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There are few things so pleasant as a picnic eaten in perfect comfort.

W Somerset Maugham

Dear Parents,

As I write the sun is streaming in my office window and I trust the balmy conditions continue at least until the PTA Family picnic on Saturday afternoon under the cherry trees from 1pm-3pm. Please bring a rug and a picnic basket and enjoy a few hours of relaxation.

Examinations continue for our IGCSE pupils and they had Science, Mathematics, Geography and English examinations this week. As mentioned before we are using Dębowa as our Examination Hall and this is a more appropriate venue. It does impinge slightly on some after school clubs but there are minimal delays. This week we had an inspection of the centre and the conduct of the examinations from Cambridge International Examinations and they were pleased with the improvements that we had made.

I am sad to inform you that Katarzyna Frankiewicz, School Secretary, will be leaving



us at the end of May to take up a new position in Warsaw. I have the pleasure of working with Miss Kasia every day and it is a great pleasure. I will certainly miss her and I wish her all the very best as she embarks on a new exciting opportunity. We have appointed Miss Oksana Galytska to the position of school secretary. Miss Oksana has been working with Year 1 during this academic year. Over the next two weeks Miss Oksana will be working alongside Miss Kasia to ensure that there is a smooth transition and from May 29th 2017 Miss Oksana will begin her work independently. I wish her much success and happiness in her new role.

The final weeks of the school year are very busy ones with reports, leaving documents, various bureaucratic procedures and many preparations for the

new academic school year. It is therefore important to have a secretary who knows the operation of the school and who is available for this transition period. The school secretary email remains the same and Miss Oksana will get to know you all in the coming weeks.

This weekend a number of Wrocław staff travel to our sister school in Kraków for a day's professional development with training on improving classroom practice delivered by two UK trainers. We thank Kraków for this opportunity and I look forward to learning about the outcomes.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!



Best regards,
Tom McGrath
Head of School



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BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCŁAW - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
15 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 Bike licence Session I 3.30pm – 5.00pm	16	17 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room Savoury Snack Day Year 6 Wolverines	18 Y7-Y10 End of Year Exams Year 2 Dragonflies - Trip to the Książ Castle 8.15am	19 Primary School Assembly 8.35am Secondary School Assembly 10.30am Foundation - Trip to the Transport Museum in Topacz 10.30am Y7-Y10 End of Year Exams Bike licence Session II 3.30pm – 5.00pm	20	21
22 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room Y7-Y10 End of Year Exams Primary students - linguistic competition about France and other French- speaking countries - Part II 8.35am – 9.20am Primary Staff Meeting 3.40pm F1 room, big villa Secondary Staff Meeting 3.40pm F3 room, big villa Bike licence Session III 3.30pm – 5.00pm	23 Y7-Y10 End of Year Exams Year 4 Shoebills – trip to the Adventure Park 10.00am – 2.00pm	24 Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room Savoury Snack Day Year 8 Y7-Y10 End of Year Exams	25 Y7-Y10 End of Year Exams Bike licence Session IV 3.30pm – 5.00pm	26 Primary School Assembly 8.35am Secondary School Assembly 10.30am PTA International Day Bike licence Session V 3.30pm – 5.00pm	27	28

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. Dear Parents,

Please note that on the May 16th our basketball
club will be held on the school premises.

Extra Curricular Activities 2016/2017

ECA	TEACHER	AGE GROUP	WHERE	WHEN
Puzzle Club	Iza Łuczowska	Foundation – Y2	Foundation unit Lipowa	Wednesdays 3.40pm – 4.20pm
Kendo Club	Takaharu Uesugi	Year 1 upwards	Dębowa Gym Dębowa 9b	Tuesdays 3.45pm - 4.35pm
Football Club	Michał Król	Year 1 upwards	School premises	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
Basketball Club	Marcin Kwasiuk	Year 1-5	School premises	Fridays 3.45pm - 5.00pm
Polish Club	Anna Łoboziak	Year 1-6	Year 2 Dragonflies classroom small villa	Tuesdays 3:40pm - 4:20pm
Famous Songs Club	Iwona Sokołowska	Year 3-6	G10 room big villa	Thursdays 3.40pm - 4.20pm
Explorer's Club	Agnieszka Peck	Year 3-6	F1 room big villa	Fridays 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
Computer Club	Magda Cempura	Year 4-6	ICT 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	Magda Mrozowska	Secondary	S6 room big villa	Wednesdays 1.15pm – 1.50pm
Debating Club	Tom McGrath	Secondary	G6 room big villa	Fridays 4.30pm. – 5.30pm
Computer Animation Club	Ian Carr-de Avelon	Secondary	ICT room big villa	Fridays 1.10pm. – 1.50pm
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



Finally it seems that Lady Winter has decided to leave us – hopefully for a while! The first warmer days saw our gardens becoming greener, there were even some lettuces going home!

