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## ISSUE 20 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

**Love will find a way through paths  
where wolves fear to prey.**

**Lord Byron**

Dear Parents,

Belated wishes for Valentine's Day to you all and we celebrated this week with cards, some confectionery and many smiles. A big thank you to Year 3 pupils, parents and Ms Jen for a very tasty Valentine Sale on Tuesday. We also had a week of contrasting weather with snow, ice, sunshine, rain and the ever present worry of smog. The school has had some indoor breaks this week due to high levels of air pollution and we will continue to monitor this. We trust that the

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW

# NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



arrival of spring and light winds will expel the haze that hangs over this beautiful city.

I also remind you to complete and return the document you have received on your plans for the academic year 2017-2018. While still in February it is important for us to predict pupil numbers and we ask for a speedy response. Even if you are unsure of your plans this information is helpful for us. We have included the form again with this newsletter and please send your responses to [katarzyna.kluka\[at\]bisc.krakow.pl](mailto:katarzyna.kluka[at]bisc.krakow.pl)

I also congratulate Jenny Kang Yr. 11 for qualifying for the second round of the Wrocław Mathematics Competition for Gimnazjum Schools. This is our first time participating in this challenging competition and I also thank her teacher, Justyna Zajac for promoting this competition. We look forward to learning how Jenny does in the second round on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I am also looking forward to the BISC Factor Talent competition and auditions have been going on in recent weeks and we are now at the semi-final stage. I commend all the participants and our jury for the difficult task of selecting the finalists.

We now have a week's break and I wish you all a relaxing, safe and active winter holiday. On our return March beckons and we are all in need of an early spring. For an Irishman, March is the month of St Patrick and the wearing of the green and thus may we come back to a verdant Wrocław and may the winter linger no longer.

We extend our sympathies and condolences to Ashleigh Britton on the recent death of her father in England.



Best regards,  
Tom McGrath  
Head of School



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
20 Half term break	21 Half term break	22 Half term break	23 Half term break	24 Half term break	25	26
27 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	28	1 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room  Advisory Board 4.00pm F3 room, big villa	2	3 Primary School Assembly 8.35am  Secondary School Assembly 10.30am  Year 2 trip to the Museum of Papermaking in Duszniki Zdrój	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  Savoury Snack Day Year 7  Spelling Bee	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. Dear Parents,

Please make sure that your telephone contact numbers are updated and permanently switched on during school time.

4. 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.

5. Office opening hours during the break:

**Ms. Kasia Frankiewicz's office (small villa)**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – 8.00am – 2.00pm  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – 8.00am – 2.00pm  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – office closed  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 8.00am – 2.00pm  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February – 8.00am – 2.00pm

**Ms. Kasia Kluka's office (big villa)**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – 10.00am – 4.00pm  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – 10.00am – 4.00pm  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 10.00am – 4.00pm  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – office closed  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February – office closed

## Extra Curricular Activities 2016/2017

ECA	TEACHER	AGE GROUP	WHERE	WHEN
Kendo Club	Takaharu Uesugi	Year 1 upwards	Dębowa Gym Dębowa 9b	Tuesdays 3.45pm - 4.35pm
Football Club	Michał Król	Year 1 upwards	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Fridays 4.00pm - 5.15pm
Swimming Club Beginners	Marcin Kwasiuk & Jacek Lelewski	Year 1-2 and beginners	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Mondays 3.50pm - 4.35pm
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	WKK ul. Czajcza 19	Fridays 3.45pm - 5.00pm
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 Shoebills 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
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	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Tuesdays 4.00 pm - 5.15 pm
Maths Kangaroo Club	Anna Szumilak Jasztal	Year 6 upwards	F3 room big villa	Tuesdays 3.35pm – 4.20pm
GCSE Polish Club	Ewa Gołąbek	Secondary	S2 room big villa	Wednesdays 1.20pm – 1.45pm
Secondary Orchestra	Jakub Stefaniszyn	Secondary	G10 room big villa	Thursdays 1.10pm – 1.45pm
Singstar Club	Jakub Stefaniszyn	Secondary	G11 room big villa	Fridays 1.10pm. – 1.45pm
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



We have come to the end of the first half term of the Spring Term! Perhaps it is hard to think about spring yet but I am sure that children, parents and teachers are going to enjoy a small break from school.

