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## ISSUE 33 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Dear Parents and visitors to our website,

An important announcement is that next week on Thursday and Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of June, the school's new Headteacher Mr. Tom McGrath will be visiting. As part of this visit the PTA has kindly arranged a coffee morning at 0900am on Friday, so that if you wish you will have a chance to meet him. Mr. McGrath's visit is a fact-finding exercise which will allow him the opportunity to meet pupils, parents and staff and get familiar with the school in preparation for next September.

As a military historian I will be remembering that 1<sup>st</sup> of July this year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of the Somme which turned out to be one of the deadliest battles in history, the Somme came to embody all the horror of the First World War. The Somme became a byword for senseless slaughter as the Allies gained just six miles over 141 days of bloodshed.

The Battle of the Somme was one of the costliest engagements of the First World War. In the summer of 1916 the line of trenches demarcating the Western Front stretched from the English Channel across the length of France to the Swiss border. At Verdun, near the middle of this line, French and German troops were bogged down in a battle of attrition. The objective of the Somme offensive was to relieve the pressure on Verdun and to push the British line forward.

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW

# NEWSLETTER

WEEKLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



The attack began July 1, 1916 with a predominately British force clambering out of its trenches and crossing No Man's Land under withering German machinegun and artillery fire. The attack soon stalled and deteriorated into disaster. On that day the British suffered almost 60,000 casualties making it the bloodiest day in British military history. Undeterred, the British command ordered the assault to continue the next day with the hope of breaking through the German lines. This attempt and the others that followed through the summer and fall months produced no breakthrough. Finally, with the approach of winter in November, the battle was abandoned. The final tally included 420,000 British casualties, 200,000 French and the Germans 500,000. The reward for this effort was the six-mile movement of the British front line into German territory.

As a tribute to all those that have died in war I thought a poem by my favourite World War one poet would be apt as memorial in remembrance:

*Anthem for Doomed Youth*  
by Wilfred Owen:

What passing-bells for these who die as cattle?

— Only the monstrous anger of the guns.

Only the stuttering rifles' rapid rattle

Can patter out their hasty orisons.

No mockeries now for them; no prayers nor bells;

Nor any voice of mourning save the choirs,—

The shrill, demented choirs of wailing shells;

And bugles calling for them from sad shires.

What candles may be held to speed them all?

Not in the hands of boys, but in their eyes

Shall shine the holy glimmers of goodbyes.

The pallor of girls' brows shall be their pall;

Their flowers the tenderness of patient minds,

And each slow dusk a drawing-down of blinds.

Have a good weekend,



Best regards,  
Wayne Billington  
Head of School



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				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  Year 4 trip to Kowalowe SKały  Year 5 trip to Szklarska Poręba	8 Year 4 trip to Kowalowe SKały  U-11 Athletics Competition for the representatives of Year 2	9 U-11 Athletics Competition for the representatives of Years 3 and 5  Secondary Staff Meeting 4.00p.m.	10 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m.  P.T.A. Coffee Morning with the new Head of the School Mr.Tom McGrath 9.15a.m.  Secondary School Assembly 10.30a.m.	11	12
13 Primary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m.	14 Secondary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Library	15 Sports Day in Primary School	16	17 Primary School Assembly 8.35 a.m.  Secondary School Assembly 10.30a.m.  Foundation End of Year Concert 2.45p.m. Foundation Unit	18 P.T.A. International Day  12.00 – 15.00	19
20 Primary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m.  Sports Day in Secondary School	21 Secondary Morning Briefing 8.15a.m. Library  Primary School End of Year Concert Dress Rehearsal at Firlej ul. Grabiszyńska 56	22 Primary School End of Year Concert Firlej ul. Grabiszyńska 56	23 House Assembly 8.30a.m.	24 Whole School Assembly 10.30a.m.  End of the Academic Year 2015/2016 12.05p.m.  Staff Party 12.30 p.m.	25	26

## 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. 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.

## 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 marvelled at the greenness seeping from the school gardens. The lettuces and radishes seem to rather enjoy the weather. A few classes have already tasted some of their crops – and loved it!

