



ISCS NEWSLETTER

IT'S EASTER!

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"You are always a student, never a master. You have to keep moving forward."

CONRAD HALL



by Mr Hawthorne

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Dear ISCS Community,

After these last three weeks of new routines for everyone we have finally made it to the Easter break! In this extraordinary time and paraphrasing Winston Churchill: **"For myself I am an optimist — it does not seem to be much use being anything else"**, at ISCS we are optimistic.

Now is the time to slow down and recover, reflect and look ahead of us. We see the energy that our leaders, teachers and students transmit looking forward in the preparation to the challenges of the third term. The day when we see each others faces is getting closer and we will be ready for the final sprint before the summer holidays.

AS and IGCSE students are currently preparing for their exams where the school will be assessing them internally this year and all our students are doing an amazing job working from home, well done!

It is indeed going to be a magical moment when we are all back in school having faught and won this battle together!

During the easter break the regular online classes wont be delivered as usual, however we encourage our students to keep up the pace and dont relax, ISCS staff will be ready and guiding them during the holidays.

I would like to thank our staff for their extraordinary work and committment through this time, Our parents for their continuous support and patience and of course to our students.

It is a real honour to belong to this great ISCS family. We wish you a great Easter break and hope to see you very soon.

by Mr Wickham

ISCS HOUSE POINTS

	1133	1424	
	1142	1496	

The House Points system continues to be updated in the Online version. After another week of competition, we have a real battle for the first place between Yellow and Green Houses, as well as for the 3rd place between Blue and Red. We have less than three months left to find out about the winner!

by Mr Perlijev

ISCS THROUGH THE COVID-19 DAYS

ONLINE STAFF MEETINGS

Our ISCS staff have regular meeting during the week sharing experiences, preparing plans and assessing our students. Its a great time to connect and learn from other teachers strategies. We are very proud of the great team we have!



"EGGCELLENT CHALLENGE"



Dear ISCS community,

After already three weeks at home, the routine will have to move to a new step again as children will be soon in vacations. This break will allow them to relax and refresh their mind. It will also be the perfect time to have fun and focus on the family. For this reason, we are happy to present to you a fun program for the holidays.

SPRING "EGGCELLENT" CHALLENGE 2020 ISCS PARENTS' ORGANISATION JOIN THE FUN!

<p>WORD SEARCH</p> <p>Finally, here we are, it is time for the ...</p> <p>"SPRING TERM HOLIDAY"</p> <p>Use these letters and discover how many individual words you can make with them or what is the biggest word you can create.</p> <p>Send a list with what you have found out.</p> <p>Dr. Seuss makes Reading FUN!</p> <p>READING IS FUN when you change your habits.</p> <p>Why read just sitting in a seat when you can ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> try to read upside down read in the dark (use a torch) read in a fort/ tent read to your animal or your toys <p>Send a picture of you reading in an unusual place, situation or way.</p>	<p>Take a minute to say THANK YOU!!!!</p> <p>On the 7th of April (World Health Day), help us to celebrate the work of nurses and midwives, as they are, with other health workers at the forefront of the COVID-19 response. On this occasion, mark the day by sharing their campaigns on your social media:</p> <p>https://www.who.int/news-room/campaigns/world-health-day-2020/campaign-assets</p> <p>You may also personally celebrate a nurse you know with this certificate:</p> <p>https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/documents/whd-2020-youm-certificates-04-20200113.pdf</p>	<p>Do you know the EASTER BUNNY?</p> <p>It's time to make yours! You just need mismatched socks, some rice and ribbons.</p> <p>Need some help? Check this link: https://diyfamilyad.com/articles/craft/how-to-make-a-no-sew-sock-bunny/</p> <p>Send a picture of your handmade creation.</p> <p>WOOFIE!</p> <p>Snap a selfie with you and your real or stuffed cuddly friend (all pet accepted).</p>
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Our "Spring Eggcellent Challenge 2020" combines reading, cooking, crafting, exploring, creative and funny activities. Everyone should find ideas that could suit his interests. Be part of it alone or as a family and have fun, earn house point and stay in touch with our community!

