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When a man is tired of London, he is tired of life.

Samuel Johnson

Dear Parents,

Acts of terror returned to our screens this week with the horrific events in Westminster, London. The historical seat of modern parliamentary democracy was the target. Paris, Berlin, Nice, Madrid, Brussels, London are just a few of the targets in recent years and terrorism is a shadow that will continue to remain in all western metropolises for the foreseeable future. We show our solidarity with the people of London, a cosmopolitan city that celebrates diversity. Indeed, its election of a Muslim Mayor sends a statement that terrorists want us to ignore, that multicultural harmony is possible.

With instant coverage, social media and smart phone cameras the distant terrorist acts are immediately brought close to us. The impact on us even here in Wroclaw is to unnerve, upset and to

increase anxiety. These are natural reactions but perhaps they are amplified by modern media. The reality is that violence is lower now than for many decades. Murder rates in most of Europe are falling, or at least stagnant, and our streets are safer than in previous decades.

Growing up in Ireland in the 70's and 80's the shadow of violence was a reality; many atrocities were committed and thousands lost their lives. This week in Derry one of the most significant figures through this turbulent time was laid to rest. His name is Martin McGuinness. As a teenager he committed to a life of armed struggle and came to lead an organisation that was responsible for terrorist acts that killed hundreds of people. But later he led this organisation on a long and torturous road to a cessation of violence and to a peaceful resolution of Northern Ireland's civil war. For the last ten years of his life he held the role of Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland's Government sharing power successfully, and with mutual

courtesy, with former opponents and avowed enemies. His funeral was attended by presidents, former prime ministers and many of his former enemies.

My column is not to laud this man but to focus on his realisation that terror begets only terror. It draws communities apart and it allows extremists to flourish. It begets a mind-set of victimhood and triumphalism and it divides people into them and us. It creates physical and mental ghettos. In a world where the extremist shouts the loudest we all must reject this call. We must talk to each other rather than at one another. McGuinness' coffin bore no military displays and was free from any symbols of his violent past. It was simply draped in the flag of Ireland that symbolises peace and reconciliation between the opposing factions on the island.



Best regards,
Tom McGrath
Head of School

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW

NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room Secondary School – visit to the German Consulate 9.30am - 1.00pm TLC Staff Meeting 3.40pm Year 4 Shobills classroom, small villa Secondary Staff Meeting 3.40pm F3 room, big villa	28 Year 3 trip to “Julia” Crystal Factory in Piechowice 7.00am - 4.30pm Year 1 trip to the transport museum in Galowice 8.30am - 1.30pm	29 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am - 8.30am ICT room	30 Drama Day - Primary School Irish “Ceili” dancing at BISC - Secondary school 4.00pm - 6.00pm	31 Primary School Assembly 8.35am Secondary School Assembly 10.30am	1 Basketball Tournament Years 5-7 9.00am -11.00am Foundation - Y4 11.00am – 2.00pm WKK Sport Centre ul. Czajcza 19	2
3 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	4 Year 4 (both groups) - Educational trip to Leśnica 9.15am – 3.30pm	5 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room Savoury Snack Day Year 2 Dragonflies BISC Factor Finals 1.30pm – 3.30pm	6	7 Primary School Assembly 8.35am Secondary School Assembly 10.30am	8	9
10 Easter break	11 Easter break	12 Easter break	13 Easter break	14 Easter break	15	16

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. Korean Coordinator

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

School doctor is available for Parents and Staff on Thursdays from 10.00am till 12.05pm (G8 room, big villa).

3. Maths Kangaroo Club

Please note, that from next week on Maths Kangaroo Club will be discontinued.

4. Parent Teacher Conference

Dear Parents,
 Parent Teacher Conference is coming up on 25th and 26th 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.

5. Contact details

Dear Parents,

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

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 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
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
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
GCSE French Club NEW	Magda Mrozowska	Secondary	S6 room big villa	Wednesdays 1.15pm – 1.50pm
Debating Club NEW	Tom McGrath	Secondary	G6 room big villa	Fridays 4.30pm. – 5.30pm
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



In BISC Primary we firmly believe that a responsible student is a successful student. Over the years we have developed a range of strategies to help pupils take care of their needs. I would like to share some of our strategies with you, so you can support us at home:

- We let students help out with small jobs. It builds a sense of togetherness and care for their learning environment.
- We build in a classroom job system. This is similar to letting students help out, but creates a predictable routine.
- We show students how we want things to look via photographs, visuals or modelling. Once the expectations are clear, it is easier for pupils to succeed.
- We praise them for being responsible – positive reinforcement helps pupils understand that their efforts are important and appreciated.
- We have clear consequences that match the lack of responsibility – usually it is a "how can you fix it yourself" procedure.
- We talk about it and revisit this concept throughout the year. The more we make it up front and central in students' minds, the more they will realize the importance of it.
- Sometimes we focus on one way to be responsible by challenging them. Hence various neatness class awards and ongoing distribution of merits.

In the light of the above, I pass my congratulations to this week's Stars:

Foundation Bees and Bears - Anna
Year 1 Rabbits – Hyeon Seo
Year 2 Dragonflies - Antton
Year 3 Foxes - William
Year 4 Owls - Soshiro
Year 4 Shobills - Mihir, Mythri, Emilie and Dong Yeong
Year 5 Coyotes - Jessica
Year 6 Wolverines - Madhav and Alexia

Wishing you a relaxing weekend,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



As mentioned before, the GCSE Art exam is finishing up this week and the speaking and writing exams for the languages will begin in April. Students in Year 11 to Year 13 have been working very hard lately to prepare for all of the upcoming exams and teachers are doing their best to help prepare the students. Although GCSE exams are usually taken in Year 11, we do have all of the Year 10 students and a Year 9 student participating in the GCSE language exams as well. Good luck to all!

