



NEWS LETTER

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"Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again" - Nelson Mandela

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Dear ISCS Community,

This week, our IGCSE, AS and A Level students have embarked on their mock exams. After all the challenges due to Covid-19 and the snow, it is a pleasure to see the students sitting their exams and studying in school. I am very proud of our students and our staff, and I really wish them the best of luck. I thank you all for the hard work that has gone into the preparation of exams.

We have received information from the authorities regarding Covid-19 and schools. Although the situation is tense, it remains stable and, at the time of writing these lines, there are no changes for schools. They advise us to strengthen the control and fulfilment of the existing protocol, and to be ready to switch to online instruction in case of necessity.

In terms of activities, we can continue with some sports if we can guarantee implementation of the Covid-19 health and safety measures. Therefore, we are resuming some of our usual PE lessons and our football club. In addition to the activities we already provide, we want to involve our students in a Youth Theatre Project and Performance, and would like to encourage Secondary students to become involved in this initiative. Our Chess Tournament has continued this week, where we have some serious competition for the lead position.

Thanks for all your continued support,

Jose Antonio Parra

Primary

3... 2... 1... "Blast Off" for Pre K!

We continue our exciting journey through space. We made special space passports and learned loads of interesting facts about the first moon landings. We read the *Man on the Moon* and discussed whether the moon might even be home to aliens - imagine that! We designed our own aliens using inspiration from a brilliant read called *Here Come the Aliens* and had a go at describing them. The theme continued in Science, where we made... moon rocks, of course!

Ms McVeigh

$$6 \div 3 = 2$$



Grade 2/3 dive into division!

We've been using multiplication facts in different ways this week to explore division techniques in Maths. In English we're experimenting with interesting nouns, vibrant verbs and amazing adjectives. In other news, our Science experiment worked! We produced colourful salt crystals and made some posters about countries that are cold. We look forward to finding out more about animals that hibernate and making more pop art to add to our display.

Mrs Knight



An African Tale in Grade K/1...

This week the children were introduced to the concept of multiplication. We learnt the vocabulary associated with the 'x' symbol and began to calculate simple multiplication problems with visuals for support. In English, we journeyed to West Africa, the setting of a tale called *Zomo the Rabbit*. We enjoyed predicting the plot and came up with our own alternative storylines. And last but not least - we've finished our family trees! The children loved presenting them to the class in Global Perspectives - a great way to start building presentation and communication skills!

Miss MacMillan

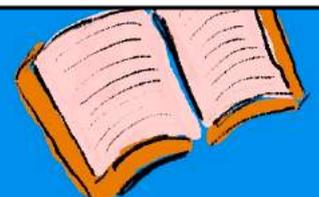
Cyclops and Medusa visit Grade 4/5

The children continue to be enthralled by the characters in Greek Myths! This week we met Cyclops, the giant one-eyed creature, and the children were beyond excited to read about Medusa with living venomous snakes in place of hair - yikes! They've used media to research these creatures and create their own informative slideshow. The students explored the concept of 'Ratio' in Maths, and in Science they dissected flowers to find out more about each part of the plant and its function.

Mr Hawthorne



Keep your (social) distance with this guy around!



Secondary...



Shhh... Exams in Progress!

IGCSE, AS and A level mock exams began this Wednesday. Our students are now settling into study routines and have been making use of their study sessions, spending time checking work with their teachers. Students who have less exam subjects are in touch with teachers who supervise the study rooms; they will be working on some additional study tasks over the next week or two to help them reinforce their learning, or get started on new topics.



Grade 6 Crack Down on Climate Change

Students spent time in Global Perspectives considering issues related to climate change. To put their learning into context, they wrote letters to local government representatives and created their own placards, highlighting the key issues they wanted to prioritise. The exercise gave them a chance to use empathy and consolidate their understanding of the subject using real-life scenarios.



Lower Secondary Performing Arts

Students have been exploring different physical theatre processes used by practitioner, actor, director and playwright, Steven Berkoff. Berkoff's work is influenced by a diverse range of dramatic styles, from expressive Japanese "Kabuki" theatre to Shakespeare. His techniques include "tableaux", "stylised movement" (for example, slow or "robotic" actions), facial expressions and even mime. The Performing Arts classes have experimented with this in their own work. It just goes to show that dialogue and dramatic scenery are not the only elements that can make a performance effective!

Find out more about this work and style at:

source: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/znn4vk7/revision/2



SPORT & HOUSE POINTS

PE Update

We are happy to be back in the gym on Wednesdays. This week, the students were briefed on the updated safety measures. In classes, we've used our creativity to adapt typical 'contact' sports into Covid-safe activities. All students are now familiar with the new rules and have been putting them into practice. Game of basketball, anyone?



House Points

The Yellow House consolidates the win with 1310 points. Another team with 4-digit number, the Blue House, follows them with 1075!

After School Activities

This week we shared with you the details and enrolment forms for the After School Clubs and for the Performing Arts Programme for the Spring Term. We enjoyed the trial week and were happy to be back to the gym this Wednesday for Football Club!



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