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## ISSUE 6 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October

**If you have to put someone on a pedestal, put teachers. They are society's heroes.**

**Guy Kawasaki**

Dear Friends,

I extend my warmest wishes to all my teaching colleagues as we celebrate Teacher's Day in Poland this Friday. I am filled with admiration for the dedication and care that the teachers display every day and it is fitting that a day is reserved for their appreciation.

We send best wishes and congratulations to Ms Nancy Pliego Blancas on the birth of her son Leonardo Daniel and we welcome Ms Verónica Lelo de Larrea who will cover Spanish lessons during Ms Nancy maternity leave.

Our congratulations goes also to one of our pupils, Emilia Chmielowska, for her achievement in the National Horsemanship Tournament. Emilia took second place!

In my column today I want to focus on school attendance and clarify a few matters. First of all, my review of school attendance shows that the vast majority of pupils attend regularly and punctually and I salute the pupils and parents for this. Future employers look for such reliability and dependability in employees and our pupils are good examples in these fields. Our school is bound by the laws of Poland and pupils of school going age are required to be in full-time education and we must report attendance and absences. While we want pupils here every school day we are aware that with international families certain situations can arise where pupils may need to be away from school for certain periods and the school wishes to work with you to resolve such situations. The first requirement is prior communication

## BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW

# NEWSLETTER

## WEEKLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



for us to review the situation. This communication needs to be directed to me as Head of School and the form tutor in writing. Email: [head@bisc.wroclaw.pl](mailto:head@bisc.wroclaw.pl) This can be by email but not by schoolology. The precise reason for the requested absence must be given. Medical situations, family bereavements, very significant family celebrations etc.. are all acceptable requests and following review are generally authorised. However family holidays are not acceptable reasons. The second condition that would allow me to authorise an absence would be where parents and pupils give a commitment to keep up with classwork and homework and schoolology allows for ease of communication here. The school publishes its calendar well in advance allowing parents to plan vacations and family visits. The school will be cautious about authorising absences to pupils who already have a poor attendance record, who are in examination classes, or who have not complied with the conditions for authorisation in previous situations. Please note that while we do not have the authority to prevent you from absenting your child from school we do have the responsibility to record this as authorised or not. I trust this is helpful for all parents.

In last week's newsletter I spoke about some plans that we are developing to increase the fun and enjoyment that pupils have at school especially in the secondary section. On Monday I met with the sixth form pupils with Verity Duncan and we have agreed to implement a number of measures to enhance leadership skills amongst our oldest pupils. We are developing a Prefect system with our sixth formers, we are beginning a Model United Nations group which will participate in the Wrocław Model

United Nations conference <http://wrocmun.pl> in November and we hope to collaborate with WIS in sending a joint group. We also wish that the students in sixth form take a lead in charity initiatives, developing a student council and in assisting at school events.

In addition I have been in discussion with the Music Dept. on staging a school musical in the spring term. Musicals are wonderful community events that show a school at its best. Our current project is Bugsy Malone, a tale of gangsters, speakeasies, cabaret dancers and aspiring starlets. I am sure that our pupils will enjoy the Jazz Age, its fashions and music and bring these to life on stage. More details to follow.

I also wish to clarify the use of Teaching Assistants in the school. In Foundation and Key Stage 1 (Nursery to Year 2) there is one Teaching Assistant per class. In Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) we have a number of teaching assistants that are allocated according to need and some of these staff have some other duties in terms of teaching languages to the pupils. In the case of an absent TA we allocate cover from among the existing TAs. We are at present recruiting for one further TA and hope to make an appointment soon.



Best regards,  
Tom McGrath  
Head of School



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>17</b> Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room  Primary Staff Meeting 3.40pm Year 4 Shoebills room small villa  Secondary Staff Meeting 3.40pm F3 room, big villa	<b>18</b> Inter school UNI Hockey Tournament U15 Girls	<b>19</b> Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room  “zDolny Ślāzaczek” - the first level of the English Competition for Polish primary pupils  Savoury Snack Day Year 10 and Year 11  Inter school UNI Hockey Tournament U13 Boys and Girls	<b>20</b> Double Merit Day : )  Inter school UNI Hockey Tournament U15 Boys	<b>21</b> Primary School Assembly 8.35 am  Secondary School Assembly 10.30am	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room	<b>25</b> Year 6 trip to the Zoo	<b>26</b> Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Primary School Assembly 8.35 am  Secondary School Assembly 10.30am  PTA Mufti Day	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>1</b> Half Term Break	<b>2</b> Half Term Break	<b>3</b> Half Term Break	<b>4</b> Half Term Break	<b>5</b> Half Term Break	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>

## 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. Our School doctor will be absent on Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

6. 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.

