



NEWS LETTER

Friday, 6th November 2020

WHAT'S INSIDE

*"The leaves, frost-crisp'd, break from the trees
And fall." - Adelaide Crapsey, "November Night"*

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Dear ISCS Community,

One of the biggest advantages of our Cambridge Curriculum is that it is recognised by most of the top universities worldwide, including those in Switzerland.

More and more universities in the world are offering programmes in English. All these universities have entry requirements which are defined in terms of A-level and IGCSE results. Even in Switzerland, for those students that are not accepted in the Matura programme, usually due to having less German, one path to achieve university acceptance is through A-level accreditation.

We have a University and Careers Counselling service led by Mr Caracheo under the direction of Ms Helyer, to help our A-level students select their preferred university and course programme, and prepare their applications. Mr Caracheo works with Grade 11 and 12 students on Wednesdays during Periods 6 and 7 to help them with research and provide further guidance.

We aim to help our students achieve their goals; in addition to 'getting the grades,' they will consider the courses and careers they may wish to embark on in the future. Thorough preparation is key as they research, reflect and perfect those applications. In particular, we wish our Grade 12 students the best of luck as they finalise their choices and applications.

In short, A-level accreditation will open the door to university choices and to our students' futures, which we are sure will be bright.

José Antonio Parra

PRIMARY NEWS

PRE-K

We've been focusing on representing numbers we know to ensure we can show them in a range of ways. We continue to read our story, *Don't Hog the Hedge*, which has taught us that some animals hibernate during winter. We loved acting out the story together as a class lots of times before sequencing it. We're really in the mood for Autumn, having practised lots of seasonal songs!

Ms McVeigh

GRADE K/1



This week we were delighted to welcome Nikita to our class, who has settled in straight away! In Maths, we've been learning about the concept of subtraction. Science saw us begin to classify animals, whilst in English we wrote descriptive sentences using adjectives about a pair of underpants which we designed! This was based on our book *Aliens Love Underpants* - we're now reading the second part and we love it!

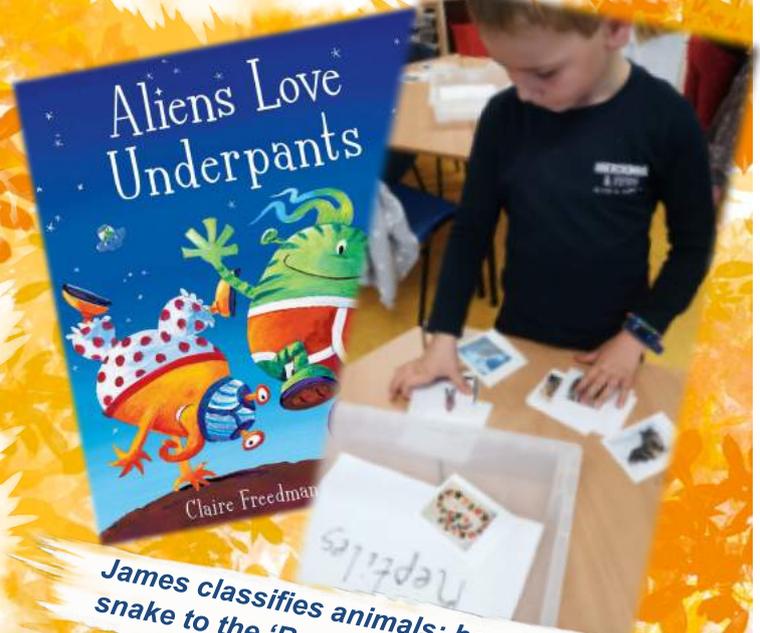
Miss MacMillan



GRADE 2/3

Our English activities have been based on *Jack and the Beanstalk*. We're developing our understanding of narrative writing and character development, as well as language skills. Our new Science unit is all about rocks and the amazing secrets they hold - perhaps we have some future geologists in our class! Maths has focused on skills in addition and multiplication - our class is really excited to show what we know!

