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ISSUE 9 Thursday 10th November

"When America sneezes the world catches a cold"

(attributed to Harold Callender, 1952)

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday 8th November I addressed the older primary pupils during lunchtime and we did a straw poll of their preferences in the US Presidential elections. I am pleased to report that the pupils seemed very informed and knowledgeable about both major candidates. Their voting method was by a show of hands which is not the most approved method of conducting elections and they were overwhelmingly in favour of Hillary Clinton, the unsuccessful candidate as it turned out. However, they were in line with the young voters in the US (18-25) where a majority favoured the Democratic candidate.

The interest in the US presidential election around the world is unprecedented and

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NEWSLETTER

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this reflects America's leadership role and its importance. Political analysts from around the world flock to the United States every four years to observe how modern elections are fought and certainly the result and the campaigns will result in much debate and reflection.

What does it mean to international school communities? It awaits to be seen but the election of a president whose campaign rhetoric promoted a protectionist isolationist redirection, does not bode well for the ideals and philosophy of international education. The purpose of international education is to celebrate diversity, to see global mobility as a way to deepen our understanding of the world and to proclaim that as global citizens we are deeply and profoundly inter-connected for the use of the world's resources, to reduce conflict and protect the environment. Since World War II the United States has underpinned this increased mobility, this interconnectedness and the spread of liberal democracy. We have taken those

this reflects America's leadership role values for granted and now we see how and its importance. Political analysts fragile those values seem to be.

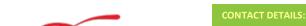
However, this part of the world has faced greater challenges than the change of a US president and as we celebrate the 98th anniversary of the founding of Poland's second Republic on Independence Day tomorrow we reflect that Poland was wiped off the map of Europe for over a century and claimed nation status once more in the aftermath of the end of World War One. Poland has known the struggle for its existence and we wish our Polish community all the very best on this special public holiday.

Please remember to register with the catering company (more details on page 10).

Please follow the school on twitter at: https://twitter.com/biscwroclaw



Best regards, Tom McGrath Head of School



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BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCŁAW - CALENDAR OF EVENTS November 2016 / December 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room Year 5 trip to the University of Wroclaw planetarium BISC Wroclaw 10th Anniversary Retrospective Art Exhibition	15 Parent Teacher Conference 3.45pm – 6.00pm	Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room Savoury Snack Day Year 5 Coyotes Double Merit Day:) Parent Teacher Conference 3.45pm – 6.00pm	17	Primary School Assembly 8.35 am Secondary School Assembly 10.30am	19	20
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	22	Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room Year 4 both groups – trip to the Museum of Archaeology Advisory Board 4.00pm	24	Primary School Assembly 8.35 am Secondary School Assembly 10.30am	26	27
28 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room Full Staff Meeting 3.40pm F3 room, big villa	29	30 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room Savoury Snack Day Year 9	1	Primary School Assembly 8.35 am Secondary School Assembly 10.30am	3	4

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 4. Parent Teacher Conference available in the Korean room on:

8:00-10:30 / 12:05-15:30 Dear Parents, Mondays: 8:00-9:25 / 11:20-13:50 Tuesdays:

Wednesdays: Thursdays: 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 evening more organised. should label their children's BISC uniforms, as sometimes the clothing items are left behind in the Best regards, playground. A name label makes the identification Katarzyna Kluka process much faster and easier:)

8:00-9:25 / 12:55-13:50 I would like to kindly inform you about the upcoming 10:10-10:30 / 12:05-13:05 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

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 Posłuszny	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 Zając	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



Welcome back after the break! Did you have a good time off school? I hope so! Did you have a good read too?

It turns out that even if children read, some of them do it because they have to, not because they want to. Despite all the effort poured into enticing kids to read—the prizes, the posters, the contests—many students say they don't enjoy it. Research shows that reading for pleasure drops off drastically for kids after age eight. Only 51 percent of kids

surveyed said reading is something they like or love to do, a nine percent drop from when the survey was first conducted in 2010.

University of Virginia professor Michael McKenna, compared PISA literacy achievement scores to the Enjoyment of Reading Index, in which 15-year-olds answer 11 questions about their reading enjoyment, and found two very different lists. Those who read the "best" — Shanghai-China, Korea, Finland, and Hong Kong — didn't necessarily like it the most. Who loves to read most? Albania, Turkey, Shanghai-China, and Kazakhstan.* Surprising, isn't it? Or are we just being stereotypical?

Here are some tips to help children develop fondness for books:

Make sure kids have access to books. Drop by the library often. If it's affordable, leave books lying around the house, in the car, even in the bathroom.

Don't control kids' reading. The temptation to "put the hammer down" for a page count may only result in a reaction and pushback. Comic books, graphic novels, and books below reading level all count.

