



# NEWS LETTER

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*"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself" – John Dewey*

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Dear ISCS Community,

We hope you have enjoyed the February Break, whether you've taken to the slopes, been away or simply relaxed at home. Spring has certainly been in the air this week as we've welcomed back our students, hopefully rested, recharged, energised and ready for the challenges of the new term ahead – which is sure to be a very busy time indeed!

All Primary and Secondary students will be working on topics and assessments ready for their Spring Term Progress Reports which will be sent out just before the Spring holiday. Our IGCSE, AS and A level students will be completing coursework, preparing for exams and even finishing some of their examination modules in Art and Languages before the rest of the Cambridge examinations begin.

As you will have read in our latest Covid-19 communication, we are finalising all preparations and logistics to put testing in place for all Secondary students and staff. All staff have been briefed and trained in how this will work, and we will be starting the process as soon as we have received our testing kits from the cantonal health authority. We are in no doubt that the new measures will continue to prevent cases and reduce quarantine requirements. We continue to teach all classes as normal; once we all get used to the new testing procedure it will become more efficient and part of our routine.

To finish, we are proud to announce that more new students have joined us this term, and we wish them all the best as they settle into their new environment.

Welcome to a fresh new term at ISCS!  
*José Antonio Parra*



# PRIMARY



## Spring has sprung in Early Years!



This week we loved creating beautiful spring collages, going on long walks to spot the signs of spring, planting our very own cress seeds and also having a go at writing our holiday news. In Maths we read *Pattern Bugs* by Trudy Harris and loved joining in with sound patterns made by the bugs, like “buzz, buzz, buzz, sip!” We also coloured in some beautiful caterpillars. We’ve enjoyed being cloakroom superstars this week by keeping our cubbies tidy and taking responsibility for our belongings.

Ms McVeigh



Green fingers: our littlest gardeners get to work...

## No limits in Grade 2/3...

Fun with measurement, making compound nouns and loving the nice Spring weather in the playground... Grades 2&3 have bounced back into learning with amazing energy! The class had loads of fun with learning the ‘9 times table’ - perhaps the most fun one to learn as there are so many tricks to remember it! The children were blown away by all the possibilities. They’ve also spent the week learning about a new country, and started to investigate how light works in Science. Let’s hope the weather stays sunny so we can go outside to follow our shadows!

Mrs Knight



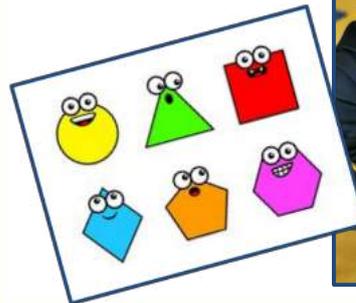
All smiles for 2/3!

## Superheroes in K/1!

This week we flew into our Superheroes topic! POW! We loved reading *There’s a Superhero in Your Book* by Tom Fletcher, describing how the baddies could use their powers for good.

In Maths, we explored 2D shapes, even going on a shape hunt around school. You’d be surprised how many different shapes we found! We loved wearing our new PE kits on Tuesday and Wednesday - and looked so smart. The weather certainly helped, too; PE in the sunshine is especially fun!

Miss MacMillan



## Grade 4/5 measure up!

This week we’ve been delving into the world of measurements, learning about the imperial and metric scales. When converting these, we’ve relied on our ever-growing knowledge of decimals, multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. In English, the class have perfected their writing, adding extra detail and complexity by using relative pronouns and different types of clauses. Move over, J.K. Rowling - sounds like you have some serious competition!

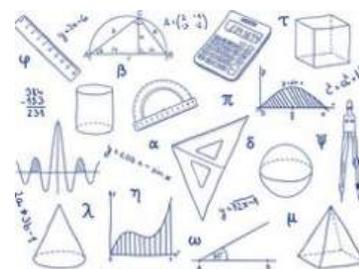
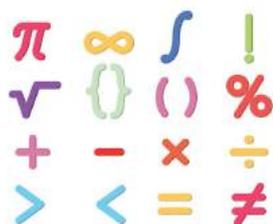
Mr Hawthorne



# SECONDARY

## Calling all Mathematicians...

Mr Evison and Dr Caracheo have been collaborating to provide differentiation in IGCSE Maths. Since some of our Grade 10 (Year 11) students need to review previous topics to be better prepared for the IGCSE exam, and some of our Grade 9 (Year 10) students have already learned some topics quickly, the classes have been rearranged into two levels a couple of times a week, when the classes have the subject at the same time. Having trialed this over the last week or two, we've already noticed a huge benefit to both classes as work is pitched at levels to stretch, challenge, cover foundation skills or build confidence in the subject.



## Reactions and...Radishes?!



Grade 8 (Year 9) have been looking at the speed of reactions. This week we performed a variation of a classic reaction involving rhubarb (!!) and potassium manganate. Since rhubarb is out of season, we used radishes. Potassium manganate is a vibrant purple colour, but when exposed to the oxalic acid in radishes it turns colourless. By cutting the radish into different sizes, the surface area can be changed, and this alters the rate of the reaction. A higher surface area will cause the colour to change quicker because the rate of reaction is increased.



**Did you know...?** This is the same reason liquid rocket fuel is sprayed in small droplets into the combustion chamber and why flour mills are highly susceptible to explosions.  
*Mr Evison*

## Collaborative Computing

We love to see our students work together, especially across different age groups. Primary students have been working on an exciting ICT project to make their own films. They've been mindmapping, looking at ways videos are produced and using story boards – all with the help of Leoluca (Year 13) who has been working as a teaching assistant to Mr Jackson. We can't wait to see the finished pieces!



*Leoluca (Year 13) assists primary students*



# AND FINALLY...

## Looking smart in our new PE uniforms!

Our new sports uniforms have arrived - hooray! Students looked great as they attended PE classes this week. With the weather changing, it's been great to have a PE outfit that keeps our students comfortable, but is also warm when needed. The 'hoodie' has proven to be a big success, with many students wearing it over their normal outfits, too!

All students across school are kindly reminded to bring the correct uniform for all PE lessons, to ensure they are wearing the appropriate clothing type for the different activities they do. Let's go, team!

Mr Perliyev



Looking good: check out these "PE Posers!"

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## House Points

What a great achievement over the last week! All of our houses reached a 4-digit number. The Red House left 4<sup>th</sup> place after a long time there; they're now working hard to catch up with the others!