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**"Those we love never truly leave us, Harry.
There are things that death cannot touch."**

J.K. Rowling

Dear Parents,

I have been away from the office this week due to the death and funeral of my mother and I thank Mr Peck and Ms. Witańska for holding the fort in my absence. I also thank the school owners for granting me leave of absence during this week. The death of a parent is always a difficult and emotional occasion and it becomes more complicated when one is a significant distance from one's parents; such are the dilemmas faced by the international community.

My mother was a very special lady as all mothers are but she had significant challenges in her life that she faced with great strength and optimism. Widowed after less than 7 years of marriage with five children under the age of 5, she did not

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despair but made the best of every situation and was also a pillar of the rural community where she lived. Her funeral was a moving celebration of her life where she was surrounded by her family, friends and neighbours.

In education, the most significant influence on pupils is their family. The school can enhance this but values, a love of learning, discipline, the ambition to succeed, an empathy towards others are qualities that are nurtured primarily in the home. Over recent days amongst the mourners at her funeral I heard the refrain of her wise sayings, her turns of phrase, her acts of kindness and this is the rich heritage that she has deposited to us. Another reflection was that despite spending more than half my life outside of Ireland, and apparently embracing the internationalist view of the world, in recent days I have been immersed in timeless and local rituals rooted in my childhood memories and experiences that remain familiar and comforting though somewhat alien to grandchildren and foreign spouses. When we leave home we take a great deal of experiences and shared culture with us.

Last weekend we launched the first interschool sports event with our sister school in Kraków. It was a great success

with the spoils divided in the various competitions and we are keen to continue. We are now planning a Dec 13th visit to Kraków with our secondary pupils to watch our sister's school musical production: The Little Shop of Horrors. Full details next week.

Our Ski Camp has already sold out and we have a waiting list at present. After speaking to Mr Marcin, PE Teacher, today it looks likely that we can arrange a further 15 places. For those wishing to join please see Miss Kasia in the secretary's office and please ensure you provide the deposit as well as the signed permission slip. For those wishing to rent ski equipment at the resort please pay 1500 Czech Crowns to the school office by Friday Dec 2nd 2016.

I am also awaiting feedback from our Model United Nations group who participated this week in WrocMUN. Full details next week.



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
<p>28</p> <p>Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room</p> <p>Full Staff Meeting 3.40pm F3 room, big villa</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room</p> <p>Savoury Snack Day Year 9</p>	<p>1</p> <p>PTA Christmas Workshop for Parents 8.30am – 10.30am</p> <p>PTA Christmas Workshop for Students 3.30pm – 5.00pm</p> <p>Student Council Film Night</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Primary School Assembly 8.35am</p> <p>PTA Christmas Workshop for Parents 8.30am – 10.30am</p> <p>PTA Christmas Workshop for Students 3.30pm – 5.00pm</p> <p>Secondary School Assembly 10.30am</p> <p>Winter Camp deposit payment deadline</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room</p> <p>Primary Staff Meeting 3.40pm Year 4 Shoebills room small villa</p> <p>Secondary Staff Meeting 3.40pm F3 room, big villa</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Santa at School :)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Christmas Concert Secondary School 4.00pm big villa</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Primary School Assembly 8.35am</p> <p>Secondary School Assembly 10.30am</p> <p>PTA Christmas Bazaar</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room</p> <p>Primary Staff Meeting 3.40pm Year 4 Shoebills room small villa</p> <p>Secondary Staff Meeting 3.40pm F3 room, big villa</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Christmas Concert Primary School 5.00pm Firlej Theatre Grabieżyńska 56</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room</p> <p>Christmas Concert Foundation 9.00am Foundation Unit</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Winter Camp second installment payment deadline</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Primary School Assembly 8.35am</p> <p>Secondary School Assembly 10.30am</p> <p>Half Day School closes at 12.05pm</p> <p>Staff party 12.30pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>

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. Dear Parents,

Please note that there will be no Football Club on Tuesday November 29th and also on Tuesday December 6th.

