and made a quiz to test your knowledge of the school.

Actually, it is not only a quiz, but also a challenge! You can print the quiz out and if you bring it to Year 4 Shoebills room by Tuesday (11th October) lunchtime, with your name and answers written down, you can earn 18 merits!!! Why eighteen? Well, 8 is a special number to Shoebills... and we added 10 to get you interested :-)

1. In which year did the school start?
2. Where did the BISC students go for their first field trip ever?
3. Where was the school initially located (street)?
4. What was the initial number of BISC students in its first month?
5. Name any 3 staff members who have been at school since the start.
6. How many pupils are there in year 4 Shoebills?
7. Which box can you find downstairs in the small villa?
8. How many classes are there in small villa?
9. Where are the merit boxes?
10. What is the BISC head's name?
11. What is written on the stairs going to the second floor in the small villa?
12. What is opposite of the dining room?
13. What is under Year 6 classroom?
14. Which class prepared a snack day on 5th October?
15. Who is the ICT & the library teacher?
16. How many people were there in the second ZUMBA class this year?
17. What is Year 4 teacher's surname (she is Polish)?
18. What is the secondary head's first name?
19. Do you know who wears glasses and likes dancing?
20. This teacher wears no glasses, comes from Mexico and is pregnant.
21. We have a few teachers named Anna, which one can make sculptures? Write her surname.
22. How many trees can you count in the play ground?
23. How many students are in the school?
24. Name all the different snacks that are in the vending machine.
25. Give the name of all the guardians at the entrance of the school.
26. Where can you find the pyramid made with stones?
27. How many different grades (classes) are there in BISC?
29. In which month do we usually have the winter camp?
30. What is the name of BISC online communication tool?
31. How many basket nets are there outside?
32. How many classrooms are in the small villa?

Good luck!!!





1st

Place

2nd

Place

3rd

Place (ex aequo)

MERIT CHALLENGE

Once a day, each student can receive a merit from Ms Iwona for successfully completing a Merit Challenge, usually correctly answering the question.






Topics change from week to week.

So far, we have had the Spelling, Geography and Maths Weeks.

Merit Challenge this week	Nursery Rhymes
Merit Challenge next week	Tongue Twisters

Good luck!

Ms Iwona

	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
HOUSE SCORES				
Weekly Points	2	1	3	4
Weekly Winner				
Total Points	10	8	14	8
Weekly Merits	324	321	436	502
Total Merits	1471	1259	1863	1187
RANKING	2 nd PLACE	3 rd PLACE (ex aequo)	1 st PLACE	3 rd PLACE (ex aequo)

House Contest for Secondary Students Logo-Design Workshops

During our weekly Friday Secondary Assembly an Art Contest has been announced. It is addressed to secondary students and its aim is to create the new logo designs of the four Houses (Pegasus, Cygnus, Lupus and Phoenix) which would specifically reflect the spirit of secondary section of BISC Wrocław. It is an opportunity to refresh and renew our current logos and let secondary students interpret this topic in a new way.

To help students create new logos in intentional and well- thought way as real graphic designers do, the Art Department organized a series of Logo-Design Workshops. The first session of the workshops already took place last Monday. Students who took part, had a chance to learn what the logo is, how to approach the logo-design project, and which visual elements constitute a good design. We have been also discussing how to resource the ideas and successfully develop them from preliminary sketches to the final design.

During upcoming workshops students will start to work on their individual ideas and will have a chance to realise them using various techniques.

The Logo-Design Workshops take place every Monday during the lunch break in the Secondary Art room (F2). The leader is Mrs Ania Kawczyńska, the Secondary Art teacher.

If you have missed your first chance to take part in this activity but you are eager to join the group, we are looking forward to seeing you next time 😊

Logo- Design Workshops:

Time: Mondays

Time: Lunch break (1.15pm-1.45pm)

Location: Secondary Art room (F2 room, big villa)

Design contest for a set of logo designs for School Houses:

