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Dear Parents and visitors to our website,

Well term draws to a close, so I will wish you a well-earned rest and remind you to return raring to go for what will be an extremely busy summer term on Monday 4th April. The term has finished with some interesting things being studied as I discovered walking past year4's classroom. On peering in I observed long lengths of bandages being immersed in glue then being wrapped around a human effigy – whilst I wondered whether this was Ms. Anna closer inspection found her alive and well with the explanation that they were soon to undertake an Egyptian burial. All of this got me curious about Ancient Egypt which after a little web-surf led me to turn-up the following interesting facts which I dedicate to year4.

Mummies

- Mummies were embalmed in a special tent or house called "The Beautiful House". Nice name for a butcher shop.
- If clumsy priests knocked off the fingers or toes, they would replace them with a

wooden spare part.

- The eyes can be replaced by black stones - though for Ramesses IV, they used small onions (it's enough to make you weep...).
- In Victorian England, people flocked to watch a Dr Pettigrew unwrap a mummy at the Royal College of Surgeons. Places were so scarce that even the Archbishop of Canterbury was turned away.

Pharaohs

- After a pharaoh had ruled for 30 years, he had to prove his fitness by running around a fixed course.
- King Pepy II came to the throne aged nine, and ruled until he was 100. They say he had a great system for avoiding insects: he would cover a slave in honey. Flies swarmed to the slave and left Pepy in peace.
- Pharaoh Hatshepsut, a woman, wore a wig on her chin so she looked like a man. Later kings were so shocked at the thought of a woman ruler that they hacked her name off monuments.
- Egypt's most famous queen, Cleopatra, was a Greek.

Peasants

- Egypt had the world's first bakeries... around 2000 BC.
- Labourers had to pay taxes to keep the Nile's irrigation ditches clear. Tax dodgers were whipped.
- The world's first labour strike was held on the site of a pyramid.
- Peasants ate bread that was so coarse it wore away their teeth.
- Peasant children were set to work in the fields as soon as they could walk. They acted as scarecrows.

Have a Happy Easter,



Best regards,
Wayne Billington
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
14 Primary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m.	15 Secondary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Library ISBC Book Club Payment deadline	16 Round Table 8.30a.m. dining room Savoury Snack Day Year 8	17 Maths Kangaroo Test 9.00a.m. Bisc Factor Final 1.00p.m. Big Villa	18 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. Secondary School Assembly 10.30a.m. Half Day	19	20
21 Easter Break	22 Easter Break	23 Easter Break	24 Easter Break	25 Easter Break School Closed	26	27
28 Easter Break School Closed	29 Easter Break	30 Easter Break	31 Easter Break	1 Easter Break	2	3
4 Primary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m.	5 Secondary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Library	6	7 Secondary Staff Meeting 3.40p.m.	8 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. Secondary School Assembly 10.30a.m.	9	10

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:

Monday 8:00-8:30 / 10:10-10:30 / 11:20-13:40
Tuesday 8:00-8:30 / 10:10-10:30 / 11:20-13:50
Wednesday 8:00-8:30 / 10:10-13:50
Thursday 8:00-8:30 / 10:10-12:10 / 15:00-15:30
Friday 13:20-15:30

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2. School doctor is available for Parents and Staff on Thursdays from 10.00a.m. till 12.05p.m. (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 to please stay near the children beside the equipment to ensure that they are fully supervised and can play safely. Also, please remind your children that they should not play inside the school after 4:00 pm. Of course children are allowed to use toilets on the ground floor if they

need to. We are sure that all parents understand how important it is to keep the children safe. Thank you for your support.

5. Office opening hours during the break:

Ms. Natalia's office (small villa)

Monday 21st March – 8.00a.m. –2p.m.
 Tuesday 22nd March – 8.00a.m. –2p.m.
 Wednesday 23rd March – 8.00a.m. –2p.m.
 Thursday 24th March – 8.00a.m. –2p.m.
Friday 25th March – office closed
Monday 28th March – office closed
 Tuesday 29th March – 8.00a.m. –2p.m.
 Wednesday 30th March – 8.00a.m. –2p.m.
 Thursday 31st March – 8.00a.m. –2p.m.
 Friday 1st April – 8.00a.m. –2p.m.