I am glad to see that our Summer ECAs are very popular and that pupils benefit from numerous

after-school activities.

Please note that we have quite an eventful time coming up. There will be a bike licence course organised after school. It will commence on Monday 15th May. More details can be found on Schoology (All Users).

This Saturday there is the Family Picnic held by the PTA on the school grounds and it looks like the weather has been booked. I wish all participants a good time. While some will make merry, others will learn, like some of our primary staff – Ms. Iza, Ms. Natalia, Ms. Emilie and Mr. Giacomo will attend a Saturday workshop on outstanding classroom practice in our sister school in Cracow. Good luck!

Next Friday, the Primary School will host visitors. Our School participated in a series of workshops for teachers – it is known as Bring Teaching To Life Congress. We will be proudly showing our assembly and some lessons later on. So if you spot a new face on Friday 19th May, please give them a big smile.

And to sum it all up, I would like to pass my congratulations to this week's Stars:

Foundation Bees and Bears - Eun Chan

Year 1 Rabbits - Deniz

Year 2 Dragonflies - Ida

Year 3 Foxes - Cameron, Joseph, Honzik and Geon Woo

Year 4 Owls - Oliwia T. and Oliwia R.

Year 4 Shoebills - Seo Yeong and Akshaya

Year 5 Coyotes - Nagisa

Year 6 Wolverines - Sri and Yeyn

Wishing you a relaxing weekend,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



Students got right back into stride as they came back from the May holiday break last week. Students worked hard studying for their end-of-year exams that are coming up in two weeks, but they were able to let go of some of that stress while playing baseball in their PE classes with Mr Marcin.

Year 11 had a big week with their

GCSE exams and took part in exams for Mathematics, Geography, Science and English as a Second Language. On Monday, A-level students begin their exam season with an Economics test. Keep up the great work students. I am sure you are on your way to top scores on your exams!

Enjoy your weekend,

Joe Peck
Head of Secondary

News from Polish School



„Śpiewać każdy może...”

W zeszłym tygodniu najstarsze klasy szkoły polskiej oraz wielu jej nauczycieli zaangażowani byli w organizację Wrocławskiego Przeglądu Piosenki Anglojęzycznej.

„Noblesse oblige” – zgodnie z sentencją, jako Szkoła Polsko-Brytyjska, podjęliśmy wyzwanie zorganizowania konkursu mającego na celu krzewienie kultury anglosaskiej wśród uczniów szkół

wrocławskich.

Nie było łatwym, spośród licznie nadesłanych nagrań, wyłonienie sześciu finalistów konkursu. Po długich negocjacjach jury doszło jednak do porozumienia i ogłosiło ostateczną listę: uczniów od klasy drugiej szkoły podstawowej do trzeciej gimnazjum...

Licząc na pomoc i wsparcie zaprosiliśmy do współpracy młodzież z Secondary School BISC Wrocław, która po obejrzeniu wszystkich występów zagłosowała na swoich ulubieńców.

Podczas koncertu finałowego niezrównana była nam pomoc Julii Zarzeckiej i Jennifer Świercz, które wystąpiły jako konferansjerki. Brawo dziewczyny! Może czas pomyśleć o przyszłości medialnej? ☺

A kto wygrał? Naprawdę chcecie wiedzieć? Zajrzyjcie zatem na naszą szkolną stronę. Tam dowiecie się wszystkiego :) Miłego weekendu.

Dyrektor Szkoły
Magdalena Mrozowska

Spotlight on Year 11



Year 11 students are in the middle of taking their GCSE exams and they wished to share some of their thoughts on preparing for them.

Noeun

I strongly feel that the curriculum in Year 11 is very tough, but I am trying to have a comfortable attitude about it all. If I get too stressed over studying for the exams, I know that I will do poorly on those exams. So I want to study slowly, with a well-planned daily routine.

I learned, by studying lots of subjects, that having a strong foundation of knowledge gained from younger ages is important. These exams want to test my knowledge so I have to be strong with all things that I have learned until now. So, for students who will be future testers like me, enjoy the time while in school. I am pretty sure though, that you will not regret it in the future if you would put more time into studying as you do playing.

