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Dear ISCS Community,

The end of our second term has arrived. I would like to congratulate all the students and the staff for their hard work, resilience, responsibility and positive contribution to the school. In a difficult and unknown environment we have been able to continue our academic programme without disruptions. I want to thank the families for their support during the whole year. Without you, the good results would have not been possible.

We really believe that the situation will become normal after the summer. Universities are announcing full in-person classes for Autumn. We are seeing an increase in the families planning to relocate to Zug. And, although slowly, the vaccination in all the countries is advancing.

I want to send a message of encouragement to the students that will sit the IGCSE and A-levels exams in May and June. For them, there will not be full 'holidays' as such, with a continuation of exam revision. As the mock exams results were quite good, I think that they are well prepared - but this is a critical period, and the last effort is always worth it. The hard work will certainly pay off!

As the travel restrictions to enter Switzerland haven been lifted, I suppose that some families will take advantage of the break to travel. Please be safe, enjoy the Spring and the good weather.

Enjoy the Spring Break and we look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday, 12th April.

José Antonio Parra

Primary

Early Years

This week we had a visitor! The Easter Bunny arrived on Monday evening and woke all the teddies up! He dropped his eggs around the classroom and we were very good at searching for them. We then made some musical shakers with them using beads. We used our writing skills to write letters to the Easter bunny and enjoyed some Easter rhyming and number games. We finished the week by making special cakes, decorating eggs and celebrating Imanol's 5th birthday. What a great end to another busy term!

Ms McVeigh



Technological 'Travel' in Years 3&4...

The class is getting really good at using our ICT time to do research on the country we are visiting for the week. The children are now able to work collaboratively with different classmates to find out interesting facts to share with everyone. In maths we are continuing with fractions and are able to recognise halves, quarters and thirds in a variety of ways as well as where fractions are placed on a number line. We're coming to the end of our look at fables and have found many good morals that we can use in our own lives.

Mrs Knight



Years 1&2

We continued with our statistics topic in maths and began learning about tally charts this week. This was especially fun when counting minions was involved! In English, we recapped the use of capital letters for proper nouns. We are all super at spotting names of people and places!



We had a lovely walk in the sunshine on Tuesday, and managed to spot some signs of Spring!
Miss MacMillan



Years 5&6

Through the final week of term we've made the most of the weather to spend some time outside embracing the change in season. We went for a lovely walk through the forest and could definitely see signs that spring is coming. Whilst it has been a week of finalising assessments, we've also had the opportunity to enjoy some craft and practical activities. It has been a busy term...the children certainly deserve a restful holiday!

Mr Hawthorne



Secondary

Year 11 IGCSE Coordinated Sciences...

Year 11 students are approaching their final IGCSE exams, and have already been getting prepared through multiple revision tests. The students have already revised the whole curriculum that they have covered in the past, along with the new knowledge they were gaining through the year. As the school year is coming to an end for them, we closed the curriculum by studying the topic of electricity which shared interest with all three sciences; from circuits and volts, to electrolysis and to firing of neurons - a proper way to wrap up a curriculum involving an equal measure of physics, chemistry and biology. From now on, our students will have to work on solving past paper questions in the class, where they will get more confident with understanding the "command terms" in the questions. Good luck, Year 11 - you're doing a great job!

Ms Predouli



Think Pink!

There's nothing better than a bit of impromptu learning...

To find out how fast a liquid (water or nutrients) can travel to the extremities of a cell, our students did a special experiment looking at changing the surface area to measure rates of diffusion. The smaller the surface area, the faster the diffusion!

Biology and Chemistry combined in this study, as students went on to look at how our cells respond to changes in pH levels. We used a special agar jelly, and a phenolphthalein indicator. When we introduced sodium hydroxide (a chemical found in your favourite pretzels!), the jelly turned bright pink, to show it had been exposed to an alkali. Once again, reducing the surface area made it change to pink much faster!

Ms Predouli



And Finally...

Student Council News...

Well done to our Student Council for organising chocolate egg hunts across Primary and Secondary. Our Primary students were super excited about going out on Thursday afternoon – they came back full of stories!

This morning, it was over to Secondary as the houses went head to head in an egg treasure hunt, solving clues and racing to be the first back with a full set of cards. Well done to Red House for completing the task and arriving back to the cafeteria first. The prize? A huge bag of chocolate eggs to share!

A special thanks to all of our Student Council members and Year 12 and 13 volunteers who worked hard to set up the egg hunt trail and make all of the clue cards. It was brilliant to see our students working together on a fun project, while thinking about important logistics, coordination and using organisational skills. Now it's time to relax and enjoy that chocolate...if there's any left, of course!



Enjoy your Spring Break!
We look forward to seeing
you soon...

The ISCS Team

House Points

We've seen some great additions to our House Points this week! Our Easter Egg hunt certainly helped students get back into the race!

