



# ISCS NEWSLETTER

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Dear ISCS community,

### THE FIRST WEEK

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate our staff, students and families for the excellent start to the Academic Year 2021-22. The week began with our Orientation Day for new families. With 38 new students, the ISCS family continues to grow steadily. On Tuesday, classes began and the expectations of the school were introduced to all students. It was wonderful to see the students arriving in their new uniforms and feeling pride in representing our school.

### OFFICIAL ISCS PHOTOGRAPHS

From Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th September all students will be expected to take part in the official ISCS annual photographs. There will be both group and individual photos and all students must be in full ISCS uniform.

### ISCS UNIFORM

Thank you to all parents and students who have come to the pop-up uniform shop in the last 2 weeks to trial and purchase their uniform. Please note that all students will be expected to wear their full uniform from Monday 30th August when our uniform policy begins. Should parents still wish to buy items of uniform, they should contact [info@iscs-zug.ch](mailto:info@iscs-zug.ch) directly to organise further purchases.

### ISCS LAPTOPS

Next week we intend to issue new laptops to our KS3 and KS4 students as detailed in a letter to follow. The letter will explain the details of this provision and the contract that needs to be signed and returned in order to receive a laptop.

### PO EVENTS

Our first Parent Organisation event this year will be the 'Family Picnic' and will be led by Mrs Audrey Erpelding and Mrs Mariska VanOlsen. The event will be at the beginning of September and the confirmed date will be communicated as soon as possible so that you can save the date in your calendar.

Thank you to all the existing and new families for your trust in ISCS and let's look forward to another excellent academic year together.

*José Antonio Parra*

# -EARLY YEARS NEWS-

This week we have been learning our school rules. The children have enjoyed exploring the classroom activities, especially the playdough! We have introduced our 'Book of the Week' and Rhyme of the week. The children have enjoyed singing our nursery rhyme of the week 'Twinkl Twinkl Little Star' In PSHE we have discussed things that make us happy! The children said the things that make them most happy are playing with friends, candy and playing with the playdough!



# -PRIMARY NEWS-

## Years 1 & 2

I am immensely proud of these 11 superstars who have settled into the new classroom routines and lesson pace quickly and smoothly. We paid a particular focus this week to break and lunch times, where the children were rewarded for kindness to others, including children in their games, using a children's knife to cut their food and for sensible lunchtime behaviour.



In maths, Year 1 studied place value to 10/20, whilst Year 2 recapped 'one more' and 'one less'. This is particularly challenging when crossing into the previous/next ten (49-->50!)

In English we began studying our book for the next few weeks- Jack and the Beanstalk. The children sequenced the story and will use their phonics/spelling knowledge to add single word/sentence captions next week!



## Years 3 & 4

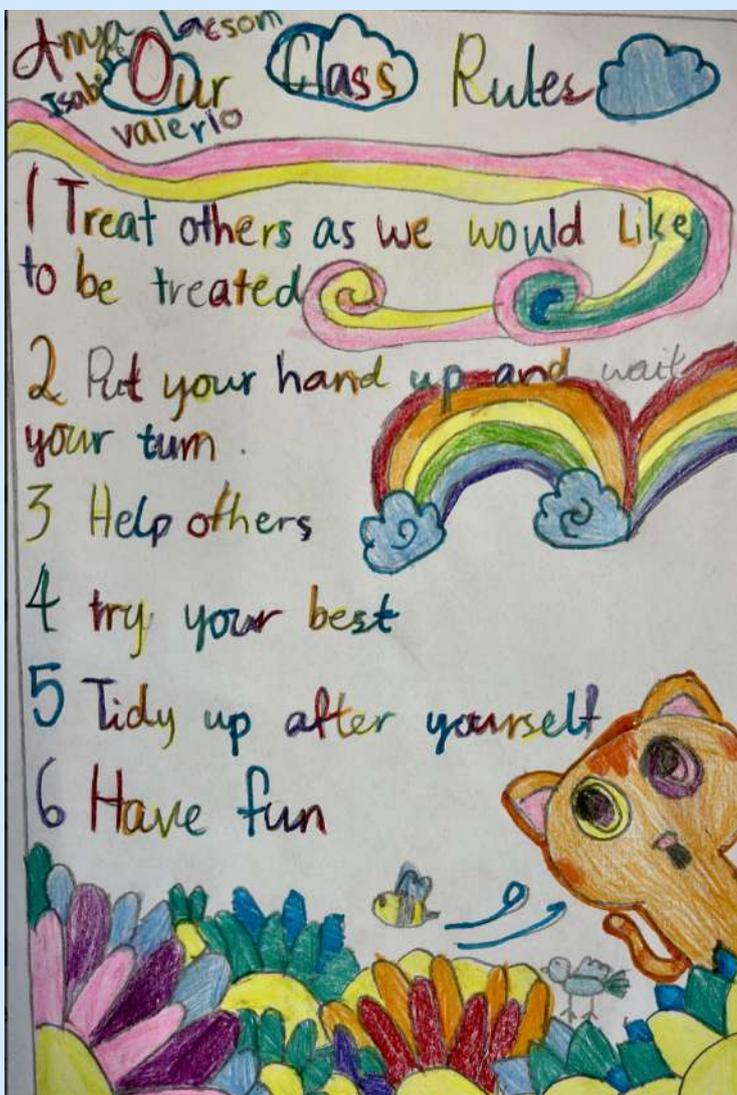
We have had an amazing start. We are happy to welcome our new class members and have found out loads about each other and are making friends. We are starting to work on number value in maths to four digits, thinking about verbs in English and will start reading *The BFG* by Roald Dahl. Everyone should have a reading book of their own. We have begun to look at our science topic on Animal Skeletons including Humans. The class had a great time making life size skeletons by working in groups drawing around each other and then cutting out the major bones. In Global Perspectives the children are finding out about transportation and how our food gets to us.