## 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 <sup>st</sup> group	Marcin Kwasiuk & Jacek Lelewski	Year 1-2 and beginners	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Mondays 3.50pm - 4.35pm
Swimming Club Beginners 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 upwards	School premises	Tuesdays 3.45pm - 5.00pm
Basketball Club	Marcin Kwasiuk	Year 1-5	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
Basketball Club	Marcin Kwasiuk	Year 6 upwards	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	Justyna Zajac	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



This week we saw more rain and fully appreciated each and every of our radiators at school! Year 4s had to postpone their trip, as the weather was far from perfect for walking along a river.

Upon the received suggestions from teachers and parents, the opening and closing times in **Foundation** will change to match the Primary School. Children are welcome to arrive at 8:20am and the pick-up time will be 3:25pm. If parents run late, they will be able to collect the children from the Foundation Unit, not from the library. We hope it will make afternoons easier for the parents.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind the parents and pupils about clothing appropriate for the weather – rain coats, fleeces and reasonable shoes are a must if we want to spend breaks outside or walk to the gym.

On Friday we watched our first, and a very interesting one, assembly presentation prepared by Year 6 Blue Wolverines. It has cast a new light on the Internet safety and was a good lesson. Well done, Wolverines! Apart from Year 6 students, a few other pupils stood out this week:

Foundation Bees and Bears – Pascal  
Year 1 Rabbits – Deniz and Matilda  
Year 2 Dragonflies – Antton  
Year 3 Foxes – Sushruth and Seinosuke  
Year 4 Owls – Ola and Soo Kyeom  
Year 4 Shoebills – Seo Yeong  
Year 5 Coyotes – Shinun  
Year 6 Wolverines – Li Hyun, Matteo, Tereza

Wishing you a nice weekend,

Anna Witańska  
Head of Primary

## News from Head of Secondary



With all the rain that we have had lately, the students were not able to spend time outside as much as they wanted to. Perhaps this was a blessing in disguise since they spent more time inside the Big Villa during their lunch breaks concentrating on their studies.

Mr. Phil is keeping his students very busy for the past couple of weeks.

The Year 8 Drama class has been hard at work with creating a short film. From scripting to story-boarding to film editing, the Year 8 class can be seen throughout the Big Villa rehearsing and putting together the final touches to their films. I can't wait to see them!

Mr. Phil also has students in English classes working on articles for a school newspaper. The newspaper will need more time to develop, but students in each year group are busy writing articles that are related to the learning objectives within each year group, as well as, the IGCSE exam. Thanks for your creative efforts Mr. Phil!

Enjoy your weekend,

Joe Peck  
Head of Secondary

## News from Polish School



„Kino to życie motyla”

Tak określał dziedzinę sztuki, której poświęcił swoje życie, Andrzej Wajda, najwybitniejszy polski reżyser filmowy, laureat Oscara za całokształt twórczości. Jednak jego filmy, w swojej tematyce, często nie były kolorowe, a z pewnością żaden z nich nie odszedł w zapomnienie, kiedy uciły oklaski.

W tym tygodniu na lekcjach języka polskiego uczniowie naszej szkoły pożegnali światowej sławy artystę. I choć może nie dla wszystkich było to łatwe, razem zeszliśmy do warszawskich kanałów, byliśmy z Maćkiem, kiedy podpałał kieliszki wspominając poległych towarzyszy broni i z przodownikiem pracy Birkutem, kiedy budował Nową Ojczyznę układając kolejne cegły. Na koniec "zatańczyliśmy poloneza" z Zosią i Tadeuszem.

Tematy zbyt trudne dla naszych uczniów? Niekoniecznie. Z wielką przyjemnością odkrywałam, jak dużo o naszej historii wie Przemek Żukowski (kl.6), któremu, pomimo młodego wieku, nieobce są tematy Powstania Warszawskiego, żołnierzy AK czy PRL-owskiej cenzury.

