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Dear Parents and visitors to our website,

As the year draws closer to its end, during this fairly quiet week of Green camp I have been reflecting on the past five years at this school and of course to the future. When I arrived at the school I had a young daughter of 12 and now have a young woman sitting her final A level exams for entry into Portsmouth University; how time flies and how things change! As my family prepares for return to the UK I of course have been seeking work, and having to deal with all the paperwork which goes along with that. As an educator one of the things you are often asked for as part of your application is your educational philosophy as supporting documentation. Although I have a prepared letter I decided to review my philosophy to check for changes over the time I have been here:

1. Students need to learn.

Students want and need to learn as much as they need food, clothing, and shelter. An educator's primary job is to fill that primal need for learning by creating engaging and relevant learning experiences every day. The greatest gift a teacher can give students is motivating them to experience repeated learning success.

2. Students need to be active participants in learning.

Students learn best by doing, and active teaching

encourages active learning. Teachers should treat students as active participants in the learning process, providing them with skills, such as:

- How to study
- How to take notes
- How to memorize
- How to express themselves effectively

These skills will help them be part of a high-performance learning team. Also, students need to be encouraged to explore and research information beyond the confines of the classroom and textbook.

3. Learning is a physiological activity involving the whole body.

The best way to engage a student is to have a solid classroom management plan and a well-planned lesson that is grounded in relevant, purposeful activities designed to enhance that student's knowledge and skills and leave her or him wanting to learn more. Teachers should be strongly aligned with student-centred and student-directed learning that embraces exploration, discovery, experiential learning, and the production of academically rigorous products.

4. Students need structure and repetition to learn.

A teacher should be able to organize a standards-based lesson sequence, successfully implement the plan, and then evaluate student learning. A teacher should be able to create an exciting learning environment that makes it difficult for students to not learn. A teacher should know

how to include all students in learning at their own level, and a teacher should be able to inspire the students to push themselves to the next level.

5. Students need information, knowledge, and skills.

Having access to knowledge resources is as important to a child's education as the actual curriculum content. Relevant and current information must be at the teachers' and students' fingertips to provide answers when the questions are still fresh. Information "on demand" is more valuable than information "just in case."

6. Students need tools and resources.

Students should know how their *taxon* and *locale* memory systems work. Students should have skills and strategies to be able to work effectively in the different levels of the cognitive domain as defined by Benjamin Bloom. Students should be aware of their own learning preferences, and teachers should assist with creating a plan to develop other learning skills. Educational tools are a means to an end. For example, technology used appropriately can greatly magnify the students' capacity to learn and the teachers' capacity to teach, inspire, and motivate. Some things never change.

Have a good weekend,



Best regards,
Wayne Billington
Head of School

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



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BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCŁAW - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May / June 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				20 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. P.T.A. Coffee Morning 9.00a.m. Secondary School Assembly 10.30a.m.	21	22
23 Primary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Year 4 – Charity sale	24 Secondary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Library	25 Usborne Book Sale Year 2 trip to the park Roald Dahl's Reading Competition Submission Deadline	26 Corpus Christi School Closed	27 Corpus Christi School Closed	28	29
30 Primary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m.	31 Secondary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Library Year 3 trip to the Iron Age fort at Biskupin	1 Year 3 trip to the Iron Age fort at Biskupin	2 Secondary Summer Concert 4.00p.m. Big Villa Year 3 trip to the Iron Age fort at Biskupin	3 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. Y13 Graduation 10.30a.m. Big Villa	4	5
6 Primary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m.	7 Secondary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Library Roald Dahl's Reading Competition 1.00p.m. Library	8	9 Secondary Staff Meeting 4.00p.m.	10 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m. Secondary School Assembly 10.30a.m.	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:

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

Contact details:

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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. 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.