The last weeks have seen a lot of activity in the Primary School.

Foundation children went on their outings to Hopek Play Centre and to Glinolandia for their clay workshops. Older students enjoyed another very successful and pleasantly snowy camp. The PTA organised a "Valentine" Mufti Day and loads of Valentine post was delivered to excited recipients.

In the meantime there were auditions for the BISC Factor, new house badges were ordered and lots of learning took place too – reading, writing, projects, tests, preparing for the Maths Kangaroo, cooking and much more!

We are awaiting the BISC Factor finals, Drama Day and Spelling Bee in the upcoming half term.

I would like to thank a lot of people here. A huge THANKS goes to:

- our pupils - for being self-disciplined, hardworking, creative and kind,
- all Primary Staff - for their patience, enthusiasm and zest,
- PTA - for their additions to the school life,
- House Team – for organising House activities and badges,
- Mr. Marcin and Camp Staff – for being very caring at the camp!

My congratulations to this week's Stars:

Foundation Bees and Bears - Eun Chan

Year 1 Rabbits - Luke

Year 2 Dragonflies - Krishna

Year 3 Foxes - Cameron and Seo Won

Year 4 Showls - Louise, Soshiro, Oliwia R, Ola and Hye-Lin

Year 5 Coyotes - Nika

Year 6 Wolverines - Magda, Sri and Cecilia

Wishing you a great, healthy and joyful break,

Anna Witańska  
Head of Primary

## News from Head of Secondary



About four weeks ago, I wrote about a mathematics contest that some of our students participated in along with other local Polish schools. We have received the first round results and we are pleased to announce that Jenny Kang has advanced to the next round in the competition. Congratulations Jenny!

Year 8 students participated in an interesting lab practical in Science last week. They had completed a unit on

animal habitats and the effects to food webs when one organism is reduced due to human and environmental factors. To end the unit, they investigated the contents of an owl pellet. An owl pellet contains the indigestible remains of small animals that owls would eat. Owl pellets contain the fur, feathers and bones of these animals and students enjoyed separating the contents and rebuilding the skeleton contained within the pellet. It also gave them an opportunity to have real hands-on experience with the environment around them and it provided a chance to ask questions that extended their awareness of the food web.

I hope students enjoy the week-long break and come back rested and ready to tackle the rest of the term.

Have a nice weekend,

Joe Peck  
Head of Secondary

## News from Polish School



„ Co ważniejsze dla sukcesu: talent czy pracowitość? A co ważniejsze w rowerze: przednie czy tylne koło”.

G. B. Shaw

Nie dalej jak w zeszłym tygodniu, rozpytywałam się nad doskonałymi wynikami naszych uczniów, a już mam ku temu następne powody...

Wysoka średnia zawsze cieszy (szczególnie rodziców i nauczycieli ;), ale

nie tylko nauką żyją młodzi ludzie. Realizacja pasji oraz rozwijanie talentów dają olbrzymią satysfakcję, budują samoocenę i często mają wpływ na całe przyszłe życie. Dlatego też z olbrzymią radością odkryłam wyniki półfinału BISC Factor. **Julka i Oliwia Trawińskie, Zuzia Kowalska, Ola Lenart, Julia i Magda Sawickie, Alexia Money-Kyrle, Przemek Żukowski**, to osiem utalentowanych osób, które stanowią ponad połowę naszej maleńkiej szkoły :)))

Gorąco dziękuję organizatorom,  
a za uczestników trzymam mocno kciuki!

Życzę udanych, bezpiecznych ferii zimowych.

