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The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference.

Elie Wiesel

Dear Parents,

In today's primary assembly we reflected on the liberation of the Concentration/ Extermination Camp at Auschwitz-Birkenau 72 years ago this week and the horrors of war and racism. Our assembly focused on putting human faces on the mind-numbing statistics of man's inhumanity to man and to see the story of the holocaust through the eyes of children who survived. The passage of time should not diminish the need to address the past and to understand how we all have a responsibility to ensure that we put faces on the easy stereotypes that can develop. One of the most uplifting stories that I read this week relates to a former colleague, Dr Michael Rothwell, who worked with me at Oporto British School in Portugal. In 1497 the Jews of Portugal were expelled and subjected to persecution. A descendant of the 15th Rabbi of Porto's Jewish Community expelled in 1497 visited Porto this week and met Dr Rothwell with his newly issued Portuguese Passport, an acknowledgement and part atonement for a past wrong.



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW

NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



I am very excited about the upcoming Ski Camp and we will be posting regular updates on Schoology. If interested, please enrol on the course called Ski Camp 2017:

<https://bisc.schoology.com/course/938238924/updates>. The coach will depart on Monday morning 23rd January at 7am sharp and all ski campers need to be here at 6.40am at the latest; I recommend arriving before this time. All passports need to be checked and collected and this takes time. Pupils should also have a light snack for the coach journey but please do not pack crisps (Chipsy) or fizzy drinks. On arrival we will inform you by Schoology and we ask you to use this forum for keeping up to date and passing on any comments.

Also this week we had a very productive School Advisory Board meeting with a major focus on school development planning over the next three years. We considered the following as the main strengths of the school:

1. Established in 2006 the school enjoys a strong reputation in the expatriate community.
2. The school has a strong base of dedicated teachers and non-teaching staff who are committed to the school and its vision.
3. The school is an all through school 3-18 all on

one site in a well-located campus with a number of attractive features.

4. The school has a strong academic focus and achieves excellent external examination performances across the age groups.

5. There has been substantial investment in the facility and infrastructure to make it a safer and more effective learning environment.

6. The respect between staff and pupils is outstanding.

I would like to hear your feedback on these statements. Today you will receive the ISA assessment results for your child/ren if in Year 4 to Year 9. This standardised assessment in Literacy and Mathematics are taken by over 64,000 pupils worldwide and our pupils perform very impressively on these assessments. Mr Peck has also included some further information in this newsletter.



Best regards,
Tom McGrath
Head of School

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BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCŁAW - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2017 / February 2017

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---|---|---|---|--|-----------|-----------|
| 23 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room Primary Staff Meeting 3.40pm F1 room, big villa Secondary Staff Meeting 3.40pm F3 room, big villa Winter Camp Janskie Lazne | 24 Winter Camp Janskie Lazne Years 1-6 Outing to Multikino in Pasaż Grunwaldzki 10.15am – 12.30pm | 25 Winter Camp Janskie Lazne Years 3-6 Ice skating session 11.30am – 1.30pm | 26 Winter Camp Janskie Lazne | 27 Primary School Assembly 8.35am Secondary School Assembly 10.30am Winter Camp Janskie Lazne | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room Full Staff Meeting 3.40pm. G3 room, big villa | 31 | 1 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room Savoury Snack Day Year 1 Rabbits | 2 | 3 Primary School Assembly 8.35am Secondary School Assembly 10.30am Foundation Carnival Party | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room Primary Staff Meeting 3.40pm F1 room, big villa Secondary Staff Meeting 3.40pm F3 room, big villa | 7 | 8 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room | 9 | 10 Primary School Assembly 8.35am Secondary School Assembly 10.30am | 11 | 12 |

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. Please note, that the following clubs: Stories and Tales Club, Discussion Club, Scrabble Club, Swimming Club (session on Friday) and Football Club (temporary

for January 2017) will be discontinued.

4. For security reasons all adults other than parents guardians who collect children from the School must be authorised in written form to collect the pupils. This written authorisation must include the id details of the adults and must be signed by both parents and delivered to the school secretary, Ms Katarzyna Frankiewicz.

5. Dear Parents,
Please note that Mr Marcin is away next week (23rd – 27th January) due to the Winter Camp. All after school sports activities are therefore being cancelled.