Topic: a set of logo designs for school houses

Format: A4

Technique: chosen one

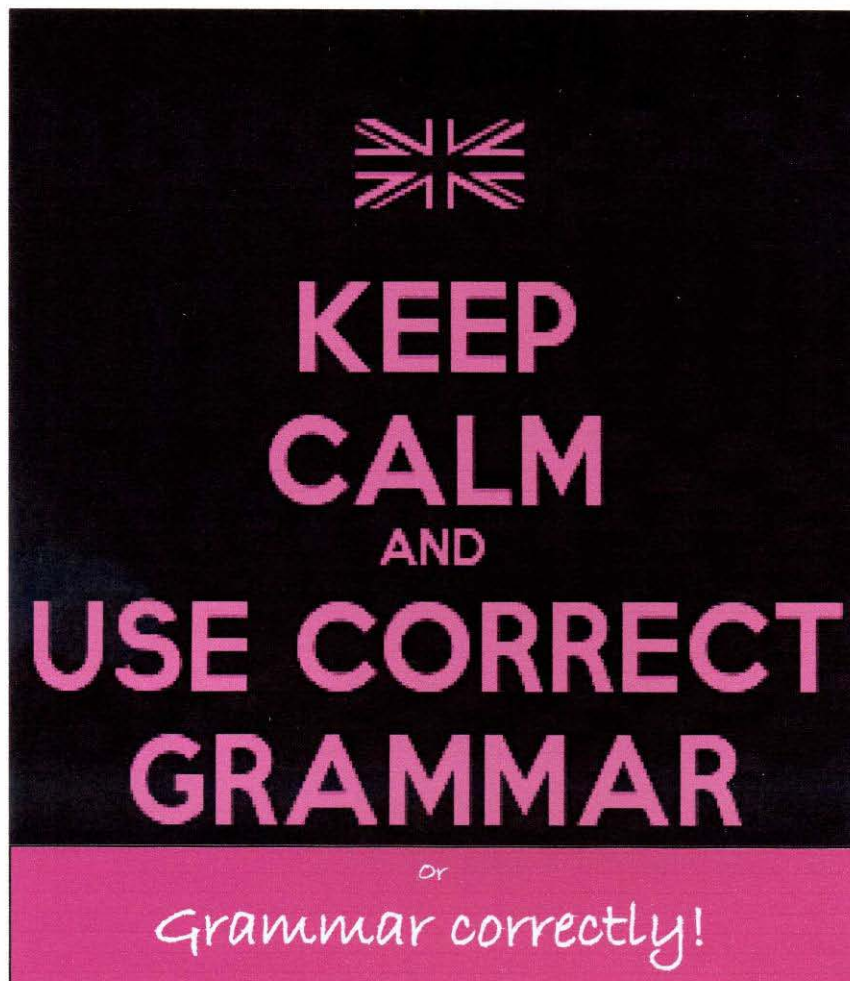
Submission deadline: 28th October 2016

Results: the beginning of November 2016

Prize: 150 house points and a little surprise

Best regards,

Anna Kawczyńska



JOIN THE “GRAMMAR GAMES”!

Grammar games start next week.

You’ve heard of the Olympic Games... well now we have the *Grammar Games*!

In an effort to further develop the grammar skills of BISC Wrocław students, the *Grammar Games* combines fun with learning. Each **Thursday**, children will be given a grammar concept to learn and the following Thursday they will be tested on how well they have learned the content. **Every student who scores above 80% will receive 10 merits!**

How to play

Each Thursday collect a Grammar Games page from one of the specially marked boxes

- In the Small Villa (near the stairs)
- In the Big Villa (near the noticeboard)

Read the explanation and answer the questions

On Thursday at lunch go to Mr Phil’s English room (S7) for the test.

OPEN TO STUDENTS
FROM YEAR 3 TO
YEAR 13



PTA BISC Wroclaw on Facebook:

[goo.gl/WNw25e](https://www.facebook.com/googl/WNw25e)

pta@bisc.wroclaw.pl

1. Bake-a-Cake and Savoury Snack Days:

The Bake –a-Cake and Savory Snack Days in Year 2016/2017 are as follows:

October 19, 2016	Years 10 & 11
November 16, 2016	Year 5 Coyotes
November 30, 2016	Year 9
January 11, 2017	Year 6 Wolverines
February 1, 2017	Year 1 Rabbits
February 15, 2017	Year 3 Foxes
March 8, 2017	Year 7
March 22, 2017	Year 4 Shobills
April 5, 2017	Year 2 Dragonflies
May 10, 2017	Year 4 Owls
May 24, 2017	Year 8

2. PTA coffee morning:

On Friday, October 14, PTA will hold a coffee morning to discuss the upcoming events. Please follow Schoology, Facebook and posters for details regarding exact time and place. The issues to be discussed:

- a) Introduction of the new PTA team,
- b) Upcoming Mufti day,
- c) Upcoming Autumn bazaar,
- d) Ideas for Christmas charity.

Everyone is very welcome to join.