This week we had some trips taking place. Year 1 Rabbits visited the local fire station to learn about

People Who Help Us. The photographic evidence confirms that staff and pupils were equally enthusiastic about using the hose. On Thursday Year 2 Butterflies hopped on a bus to visit The Książ Castles and have a ride in a horse-drawn carriage. Last, but not least, Year 3 Foxes and Otters went on their long-awaited trip to Biskupin to discover the secrets of early settlements, ancient weapons and pottery.

**I am pleased to inform the parents that next week, on Wednesday and Thursday, representatives of Year 2, 3 and 5 will take part in Athletics Competitions against other Wrocław primary schools.**

Primary Concert Reminder :-)

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 2:45 Foundation, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June all Primary**

Meet our Stars of the Week:

Foundation Bees - Lara  
Foundation Turtles - Luke  
Year 1 Rabbits - Keito, Julia and Jaime  
Year 2 Butterflies - Seinosuke  
Year 3 Otters - all Otters  
Year 3 Foxes - Yash and Didac  
Year 4 Shoebills - Maks and Seoin  
Year 5 Ravens - Sunmin and JinHwan  
Year 5 Kangaroos - Gayeon and Kinga  
Year 6 Jaguars - Noann, David and Johannes

Congratulations, Stars!

Wishing you a good weekend,

Anna Witańska  
Head of Primary

## News from Head of Secondary



It has been a very busy week for students and teachers. Although upper-secondary students enjoyed a week without exams, there were important events throughout the week that kept everyone on their toes.

Y7-Y11 students spent the first part of the week rehearsing for the summer concert and used most of their play time going through their dance routines. The play offered speaking roles for everyone and students enjoyed getting into character and saying their lines during regular class sessions.

The week ended with the graduation ceremony for Y13. Students took time to reflect on all their years of hard work and the accomplishments that derived from their dedication. I wish the graduating class all the best in their future endeavours.

I would also like to take this moment to thank Mr. Graham Lewis for putting together a fabulous rendition of The Canterbury Tales and coordinating the graduation ceremony. The play was humorous and exciting to watch and Mr. Graham created an environment for the graduation that will have lasting memories.

Mr. Kuba Stefaniszyn has worked tirelessly to help the students learn new songs for the summer concert and has been available during unscheduled hours to ensure students were comfortable with the material. Thanks Mr. Kuba, your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Enjoy the weekend everyone,

Joe Peck  
Head of Secondary



# Spotlight on Foundation

This year the Foundation children have enjoyed many outings into our local community.

These include the pumpkin festival, picking apples in an orchard and visiting the local vets office. The children also visited the local shops to buy plants for our little garden and food for cooking.

They also went to the parks near our school to look for signs of the changing seasons.

The two favourite places was definitely the train museum and fire station.

A busy year full of happy memories!

*Nichola Lewis  
Iza Łuczowska*





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## 1. International Day 2016

International Day 2016 is taking place on June 18, 2016 from 12:00 till 15:00. The International Day will start with an opening ceremony – parade with children entering the school yard behind their national flags. Therefore it's important to be at school on time for the beginning of the program. Children should wear their national costumes or clothes in the colors of their flag for the parade (a small flag fixed on shirt, cap in flag colors, football player's dress of the national team etc.). The parade will be followed by a cultural program. Children will have an opportunity to change for the casual wear before going to bouncing castles and other activities. Please prepare for them casual wear to change if your children will be wearing national costumes or something you don't want them to make dirty.

Food – all families should bring some food typical to their home country to create a food buffet to share with all participants. There is going to be also a Starbucks stall at the venue. Therefore, please think in advance about having smaller value bank notes with you.

Raffle – children will bring home envelopes with numbered tickets in them. Each envelope will contain 2 sets of tickets, each set having 10 tickets. Cost of each set (10 tickets) is 10 PLN. You can buy tickets only in whole sets, only in tens. Tickets have each number in pairs. After purchasing the tickets, one ticket of the same number will serve as entry for each attraction or activity for children, for each plate with cutlery to pick up food and as a raffle entry automatically. The second ticket of the same number you should keep as your reference number for the raffle prize draw. Each ticket used for activities & food will be automatically entered in the raffle draw. The envelopes must be returned to class teachers by next Friday, June 10, either with money enclosed for the tickets or with tickets to return if you are not going to attend International Day or are not interested in purchasing the tickets. There will be an opportunity to buy additional ticket sets also on the day of the event.

Raffle Prize Donation – raffle prize donations can be dropped off at Ms.Natalia's, school secretary's office.