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<p>BE A "CHEF"</p> <p>Find an Easter or Spring themed recipe and cook or bake a tasty treat.</p> <p>Send a picture of what you have made before you eat it all. Don't forget to share your recipe too!</p>	<p>TALLEST TOWER CHALLENGE</p> <p>Pick up 2 materials that you have at home and use them to build the tallest freestanding tower ever. There are many ways to complete this challenge. Be creative and choose your materials carefully!</p> <p>Send a picture of your building & don't forget to note the height you reached.</p>	<p>TOGETHER WE EARTH RISE</p> <p>Now, more than ever, The Earth needs us! Support the movement by being an artist/ citizen for the Earth and participate to the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imagine what our planet will look like in the following years and explore what we could do to save her. Create a drawing/ poster with your ideas and your vision. Be innovative & creative! Take also the opportunity of the actual situation to change your habits and note what you do to be a better citizen of the world (buy local food, plant seeds, recycle, ...). <p>Send a picture of your drawing/ poster/ note. It will be displayed (at school or online) on April 22nd!</p> <p>In addition, visit https://www.earthday.org/ and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> sign up to be a volunteer, participate to the Earth Challenge 2020.
<p>Let's get ARTY</p> <p>Take your material and fall into art. You could be interested by producing one of the following topics: your pet/ a flower/ a robot/ your preferred character/ an insect/ an Easter Bunny/ a work of your favorite artist/ a dream/ your family.</p> <p>You are of course free to create your own design!</p> <p>Send a picture of your work with a small explanation so we could understand it.</p>	<p>STUCK AT HOME? Let's have an ARTIFICIAL</p> <p>So, bring out your blanket, complete with throw pillows and prepare comfort food. Now it is time to relax and have fun with your family!</p> <p>Send a picture of the place you have set up and of your family enjoying this great time.</p>	

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<p>Eggstraordinary WORLD IN A BOX</p> <p>Let face it, one of the best times of Spring break is to collect and eat chocolate eggs!</p> <p>Show your creativity by creating an... EGGCELEBAMA (decorated eggs on a background) dedicated to your favourite Disney characters. What will it represent: Jedi fighting Stormtroopers, the Avengers rescuing the world or beautiful princess dancing at a ball?</p> <p>Send a picture of your creations (and a small note in case we didn't recognize your heroes).</p>	<p>STEM BE A MASTER</p> <p>Imagine you are a scientist in your own lab. Conduct a cool science "eggperiment". Check this link if you need inspiration: https://mommypoppeins.com/kids/50-easy-science-experiments-for-kids-fun-educational-activities-using-household-stuff</p> <p>Send a picture of you exploring science.</p>	<p>DIVE INTO READING</p> <p>Put some spring in your step and get reading! Let's see how many books we can read as a community during our time at home over the coming weeks.</p> <p>Send a picture of the pile of books you have read during your holiday!</p>
<p>LIFE IS A QUESTION OF BALANCE</p> <p>Will you be able to keep your while standing on one foot and trying to put on as many socks as possible? You can play alone or as a family team!</p> <p>Send a picture of you doing the flamingo and don't forget to tell us the number of socks you reached before falling.</p>	<p>CRAFTY?</p> <p>Pick up cardboard (ask your parents first) and create a MARETCO project.</p> <p>More info & inspiration here: https://www.make-do/pages/gallery</p> <p>Send a picture of your invention with a short description.</p>	

We wish all of you a relaxing break! Take care of you and your family, stay home, relax and amuse yourself with our challenge.

by The PO Team: Audrey, Mariska, Céline & Kasia

As we draw to the end of this hectic term, we can only hope that some normality returns to our lives after the spring break. We all miss you lots and cannot wait to see you again as soon as this is all over, and it will be -soon i hope! Until then, please take care of yourselves and your loved ones, know that we are thinking of you all and send us encouraging photos of you all - we miss and need your support too! We cannot wait to return to school and hear the laughter of our children and the hustle and bustle that is our daily life in school.