Brawo Przemku. Wajda byłby z Ciebie dumny :)

Dyrektor Szkoły  
Magdalena Mrozowska



# Spotlight on Year 4 Owls

Hello BISC Community!

We have had a fun and interesting week this week in 4 Owls. The weather unfortunately interfered with our trip plans but we didn't let it dampen our spirits! We have been learning about biographies and autobiographies in English; designing, making and testing our own switches in Science; and practising our times tables in Maths! On Monday, we finally began making our board games; we have been planning them for weeks!

Ms Ashleigh's favourite part of the week was reading the final chapter of our class read: The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket. The Owls would like to share their favourite part of the week with you too!

**Greta** - My favourite subject this week was Science because we were learning everything about electricity. Now I know how to use electric stuff in a safe way and this makes me very satisfied!

**Tae Hun** - My best lesson was D.T. because we were making our board games.

**Yash** - This week I really enjoyed Science when we were making a switch because I made a switch for the first time in my life and it worked!

**Soshiro** - My best lesson of this week was Science because we made our own circuit. I liked making the safety booklet as well.

**Maks** - I liked Science because we were learning about how to stay safe with electricity.

**Arin** - I liked English because we read an exciting book. The book about the Baudelaire children was so exciting. During the night, Violet sneaked out to save Sunny.

**Yuji** - I liked English because we read a book called A Series of Unfortunate events and it was a very interesting and exciting story. We could watch the film when the weather was cold or raining.

**Gain** - I liked reading because the book I read was about animals and I like learning about animals.

**Oliwia** - My favourite thing this week was in Maths when we were partitioning and doubling big numbers!

**Soo Kyeom** - I liked tracing my board game with Ms Ashleigh. It was like magic!

**Ola** - I liked maths because I like halving, doubling and partitioning 3 digit numbers, even though it is a bit tricky.

Watch the Owls testing the switches they designed and created by scanning the QR code below. (Free QR scanners are available on Android and in the App Store)

We hope everyone has had a spectacular week and has an adventure-filled weekend

From, Ms Ashleigh and the Owls.



