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BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW

NEWSLETTER

MONTHLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



Dear Parents and Students,

I would like to start the January 2023 Newsletter by wishing you all a very Happy & Healthy New Year. 2023 will be a year where our students continue to learn and develop new skills and attitudes but also begin to challenge themselves to take charge of their own learning and where it will lead them. Welcome our all our new families and new students who have joined us at the start of this term.

End of Semester 1 Assessments

Students across the school are involved in end of semester 1 assessments during the first two weeks. Years 1-10 are undertaking teacher assessments, which are designed as a final check on the progress that students have made since the academic year started in September 2023. Year 11 have been involved in mock-iGCSE examinations throughout the first week of term, Years 12-13 are involved in mock AS/A level examinations in the second week of term.

End of Semester 1 Reports

The Mid-Year reports will be published on Friday 27 January 2023. They will follow the same format as previous years, with the introduction of our new reporting system being moved to the next academic year.

ECAs

Extra Curricular Activities (ECAs) ECAs are now published. If your child is interested in taking part in an ECA, kindly contact the staff member involved in leading it stating your child wishes to take part. ECAs fill up fast, so as not to be disappointed, email as soon as possible.

School Uniform

School Uniform is an important part of our culture – the ways we do things. Some arguments have been put forward that regular changes of clothing are necessary because of Covid-19. However, there is no research evidence to support that claim. So, in the weeks ahead we will be encouraging our students, from Years 1 to 11, to abide by our expectations for wearing school uniform.

Technology use at BISC

January has seen the beginning of our 'no devices' policy for secondary school students.

The students have done well regarding this new measure, with only some minor reminders. As a school, we recognise that mobile phones and digital devices are now an integral part of young peoples' culture and way of life and can have considerable value, particularly in relation to individual safety.

It is recognised that such technology will play an increasing part in future learning practices, but, like existing ICT use, this should follow agreed rules and guidelines to prevent disruption and instill good learning habits.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher meeting will be happening from Monday 30th January to Friday 10th February. Form tutors will be in touch with regards making appointments.

And, finally... Whatever the term ahead brings, we will try our very best to meet it head on, make the best of it and ensure that our students are safe, healthy, happy and learning!

Best wishes for a great Spring Term!

Kind regards
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Head of School



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PRIMARY COORDINATORS MESSAGE

Firstly, I would like to say Happy New Year and welcome to 2023!

I wish you a brave new year
All anguish, pain and sadness
Leave your heart and let your road be clear...

Our wonderful primary is in full swing already! It is so wonderful to see all the children's faces again especially after our smaller class sizes before Christmas! Some classes have begun their assessments in English and Maths, this is a fantastic opportunity for the children to show off everything they know and can do!

We also welcomed some new faces in Years 1, 3, 5 and 6! Welcome to our new students, I do hope you settle in quickly and enjoy your time in BISC.

This term there are going to be many more exciting events and activities to look forward to as well! So, keep your eyes and ears peeled!

As always thank you for your continuing support.

Kind regards
Ms Zoe



HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

" Season's greetings to all the BISC Wrocław stakeholders!

The year 2023 holds a bountiful harvest for everyone in the BISC Wrocław community. In this year, the Y13 shall be graduating, the Y11 shall be transitioning into the A' level programmes, the Y9 shall be transitioning into the Cambridge IGCSE programmes, each of the Y7, Y8, and the Y10 shall be promoted one step higher into a new class.

Before the official Cambridge examination that will standardise and establish a significant portion of our expectation, the Y11 begins the first week of school in the new year with the school well-planned mock examination. The AS and A' level students shall be starting their mock exam on 16th January, through 20th January 2023.

Effective teaching and active learning continue without any delay. With the synergy of Mr. Kim Loren, the school's biology and science, the teaching workforce has been mutually advantageous. Collaborative learning in the secondary school has now been further optimised with the introduction of some resounding policies (e.g. mobile phone policy). No complaint reported so far regarding classroom and behavioural management.

Above all, we enjoin parents to continue reminding and encouraging their child, or children about his/her/their educational routine, and with the social behaviours expected of him/her/them.

Things are looking up!

Respectfully,
Peter Bamgbose (DSc.)
Head of Secondary BISC Wrocław



THE HEAD OF POLISH SCHOOL MESSAGE

niech w nowym 2023 roku nigdy nie zabraknie Wam: radości, zdrowia, pozytywnych osób dookoła, miłości, szczęścia, spokoju, odwagi, sukcesów, marzeń do spełnienia i wiary w siebie!

Jako że nadszedł styczeń, a wraz z nim klasyfikacja śródroczna, podaję ważne dla Was daty:

- a) do 17 stycznia Nauczyciele wystawią proponowane ocen z poszczególnych przedmiotów i zachowania,
- b) 24 stycznia upłynie termin wystawienia ocen za I półrocze,
- c) 31 stycznia odbędzie się Posiedzenie Rady Pedagogicznej Klasyfikacyjnej.

W dniach 23-25 stycznia będzie miał miejsce próbny egzamin ósmoklasisty. Pierwszego dnia Szymon i Ksawery będą rozwiązywali test z języka polskiego, drugiego dnia zmierzą się z zadaniami z matematyki, zaś trzeci dzień przeznaczony będzie na sprawdzanie swoich umiejętności z języka angielskiego.

Przypominam także o wolontariacie, w który także w tym roku zaangażowana jest Szkoła Polska. Niestety, ale do tej pory w naszych skarbonkach ciągle widać dno...