by Mr Hawthorne

KEY STAGE 1



Again, this week has brought many new challenges and learning possibilities. Families are getting into the flow and routine and I am so proud to see my class working hard at their learning and taking part in other practical isolation activities. I have had the pleasure of some more online video lessons and seeing the wonderful learning that is underway! Under the weekly plan has been the possibility to learn about tallies under graphing, website inspiration for story telling, rock and soil fact files, designing living spaces folder elderly people as part of our Global Perspectives, and even the opportunity to learn some weaving! Along with these I am aware that many families also have their own fantastic programmes to support the children in Grade 1. I want to continue to show my appreciation to the Grade 1 families for their fantastic work and cooperation during this time.

KEY STAGE 2



As always, the children have a clear schedule of work each day and what fantastic troopers you have all been! During the last week ,the children have been revisiting certain areas of maths such as word problems since this is an area that we all need to work on. We have also been looking at ways to improve our sentences ,whether we have been learning new spellings or looking at ways in which we can improve our sentences through punctuation and grammar. This week we had a virtual trip to Edinburgh Zoo and each day we have been listening to audio books, watching Newsround and completing our healthy daily workouts with Joe Wicks! We even managed to squeeze in an internet and phone safety quiz! Below is a student doing a time ordering / units of time conversion activity and two students carrying out science investigations.

EARLY YEARS



Week two of virtual learning and the Early Years class has had an opportunity to see how well technology connects us these days. On Monday morning, our class reconnected using Google Hangouts. The children all seemed so excited to chat and see one another again! Thanks to parent involvement, we have also been practicing our numeracy and literacy skills daily. Miss. Mooijer has really enjoyed seeing photos of the children's completed work and sending greeting videos back and forth!Parents have also shown how the children are able to engage in physical activity without Mr.V. It is wonderful that we can still keep in contact and continue to meet learning targets despite the circumstances.



PARENT TESTIMONY

"Mr Hawthorne's daily plan for Grade 3 (and Miss Deutsche's weekly plan for Grade 1), sent to me with worksheets, projects and ideas, allows me to plan the next day properly. We are comfortable working with this system. Our learning time is then together, round the kitchen table or out in the garden. The children are happy, but they miss their friends and the social contact.

We are not interested in constantly looking at a screen. Technology is helpful in these challenging times and the meetings at the start and the end of the day with the teacher and the class is a great way to connect the group together. However, where we live access to a fast internet connection is under strain at the moment and can be temperamental during the day, so we do miss some face to face online teaching which is a shame. We use it as a chance to focus on family, on learning together, enjoying that unique experience."

y Alex, Ben & Beatrix's mother

MEET OUR STAFF

THIS WEEK...

Frau Gisela Preising

ABOUT ME...

"I want to live in a world filled with innovative tasks in the education sector, with happy faces, young and old, books that come wrapped with extra dark chocolate and a computer keyboard that plays back music."

As a Business Administrator, Marketing Rep, Teacher and Musician comes with over 36 years of experience. Yes, I am an oldie but a goodie. I worked internationally for Bayer, Pepsico and IBM and taught in 5 schools in Switzerland across all grades whether it be music, German or substituting in just about all subjects. Did I mention the number 5? I have also lived in 5 countries and 5 USA states. When I'm not working in Admissions and Administration, you will see me in the German classroom or where else, the music room. I holds a number of degrees and certifications in Economics, Music and International Education.



HOBBIES AND PASSIONS...

In my free time, I enjoy hiking and my Stand Up Paddle Board. I loves to travel and explore new places and things. My passions are music and art. I recently completed my first children's picture book, in English and German. Even if not published (yet) I have enjoyed sharing my story about love with students, peers and friends. I like to be musically engaged in my Swiss community and has played and performed in many orchestras and string ensembles on the viola, cello and violin. I am currently a lead Violist in the Ägerital Orchestra. My 3 children (daughter 30, twin sons 28) are all living abroad. I am the proud grandmother of 2 little girls (ages 2 and newborn).