Jeong Min

The IGCSE exams are the first big exams that I need to take. However, there isn't huge pressure to study for them. I think that we do not have to be very concerned about it. Just study hard during your time at school and review a bit at home. When you think that you are late to start studying, it is not too late. Even if you really worry about the exams now, you will know how well the exams look like because you will solve lots of past papers to complete. According to my own experience, do not eat a lot at dinner because you will get too sleepy to study later on.

Hayoon

The Year 11 class is right upon the big exam month and everybody seems to be preparing for the exams, except me. When a big exam is right before you, you will feel quite stressful even when you are 'not studying' for it. Probably, I will learn and memorize most of the book before the exam; however, I am sure that I will forget most of it after the exam. So, for all of the future testers out there, eat lots of food, sleep well and be healthy. I wish you good luck on your future exams and I would kindly ask you to wish me good luck on my exams too. Bye!

Jenny

Preparing for the IGCSE exams is overwhelming. Since this is the first time to take a real IGCSE exam, as it would be for everyone, I felt lost amongst the vast study materials and endless pages of the books. Constantly reading the same text repeatedly and making notes out of other notes really felt like I was wandering in a labyrinth. However, I could feel the knowledge accumulating slowly and steadily, yet I still don't know the way out. One thing I have learned from this preparation period is that it is never too early for studying the IGCSE subjects, but always seems too late once you realize that you need to. So all the future testers, be sure to mark the test dates on a calendar and keep an eye on them and the other one on your books!

Taenam

I find studying Science, especially Biology, to be difficult because of its extensive range of topics. Basically, it is a subject in which you just have to memorize everything. However, teachers give us a lot of support to cope with the difficult material and work hard to help those that are struggling. So, I feel more confident in the end before taking the exams.

HOUSE SCORES 2016/2017



1st

Place

2nd






Place

3rd

Place

4th

Place

HOUSE SCORES	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
				
Weekly Points	3	2	1	4
Weekly Winner				
Total Points	71	66	73	60
Weekly Merits	723	555	550	1382
RANKING	2 nd PLACE	3 rd PLACE	1 st PLACE	4 th 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:

May 17, 2017	Year 6 Wolverines
May 10, 2017	Year 4 Owls
May 24, 2017	Year 8

2. Spring is in the air!

On Saturday May 13th we will be opening the school from 1:00pm till 3:00pm for a family picnic.

Bring your picnic rugs and food for your family and relax or join in with some fun team sports and activities. All are welcome.

Please note, the date might be postponed in the case of bad weather.

3. International Day:

On Friday May 26th we will be holding our annual International Day. Students and Teachers are to come dressed in their National Dress, or Colours of their flag. We will begin at 08:30 with a flag parade and assembly, followed by a tea reception for parents and staff. Please bring a small plate of food from your country to share with our parent/staff community. Primary children will then be separated into groups to participate in activities representing countries from our global community. We hope to see you all there.

4. Family Carnival.

Save the date! On Saturday June 10th we will be having a family Carnival with games, food, & crafts.

More information to follow.


Yours,
PTA

Lunch Menu for May 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 May is now available online.

		15.05	16.05	17.05	18.05	19.05
Soup		Parsnip cream	Beetroot cream with noodles	Asparagus soup	Cream of corn	Celery soup
		White borsch	Sauerkraut soup with tomatoes	Bean soup	Pickled cucumber soup	Vegetable soup
Main course		(Vege) Minty ricotta pancakes, peas with vinaigrette	(Vege) Homemade vegetable pizza with champignons, olives and mozzarella	(Vege) Curry with broccoli and coconut milk, rice, celery salad	(Vege) Vegetable lecho with red bean, buckwheat, beetroot salad	(Vege) Dumplings, beetroot salad
		(Meat) Beef stroganoff, potatoes, peas with vinaigrette	(Meat) Homemade pizza with vegetables, ham and mozzarella	(Meat) Chicken curry with pineapple and coconut milk, rice, celery salad	(Meat) Pork stew, buckwheat, beetroot salad	(Meat) Meat dumplings, beetroot salad
		(Fish) Fish stroganoff, potatoes, peas with vinaigrette	(Fish) Homemade pizza with vegetables, tuna and mozzarella	(Fish) Cod curry with coconut milk, rice, celery salad	(Fish) Sole fish chops, buckwheat, beetroot salad	(Fish) Cod fingers, potatoes, beetroot salad

AROUND BISC WROCLAW