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 | Marcin Kwasiuk & Jacek Lelewski | Year 1-2 and beginners | Cancelled on Monday January 23rd due to the Winter Camp | |
| Drama Club | Aysha Love | Year 1-2 | Year 1 Rabbits classroom small villa | Thursdays 3.40pm - 4.20pm |
| Art in Nature Club | Ashleigh Britton | Year 1-4 | Year 4 Owls classroom small villa | Wednesdays 3.40pm - 4.20pm |
| Basketball Club | Marcin Kwasiuk | Year 1-5 | Cancelled on Friday January 27th due to the Winter Camp | |
| Polish Club | Anna Łoboziak | Year 1-6 | Year 2 Dragonflies classroom small villa | Tuesdays 3:40pm - 4:20pm |
| Maths Support | Anna Witańska | Year 2-6 | Year 4 Shobills 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 | Cancelled on Wednesday January 25th due to the Winter Camp | |
| Creative Writing | Gene Goldman | Year 4-6 | G7 room big villa | Thursdays 3.40pm - 4.20pm |
| Art Club | Hye Seung Lee | Year 4-6 | Primary Art room big villa | Tuesdays 3.40pm - 4.20pm |
| Basketball Club | Marcin Kwasiuk | Year 6 upwards | Cancelled on Tuesday January 24th due to the Winter Camp | |
| Maths Kangaroo Club | Justyna Zajac | Year 6 upwards | F6 room big villa | Thursdays 3.35pm – 4.20pm |
| GCSE Polish Club | Ewa Gołębek | Secondary | S2 room big villa | Wednesdays 1.20pm – 1.45pm |
| Secondary Orchestra | Jakub Stefaniszyn | Secondary | G10 room big villa | Thursdays 1.10pm – 1.50pm |
| Singstar Club | Jakub Stefaniszyn | Secondary | G11 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 temperatures have plunged in the last two weeks, so has our immunity. The "sick season" has definitely started and there is very little we can do about it. Is that really the case? Better safe than sorry, so here are 7 tips on how to stay healthy this winter:

1. Keep up on preventative medicine

The best way to fight a cold or flu is to prevent it from occurring in the first place. Also, make sure your children are going for well-child checks at the appropriate times.

2. Wash hands often

It's such a simple thing, but hand washing really does matter. Researchers in London found that if everyone regularly washed their hands we could prevent a million deaths a year. Teach your kids to sing the happy birthday song twice while washing, and always use soap.

3. Get a good night's sleep

The body's immune system quits working well when the body is sleep deprived. Now is not the time to slack off enforcing bedtime. Most school-aged children need at least 10-11 hours each night, and babies and toddlers need even more.

4. Teach proper sneezing etiquette

Most kids sneeze all over everything, spreading potentially harmful germs to siblings and friends. It is recommended to teach kids to sneeze into a handkerchief or into their elbows to prevent the spread of germs.

5. Eat well

A well-balanced diet is the best path to overall health. Some foods do slightly increase immunity, but there are no magic foods. Stick to eating plenty of plant-based foods and lean protein, and drink lots and lots of water.

6. Quarantine sick kids

If your kids do fall prey to a cold or flu, keep them away from others, including their siblings. It's a good idea to keep sick kids home from school and extracurricular activities; they'll heal faster, and you won't infect the entire neighborhood.

7. Rethink cold medicine

When we see our babies suffering, our first instinct is to pull out the medicine. The American Academy of Pediatrics discourages any child under 2 using over-the-counter cold medication and says these products do not work for children under 6. Also, antibiotics only treat bacterial infections and can have serious side effects if overused. Since most colds and flus are viral, not bacterial, chances are good a doctor will not prescribe your child medicine. If your child gets sick, your best bet is lots of rest, plenty of fluids and giving your child time to heal.

I hope that our students will fight the cold successfully and be fully ready for The Winter Camp and Additional Activities at school, respectively. Please remember that the pupils staying at school might have a slightly different schedule and that there will be some additional outings, such as skating or cinema.

We wish our campers heaps of snow!

It is also my pleasure to announce that Year 4 Shoebills has grown in numbers – we warmly welcome Safiya in BISC!

Now let me present this week's Stars:

Foundation Bees and Bears - Mariia, Tanisha and Malika

Year 1 Rabbits - Minju, Hyeon Seo and Junwoo

Year 2 Dragonflies - Eric

Year 3 Foxes - Mimi

Year 4 Owls - Gain

Year 4 Shoebills - Mythri, Dong Yeong and Hye Lin

Year 5 Coyotes - Jessica

Year 6 Wolverines - Alexia, Rin and Przemek

Congratulations, Stars!

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



The week seemed to consist of mostly exams as Year 10 and Year 11 completed their GCSE mock exams. As I mentioned last week, Year 11 completed 15 exams in the span of five days. I am sure that Friday afternoon couldn't come soon enough as the exams began to pile up as the week progressed. Results of the exams will be given to the students after they

come back from Ski Camp.

