



NEWS LETTER

Friday, 7th May 2021

WHAT'S INSIDE

"Motivation is what sets you in motion, habit is what keeps you going" - Jim Ryan

LETTER
FROM MR
PARRA

PRIMARY
NEWS

SECONDARY
NEWS

ACTIVITIES &
HOUSE
POINTS



Dear ISCS Community,

As we plan the next academic year 2021-22, I would like this week to highlight the importance of Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9). These years (from 12 to 14 years old) are essential in the development of our young students and in creating good habits that stay with them, helping them to succeed in their IGCSE and A-Levels. Developing positive working behaviours now will help them through their Upper and Advanced Secondary School years and will stay with them as part of their adult lives.

I myself have three children; two have finished high school, and one is now completing IGCSEs. Over this time, I have come to realise that good results don't depend on being more or being less smart, but mostly on organisation, using efficient studying techniques and being motivated, hungry for learning and hardworking. I have been discussing this with our teachers and they completely agree.

With this in mind, next year we are going to allocate resources and time to develop these skills and habits in our Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 (IGCSE) students. Of course, fostering these attributes does not stop at school; families are also an essential part in helping to create and nurture these habits. Some students need the support of their families so that they understand the unique opportunities and advantages that come with good grades in their IGCSE and A-level exams.

Together, we aim to continue paving our students' path to success.

José Antonio Parra

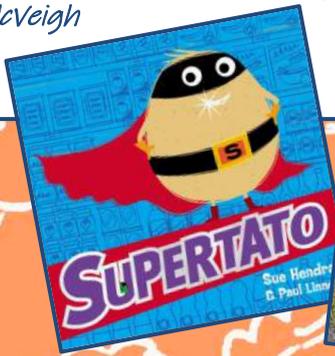
Primary

Healthy eating in Early Years...

It's been another busy week in Early Years with the 'evil pea' causing more mischief so we made some traps for him! In expressive arts we made our very own 'Supertatoes' to save the day! We also released the butterflies which was a lovely experience for the children.

In Maths, we explored patterns, applying our skills to decorating and designing superhero capes. We ate lots of greens as part of our 'eat the rainbow' challenge. Well done all for super healthy eating!

Ms McVeigh



Tick, tock...watch the clock! Telling the time in Years 1&2...

What's the time, Mr Wolf?!

This week we began learning about time in Maths. First, the children used their bodies to show the clock hands for 'o'clock' and 'half past' before transferring their knowledge to an analogue clock face. They were brilliant at showing and reading the times given to them.

We were thrilled to see that five butterflies have emerged from their cocoons and are enjoying nibbling on fresh fruit and listening to our lessons. As soon as the sun comes back, we'll release them into the wild.

Miss MacMillan



'Sensational Similes' in Years 3&4...

Even though the weather has been disappointing this week, we managed to take the classroom outside with Prof P on Monday.

In Maths, the class has been learning about time on an analogue clock. Thankfully, fractions are fresh in our minds to help with half past, quarter to and quarter past!

The children can now write sentences using similes and thought about this when writing about their mothers for Mother's Day. Our paintings of flowers have been scaled down to make cards for mum, too! Ms Knight had fun watching the class do a smell experiment to go with learning about the nose this week. The facial expressions were great!

Mrs Knight



"What's that smell?!"

Persuasive Powers: Years 5&6...

The class had to think hard and really focus this week as they tackled word problems in Maths. Not only do these tricky tasks require us to understand *what* the question is asking us, but also to choose the *correct operation* to use, *solve* the problem and to *double check* the answer. Lots to remember!

In English, we polished our persuasive writing to perfection, considering whether children should have mobile phones and why. Watch out, mums and dads - we're getting really good at the 'hard sell' approach!

Our scientific space exploration blasted off into research this week, as the children used the internet, videos and discussion to describe the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the Sun. They're now experts in geocentric and heliocentric theories!

Mr Hawthorne



Working out those word problems in Maths...

Secondary

PSHE Update

Our 'Safe Summer' PSHE sessions are now in full swing, as our staff deliver a variety of workshops based on RSE (Relationships and Sex Education). Students have engaged in the sessions, taking part in discussions and finding out more about our bodies and sexual health, as well as delving into issues like consent. Some topics can be especially challenging, but overall our students have tackled these in a respectful and mature way. Thanks to everyone who has taken part in, or delivered a workshop so far!



RSE - a snapshot of some of our workshop materials

Exams Update

The examination period picked up the pace this week as students took their tests across IGCSE, AS and A level in a variety of subjects. They're well into their exam routines now and we continue to wish them the best of luck.

Years 7-10 will be having internally assessed ISCS summer exams, beginning on 7th June. These will last just under two weeks, depending on the number of subjects they take. Class teachers will be informing students of specific material they will need to be revising in preparation for the tests.

An examination timetable will follow.



And Finally...

"Let us out!!!" Our 'Forensics Lab' Club take on the Escape Room...

On Monday, Miss Predouli took her Forensics team to an Escape Room in Zurich, to solve some riddles and follow evidence in order to catch a group of bank robbers. Our aspiring forensic scientists, Marina and Jasmine, are aiming to create an escape room in our school, with tracks and clues leading to a criminal investigation. Watch this space!

The Forensic lab investigators will be using their acquired knowledge to continue with their project in school. The Escape Room gave the girls some great ideas about how to proceed with their own work – and was definitely a fun way to do some research!

A special thanks to Mrs Small who accompanied Miss Predouli and the girls on their adventure! We're glad they solved the crime and made it back safely!!



House Points

Red House breaks 2000 points and follows Yellow House with 2010 points. The battle also continues for the 3rd place between Blue and Green House, with a difference of about 140 house points...

	1882	1643	
	2010	2231	

Don't forget...

Some important dates for this term:

- 5th June – Graduation celebration for Years 11 and 13 and their families
- 7th June – Internal ISCS exams begin for Years 7-10
- 10th June – Year 11 back in school (last IGCSE 9th June)
- 24th June – School reports released for Primary and Secondary students

