



NEWS LETTER

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"Sometimes you win – sometimes you learn" - John C. Maxwell

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Dear ISCS Community,

Our school community continues to grow, with more new starters who joined us at the beginning of the week. We warmly welcome all of our recent arrivals, and hope they are settling in well. First impressions are fantastic and it is wonderful to see how quickly they have integrated.

Our peak period of admissions is well underway, and we are receiving an increasing number of inquiries from families with students attending other international schools in Zug and Zurich. What makes ISCS special for some of these families is that we have not lost any teaching days during the pandemic and have been delivering our curriculum consistently. I want to recognise the contribution, commitment and responsibility of all the members of the ISCS community, students, staff and families, in this remarkable success. Even with some quarantine procedures for those who have travelled abroad, students have been able to access their work and communicate with teachers.

This week, our Pastoral leader Mr. Hopton has been coaching the Secondary teachers in RSE (Relationships and Sex Education). As part of our Pastoral programme and PSHE curriculum, Secondary staff will be delivering SRE sessions as class workshops, based on specific specialist areas. These sessions will begin next Friday and continue to the end of the academic year. Although strongly recommended, this education is of course voluntary. If you do not want your child to attend, please let us know. You will receive a letter which will explain the structure and content of the course.

Finally, we continue with our external Cambridge exams. Some of our IGCSE students have completed the ICT practical exams this week, as well as German and English Second Language oral exams. The general impression is very positive and we are extremely proud of them. We continue to wish them the best of luck.

Wishing you a lovely weekend - enjoy the sunshine!

José Antonio Parra

Primary

Early Years

It's been another fun-filled week in Early Years! We continued our topic, 'Superheroes' this week, inventing our own heroes in Literacy and deciding which super powers they might have. Even our Maths subtraction problems have had a 'Superhero' theme! In Science, the class watched in awe as our caterpillars formed chrysalises. The children have also loved observing our new class tadpoles!

Ms McVeigh



Observing Nature in Years 1&2...

Wow - it's amazing how much our class caterpillars have grown in a week! The children have watched in amazement and can't wait to see them turn into chrysalises. This week we wrote our own caterpillar poems based on our studies of *The Fuzzy Little Caterpillar*. The class have performed their poems, showing incredible creativity. During our final week of the Fractions topic, we studied 'thirds'. I am amazed by how well the children have understood this challenging topic; finding fractions in food was certainly a huge motivator!

Miss MacMillan



We're all ears in Years 3&4...

We've continued our topic, 'The Senses' - this week it was all about the ear! The class looked at different types of hearing aids and learned facts about people who are hearing impaired. We read about Alexander Graham Bell, who invented the telephone, and made our own telephones to try out. The children can now sign their names in sign language, too! On the creative side, we learned about the artist Vincent van Gogh and made our own version of *A Starry Night*. "It's quite abstract," commented Adriana, as we were putting it up on the bulletin board.

Mrs Knight



Ring, ring.... testing our telephones

It's 'all systems go' in Years 5&6...



This week we've explored our creativity in performance poetry using musical instruments, actions and...our voices! We've discovered that we can make so many different sounds with a bit of imagination. All these things can really enhance a performance! Thanks to Mr Jackson who has taken us through the process in Performing Arts and helped us polish our pieces.

In Maths, we've used protractors to measure acute, obtuse and reflex angles protractor. This requires accuracy, concentration and attention to detail! Our new Science topic is 'Earth and Space' - we've gone 'to infinity and beyond,* looking at the other planets that exist within our solar system.

Mr Hawthorne

**Buzz Lightyear, 'Toy Story'*



Accuracy is everything when using a protractor!

Secondary

Another one 'bytes' the dust: IGCSE ICT Practical Exam – done!

IGCSE students have now completed the first part of their ICT examination – the practical assessment. They have all been extremely focused in a lengthy and challenging exam, which calls for a range of digital knowledge and implementation of key skills. Tasks include data analysis and manipulation using spreadsheets, document and presentation production according to specific briefs, and web authoring.



Leaping for joy: another exam done!

Secondary PE – making the most of our new found freedom!

With this wonderful weather our Secondary Students enjoy the variety of new and interesting activities in PE. Years 7, 8, and 9 are back outside and started our Team Sports Unit with a Kickball session on Wednesday.

To mark the reopening of sport and leisure facilities this week, Years 10 and 11 also enjoyed a round of mini golf! What better way to spend a sunny afternoon in the fresh air?



Round of mini golf, anyone?



Year 7, 8 and 9 PE

We welcome more Secondary students to our international family ...

We have recently welcomed three new students to Lower Secondary. Lawrence (Year 7) and Alexander (year 9) are British-Swiss, and Maria (Year 9), is from Russia. It's great to have more new faces in our classes!



And Finally...

ISCS Football Tournament – All Star Games!

Our ISCS Football Tournament reached the Semi-final Stage this week as four teams advanced to the Final Four. There was a 'special edition' of the Football Tournament during break time today, just for fun, featuring All Star Games: Teachers vs Students. Teams played in 10-minute slots, and everyone did a brilliant job. There was certainly great sportsmanship on display today. We think our teachers deserve a well-earned rest after all that!



Friday's All Star Games: Teachers vs Students

Stars of the Month

Last month's stars enjoyed hot chocolate and treats with Mr Parra this morning to celebrate their achievements. Well done to all of our stars for simply being fabulous!



Post's here!

We've just installed two lovely letterboxes in school. They'll be used for various activities but are also a way for students to communicate any worries, concerns, or suggestions in a discreet way. The post box will be checked regularly. Students can find out more on the PSHÉ Google Classroom very soon.



Graduation Invitations



Year 11 and 13 students have been given their invitation cards to take home today. We're looking forward to celebrating with them and their families!



House Points

Yellow House breaks 2000 points to stay in the lead this week. Red House remains in second place, with Blue catching up. Keep going, Green House!

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