



# NEWS LETTER

June 2020 - Week 15th

"It is literally true that you can succeed best and quickest by helping others to succeed."  
Napolean Hill

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This academic year is almost done. We want to express our gratitude to all the families for the incredible support we have had during the whole year. This Thursday, we enjoyed Teacher Appreciation Day. I would like to thank the children for all of the tokens of appreciation our staff received.

I would like to recognize the hard work and the commitment of the Parent Organization during the whole year and especially during the last few months. Thank you Audrey, Mariska, Céline and Kasia. This Friday, they held a coffee morning meeting to explain and plan the PO activities for next academic year.

In relation to the external exams, all the predicted grades have been uploaded to Cambridge and we will work with the exam board to provide evidence of candidate work over the coming weeks. Cambridge will publish the final AS and IGCSE grades on 11th August.

Staff are finishing the Summer Term reports which will be released on Monday, 22nd June from 16:00. Next week, we will be enjoying some activities, with the hike to Zugerberg on Wednesday June 24th, and internal celebrations from the afternoon of Thursday 25th, which will end with Primary, Lower Secondary and Upper Secondary Assemblies on Friday June 26th. School will finish Friday 26th June at 12:00. All information for the Zugerberg hike is included in this newsletter.

Some teachers are leaving ISCS to start new ventures. We recognize them as part of our ISCS Community and send them good luck and warm wishes for their future endeavours. We are completing the recruitment process of our new staff for the next academic year.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to the extremely positive messages and feedback we have received about the management of the school during the lockdown. It means a lot to us. We are very proud to serve this community and looking forward to continue improving our school in the next academic year.

Warm regards,

*Jose Antonio Parra*  
Executive Director

We are rapidly moving towards the end of term and are currently working hard to tie up any loose ends in the classroom. Next week, the children will be going on a hike and so we would kindly like to remind you to send your child into school with a packed lunch, sun lotion, a hat, tick spray and a packed lunch on Wednesday. We will be saying goodbye to friends on Thursday with a special afternoon of activities and on Friday we will be having an assembly in primary to celebrate the year and the graduation of Grade 5 as they are about to start a new chapter in Secondary School.

*MR Hawthorne*

## Early Years

We have started our countdown to summer in the Early Years classroom. The children have been discussing their summer plans and those who are graduating from Pre-K are very excited for the next step! This week, we have been reviewing our targets in Maths and Literacy. It is great to see how the children have progressed with their abilities to count, identify letters, and put letters together into words. Some of our students have also started reading small books! We have been reviewing the year, and looking through photos of some of the events that have taken place in school. Another highlight of the week was our art activity - who knew you could use forks to paint flowers?!



## GRADE 1

WOW! Only one more week to go...and what a week this last one has been. Grade 1 have been busy bees working on many things. In science they were inspired by 'Our Planet' and so have created their own animal fact files to share new information with each other. Our German interpretation of 'The Three Little Pigs' is now complete. Through this, the children have been practising some common phrases from the story...but in a fun way! Look out - Grade 1 will soon be time experts, as in Maths we have been learning all about time, measurements and how to read a clock. This penultimate week has also been about working on personal targets in Literacy. Lastly, the students finished their Papier Mâché bowls, all made of newspaper and designed and painted to their own creative styles!

## GRADE 3,4 & 5

This week, Grades 3, 4 and 5 focused on their science topic, Caring For The Environment. They explored the impact humans have had on animals and their habitats, and how we can all reuse, recycle and reduce to help the planet and sustain life. They used their findings to write a special report, designed a playground and researched each 'theme' for the proposed playground using search engines. In Performing Arts, the children watched the final edit of their version of 'The Escape From The Fantastic Zoo,' and in Global Perspectives the children learned about air pollution in China. Some students even got a chance to give Miss Lila's lab coat a creative makeover!





After all the exams and assessments, we're looking forward to some activities outside of the classroom. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather next Wednesday for our Zugerberg hike! Secondary will start the day with an activity in school before leaving for the hike - I'll be hoping for some more house points, Red House!!

There will be a Staff/Student assembly to mark the end of the school year next Friday morning, 26th June. We will have to restrict numbers, and will therefore hold the assembly in stages, focusing on the achievements and experiences of our Lower, Upper and Advanced Secondary students respectively. Even with restrictions on gatherings we still aim to make this an occasion for all of our students, celebrating their strengths, achievements and spirit.