Arin and Yash



Greta and Gain



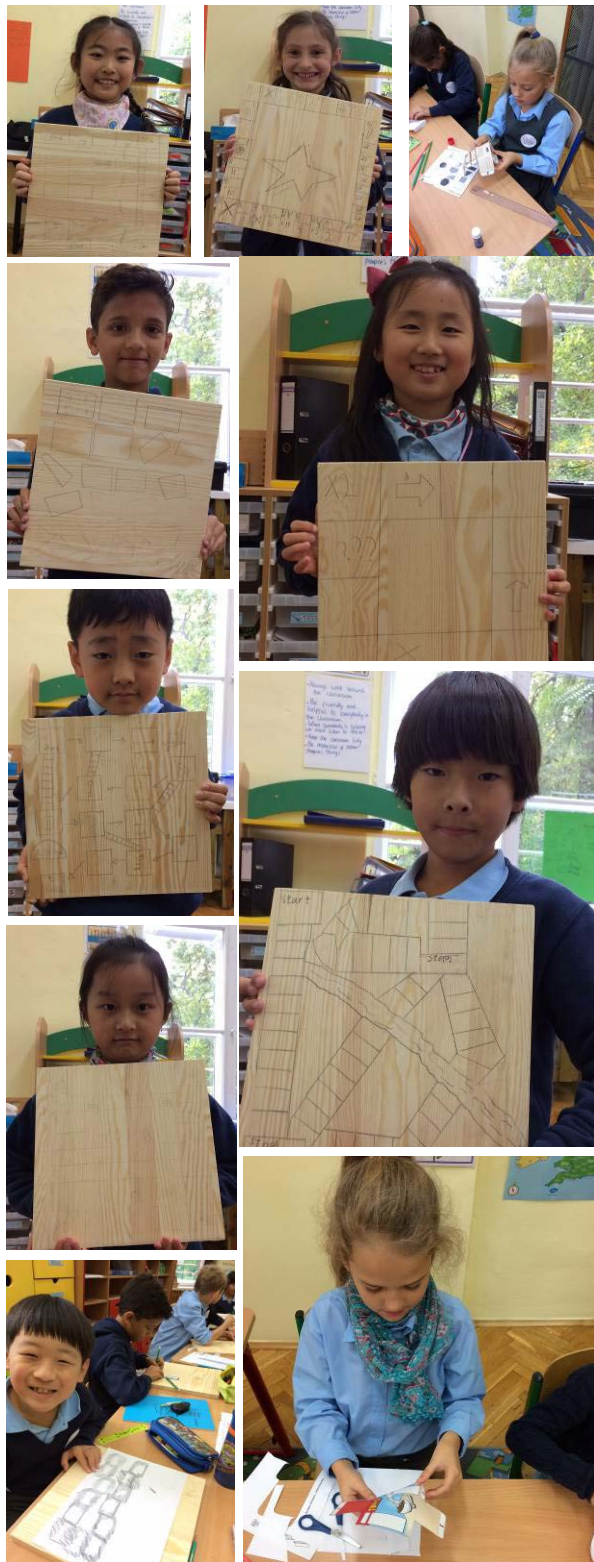
Maks and Yuji



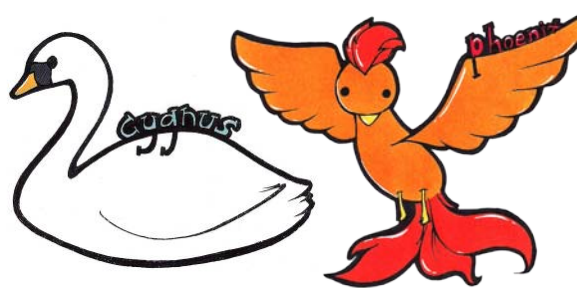
Soshiro and Soo Kyeom



Tae Hun and Oliwia R



# HOUSE SCORES 2016/2017



1<sup>st</sup>

Place

2<sup>nd</sup>




Place

3<sup>rd</sup>

Place

## MERIT CHALLENGE

Merit Challenge this week	Tongue Twisters
Merit Challenge next week	Animals

	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
HOUSE SCORES				
Weekly Points	1	3	4	2
Weekly Winner				
Total Points	11	11	18	10
Weekly Merits	473	495	689	491
Total Merits	1944	1754	2554	1678
<b>RANKING</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> PLACE (ex aequo)	2 <sup>nd</sup> PLACE (ex aequo)	1 <sup>st</sup> PLACE	3 <sup>rd</sup> PLACE
<b>Primary House Captains:</b>				
	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
	<b>Gayeon Lee</b> Year 6 Yellow Wolverines	<b>Magda Sawicka</b> Year 6 Yellow Wolverines	<b>Jack Kidd</b> Year 6 Blue Wolverines	<b>Jin Hwan Bae</b> Year 6 Blue Wolverines



PTA BISC Wroclaw on Facebook:

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

The Bake-a-Cake and Savoury 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 Shoebills
April 5, 2017	Year 2 Dragonflies
May 10, 2017	Year 4 Owls
May 24, 2017	Year 8

## 2. **First Mufti Day:**

On Friday, October 28 this year's first Mufti Day will take place.

Information for newcomers: Mufti Day is a day when children can come to school in clothing of their choice, it's a non-uniform day. The donation for coming to school in non-uniform wear is 2 PLN per child and form tutors collect this money upon arrival to classroom or registration on that day. PTA will use the money raised on Mufti Day for organizing other fun activities for children. Please follow Newsletter, Schoology and Facebook for further information.

## 3. **Autumn Bazaar coming up:**

After the school break, on Thursday, November 10, PTA will hold Autumn Bazaar. Your donations for the Bazaar can be dropped off on the upper floor of Small Villa as usual. Newcomers are welcome to ask PTA members for advice regarding the location of the drop off place. PTA welcomes donations of uniforms, clothes, ski wear, books, toys and other items.

Yours,

PTA

# Lunch Menu for October 2016 / November 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.

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
07.11	08.11	09.11	10.11	11.11
Chicken stew with rice	Spaghetti bolognese	Dumplings filled with meat	Breaded chicken cutlet, salad, potatoes / rice / French fries	Polish Independence Day (school closed)
Dumplings filled with spinach, feta cheese and dried tomatoes	Pancakes with chocolate	Dumplings made of mashed potatoes, eggs and flour with champignon mushroom sauce	Russian dumplings	

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

