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## ISSUE 36 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Dear Parents and visitors to our website,

Today is my final newsletter for BISC Wroclaw, or 4x10x5 the 200<sup>th</sup> or there about. You know the saying "All good things must come to an end." It supposedly was coined by a chap named Geoffrey Chaucer in 1374. It's a simple phrase, yet a true one. Things we enjoy, things we find comforting, things we love and embrace eventually come to an end. A good song, though we may want to continue singing it at the top of our voices, comes to an end. A TV series, though it may be our absolute favourite, also comes to an end. A job, which we've poured ourselves into for years, also comes to a point where it is no longer. All good things come to an end.

So it is with time. Good times, though we want them to last a lifetime, come to an end. Even bad times, though they feel quite endless, also come to a welcome (and much needed) end. And mediocre times, in the midst of the lifeless and mundane, eventually

end as well. King Solomon said *"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven"*.

There is indeed a season for everything. I'm not sure what this academic year has brought you. Perhaps for some, it's been a year full of accomplishments, great memories, much joy, laughter, success, travel, and/or new and exciting things. But for others, I know it's been a tough year—a disappointing year full of struggle, health challenges, loss, grief, discouragements, failures, and anything but new and exciting. Brace yourself...this year is coming to an end.

For those of you who've enjoyed a wonderful year, I say inhale all of that goodness and take it forward with you into next. Continue to grab life, seek adventure, embrace those good things, and enjoy friends and fellowship with each other. Inhale all that positive air and conquer on! It may not be another banner year for you, but press on to see what God has in store for you. See what God is up to and get in on the action.

Now for those of you who have struggled this year, I say exhale all of what is now in your past. Exhale the disappointments, sadness, struggle, and discouragements. Exhale the failures, loss, and negativity. Digest the words of the Bible *'Forget what happened before, and do not think about the past. Look at the new thing I am going to do. It is already happening. Don't you see it? I will make a road in the desert and rivers in the dry land'*.

I'd like to thank all colleagues, pupils and parents both present and past for putting up with me, I wish you the very best for your futures, and above all:

### MAY THE SCHOOL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH

Have a wonderful holiday.  
Adieu,



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 WROCLAW - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## June 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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.  Year 4 trip	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
27 Summer Holiday	28 Summer Holiday	29 Summer Holiday	30 Summer Holiday	1 Summer Holiday	2	3
4 Summer Holiday	5 Summer Holiday	6 Summer Holiday	7 Summer Holiday	8 Summer Holiday	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. 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.

4. Yearbook is now on sale.

To order your copy, go to [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com) and search for "BISC Wroclaw", or use the direct link below:

<http://www.lulu.com/shop/bisc-wroclaw/bisc-wroclaw-10th-anniversary-book/paperback/product-22752624.html>



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## 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



Last message from the Head of Primary this academic year...why not have it all upside down? Let me thus start with the last Stars:

Foundation Bees – all Bees

Foundation Turtles – all Turtles

Year 1 Rabbits – all Rabbits

Year 2 Butterflies – all Butterflies

Year 3 Otters – SeoYeong, Junki,

MinGyu, Dongyeong, Kenny, Louise, Claire and Akshaya

Year 3 Foxes – Didac, Juseong and Thomas

Year 4 Shoebills – Kotaro, Jessica, Seoin, Lieselotte and Nohyeon

Year 5 Ravens – all Ravens

Year 5 Kangaroos – Jihyun

Year 6 Jaguars – all Jaguars

The very last primary announcement is that the winner of our all-year House Contest is....Cygnus! Well done, Cygnus!

What a year it was ...in **BISC PRIMARY School!**

Teachers – sharing, caring, discovering, leading

Heaps of Eureka moments, shouts of joy, sometimes tears

Assistants – always ready to act

Never failing Parents, motivating us (all) to do better

Kreative ;- ) cleaners, sewing and constructing for us

Students – eager to learn; growing, succeeding.

Let me express my gratitude to all the pupils and parents for this special year.

Some of you might be leaving for new places and new schools – I am sure you will shine wherever you go!

Make new friends, learn new things and be happy! As

Mr. Phil put it, for us, BISC Wrocław Staff, you will always be

OUR BISC CHILDREN.

Have a great summer.

See you in September!

Anna Witańska  
Head of Primary

## News from Head of Secondary



Last week I thanked our wonderful student body for their outstanding efforts this year. Now I would like say a heart-felt 'good-bye' to our Y13 students who are leaving us for a university or other chosen path. I hope you enjoyed your time here at BISC Wrocław and

hope you find a path in life that is full of happiness and surprises.

I also want to wish our other secondary students, those that will not be returning next year, the best of luck in their future endeavours. All of your teachers have really enjoyed spending time with you and helping you along in your educational journey. We hope that you will find the same happiness in your future school as you had with BISC Wrocław.

