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"On Twitter we get excited if someone follows us. In real life we get really scared and run away."

Unknown

In his excellent book *The Age of Turbulence*, the renowned economist, Alan Greenspan, reflects on his life in finance and business where he pays particular focus on the many modes of communication in his working life, each one expected to be revolutionary, but only achieved traction for quite short periods before becoming obsolete. He speaks about how runners dispatched messages from one finance house in the city to another, how ticker tape in the 1930's gave way to the digital era, how telegrams were superseded by telex, which then was replaced by fax and then the ubiquitous email held sway. Just this week, in the *New York Times*, the lofty email has been named the biggest loser in the US Presidential election due to various hacks of emails by cyber theft. Perhaps Twitter has suffered a similar decline as a communication tool; its share price certainly does not seem to have helped by election season.

Thus communication tools will continue to evolve and new trends will make older modes outdated and superfluous. At BISC Wrocław we are working hard to design a very thorough and clear communication policy and this is the focus of my column this week.



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW

NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



First of all, we are not yet at the finished product but we are making considerable progress. As you will have noticed schoology is now used widely and is working as a very effective communication tool both internally among staff, for pupil-staff contact and for parent- staff interaction. There are further phases that are now being piloted and developed.

I am please and relieved to announce that we have (as Brexiters would proclaim) taken back control of our website. It is now being fully updated and already looks far more attractive and informative. Please click onto www.bisc.wroclaw.pl to browse. It will take a few more weeks to have every website section fully operational but we are already a long way forward.

In addition, I have found my voice on Twitter and the 140 character medium is up and running with a live feed on the website front page. The feed is @biscwroclaw. At present my followers are few but I trust that I will soon be up there with Katy Perry.

And we have this weekly newsletter. In addition to English, the newsletter is translated into Korean and Japanese and it is emailed to parents, placed on schoology and also updated on our website. The newsletter brings together the whole school and allows parents to get a fuller picture of the school.

However, the most important contact for me is direct, face to face. This week I had the delightful opportunity to accompany the U. 15 Girls and U.15 Boys Unihockey teams to the Wrocław school tournaments on Tuesday and Thursday respectively. I had the chance to spend time with

our pupils and get to know them better and see them reveal themselves both on and off the pitch. Perhaps I brought a jinx to the teams as the primary tournament on Wednesday, where I was absent, was the most successful and I salute our Primary boys for qualifying for the Lwr. Silesian finals.

I also had the opportunity last week to speak to the PTA Committee and get feedback on various issues and I wish to follow up with a meeting with the class representatives that I plan to schedule soon. With Verity Duncan I am having greater contact with our sixth formers, the Year 7-9 pupils and we are planning further team building and fun events for these age groups. However the best place is in the classroom and I continue to be impressed and inspired by our pupils and teachers.

Soon after the half term break we will be organising Parent Teacher Conferences (dates on Calendar) when parents can have meaningful interactions with staff on how their child/ren's education is progressing. I also look forward to seeing you at these meetings.

Finally October 28th is Mufti Day, our first non-uniform day to celebrate the end of the first half term. Our theme is India and details are inside. Looking forward to seeing you all in wonderful costumes.



Best regards,
Tom McGrath
Head of School

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BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCŁAW - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2016 / November 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
24 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	25 Year 3 trip to the Botanical Gardens and the Natural History Museum Year 4 (both groups) trip to the Barycz valley Year 6 trip to the Zoo	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 Foundation trip to the bauble factory in Krońnice PTA Mufti Day	29	30 Daylight saving time clock change
31 Half Term Break	1 Half Term Break All Saints' Day (school closed)	2 Half Term Break	3 Half Term Break	4 Half Term Break	5 Half Term Break	6 Half Term Break
7 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 Parent Teacher Conference sign up lists available for Parents	8 Parent Teacher Conference sign up lists available for Parents	9 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room Parent Teacher Conference sign up lists available for Parents	10 Parent Teacher Conference sign up lists available for Parents	11 Polish Independence Day (school closed)	12	13
14 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room BISC Wrocław 10th Anniversary Retrospective Art Exhibition	15 Parent Teacher Conference 3.45pm – 6.00pm	16 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room Savoury Snack Day Year 5 Coyotes Parent Teacher Conference 3.45pm – 6.00pm	17	18 Primary School Assembly 8.35 am Secondary School Assembly 10.30am	19	20

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

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 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 had some rain and some sunshine. Thank you for providing your children with appropriate wear – we had no difficulty going outside or walking to the gym.