Mrs Boelle

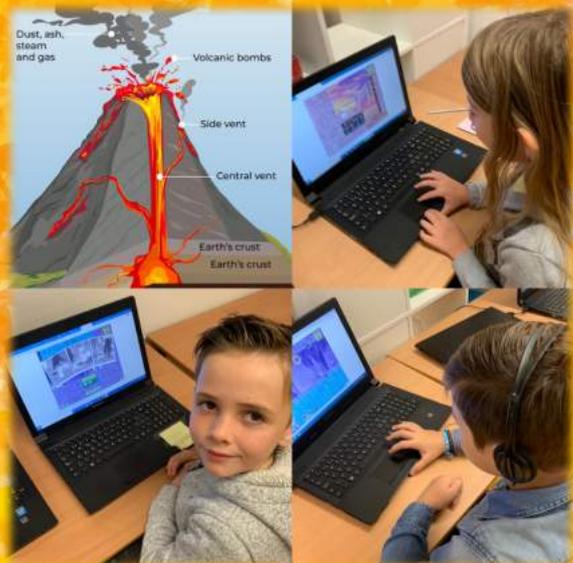


James classifies animals; he adds a snake to the 'Reptiles' box

GRADE 4/5

We've been working very hard on fractions and can now compare two fractions with different denominators by converting one (or both) so that they have the same denominator - complicated stuff!! We've been getting on with some excellent explanation texts in English; these skills have helped us to explain why some natural disasters occur. Science continues with the study of evaporation and the processes in the Water Cycle.

Mr Hawthorne



SECONDARY NEWS

Grade 8 Spanish presentations



Well done to our Grade 8 Spanish students who recently put together some great presentations about Spanish-speaking countries. Miss Tsolaki was very impressed with your work!

Happy readers: Grade 9 help out again!

Many thanks to Grade 9 for helping Miss Macmillan again this week! Class K/1 loved having their company in the library....



Spotlight on ... our PSHE curriculum

'PSHE' stands for Personal, Social, Health and Economic education and is delivered in addition to our other subjects to allow students to explore and discuss topics which allow them to enrich their knowledge of wider issues and ideas. It places emphasis on things such as personal wellbeing and getting prepared for life outside of school.

Today's PSHE theme was 'What's Important to You?', in recognition of World Values Day. Our students took Self-assessment quizzes, considered their achievements so far in light of our school values and presented their work through discussion, posters and more!

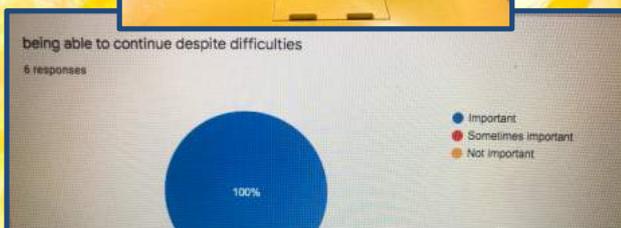
Values are...

- ① numbers!!
- ② things that are important to you
- ③ things that make people recognise you
- ④ the (measurable) importance of something
- ⑤ Something that is "worth" something

By grade 7

"Whenever you have less of something, you get more resourceful"

"learn to use what you already have"



'Values' Questionnaire and thoughtful reflections from Grade 7

HOUSE POINTS

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	364	562	

The Yellow House take a clear lead this week! Red overtake Green to take third place!



Dig out those pencils, paints and paper...it's time to get creative!

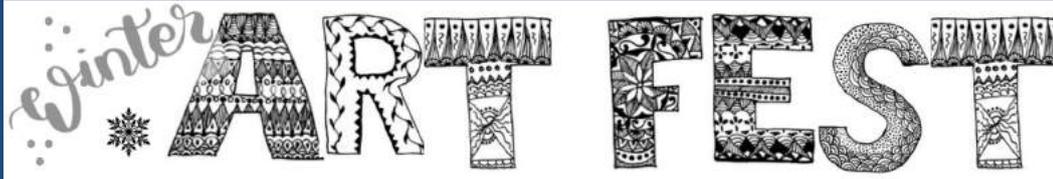
ISCS is launching the 'Winter Art Fest'.

This event is a celebration of creativity and is open to everyone in the ISCS community! There will be prize categories for all students, staff and parents. Please spend the next month getting creative by producing a drawing, painting, design or digital image that is linked to the theme 'WINTER'.

- Your piece should be no bigger than A3!
- All entries should be named and with Mrs Bradley by Friday 4th December!

Thank you all for encouraging your child/ren and for getting involved too!

Rebecca Bradley



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