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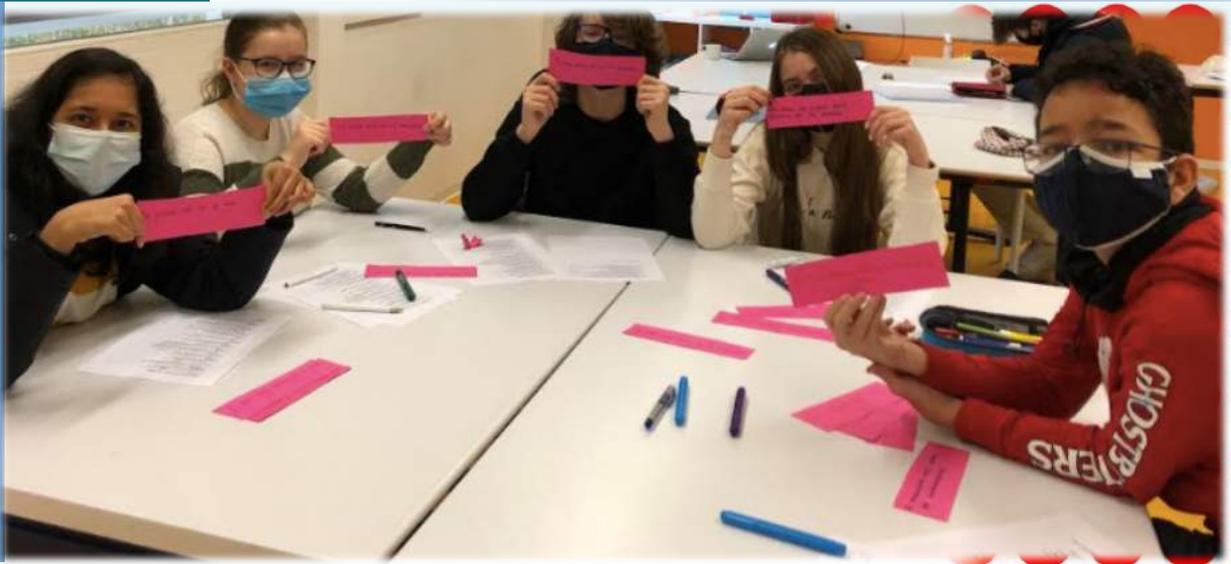
"The future is up for grabs. It belongs to any and all who will take the risk and accept the responsibility of consciously creating the future they want" – Robert Anton Wilson

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Dear ISCS Community,

Time has flown! As we approach to the 'Sport Week' break, I feel very proud of everything we have achieved in such a short space of time, despite the challenging conditions we continue to face.

Mock exams for Grades 10, 11 and 12 came to an end this Wednesday – a very important milestone in the preparation for the IGCSE and A-level Exams. Some of our Grade 12 students have been hearing back from their selected universities and colleges; so far we have received news of unconditional and conditional offers. Great news indeed!

We have also been busy celebrating our students' contribution to school life. Our long-running Chess Tournament came to an end today. We congratulate all participants and especially the winner, announced at the end of this newsletter.

Our student NGO also ran its first break time kiosk last Friday. What a great experience! I encourage the whole student community to continue developing initiatives to raise funds which can be used in supporting projects, which we will put into place once we have overcome the pandemic. Regarding other initiatives, we also launched "Star of the Month", which you can read more about in this issue.

Finally, we have defined all the new development plans for the next academic year 2021-22, which I will be sharing with you next Tuesday, February 9th in an online presentation. I look forward to seeing you there. Until then, I wish you a lovely weekend.

Jose Antonio Parra

PRIMARY



Pre-K

This week Pre K has enjoyed creating rockets using magnetic shapes, creating patterns and practicing counting skills in Maths. Grade 4 and 5 also visited us to play games and complete some Space art. As part of Black History Month, we discussed, in simple terms, the prejudices people may have based on the colour of people's skin. We read the *Smeds and the Smoos* by Julia Donaldson to support this. The children all agreed that the Smeds and the Smoos should be able to play together no matter what their skin colour. Their favourite part of the story was when the characters all became friends because, "That's nice" (Eva).

Ms McVeigh



Grade 2/3

Did you know that every snowflake is different? The class have been learning about Snowflake Bentley, the man who photographed snowflakes. In English we have been predicting what a story could be like from looking at the front cover of a book, story mapping, and deciding if the information we read in the story is fact or fiction.

The children did some amazing drawings of their own snowflakes. In Maths, we've continued our knowledge of times tables and added the "8s" this time. We've also looked at tallies and charts and how we can use our multiplication knowledge to interpret them.