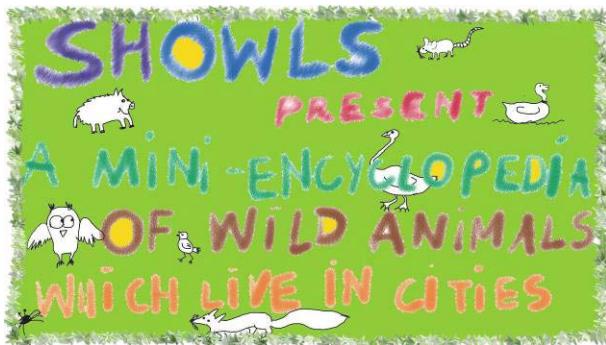
Dyrektor Szkoły  
Magdalena Mrozowska



## Spotlight on Year 4 Shoebills

What a busy week this has been! I can whole-heartedly say that I enjoyed this precious time with Showls, getting to know some of the children better and observing the newly created class dynamics. Showls are clever little creatures who adapt quickly and are not afraid of being challenged. This week we managed to sit a few tests, have a dictation, fry some doughnuts, make a mini-encyclopaedia, make shakers and perform with them in the assembly and even begin working on Roman shields! Many thanks for being such a good class, Showls!

Anna Witańska





To help us plan for the next academic year we would ask that you complete and return the following slip electronically or as a hardcopy by **28<sup>th</sup> February 2017** to Ms Kasia Kluka. We understand that parents do not always know this information at this time of the year and that your circumstances may change. However, it would assist us greatly in our forward planning if you could let us know your intentions for next year, to the best of your understanding at this time.

Yours,

Tom McGrath

Your family full name and surname \_\_\_\_\_

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Our family will be returning to BISC for the academic year 2017/2018

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Our family will be returning to BISC for part of the academic year 2017/2018, until \_\_\_\_\_

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Our family will not be returning to BISC for the academic year 2017/2018

Reason for leaving \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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We do not know now, but will know by \_\_\_\_\_

- What is the likelihood that our family will stay at BISC? .....%

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We have an additional child to enrol for the academic year 2017/2018

Name of additional child \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_



## Calendar for School Year 2017/2018

<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>	
Teacher's Preparation Day	01.09.2017 Friday
Start of Term	04.09.2017 Monday
End for Half Term Break	27.10.2017 Friday
Start of Second Half of Term	06.11.2017 Monday
End of Autumn Term (Half day)	22.12.2017 Friday
<b>SPRING TERM</b>	
Start of term	08.01.2018 Monday
End for half term break	09.02.2018 Friday
Start of second half of term	19.02.2018 Monday
End of Spring Term (Half day)	23.03.2018 Friday
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>	
Start of term	09.04.2018 Monday
May holiday (school closed)	30.04.2018 - 04.05.2018 Monday to Friday
Corpus Christi (school closed)	31.05.2018 - 01.06.2018 Thursday and Friday
End of School Year (Half day)	29.06.2018 Friday

# HOUSE SCORES 2016/2017



1<sup>st</sup>

Place

2<sup>nd</sup>

Place

3<sup>rd</sup>






Place

4<sup>th</sup>

Place

## MERIT CHALLENGE

Merit Challenge this week	Abbreviations
Merit Challenge next week	Abbreviations

HOUSE SCORES	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
				
Weekly Points	4	1	3	2
Weekly Winner				
Total Points	47	46	57	40
Weekly Merits	526	228	495	404
RANKING	2 <sup>nd</sup> PLACE	3 <sup>rd</sup> PLACE	1 <sup>st</sup> PLACE	4 <sup>th</sup> PLACE

### Primary House Captains:

	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
	Gayeon Lee Year 6 Wolverines Wolverines	Magda Sawicka Year 6 Wolverines	Jack Kidd Year 6 Wolverines	Madhav Sathish Year 6 Wolverines

### Secondary House Captains:

	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
	Yunhwa Jung Year 10	Yejin Lee Year 10	DongMin Seo Year 9	Jeong Min Hong Y11

### Secondary House Vice Captains:

	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
	Borys Rusko Year 7	Alicia Marie McInerney Year 7		Anastasia Lacroix Year 7





PTA BISC Wroclaw on Facebook:

[goo.gl/WNw25e](https://goo.gl/WNw25e)

[pta@bisc.wroclaw.pl](mailto: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:

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:**

Until the end of Spring Term 2016/2017, PTA is planning following activities:

- PTA Spring Bazaar (Friday, March 17)
- PTA Fat Thursday (Thursday, April 6)
- PTA Mufti Day (Friday, April 7)
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Regarding the Mufti Day on 14 February, we really thank to everyone for participating in Mufti Day, and showing their love and appreciation of international friends. The money raised during the Mufti Day will be used to organize our other fun activities for children.