This week we had the first round of the Grammar Games – a new ECA provided by Mr. Phil. It was great

to see the amount of interest in grammar among the primary school students. There are also some other interesting clubs available on our ECA list – why not look at it and sign up for a club?

A kind reminder about the change in the opening and closing times in **Foundation**: 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.

On Friday we watched an assembly presentation by our youngest learners, Foundation Bees and Bears. It was a heart-warming sight – a great round of applause for our Foundation students, it was your first on-stage assembly ever! Some more clapping was done for the following pupils

Foundation Bees and Bears - Elodie
Year 1 Rabbits – Aryanshi
Year 2 Dragonflies - Jaime
Year 3 Foxes – no one : (
Year 4 Owls – Yuji
Year 4 Shoebills – Emilie and Dong Yeong
Year 5 Coyotes - Seohyeon
Year 6 Wolverines – Madhav, Cecilia, and Sri

Congratulations, Stars!

Wishing you a nice weekend,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



Students kept very busy this week with completing unit tests and participating in a UNIHOC tournament. Students from Year 6 to Year 11 participated during the three day tournament and enjoyed the experience immensely. Students played against teams that had quite a bit of experience in hockey, yet our

students remained competitive. Congratulations to the participants and big thanks to Mr. Marcin for his help in organizing the event.

I would also like to thank parents for preparing wonderful treats for the Savoury Snack Day for Year 10 and 11 this week. The snacks went very quickly, much to the delight of the Year 10 and 11 students.

Have a nice weekend,

Joe Peck
Head of Secondary

News from Polish School



„Idzie łasem Pani Jesień,
Jarzębinę w koszu niesie...” 🎵 🎵 🎵

Tak śpiewaliśmy na lekcjach muzyki będąc dziećmi. Dzisiaj wiemy, że oprócz czerwonych koralików, Pani Jesień ma w swoim koszyku również kaszel, katar i gorączkę. Mieliśmy tego dowód w tym tygodniu, kiedy to zdziesiątkowała nam szkołę, kładąc do łóżka **całą klasę** piątą.

Dziewczyny walczyły dzielnie z chorobą i pojawiły się na czwartkowym konkursie “zDolny Ślęzaczek”. Dobrze zrobili, gdyż to właśnie **Julia Sawicka i Alexia Money-Kyrle** osiągnęły tym razem najwyższe wyniki w szkole. Ale o tym ciiii..., to nie są jeszcze oficjalne wyniki ;)

Przy okazji tematu **nieobecności**, jeszcze raz proszę wszystkich rodziców o niezwłoczne, mailowe lub telefoniczne, **informowanie** o nich **sekretariatu** oraz o dostarczanie **pisemnych usprawiedliwień** po powrocie dziecka do szkoły. W przypadku dłuższych, planowanych absencji, proszę o osobisty kontakt w celu omówienia sposobu pracy poza szkołą.

Pozdrawiam wszystkich i życzę udanych weekendowych spacerów w ciepłych szalikach.

Dyrektor Szkoły
Magdalena Mrozowska

Spotlight on Year 5 Coyotes

Year 5 Coyotes are a colourful and cheerful group. Still working on getting used to some class rules and being part of the Big Villa - big people world, the Coyotes are proud to have moved to Upper Key Stage 2. Even poor weather cannot wipe big smiles off their faces.

One rainy Tuesday, we were all surprised to hear of the new and immediate addition to our class! Ali Hassan A Alaithan from Saudi Arabia has strengthened the international ranks of the Coyotes. Ali is a great storyteller and excels at mental Maths. He has quickly become a part of the “cops and robbers team” at playtime. Make sure to say hi to our new friend at the playground!

