



ISCS NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2020 – Week 12th

"I believe that education is all about being excited about something. Seeing passion and enthusiasm helps push an educational message."

- Steve Irwin

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Dear ISCS Community,

After a long term, including the pandemic shut down, we are finally reaching our final destination. We are very close to the end and it is now when we can look back and feel very proud of our students, teachers, staff and families. This week, after the final exams and assessments have ended, we can say that we fought the battle together and beat the odds. Our Grade 10 and 11 students, who finished their assessments a few weeks ago, will be assessed by Cambridge through the summer and are currently preparing for next year, as university life or other future opportunities get closer every day. Staff and students are getting ready for the end of term, with a few end of year activities to lead our students into the summer holidays. The final House Champion will be announced, and we look forward to celebrating our students' achievements before we say goodbye on 26th June.

To close, I want to thank all of you, from the faculty to the staff, students, and ISCS community. It has been a meaningful year and we remain committed to accomplishing many initiatives for the school moving forward. Our school has a role to play in the future of our international society and town, and no matter what limits are placed on us or hurdles are set in our path, we will push back and push forward for what we know is right, as global citizens.

Warm regards,

Mr Wickham



Dear Families,

What a wet week! This has meant we have had fewer opportunities to play outside but hopefully we can make up for it next week. During the coming weeks, as the academic year draws to a close, we are planning some fun events that I am sure the children will enjoy. The dates are included at the end of this newsletter.

At long last, Primary were able to have their movie afternoon which was postponed in March due to CV19. The children thoroughly enjoyed the films and the snacks the PO organised and so a special thanks to them.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Hawthorne

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The Early Years students were anticipating Friday afternoon all week as they knew it would be a special pajama party with a movie and snacks! It was a great afternoon and thank you to the PO for organizing this. In Language and Literacy, we have continued with our Summer topic, learning new vocabulary, discussing sun safety, creating Summer-themed artwork and of course eating seasonal fruit. In Maths, we played "Battleships". The children were shown how to read coordinates on a grid - and found out how to sink my fleet pretty quickly. In German, the children have been studying action verbs and reading the classic Oxford Reading Tree stories about Biff and Chip which have been translated into German!



GRADE 3, 4 & 5

After completing tests this week, we have moved on to new skills and topics. Grade 5 have begun working on a gaming story called 'A Raider's Peril' and Grades 3 and 4 have been working on their dictionary skills. We have also started mathematical investigations and will continue to do this for the coming week. It was Thomas' birthday and he brought in a wonderful Fortnite cake to share with his friends.

GRADE 1

What a week! The highlight was creating our Papier Mâché bowls...we certainly have some budding artists in Grade 1. We are also Kung Fu masters of punctuation. I say this as we have learnt a new way of remembering and using very important punctuation in our writing.

In our German classes we read a different story about the Three Little Pigs and next week we hope to do our own classroom puppet show for this. We have also continued with our Maths topics of 'coordination' and 'direction,' learning what is meant by the terms 'clockwise', 'anti-clockwise,' a 'one quarter turn', a 'half turn', and a 'three quarter turn.' Primary finally got to enjoy their 'movie night' - well, movie afternoon! Yay, thanks PO team! A treat well deserved after all the hard work at home and at school this term. Fabulous work this week, Grade 1!



Teo and Ralph enjoying a maths game together and Thomas' birthday cake.



SECONDARY

N E W S

It has been an intense time of hard work and preparation for our IGCSE and AS students. Predicted Grades have now been submitted to Cambridge and we now await the final results, which should be communicated in late August. While students anxiously await their results, they have time in these next couple of weeks to put aside the revision notes and get a head start on the topics they will be covering in their final, A Level year.

Internal exams for Grades 6-9 have come to a close, with the exception of a few assessments in Performing Arts which will be finished in next week's classes. Well done to all our students. On the whole, there was a very calm atmosphere and study sessions went very well, with a lot of focus.

IGCSE options (for current Grade 8) will be reviewed with students next week - if there are any doubts about choices, there is still time to contact myself or Mr Hopton. Please get in touch if you have any final questions!

