



ISCS NEWSLETTER

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Children must be taught how to think, not what to think. -
Margaret Mead

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EVERY CHALLENGE IS AN OPPORTUNITY!

As announced, ISCS will reopen this Monday 11th of May and face-to face classes will resume. This will affect all grades, except for Grades 10 and 11, who will restart on 8th June.

We are very excited about meeting all of our students and families again!

We have prepared a protocol to ensure that ISCS is a safe environment for our students and staff. This protocol follows the guidelines of the Swiss government and has been shared with the authorities of Canton Zug for compliance.

We would like you to remember that the protocol is based on three groups of measures:

- Ensure a minimum distance of 2 meters for interpersonal contact
- Compliance with the recommended hygiene measures
- Self-isolation quarantine binding for both adult school staff and school children with symptoms of illness.

The school has been deep cleaned and specially prepared for resumption this Monday. Staff have had a meeting in school today, reviewing a more detailed version of the protocol, and have been working hard to prepare learning spaces for the students' arrival on Monday.

Of course, with ISCS being a small school, it is easier for us to comply with the mandatory measures and to create a safe environment for our community. Nonetheless, we need staff and students to be very responsible and comply with the protocol. We will be very strict in all procedures to maintain consistency in order to ensure the safety of our community.

We are eager to come back to normal and looking forward to meeting you again!

Best regards

José Antonio Parra

PRIMARY NEWS

Dear Families,

As we close our chapter in remote learning, I would once again like to thank you for all your support during this challenging and demanding time. Paramount to us, is to adjust as quickly as we can to a 'new normal' in school. In the coming weeks, we will navigate these uncharted waters together. We look forward to welcoming our students back, seeing their smiles and hearing their voices in our classrooms.

Lee Hawthorne

PRE K

This week, the Early Years class joined the Grade One "Bake-Off Challenge". Miss. Mooijer sent the children a video of herself making chocolate chip cookies. James Girling followed up with pictures of the cookies he made, while Lily and Diego Forsberg showed their creation of something new- cinnamon balls!

The children have also taken a look at the world map and have discovered where several countries are located. They also discussed the 7 wonders of the world.

The children have shown progress in their literacy as well as numeracy targets despite the school closure. Miss. Mooijer is proud of the students and thankful for the parental support in this.

The group has continued to meet online through Google Hangouts, but are definitely looking forward to being back in the classroom on Monday!



Lily and Diego enjoy baking, while James explores the world.

GRADE 1

The past week has been out of this world...literally! We have been exploring more about our solar system and the names of all the planets, finding out what makes each planet special. We have had support from some videos which have taught us about the order of the planets and about our favourite star...the Sun. One of our students held a masterclass in her home!

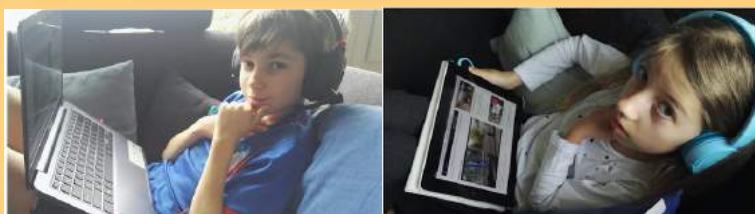
In Maths we have started to look at the concept of doubles and halves as well as the continuation of snail x tables! Literacy has been a good opportunity to play lots of 'roll the dice' games for the blends we have been learning before going back to school next week, as well as recognising true and false sounding 'treasure words'.

I was particularly pleased to receive some delicious pictures, photos and recipes from our Grade 1 baking challenge that we started last week. My stomach was rumbling! It was awesome to see such great participation. *Miss Deutsche*



GRADE 3, 4 & 5

This week, our narrative writing has focused on settings and we have written some super descriptions of a haunted house and a tropical beach. In maths we have been working closely on the 'White Rose' Home Learning modules and have completed them. In Global Perspectives, the children have been completing an AirBnB description, to persuade people to stay at a new hotel located at The Great Wall of China.



Insia and Milan enjoying visiting the baby otters at London Zoo





SECONDARY NEWS

As restrictions are easing and we gradually make our way back to school, secondary students up to Grade 9 will once again be taking part in lessons with their teachers on campus. All staff have been working hard to plan our return, adapting classrooms and learning spaces to fit the new precautionary measures. The secondary classrooms will look a bit different, and resources will be used in different ways. There'll be plenty of reminders to wash hands and class routines will be new to all of us. Our teachers will continue to deliver the curriculum in as 'normal' an environment as possible, ensuring a smooth transition into a routine which I have no doubt our students will adapt to in no time.

