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## ISSUE 33 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

**"One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters."**

**George Herbert**

Dear Parents,

My warmest wishes to all the fathers in the school community as this Friday in Poland is marked as Father's Day. I trust that your children will show you great love, appreciation and respect especially throughout this weekend and every day. Friday is also International Day in the school and we are preparing for this important celebration of our diversity, distinctiveness and our love for our own culture and traditions. For those away from their home country the issue of identity becomes a major topic and within our community we have children who identify with a range of cultures.

Our external examinations at IGCSE and A-Level concluded this week and I thank Mr Peck for

## BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW

# NEWSLETTER

## WEEKLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



timetabling this so well and to all the invigilators who ensured it ran so smoothly. The results will become available in late August and we will be communicating these to pupils as soon as they are published.

We also had Sports Day on Monday. I was occupied with exam invigilation but by all accounts it was an enjoyable and exciting day and I thank Mr Marcin and all the staff for supporting this event.

Since the announcement of my departure last week I have been working closely with Mr Andy Harris, School Director and successor, to ensure a smooth transition. Andy is very familiar with the school and has a long association with BISC Wroclaw. Each week from Monday to Wednesday we are spending numerous hours going through processes and documents to ensure that Andy is up to speed on all aspects of the school. Following the end of the school academic year we will also continue this handover until my departure.

Within this week's newsletter we have some important information on staffing, as well as some other procedures and updates.

In addition, included with this week's

newsletter is our school development plan for the following three years. This document presents the school's vision up to the end of this decade and demonstrates the commitment of the owners to the further growth and improvement of this wonderful school. There are many reasons to be optimistic.

- We expect a modest increase in pupil numbers in Sept 2017 that arrests a decline in recent years.

- There are ambitious plans to invest in technology that will have a positive impact on teaching and learning and school administration.

- The school has now a sustainable budget going forward.

- The school has an excellent team of committed staff dedicated to the school.



Best regards,  
Tom McGrath  
Head of School



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
<p>Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room</p> <p>Primary students - linguistic competition about France and other French- speaking countries- Part II 8.35am- 9.20am</p> <p>Foundation End of Year Concert 9.00am Foundation Unit</p> <p>Secondary School - End of Year Concert - Dress rehearsal at Firlej 9.00am – 1.00pm ul. Grabiszyńska 56</p> <p>Primary Staff Meeting 3.40pm F1 room, big villa</p> <p>Secondary Staff Meeting 3.40pm F3 room, big villa</p>	<p>Primary school (Y1-Y6) - End of Year Concert - Dress rehearsal at Firlej 9.00am – 3.00pm Y1-Y3 - 9am - 12pm Y4-Y6 - 12pm - 3pm ul. Grabiszyńska 56</p> <p>Secondary school - End of Year Concert at Firlej 7.00pm ul. Grabiszyńska 56</p>	<p>Morning briefing All Staff Members 8.20am – 8.30am ICT room</p> <p>Primary school (Y1-Y6) - End of Year Concert at Firlej 5.00pm – 8.00pm ul. Grabiszyńska 56</p>	<p>House Winners Party</p>	<p>Primary School Assembly 8.35am</p> <p>Secondary School Assembly 10.30am</p> <p>End of School Year - Half day School closes at 12.05pm</p> <p>Torrance Legacy competition - Submission deadline</p>		

### 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:

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#### 2. School doctor

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

#### 3. Linguistic competition

Dear Parents and Students,  
Please note, that the linguistic competition about France and other French-speaking countries (Part II) is postponed until June 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### 4. June 30<sup>th</sup> 2017

The school closes at 12pm on June 30<sup>th</sup> and the playground and pitch are not available that afternoon as there is a school staff event to mark the end of the school day. Please collect your children promptly that day and vacate the premises at 12pm.

#### 5. Reminder from the Finance Department

The BISC Department of Finance & Administration kindly requests that all overdue school fees and examination fees are paid by 27th June 2017 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.