4. Dear Parents and Students,

We kindly invite you all for a Taekwondo lesson on Monday 28th November. The first lesson will be demonstrated by Taekwondo Master, Mr Jan Nycek.

Date: 28th November 2016

Time: 4.00pm

Location: Dębowa Gym (Dębowa 9b)

Regular trainings will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 4.00pm till 5pm. This activity is addressed to pupils from 5 years old upwards.

Mr Nycek will answer all your questions during the presentation.

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
Maths Kangaroo Club	Justyna Zajac	Year 6 upwards	F6 room big villa	Thursdays 3.35pm – 4.20pm
Scrabble Club	Ewa Gołębek	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
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



As the time flies, as it is getting closer to our concert date, I believe our pupils have already begun working on their play parts! I have found some help for you. Hopefully, this will make your learning more efficient and fun.

Six Super Hints on Learning Your Lines

1. Highlight your lines so you do not have to look all through your script to

find them. Make notes if necessary, such as how loudly or softly to speak, to slow down or speed up, and so forth

2. Read your script until you fully understand the plot of the play. This means understanding your character's intention (what they want), your character's obstacles, (what stands in the way of what they want) and their tactics (what they do to get what they want) and the emotion of it (the energy, if it is sad, or happy, or exciting.)

3. Write it out. This is self-explanatory - write out your lines repeatedly. This gets the lines into your subconscious memory.

4. Break it up. Try to conquer small parts of your script at a time. It is difficult to memorize all your lines at once.

5. Take a break. If you are tired from rehearsing, relax. It helps your brain work better. Also, try doing some exercises to help relax your brain.

6. Practise with a partner. Ask the other person to read your script while you rehearse it to them.

Happy rehearsals ;-)

After such a busy week, the primary teachers nominated quite a few Stars. Here they are:

Foundation Bees and Bears - Yuktha

Year 1 Rabbits - Nicolas

Year 2 Dragonflies - Ga Eun

Year 3 Foxes - Geon Woo and Ji Hyo

Year 4 Owls - Oliwia

Year 4 Shoebills - Emilie and Kenny

Year 5 Coyotes - Deepali

Year 6 Wolverines - Yuna, Gayeon and Magda

Congratulations, Stars!

Wishing you a nice weekend,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



Students got a chance to spend a day with students from our sister school in Kraków over the weekend. Students from Kraków participated in friendly matches of hockey and basketball with students from our school and everyone involved enjoyed the experience. I would like to thank Mr. Marcin for leading the event, along with Ms. Anna and Mr. Danny who offered their assistance throughout the day.

Secondary students are also hard at work to prepare for the secondary Christmas concert that takes place in the main hall on December 8 at 4:00 pm. It will be a variety show that has dancing, theatrical drama and choral singing. It should be a very entertaining evening!

Lastly, I would like to give a heartfelt 'good-bye' and 'thank you' to Justyna Połowska who will be on maternity leave for the remainder of the year. She will return in September, which is great news to all of her students.

Until then, Anna Szumilak-Jasztal will be joining our team to continue the maths classes. Welcome to the team Anna!

Enjoy your weekend,

Joe Peck
Head of Secondary

News from Polish School



„Jak Feniks z popiołów...”

Podczas działań wojennych w 1945 r., w ciągu zaledwie 80 dni, Wrocław, wówczas Festung Breslau, w wielu obszarach uległ niemal całkowitej zagładzie. Tereny, na których mieści się nasza szkoła, jako pierwsze odpierały ataki Rosjan, w wyniku czego zostały zniszczone niemal w 90 %. Udokumentowano to na archiwalnych filmach, które w tym tygodniu obejrzelі nasi uczniowie w ramach projektu

edukacji historycznej pt. „Kadry Wrocławia” w Kinie Nowe Horyzonty.


