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## ISSUE 22 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March

**We cannot all succeed when half of us are held back.**

Malala Yousafzai

Dear Parents,

This week International Women's Day (March 8<sup>th</sup>) was celebrated and commemorated throughout the world. The date is said to originate from a women's march in St Petersburg in 1917 advocating for better conditions for textile workers. For many decades the day was more associated with socialist and communist countries but, since 1975, the UN has marked the day and it has gained in strength and popularity.

Women's rights are a fairly recent phenomenon and my own mother's reflections and my own sister's reflections show how recent such changes are. Change happens when people challenge the status quo and change happens in three areas, law, hearts and minds.

My mother worked for 20 years in the Civil Service in Ireland. It was a clerical role that was the reserve of female employees and though she had some minor promotions all leadership positions in her department were held by men.



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW

# NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



When she married she was forced to resign her position as that was the law at the time; all female government employees (with the exception of teachers) could not work as married women. She also told me that as a woman she could not take out a bank loan on her own and she could not maintain an independent bank account as a married woman. Thankfully, those restrictions have changed but they were embedded in legislation and attitudes until the mid-1970's in Ireland.

I have three sisters who all enjoy or have enjoyed successful professional careers (one has decided to be a homemaker after many years in the IT sector). At secondary school they went to an all girls' school run by a Catholic religious order; it was the only option at the time in the area. I went to a male equivalent school and to this day about 70% of Irish teenagers attend single sex secondary schools. While the boys' school had the options at A level at Chemistry, Physics and Higher Mathematics, my sisters' school offered only Biology in the Sciences as this was necessary for a nursing qualification. Thus, even at an early age the choices of my sisters were limited and they were excluded from careers in Engineering, Medicine, Mathematics and the Sciences. Again, thankfully this has changed and there is now parity in university graduates in all

the above disciplines.

These reflections illustrate how recent change has been and there remains much to be done. Progress happened only through the diligent perseverance of brave women who were often ridiculed at the beginning of their campaigns. My homeland of Ireland is a place of great pride for me but we all bear the shame of past generations' treatment of women. Just this week in Ireland a dogged local female historian was vindicated in her long struggle to establish that the corpses of over 600 children had been thrown into a septic tank, a mass unmarked grave to children born to unmarried mothers in an institution that imprisoned young girls who had the misfortune of becoming pregnant out of wedlock up to the 1960's. These babies were not given the dignity of a Christian burial as their mothers were seen as sinners.

The above story covers a period of 50 years ago rather than 500 years ago. Let Women's Day become more than a profitable occasion for florists and tulip growers and let us all cherish the wonderful ladies that fill our world.



Best regards,  
Tom McGrath  
Head of School

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>13</b> 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	<b>14</b> KS1 Movie Night 3.45pm – 5.30pm G6 room, big villa	<b>15</b> Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room	<b>16</b> Maths Kangaroo Contest  Double Merit Day  KS2 Movie Night 3.45pm – 5.30pm G6 room, big villa  Parent Social Event Guinness Pub Plac Solny 5, 7.00pm	<b>17</b> Primary School Assembly 8.35am  Secondary School Assembly 10.30am  PTA Spring Bazaar 12.00pm G3 room, big villa  Mufti Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 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	<b>21</b> Coffee Morning with PTA, Class Representatives and Mr McGrath 9.00am G3 room, big villa	<b>22</b> Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room  Savoury Snack Day Year 4 Shoebills  Advisory Board 4.00pm F3 room, big villa	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Primary School Assembly 8.35am  Secondary School Assembly 10.30am	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>26</b> 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	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Primary School Assembly 8.35am  Secondary School Assembly 10.30am	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>

## 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

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**2. Parent Teacher Conference**

Dear Parents,  
Parent Teacher Conference is coming up on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2017 (Tuesday and Wednesday, 3.45pm till 6.00 pm).

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 evening more organised.

Parents of primary children (Foundation - Year 4) can sign up on the list which will be posted on each classroom door in the small villa and Foundation unit.

Parents of primary children (Year 5 and Year 6), secondary parents and also polish school can sign up on the list which will be posted on the notice board in the big villa (ground floor).

Please note, that in order to avoid any clashes, you cannot sign up for the meeting via e-mail or Schoology.

**All sign up lists for parents will be available from 27th of March till 7th of April 2017.**

Please remember to sign up with your child's name and surname and not your own name. It will help us to identify and contact you in case of any changes.

## 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



This week was a very eventful one! First and foremost, it was our Spelling Bee week. I must admit that I have been truly impressed with the amount of effort our pupils had made! It showed during the class eliminations where children went through quite a few words and during the finals, when we could all marvel at the level of spelling mastery the contestants showed. Congratulations to all pupils

for trying so hard and a huge round of applause to Eric, Dong Yeong and Deepali! Many thanks to Miss Jen for organising this worthwhile event.

