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Double, double toil and trouble; Fire burn and cauldron bubble.

Shakespeare, Macbeth

Dear Parents,

The half term break beckons and my best wishes to you and your families for this holiday week. I also thank the school staff for all their efforts over the last two months and wish them a pleasant break. While Halloween is celebrated in various parts of the world as October closes, here in Poland the Feast of All Saints on Nov 1st is a solemn time to remember and commemorate past generations of loved ones. On this forthcoming public holiday the public transport system will redirect busses and trams in the direction of Wrocław's various cemeteries and the graveyards will be filled with people, chrysanthemums and lanterns. It is a very moving occasion as dusk settles next Tuesday.

Following a review of our current catering arrangements at school we have decided to change the catering company. This will be effective from November 14th 2016. On our return from half-term there will be a few days for parents to register with the new company, Weranda Smaków. There are a number of advantages with this new provider:

1. We believe the food is both tasty and of a high standard. The provider is the only catering company in

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NEWSLETTER

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Poland currently approved by Jamie Oliver's school lunches programme. It meets all dietary requirements and recommendations for school age pupils.

2. All orders can be made online and paid directly online. The website is in both English and Polish and we will endeavour to provide a monthly menu in Korean in our newsletter. Parents will need to register and if they wish they can install an easy to use app on their phones.

3. The food is presented in a more attractive way with the use of plastic containers, divided into 3 compartments for the meat/fish- rice/pasta/potato-vegetable/sauce options. Each meal is then sealed in a transparent folio. The packaging is microwave friendly.

4. The packing and insulation should guarantee that meals are served warm to the pupils.

5. There is a wider choice of food available including main meals, soups, salads and sandwiches.

6. The menu will be given for a month and clients can order as often or as little as they wish online. All cancellations needs to also be made online by 8pm on the day before the meal is provided.

7. Payment is on a monthly basis and can be made immediately on ordering or within 7 days of the end of the month.

The cost of a lunch will increase to 14PLN from the current 10PLN. However it is important that the food is of high quality. The online registration will

begin from November 7th when we return from half-term break. There will be a presentation to parents of the catering company's offer on Tuesday 8th November in the canteen at 2.45pm. The new company will start operations from Monday Nov 14th. The current company, Big Daddy, will continue to provide meals until Thursday 10th November.

Please note that Friday 11th November is a public holiday in Poland to mark the foundation of Poland's 2nd Republic and is known as Independence Day. Our school is closed on this public holiday.



Congratulations to Yezu Lee and Hyunah Kim who have been appointed Head Students at BISC Wrocław for 2016-2017.



Best regards,
Tom McGrath
Head of School



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31 Half Term Break (school closed)	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 New catering company – Presentation to Parents 2.45pm dining room big villa	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 Wroclaw 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. Parent Teacher Conference

Dear Parents,

I would like to kindly inform you about the upcoming Parent Teacher Conference on 15th and 16th November (3.45pm till 6.00 pm). Please note, that all after school extra curricular activities are cancelled on these two days, including sport activities.

The method we have always used at school is to book 15-minute appointments between parents and individual teachers in Primary and 10-minute appointments in Secondary. This avoids too many queues forming and generally helps keep the evening more organised.

Parents of primary children (Foundation – Y4) can sign up on the list which will be posted on each classroom door in the small villa and Foundation unit.

Parents of primary children (Y5 and Y6), secondary parents and also polish school can sign up on the list which will be posted on the notice board in the big villa (ground floor). Please note, that in order to avoid any clashes, you cannot sign up for the meeting via e-mail or Schoology. All sign up lists for parents will be available from 7th till 10th November 2016.

Please remember to sign up with your child's name and surname and not your own name. It will help us to identify and contact you in case of any changes.

Best regards,
Katarzyna Kluka

4. Office opening hours during the half term break:

Ms. Kasia Frankiewicz's office (small villa)

Monday 31st October – office closed
 Tuesday 1st November – office closed
 Wednesday 2nd October – 8.00am – 2pm
 Thursday 3rd October – 8.00am – 2pm
 Friday 4th October – 8.00am – 2pm

Ms. Kasia Kluka's office (big villa)

Monday 31st October – office closed
 Tuesday 1st November – office closed
 Wednesday 2nd October – 10.00am – 4pm
 Thursday 3rd October – 10.00am – 4pm
 Friday 4th October – 10.00am – 4pm

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 Pośluszny	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 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



Reeeeeaad? Sometimes children ask this question. Do I have to read? Computers, laptops, tablets, Facebook, chat rooms... why bother reading a book? Do we really have the time to indulge ourselves in such an outdated activity? Do we need reading?