## 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
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
Explorer's Club	Agnieszka Peck	Year 3-6	F1 room big villa	Fridays 3.40pm – 4.20pm
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	Thursdays 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



The last two weeks of school seem busier than usual this year. This week we were preoccupied not only with rehearsals but also with preparation for the International Day. There was also the Transition Day on Thursday when children could meet their next year's teachers and/or get to know what kind of work they will be doing next year. On Wednesday Year 1 Rabbits had a well-enjoyed outing to a farm.

As you know, we will have two primary concerts in the upcoming week:

Foundation (Foundation Unit, Lipowa) – starts at 9am on Monday

Years 1-6 (Firlej Theatre, ul. Grabiszyńska 56) – starts at 5 pm on Wednesday

First part - Years 1-3 performance, a short break, then Years 4-6 performance.

How to get to the Theatre? Here's how:



This week we announced the winners of our gardening competition, the Golden Wheelbarrow. The Garden Committee, consisting of Mr. Marek Kielar, Ms. Elwira Latawiec and Ms. Oksana Galytska decided that the prizes go to the following classes:

1<sup>st</sup> prize – Year 3 Foxes

2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Year 6 Wolverines

3<sup>rd</sup> prize – Year 5 Coyotes

Well done!

The Stars of the Week, here they come:

Foundation Bees and Bears – Yukhta and Lara

Year 1 Rabbits – Jun Woo

Year 2 Dragonflies - Lena

Year 3 Foxes – Geon Woo

Year 4 Owls – Soo Kyeom

Year 4 Shoebills – Mihir, Seo Yeong, Louisa, Safiya

Year 5 Coyotes – Jessica and Deepali

Year 6 Wolverines – all Wolverines

Wishing you a nice weekend and looking forward to our concerts next week,

Anna Witańska  
Head of Primary

## News from Head of Secondary



Exams for IGCSE and A-Levels concluded this week which brought a huge sigh of relief to those who took part in them. I would like to congratulate all of our pupils in Year 9 to Year 13 who worked very hard this year to prepare for these exams. I am certain their results will match their outstanding revision efforts.

Our secondary students have also been quite busy with rehearsals for the secondary concert that will be held at the Firlej Theater Tuesday evening. They are busy learning their lines and coordinating their dance steps, so it should be a great show.

Enjoy your weekend,

Joe Peck  
Head of Secondary

## News from Polish School



**„Zwyciężyć mogą ci, którzy wierzą, że mogą.”**

**Wergiliusz**

Nasze dzieciaki uwierzyły i dzięki temu wszystkie odniosły w tym roku olbrzymie zwycięstwo!

Nie jest łatwo podjąć wyzwanie realizacji dwóch programów jednocześnie. Wiele osób ma przed tym obawy i nie powinno to dziwić nikogo. Z pewnością wymaga to siły charakteru, talentu, albo po prostu chęci i wiary we własne (i swoich dzieci) możliwości :)

A tego wszystkiego uczniom polskiej szkoły nie brakuje. Dowodem na to niech będą tutaj niewiarygodne liczby:

- średnia ocen wszystkich uczniów: **4,8**
- średnia ocen 5,0 i wyżej: **50%**
- świadectwa z czerwonym paskiem: **70 %**

Tego jeszcze nie było!!!

Gorąco dziękuję Nauczycielom, Uczniom i ich Rodzicom, czyli wszystkim, którzy na ten ogromny sukces zapracowali!

Dumna Pani Dyrektor Szkoły  
Magdalena Mrozowska



# Spotlight on Year 2 Dragonflies

It is nearly the end of the school year we would like to share some memories with you. We have been working very hard but we have also enjoyed our trips: Boleslawiec, Duszniki Zdroj and Castle Ksiaz. Year 2 has been full of new learning experiences and Dragonflies feel like they are ready to go to Year 3. This week children wrote letters to Ms Jen introducing themselves, expressing their excitement, worries, asking questions and suggesting some ideas for the future trips. These are some of our favourite quotes:

Dear Ms Jen:

"I'm the cheekiest child in our class." Eric

"I like helping everybody and I am excited to go to year 3." Julia

"I like playing with Ms Jen." Ah Rin

"I like holiday and my favourite day is Friday" Ga Eun

"Will the work be hard or easy?" Charlie

"I love to learn." Olek

"I'm a vegetarian but I will eat a chicken too." Krishna

"Can we go to a castle for a trip?" Seoyul

"I like learning about the world." Larisa

"My favourite film is Charlie and the Chocolate factory." Ida

"My favoutite lesson is science because I want to be a vet." Lena

We would like to wish you a pleasant weekend.