Yours,  
PTA

Dear Parents,

As we are still in the icy grip of Winter, I thought I'd share two of my favourite soup recipes. They might not cure colds and flu but they taste good and make you feel slightly better.

Best regards,

Jennifer Jones

## PUMPKIN SOUP

Gluten free, Vegan

½ small white onion, chopped  
1 clove of garlic, crushed  
1kg Red Kuri (Hokkaido pumpkin)  
450ml chicken or vegetable stock or water  
Cracked black pepper to taste  
1 handful of fresh parsley, chopped (optional)  
1 teaspoon olive oil  
Serves 2-3

### Method

Preheat oven to 200°C.

Cut the pumpkin in half and scoop out the seeds. Place skin side down on a baking tray, cover with foil and cook in the preheated oven for 1 ½ hours. Remove from the oven and scoop out the flesh, be very careful as the pumpkin will be hot. Mash with a fork or place in a food processor and process until smooth.

If you do not have an oven, you can boil the pumpkin for 45 minutes instead. Just make sure you take the skin off first and chop the pumpkin into small pieces.

Heat the oil in a deep, heavy bottomed pan with a lid; add the onions and garlic and sauté for 2-3 minutes. Add the pumpkin puree and stock or water. Stir well. Cover with a lid, bring to the boil then reduce the heat to simmer for 5 minutes.

Transfer the soup into a food blender and blend until smooth. Add more stock or water depending on your preferred consistency.

Pour back into the pan, add the cracked black pepper and heat through.

Serve in bowls with the parsley (if you wish).

## CARROT SOUP

Gluten free, Vegan

½ small white onion, chopped  
1 clove of garlic  
½ teaspoon ground cumin (kmin rzymski mielony)  
1 teaspoon caraway seeds (kminek)  
500g carrots, chopped into chunks  
1 star anise  
600ml vegetable stock or water  
1 handful of fresh parsley, chopped (optional)  
1 teaspoon olive oil

### Method

Gently heat the oil in a deep, heavy bottomed pan and sauté the onions and garlic. Add the cumin and stir through. Add the caraway seeds and a few splashes (1-2 tablespoons) of the stock or water to cool the pan. Once the onions are translucent add the carrot.

Next add the stock or water and the star anise – this will float on the surface. Allow the pan to simmer on a gentle heat for 30 minutes.

Take the pan off the heat and remove the star anise. Transfer the contents to a blender and whizz until smooth. The soup should be hot enough but if not pop it back in the pan and reheat.


Serve in bowls and sprinkle with the parsley (if you wish).

# Lunch Menu for February 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](mailto:jwierzejska@masterszef.com.pl)) or by the phone (22 110 50 07).
4. Please note that the menu for March will be available online from February 25th.

	27.02	28.02	01.03	02.03	03.03
Soup	Broccoli soup	Cardamon spiced carrot cream with coconut milk	Menu available online from February 25 <sup>th</sup>		
	Creamy vegetable soup with turkey	Vegetable soup			
Main course	(Vege) Tagliatelle with basil parsley pesto, roasted sunflower and pumpkin seeds, honey roasted carrots with sesame seeds	(Vege) Slices of roasted celery, potatoes with dill, pickled cabbage salad with carrots and apples			
	(Meat) Creamy chicken tagliatelle, honey roasted carrots with sesame seeds	(Meat) Pork chops, potatoes with dill, pickled cabbage salad with carrots and apples			
	(Fish) Creamy cod tagliatelle, honey roasted carrots with sesame seeds	(Fish) Cod fingers, potatoes with dill, pickled cabbage salad with carrots and apples			



# AROUND BISC WROCLAW