Old-fashioned as it may seem, reading is a very useful pastime. Psychologists from Washington University used brain

scans to see what happens inside our heads when we read stories. They found that "readers mentally simulate each new situation encountered in a narrative". The brain weaves these situations together with experiences from its own life to create a new mental synthesis. Reading a book leaves us with new neural pathways.

The benefits extend beyond the development of the brain itself. I think that everybody acknowledges that reading is the basis of all education. But the recent research proves that when we read, we become more empathetic and more open towards others. It results from the fact that books can help us create emotional, imaginative and historical landscapes that make us feel and understand better and deeper.

With the upcoming break in mind, surely many of our pupils are going to travel, sightsee and meet friends. Why not spend the week on literary journeys too? If you need a book for your child, please speak to Ms. Magda, our school librarian or your child's class teacher – they will certainly recommend something worth looking into!

Apart from reading, we had a lot of activities in the Primary School this week. Years 3, 4s and 6 went on their long awaited-trips and had a good time despite the autumnal weather. On Friday we had the last assembly of the first half-term, and of course Star certificates were as plentiful as falling leaves:

Foundation Bees and Bears - Kenzaburo
Year 1 Rabbits - Ji-Yoon
Year 2 Dragonflies - Ida
Year 3 Foxes - Irene
Year 4 Owls - Maks and Gain
Year 4 Shoebills - all Shoebills
Year 5 Coyotes - Deepali
Year 6 Wolverines - Alex and Fernando

Congratulations, Stars!

Wishing you a nice weekend,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



Students enjoyed another great week in the classrooms. Students were seen revising during their breaks throughout the last couple of weeks due to unit tests in many of their subjects. Teachers have been quite impressed with the study habits that our secondary students demonstrate each day, so I am sure the test results will match their extended efforts.

Students also enjoyed the festive Mufti Day on Friday by wearing bright colours to celebrate Diwali. Not only did they enjoy the fun atmosphere that the event provided, it was also a chance for students to get out of their uniforms. The students probably enjoyed this moment of freedom the most.

Enjoy your holiday break,

Joe Peck
Head of Secondary

News from Polish School



„Ciemno wszędzie, głucho wszędzie,
Co to będzie, co to będzie?”...

A będzie pięknie i uroczyście. W zimny, listopadowy już wieczór, wybierzemy się wspólnie na rozświetlone cmentarze, gdzie spotkamy się z rodziną, aby wspominać naszych bliskich. Ale nie będą to smutne spotkania, bo pośród setek migotliwych światełek pocujemy bijące od nich olbrzymie ciepło miłości i pamięci i będziemy wiedzieć, że Oni, tak naprawdę, nigdy od nas nie odeszli.

Potem wrócimy do domów, napijemy się ciepłej herbaty i będziemy razem świętować. A jest się z czego cieszyć, bo nie tylko czeka nas tydzień wypoczynku, ale właśnie zostały ogłoszone **wyniki zDolnego Ślązaczka** i okazało się, że nasza szkoła odniosła **olbrzymi sukces!**

Ponad połowa uczestników przeszła do drugiego etapu! Geniusze ci to: **Anshumali Johri, Alexia Money-Kyrle, Julia Sawicka i Przemek Żukowski.**

Dyrektor Szkoły
Magdalena Mrozowska

Spotlight on Year Six Wolverines



Our final week of the half-term has been eventful in the Year 6 Wolverines. We had four students gallantly representing BISC in the UNIHOC tournament. Our DT projects, in which we have designed and created dynamic models of endangered species, are coming to a close. Lastly, in relation to our science unit on evolution, we visited the Wrocław Zoo. Alex Peck will take us through the morning journey, Kotono Oshimbe will regale us with a roundup of the workshop, and Fernando Zamora Mata will offer his observations of the animals beheld in the second half of the day.

On the 25th of October, Year 6 took a trip to the Wrocław Zoo. When we arrived at school, the weather was very rainy but nothing could stop the group from going. We boarded the tram near the school and reached the Zoo in about 30 minutes. When we got there, we were all amazed by the appearance of the giraffes and the zebras. As the group was walking towards the baboons, we passed all sorts of fascinating creatures: eagles, tapirs and rhinos. The class was to meet a zookeeper near the baboon exhibit. When we got there, the baboons were socializing and grooming each other. Some were running around and jumping about on rocks. Shortly after, the zookeeper arrived and started our tour.

Alex Peck



What I enjoyed the most during the tour was the chimpanzees. There was a family of them and they were in different cages. We are learning about human evolution, and one of the closest relatives to the human are chimpanzees. We have learnt that the DNA of chimpanzees is 98.8% related to human and our similarities were obvious in how they showed emotion. The most thrilling thing was observing the zoo keepers giving food to the chimpanzees. The chimpanzees ate fruits like apples and vegetables.