Mam nadzieję, że po tak długiej przerwie wrócicie zrelaksowani i gotowi do pracy!

Anna Łoboziak

Dyrektor Szkoły



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ECAs Semester 2 2023

If you wish to take part in an ECA, kindly email the member of staff running the club or email Mr Maciej and he will forward the message to the relevant staff.

Primary

| ECA | Teacher | Age group (Maximum number of participants) | Where (building, room no) | When (day of week and timings) |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| Gymnastics Club | Ms Zoe & Ms Philippa | Y3-7 (12 places) | Dębowa Gym | Tuesday 16:00-17:45 |
| Step-by-step Animals Drawing | Ms Aneta & Ms Ola M | Y1-Y3 (10 places) | Small Villa, SV9 (Year 2 classroom) | Tuesday 15:35-16:20 |
| Games and activities club | Ms Karolina and Ms Ola B. | Y2- Y4 (10 places) | EAL classroom (SV 11a) | Tuesday 15:35-16:20 |
| Choir | Ms. Philippa and Ms. Natalia | Y1- 6 (18 places) | Year 1 classroom | Wednesday 15:35-16:20 |
| BASKETBALL CLUB PRIMARY | MR.MARCIN | Y1-Y6 | DEBOWA GYM | MONDAYS 3:30 -5:00 PM |
| SWIMMING BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE | MARCIN/JACEK | BEG/INTER | PS.NB 72 POOL | THURSDAY 5:30-6:15 PM |
| SWIMMING INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED | JACEK/OLIWIA | INTER/AD | PS.NB 72 POOL | FRIDAY 5:30 - 6:15 PM |
| BASEBALL CLUB | BARONS WR. | ALL LEVELS | PIOTRA SKARGI 31 STREET | SATURDAY 9:00-11:00 AM |
| FLOORBALL | WOJCIECHOWSKI | ALL LEVELS | KAMIENNA 35 | MONDAY 4:30 - 6:00 PM |
| FOOTBALL | KOPROWSKI | PRIMARY | POWSTANCOW SLASKICH 218 | THURSDAYS 3:30-5:00 PM |
| Sewing and Embroidery | Ms Lisa | Y4 - Y8 (8 places) | Year 4 Classroom | FRIDAY 3:40 - 4:20 PM |
| ESL for Beginners | Mr Lucas | Y5 - Y9 (10 places) | Big Villa F07 | FRIDAY 3:40 - 4:20 PM |
| Polish Language Club | A. Łoboziak | Y 3-6 | G2 Big Villa | Tuesdays 3:40 - 4:20 PM |

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| Yr 11 English | MZY | Yr 11 - 8 | F07 | Thursdays, 7:45 |
| Yr 11 English | MZY | Yr 11- 3 | F07 | Wednesdays, 7:45 |
| Y11 History | Elliot Taylor | Y11- 8 | S1 | Thursdays, 15:40-16:15 |
| IGCSE Art & Design Support | Mrs Lee | Y7-Y13 | G7 | Wednesdays, 15:40-16: 40 |
| Y11 French | Agata | Y11 (4) | G1 | Fridays, 7:45 - 8:30 |
| Violin Club for Primary | Natalia | max 7 | Music room | Tuesday 3.30 - 4:20 |
| Global Studies | Eirini Aivaliotou | Y8-11 | S3 | Tuesday 3.30 - 4:20 |
| MUN | Eirini Aivaliotou | Y10-13 | S3 | Fridays, 3:30 - 4:20 |
| CAIE AS BIOLOGY EXAM TUTORIALS | Dr. Peter Bamgbose | Interested A' Level students | Big Villa Room F2 | Mondays 7:45 - 8:30 AM |
| CAIE IGCSE CHEMISTRY EXAM TUTORIALS | Dr. Peter Bamgbose | Interested IGCSE students | Big Villa Room F2 | Tuesdays 7:45 - 8:30 AM |

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| CAIE IGCSE PHYSICS EXAM TUTORIALS | Dr. Peter Bamgbose | Interested IGCSE students | Big Villa Room F2 | Wednesdays 7:45 - 8:30 AM |
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| BASKETBALL CLUB SECONDARY | MR.MARCIN | Y7-Y13 | DEBOWA GYM | THURSDAYS 3:30-5:00 PM |
| FOOTBALL | KOPROWSKI | SECONDARY | POWSTANCOW SLASKICH 218 | TUESDAY 3:30 - 5:00 PM |
| BASEBALL CLUB | BARONS WR. | ALL LEVELS | PIOTRA SKARGI 31 STREET | SATURDAY 9:00-11:00 AM |
| FLOORBALL | WOJCIECHOWSKI | ALL LEVELS | KAMIENNA 35 | MONDAY 4:30 - 6:00 PM |
| Spanish IGCSE Exam Support | C. Rodriguez | Y11 | S7 | Tuesdays 7:45-8:30 AM |
| Polish Language Club | A. Łoboziak | Y 7-13 | G2 Big Villa | Wednesdays 3:40-4:20 PM, Thursdays 3:40-4:20 PM |
| Polish for Parents (Beginners) | A. Łoboziak | Parents | G2 Big Villa | Thursdays 10:30-12:05 PM |
| Polish for Parents (Advanced) | A. Łoboziak | Parents | G2 Big Villa | Fridays 9:25-11:15 AM |
| German | Alex Chon. | Students | Big Villa | Friday 7:45 am |