In Primary and Secondary assemblies, I will be addressing the winners of the World Book Day competition (held during online learning) and there will be some other 'special mentions' regarding student achievement.

Let's make our last week of term a memorable one!

*Ms Helyer*

## Grade 9 Art & Design

Our Grade 9 students have invested weeks in researching their favourite pieces of art, experimenting with new creative techniques, exploring possible compositions, producing studies as preparatory work and developing their ideas for their final piece. Finally, after about 8 hours in exam conditions, they produced their final and very impressive paintings which are now hanging on the exhibition panels of the Art & Design room.

Congratulations Grade 9, this is wonderful and inspiring work!

*Ms Azpeitia*



Annemijn van Onselen



Calista Longo



Maya Baig



Isabella Saenz

## Performing Arts



Composing in the classroom has always started with improvisation, and our course has enabled students to create music spontaneously out of dance and drama.

Encouraging our learners to enjoy making imaginative leaps in the creative process has been vital as has been reminding them that there's no such thing as a 'wrong' note. Our students have been developing their sense of confidence through the discovery that the world of sound expression actually belongs to them.

Most recently our secondary cohort have been looking at the world of 'Music in Film' and have composed their own five minute sound scores for short excerpts of moving image. The results have been very impressive!

*Mr Jackson*



Upper Secondary ensembles embark on collaborative composition

# PARENT ORGANISATION

Dear ISCS community,

First, we would like to thank the families and teachers who have participated to our "Father's Day Scavenger Hunt Challenge". We have received lovely pictures of dads and their children! It is always a pleasure to see how one of our activities highlights happy moments, and helps our community to connect outside of the school. If you want to discover the precious moments our participants shared with us, please visit our gallery: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/tRkMrg3UikVh9f7Y9>

This challenge also offered a chance to the students to compete for the final stretch of the House Competition. Green and yellow teams were side by side to be on the top of this challenge while red and blue houses did their best to reach or secure the third place!

This week, our committee dedicated time to an important pillar of our community: the teachers and staff members. Thursday began with a sweet surprise: coffee, tea and pastries awaited them during their daily staff meeting. A shot of sugar and positive energy for the start of an amazing day!



Thanks to the students and their families, the school was filled all day with appreciation and gratitude and the teachers pampered. We would like to thank those who brought drawings, food, messages, ... to celebrate the school team and offered them a joyful and unforgettable day!

We also focused on our "End of Year Coffee Morning" to prepare the topics we wanted to discuss during this final gathering. It was an opportunity to look back to what our committee was able to achieve thank to the support of the parent volunteers and the school! If you couldn't attend, feel free to contact us at [po@iscs-zug.ch](mailto:po@iscs-zug.ch) if you would like to receive more information, share ideas or feedback.

Thank you for your continuous support in our efforts to build a great community!

We wish you a fantastic weekend!

Andrey Mariska Celine Kasia



# Important Information – Zugerberg

## Hike (Wednesday, 24th June)

- \* Students should arrive at school at the normal time.
- \* Students are to bring their own morning snack and a packed lunch for a picnic. There will be no sharing of food due to health regulations.
- \* Everyone will go to Zugerberg on the school buses.

For more information about the hike location, please visit the website below:

<https://www.zug-tourismu1s.ch/de/zug-tourismus/unterwegs-in-zug/zugerberg>

### Equipment list

- ✦ Good walking shoes with a firm sole (no sandals, flip flops)
- ✦ Water bottle
- ✦ Clothing which is appropriate for the weather and the activity.
- ✦ The weather can be changeable so it is advised to bring a warmer top or a waterproof jacket in case they are needed.
- ✦ Any personal medication (if needed - this should be disclosed to staff before going on the trip)
- ✦ A snack and a packed lunch
- ✦ Backpack
- ✦ Cap, hat, sunscreen. Tick spray is also recommended.

### Not allowed

Energy drinks, sports drinks, headphones. Mobile phones should be put away safely during the hike.



## ISCS HOUSE POINTS

The house point highlight for this week was the Parents Organisations "Father's Day Selfie Scavenger Hunt' Competition". The Green House received a massive 57 points and reached 2000! The Yellow House scored 56 points to consolidate the lead. Blue and Red Houses are still in the race for that illusive final 3rd place!



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