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(The three Kings) did him homage, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Matthew Ch 2

Dear Parents,

This Biblical quotation is generally seen as the source of the giving of presents during the season of Christmas and every Nativity play features these noblemen who followed a star to Bethlehem. Out of the 4 Gospels this is actually the only mention of gifts and the purpose of the presentation of gifts was to do homage, to recognise and celebrate the birth of a new King. However, I trust that my theological musing above is not used to justify any empty Christmas stockings this year.

The tradition and the importance of gift giving transcends one Gospel reference and has a deeper significance. It is an important dimension of our shared humanity. The first aspect is our concern and responsibility towards others less fortunate than we are. We are called to help and support others in

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NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



our neighbourhood and farther afield and I applaud and admire the work of our PTA who have coordinated a very successful Noble Present project. The PTA ladies have spent countless hours promoting, collecting, gift-wrapping and now delivering the donated gifts. These dedicated volunteers, who do so much work behind the scenes, have ensured that there will be a number of happy families in the Wrocław region.

An important mission for all schools especially international schools is to open the eyes and minds of those in our care to the various issues and problems that confront the world. The promise of technology was that it would connect us. Nokia's famous motto: Connecting People, has only been partially achieved. With algorithms and advanced coding, we are now fed a selection of information that creates connections amongst like-minded people. This supply of information based of preferences identified by advanced software serves to confirm and embed the opinions and prejudices that we hold, to block out dissenting opinions and to narrow, rather than to broaden, our world view. The

season of gift-giving and charity endeavours aids us in pricking this bubble and forces us to recognise that we are very fortunate while there are many who do not share our good fortune; many of these are at our doorstep.

Finally, the pleasure is in the giving. The Christmas performances this week and in coming days will bring wonderful memories for parents and family friends and pupils will reveal their gifts to us all on stage. The final weeks of the calendar year is when we slow down, when we give all those we love the gift of time that they deserve. Over recent weeks a Polish online delivery company, Allegro, has launched a seasonal video clip that encapsulates this gift. It shows an elderly Polish gentleman attempting to learn English: goo.gl/DsK546 for a gift that he wishes to deliver to someone close to him. The basic reason we give gifts is to demonstrate that we love others. May this Christmas season be a gift rich time for you all.



Best regards,
Tom McGrath
Head of School



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
12 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	13 Christmas Concert Primary School 5.00pm Firlej Theatre Grabiszynska 56	14 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room Christmas Concert Foundation 9.00am Foundation Unit	15 Winter Camp second installment payment deadline	16 Primary School Assembly 8.35am Secondary School Assembly 10.30am Half Day School closes at 12.05pm Staff party 12.30pm	17	18
19 Christmas break	20 Christmas break	21 Christmas break	22 Christmas break	23 Christmas break	24	25
26 Christmas break	27 Christmas break	28 Christmas break	29 Christmas break	30 Christmas break	31	1

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. 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

5. The BISC Department of Finance & Administration kindly reminds that all overdue school fees are paid by 12th December 2016 at the latest. Please note that in the event of overdue payment, the School reserves the right to withhold all documents referring to the Student, including school records and examination certificates, until the outstanding fees are paid.

6. Office opening hours during the Christmas break:

Ms. Kasia Frankiewicz's office (small villa)

Monday 19th December – 8.00am – 2.00pm
Tuesday 20th December – 8.00am – 2.00pm
Wednesday 21st December – 8.00am – 2.00pm
Thursday 22nd December – 8.00am – 2.00pm
Friday 23rd December – office closed
Monday 26th December – 8.00am – 2.00pm
Tuesday 27th December – office closed
Wednesday 28th December – office closed
Thursday 29th December – office closed
Friday 30th December – office closed
Monday 2nd January – 8.00am – 2.00pm
Tuesday 3rd January – 8.00am – 4.00pm
Wednesday 4th January – 8.00am – 4.00pm
Thursday 5th January – 8.00am – 4.00pm
Friday 6th January – office closed

Ms. Kasia Kluka's office (small villa)

Monday 19th December – 10.00am – 4.00pm
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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



Believe it or not, the Primary Christmas Concerts are only next week! As you probably know, on Monday Years 1-6 are going to take their time off lessons and have their dress rehearsal in the theatre. The lunches will be eaten at school, the drop-off time and the pick-up time do not change; the parents of children in Years 1-3 are kindly asked to be super punctual in the morning ☺

On Tuesday, the BIG day for Years 1-6, we are going to have a regular school day. The concert will take place in the Firlej Theatre in Grabiszyńska street (it was our last year's venue). Here's a tip on how to get there:



The Concert Schedule is as follows:

16:45 – Year 1-3 children arrive in the Theatre
17:00 – the first part of the Concert begins
18:00 – Year 4-6 children arrive in the Theatre
18:00 -18:15 - a short break
18:15 – the second part of the Concert begins

We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

On Wednesday, our youngest pupils from Bees and Bears group are going to have their own, very special performance. It is going to take place in the Foundation Unit in Lipowa, at 9:00 in the morning. We will keep our fingers crossed for all the Foundation children ☺

Let's meet this week's Stars:

Foundation Bees and Bears - Tanisha and Pascal

Year 1 Rabbits - Saatvik

Year 2 Dragonflies - Keito

Year 3 Foxes - Zuzia

Year 4 Owls – Ola, Greta and Arin

Year 4 Shoebills - Kenny and Seo Yeong

Year 5 Coyotes - Kotaro

Year 6 Wolverines - all Wolverines

Congratulations, Stars!