Ms Ewelina, Ms Marta and the Dragonflies



## Uniform Requirements

Dear Parents,

Here are the uniform requirements for 2017-2018 and we also include details of two options for purchase.

### YEARS 1 to 11

**Boys:** shirt and tie/polo shirt, long-trousers and V-neck sweater. Summer term, as before with option to change to polo-shirt and to wear shorts if desired. Shoes to be black or dark-brown with grey socks if shorts worn. PE – white T-shirt, blue shorts, blue track-top and jog-pants with white sports socks. Coat – parents' choice.

**Girls:** blouse and tie/polo shirt, choice of skirt, trousers, pinafore, and cardigan. Summer term, as before with the option to change to summer-dress if desired. White socks should be worn with skirts and dresses. Shoes should be black or dark-brown (no high-heels or platforms). Coat – parents' choice.

**SIXTH FORM** – School uniform is optional. Dress from home should follow the dress code on appropriateness and modesty.

For parents who wish to purchase school uniform there are two options available.

#### 1. In Poland:

The school uses the company Mark Mundurki from Gdańsk.

In order to obtain the school uniform, you need to enter into your computer the following link **www.mark-mundurki.pl** and then click on 'internet shop,' after which you enter our password **biscw** (you will note the option of languages on the right-hand side).

This company can arrange the polo shirt with school logo as well as the other parts of the uniform.

The main complaint from parents has been the quality and cost of items.

In Poland uniforms are rarely used in schools so it is difficult to find a good supplier.

#### 2. Next Online

Many parents attest to the quality of the polo shirts from this supplier.

The code for the polo shirt is <http://www.next.co.uk/g75462s6>

Shorts trousers and skirts are also available on their catalogue.

The polo shirt comes without the logo but we are investigating having iron-on and stitch-on logos available at the school for parents.

We will also be ordering extra house badges and we are looking at a house T shirt that pupils would use for PE.

Tom McGrath

Head of School

The school is pleased to announce that it plans to make some substantial investments both in IT software and hardware in the academic year 2017-2018.

In terms of software we wish to roll out a software solution called SIMS (School Information Management System). This will allow us to hold pupil data in a more efficient and secure way and to allow staff to build up profiles of pupil progress, academic achievement, archives of reports and disciplinary record. It will also make the enquiry process to the school more efficient and user friendly and will enable better communication and school organisation.

To host this system, the school will invest in a network server that will allow all staff to access pupil data as needs be and in line with data protection protocols in Poland.

We will also be installing a second server to host pupil and staff resources in a central base again accessible on all networked devices in the school through password codes. This will help in the quality of teaching and learning.

We are also planning to update the ICT lab operating systems so that they are homogenous and that all the computers are networked to the server.

We also have a plan for a pilot tablet project in secondary with a set of 8 tablets.

This is a substantial investment in a technology upgrade at BISC Wrocław and is possible through the 2% increase in fees for the academic year 2017-2018.

Tom McGrath  
Head of School

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to confirm the details of the class teachers in primary and the form tutors in secondary for 2017-2018.

Primary Class Teachers 2017/2018		
Year Group	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Year 1	New British Teacher	Natalia Tomasik
Year 2	Ewelina Pachla	
Year 3	Jennifer Jones	Nancy Pliego Blancas
Year 4	Anna Witańska	
Year 5 (Former Year 4 Owls)	Agnieszka Peck	Giacomo Geminiani
Year 5 (Former Year 4 Shoebills)	New British Teacher	
Year 6	Danny Young	Dorota Hart

- We are completing our recruitment at present and hope to announce appointments for Year 5 and Year 1 shortly
- All the assistants other than Dorota Hart work exclusively as Teaching Assistants.
- Year 1 and Year 2 are small classes and will share an assistant. If there is further growth here we will consider an extra assistant.
- Year 3 and Year 4 will have a shared assistant.
- There will be one assistant across the two Year 5 classes.
- Dorota Hart will also have some EAL duties but will work with Year 6.

