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Dear ISCS community,

We would like to thank **you**, the families, for your ongoing support towards an excellent start to the academic year.

The majority of the students are wearing full uniform. On Tuesday, next week, a professional photographer will come to the school to take pictures of all students and staff. Please be sure that on that day, all the students wear the full, proper uniform.

The new teachers have integrated very well into the ISCS Team. Although there have been instances of medical leave, we have ensured that the classes and curriculum continue as usual. It must also be noted that there is a clear improvement in the concentration and the attitude of students, which is excellent to see.

Student Council representatives have been elected and will have their first meeting with Mr Hopton, our Head of Pastoral, next week.

Clubs are also already running and attracting more students than ever before.

Our first outdoor events of the year, the Primary and Secondary hikes, have been held on Thursday and Friday of this week. These activities are mandatory for the students and part of the school provision. Not only are they very important to promote Teamwork, but also to get to know Switzerland better and appreciate our beautiful environment.

Please add the next two School Events to your calendar. The first is on **September 21st** and is **Peace One Day**, where the ISCS Team will explore the importance of Peace in light of the conflict in the World today. This year we plan to invite the families to join us at the end of the day and, following the recent Cantonal guidance, attendees will have to present their Covid certificate. The second is on **Friday 29th October** and is our **dress-up Halloween celebration**. This is an opportunity for students and staff to dress up and enjoy some fun Halloween activities! The theme this year is 'Heroes and Villains', so start thinking about what your son or daughter is going to wear. They can take any 'Hero' or 'Villain' as their inspiration!

Following last Sunday's successful Parent's Organisation Family Picnic, the PO are holding a Coffee Morning here at the School this morning, Friday 10th. If you are unable to make this one I would encourage you to attend next time as it is an excellent opportunity for new and existing families to meet up and get to know each other.

Have an excellent and safe weekend!

JOSE ANTONIO PARRA



This week we have welcomed Arsen back into the class which was very exciting! Charlotte welcomed him by ruffling his hair and giving him a big smile! We have changed our story of the week to 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We have also been singing Heads, shoulders, knees and toes to help some of us develop our English language! We have created some scary wolves in art and enjoyed acting as the wolf in expressive arts. In science we have been baking cakes and learning how heat can turn liquids (cake mix) to solids (cakes).

EARLY YEARS

What an exciting week! We Received a letter from the Giant in Jack and the Beanstalk informing us that he'd lost some of his golden eggs. Much to our surprise, they turned up in our book corner! We wrote back to the Giant and told him of our find.

In Maths we used our new knowledge of place value to compare two/three digit numbers using the $<$, $>$ and $=$ signs. The children imagine that these symbols are crocodile mouths searching for the greatest number to munch!



YEARS 1 AND 2



It is so lovely to have glorious weather this week! Look at our fantastic hike photos...

The class is working hard on making their writing even better with amazing verbs. We have been counting in 25s in maths and looking at how far our food has to travel to get to our plates. Did you know that rice travels over 8000km to reach us? We all love chocolate but we need cocoa to make it with and that has to come all the way from Mexico and that is nearly 10,000km away. We used the new computers to research these facts.

YEARS 3 AND 4

This week we were blessed with gorgeous weather and a wonderful hike. It was a great opportunity for the class to bond together and explore some stunning nature. This week in school we completed a mini assessment in Maths and then moved onto mental strategies. In English we continued with our class book 'There's A Boy in The Girls' Bathroom and developed our story writing skills further with our own flashback story. We focused on the properties of water in our Science lesson since it is the only matter on Earth that can be a solid, a liquid and a gas. We also discussed how global warming is having an impact on the ice levels across the world and that sea levels are rising dangerously.



YEARS 5 AND 6

NEW TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



INTRODUCING OUR NEW GERMAN TEACHER & GERMAN ACCELERATOR COURSE LEAD, MRS LEPORE!