Wishing you a nice weekend,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



It was a very busy week for secondary as they refined their dance routines and choir singing for the Secondary Concert. Art classes were preparing stage decorations as English classes worked on their drama skits. It was nice to see students getting into the festive spirit this week.

Our concert evening was a great success. We have so many talented students at this school! I was very impressed with the commitment the students have toward their dance routines and for the dedication that our two school bands have for their high interest in music.

I would also like to thank Mr. Phil and Mr. Kuba for their time given to make our concert a success and Ms. Ania for her artistic efforts to prepare the stage decorations. In the same breath, I need to also thank all of the parents involved in PTA for their time and efforts in decorating our main hall and creating a very festive atmosphere.

Enjoy your weekend,

Joe Peck
Head of Secondary

News from Polish School



Czasami wszystko staje na głowie...

Szczególnie, kiedy zbliżają się święta. Wtedy nic nie jest zwyczajne.

W tym tygodniu cały szkolny świat kręcił się wokół bożonarodzeniowego koncertu. W każdym kącie ktoś śpiewał lub tańczył. Powietrze było jak naelektryzowane.

A było na co czekać ☺. Z olbrzymią radością odkrywałam jak wiele talentów i pasji mają nasi uczniowie. Wirtuoz Anshu czarował nas swoją grą na pianinie, Julka próbowała przekonać na czym polega magia świąt i prawie się jej udało... Najbardziej jednak zaskoczyła nas Jenny, której pojawienie się na scenie i doskonała gra aktorska wywołały salwy śmiechu.

Bez wątpienia był to wieczór radosny, ale chyba każdemu z nas zakręciła się łezka w oku, gdy z ust wszystkich uczniów, niezależnie od ich kraju pochodzenia, usłyszeliśmy, że „Jest taki dzień”... Czyżby chcieli oni wkrótce dołączyć do naszej polskiej szkoły?

To się nazywa krzewienie narodowej kultury! Brawo Panie Kubo!

Życzę udanego weekendu!

Dyrektor Szkoły
Magdalena Mrozowska

A Week with Year 11



LOGO CONTEST - WINNERS

With great pleasure I would like to announce that our school Art contest for the set of new logos for school houses has been successfully settled. Twenty contestants who participated in the competition submitted their works made in various techniques, each set presenting four logos - one per each house.

On Friday 18th November, the jury consisting of members of the House Team, discussed and assessed collected art works. The criteria for choosing the most successful project were: fulfilling original requirements, a unique approach and formal solutions, and artistic quality of the submitted design.

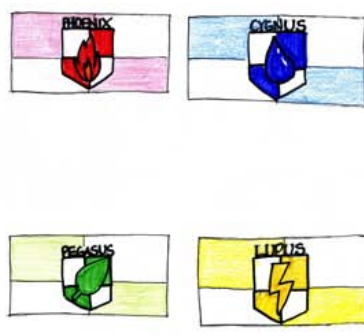
A lot of the projects were beautifully executed, neatly drawn with the use of vivid colours. However, three of them were characterized by a unique graphical approach and reflected the ability of their authors to analyse and synthesise images which is the immanent feature of a good graphic design. Those three outstanding pieces of art were rewarded as the winner works of the competition.

The work of Emilia Chmielowska Year 9 was recognized as the best design project. It was followed by works of Luna Sugiyama and Chae Yeon Kim, Year 9 students as well. So this time, all the prizes were surprisingly won by Year 9 students. That is why, I would like to point out that as an Art teacher and Year 9 Form Tutor I was excluded from the jury because of the principles of fair play.

The winners have been rewarded with:



The first place - **Emilia Chmielowska**:
100 house points and a little art gift.



The second place - **Luna Sugiyama**:
50 house points and a little art gift.



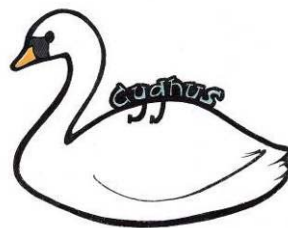
The third place - **Chae Yeon Kim**:
30 house points and a little art gift.

I would like to thank all the contestants for having participated in our art competition and to congratulate the winners.

Good job, everyone!