Secondly, everyone has been very excited about the BISC Factor auditions. Now, thanks to the BISC Factor Course created on Schoology we can all watch and vote for our favourite performance. Please do appreciate all the hard work that went into these pieces, whether it is dancing, singing or playing an instrument. Remember, we should judge the act itself, so please focus on the presented skills. Before making your decision – pause and think: am I being fair? Would I like to be judged in the same way? I am more than sure that we will discover new talents and perhaps even sparkles of genius in our classmates and friends. Let them surprise you!

**I am reminding everyone about THE BIKING LICENCE – please come and speak to me if you wish your child to obtain one. For details please see the previous newsletter.**

There were also Stars of the Week:

Foundation Bees and Bears - Yukhta  
Year 1 Rabbits - Junwoo, Rustem and Saatvik  
Year 2 Dragonflies - Eric  
Year 3 Foxes – Geon Woo  
Year 4 Owls - Gain and Oliwia R.  
Year 4 Shoebills - Dong Yeong, Mythri, Safiya  
Year 5 Coyotes - Deepali  
Year 6 Wolverines – Angiras and Kinga

Congratulations, Stars!

Wishing you a nice weekend,

Anna Witańska  
Head of Primary

## News from Head of Secondary



Since the exam season is just about here and the focus for many secondary students is revision, I thought I would share the top six study tips that have helped students get through their exams successfully:

1. Create a revision timetable to maintain focus and to prioritise what you need to revise.
2. Complete as many past papers as possible to understand the format of the exam and style of questioning.
3. Collaborate with classmates in groups to enrich your learning and to explore ideas of others.
4. Take regular study breaks to improve your performance in the long-run.
5. Adapt your revision techniques to each subject, as the content will be different for each subject so will be the revision methods used.
6. Exercising regularly will not only help to reduce stress, but will help you to stay fit and enable you to endure the testing season.

Enjoy your weekend,

Joe Peck  
Head of Secondary

## News from Polish School



### Co z tą reformą ?

Chyba każdy z nas zadaje sobie ostatnio to pytanie. Proszę mi wierzyć, że nurtuje ono nie tylko rodziców i nauczycieli, ale także dyrektorów wszystkich polskich szkół. Dowodem na to była wypełniona po brzegi sala na poniedziałkowej konferencji dotyczącej planowanych zmian w systemie oświaty.

Wszystko wskazuje na to, że nie ma szans na wycofanie się lub chociażby opóźnienie zapowiadanej reformy. Od 1 września wejdzie zatem w życie Ustawa - Prawo oświatowe z dnia 14 grudnia 2016 r. oraz, w okresie przejściowym, Ustawa - Przepisy wprowadzające ustawę – Prawo oświatowe. Pocieszające jest to, że nowa podstawa programowa nie będzie wdrażana we wszystkich klasach jednocześnie, lecz stopniowo. Tak więc w roku szkolnym 2017/18 obejmie ona tylko klasy I, IV i VII, w 2018/19 dodatkowo klasy II, V i VIII, a w 2019/20 dołączą III i VI. W tym też roku nie będzie już gimnazjum, a licea znów staną się czteroletnie.

Obowiązek szkolny będzie obejmował uczniów do czasu ukończenia szkoły podstawowej, zatem o jeden rok krócej niż obecnie, natomiast obowiązek nauki pozostanie niezmiennie do ukończenia 18 roku życia.

Pomimo zmiany podręczników na te dostosowane do nowej podstawy programowej, wszystkie one pozostaną refundowane, ale teraz, niezależnie od etapu nauczania, będą wybierane przez zespoły przedmiotowe.

Życzę spokojnego weekendu.

Dyrektor Szkoły  
Magdalena Mrozowska

## Spotlight on Year 5 Coyotes

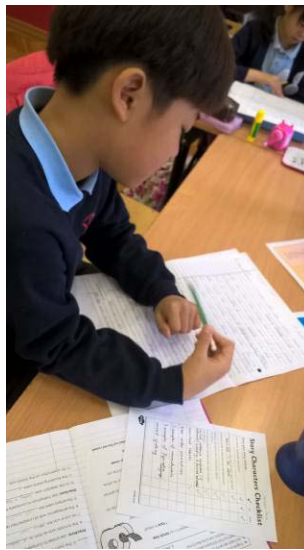
The break of February and March in the Year 5 Coyotes' room has seen the best attempts to beat the mood set by bleak weather by becoming engaged in colourful and challenging projects.