The beginning of October for the Coyotes was also marked with the International Schools Assessment test, an important and objective measure of their current skills in English and Maths. The children worked hard for two mornings to show that they could solve practical Maths problems and write both stories and more serious pieces.

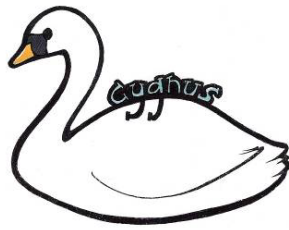
The class that the Coyotes have enjoyed most of all in October has been D&T. We have explored the importance of seasonal products in our diet by preparing and sampling fresh items from different food groups. Designing a meal as a group yielded lots of discussion and some interesting recipes.

Miss Ania, the class assistant, and I have been truly impressed with the creativity and team work on part of the Coyote parents. Thank you very much for the fantastic mugs adorned with a collage of all the children’s happy faces that we received as Teacher Day gifts! It’s the gift that puts smiles on our faces every day.

With a big cheer and the Coyote howl,
Mrs. Peck, Miss Ania and the Coyotes



HOUSE SCORES 2016/2017



1st

Place

2nd






Place

3rd

Place (ex aequo)

MERIT CHALLENGE

Merit Challenge this week	Animals
Merit Challenge next week	Halloween

HOUSE SCORES	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
				
Weekly Points	3	1	4	2
Weekly Winner				
Total Points	14	12	22	12
Weekly Merits	465	267	528	295
Total Merits	2409	2021	3082	1973
RANKING	2 nd PLACE	3 rd PLACE (ex aequo)	1 st PLACE	3 rd PLACE (ex aequo)

Primary House Captains:

	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
	Gayeon Lee Year 6 Yellow Wolverines	Magda Sawicka Year 6 Yellow Wolverines	Jack Kidd Year 6 Blue Wolverines	Jin Hwan Bae Year 6 Blue Wolverines

Secondary House Captains:

	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
	Yunhwa Jung Year 10	Yejin Lee Year 10	DongMin Seo Year 9	Sang Hee Park Year 10

Secondary House Vice Captains:

	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
	Borys Rusko Year 7	Alicia Marie Mcinerney Year 7	Jin Seong Kim Year 7	Anastasia Lacroix Year 7

American Film Festival

New Horizons Cinema

Kazimierza Wielkiego 19a-21

<http://7.americanfilmfestival.pl/en/home-page-2016-en/>

25th - 30th October

Polish Cinema for Beginners - PolishYouth

New Horizons Cinema

Kazimierza Wielkiego 19a-21

<http://www.kinonh.pl/artykul.do?id=1722>

<http://www.kinonh.pl/lista.do?typ=eng>

Thursday, 3rd November 7:00pm

Thursday, 17th November 7:00pm

World Wide Comedy - Pulp Non-Fiction

Theme: Road Trip - Stand-up Comedy in English

Vertigo Jazz Club

Oławska 13

Wednesday, 26th October 8:30pm - 10:30pm

Wrocław Gourmet Market

Stalls with fresh locally produced food from regional suppliers as well as products from all over the world.