Kotono Oshimbe



After the zoologist's explanation on evolution, we headed towards the Afrykarium. We saw amazing animals, like hippos and armadillos that very few of us had seen before. There were over 25 different types of fish and 3 types of sharks, including reef sharks, black tip sharks and horned tiger sharks. The sting rays were amazing. They glided through the water as if they were flying. The hippos were astounding animals, splashing like a house falling in a lake, wetting the birds. Did you know that in the wild, hippos can make a sort of sun cream from the mud in the lakes? It's astounding that humans need huge factories to make it but hippos do it with mud! After that, we ate lunch while we admired astonishing views of the seals and penguins. Then we left for school and the incredible day had ended!

Fernando Zamora Mata

Year 6 Wolverines wish you a happy half-term

Head Students - Introduction

My name is Hyunah Kim and I am pleased to be one of the new Head Students at BISC. I see it as a great opportunity for learning lots of new skills. I am currently studying Biology, German, Maths and Economics, I really enjoy the academic challenge that we are given. When I leave school I would like to study hotel management.

I have attended the school for six years and what I like best is the friendliness of all of the staff and students. Everyone is very supportive of each other and I love the family atmosphere at BISC. My hobbies are playing basketball and watching films.

In my role as Head Student I hope to spend lots of time leading various charity events, helping in school musicals and also acting as a mentor to the students lower down the school.



My name is Yezu Lee, and I have volunteered to be one of the Head Students at BISC. I am delighted to take part in this meaningful role, as it is a great experience for me to absorb new skills and knowledge.

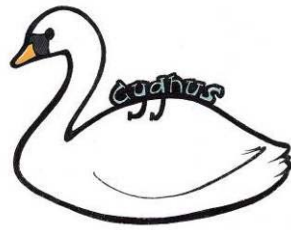
As some teachers and students already know, my whole education has been spent in a BISC school; firstly BISC Krakow and now here at BISC Wroclaw.

In the Sixth Form, I am studying Art and six different languages. I am very thankful to the school for giving me the opportunity to learn so much; the teachers are respectful and I love the international environment. The biggest reason I have chosen to study so many languages is that they allow me to understand different ways of thinking. Of course I simply enjoy learning new languages too:-)

As a Head Student I am looking forward to leading and mentoring others and also to acting as a school diplomat when meeting those from outside the school.



HOUSE SCORES 2016/2017



1st

Place

2nd

Place

3rd






Place

4th

Place

MERIT CHALLENGE

Merit Challenge this week	Halloween
Merit Challenge next week	Grammar

HOUSE SCORES	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
				
Weekly Points	3	4	2	1
Weekly Winner				
Total Points	17	16	24	13
Weekly Merits	442	501	421	411
Total Merits	2851	2522	3503	2384
RANKING	2 nd PLACE	3 rd PLACE	1 st PLACE	4 th PLACE

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



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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. **Autumn Bazaar:**

After the school break, on Thursday, November 10, PTA will hold Autumn Bazaar. It will take place in Lunch Room in Big Villa, and the sale will start at 10:30a.m. PTA will highly appreciate help of volunteers in setting up everything for the sale, as well for the assistance with the sale itself on the day of the 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 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.

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
21.11	22.11	23.11	24.11	25.11
Chickenburger, French fries	Penne with chicken in cream sauce	Minced pork cutlet, salad, potatoes / rice / French fries	Breaded chicken cutlet, salad, potatoes / rice / French fries	Spaghetti with tomato sauce
Russian dumplings	Pancakes with plum sauce	Hash browns	Pancakes with chocolate	Fish cakes, 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

Since 2012, we have become one of the premier providers of dining services to private nurseries, preschools and schools in the Wroclaw area. Our mission is to change eating habits among children. We have developed menus and provide food which meets and exceeds the governmental compulsory minimum nutritional requirements, which includes:

- balanced diet with plenty of variety,
- plenty of fresh food and vegetables,
- plenty of food rich in calcium and iron,

In addition, we do not use any artificial additives or salt in the preparation of our meals. We use only local and seasonal ingredients from certificated suppliers and farms that we trust. We offer a varied menu which will help to develop children's tastes. We also cater for all dietary requirements including vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, dairy free and nut free.

We are located in Wroclaw, 31 Krakowska Street. Our kitchen is over 300 sqm and is equipped with the highest quality appliances such as convection ovens etc. We do not use any microwaves or deep fat fryers. Clients are more than welcome to visit us. We will show you all the Certificates of our suppliers and we will give you a tour of the kitchen. You will also have a chance to speak to our Head Chef Krzysztof Janiszewski and meet our Team.

You can also find more about us on our Facebook profile: Weranda Smaków. Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to the possibility of working together!!!

Yours faithfully,
Anna Kalus - Zielinska
Anna Gawel

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AROUND BISC WROCLAW