3. Lost&Found:

Please note that Lost&Found items are collected and placed in following places:

- a) Small Villa downstairs in front of copy machines between cloak rooms,
- b) Big Villa downstairs right hand side corner when going to cloak rooms.

If your children have lost anything, it's always a good idea to check Lost&Found boxes in both building as the location of the items can depend on where your children had forgotten their things.

The PTA held 2nd hand uniform sale was very successful and most of the uniform items did get sold. Please do not forget to sign your child's wear, especially uniforms, to make sure you can identify your child's clothes in the Lost&Found box.

Best regards,

Your PTA team



In my regular drop-ins to lessons over this week I have found quite high levels of adherence to the school uniform policy and I thank pupils, parents and teachers for maintaining this standard.

In an effort to make everything completely clear, here again are the uniform requirements for our school. These have not changed and items outside this list are not acceptable school wear.

- **FOUNDATION** – Polo, cardigan and parent choice for lower garments and footwear. A summer dress is available for girls if desired during summer term.

PE – parents' choice of items from boys/girls sections. Coat – parents' choice.

- **YEARS 1 to 11** – Boys: shirt and tie/polo shirt, long-trousers and V-neck sweater. Summer term, as before with option to change to polo-shirt and to wear shorts if desired. Shoes to be black or dark-brown with grey socks if shorts worn. PE – white T-shirt, blue shorts, blue track-top and jog-pants with white sports socks. Coat – parents' choice.

Girls: blouse and tie/polo shirt, choice of skirt, trousers, pinafore, and cardigan. Summer term, as before with the option to change to summer-dress if desired. White socks should be worn with skirts and dresses. Shoes should be black or dark-brown (no high-heels or platforms). Coat – parents' choice.

- **SIXTH FORM** – School uniform is optional. Dress from home should follow the dress code on appropriateness and modesty.

You are reminded that the above IS COMPULSORY and will be monitored by the staff at all times. Should a student attend school improperly dressed, in the first instance their parents will be reminded of the rules and be required to bring uniform items to school to rectify the situation. If there is continued repetition of failing to attend school properly dressed, parents will be required to keep their children at home until the problem is resolved. The school understands that for children joining part-way through the year that there could be exceptional reasons for not having full uniform and that there could be occasional circumstances beyond parental control; on such occasions the school should be contacted immediately and the children sent to school in clothes as close to the uniform as is possible. We thank you for your cooperation and support of our uniform policy.

Tom McGrath



USBORNE BOOKS will be here



Date: 10th and 11th of October
Time: 12.05pm - 4.00pm
location: Big villa's main hall

The very best books for children of all ages

Lunch Menu for October 2016

Dear Parents,

Please find below 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. In case of child's absence, please inform Ms Kasia Frankiewicz (our secretary) on the same day by phone (71 79 66 861) or via e-mail (wroclaw@bisc.krakow.pl) **before 9am** Depending on your request, order will be cancelled or moved for the next week.
3. The orders are accepted together with the payment only.
4. Menu for the following month will be posted on the information boards in both villas and also in our weekly newsletter.
5. The cost per lunch is 10PLN.

10.10	11.10	12.10	13.10	14.10
Spaghetti with tomato sauce	Pancakes with curd cheese and pineapple	Russian dumplings, salad	Pancakes with broccoli	Hash browns
Sesame crusted chicken cutlet, french fries, salad	Baked beans with sausage in tomato sauce, bread	Pancakes with cheese, ham and champignon mushrooms	Chicken-pork meatball, potatoes, salad	Steamed cod, rice, salad
17.10	18.10	19.10	20.10	21.10
Pancakes with chocolate	Dumplings made of mashed potatoes, eggs and flour with champignon mushroom sauce	Hash browns	Pancakes with curd cheese and cherries	Spaghetti with tomato sauce
Cornflake crusted chicken, potatoes, salad	Devolay, french, fries, salad	Grilled pork with baked potatoes and salad	Fried cod, french fries, salad	Spaghetti bolognese with chicken
24.10	25.10	26.10	27.10	28.10
Pancakes with plum sauce	Dumpling filled with spinach, feta cheese and dried tomatoes	Hash browns	Pancakes with apple sauce	Russian dumpling and salad
Chickenburger and french fries	Chicken meatballs, potatoes, salad	Dumplings filled with meat	Chicken stew with rice	Sesame crusted chicken cutlet, french fries and salad

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

1. Tomato soup with rice and bread roll with cheese
2. Borsch and croquette filled with cabbage and mushrooms

AROUND BISC WROCLAW