Continuing with the theme of exams, seven students in Year 9 to Year 11 took part in a Wrocław maths contest for gimnazjum students on Thursday. Although the contest is designed for the local Polish schools, Mrs Zając sought permission for our school to participate as well. The exam was in the form of open questions and the students needed to justify their reasoning clearly. If they scored well enough, they will continue to the next round of the contest which will be in early March. Participants included Dongmin, Luna, Emilia, Hayoon, Jenny, Yunhwa and Yejin.

Have a nice weekend,

Joe Peck
Head of Secondary

News from Polish School



Czas tak szybko mija,
że nawet się nie obejrzelśmy, a już pół roku za nami.

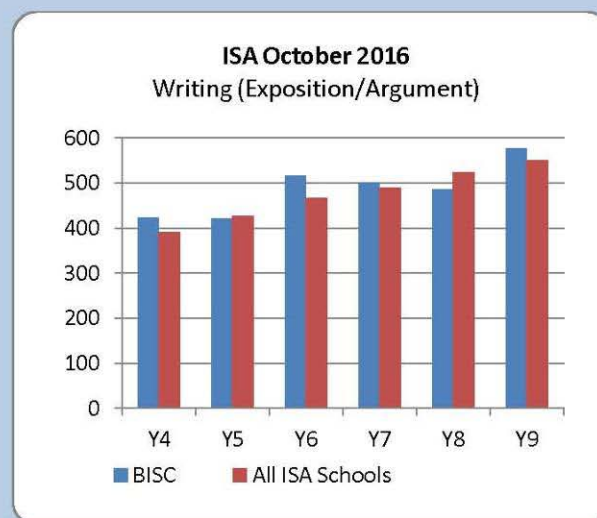
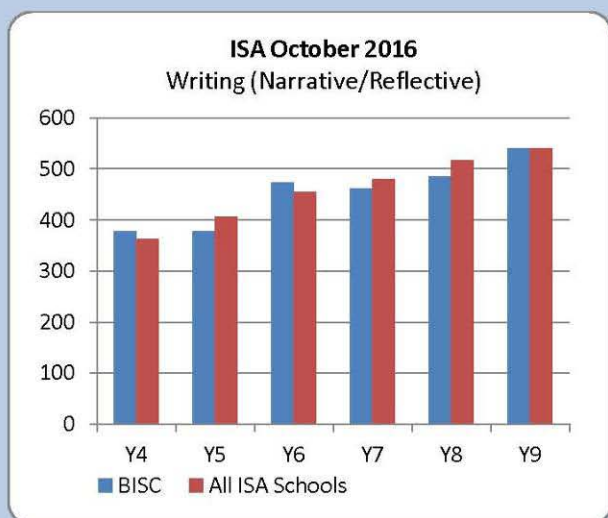
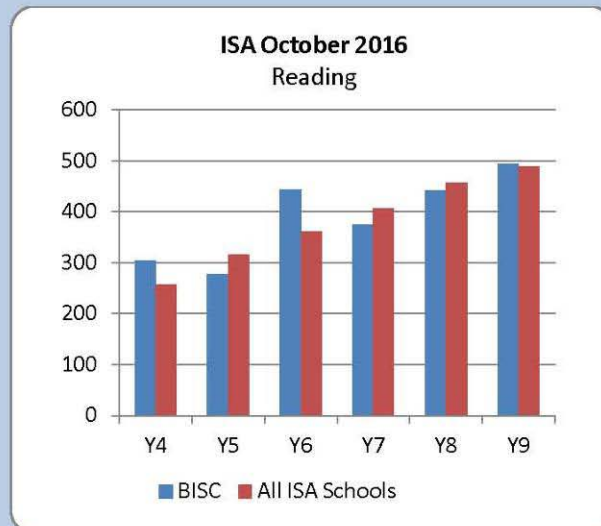
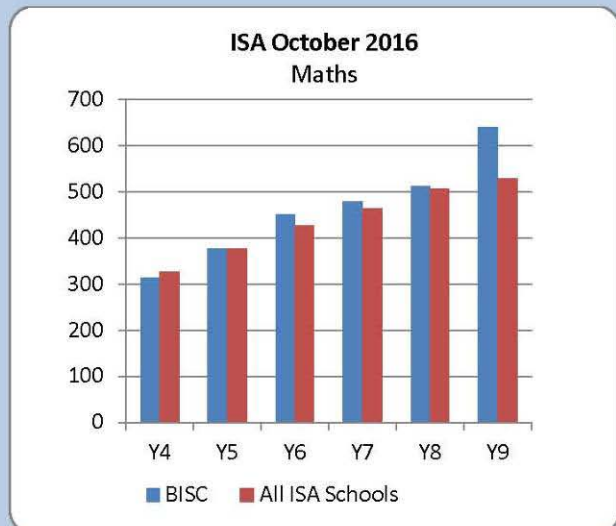
Wraz z końcem stycznia, zbliża się koniec pierwszego semestru, więc ostatni tydzień pełen był pytań uczniów o propozycje ocen podsumowujących ich pięciomiesięczną pracę. Jedni uśmiechali się z satysfakcją, drudzy drapali po głowach i próbowali w ostatniej chwili znaleźć sposób na poprawę sytuacji. Prawdopodobnie był to jeden z nielicznych momentów w roku szkolnym, kiedy wszyscy uczniowie zgodnie docenili systematyczną pracę.