Secondary Form Tutors 2017/2018	
Year Group	Form Tutor
Year 7	Joe Peck
Year 8	Phil Hart
Year 9	Ewa Gołębek
Year 10	Anna Kawczyńska
Year 11	
Year 12	Alex Sitkowiecki
Year 13	

- Please note that Year 7 will be together as a form group but will be divided into two teaching groups for certain subjects.
- For IGCSE and A level programmes there will be one form tutor per examination programme.





As I will be taking over as Head of School at BISC Wroclaw from August 2017, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I came to live in Poland in August 1992, and in September 1995 I co-founded The British International School of Cracow, together with Wendy, Pawel and Wiesiek. I ran the Krakow school with Wendy for the first eleven years, and in 2006, based on an invitation from Wroclaw City Council, the four of us co-founded the British International School of Wroclaw. Wendy and I co-directed this new venture for the next two years, and from 2008 till 2010 I took over as Head of School. From 2011 to 2013 I ran BISC Łódź.

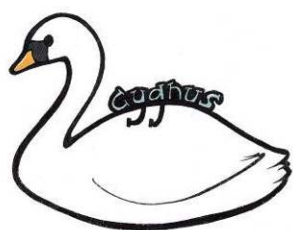
My teaching experience at a variety of schools in England, and as examination officer and teacher of music at an international school in Warsaw, provided me with a wealth of experience and a deep insight into education. In 2005 I was awarded the ECIS (European Council of International Schools) award for the 'Promotion of International Education.' Despite the occasional stresses and strains of being Head of School, I must say that I thoroughly enjoy the experience. Working with such wonderful students, teachers and parents from all corners of the globe is a privilege. The first and foremost responsibility of the Head is to create the right kind of educational and social environment in which everyone can benefit, above all the pupils.

When Tom announced that he was leaving, I immediately offered to take over as Head of School. I have wonderful memories of BISC Wroclaw and I'm thoroughly looking forward to returning to my former post. Over the coming weeks I will be in Wroclaw for a few days each week in order to ensure that there is a smooth transition and be available to answer any questions that parents might have.

I look forward to a warm and mutually beneficial cooperation with all of you next academic year.

Andy Harris

# HOUSE SCORES 2016/2017 GRAND FINALE



1<sup>st</sup>

Place

2<sup>nd</sup>

Place

3<sup>rd</sup>

Place

4<sup>th</sup>

Place

	Cygnus	Phoenix	Lupus	Pegasus
HOUSE SCORES				
Weekly Points	2	1	4	3
Sports Day - Points	4	4	4	3
Weekly Winner				
Total Points	89	81	87	78
Weekly Merits	848	804	1179	904
Total Merits	16350	13405	15406	13727
RANKING 2016/2017	1 <sup>st</sup> PLACE WINNER!!! 	3 <sup>rd</sup> PLACE	2 <sup>nd</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

## Lunch Menu for June 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 June is now available online.

	26.06	27.06	28.06	29.06	30.06
	Champignon soup	Cream of courgette	Potato leek soup	End of the Academic Year 2016/2017	
Soup	Borsch	Tomato soup with rice	Vegetable soup		
Main course	(Vege) Vegetable skewers, bulgur, pickled cucumber salad	(Vege) Pearl barley with caramelized carrot, raisins and shredded coconut, coleslaw	(Vege) Pasta with spinach and chickpeas, salad with tomatoes and vinegar sauce		
	(Meat) Chicken skewers, bulgur, pickled cucumber salad	(Meat) Meatloaf, pearl barley, coleslaw	(Meat) Pasta with spinach and chicken, salad with tomatoes and vinegar sauce		
	(Fish) Bulgur with tuna and vegetables, pickled cucumber salad	(Fish) Cod fillet, pearl barley, coleslaw	(Fish) Pasta with spinach and salmon, salad with tomatoes and vinegar sauce		



# AROUND BISC WROCLAW