Browar Mieszczański

Hubska 44

<http://bazarsmakoszy.com/>

Sunday, 23rd and 30th October

10:00am - 4:00pm

Guitar Masters 2016 International Competition and Festival

<http://competition.guitarmasters.pl/en>

Everyday, 21st October - 16th November

Film Music Concert - John Williams Tribute Show

Centennial Hall & Discovery Centre

Wystawowa 1

Sunday, 6th November 7:00pm

Katie Melua

Hala Orbita

Wejherowska 34

Sunday, 13th November 7:00pm

Asaf Avidan

Capitol Music Theatre

Piłsudskiego 67

Wednesday, 16th November 7:00pm

Jazztopad Festival

National Forum of Music

Plac Wolności 1

<http://www.nfm.wroclaw.pl/en/>

Everyday, 17th - 27th November

National Theatre Live - Frankenstein

Multikino Cinema at Arkady

Powstańców Śląskich 2-4

<https://multikino.pl/pl/repertuar/wydarzenia,nt-live,wroclaw>

Friday, 28th October 10:30pm

Monday, 31st October 7:00pm

Songs of Lear

Song of the Goat Theatre

Purkyniego 1

<http://piesnkozla.pl/>

Saturday, 12th November 8:00pm

Theatre Olympics - The World as a Place of Truth

<http://www.theatreolympics2016.pl/en/calendar>

14th October - 13th November

In Art We Trust - Polish Contemporary Art for Beginners

The Four Domes Pavilion

Wystawowa 1

Saturday, 5th November 4:00pm



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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:

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. In autumn people from India celebrate Diwali or Deepavali - the festival of lights. The celebration takes place for 5 days. In year 2016 it is about to take place from Sunday, October 30th till Thursday, November 3rd.

PTA would like to use the opportunity of a Mufti Day to celebrate the internationality of our school and let children learn about different cultures in the world. In the light of Diwali festival, the first Mufti Day this academic year will be devoted to the celebration of Diwali.

Children, teachers and the rest of the staff are invited to participate in our first Mufti Day this year and dress up for the Diwali festival. The clothing for this festival calls for the brightest colors. Bright colored clothes reflect the joy and excitement of Diwali. Those in possession of Indian outfits are welcome to present them to others. We also invite everyone to make a small research of their own on the topic of Diwali to learn something new about this amazing festival.

The donation for the participation in Mufti Day as usual is 2PLN to be given in a special envelope at the class teacher. The money raised during the Mufti Day will be used for future fun activities for children.

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,

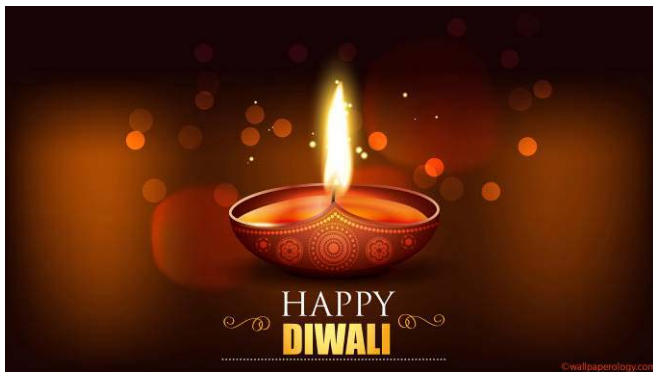
PTA

Diwali Festival

Diwali (Deepavali) is the most significant and famous festival of the India which is being celebrated every year, all over the country as well as outside the country. People celebrate it very enthusiastically to commemorate the returning of Lord Rama to his kingdom, Ayodhya after a long period of time of 14 years of exile after defeating the Ravana. On the returning day of Lord Rama, people of Ayodhya had illuminated their homes and pathways to welcome their Lord with the great enthusiasm.

Diwali is known as the festival of lights or row of lights which is the symbol of coming of Lakshmi (Goddess of wealth) to the home. It is a sacred Indian festival which symbolizes the triumph of goodness over badness as well as start of new season. Lamps are lighted everywhere to remove the evil from home and welcome the God and Goddess. Diwali is the most favorite festival for all as it brings a lot of blessings and happiness.

Happy Diwali to all :)



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.

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	
14.11	15.11	16.11	17.11	18.11
Cornflake crusted chicken, salad, potatoes / rice / French fries	Minced pork cutlet, salad, potatoes / rice / French fries	Breaded pork chop, salad, potatoes / rice / French fries	Chicken cutlet, salad, potatoes / rice / French fries	Sesame crusted chicken cutlet, salad, potatoes / rice / French fries
Hash browns	Pancakes with apple sauce	Pancakes with curd cheese	Penne with spinach	Fried cod, salad, potatoes / rice / French fries

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 WROCŁAW