Ms. Kasia's office (big villa)

Monday 21st March – 10.00a.m. –4p.m.
 Tuesday 22nd March – 10.00a.m. –4p.m.
 Wednesday 23rd March – 10.00a.m. –4p.m.
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ECA	TEACHER	AGE GROUP	WHERE	WHEN
English for Parents :) Intermediate group	Ewa Gołąbek	Parents :)	S2 room big villa	Mondays 2.00p.m. – 3.25p.m.
Short animated movie Club	Stawomir Czerwiński	Secondary	S3 room big villa	Tuesdays 1.00p.m. – 1.40p.m.
Polish for Parents :) Intermediate group	Hanna Savel	Parents :)	S3 room big villa	Tuesdays 1.50p.m. – 3.25p.m.
Drama Club	Aysha Love	Y1 – Y2	Year 1 Rabbits room small villa	Tuesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Photography Club	Ewelina Żmuda	Y1 – Y6	ICT room big villa	Tuesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Drawing Club	Hye Seung Lee	Primary	Primary Art room big villa	Tuesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Discussion Club	Jennifer Jones	Y2 – Y3	Year 3 Foxes room small villa	Tuesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Primary Orchestra	Maciej Postuszny	Y4 – Y6	G11 room big villa	Tuesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Kendo Club	Takaharu Uesugi	Y1 upwards	Dębowa Gym Dębowa 9b	Tuesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.45p.m.
Polish for Beginners	Anna Łożoziak	Y1-Y2	Year 2 Butterflies room Small villa	Tuesdays 3.45p.m. – 4.45p.m.
Basketball Club (Boys and Girls)	Marcin Kwasiuk	Y6 – Y13	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Tuesdays 4.00p.m. - 5.20p.m.
Swimming	Marcin Kwasiuk	Y1 upwards Intermediate & Advanced	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Tuesdays 5.20p.m. – 6.05p.m.
Sculpture Club	Anna Kawczyńska	Secondary	S7 room big villa	Wednesdays 1.00p.m. – 1.40p.m.
Polish for Parents :) Beginners	Hanna Savel	Parents :)	S1 room big villa	Wednesdays 1.50p.m. – 3.25p.m.
Maths Club	Anna Witańska	Primary	Year 4 Shoebills room small villa	Wednesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Homework Club	Phil Hart	Primary	F6 room big villa	Wednesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Construction Club	Iza Łuczowska	Y1 – Y2	Foundation unit	Wednesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Maths Homework Club	Justyna Połóska	Secondary	F3 room big villa	Wednesdays 3.40p.m. – 4.25p.m.
Maths Kangaroo Club	Justyna Zajęc	Secondary	F2 room big villa	Wednesdays 3.40p.m. – 4.25p.m.
Football Club	Marcin Kwasiuk	Y1 – Y9	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19 (all weather Sport's pitch outside of the school)	Wednesdays 4.00p.m. – 5.30p.m.
Chess Club	Alex Sitkowiecki	Secondary	S1 room big villa	Thursdays 1.15p.m. – 1.35p.m.
SingStar Club	Jakub Stefaniszyn	Secondary	G6 room big villa	Thursdays 1.15p.m. – 1.40p.m.
English for Parents :) Pre Intermediate	Iwona Sokółowska	Parents :)	G10 room big villa	Thursdays 2.00p.m. – 3.25p.m.
Knitting Club	Nichola Lewis	Y5 upwards	Foundation unit	Thursdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Swimming	Karolina Kałużka	Y1 upwards Beginners	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Thursdays 5.20p.m. – 6.05p.m.
Musical Performance Club	Jakub Stefaniszyn	Secondary	G11 room big villa	Fridays 3.30p.m. – 4.40p.m.
Basketball Club	Marcin Kwasiuk	Y1- Y5	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Fridays 4.00p.m. – 5.20p.m.
Swimming	Marcin Kwasiuk	Y1 upwards Intermediate & Advanced	SSP72 ul. Trwała 17-19	Fridays 5.20p.m. – 6.05p.m.

News from Head of Primary



The last week of school brought lots of sunshine and even more excitement to our school routine.

It is worth noting that the primary and secondary teachers got to the middle of their online "Assessment for Learning" course – bravo teachers and keep it up!