4. The BISC Department of Finance & Administration kindly requests that all overdue school fees and examination fees, as well as June tuition fees, are paid by 10th June 2016 at the latest. Please note that in the event of overdue payment, the School reserves the right to withhold all documents referring to the Student, including school records and examination certificates, until the outstanding fees are paid.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: www.bisc.wroclaw.pl

Extra Curricular Activities 2015/2016

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	Sławomir 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.
Discussion Club	Jennifer Jones	Y2 – Y3	Year 3 Foxes room small villa	Tuesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Primary Orchestra	Maciej Pośluszny	Y4 – Y6	G11 room big villa	Tuesdays 3.35p.m. – 4.15p.m.
Homework Club	Agnieszka Peck	Primary	F1 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 Łoboziak	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	Justyna Zając	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 Sokołowska	Parents :)	G10 room big villa	Thursdays 2.00p.m. – 3.25p.m.
Famous British and American songs	Iwona Sokołowska	Y3 – Y6	G10 room big villa	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



This week we enjoyed peace and quiet around the school.....well, not exactly, as giggly and chatty Year 1 Rabbits did not go on the camp! Mr. Phil was proud to be the tamer of that rabbit gang for most of the week, successfully. Other classes, such as Years 2 and 4 shrank dramatically (4 students each) but still managed to do quite a chunk of learning. Year 2 Butterflies studied plants and did gardening with the PTA

volunteers (thank you, PTA!) while Year 4 went on a school quest and made models of concentric castles.

I am very happy to inform everyone that last Friday (before the camp) the whole primary got together to dance the "Belgian Dance". We think we did very well – you can check yourselves and see the video on our school website at <http://bisc.wroclaw.pl/news/belgiandance>

On Thursday we decided to do a bit of sports. We had 58 adults and children dancing Zumba at the same time and we even had a Zumba battle! The two battling teams, led by Ms. Iwona and myself, did their utmost to conquer the other side, but it all ended well in a friendly circle. Finally, we indulged ourselves in some delicious ice-cream.

Now it is time for REMINDERS:

- **Monday 23rd May Charity Sale by Year 4 – Afghani food and class-made CDs + a lottery!**

- **Wednesday 25th May Usborne Book Sale – get your pocket money ready :-)**

- **CONCERTS: Friday 17th June at 2:45 Foundation, Wednesday 22nd June all Primary**

Here are our non-camping Stars this week:

Foundation Bees – Elodie

Foundation Turtles - Vittoria

Year 1 Rabbits – Seoyul

Year 2 Butterflies – Honzik

Year 3 Otterox – all Otteroxes

Year 4 Shoebills, a.k.a. KLAS - Seoin

Year 5 Ravenroos - Koto

Year 6 Jaguars – Anshu, Borys, David, Helene, Johannes and Kaito

Congratulations, Stars!

Wishing you a good weekend,

Anna Witańska
Head of Primary

News from Head of Secondary



It has been a very quiet week in the Big Villa with most of the secondary students attending Green Camp. Students who remained at the school this week enjoyed their lessons and made good use of the time with exam revision.

Year 11 to 13 kept up with the vigorous testing schedule and completed exams in Economics, French, ICT, Maths, History, German, Business Studies, Korean and Spanish. The students are holding up quite well and are feeling very confident about their performance on these exams. Keep up the excellent work everyone!

Enjoy the weekend,

Joe Peck
Head of Secondary

Spotlight on The Graduates of Year 13



Da Bin Dang

My plan for now is to enter Wroclaw University of Technology (mechanics and machinery buildings) or Warsaw University of Technology (Aerospace engineering). After I graduate from university, I am planning to go back to Korea and study for Masters degree.



Victoria Billington

I can hardly believe that my time at school is coming to an end. I would like to say I am thankful for the experience, knowledge and wisdom than I have gained throughout these years, as well as a few good memories that I can keep forever. However I am extremely excited to begin a new chapter in my life, one that will hopefully be filled with new possibilities, challenges and rewards.

I am going to continue my education in England, at the University of Portsmouth. I will be studying 'International Relations and German'. This course will hopefully provide me with enough knowledge to continue my education into a Masters degree, after which I will ideally be able to pursue my career dream in becoming part of the United Nations or some other organisation striving to achieve global peace and further global awareness.

I'd like to thank all my teachers for their hard work, helping through some of the hardest years in my life so far, and to a few people at school who made my experience more bearable and enjoyable!