Mrs Knight

In other news... Thursday brought some unexpected learning as Miss MacMillan's class found a hedgehog in the playground! It didn't seem to be very well, so we picked it up very gently and looked after it in Pre K, keeping it lovely and warm until Miss Macmillan could take it to a special vet... the children watched a video about hedgehogs and how to take care of them. We wish our little hedgehog a speedy recovery!



Grade K/1...

Following from our success and enjoyment in learning the 10 times table, this week we began learning the 5 times table using song, dance and a variety of visual methods.

We continued with the tale of Stickman in English lessons, sequencing the story using amazing adjectives to describe him. This linked to our art work, where we used our descriptions to create Stickman himself, using natural resources and wool!
Miss MacMillan

Grade 4/5

The children have been developing their mathematical skills in rounding tenths, hundredths and thousandths and multiplying decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. We have some mini tests coming up, so we've revisited some areas covered this half term to help us prepare. We also practised our handwriting whilst thinking of some amazing sentence tricks for our story writing. We're definitely getting better at writing lengthier pieces! To develop the children's language skills we have been using 'Linguascope' which is a comprehensive e-learning platform that the children can also access at home.

Mr Hawthorne



SECONDARY

Star of the Month

A fantastic new initiative, 'Star of the Month' is designed to celebrate students of all ages, in all aspects of school life. Once a month, teachers nominate a student for an award. The certificates not only celebrate academics and attitude to learning, but equally important values and behaviour displayed by our students through acts of kindness, resilience, using initiative and just being amazing!

Well done to this month's stars! Who's going to be nominated in February?



A few of this month's stars: Almaha, Zahraa and Katarina

Career-ing into Action!

Our Grade 10, 11 and 12 students are all at an exciting point in their school lives. Our Careers Programme, led by Dr Caracheo, continues on Wednesdays for Grade 11 and 12. Grade 11 are exploring ideas and future options, while feedback from Grade 12 university applications is trickling in. We already have news of some conditional and unconditional offers for higher education courses.

Although this is some way off for our Grade 10 students, the upcoming course options are going to be important for them as they start to think about what they might like to do, and perhaps where they would like to study.

University Presentations

We've teamed up with Sage College in Jerez, Spain, to offer our Grade 10, 11 and 12 students the opportunity to attend some online sessions which will be delivered by representatives from a range of universities based in the UK, Switzerland, the Netherlands and the US, among others.

The event will take during the day on Friday 12th February. Students are invited to this session, even though they won't be in school. It's all online and will be set up from Sage College, where it's being hosted. Some more detailed information about specific university presentation times coming your way!



PSHE Focuses on Black History Month

Students took part in a range of activities this morning, exploring, in particular, events and issues of the past year. They learned more about the Black Lives Matter movement, with the help of TED resources, including an interview with the BLM founders. They also designed interactive quizzes to test each other on facts they learned on the 'Black History' topic.



Deep discussions in Grades 11 & 12



Grade 9 create an interactive quiz

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AND FINALLY

Chess Tournament –the Results!

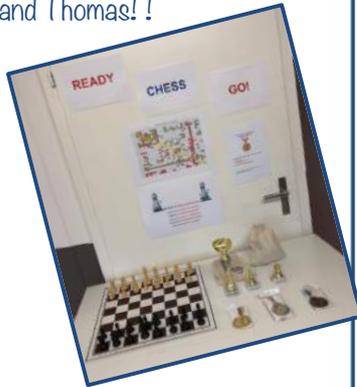
After 8 full weeks of non-stop games, our ISCS Chess Tournament came to an end. This year it became the longest tournament in our school history with the highest number of participants - 27! Congratulations to Gabriel, Milan, Grant and Victoria for finishing on top. Little prizes were also awarded to our youngest participants - Teo and Thomas! !

Let's hear it for our champions!

- Gabriel – Grade 10
- Milan – Grade 6
- Grant – Grade 9
- Victoria – Grade 8

Special "Well done:"

- Teo – Grade 5
- Thomas – Grade 5



Chess champions: our winners receiving their awards

The winners have received a trophy or medal, as well as house points for their respective teams. Fantastic!

Mr Perliyev

House Points

Yellow House retain their lead this week! They continue to streak ahead ...

It's been a busy week across the board, however - and so many House Points were awarded! Well done to all students for gaining points for your houses!

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Coming soon...

Don't forget to join us next Tuesday, 9th February, for an online Presentation from Mr Parra which will detail some exciting new school developments for the next academic year 2021-22. Check your inbox for the invitation coming soon!



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