



NEWS LETTER

Friday, 4th December 2020

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"The first fall of snow is...a magical event. You go to bed in one kind of a world and wake up in another quite different." - J.B. Priestley

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Dear ISCS Community,

As we approach the end of the first term, we continue to plan ahead for January and the next academic year. Mr. Wickham, our Director of Education and Head of Sage College Jerez, is visiting us this week to work on our future plans. We look forward to welcoming him back to Switzerland and discussing the next steps.

In the coming months, we will be working on some strategies to create an alignment between ISCS and Sage College. This will include academics, timetabling ideas and assessment. This alignment will allow us to offer some new, exciting and affordable services to our students.

I expect that with vaccines already in preparation, that we can finally start looking beyond the pandemic and ahead to the future. We are looking into a range of possibilities in order to offer school exchanges with different time frames, from one week to one year. This is projected to be based around school term dates, although we would also like to offer travel opportunities for our students during the summer.

We are very excited to be able to offer these exchanges in the near future which will be an extraordinary experience for our students and families. I can't think of a better way to put into action, and celebrate, one of our core values - *internationalism*.

Jose Antonio Parra

Snowy stories from...

PRIMARY

PRE-K

We've used our imagination and creativity this week as we've been inspired by reading winter stories. As the snow arrived, we changed our 'role play' area to an igloo inside, and made salt dough decorations for the Christmas tree. In Science, we've been looking at the effects salt has on ice to help us stay safe and not slip!

Ms McVeigh



GRADE K/1

The wonderful weather certainly inspired our work this week! In English, we created snowmen who, naughtily, ran away and caused mischief around school! We had to write descriptive 'Missing' posters to locate them again.

We completed our 'money' topic in Maths; we're now able to count money and choose certain coins to make up different amounts!

Art was a highlight of the week- we collected natural materials to make a winter scene.

Miss MacMillan



GRADE 2/3

What a great start! We've spent some time reviewing what we know in Maths and English. The snow made for an interesting Science investigation: "How much snow fell?" We went out to measure how deep the snow was, and then brought some of the snow inside to see how long it would take to melt. We all had a guess and Anna was the nearest with her guess of two hours. In fact, it took 1 hour and 40 minutes to completely melt!

Mrs Knight



GRADE 4/5

The weather has provided us with much fun this week as the children were thrilled to see the first snow of the season! In class, we have been converting fractions into decimals and looking at fractions of amounts. This is quite tricky! In our writing we have been working on different genres such as a diary extract and a persuasive piece, as well as independently writing at length on a range of topics.

Mr Hawthorne



SECONDARY

Festive Fun with the Student Council

Our council representatives have been working hard to come up with some festive ideas to end the term. Since we still can't hold whole-school activities or assemblies, our students have been proactive, planning some lovely smaller events to spread some cheer...

'Secret Santa' - Grades 4-8

Each class member will select, at random, another classmate for whom they should buy a gift. These will be exchanged secretly on Friday 18th December. We kindly ask that no more than 15CHF is spent.

Christmas Film and Breakfast - Grades 9-12

Class reps are arranging a Christmas Film and Breakfast event for each class. This will be held on Friday 18th December. Each class will select an age-appropriate Christmas film to watch in the morning whilst enjoying some breakfast snacks.

All Grades

Our Advanced Secondary students are organising a 'Festive Tree Decoration' contest. Prizes are up for grabs and will be presented by the Student Council!

Did You Know?

This Thursday was the International Day of Disability Awareness. Our Friday Secondary PSHE classes focused on the theme 'Disabilities are not always seen.' The groups defined disability, considered society's changing attitudes towards disability, and looked at case studies. There were interactive activities, as well as a guest presentation from Mr Caracheo's wife who works as a scientific assistant in the field of health strategy for the Swiss Paraplegic Foundation.

Grade 11 Physics

The AS Physics class put theory into practice as they learned how to measure potential energy – part of their unit on "Work, Energy and Power. Students released an object down a slope and calculated the ratio of input and output potential energy." To put this into context: the next time you take to the pistes, check that you generate the right ratio of input and output potential energy... when you ski down that "dip," make sure you gain enough speed to get up the other side!



AND FINALLY...

Ready, Chess, Go!!!



This week saw the start of our annual ISCS Chess Tournament. The competition takes place over the morning break. This year, we have a record of 30 participants– fantastic! The Tournament was originally planned to take a couple of weeks, leading up to the Winter Break. But with so much interest we may even see it continue into the new year!

It's lovely for our students to be able to take part in an indoor activity during the cold weather, which can be carried out with social distancing and hygiene measures. Chess is challenging, strategic and mentally stimulating ... one of the best forms of 'brain gym' out there!



House Points

The Yellow House reaches four digits, leading with a massive 1028 points! They successfully reached the goal before the holidays and still have two more weeks to increase this number. Watch this space...

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