On Wednesday Year 2 Butterflies went on a trip to try some...cooking! I hear the trip was a tasty one ☺ Year 4 Shoebills visited the far away Leśnica, where they followed their maps, climbed a working water tower and marched 10 km in total!

Thursday was of course the BISC Factor Day. But before I write about that, let me mention that on the same day exciting things were happening in Year 3 Foxes and Otters, who decided to return to the Stone Age and became cavemen and cavewomen, dressed in cave clothes! What a sight it was ☺

And the BISC Factor. We were honoured by two secondary groups who sang for us as the opening guest stars – and were brilliant. Thank you, Mr. Kuba, for organizing that for us.

The BISC Factor contestant were fabulous! Congratulations to all the participants for their effort, talent and courage. Many thanks to parents and teachers who helped them practise.

We enjoyed watching and listening to the performances but the winner is only one...well. Deep breath...here are the BISC Factor 2016 winners:

3rd place – Mythri Raghavender Year 3 Otters

2nd place – Alexia Money Kyrle Year 5 Ravens

1st place – Borys Rusko Year 6 Jaguars

Congratulations!!!

Heap of thanks to Mr. Phil who bravely listened to all the auditions, prepared and ran the show, wonderfully as every year! Big thanks to Mr. Maciek, our Music Maker.

On the topic of being thankful, let me use this opportunity to thank Ms. Lee and the PTA volunteers who worked really hard on the Art Exhibition in the dining room. I encourage all the parents and students to have a look at the decorated walls.

Let me present this week's Stars:

Foundation Bees – Whole class

Foundation Turtles – Whole class

Year 1 Rabbits – Charlie

Year 2 Butterflies – Zuzia

Year 3 Otters – Julia and Seo Yeong

Year 3 Foxes - Thomas, Oliwia, Yash

Year 4 Shoebills – Albin and Seoin

Year 5 Kangaroos - Doyup

Year 5 Ravens – Jinhwan

Year 6 Jaguars – Come, Anshu, Batu, Kaito

Congratulations, Stars!

One more thing, if you were wondering what year 4 and some other students were doing after the Friday's assembly, we are informing you that you witnessed the burial ceremony of Pharaoh Akhom and his wife Shakuma, which was part of our Egyptian topic in history.

Wishing you a relaxing break and happy Easter,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



Thanks to the warmer weather, students have had plenty of time outside to enjoy the sunshine and outdoor activities. It is terrific to see signs that winter is behind us and to see plants and trees begin their spring bloom. I really enjoyed participating in this week's Roundtable meeting. I would like to thank the PTA for their

assistance in creating the agenda and the comments brought to the meeting by parents.

This week our KS3 Boys Band participated in a competition in Kłodzko on Wednesday and placed 3rd out of 12 bands. Well done!

We also had fourteen secondary students participate in the annual Kangaroo Maths contest on Thursday. The maths problems require a high degree of skill in order to solve the complex questions. Results from the contest will be sent to the school in May.

Mathematicians around the world participated in Pi-Day this past Monday to celebrate the unique and popular number 3.14. (3.14159265....) In Mrs. Zając's Maths class, students used the number for Pi to write a sentence that matched the number sequence using word length.

Can I blow a large dandelion in Korean class?
(3.14159265)

Can I find a great historian? (3.14159)

Can I have a small container of coffee? (3.1415926)

Mr. Graham was intrigued by the activity, so he wrote an intricate sentence that carried thirty-one places past the decimal point!

I would also like to add that we have hired a new German teacher. Her name is Ada and she will begin teaching starting on April 4.

And with that, I wish for all to have a very enjoyable holiday break.

Cheers,

Joe Peck
Head of Secondary

HYDROPOLIS

On Tuesday, February 9, 2016, we went on a trip to a water museum called Hydropolis. After snack we went on a tram and travelled there. When we arrived to Hydropolis, we first saw a water cyclone. After that we went to the Planet of Water. This is the heart of the exhibition. In an oval shape hall, there is a film emitted on a 360 degree screen and a big hologram of the Earth.

The next room was called Abyss. In this room I saw a replica of the submarine that was used in 1960 to explore the deepest places on Earth. Next room was the Ocean of Life. In this room were models of fish and a shark. Here we saw waters of the oceans as a world full of life.

