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BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WROCLAW

NEWSLETTER

MONTHLY SCHOOL INFORMATION, EVENTS AND NEWS



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back from the half-term break. I hope that you had a very good holiday.

Staffing Updates

I am delighted to welcome Mr Theo, our school helper, and Ms Anastasia, our new Teaching Assistant to the BISC community. I know you will join me in welcoming them to our ever-growing team.

It would seem the bureaucracy and inconsistent messages regarding visa deployment has meant our appointment of our new Biology teacher has been stopped in its path. We are all very disappointed however we are not letting this stop us on our search for a teacher. When more information comes available, we shall let you know.

Safeguarding at BISC Wroclaw – Prompt & Protect

One of the particular features of a British International school is the importance that we attach to 'Safeguarding'.

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to **promote** the welfare of children and **protect** them from harm. Safeguarding covers areas such as Child protection, Health & Safety, and Student Welfare & Development.

We haven't talked to you much about this in the past, even though historically we have been very active and we have taken every care and precaution, behind the scenes.

From now on, we want to start a conversation about Safeguarding, so that our students, families and the people who work at the school are having a common dialogue.

British International schools, worldwide, are required to have two Safeguarding leaders. For us, at BISC Wroclaw, these people are:

Aneta Napiwocka – the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (amajoch@bisc.wroclaw.pl)

Peter Bamgbose – the school's Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (pbamgbose@bisc.wroclaw.pl)

There will be regular Safeguarding information slots published in future newsletters and on the school's website.

From now, as well as contacting your class teacher (Primary School) or Year group tutor (Secondary School) you can also contact either of us if you have any concerns that you would like to share.

We will be speaking with our students over the coming weeks and months, to explain our role, their rights and how we can keep them safe, healthy and well.

Communication with staff

Should you wish to speak to a staff member regarding your child, grade books in Secondary or any other matter related to school life, please email and we will be happy to make an appointment to meet with you.

ECA's

ECA's are continuing to run before and after school. Should you wish for your child to join an ECA, please email the adult running the club offering your permission and confirming their placement in the club.

ECA's are a great way for the children to try out new activities, games and make friendships that are whole school and not just class based.

Communication

Your continued support and kindness regarding our iSAMS **Parent Portal** are, as always, greatly appreciated. As with anything new, it will take time to get used to how the site works and it will also take time for it to be fully populated with all the information we would like you to have access to.

Our school website, <https://bisc.wroclaw.pl/>, is being regularly updated with pictures from events that have happened over the past month or two in school.

Friday 11 November 2022

Is a national holiday in Poland. School will be closed for the day.

Stay safe and as always, should you need anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Aine Mooney
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PRIMARY COORDINATORS MESSAGE

Welcome back everyone!

I hope you had a lovely, restful half term break and are now ready for another term of learning!

Before the holiday, we celebrated Halloween and all the costumes were wonderfully spooky, our primary classes had an afternoon full of spooktacular activities such as making some Halloween treats in cooking club, jellybean roulette, arts and crafts and kahoots!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miyoon Moon for her amazing decorations at the front of both villas.

Before the break, our students have also attended some excellent trips; Year 1 went on a dwarf hunt around Wrocław, Year 2 and 4 visited a Christmas ornament factory and Year 6 took a relaxing river cruise on the Odra after exploring Hydropolis in the morning. Year 5 will be visiting an animal shelter next week and we look forward to hearing all about their visit.

As always thank you for support.

Kind regards
Ms Zoe



HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

First, we the entire secondary teachers and students would like to give a shout-out and our vote of appreciation to those parents that supported us emotionally, physically, and materially for the just concluded 'Bake Sale Day' and Halloween Event, organized by the school in October. We sincerely value and treasure all your 'act and art' of kindness.

Second, the school website, <https://bisc.wroclaw.pl/> is now distinguished and classified with past and current information and activities. Check the 'GALLERY' and 'NEWS' navigation bars to see some recent photos of different activities.

Third, some year groups have actualized their planned excursions. More trips from other year groups will soon be realized.

Fourth, learning happens when students think hard, mobilizing a number of different mental processes and resources that are both cognitive (such as reasoning and memory) and affective (emotional resources that include habits in learning). We pride ourselves on metacognition and active learning, as they improve the outcomes of the teaching-learning processes and products. Based on these, we would like the parents and students to be reminded that, the Cambridge international Education is keen on its curriculum framework and syllabus(<https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/Images/417448-overview-brochure.pdf>). Parents and students are enjoined to correlate and align their background education systems and expectations to accommodate the Cambridge Education.

On a final note, I would like to let you know that we are more than 92% open-minded, and more than 89% progressive-minded. Come, and let us rub minds together!

Respectfully,
Peter Bamgbose (DSc.)
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THE HEAD OF POLISH SCHOOL MESSAGE

Drodzy Uczniowie,

czas szaleństwa i dobrej zabawy związanej z obchodami Halloween już za nami. Przeminał także dzień Wszystkich Świętych nieodłącznie związany z odwiedzaniem grobów naszych bliskich, paleniem zioła i wspominaniem tych, którzy już odeszli...

Przy tej okazji należy wspomnieć, że w wielu krajach słowiańskich, w tym także w Polsce, w przeszłości praktykowano dziady. To słowiańskie święto obchodzono w nocy z 31 października na 1 listopada. Był to szczególny i magiczny czas, podczas którego stykał się świat żywych i umarłych. To wtedy właśnie żyjący nawiązywali relacje z duszami przodków, które powracały do siedzib zamieszkiwanych za życia w doczesnym świecie.

W ramach obrzędów dziadów należało przybywające dusze przodków odpowiednio ugościć, aby zapewnić sobie ich przychylność i jednocześnie pomóc im w osiągnięciu spokoju w zaświatach. Przygotowywano specjalną ucztę, która odbywała się w domach lub na cmentarzach, bezpośrednio na grobach zmarłych. Dusze przodków karmiono i poiono między innymi: miodem, kaszą, jajkami i kutią. Podczas tych uczt świadomie upuszczano potrawy i wylewano napoje na stół, podłogę lub grób, aby mogły się tym posilić – to dość charakterystyczne zjawisko zaistniałe wśród wielu zupełnie niepowiązanych ze sobą kultur.

Kolejny obrzęd polegał na umożliwieniu duszom wykąpania się i ogrzania. Na początku zapalano ogniska na rozstajnych drogach, aby wskazywały im kierunek, tak by te nie zabłądziły i mogły spędzić noc wśród bliskich. Zziębnięte dusze ogrzewały się zatem przy ogniu. Palono również w piecu, co miało oświetlać drogę wędrującym istotom – charakterystyczną pozostałością tego zwyczaju są współczesne znicze zapalane na grobach. Ogień również pełnił funkcję ochronną – według wierzeń miał uniemożliwiać wyjście na świat demonom.

W przypadku dziadów zarówno Kościół katolicki, jak i prawosławny usiłowały zmarginalizować, a następnie zlikwidować święta pogańskie, wprowadzając na ich miejsce (w tych samych bądź zbliżonych momentach cyklu rocznego) święta i praktyki chrześcijańskie. Stąd też obecnie obchodzimy w Polsce Wszystkich Świętych zamiast dziadów.

Anna Łoboziak
Dyrektor Szkoły Polskiej