Get kids involved in a peer network of readers. For example, teen author John Green has created an incredible network of readers and fans that connect online.

Offer reading material that draws on something they're already interested in. If there's a movie they already love, get the novelization of the movie, or a book about backstage gossip on set.

Don't forget that as the parent, you are the cheerleader, not the literature judge. Don't worry if it's not Shakespeare, the point is to show kids that "interesting things are found when you read print."

Phew! If you managed to read until this point, three cheers for you! You definitely deserve a treat – and what else would that be if not Stars of the Week? Here they are, proudly shining:

Foundation Bees and Bears - Nao

Year 1 Rabbits - Junwoo

Year 2 Dragonflies - Ah rin

Year 3 Foxes - Irene and Cameron

Year 4 Owls - Maks and Yuji

Year 4 Shoebills - Seo Yeong

Year 5 Coyotes - Deepali

Year 6 Wolverines - Angiras and Alexia

Wishing you a nice and long weekend,

Anna Witańska Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



After a week without lessons, students seemed refreshed and energetic to begin the second-half of the term. Almost every student in secondary took a test or two this week and are revising for other tests that will occur next week.

The science lab has seen quite a bit of action lately and I am sure students enjoyed the opportunity to

have some hands-on experience with what they are learning in the classroom. Year 8 Science students visited the lab to find out more about heat loss through various materials that make up coffee mugs, glass and plastic cups, and other insulated containers.

The Year 9 Science class is investigating speed and force in their physics unit. They also visited the lab recently to measure the amount of force needed pull an object across the table surface compared to pulling the same object while on wood rollers. The aim was to see the benefits of using rollers to move heavy objects in much the same way the stones at Stonehenge are believed to have been moved.

Enjoy your weekend,

Joe Peck Head of Secondary

News from Polish School



"W Polsce czyli nigdzie."

Takimi słowami określił miejsce akcji swojej groteskowej sztuki Alfred Jarry, piętnastoletni licealista francuski, który później został okrzyknięty wielkim artystą, prekursorem teatru absurdu.

"W Polsce czyli nigdzie", to absurd! Oburzymy się dzisiaj my, Polacy urodzeni i żyjący w wolnym kraju. Nie powinniśmy się jednak złościć na młodego człowieka, który tworzył pod koniec XIX wieku czyli w czasie,

kiedy Polski na mapach świata nie było. Ale czy naprawdę nie istniała?

Ojczyzna to nie to samo, co państwo. Byliśmy w niewoli i nie było państwa, ale była Ojczyzna – język, historia, tradycje, dziedzictwo kulturowe, to wszystko co stanowi o naszej odrębności, o naszej godności. O tym uczyły się w tym tygodniu nasze dzieci. Te młodsze poznawały polskie symbole, kolorowały godło i flagę, starsze rozmawiały o rozbiorach i walkach narodowowyzwoleńczych. Wszystkie, na swój sposób dowiedziały się dlaczego 11 listopada obchodzimy Narodowe Święto Niepodległości.

Miłego świętowania!

Dyrektor Szkoły Magdalena Mrozowska

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE

Teacher	Form Tutor / Subject	Tuesday 15th November Location	Wednesday 16th November Location
Adach Beata	French	Not available	Not available
Carr-de Avelon Ian	ICT, EAL Year 8 Form Tutor	ICT room big villa	ICT room big villa
Britton Ashleigh	Year 4 Owls Form Tutor	Year 4 Owls classroom small villa	Year 4 Owls classroom small villa
Cempura Magda	ICT	French room small villa	Not available
Czerwiński Sławomir	Geography	S3 room big villa	S3 room big villa
Duncan Verity	Welfare Coordinator	G8 room big villa	Not available
Galewska Ewa	Physics – Polish school	Not available	Not available
Goldman Gene	Year 6 Wolverines Form Tutor	G7 room big villa	G7 room big villa
Gołąbek Ewa	Polish, EAL	Not available	Not available
Hart Dorota	EAL	Not available	Not available
Hart Philip	English Year 7 Form Tutor	S7 room big villa	S7 room big villa
Jones Jennifer	Year 3 Foxes Form Tutor	Year 3 Foxes classroom small villa	Year 3 Foxes classroom small villa
Kawczyńska Anna	Year 9 Form Tutor	F2 room big villa	F2 room big villa
Kołodyńska Anna	Biology	Not available	Not available
Krawczyk Danuta	Chemistry – Polish school	Not available	Not available
Kwasiuk Marcin	Physical Education	G3 room big villa	G3 room big villa
Lelo de Larrea Verónica	Spanish	Not available	Not available
Lee Hae Sung	Korean (Secondary School)	Korean room green unit:)	Korean room green unit:)
Lee Hye Seung	Art (Primary School)	Art room for Primary big villa	Art room for Primary big villa
Love Aysha	Year 1 Rabbits Form Tutor	Year 1 Rabbits classroom small villa	Year 1 Rabbits classroom small villa
Gołos Łaniewska Lidia	Polish school	Not available	Not available
Łoboziak Anna	Polish	G2 room big villa	Not available
Łuczkowska Izabela	Foundation Bees and Bears Form Tutor	Foundation Bees and Bears Form Tutor Foundation unit	Foundation Bees and Bears Form Tutor Foundation unit
Mazur Oksana	Russian	Not available	Not available
McGrath Tom	Head of School	Head of School's office Small villa	Head of School's office Small villa