For Lower Secondary and Grade 9, the focus will be on reviewing recent work completed online, and getting students ready for their end of term tests. Teachers of Grades 10 and 11 will still be connecting to students online at the usual lesson times. We look forward to seeing the Grade 10s and 11s soon when they come to drop off the work they have been completing for their Cambridge IGCSE and AS Level exam portfolios. More news on that coming soon!

I wish everyone a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing returning students on Monday.

Ms Helyer

Physical Education

Over the last few weeks, ISCS students have been working hard at home to stay fit and follow online PE learning. As the daily routine has changed -and we all know that sitting at a computer all day isn't good for us - we thought it would be beneficial to focus on fitness 15-30 minutes each day, instead of one or two longer sessions per week. Even 20 minutes of exercise a day can reset energy levels and make you feel better. The students came up with their own sport or exercise routines which they shared with others, sending updates on their daily activity.

You can see examples of students' hard work inside and outside, depending on the weather we've had. PE lessons will be a bit different, but we'll still have lots of fun. I'm looking forward to seeing our students in action next week!

Mr Perliyev



PARENT ORGANISATION

Dear ISCS community,

On Monday, the second phase of the lockdown measures easing will start, allowing us to slowly return to normality. Most students will be allowed to return to school and will therefore have to face new daily challenges: keep social distancing and respect high hygiene rules while being with their classmates, teachers and friends.

Resisting the temptation of an emotional reunion will most probably ask a lot of effort! However, with the support of our community, overcoming these difficulties should be possible, especially thanks to the amazing moms we can count on!

So today, we would like to take a minute to honor those who are in turn a doctor, a teacher, a maid, a cook, a nurse, a friend, a confidant, a heroine... No matter what you call them, no matter to which country you belong, on Sunday, do not forget to wish them: "Happy Mother's Day!"

As this year will be unique, we propose you a meaningful way to celebrate these incredible women through charities:

- ☆ You can so support women in forgotten crises abroad as well as in Switzerland:
<https://www.swiss-solidarity.org/fundraising-campaigns/women-in-forgotten-crises/>
- ☆ You can support people in particular needs due to the coronavirus crisis
<https://www.swiss-solidarity.org/fundraising-campaigns/coronavirus/>
- ☆ You can participate to the Mothers' Day Classic, an Australian walk event that will go virtual in 2020 and support research against breast cancer:
<https://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au/>

Finally, we will be happy to see how much our moms are loved, so please don't hesitate to participate to our new Mother's Day Selfie Challenge! We look forward to seeing your photos!

We wish all of you a wonderful weekend!

Your PO team,

Andrey Mariska Celine Kasia



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**WANTS TO WIN A GIFT
CARD TO MANOR?**

Share a selfie of:

- . You & your mom
- . You & your kids.

**HURRY! CONTEST ENDS
ON MAY 17th, 2020!**

**All the pictures can be sent directly to the PO
by email to longcerpelding@gmail.com or through whatsapp to +32 471 8316 05.**

**The most fun selfie will win a gift card to Manor (value of 20 chf).
In addition, each participant will earn 5 house points.**

ISCS HOUSE POINTS

The House Points system continues to be updated Online. This time the highlight has been the Mindbender Riddle, that our school website provides every Monday.

Congratulations to Sebastian Duque, Almaha, Ishani, Gloria and Victoria, who all earned points for their houses by submitting correct answers. Check this week new Mindbender: use the picture clues to discover the combined weight of all the animals and submit your answers to: Mindbender@iscs-zug.ch

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MEET OUR STAFF This week... **Irena and Michele**



About us...

Irena and Michele began working with ISCS in December 2018. They are a dynamic duo like Batman and Catwoman! They ensure the school runs efficiently by taking on a number of roles, including the maintenance and transportation of the students. We don't know what we'd do without them, as they're always there, working behind the scenes to help us out.

Hobbies and passions...

They are both Italian and Irene loves her dog Villy. She misses playing with him while he is in quarantine in Italy. This lovely couple love long romantic walks with Villy along the edge of the lake.