



ISCS NEWSLETTER

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Tell me and I forget, teach me and I will remember, involve me and I will learn.

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WELCOME BACK!

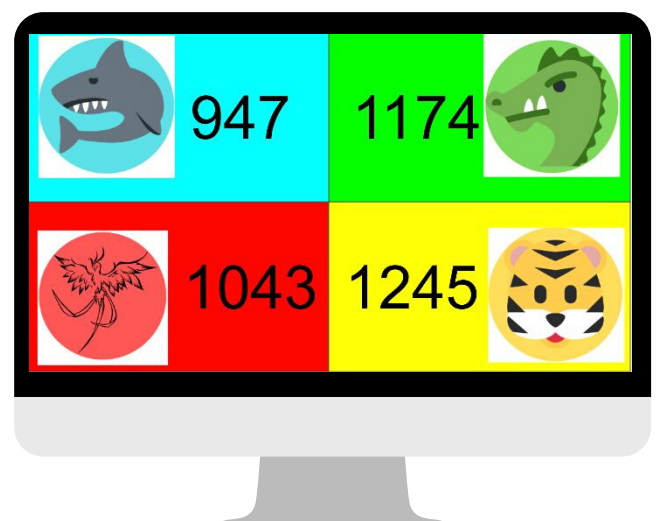
Dear Families and ISCS Community,

We hope you have had a restful break. The next few months will be full of challenges where students' and teachers will continue to work hard towards reaching their goals of academic excellence and educational quality that we have all committed to at ISCS.

From now on, you will be able to follow our students' achievements, upcoming events and school activities through the new ISCS NEWSLETTER, that will be sent to you on a regular basis.

Thank you once again for being part of the ISCS family, we look forward to seeing you at the next school event!

HOUSE POINTS



The Yellow House, the TIGERS are clearly on the lead with 1245 points followed closely by the Green house or the DRAGONS and the PHOENIXES. Come on SHARKS! Don't drift too far in the ocean" - let's get back on track!

SCHOOL EVENTS



FASNACHT

On Thursday February 20th, the school joined the Zug community to celebrate Fasnacht, the Swiss Carnival. Students came to school dressed in their favorite costume and a house contest was organised.

The PO, along with Mr Parra, had the difficult task to choose the best costume per year group. In Primary, Thomas from grade 4, was chosen thanks to his home-made Ghostbuster's costume.

In Lower Secondary, Madi wowed us with her 'sushi' costume, while Bethany was a scary zombie. Isabella Saenz took the lead in Upper Secondary as she was the only participant!

That afternoon, students, staff and parents watched the Zuger Chesslete Parade and took part in the traditional confetti battle. It was a great time that we shared with our local community!

THE INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY



On Friday February 21st, the school celebrated the International Mother Language Day. There were many activities organised including a house competition.

The Parents' Organisation invited Primary parents and older students to read stories in their mother languages. Students had the opportunity to discover the different tones, expressions and melodies of different languages such as Spanish, Italian, Polish, French and English.

We would like to thank parents and students who volunteered to support the event, to the students who dared to read and a round of applause to the children and the teachers who welcomed the readers in their classrooms and listened to the stories even if they didn't always understand everything!

PRIMARY NEWS

Seven months ago we started on a journey in Primary and with dedication from our staff, students and families we have moved our children forward. We have worked hard to ensure your children are happy, safe and accelerating in their learning. This is the start of something positive. Each week as a team, we think of new and constructive ways to ensure your child enjoys school and grows in confidence academically and socially. This week alone we will embrace local celebrations such as Fasnacht and International initiatives such as International Languages Day. In partnership with your ideas, support and our innovation we hope to take your children to the stars and beyond!

by Mr Hawthorne



KEY STAGE 1

ACADEMICS

NUMERACY: Last week Grade 1 practised their place value again with hundreds and this week they are adding thousands! They have also started learning about symmetry!

LITERACY: They spoke about their holidays and have written about them and drawn some pictures. They are editing these this week using success criteria to think about how they are writing.

READING: In reading they learnt about 'The Great Fire of London' and this week they are talking about it while using a timeline and learning a new skill.

KEY STAGE 2

ACADEMICS

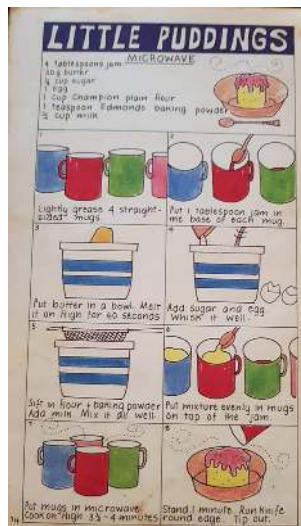
LITERACY: This week we covered balanced arguments in Literacy. In class we debated and wrote whether children should be allowed pets. For homework the children then had to choose their own topic to debate e.g Should we have an indoor playground? Whether we should have the house points system? Should children have to play with gender specific toys? Should children have mobile phones? They wrote some really interesting arguments and we created a display.

