



NEWS LETTER

Friday, 13th November 2020

WHAT'S INSIDE

"We have become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams." - Jimmy Carter

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Dear ISCS Community,

Over the last few weeks we have welcomed more families to our school. We are also expecting more visitors and possible new starters over the next few weeks, and after our Winter Break.

Once again, the ISCS community expands with regard to a wide range of student nationalities. Our newest students and visiting families come from Ukraine, Scotland and the US. We expect some more families from the UK, South Africa, Denmark, Switzerland, and Spain to join us over the coming months.

Currently, our students span 24 different nationalities. Our diversity continues to grow to almost 30 nationalities. There is no 'dominant' nationality at ISCS. This is incredible for such a small school - and what makes this place so special.

Our emphasis is to continue to make sure that arriving students and their families are able to transition to life at ISCS, and in Switzerland, as seamlessly as possible. For many students, this change is huge and can seem daunting and stressful as they integrate into a country with a different culture - and for many - a new language.

We praise our values of Respect, Excellence and Internationalism. Therefore, I encourage our community to keep up the great work of supporting new students and new families. New faces offer an opportunity for our students to forge new friendships, learn something new and discover a different world.

José Antonio Parra

PRIMARY NEWS

PRE-K

We've been learning about Diwali, the Festival of Light, creating beautiful rangoli patterns with Grades 2 and 3. In literacy, we enjoyed listening to the story *Owl Babies* and sequencing the main events. We completed some super maths work, adding and subtracting 1 from numbers up to 10. In art we got resourceful, enjoyed making our own paintbrushes using only natural items!

Ms McVeigh



GRADE K/1

What incredible mathematicians we have! The class worked incredibly hard to complete increasingly challenging subtraction questions. In English, they explored the concept of dialogue between characters and created speech bubbles to show a conversation between two aliens! Science focused on nocturnal animals - the class used drama and role play to interpret their understanding of what really goes "bump in the night!"

Miss MacMillan

GRADE 2/3

What a wonderful week of learning lies behind us! This week we learned about the internet, and its marvels. Through a story and a song, we found out more about internet safety and the need to tread carefully when being online. As the days are getting shorter we also used the opportunity to learn about the festival of lights, the beautiful celebration of Diwali. We loved our time indoors and outdoors working with colours and learning about Indian culture through stories- a wonderful way to develop intercultural understanding and appreciation.

Mrs Boelle

GRADE 4/5

How much do we throw away? The class have been reflecting on how much packaging and product waste they produce on a daily basis - and what we can all do to minimise this. Our "Fractions" topic continues in Maths, as we delve into improper fractions and how to turn them into mixed numbers. In English we've looked at different types of parenthesis and how we can add these to our writing to create super sentences! It was fantastic to get out on a walk earlier this week, admiring the Autumn colours all around us.

Mr Hawthorne



SECONDARY NEWS

The Student Council Speak Up!



The Student Council was in session again this Tuesday. This week, older students suggested ways of further optimising the space used during lunch to keep ensuring a safe distance. Other points of discussion included some festive ideas! The Council are getting ahead with their planning, and hope to design some (socially distant and safe) activities in school, including House competitions.

Agenda items from Student Council meetings are sent to the Senior Leadership Team to review and discuss. There were some good ideas this week ... watch this space for the outcome!

The Student Council, run by Mr Hopton

Trial Day Students

We've had students in Grade 6 and 8 for trial days this week. They got stuck in straight away! Special thanks to our secondary classes for making our visitors feel welcome!

A Dark Tale



Grade 12 delve into the depths of dystopian literature as they explore the issues raised in our current novel, *The Handmaid's Tale*. Certainly not for the faint-hearted, the text has our students identifying key themes and discussion points, including the effects of totalitarian regimes, oppression versus freedom, feminism, relationships and power.

Grade 12 Literature, Ms Helyer

Did You Know...?

Although it's Friday 13th (unlucky for some!) it is also "World Kindness Day." Students had discussions in PSHE on the topic and what it means to them. They considered different ways we can all display "random acts of kindness" towards each other.

Thanks to our Secondary Tutors!



HOUSE POINTS

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|  | 584 | 394 |  |
|  | 413 | 676 |  |

Over the last two weeks, we've welcomed 10 new students to different houses and the points totals have increased dramatically! The Yellow House reached 676 points, while the Blue House follows with 584. The Red and the Green Houses are in close competition to secure a solid third place.

Don't forget...

..our Winter Art Competition! Mrs Bradley is looking forward to judging your marvellous masterpieces!



Winter **ART FEST**

THE DRAWING & PAINTING EVENT FOR ALL

- CREATE A **DRAWING, PAINTING OR DESIGN NO BIGGER THAN A3**
- THE THEME IS 'WINTER' AND YOUR WORK MUST LINK TO THIS
- **EVENT CATEGORIES:**
CERTIFICATES, FABULOUS PRIZES & KUDOS
 - ❄️ **LOWER PRIMARY WINNER (PREK-GR2)**
 - ❄️ **UPPER PRIMARY WINNER (GR3-5)**
 - ❄️ **LOWER SECONDARY WINNER (GR6-8)**
 - ❄️ **UPPER SECONDARY WINNER (GR9-12)**
 - ❄️ **ISCS EMPLOYEE WINNER**
 - ❄️ **PARENT WINNER**
- **ALL ENTRIES IN TO MRS BRADLEY BY FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2020**