Have a nice weekend,

Joe Peck
Head of Secondary

News from Polish School



„Nie liczy się to ile posiadasz, ale ile dajesz innym i jak się z nimi dzielisz.”

Nie mów, że masz za mało pieniędzy, czasu, że jesteś zbyt zajęty... Aby pomagać innym, wcale nie trzeba wiele. Najważniejsze są dobre chęci, trochę empatii, a przede wszystkim OLBRZYMIE SERCE.

Naszym dzieciom żadnej z tych rzeczy nie brakuje ;)

Od kilku lat najstarsze klasy polskiej szkoły organizują akcje charytatywne na rzecz bezpańskich zwierząt. Uczniowie nie tylko zbierają pieniądze i inne środki pomocy, ale zapoznają się też z procedurami przeprowadzania kampanii społecznych: piszą podania, sprawozdania, prowadzą rozliczenia... Może w przyszłości, wyposażeni w takie podstawy, założą jakąś poważną dobroczynną fundację?

W tym roku, poszerzając zakres działalności, zapraszamy do nas młodsze klasy. W czwartek byliśmy wszyscy razem w kinie, aby dobrze poznać psią psychikę i umieć znaleźć się w psiej skórze. Było to bardzo pouczające, gdyż to właśnie tam dowiedzieliśmy się, że największą satysfakcją dla naszych wiernych czworonogów jest szczęście nasze - ich dwunożnych przyjaciół.

Trochę wzruszeń, trochę też, trochę naszego serca?
Nie należy wstydić się emocji...

Życzę miłego weekendu.

Dyrektor Szkoły
Magdalena Mrozowska

Spotlight on Year 7

Since Year 7 last featured in the Spotlight section of the newsletter a lot has happened!

The somewhat shy and tentative students that started the year have now found their feet and they are demonstrating across the broad range of subjects that they undertake that they are willing and able for the challenges that Year 7 throws their way. Friendships have strengthened and new ones have formed. Sadly, we have recently said goodbye to two of our boys: Jin Seong and Kaito as they return home after more than 4 years at the school.

In the English classroom, lessons have been more interactive and demanding as the class have been formally assessed on the content of a novel *Chinese Cinderella*, where they were required to make a 2-4 minute speech. There were a lot of nerve and knee-shaking, but some unbelievable demonstrations of courage and certainly a lot of demons were overcome that day. There has been a big focus on effective and clear communication and we really enjoyed some speaking games that tested the students' clarity and accuracy of speaking. Now the focus has shifted and Year 7 are studying *Romeo and Juliet* – for many this is their first contact with the words of the infamous William Shakespeare, so do not be surprised if you see them acting out scenes in the school corridors... "*Homework, Homework, wherefore art thou Homework*" !!!

Along with a range of new and interesting topics, the class frequently tells me that they are really enjoying their History topic on the Middle Ages. Having spoken to Mr Alex it is clear that there is a lot more fun ahead.

Year 7 are enjoying the idea of online learning via Schoology and the effective use of technology in the classroom. However, if they spend too much time on their phones during break time, they often become photographed and become the victims of Mr Phil's Photoshop skills just to show them how they look to others when they are on their phones all the time.

Phil Hart
Year 7 Form Tutor



HOUSE SCORES 2016/2017



1st

Place

2nd






Place (ex aequo)

3rd

Place

MERIT CHALLENGE

Merit Challenge this week	Ireland
Merit Challenge next week	Spring

HOUSE SCORES	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
				
Weekly Points	1	4	2	3
Weekly Winner				
Total Points	57	57	65	51
Weekly Merits	397	512	508	509
RANKING	2 nd PLACE (ex aequo)	2 nd PLACE (ex aequo)	1 st PLACE	3 rd 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



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:

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

2. Upcoming PTA activities:

- PTA Cherry Blossom Picnic (Saturday, May 13th)
- PTA International Day (Friday, May 26th)


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) or by the phone (22 110 50 07).
4. Please note that the menu for March is now available online.

	27.03	28.03	29.03	30.03	31.03
Soup	Broccoli soup	Cardamon spiced carrot cream with coconut milk	Minty pea soup	Champignon soup	Creamy spinach soup
	Creamy vegetable soup with turkey	Vegetable soup	Barley soup	Ukrainian borscht	Broccoli soup
Main course	(Vege) Spaghetti with basil parsley pesto, roasted sunflower and pumpkin seeds and shredded parmesan, honey roasted carrots with sesame seeds	(Vege) Slices of roasted celery, potatoes with dill, pickled cabbage salad with carrots and apples	(Vege) Burger filled with lentil, red onion, lamb's lettuce and cucumber, dipping sauce	(Vege) Pearl barley with caramelized pumpkin, raisins and shredded coconut, coleslaw	(Vege) Vegetable skewers, bulgur, pickled cucumber salad
	(Meat) Creamy chicken spaghetti, honey roasted carrots with sesame seeds	(Meat) Pork chops, potatoes with dill, pickled cabbage salad with carrots and apples	(Meat) Burger filled with beef, lamb's lettuce, red onion and cucumber, dipping sauce	(Meat) Meatloaf, pearl barley, coleslaw	(Meat) Chicken skewers, bulgur, pickled cucumber salad
	(Fish) Creamy cod spaghetti, honey roasted carrots with sesame seeds	(Fish) Cod fingers, potatoes with dill, pickled cabbage salad with carrots and apples	(Fish) Fish burger filled with lamb's lettuce, red onion and cucumber, dipping sauce	(Fish) Cod fillet, pearl barley, coleslaw	(Fish) Bulgur with tuna and vegetables, pickled cucumber salad

AROUND BISC WROCLAW