Ania Kawczyńska
Secondary Art and Design Teacher

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1st

Place

2nd

Place

3rd






Place

4th

Place

MERIT CHALLENGE

Merit Challenge this week	Manners
Merit Challenge next week	Christmas songs and carols

	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
HOUSE SCORES				
Weekly Points	3	2	4	1
Weekly Winner				
Total Points	27	30	41	22
Weekly Merits	399	322	404	302
Total Merits	4817	4170	5545	4138
RANKING	2nd PLACE	3rd PLACE	1 st PLACE	4th 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

Cygnus 	Phoenix 	Lupus 	Pegasus 
Agnieszka Peck	Marcin Kwasiuk	Anna Witańska	Jennifer Jones
Joanna Kasprzak	Izabela Łuczowska	Marta Marczyk	Danny Young
Alex Sitkowiecki	Ashleigh Britton	Dorota Hart	Maciej Połuszny
Ian Carr-de Avelon	Aysha Love	Dobrosława Reymont	Magdalena Cempura
Anna Kołodzyńska	Natalia Tomasik	Gene Goldman	Phil Hart
Sławomir Czerwiński	Ewelina Pachla	Justyna Zając	Joe Peck
Patrycja Sambor	Hyeseung Lee	Jakub Stefaniszyn	Haesung Lee
Oksana Galytska	Anna Łoboziak	Bogdan Piątkowski	Anna Szumilak - Jaształ
Verity Duncan	Ewa Gołębek	Jacek Wojaczyński	Takaharu Uesugi
Beata Adach	Anna Kawczyńska	Oksana Mazur	Lidia Gołos-Łaniewska
Emilia Szczukiecka	Magdalena Mrozowska	Veronica Lelo de Larrea	Joanna Wojtowicz
Hanna Savel	Monika Wychowaniec	Grażyna Zawadzka	Michał Król
Shirin Mehrabi	Ewa Galewska	Elżbieta Trubiłło	Elwira Łatawiec
Jacek Lelewski	Danuta Krawczyk	Marek Kieler	Bożena Cieśla
Anna Bil	Bogdan Wróbel	Bożena Szczepkowska	Jerzy Cieśla
Andrzej Jahl			



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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:

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 “Noble Box” Family Charity & Christmas Chain Fundraiser:

A big thank you for all your great support and attention of the “Noble Box” Family Charity. PTA would like to kindly inform you of the opportunity to contribute money for coal and medicine. Cash donations are appreciated to be passed to PTA members by December 13.

We also would like to let you know that the PTA Christmas Chain Fundraiser for Mr. Marcin Kwasiuk’s son Paweł is still ongoing. Chain links can be purchased in house colours from form teachers, and the upcoming primary concerts on December 13 as well.

3. Announcing the Winners of the BISC Christmas Bake-Off:

PTA really appreciates everyone who participated in the BISC Christmas Bake-Off. We are pleased to announce the winners of our first Christmas Bake-Off as below:



The first place – **Jack Kidd**
Year 6



The second place – **Matilda Duncan**
Year 1



The third place – **Jae Weon Ryu**
Year 6

Prizes will be awarded at the last school assembly on Friday, December 16.

Congratulation!!

Yours,


PTA

Lunch Menu for December 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 January will be available from December 25th online.

	12.12	13.12	14.12	15.12	16.12
Soup	Cream of root vegetables with turkey	Cream of carrots with coconut milk	Cream of potatoes and garlic	Cream of sweet potatoes	Half Day
	Broccoli soup	Vegetable soup with beans and fresh dill	Ukrainian borsch	Mushroom soup with fresh parsley	
Main course	(VEGE) Gnocchi with green pesto with roasted seeds served with parmesan. Carrot with sesame	(VEGE) Roasted celery with Grana Padano cheese served with potato wedges. Sour cabbage, carrot and apple salad	(VEGE) Beetroot and lentil burgers served with vegetable rice and salad mix with vine tomatoes and vinegret sauce	(VEGE) Buckwheat burgers with Ajvar sauce. Carrot salad. Celery salad	
	(MEAT) Gnocchi with green pesto and chicken served with parmesan. Carrot with sesame	(MEAT) Roasted loin with sauce and potato wedges. Sour cabbage, carrot and apple salad	(MEAT) Roasted chicken marinated with buttermilk served with vegetable rice and salad mix with vine tomatoes and vinegret sauce	(MEAT) Buckwheat burgers with Ajvar sauce with chicken. Carrot salad. Celery salad	
	(FISH) Gnocchi with cod and green pesto. Carrot with sesame	(FISH) Blue grenadier fillet served with sour cream and dill dip. Potato wedges. Sour cabbage, carrot and apple salad	(FISH) Steam cooked salmon served with vegetable rice and salad mix with vine tomatoes and vinegret sauce	(FISH) Buckwheat burgers with Ajvar sauce with tuna. Carrot salad. Celery salad	

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