## Years 5 & 6

This week we wasted no time in getting into our regular school routines. Our first lesson involved us creating a class rules charter so that everyone feels safe, respects the boundaries and is clear about the expectations of behaviour in our class. Mr Hawthorne assigned us class jobs and we started to think about who we would like to represent the class on the school council. In Maths, we started to look at the value of digits in numbers up to 10 million and in Literacy we discussed what we had been doing over the summer and looked at how we could communicate these ideas to another person through letters, postcards and emails.

In German we started getting familiar with the vocabulary and objects of the world around us, we discussed the products coming from German language countries, and German names of the things you can buy in a supermarket.



*The Year 5 and 6 class rules by Anya*

# -SECONDARY NEWS-

A huge welcome back to all of our Students who have met our high expectations this week! Students have worn their uniforms with style and have shown both maturity and a respectful attitude in their return to the school routine. Our Secondary Team is very proud!

This year we have new initiatives to share such as our 'Buddy' initiative for our 26 new students who will be supported by those more experienced to aid their transition to our school. In addition, we have launched an 'Effort' Drive where students' effort will be encouraged, and monitored on a monthly basis by their teachers to ensure students are always trying their best.

We have 4 new members of staff in our Secondary Team and they will each be introduced to you week by week. We have Ms Lepore, a German Specialist who will also be delivering the after school 'Accelerator Course', Miss Villalobis-Finigan who is our Key Stage 3 English Specialist and will be developing our EAL programme further, and Mr Leach who will be overseeing the provision of English to Key Stages 4 and 5. Last, but not least, we have Ms Mateo joining from Spain to provide learning and Spanish enrichment to our Spanish students.

We look forward to a successful year together!

*Mrs Bradley*

Head of Secondary

## KEY STAGE 4 SNAPSHOT: A LEVEL ART

In A Level Art this week, our artists were out in nature at Cham Baadi focusing on the 3 P's of Perspective, Proportion and Process! Some lovely, timed studies were produced illustrating how we can develop our approach when we combine portraying the suggestion of what we see with intricate detail! Bravo, Jade and Amelie!



## Introducing Ms Mateo

My name is María Mateo and I am your Spanish teacher this year. I am from Jerez, a city in the very South of Spain. I did my degree in English Studies. After that, I specialised by doing a Masters in Teaching Foreign Languages. I had the opportunity to teach Spanish and English for several months in a Music School in Krosno, Poland. In addition, I have also taught in a language school.

Now I work at Sage College (ISCS's sister school) where I teach Spanish. I am really excited about meeting all the students and staff at ISCS.

I hope to transmit the passion I feel for the culture and the Language of Spanish to my students.

In my free time, I love reading, going trekking and enjoying nature.

Nice to meet you all!

Ms. Mateo.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM (ALL STUDENTS)</b>	Tuesday 24th August 2021
PARENT'S ORGANISATION PICNIC FOR NEW FAMILIES	Date TBA
SECONDARY HIKE in Gottschalkenberg (Sattel)	Friday 10th September 2021
WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS	Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th September 2021
PEACE ONE DAY	Tuesday 21st September 2021
DR ECKHARDT: SUBSTANCE ABUSE SESSION FOR STUDENTS	Thursday 30th September 2021
YEAR 7 & YEAR 8 PARENT'S EVENING	Thursday 30th September 2021
DR ECKHARDT: SUBSTANCE ABUSE SESSION FOR PARENTS	4pm-5pm, Thursday 7th October 2021
A LEVEL CURRICULUM EVENING FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS	6pm-8pm, Thursday 7th October 2021
<b>END OF HALF TERM (ALL STUDENTS)</b>	Friday 15th October 2021
<b>STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL</b>	Wednesday 27th October 2021