The next room was a relaxation room. We took a rest on a light sofa and watched the rise of the Moon on the screen. There was also a steam curtain. The next room was Man and Water. In this room we saw how important water is for man. We saw the role of water in the human organism. Next room was the history of hydraulic engines. We saw boat and ship models, ways that water was transported, and a video. After that we went to the Water and the City room, where we saw maps of floods in Poland, rivers in Poland, and how cold water was. Then in the last room, States of Water, we saw giant tubes that you could move and create water wave sounds, and we also saw a snowflake spiral.

After that we went back to school and that was the end of our trip. In my opinion, I liked all the things ins the museum, but my favourite things were the holograms and the water tubes. Overall, it was a great trip and I really enjoyed it.

by Anshu Johri

On the 9th of February, we went to Hydropolis, a great museum of Water! It was the best museum I've ever seen! At the entrance I smelled chloride, as if you entered a swimming pool. In fact, there was a water cyclone there! I would say that was my favourite part.

As soon as we entered the museum, it was all dark with water patches around. After a while we entered a room, a dark room. On the wall you could see stars, galaxies, water, and more. Every 5 seconds (I counted) the picture changes into a different one! Also we saw a hologram that had the shape of Earth. It was beautiful! The hologram showed different rivers and the world.

Then we went to a room called Abyss; there we went into a fantastic bathysphere. Only two people at a time were allowed to go in. I went in with Helene, it was so cool! It was like we were down in the deep ocean. Next, Helene, Alicia, Borys, and I went into an area that was all dark with patches of green lights, and I whispered to Borys, "We can make a horror film in here!!" and Borys answered, "Yes!" but in reality it meant to be the deep deep ocean!

Then we moved to an area called The Ocean of Life. There we saw what living animals looked like, what they ate, how they lived, and how they fought to survive. I was a bit disappointed because I understood that there was a real shark, but no, it was only a model of it. But I still liked it!

Relaxation zone! Oh, how relaxing; we sat on luminous chairs, on the wall covered with moss; it was so relaxing. I almost fell asleep there!

The section Man and Water was kind of disgusting because there was a naked, transparent model of a statue of David by Michelangelo (Italian!) I think it showed that even though man and water seem disconnected, in reality they are not, because almost all our body is made of water!

After that, we went to see the history of hydraulic engineering; that was awesome! We saw what machines were used in ancient times to transport water, water wheel, and a spiral that made water go upwards; it had been invented by the Greeks. We could touch everything, and I was surprised, thinking this is the first museum that we can go and touch things!

After a while we went to a room called States of Water. That was amazing! We could touch big hanging tubes, and the made sounds! The first tube made the sound of the winds, the second one controlled snow, and the third made the sound of storm! That was awesome!

I really encourage you to go to the HYDROPOLIS MUSEUM! Go there, it's amazing!

by Nada Mikati

On 09/02/2016 we went to Hydropolis – Museum of Water, on a field trip. In Hydropolis first we saw a water tornado. Then we went to see the Hydropolis map. Later we saw Earth's hologram and it was huge. Then we went the Abyss room. In that room we saw a submersible and we went in it. Then we went to a room named Ocean of Life. In there we saw many fishes and one shark. Then in there was a smaller room with games, like we could control a dolphin. (That was a funny game because the dolphin was moving like a clown). Then we moved to a weird room because there were some sunbeds in front of a huge tv and on tv there was an ocean movie. Later we went to another room, called Man and Water. Then we went to an interesting room. In it were the longest rivers in the world, and a huge hologram of the River Nile, and old machines used for working. There was a machine that I was interested in and it was a water spiral. And there were models of all kinds of boats and ships. One of them was a huge ship used to transport things. Then we went to another room, where we saw Wroclaw maps throughout History, and maps showing flooding in Wroclaw. In the last room were some games, like we could make some ice (not real one). In a movie room we watched videos about water and water systems in the Wroclaw history. Then we took our jackets, had a snack, and went back to school.