Na naukę nigdy nie jest za późno ;)

Pozdrawiam serdecznie.

Dyrektor Szkoły
Magdalena Mrozowska

ISA Results 2016 Year 4 – Year 9



SPOTLIGHT ON FOUNDATION

For the past two weeks the Foundation children were learning about the Nursery Rhymes. Singing nursery rhymes to children helped to develop their language, communication and social skills and this is a great opportunity for children to get to know their friends.

Introducing the nursery rhymes to children also helped them to understand and learn about different sounds and also it was a great way to start to read and write.

Here are some of the titles of Nursery rhymes which we were singing together: Humpty Dumpty, I'm a little tea pot, Baa baa black sheep, The Muffin man, Hickory dickory dock, Itsy Bitsy spider, Row row your boat, London bridge and many more.

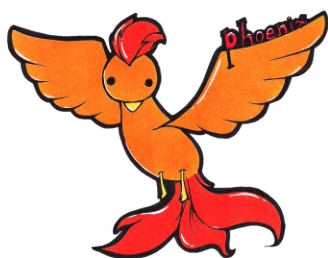
We had fun time while singing our Nursery rhymes. The children were very involved in singing activities. They dressed up and used props to support the actions in songs. They built the wall for Humpty Dumpty, learnt about time while singing the Hickory dickory dock, tasted the real tea while learning a rhyme about a little tea pot and ate muffins from the Muffin man :)

Iza Łuczowska

Foundation Form Tutor



HOUSE SCORES 2016/2017



1st

Place

2nd

Place

3rd






Place

4th

Place

MERIT CHALLENGE

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Merit Challenge this week | Spelling |
| Merit Challenge next week | Addition |

| HOUSE SCORES | Cygnus | Phoenix | Lupus | Pegasus |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|
| |  |  |  |  |
| Weekly Points | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Weekly Winner |  | | | |
| Total Points | 36 | 38 | 49 | 27 |
| Weekly Merits | 502 | 303 | 482 | 318 |
| RANKING | 3 rd PLACE | 2 nd 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 |



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:

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 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. Upcoming PTA activities:

There will be a PTA Mufti Day which is a fund-raising activity on Tuesday, February 14. On that day pupils can go to school in their casual clothing instead of school uniform. For more details, we will inform you on Schoology, Facebook and posters.


Yours,
PTA

Lunch Menu for January 2017 – 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 menu for January is available also online.

|  | 23.01 | 24.01 | 25.01 | 26.01 | 27.01 |
|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| Soup | Yellow pepper cream | Parsnip cream | Beetroot cream with noodles | Cauliflower cream | Roasted tomato cream |
| | Beetroot soup with dumplings | White borsch with potatoes | Sauerkraut soup with tomatoes | Bean soup | Vegetable soup |
| Main course | (Vege) Dumplings with cabbage and champignons, red cabbage salad | (Vege) Zucchini stuffed with couscous, vegetables and ricotta, peas with vinaigrette, leek salad | (Vege) Burger filled with lentil, vegetables, lamb's lettuce and cucumber in a graham roll | (Vege) Vegetable curry with rice, carrot salad, celery salad | (Vege) Mince balls made of carrot and millet groats, couscous, peas with vinaigrette |
| | (Meat) Turkey fillet with prunes and apricots, potatoes, red cabbage salad | (Meat) Gratin with zucchini, ham, tomato sauce, ricotta and mozzarella, peas with vinaigrette, leek salad | (Meat) Burger filled with beef, lamb's lettuce and cucumber in a graham roll | (Meat) Stuffed cabbage leaves with pork, rice and tomato sauce, carrot and celery salad | (Meat) Chicken fillet breaded in cornflakes, couscous, peas with vinaigrette |
| | (Fish) Flounder fillet breaded in cornmeal, potatoes, red cabbage salad | (Fish) Gratin with zucchini, tuna and ricotta, peas with vinaigrette, leek salad | (Fish) Burger filled with cod, lamb's lettuce and cucumbers in a graham roll | (Fish) Spring rolls with rice noodles, cabbage and pollock, lemon ginger sauce, carrot and celery salad | (Fish) Pollock breaded in cornflakes, couscous, peas with vinaigrette |

AROUND BISC WROCLAW