Matthieu Denis

I am very excited to the idea of finishing my final year at BISC and going to university. These last two years in 6th form have not been the simplest but have still taught me quite a lot. I'd like to thank all my teachers who helped me progress throughout this school year and complete the A level program! I intend to go study biotechnology in Paris in the near future but I will first attend a scientific preparation school in Angiers or Lyon. I wish everyone the best of luck for their future.



Capucine Denis

I am undoubtedly delighted to the idea of finishing my school years and entering university life! As a 6th form student, these last years have been very difficult, stressful, emotional, constantly put under pressure with exams, and decision making towards our future path! I am grateful to the those who always supported me and stood right beside me, as these years have not always been easy.

I'd like to thank as well my teachers, for helping through my work, and making my upcoming study choices available. My forthcoming destination has not been yet decided as we get exam results late in the summer, but I am planning to pursue my education in the UK, (media & communication course), and have Paris (advertisement & communication course), and Wroclaw (psychology / journalism - PR) as a back up plan. For the rest, we will see what the future brings me, best of luck to all!



Spotlight on The Graduates of Year 13



Luke Chen

Since starting A-Levels at BISC Wrocław, I have gained many new experiences and there have been several people who have assisted me through it. I personally don't want to give any names for several reasons, including too many people to name but also embarrassment, though I'm sure that they know who they are.

When I first arrived at the school, everything was unknown and the task of meeting new people was rather intimidating. The first day, sadly, was raining but fortunately, I met some friendly students and teachers. Their hospitality and efforts had made me feel welcomed and despite the poor weather, a sense of warmth could be felt. For example, there were people helping me with selecting the right subjects to take. Recalling back, everything seems to have went by very quickly with my second year now nearing its end.

An important aspect of education is the teaching staff and I feel that they don't get enough credit for what they do. The dedicated teachers have provided invaluable assistance throughout my time here and I am very grateful for their help. Truthfully, there were some ups and downs but they have aided me in many ways.

For instance, there have been teachers who stayed after class or after school hours to provide me with further knowledge and practice. I would think that this is outside of their scope but these teachers have done it nonetheless. Other kind gestures include caring about my other school subjects or my personal health.

Most importantly, they supported me and helped me to prepare for the examinations which could potentially decide my future. Right now, my focus is to continue my studies in the UK and from there discover new future paths. I don't have a clear goal in mind but I'm sure the help that I have received will be useful.

Thank you!

Hajeong Doo

After graduation, I have decided to go back to Korea to seek a great job of medication also I have started thinking about learning new language, Chinese (as the China is economic is growing rapidly). After getting in to the University, My current plan is to travel around the world as much as I can.



Mr. Graham

Being Year 13 Form Tutor always makes for an interesting year. It's exciting and at times stressful helping students get ready for life at university and making sure everyone is on track with their requirements. This year is a little bit unusual as I am also leaving BISC, but unlike our students who are moving onto something new, I am going full-circle and will be working at the school I attended from Nursery to Year 6 in Hong Kong.

I would like to congratulate my form on their achievements and wish them all the very best of luck in the next chapter of their lives!

Stay in touch!



„Węgielek” Animal Shelter by Kinga Jahl



My name is Kinga, I am from Year 5 Kangaroos. I would like to tell you about a foundation for dogs and cats near our school. On the bottom this page you can find more information about exactly where it is.



Now when I am already familiar with the foundation, I know that before I was blind. I knew that lots of dogs and cats don't have a family and are closed in scary, gloomy cages. Some people just say "Bad luck" without much thinking. Let's try to feel or at least think how those animals can feel, after being thrown out of the car or house, when they lost everything they had before. Most of those dogs and cats finish in small cages with a horrible sickness.

And the thing that they have and people don't is that if it happened to one of us, we would give up. We would sit in a corner and burst into tears. But this is what we would do. The dogs, even if they had a rubbish life, not knowing why, they still will have hope that they can still live and show everybody that even if somebody made you a cripple you shouldn't give up. They want to just show all the people and animals which are disadvantaged by fate that they have to go on, that they have to do more and more, that they have to make their dreams come true.



I'm telling you this because most of the dogs and cats had similar stories. Some of the animals there are blind, dying, don't have legs and so on. I know that most people would love to have a little, cute puppy but if you understand those animals like me and my friends and if you still have a bit of empty space in your heart, help them.