In Hydropolis, I liked the old machines the most.

by Batu Erdemir



Bake-a-Cake and Savoury Days

Year 9	April 13, 2016
Year 5 Ravens	April 27, 2016
Year 5 Kangaroos	May 11, 2016



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1. First Round Table with PTA agenda

This week the first Round Table with PTA agenda took place. PTA would like to thank Mr. Peck and Mrs. Peck as management representatives for being so prepared, responsive and constructive in leading the Round Table. We would like to thank also all parents who participated and contributed to the discussion with their questions.

The Round Table showed that parents have many questions, complaints and suggestions. A few such questions regarding very crucial issues were raised during the Round Table even though not being included in the agenda. Please be assured that we are going to follow up on the solution of the raised issues. At the same time, PTA would like to ask all parents to use the opportunity of sending your questions to PTA (e-mail pta@bisc.wroclaw.pl). The Round Table with PTA agenda showed that the issues which were previously sent to PTA e-mail as questions and consequently presented to the school management, had already their solutions in place or in the process of preparation. Therefore, we ask you to be active and take part in creating the agenda for future meetings by sending your questions to PTA. Thus, you will contribute to solving problems faster as we raise these questions to management as soon as possible and the solution of these problems can start.

PTA will highly appreciate also your feedback regarding the Round Table with PTA agenda and we invite any suggestions for improving the Round Tables.

2. Thank you to volunteers

We would like to thank all volunteers who reacted to PTA's call for joining and helping our art teacher Mrs. Lee to prepare an exhibition in welcoming spring into our school. Thank you.

3. Deadline for Uniform Lost & Found

Please note that Lost&Found items currently placed in the box "For PTA and Parents use only" will be available there until April 11. On this day the box will be emptied, uniform items will be considered donated for the PTA Bazaar, non-uniform items will be donated to the charity. Lost&Found items from ski camp will be available at Ms. Natalia, school secretary, until April 11 as well.

STAGGERED HOME TIME PROPOSAL

Dear Parents,

In response to requests to make home time (end of school day) more manageable to parents and children and to relieve congestion in the small villa, the management, having consulted primary teachers, proposes the following change to the Primary School hours:

Foundation hours: 8:15 drop-off – 15:15 home time
Years 5 and 6 – second snack 14:35-14:40, home time 15:25
Years 3 and 4 – second snack 14:35-14:45, home time 15:30
Years 1 and 2 – second snack 14:35-14:50, home time 15:35
After-hours care (Library) begins at 15:35

The change would allow for less stairwell traffic at one time and less congestion in the downstairs cloakrooms. If the change receives positive response from the parents and is approved by the school owners, we would like to test it during the summer term. Please give feedback to your PTA representatives.

Regards,
BISC Management Team

Lunch Menu April 2016

Dear Parents,

I have prepared for you the menu from a different catering company. Please have a look at the chart below. There are 3 possibilities each day. Cost per meal is exactly 10 PLN.

Also, if you have some suggestions let me know and maybe we can do some changes for the future.

04.04	05.04	06.04	07.04	08.04
Sesame-crusted chicken cutlet+ salad +baked potatoes/ rice or French fries	Grilled chicken cutlet + salad + potatoes/rice or French fries	Fried Cod + salad+ potatoes/ rice or French fries	Grilled chicken cutlet + salad + potatoes/ rice or French fries	Meatballs with potatoes and salad
Vegetable pie	Pancakes with cheese and cherries	Hash browns	Pancakes with apple sauce	Toastie with spinach , tomato and mozzarella
11.04	12.04	13.04	14.04	15.04
Devolay with mashed potatoes and salad	Borscht soup + croquet with cheese and mushrooms	Toastie with spinach , tomato and mozzarella	Meat stew with dumplings and salad	Spaghetti with tomato sauce
Pancakes with spinach , feta cheese and sun-dried tomatoes	Penne with vegetables and chicken in cream sauce	Breaded chicken cutlet + salad + potatoes/ rice or French fries	Pancakes with cheese/chocolate	Fried Cod + salad+ potatoes/ rice or French fries

If you prefer there is also a possibility to exchange something from the menu for :

Tomato soup with rice+ bread roll with cheese or salami

Borsch + croquette with cabbage and mushrooms

Of course we can introduce something new according to your preferences. I am waiting for your suggestions.

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(Weekly Winner)



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AROUND BISC WROCLAW



A brief introduction to parents at BISC Wrocław