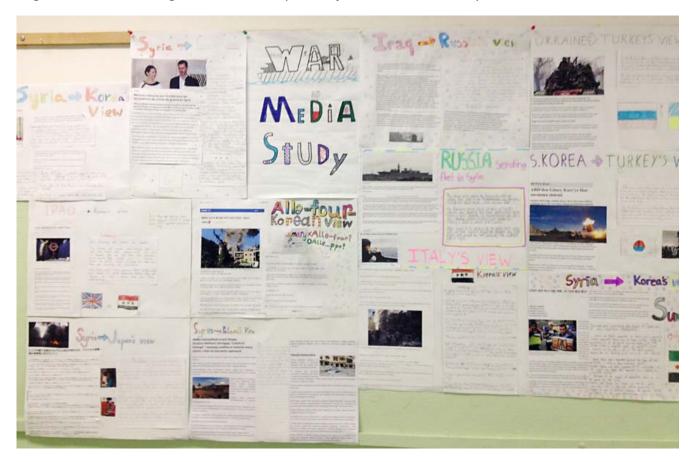
PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE

Teacher	Form Tutor / Subject	Tuesday 15th November Location	Wednesday 16th November Location
Mehrabi Shirin	Italian	Not available	S2 room big villa
Mrozowska Magdalena	Polish & French Head of Polish School	S6 room big villa	S6 room big villa
Peck Agnieszka	Year 5 Coyotes Form Tutor	F1 room big villa	F1 room big villa
Peck Joe	Science Year 10 Form Tutor Head of Secondary	G1 room big villa	G1 room big villa
Piątkowski Bogdan	Business Studies	Not available	Not available
Połośka Justyna	Mathematics Year 11 Form Tutor	F3 room big villa	F3 room big villa
Posłuszny Maciej	Music Primary School	G11 room big villa	G11 room big villa
Sambor Patrycja	German	Not available	Not available
Sitkowiecki Alexander	History Year 13 Form Tutor	S1 room big villa	S1 room big villa
Sokołowska Iwona	ESL	G10 room big villa	Not available
Stefaniszyn Jakub	Music (Secondary School)	Not available	Not available
Szczepkowska Bożena	Polish school	S5 room big villa	Not available
Szczukiecka Emilia	French	Not available	French room small villa
Śmiałkowska Małgorzata	Polish school	Not available	Not available
Trubiłło Elżbieta	Polish school	F7 room big villa	Not available
Uesugi Takaharu	Japanese	Not available	Not available
Witańska Anna	Year 4 Shoebills Form Tutor Head of Primary	Year 4 Shoebills classroom small villa	Year 4 Shoebills classroom small villa
Wojaczyński Jacek	Chemistry	Not available	Not available
Wojtowicz Joanna	Polish school	Not available	Not available
Wychowaniec Monika	Polish school	Not available	Not available
Young Danny	Year 6 Support teaching	G7 room big villa	G7 room big villa
Zając Justyna	Mathematics Year 12 Form Tutor	F6 room big villa	F6 room big villa
Zawadzka Grażyna	Polish school	Not available	Not available
Żmuda Ewelina	Year 2 Dragonflies Form Tutor	Year 2 Dragonflies classroom small villa	Year 2 Dragonflies classroom small villa

SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 7

The transition from Primary into Secondary is not always easy but the current Year 7 group have managed to survive without getting lost, stressed or trampled by the 'big kids'.

The class has been working really well and the friendships from Year 6 appear to have been strengthened with the addition of a few new classmates at the start of the year. All 13 of them have something unique and interesting to offer. We have been exploring the value of their differences this week though a 'media study' that is connected to the Year 7 English Unit – War Poetry. Each of the students have been collecting different articles on current war events and then translating them into English and commenting on the different *points of view* of each country.



Year 7 students were part of the very successful school Unihoc Sports Team, where the school placed in 2nd Place in Wroclaw and then went on to compete in the regional championships.

In the classroom across the hall the sound of Year 7 working their way through the Middle-Ages in their History lessons is always music to my ears. Mr Alex smiled as he spoke of the Year 7 group and the positive way that they approach his subject – he finished with... "They are going to be stuck in the Middle-Ages for a long time" (a History teacher joke!).