SCIENCE: We started looking at the role of electricity in our lives and the history of it.

MATHEMATICS: This week we focused on algebra and its tricky symbols!

EARLY YEARS AND THE "LITTLE MUG PUDDINGS"

Our youngest students learnt this week about cooking and how to bake little puddings in their mugs. How easy it is to eat them but how much effort it takes to prepare the ingredients, mix and bake before we can taste!



SECONDARY NEWS

Spring is already in the air! After enjoying the whole school ice skating trip and the February break, our secondary students have returned from the holiday ready for the challenges of the new term. We have welcomed our new teachers to the Secondary School. Ms Busse, Mr Hopton, Mr Evison and Ms Montero have spent time getting to know our students and there has already been a lot of fantastic learning taking place.



A new term brings fresh opportunities for our students. They have already enjoyed the Fasnacht parade in Zug and there will be various events taking place in school to celebrate other important international dates. These experiences will be brought to the classroom where possible, in order to bring learning to life.



by Miss Helyer

NEW TEACHERS

This week we welcomed our new Secondary School Teachers: Ms Busse, Mr Hopton, Mr Evison and Ms Montero. We are very excited for having them with us and we are looking forward to hearing their new and fresh ideas for ISCS!

OFFICIAL EXAM PREPARATION



Cambridge International School

Exam entries have been submitted to Cambridge and our Grade 10 and 11 students will be working hard as they prepare for the first set of Cambridge exams in May. We wish them all the best as they complete their IGCSE and AS courses.

ICE SKATING AND GLOBAL SCHOOL PLAY DAY

Just before the February break, the whole community supported the Global School Play Day by going ice skating at the Bossard Arena in Zug. It was great to see how our students could be part of this celebration, together with more than half a million other children in other 75 countries in the world. Our school became one of the only two schools in Switzerland celebrating this special day!



Stefanie Busse



Ryan Hopton



Mark Evison

TIPS FOR EXAM PREPARATION

by Mr Wickham



There are always various activities that can be done separately or combined in enhancing one's experience when preparing and important exam. Herewith, there are few guidelines to serve as a practical reference.

- ORGANISE YOUR STUDY SPACE
- USE FLOW CHARTS AND DIAGRAMS
- PRACTICE ON OLD EXAMS/PAST PAPERS
- EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWERS TO OTHERS
- ORGANISE STUDY GROUPS WITH FRIENDS
- TAKE REGULAR BREAKS
- SNACK ON BRAIN FOOD
- PLAN YOUR EXAM DAY



The PO Team: Mariska Van Onselen, Kasia Kuras, Céline Pellegrin and Audrey Erpelding

PARENT ORGANISATION

The New Year is a usual time for changes and new projects. Our PO team seized this opportunity to plan the rest of the school year.

Sadly, Jennifer Cannon had to leave the committee to dedicate herself to her family and her new work. We wish her all the best and know that she will still stay around and strongly support our actions. We will miss her smile and positive attitude; however, we are happy to welcome two new members on PO board: Céline Pellegrin, and Kasia Kuras.

Since January, we have worked closely with the school creating opportunities for the students to raise their awareness of international issues and cultural diversity as well as to involve them in traditional celebrations of our host country such as the International Day of Education, Global School Play Day, Fasnacht, International Mother Language Day. These activities are the beginning of many other events that the PO and the School are planning to hold in the coming months.

In addition to these activities, mainly dedicated to the students, we would also like to launch projects for the parent's community, offering more opportunities to meet each other.

We have many ideas (museum/ exhibition's visit, city tour, cooking class, walks, dinner/lunch, ...); however we will be happy to discuss proposals and listen to your suggestions during our next coffee morning on Friday March 6th, 2020!

In the meantime, we hope you will enjoy Fasnacht as this festive period has just started!

The PO

ISCS COMMUNITY



EDUCATION DAY BREAKFAST

On January 24th we celebrated the International Education Day with an incredible breakfast. We had a relaxed time getting to know our teachers and members of the Parent Organisation and celebrate together. It was a real pleasure to see the smiles on the children's faces, with a bit "too much chocolate" on them and find out who was a "realfooder" choosing the most healthy options!

We also had the possibility to link the session with their learning units in Global Perspectives and German language.