Mrs Patrizia Lepore is from Cologne, Germany. She studied at the Department of Modern Languages Translation Studies at the Heidelberg University and its partner university in Trieste (Italy) where she obtained her Master's degree. Mrs Lepore has over 20 years teaching experience. During her career she has taught all German language levels according to the Common European Framework of Reference. She has prepared students for many types of German exams and certificates and she is also an experienced translator. She loves being part of our ISCS team because she enjoys the family-orientated nature of the school and its international character...

"It's a microcosm of the global community; a lens through which to see the world".

PASTORAL POINT

This year has seen the introduction of Pastoral Time into the Secondary School curriculum. A key feature of this is the *Monday Resilience Challenge for our Y7 - Y9 students*.

Each week, students are given a different challenge to 'test' them. Last week it was sudoku (well done to Ms Villalobos' group who advanced the most!) and this week students were given a board game to play.

Resilience, as a trait, is made up of a number of different skills and students reflect at the end of each session to discuss how they found the challenge.



FOCUS ON CLUBS

SENIOR PRODUCTION

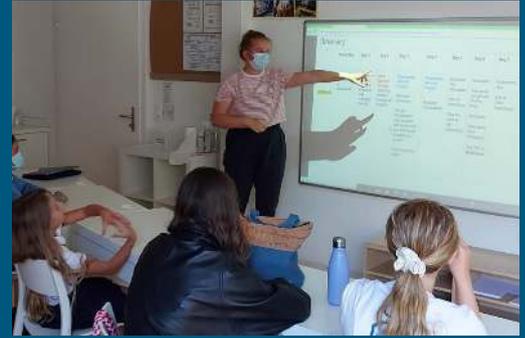
At the Senior Production club we have been deciding what kind of drama we will be performing in the future. Today the members of the group will be engaging in games, improvisation and short devised pieces to get to know each other as actors as well as attempt to direct the other members of the group. At Public Speaking last week the members explored what made them nervous about speaking in front of people, what an effective presentation includes and what it is they wish to gain from attending the club. At the end of the session each member presented a short talk to the rest of the group.



FOCUS ON CLUBS

NGO

This week marked this academic year's first meeting of the ISCS NGO "The Changemakers". Apart from the established members we were very excited to see many new faces, eager to make a difference in the world. We kicked off with a visit by Zahra Knight, who spoke about her own experiences of being involved in service learning at school and how her group raised funds for educational projects in Nepal. In an inspired discussion afterwards students brainstormed activities for this year. So mark this space, "The Changemakers" are coming!



CHESS CLUB



Dear community,

A huge **THANK YOU** to all the families who came to our Welcome Picnic! What a fun family event that was!!! Beautiful weather, picturesque scenery and great company were at the rendezvous. Watching our children giggle, play badminton, climb trees or swim in the lake was great, but how pleasant was it to see parents chatting and making connections! So many new families joined us this year and it was a formidable opportunity to welcome them into the ISCS family.

If you can't wait to see us again, please check the list of our upcoming activities.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our COFFEE MORNING!

Your PO team

Audrey & Mariska

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FAMILY PICNIC



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS (Primary & Secondary school)	Tuesday 14th September 2021
PEACE ONE DAY Students will need an old plain white-t-shirt for the colour run!	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
COFFEE MORNING at the school café from 8:30 am to 10:00 am (more details coming soon)	Friday, September 17 th 2021
SPORT GROUP at the school campus from 8:30 am	Friday, September 24 th 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
END OF HALF TERM (ALL STUDENTS)	Friday 15th October 2021
STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL	Wednesday 27th October 2021
NGO HALLOWEEN DISCO (SECONDARY STUDENTS)(6:30-8:30PM)	Thursday 28th October 2021
WHOLE SCHOOL HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION Dress up Day for students and teachers in the theme of ' Heroes & Villains '.	Friday 29th October 2021
PUBLIC HOLIDAY: SCHOOL IS CLOSED	Monday 1st November 2021
YEAR 11 & YEAR 13 MOCK EXAMINATIONS	Monday 15th - Tuesday 30th November 2021