



NEWS LETTER

Friday, 4th June 2021

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"The most important thing...is not winning but taking part; the essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well" - Baron Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the Olympics

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Dear ISCS Community,

This week we held our Primary Sport Afternoon. Primary students spent two hours in different sports competitions. It was amazing to see the emotion in the faces of our young students before, during and after the competition. Thanks to our three student teachers for their help and enthusiasm in taking part. Well done, everyone!

Our Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students are preparing for their June exams. For some of them it is a bit of a stressful period but it is extremely useful in helping them to develop the exams skills that they will need in the future, as they approach IGCSEs and beyond. It is important that they make the final effort in these two weeks in order to complete a challenging, but at the same time, excellent year.

Finally we would like to congratulate our Year 11, 12, and 13 students on the completion of their IGCSE, AS and A-level exams. We only have a few left, but the majority have finished. I would like to recognise the work of all the staff and students during the invigilation, as well as the logistical organisation of the exams, as they all ran smoothly.

Tomorrow, Saturday 5th June, we will celebrate the graduation ceremony of our Year 13 and Year 11 students; watch out for this in next week's newsletter!

Have a wonderful weekend.

José Antonio Parra

Primary

Ready, Set, Go! Our Primary Sports Day stars (and teachers!!) get into the spirit!

On Wednesday, our Primary Students had a fabulous and active Sports Afternoon at Rohliberg. The students were divided into Houses and participated in different activities. At the end, the children took on a strong Teacher's team in football. Both teams scored 2 goals!



Early Years...

We've enjoyed some brilliant African-themed music lessons (delivered by our wonderful student teacher, Christian) and completed some fantastic African artwork. We topped of the week with some tricky problems in Maths and a dazzling Science experiment with glitter and paints. Sounds beautiful, but it was done to find out how easily germs can spread. Yuck! Keep washing those hands!

Mrs McVeigh



Years 1&2...

This week we dived into our new sea-themed book, 'Sharing a Shell'. Using rich adjectives, we described the creatures we'd invite to share a shell with us and why.



In maths, our measurement topic continues. We've planted sunflower seeds and look forward to measuring their growth in centimetres!

Miss Macmillan

Years 3&4

What a fun week! Mr Markus made an amazing outside treasure hunt for us to do in the sunshine. The children had to follow clues and answer questions, taking them from the school through the playground and the trails behind our school. The questions were on all sorts of topics; some were even in German. As part of our unit on keeping healthy, the children grew cress and had it as a snack with some bread and butter.



Lots of good Maths and English work has also been completed, linking the topic of shapes to writing about pictures the class made in art to make a mini storybook. Making Oobleck in science class was a big success - albeit super messy!

Mrs Knight

Years 5&6...

This week has been very busy since we have been assessing our learning and reflecting on the topics we have covered this year. We have also had the opportunity to apply our detective mindset as we work through Maths investigations to solve mysteries and try to escape 'Maths rooms'. We'll leave you with a question to debate: in Global Perspectives we looked at what children need to survive in 2021. The children had some very interesting ideas and it created a lot of discussion!

Mr Hawthorne

Secondary

Sshhh! We're studying! It's all gone a bit quiet in Secondary...

...as Lower Secondary and Year 10 prepare for their June exams. With revision lessons in full swing, we're cranking up the learning gears a notch to make way for a challenging yet successful assessment period. Students have been proactive in checking the examination guidelines, regulations and equipment lists. These have been posted in tutor rooms for their reference.

The exam experience is not just about the knowledge gained over the last year, but about practice and skills. Students can learn a lot about themselves during this time with regards to their time management in the exam room, study habits and understanding how they learn best, so that they can adopt effective and individual revision techniques. These are all great experiences to have now, as it gives an invaluable glimpse into the expectations leading towards the IGCSE. The

sooner pupils adopt great study habits and techniques, the better – they become more confident, and better yet, they get to know themselves as learners.

We wish them loads of luck for starting the exams next week. You've got this, guys!

Lower Secondary and Year 10 exams begin on Monday 7th June.

Quiet!
EXAM IN PROGRESS



Careers Update

Alongside Sage College Jerez, we'll be using the Unifrog online platform from August to assist our Year 12 and 13 students in university and college research and applications. We're looking forward to using the new software, which is a widely recognized tool in school careers services.



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New faces on campus!

We're very excited to welcome a new family! Antonio and his younger brother Daniel will join us full time in August 2021. Until then, they've started attending school for the morning sessions to help settle in and get to know us. Antonio shares some of his thoughts after spending the week with Year 9...



See you full-time in August, Antonio!

Tell us about yourself!

"I'm originally from Venezuela. I've lived in Venezuela, Panama and now Switzerland. I speak Spanish and English. I enjoy a lot of sports."

You were living in Panama most recently. What's it been like moving to Switzerland?

"Panama is a really hot country and normally the temperature is [over] 27c up to [over] 30c. Switzerland can get into the negative numbers! People in both countries are really nice."

Your ISCS experience so far...

"Since ISCS is smaller than my old school, you can get to know everyone and there are less distractions in classes so you can concentrate more. [A smaller class means] you have to collaborate and be responsible. Everyone's super nice, so they will try to help."



And Finally...

Activities Update

Primary Chess Club...

On Mondays we are happy to see the kids running to play chess after school. To the classroom? Not always. Last Monday we played outside and learned more about every single piece in chess and how it moves!



House Points Update

We have 3 more weeks of competition. It's too early to announce the winner as there are still some events and competitions planned during the last week of school. Yellow House is on top with a 200- point difference. Stay tuned!

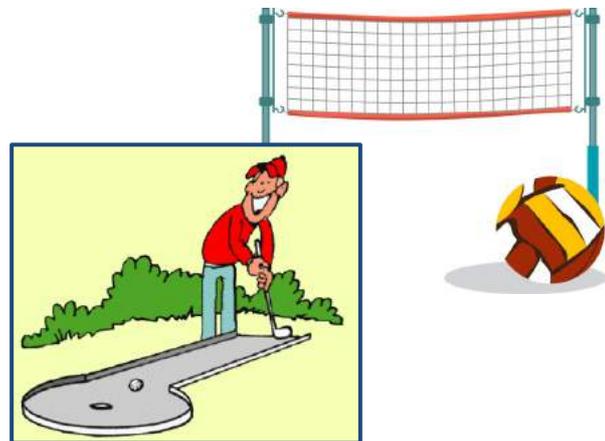
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Summer Term Activities Update

The plans for the Secondary Sports afternoons have now been finalised. On Tuesday, 22nd June, Years 10, 11 and 12 will head to the lake for Beach Volleyball. After that the students will be relaxing by the lake. Hopefully we'll have some swimming weather, too!

On Wednesday, 23rd June, our Year 7,8, and 9 students will be playing minigolf! This was our students' top choice – they were extremely enthusiastic about this when asked!

You will shortly receive a communication with more details for each of these events.



Don't forget...

5th June – Graduation celebration for Years 11 and 13 – see some of you tomorrow!

7th June – Internal ISCS exams begin for Years 7-10
10th June – Year 11 back in school (last IGCSE examination 9th June)

18th June – Primary School Hike (Zugerberg)

22nd June – Secondary Sports Afternoon (Years 10-12)

23rd June – Secondary Sports Afternoon (Years 7-9)

24th June – Last Day for students; school reports released for Primary and Secondary students