We have been discussing the early stages of the Viking invasion on Britain as well as the use of primary sources. This has provided a great opportunity for a hands-on project. We are trying to emulate the Venerable Bede by writing our own page of manuscript, complete with medieval-style illuminations. But not just any manuscript – we will use nibs, inkwells and our best joined handwriting! Visit us in a few weeks to see the results displayed.

A lot of serious effort has gone into our Literacy work. Having read the narrative poem by Charles Causley titled "The Ballad of Charlotte Dymond," the Coyotes attempted to explain character motivation while using WOW words and figurative language. Did Matthew kill Charlotte? You can be the judge of how well the Coyotes presented his case: voting will commence next week and it is open to everyone.

The Spotlight is not complete without some thank-yous. Thank you, Nagisa and Mum for the great birthday party we have been treated to. Thank you, Deepali, for representing us so well in the Spelling Bee. Thank you, Shinun, Jessica, Seoin, Seohyeon and Deepali for showing the Coyote talent in the BISC Factor semi-finals. Thank you, Kotaro, Nika and Nohyeon for excellent focus on your work and being great play and classmates.

Wishing you a sunny and cheerful March,  
Mrs Peck, Miss Ania and the Coyotes



# Spelling Bee 2017

Congratulations to everyone for learning the spelling bee words so well. A huge well done to the 7 finalists who performed so confidently in front of the whole primary school. I was very impressed with our great audience who clapped all our finalists whether they spelled a word correctly or not. Thank you for making our fourth annual spelling bee so successful!!

Congratulations to all of the participants and a huge round of applause to the winners Seungwoo Choi, Dong Yeong Seo and Deepali Arun.

Best wishes,  
Jennifer Jones



# 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	Names of parts of the body
Merit Challenge next week	Names of parts of the body

	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
HOUSE SCORES				
Weekly Points	4	2	1	3
Weekly Winner				
Total Points	55	51	59	45
Weekly Merits	528	380	362	431
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	Nada Mikati Year 7	Anastasia Lacroix Year 7



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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:

March 22, 2017	Year 4 Shoebills
April 5, 2017	Year 2 Dragonflies
May 10, 2017	Year 4 Owls
May 24, 2017	Year 8

## **2. March 17th- PTA Spring Bazaar**

Please leave donations with the Guards desk any time before Friday the 17th, or deliver directly to the lunchroom on Friday morning at 8:30.

Items for donation: school uniforms, toys, books, household goods and ornaments.

## **3. Friday March 17th: Mufti Day**

It is tradition on St. Patrick's Day to 'pinch' people who are not wearing green so in sticking with the Irish tradition, we will be having a MUFTI DAY. Please wear green and donate 2pln to your form teacher.

## **4. Upcoming events:**

**March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am: Coffee Morning with PTA, Class Representatives, and Mr McGrath.**

Please pass any comments, feedback, and concerns you wish to be discussed to your Class Representatives before March 17th, or message directly to the PTA through Schoology.

Parent & Teacher Social (date to be announced)

BISC Garden Spring Picnic (date to be announced)

Yours,


PTA

## Lunch Menu for March 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 is now available online.

	13.03	14.03	15.03	16.03	17.03
<b>Soup</b>	Vegetable soup	Green pea soup	Cream of corn with ginger	Potato leek soup	Tomato carem with olive
	Pea with sausage soup	Cauliflower soup	Tomato soup with rice	Champignon soup	Garlic soup
<b>Main course</b>	(Vege) Risotto (beetroot, lentils sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds)	(Vege) Buckwheat champignon cutlets with parsley and feta cheese, potato puree, red cabbage salad	(Vege) Lasagna with vegetables and mozzarella, celery salad	(Vege) Kidney beans chops with yoghurt herb dip, barley groats, chinese cabbage with raisins and yoghurt salad	(Vege) Potato, beetroot and carrot gratin with yoghurt dip, iceberg lettuce and carrot salad
	(Meat) Roast chicken, rice with vegetables	(Meat) Turkey filled in thyme breadcrumbs, potato puree, red cabbage salad	(Meat) Beef lasagna with mozzarella, celery salad	(Meat) Roasted pork loin, barley groats, chinese cabbage with raisins and yoghurt salad	(Meat) Potato and meat gratin with yoghurt dip, iceberg lettuce and carrot salad, iceberg lettuce and carrot salad
	(Fish) Fish burger with cod, rice with vegetables	(Fish) Pollock filled in thyme breadcrumbs, potato puree, red cabbage salad	(Fish) Risotto with salmon and vegetables, celery salad	(Fish) Cod fingers, barley groats, chinese cabbage with raisins and yoghurt salad	(Fish) Potato and cod gratin with yoghurt dip, iceberg lettuce and carrot salad

# AROUND BISC WROCLAW