Dzieci rozpoznawały znajome miejsca, słyszały nazwy: Park Południowy, Powstańców Śląskich, Hallera czy Świdnicka, ale, całkowicie zrujnowane, miejsca te nie wyglądały jak dziś.

Po projekcji poszliśmy jeszcze na mały spacer do centrum, aby zobaczyć jak udało się odbudować miasto. Dzieciaki nie mogły wyjść z zachwytu... Zapytajcie je dlaczego ;)

Miłego weekendu!

Dyrektor Szkoły
Magdalena Mrozowska

Typical Day Of Y9



Credit Suisse Presentation

Last Friday, pupils from years 7, 8 and 9 welcomed three BISC Dads from Credit Suisse to the school. Angus Kidd, Peter Vogt and Chris Swale came to supervise various team building events and also to offer their top tips for succeeding in the workplace.

Our first activity served as a warmer. Students were divided in to their Houses and were given an egg, cotton wool, newspaper and a small amount of sellotape. Their task was to work out how to protect the egg using only the resources given so that when it was dropped from a height of over two meters, it stood a good chance of surviving. The most exciting part of the activity was the dropping, there was near silence as everyone listened out for a tell-tale crack. Most eggs unfortunately came to a sticky ending but it was noted that the teams whose eggs 'survived' had taken the time to stop and plan.

The day's main activity was then for the students, still in their houses, to build a shelter out of only newspaper and sellotape. The Dads observed a group each and awarded marks for the following:

- Teamwork
- Leadership
- Creativity and initiative
- The plan



It was great to see so many creative shelters being produced with so much enthusiasm. It was ultimately Cygnus who won after they impressed the Dads with their adaptability and willingness to listen to each other.

Finally, we ended the session with a talk from the Dads about their careers. No one expects the average 11 to 14 year old to have much of an idea about what they want to do after school. However tips like 'do what you enjoy and do it well', 'make sure you have hobbies' and 'you'll do best if you surround yourself with good people' were something that everyone can understand.

After Christmas I plan to hold more careers events. I am currently looking for parents who wish to come to school to speak about their careers. If you would like to participate please get in touch with me.

Verity Duncan

Head of Pastoral Care





BISC WROCLAW SKI CAMP 2017

Dear Parents,

Our camp will be held in Janske Lazne (Cerna Hora - Pec), Czech Republic from 23rd - 27th January inclusive. This resort encompasses five ski areas and 41 km of ski slopes and tracks covered by one ski pass. The camp is for pupils from year 3 upwards!

The price of the camp includes the following:

- transport to and from the Czech Republic;
- full board (3 meals a day);
- ski passes;
- ski/snowboard lessons conducted by experienced ski/snowboard instructors;
- insurance for each child;
- extra activities (sledding- if snow conditions permitted, art workshops, etc.)
- swimming pool

The cost of the ski camp is 1350 PLN per child, provided that there are at least 45 participants. If there are only 30-35 participants, the price may go up by 20% per child.

The price **does not** include rental of skis/snowboards. This costs **1500** Czech crowns per set at the resort. Many parents arrange rental in Wroclaw or have their own equipment. It can work out cheaper and saves valuable skiing time.

DEADLINES:

by 2nd December 800 PLN, a signed permission slip, a completed ski rental form should be handed in to the School Office;
by 15th December Remaining 550 PLN should be paid to the School Office.
(only 50 places available)

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I give permission for my child/children (named below) to participate in the BISC Ski Camp. I agree to provide the required fees – **800 PLN by 2nd December**, and **550 PLN by December 15th, 2016**.

Name of child: _____

Name of child: _____

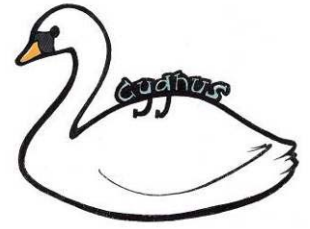
Name of child: _____

Signed by _____ Date: _____

For those wishing to arrange rental of ski equipment at the resort please complete the details below. An additional payment (1500 Czech crowns) is needed for this.