You will offer them a helping hand if you give the foundation people, or me, stuff for those animals like food, pillows or toys. The dogs would also be extremely happy if you took them for walks or just cuddled them. Of course all the animals are waiting for an adoption so if you like one of the cats or dogs, than you can take them home for a few days to check how they behave. The animals are for free.



You can find even more information on their page: <http://fundacijawegielek.org/>

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1. International Day 2016

International Day 2016 is re-scheduled for June 18, 2016.

2. Lost&Found news:

Please check if your children have their spring jackets, all uniform and PE sweaters and cardigans at home. If they are missing something, there are several spring jackets in one plastic box and many uniform and non-uniform sweaters and cardigans in the second box at the Lost&Found corner in the basement floor of Small Villa. Please note there are all Lost&Found items, also for the Secondary students.

Donation of uniforms your children have outgrown or do not need anymore due to your family leaving - If you wish to donate uniform items (only in good condition), please pack them in a closed plastic bag and mark as a "Donation" so we don't try to return items back to their owners. PTA would like to kindly ask parents to obey that Lost&Found corner in Small Villa is designated only for Lost&Found items and not for leaving there clothes which your children have grown out of. Unfortunately, PTA have neither personal capacity nor storage space for handling non-uniform items which are left there as a "donation". Non-uniform items sell very little during the PTA Bazaars. Therefore, it is unreasonable to store second-hand non-uniform items for the next Bazaar which will take place during the next academic year. The only exception is donation of uniforms. Thank you.

At the end of the school year all Lost&Found uniform items which will not be collected by their owners will be considered donated for PTA Bazaar, non-uniform items will be packed and taken to charity. Therefore, collect your children's wear which you want to have back.

Please sign the uniforms. That huge pile of Lost&Found would not have to be there at school if at least the uniforms were signed.

3. Round Table with PTA agenda

Please keep in mind that you are very welcome to send your comments, questions and complaints, as well as observations about positive things happening at school, to PTA e-mail address pta@bisc.wroclaw.pl . PTA will discuss your concerns with the school management and will work towards finding a solution to the problems you would point out.

Lunch Menu May / June 2016

PRICE - 10 PLN per meal

Every day you can choose between 2 available meals.

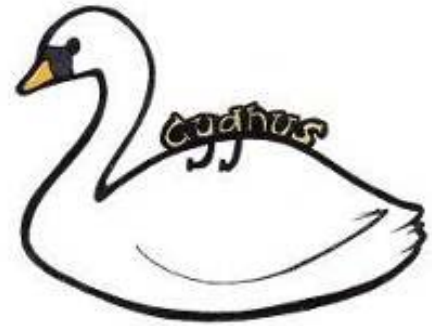
23.05	24.05	25.05	26.05	27.05
Devolay with mashed potatoes and salad	Meat stew with dumplings and salad	Potato dumplings in mushroom sauce with salads	School Closed	School Closed
Pancakes with cheese and cherries or chocolate	Penne with vegetables in cream sauce	Breaded chicken cutlet + salad + potatoes/ rice or French fries		
30.05	31.05	01.06	02.06	03.06
Risotto with chicken& veggies	Breaded chicken cutlet+ salad +baked potatoes/ rice or French fries	Cod + salad+ potatoes/ rice or French fries	Meatballs with potatoes and salad	Potato dumplings in mushroom sauce with salads
Hash browns	Spaghetti bolognese	Dumplings + tomato soup with rice	Pancakes with cheese/chocolate	Penne with vegetables in cream sauce
06.06	07.06	08.06	09.06	10.06
Devolay with mashed potatoes and salad	Meat stew with dumplings and salad	Penne with vegetables in cream sauce	Chicken burger with fries	Toastie with spinach , tomato and mozzarella
Pancakes with spinach, feta cheese and dried tomatoes	Borscht + croquet with broccoli	Breaded chicken cutlet + salad + potatoes/ rice or French fries	Camembert in cranberry-horseradish sauce	Sesame-crust chicken cutlet + salad + baked potatoes/ rice or French fries

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

1. Tomato soup with rice+ bread roll with cheese/salami
2. Sour rye soup with egg + bread roll with cheese/salami
3. Borscht + bread roll with cheese/salami

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