As our last day of the year comes to a close, I would like to thank parents for their efforts and contributions throughout the year. Your participation helped to maintain the close community feel that this school is known for and made it a genuine family affair. Thank you.

Enjoy your summer,

Joe Peck  
Head of Secondary



## Spotlight on Year 3 Otters

What a fantastic year it has been for the Year 3 Otters! Alas, this wonderful year is coming to an end and it's with a very heavy heart I say goodbye.

The last couple of weeks have been action packed; filled with love, laughter and a few tears. To my absolutely Outstanding Otters, I wish you the very best of luck for the future.

THANK YOU for a brilliant and enjoyable year.

I would also like to thank Jen, Dorota and the wonderfully creative Nancy for all their hard work and help.

*Alex Turner*  
*Year 3 Otters Form Tutor*





Between 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June, five pupils from BISC Krakow and five pupils from BISC Wroclaw took part in the Young Malta Drama Festival in Poznan. This is the third occasion when BISC schools have taken part in this prestigious event and I have to say that it was the best festival ever! The festival theme was Actor / Witness / Spectator and each of these was incorporated into all activities.

Each day our pupils took part in warm-up sessions, various workshops which included drama, art and drumming, and in the afternoons we all became actors, witnesses and spectators by viewing each other's performances. This was followed by a collective discussion session and rehearsals in the evening. On Thursday and Friday we created and rehearsed a piece which incorporated all aspects of the workshops and our individual plays. This was later performed on Friday evening in Freedom Square, which is located in the centre of Poznan.

BISC Krakow performed a play called 'Dream factory.' This piece is about the dreams and nightmares of five friends. It was a roaring success right from the opening lines as the audience was captivated by the visual staging, great acting and witty script. Laughter was the order of the day with this production!

BISC Wroclaw amazed us all again with some fantastic dance moves in their presentation, 'Pop Phenomenon.' The five girls were terrific, performing to a medley of K-Pop songs with, at times, very complicated dance sequences. I was really impressed by their use of the stage and the fact that they kept together so well. The audience loved this performance too and showed their appreciation very noisily!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of the Da Vinci School in Poznan for all their tremendous work in preparing and running the Young Malta Festival, and especially Ms Ewa Socha, the school's Director. There were 60 participants from 12 schools representing 12 nationalities which took part this year, so you can imagine the logistics required to organise host families, hotel accommodation, food, rehearsal space and all the lighting and sound that were required for the performances in the theatre!

The Da Vinci school also produced three full-colour festival newspapers during the week. These are attached in pdf format to this newsletter. Links are also provided below to the many photos which were taken over the festival and I urge to take the time to look through them all as they really give a taste of the atmosphere, wonderful spirit and unity which was displayed by all the participants. Videos of the productions will be available soon and I will forward them to you in due course.



On a personal note, I must thank Ms Chris Riley, Ms Kasia Stępnia (both Krakow) and Ms Justyna Połowska (Wroclaw) for all their fantastic work, creativity and supervision during the week. Our pupils too come in for praise for their excellent and very mature behaviour!

In September the work starts again to prepare for the next festival in June 2017. Can't wait!!!

Andy Harris

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Dear PTA and the Bisc community,

Thank you very much for giving the Bisc children the opportunity to have a great day on Saturday, and for the special prize I was able to win.

Like all my friends, I was listening anxiously to the raffle numbers being called out. Then, it was turn for the final prize—the iPad. When I heard the winning number, I couldn't believe my luck. I felt really excited but wasn't sure if there wasn't some mistake. I asked my dad to check the tickets again and saw that it was really true. I grabbed the winning ticket and ran to collect my prize. It was still hard to believe.

I would like to thank all my friends who came up to me to congratulate me and all those parents who contributed to buying the prizes. You have really made my day! I am happy and proud to be part of such a great community.

Thank you,

Alex Peck





## 10 YEARS BISC WROCLAW

I'm pleased to announce the 10th Anniversary Book is now on sale. The book contains a history of our school with an insight into the campus' past and an overview of each of the past ten years; recounting many of the faces and events. In addition, the book has been combined with this year's yearbook.

As there have already been enquiries from former students and parents who are now spread across the globe, the book is available to purchase from a global distributor with a variety of shipping options.

To order your copy, go to [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com) and search for "BISC Wrocław", or use the direct link below:

<http://www.lulu.com/shop/bisc-wroclaw/bisc-wroclaw-10th-anniversary-book/paperback/product-22752624.html>

The book is 148 pages in length and costs approximately 140zł, depending on which currency you choose. Please note that any orders should be followed up directly with the distributor, as the school is not able to review specific details.

I hope you enjoy the book, whether you are a current or former student, parent or teacher who has been a part of the past 10 years of BISC Wrocław's history.