## 2. Coffee Morning with the new Head of the School Mr.Tom McGrath:

On Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, a coffee morning with the new Head of the School Mr. Tom McGrath is going to take place right after the Primary Assembly in Lunch Room. Parents are welcome to use this opportunity to meet Mr. McGrath and take part in a relaxed and introductory coffee morning. PTA would like to ask a few volunteers to bring some cookies, pies as a sweet addition to coffee.

## 3. Donations of uniforms and other items for future Bazaars:

As many families are getting ready to leave Poland during the upcoming summer and are going to clean the cupboards, PTA would like to offer you to donate before leaving (1) uniforms, (2) valuable clothes like ski wear or similar which realistically have a chance to sell on Bazaars, (3) books, (4) toys and puzzles, (5) costumes. You can leave these items packed and marked as donation on the upper floor of small Villa on the usual place as before Bazaars.



## Lunch Menu June 2016

PRICE - 10 PLN per meal

Every day you can choose between 2 available meals.

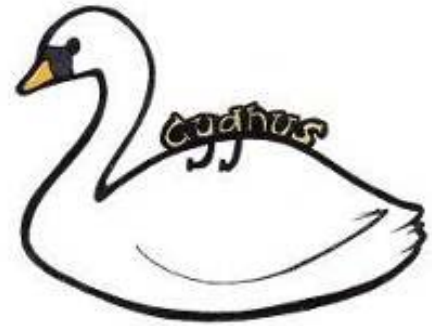
06.06	07.06	08.06	09.06	10.06
Devolay with mashed potatoes and salad	Meat stew with dumplings and salad	Penne with vegetables in cream sauce	Chicken burger with fries	Toastie with spinach , tomato and mozzarella
Pancakes with spinach, feta cheese and dried tomatoes	Borsch + croquet with broccoli	Breaded chicken cutlet + salad + potatoes/ rice or French fries	Camembert in cranberry-horseradish sauce	Sesame-crusted chicken cutlet + salad + baked potatoes/ rice or French fries
13.06	14.06	15.06	16.06	17.06
Penne with vegetables in cream sauce	Borscht + croquet with cheese and champignons	Cod + salad+ potatoes/ rice or French fries	Meatballs with potatoes and salad	Pancakes with spinach, feta cheese and dried tomatoes
Spicy Mexican pancakes	Risotto with chicken& veggies	Spaghetti bolognese	Potato dumplings in mushroom sauce with salads	Sesame chicken cutlet+ salad +baked potatoes/ rice or French fries
20.06	21.06	22.06	23.06	24.06
Devolay with mashed potatoes and salad	Meat stew with dumplings and salad	Hash browns with vegetable stew	Chicken burger with fries	<b>End of the Academic Year 2015 / 2016</b>
Toastie with with spinach , tomato and mozzarella	Pancakes with chocolate& strawberries	Breaded chicken cutlet + salad + potatoes/ rice or French fries	Penne with vegetables in cream sauce	

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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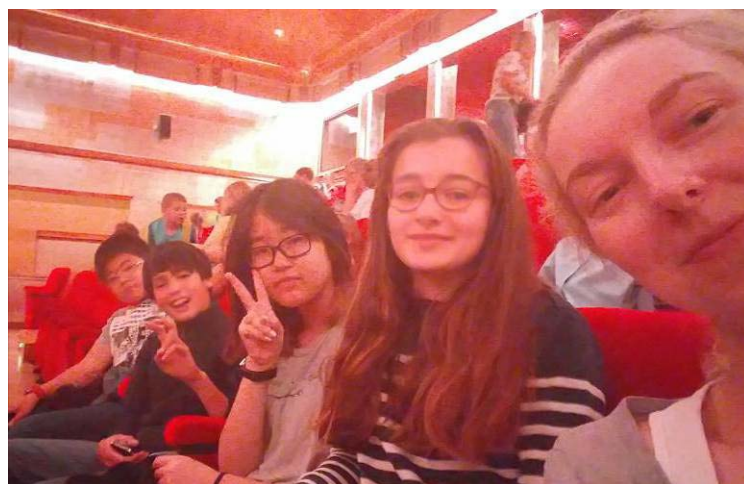
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(Weekly Winner)





# AROUND BISC WROCŁAW



A brief introduction to parents at BISC Wrocław