



NEWS LETTER

Friday, 30th April 2021

WHAT'S INSIDE

"Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine, and at last, you create what you will" - George Bernard Shaw

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Dear ISCS Community,

This week I would like to focus on our younger learners, and highlight the excellent work done in our Primary school by staff and students, as well as the valued support from our families. There are certainly some fantastic learning opportunities taking place, providing the children with engaging and challenging activities.

This term, the Primary classes are covering a range of topics, including 'Superheroes' (Early Years) and 'Minibeasts' (Years 1 and 2) which have links across a range of writing; this includes poetry composition and creating fact files. Topics have an interdisciplinary flavour, allowing students to make connections across literacy, numeracy, sciences and humanities. In addition to this, classes continue to focus on areas of Personal, Social and Emotional Development. It's been lovely to see learning brought to life - having real-life creatures in our classrooms has proven a wonderful experience.

In upper Primary, the momentum doesn't stop as the children develop skills in mathematical topics such as time, mass, word problems, angles and shape. In English, they explore points of view and look at different writing techniques used for various purposes and audiences. Sciences cover a range of topics, including the Solar System. In Years 5 and 6, Global Perspectives helps develop students' ability to think critically about a range of global issues where there is always more than one point of view. This is an especially valuable skill which they can take up to the Secondary School.

Spending time visiting Primary classes this week was truly inspiring; I was amazed by the enthusiasm and spirit of our staff and students. Well done!

José Antonio Parra

Primary

Tadpoles and an 'Evil Pea' in Early Years!

This week we've had loads of literacy fun as the children got really engaged in our *Supertato* story, creating posters to find the 'Evil Pea.' Games in Maths have reinforced learning in ordering numbers and practicing 'one more one less'; the class enjoyed solving problems and taking part in a 'superhero' matching game. Science has seen us continue our caterpillar diaries and checking that we're providing tadpoles with the essentials they need to survive.

Ms McVeigh



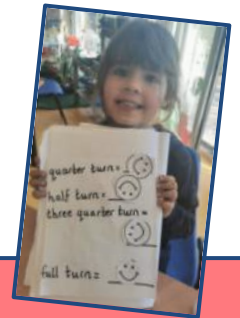
Moving in the right direction: Years 1&2

This week we began learning about position and direction in maths! We used our knowledge from the last couple of weeks to move our bodies and a variety of shapes in full, half, quarter and three-quarter turns. We also learnt the vocabulary 'left' and 'right' - why not test us at home?

In English, we learned about non-fiction writing. To begin, we sorted fact from opinion - trickier than it sounds! We asked ourselves if someone could say, "That's not right," or "No."

In Science, we dissected plants in order to see and understand what pollen is and discussed why we are sneezing so much at the moment!

Miss MacMillan



A 'taster' of Years 3&4...

We continue looking at the senses, this week focusing on 'taste.' The class thought that all apples would be the same, but in fact the taste test proved us wrong! The children also tried to detect flavours just from looking at the colour of sweets. To wrap up our work on sound, we also learnt about Morse code and how to send an S.O.S. Our last week of fractions has seen the class finding equivalent fractions using rectangles, circles and squares. In poetry we have been trying to use alliteration. The class created some very clever sentences! They also enjoyed inviting Ms McVeigh's class in for Story Time.

Mrs Knight



Planets and Persuasion in Years 5&6...

This week we venture deeper into the world of angles as we explore how they work in around a straight line and in a whole turn. Working out missing angles in problems requires us to use our detective skills and all our previous learning. In English, the children have examined examples of persuasive writing and the features that can be found in this genre to write a letter persuading Mr Parra to build a swimming pool for the students to use!! We've looked more closely at our own planet this week, learning about Earth's orbit around the sun, and its 24 hour axis rotation. Years 5&6 can now tell you all about 'day' and 'night'!

Mr Hawthorne



Roy works out the value of the missing angles...

Secondary



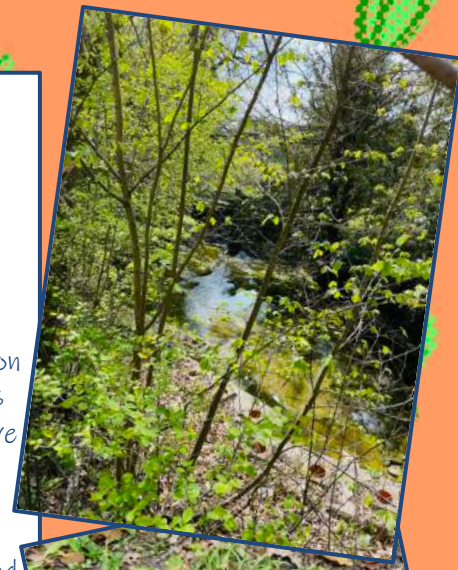
A Level English Language – Year 12 turn to nature for inspiration...

A Secret Place - the name of this week's A Level Language writing task. Students often find descriptive writing challenging; they need to focus on the exam question while incorporating original ideas and 'wowing' the examiner with a range of effective and sophisticated language techniques.

The class took a walk by the river to 'collect' sounds, textures, movements and colours. Initial observations were recorded on colour coded cards and put into a jar.

Back in the classroom, they've been sorting out the ideas they want to keep and which ones they think are less effective; this is a great way of getting involved in the editing process, letting them be critical of their own work. Later in the week, they took the process a step further, polishing language devices and stretching their use of engaging synonyms and figurative language techniques to create specific effects.

Ms Helyer



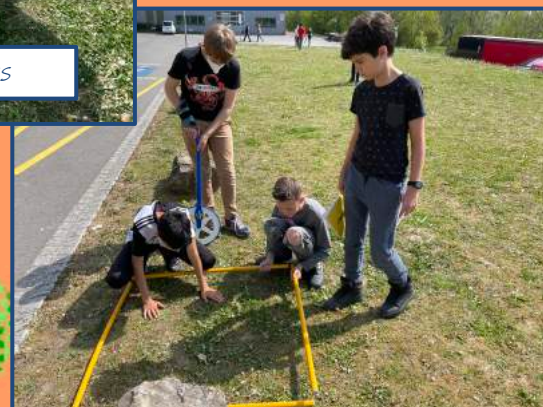
Year 7 Science

Year 7 made their own quadrats to take samples of the distribution and population of daisies in the grassy area by the playground. As sampling should be done randomly, the class used trundle wheels to measure out the area, and use a grid and number generator to define a specific sample coordinate on the grid. A great lesson combining biology, a little physical geography and maths!

Mr Evison



Trundle wheels and transect lines



And Finally...

ISCS Football Tournament: The Final

Meet the winners of our ISCS Football Tournament! 'Brand New Magnum' clinched the 1st place beating 'Manchester United' in the final game of our 3-week tournament, which has taken place over the morning break times. Congratulations to Freddie in Year 10 and Jade in Year 11 for being awarded the title of 'Most Valuable Players' of the tournament. Thanks to all our teams for taking part!
Mr Perliyev



House Points

The ISCS Football tournament brought more Team House Points for our students. Red and Blue Houses continue the battle for the 2nd place in the competition, while Green House follows them with 1602 points. Yellow House is on top with 2173 points.

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Don't forget...



Study leave (Years 11 and 13) begins on **Monday 3rd May**. Students are welcome to be in school at this time and will have space to study.

IGCSE and A level students are reminded to arrive on time for exams (it is recommended that they arrive 30 minutes before exams are scheduled to start).

Students can voice any concerns, questions or problems by popping a note in one of our red post boxes – these are located on the ground and first floors, and all comments will be treated confidentially.