Kind regards,

Graham Lewis

Head's Assistant for Strategic Planning



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## **1. Thank You**

The PTA would like to express our thanks to everyone in the BISC community for their support throughout the year. We would like to thank the school Management Team, and Teachers for their increasing support for PTA activities. This year, we successfully introduced some new initiatives such as the BISC Garden Project, PTA/Management Roundtables, and regular meetings with the Management Team.

A very special thank you to all the volunteers who supported us throughout the academic year. It is thanks to all the amazing parent volunteers that our PTA activities were such a success. This year, with your help, we managed to host Crafts Day, Bazaars, Pancake Day, Watermelon at sports Day, digging and weeding of the veggie patch, and of course, International Day!

On June 18th, we had a very successful International Day with over 20 activities, 28 nationalities, a parade of flags and an amazing International Buffet. We would like to thank all the amazing volunteers who helped the day go smoothly. We are very grateful to parents for the generous donations for raffle prizes. A special thanks goes out to our STARBISC barista, Mr. Marek Sawicki, for providing coffee as his personal donation to the school Bazaars, Secondary school Christmas concert, and of course International Day.

Also a huge thank you goes out to the ancillary staff of the school for working so hard on Saturday in all the preparations and clean up for our events. And last but not least, many, many thanks to everyone for attending the International Day, and thus making it special.

## **2. PTA Yearly Report:**

The academic year 2015/2016 has been rich in activities. Please find below the overview of the PTA Expenditure/Income balance. The final balance is a result of our active fundraising and increased ticket sales at International Day, and will be carried forward into the next academic year to cover the cost of our Harvest Day, to be held in the first term.

# PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION 2015/2016

## BISC PTA CASH SUMMARY in PLN

For academic year 2015/2016

Cash balance as of September 10, 2015

**5628.63**

### Income:

Mufti Day Oct.23, 2015	557,-	
Winter Bazaar	2655.5	
Crazy Hair & Mufti Day	436.7	
Spring Bazaar	1490,-	
International Day Raffle ticket sales	2940,-	

### Expenses:

Mad Science Day donation to school	1000,-	
10% of Winter Bazaar for charity	265.55	
Xmas presents for staff	163,-	
Xmas cake for staff Xmas party	341,-	
Pancake Day (plates, cutleries, toppings)	128,-	
Gardening project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Planters for foundation,</li> <li>- Composter</li> <li>- Fencing to protect garden from football</li> <li>- Soil for seeding</li> <li>- Soil for potting</li> <li>- Netting for green peas</li> <li>- Pots for gardening</li> <li>- Garden watering wand</li> </ul>	680.82	Seeds donated by PTA member's gardener
Water melons for Primary Sports Day	114.55	
International Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flags</li> <li>- Flag poles</li> <li>- Decorations,</li> <li>- Napkins &amp; utensils</li> <li>- Program leaflets</li> <li>- Ice creams for children</li> <li>- Entertainment agency</li> </ul>	4790.75	

**End of 2015/16 year balance**

**6223.66**



## **PTA Activities throughout academic year 2015/2016**

1. PTA donation to school for the Mad Science Day
2. PTA coffee morning September with introduction and info on upcoming events
3. Vegetable patch preparation for winter (digging, getting compost/natural fertilizers on)
4. Mufti day Oct.23, 2015
5. PTA coffee morning November 13 to discuss preparations for Christmas
6. Pre-Christmas crafts morning Nov.23
7. School decoration for Christmas
8. Christmas bazaar
9. Charity collection by Xmas tree decorations (3160 PLN together with 10% of the Bazaar income)
10. Cake for the BISC staff Xmas party from school parents
11. Introduced Lost&Found initiative
12. Pancake day to celebrate Shrove February 12, 2016
13. Crazy Hair and Mufti Day to involve all students from the youngest to the senior school students on February 12, 2016
14. First Round Table with PTA agenda on March 16, 2016
15. Second Round Table with PTA agenda on April
16. Helping Mrs. Lee to prepare the spring exhibition in lunch room
17. Gardening project – digging the garden, seeding with all Primary classes (educational work, help in actual work, preparation of egg cartons), following the seedlings and watering in classrooms, potting all seedlings, working with Primary classes to seed the seeds and plant plants on their garden plots
18. Water melons provided for the Primary Sports Day on June 15, 2016, and volunteers organized to cut the water melons
19. Introductory Round Table with the new Head of the School Mr.McGarth
20. International Day preparation coffee morning for parents
21. International Day on June 18, 2016

### **3. Happy holidays:**

PTA wish happy summer holidays to the BISC Community and lots of success to the families which are leaving BISC. We are looking forward to a fruitful co-operation with you in the next academic year.

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2nd  
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3rd  
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Have a great summer! : )



A brief introduction to parents at BISC Wroclaw