Finally... we are going to be welcoming some new students to Secondary in August, and one or two may be popping in for a visit. We look forward to seeing them around campus and helping them to settle in.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Ms Helyer

As Grade 11 delve into their first A Level set text, *The Knight's Tale*, we have been discussing the social and historical context in which it was written. Our Knight is a character in the famous *Canterbury Tales*, written by Geoffrey Chaucer, often known as the father of English Literature. Before we tackle this long poem, written entirely in Middle English, the students have researched the type of world Geoffrey Chaucer lived in. It was a world of knights, chivalry, the Crusades, the Bubonic Plague and huge social reform, with the introduction of the medieval Feudal System.

This week, we explored the role of the Knight in medieval society, and started looking at the language Chaucer was familiar with - and writing in - at the time. To do this, we had to go back further in history to appreciate how the English language has evolved. Some of our students were not at school for this lesson, so next Monday, Leoluca and Nikita will be helping me to teach the class, showing them what we discussed! I'm looking forward to them being able to share their knowledge of Anglo-Saxon English, and how this morphed into what we know as Middle English, which was also influenced by other events such as the Viking Raids and the conquering of England by William of Normandy in 1066. Our students were surprised to learn just how much Old English texts represent the old Germanic language, and how Middle English became a 'melting pot' of old Saxon, Norse, French and Latin. So the next time you hear a word in English, think about where it might have originated!

Our upper secondary students have also been performing biology experiments after coming back from lockdown and enjoying the fact that now - as they are a small group - they can perform the experiments themselves and see the theories they have learnt in action.



PARENT ORGANISATION

Dear ISCS community,

This week, our committee has been busy preparing the primary movie sessions. Depending on their grades, the students could watch either "Teen Titans Go! The Movie" or "The Secret Life of Pets" and enjoy a special snack. What a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the assessments and primary check points! Thanks again to the primary team who was a great help for the organization of this event!



As we get closer to the end of the school year, it is time to look back to what we have done so far and to prepare the future. To discuss these topics, we would like to invite you to an "End of Year Coffee Morning" on Friday, June 19th. We would love to hear your feedback and your ideas so, please save the date and check your emails as we should send you all the details in the coming days. If you cannot attend but would like to share your thoughts with us, feel free to send them to po@iscs-zug.ch and we will come back to you.

End of the school year is also synonym of thanking the school team for the work they have done. We propose you to show your gratitude on Thursday June 18th as part of our "**Teachers & School Staff Celebration**".

Finally, don't forget that our special FATHER'S DAY SELFIE SCAVENGER HUNT CHALLENGE will end on Sunday June 14th so don't forget to send us your creations on po@iscs-zug.ch.

Students, teachers, parents, prepare your camera -or your pencils- as we cannot wait to see your amazing pictures!
Thank you for your help and support in our efforts to build a great community!

We wish you a wonderful weekend!

Audrey Mariska Celine Kasia

ISCS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CENTRAL SWITZERLAND
PARENTS' ORGANISATION

ON JUNE 18TH
LET'S CELEBRATE

TEACHERS & SCHOOL STAFF

IT TAKES A TEAM TO HELP CHILDREN DREAM

Bring in a home-made present.

Give or send your teachers a home-made card, email, handwritten message to show how much you appreciate their services.

Have a gesture of thanks for your teachers through a poem, song, dance, ...

Bring in your teachers' favorite snack (only packed).

The ideas below are all optional suggestions. Feel free to show your appreciation in a different way & make this a **FANTASTIC** day!

After School Activities are BACK!

We are happy to inform you that we are back on track with our ISCS After School Clubs. This week the students enjoyed Playball, Art Club, Chess, Ball Games and Music lessons.



Dates for your Diary...

- Sunday 14th June - Closing date for the PO "Father's Day Selfie Scavenger Hunt" Competition
- Thursday 18th June - Teachers and School Staff Celebration (organised by PO)
- Friday 19th June - PO End of Year Coffee Morning
- Monday 22nd June - Primary and Secondary Summer Reports released
- Wednesday 24th June - Whole School Hike - Zugerberg (more details to follow)
- Friday 26th June - Last day for students (dismissal at 12:00)

ISCS HOUSE POINTS

The house point highlight for this week was the Parents Organisations 'Father's Day Challenge'. The Yellow team including Adele, almost completed the whole list and received 28 points, Green team got 20, while the Red team ended up with 12 and Blue team finished with 8. Come on Blue and Red lets get making those points next time!!!

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