



NEWS LETTER

Friday, 15th January 2021

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"For last year's words belong to last year's language. And next year's words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning." - T.S. Eliot

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Dear ISCS Community,

I hope you had a restful, healthy and joyful holiday.

First of all, I want to welcome the new students and families to ISCS. Ten new students have joined the school in January. Relocating and/or starting in a new school is very challenging, especially in the middle of the year. But we are a caring learning community and I am sure that we will all put the maximum effort in helping new families integrate at ISCS and in Switzerland.

This term started with the third Covid wave in place, a growing number of cases and tightening measures announced by the Federal Government. ISCS can take pride in the job done during the first term to help prevent the spread of cases within the school and in keeping all the classes on campus. As for this term, we need to continue in the same way and strengthen the accomplishment of the Covid protocol within school in the coming months.

Next Wednesday, we will start our mock exams for IGCSE, AS and A-level students. It is the beginning of the preparation for the real exams in May and June. It can be a daunting period for the students and their families but it is crucial to keep calm, stay focused and never give up. We wish strength and the best of luck to all our students.

I want to thank you all for your support, and your belief in ISCS. Have a great and healthy weekend.

Best wishes,

Jose Antonio Parra

Primary



PRE-K

Pre K have launched into our Space topic this week! We've explored planets, designed and made a large rocket and learnt all about the water cycle in a fun experiment. We read lots of stories about Earth in Literacy, and in Maths we are learning about the concept of zero, and exploring weight.

Ms McVeigh



GRADE K/1

What a wonderful week back together! We loved reading *Each, Peach, Pear, Plum* this week and completing descriptive writing based on the book. In maths, we recapped 'number bonds' which are two numbers that go together to make 10, 20 or 100. We also enjoyed learning sign language for the days of the week to go alongside our morning song!

Miss MacMillan



GRADE 2/3

We welcome three new class members this term! Annette, Anya and Kenzo have already settled into our class and we are very happy to have new friends. Our topic, "Frozen" (not the Disney version!) has seen some excellent work from the children this week. We've read different versions of *The Mitten* and *The Hat*, looked at contractions in grammar and recapped capital letters and full stops in sentences. We've also begun research on a chosen cold country. Science has seen discussions on hibernation and a fun crystal-making experiment...fingers crossed they grow! In Art, we made our own pictures in the style of the iconic "Pop Art" by Andy Warhol.

Mrs Knight



Grade 4/5 social distancing and wearing their funky masks!

GRADE 4/5

We've wasted no time this week in getting straight back into work and exploring exciting new topics. 'Myths and Legends' has captivated the children's imagination as we look at strange, beautiful (and sometimes terrifying) monsters and creatures from ancient tales. Maths continues to focus on fractions, decimals and percentages, and in Science we've delved into the microscopic world of plants and flowers, looking closely at their anatomy and finding out some incredible facts. Did you know there are 80,000 edible plant species in the world? Adventurous eaters could try something new every day for 220 years!

Mr Hawthorne



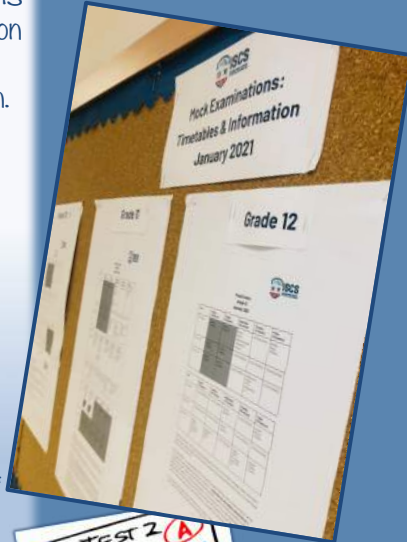
Secondary

It's that time of year...

The mock examinations for IGCSE, AS and A Level subjects will be starting on 20th January. Students are working with their teachers to finalise revision. Detailed communication regarding regulations and guidelines has been posted up on boards for students to keep checking.

The exams not only offer the chance for students to experience the real exam format, style and exam room routines, but also give them an opportunity to engage in proactive independent study which is a valuable skill they can take forward to AS/ A Level or University.

We wish all our students the best of luck!



Careers

Grade 10 spent time in PSHE completing a 'Careers Profile' and 'Subject Interests' survey. This is the initial step in students finding out more about themselves in terms of strengths, skills, interests and personal qualities that they could bring to the work place. These surveys will form a basis for more in depth interviews with students and parents which will take place in February.



ISCS Welcomes...

This week, we've welcomed five new students to Secondary School. Chloe, Chinmay, Luis, Marina and Margarita join us from schools in Switzerland, India, Spain and Russia. They have done a great job settling in and our students have been brilliant at helping them out. It's lovely to see our international family continue to grow.



And Finally

The competition gets fierce as the chess games continue!

Our ISCS Chess tournament slowly comes to an end. We are planning to have another 2-3 weeks of the competition. Gabriel, Grant and Victoria are currently at the top!



WEEK 4 Chess Leaders:

- Gabriel 10 wins 35 points
- Grant 9 wins 27 points
- Victoria 7 wins 26 points
- Carlo 5 wins 22 points
- Meri 5 wins 17 points

PE Update

Our sport classes at ISCS will continue to run to the normal timetable. Due to the new coronavirus measures that apply from 22 December 2020 we are not allowed to use the BaseFit workout area. Most of the classes will have PE lessons outside depending on the weather. We will continue with the outdoor learning, running, jogging, parkour and orienteering activities to keep the students fit, motivated and involved. We would like to remind students to wear adequate warm clothing for outdoor P.E. Swimming for Grade 2/3 will run as normal on Fridays, from 11:30-13:00.

House Points

The Blue House reached a 4-digit number to follow the leaders with 1056 points. The Yellow House consolidates the win with 1278 points. As the school grows, we added 9 new students mostly to the Red and Green Houses - keep going, Red and Green!

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