Child's name	Please choose: Ski/Snowboard	Shoe size	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)

HOUSE SCORES 2016/2017



1st

Place

2nd

Place

3rd






Place

4th

Place

MERIT CHALLENGE

Merit Challenge this week	BISC Houses
Merit Challenge next week	Jokes

HOUSE SCORES	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
				
Weekly Points	1	3	4	2
Weekly Winner				
Total Points	22	25	36	17
Weekly Merits	273	362	384	285
Total Merits	3833	3261	4677	3227
RANKING	4 th PLACE	2 nd PLACE	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 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



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:

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. PTA Christmas Chain Fundraiser:

From Monday 28 November, children and staff will have the opportunity to purchase a Christmas Charity Chain "link" from their form teacher. Links can be purchased in their house colours for a donation of 5PLN or more, with 100% proceeds going to Mr. Marcin Kwasiuk's son Paweł for speech and physical therapy. Paweł suffers from a rare genetic disorder (Cru-de-Chat) which requires ongoing and expensive therapies which are not covered by normal medical expenses. Children can write their Christmas Wishes on their chain link, and add it to our Charity Chain which will be decorating the assembly hall. Let's see which house has the most links!

3. Christmas Craft Days:

On December 1 & 2, we will be having a Christmas Craft Workshop for parents and children in the lunchroom. Parents will craft from 08:30-10:30 and children from 15:30-17:00. We will be making crafts to sell at the Bazaar on December 9.


Yours,
PTA

Lunch Menu for November 2016 – Weranda Smaków

Dear Parents,

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 whole month. You do not have to order items every day but you need to complete the order form online and please save afterwards.
3. 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).
4. Please note that the new menu for December is now available online.

	28.11	29.11	30.11	01.12	02.12
Soup	Cream of pasnip	Cream of beetroots	Cream of cauliflower	Cream of corn and ginger	Cream of courgettes
	Polish „zurek” with potatoes and hard boiled egg	Cabbage soup with tomatoes	Green beans soup	Zupa ogórkowa z ekologicznych ogórków kiszonych	Barley Soup with root vegetables
Main course	(VEGE) Millet and carrot burgers served with vegetable couscous. Green beans with french dressing. Leek salad	(VEGE) Lentil and leek burgers served with potatoes. Carrot and melon salad. Corn salad with cucumber	(VEGE) Pancakes with sweet cottage cheese and blueberries mousse. Celery salad. Carrot salad	(VEGE) Red kidney beans stew (with courgettes, peppers, eggplant and corn) served with potatoes and beetroot salad	(VEGE) Roasted eggplant served with paraboiled rice and yogurt dip. Chinese cabbage and carrot salad, pickles salad
	(MEAT) Chicken fillet breaded with cornflakes served with vegetable couscous. Green beans with french dressing. Leek salad	(MEAT) Minemeat and leek burgers served with potatoes. Carrot and melon salad. Corn salad with cucumber	(MEAT) Pancakes stuffed with meat and dried plums. Carrot salad. Celery salad	(MEAT) Home made pork stew with potatoes and beetroot salad	(MEAT) Loin burgers with sauce served with paraboiled rice. Chinese cabbage and carrot salad, pickles salad
	(FISH) Pollock fillet breaded with cornflakes served with vegetable couscous. Green beans with french dressing. Leek salad	(FISH) Trout and leek burgers served with potatoes. Carrot and melon salad. Corn salad with cucumber	(FISH) Pancakes stuffed with pollock. Carrot salad. Celery salad.	(FISH) Cod fillet served with potatoes and beetroot salad	(FISH) Pollock filletserved with paraboiled rice and yogurt dip. Chinese cabbage and carrot salad, pickles salad

AROUND BISC WROCŁAW