Overall, the group has managed to keep on top of the increased workload and I am sure that they enjoy preparing for the many fun tests that their teachers have thoughtfully prepared for them ©

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Retrospective 10

Art Exhibition by the Art Department



Location: Big Villa Dining

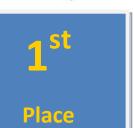
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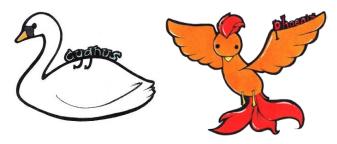
To celebrate the 10th anniversary of artistic work by BISC students.

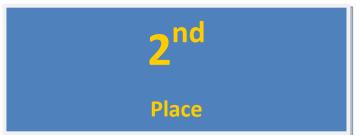
You are invited to visit our exhibition.

HOUSE SCORES 2016/2017











3rd Place

MERIT CHALLENGE

Merit Challenge this week	Grammar
Merit Challenge next week	Autumn

	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus		
HOUSE SCORES						
Weekly Points	2	3	4	1		
Weekly Winner						
Total Points	19	19	28	14		
Weekly Merits	355	358	366	233		
Total Merits	3206	2880	3869	2617		
RANKING	2 nd PLACE (ex aequo)	2 nd PLACE (ex aequo)	1 st PLACE	3 rd 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 Captain	s:			
	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		

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION 2016/2017





PTA BISC Wroclaw on Facebook: goo.gl/WNw25e pta@bisc.wroclaw.pl

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. Report on Mufti Day:

Thank you to all Mufti Day participants. Thank you for joining in making the Mufti Day bright and colourful. Thanks to all participants, together we have raised 203PLN which will be spent for other fun activities for children.

3. Expected closest PTA activities:

Until the end of 2016 PTA is planning still following activities:

- PTA Charity Christmas Fundraiser (November 31 till December 13)
- Christmas Bazaar and Crafts Fair.

Regarding the Charity Fundraiser, PTA is still inviting suggestions for the receiver of the PTA Charity Fundraiser for this year. Students, school staff and parents are welcome to bring their suggestions to PTA.

Yours, PTA

Lunch Menu for November 2016 – Weranda Smaków

Dear Parents,

Our new catering company, Weranda Smaków, begins serving lunches from Monday 14th November.

To place an order and also to pay for it you must do this online:

- 1. Please register at https://system.masterszef.com.pl/Rejestracja/BISC
- 2. Please place your order for the period Monday November 14th until Wednesday November 30th. You do not have to order items every day but you need to complete the order form online and please save afterwards.
- 3. Please remember that all orders for the period above must be made online by Thursday 10th November in the afternoon.
- 4. If you have any questions about the "MASTERSZEF" system, please contact Mrs Joanna Wierzejska, Project Manager by e-mail (jwierzejska@masterszef.com.pl) or by the phone (22 110 50 07).

Weranda smakow	14.11	15.11	16.11	17.11	18.11
	Butternut squash soup	Cream of green beans	Corn chowder with ginger	Cream of leaks	Cream of white vegetables
Soup	Pea soup with polish sausages	Cauliflower soup	Tomato Soup	Mushroom soup	Polish Potato soup served with dried plums and sausages
	(VEGE) Beetroot and lentil burgers served with vegetable rice and fresh salad with cherry tomatoes and french dressing	(VEGE) Buckwheat Feta Burgers with mushrooms served with mashed potatoes. Coleslaw, Little	(VEGE) Dumplings with potato and cottage cheese stuffing, celery salad, carrots salad	(VEGE) Root vegetable burgers served with natural yogurt, tomato and cucumber salad, carrot salad	(VEGE) Been burgers served with Bulgur, Coleslaw, chicory salad with raisins and yogurt
Main course	(MEAT)Roasted chicken legs marinated in buttermilk served with vegetable rice and fresh salad with cherry tomatoes and french dressing	(MEAT) Turkey fillet with thyme coating served with mashed potatoes, Coleslaw, little carrots	(MEAT) Dumplings filled with meat, celery salad, carrots salad	(MEAT) Root vegetable and ham burgers, tomato and cucumber salad	(MEAT) Roasted loin with dried plums inside served with bulgur, Coleslaw, chicory salad with raisins and yogurt
	(FISH) Roasted salmon fillet served with vegetable rice and fresh salad with cherry tomatoes and french dressing	(FISH) Codfish with thyme coating served with mashed potatoes, Coleslaw, little carrots	(FISH) Dumplings with trout and millet stuffing, celery salad, carrots salad	(FISH) Root vegetable and salmon burgers, tomato and cucumber salad	(FISH) Cod fillets served with bulgur, coleslaw, chicory salad with raisins and yogurt

AROUND BISC WROCŁAW





















