

Friday 26th November

“The only real failure in life is one not learned from.”
- **Anthony J. D'Angelo**



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Dear ISCS community,

IGCSE CURRICULUM EVENING

On Thursday of this week we had our IGCSE Parents evening to explain the main features of the IGCSE courses, options and electives offered by ISCS to our Year 9 students and their families. This was to give them information in preparation for them beginning their IGCSE studies next year.

ISCS CHESS TOURNAMENT

As the cold weather has arrived, ISCS has started its traditional and popular Chess tournament during break times. It is exciting to see students from all years playing chess together! This tournament is coming at the best of times as the Chess World Championship between Norwegian World Champion Magnus Carlsen and Russian Grandmaster Ian Nepomniachtchi starting this Friday November 26th in Dubai. Those interested can see the games online at chess24.com.

ISCS PERFORMANCES

Primary and Secondary students are all working hard on the preparation of our Christmas performances. Primary students are preparing 'Eddie the Penguin Saves the World', which will be performed on Monday 13th December. Secondary and Primary students are preparing a set of more than 15 pieces for our Art Soirée on Thursday December 16th.

Unfortunately, due to increasing Covid cases we are unable to welcome families to school to watch performances in person but we will ensure that parents can access them via streamed or pre-recorded broadcasts.

We will announce the times of both performances and how to access them in the coming weeks so that Parents can follow them on screen and celebrate the work of our students with us.

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Our Year 7 and 8 Boys Football Team participated in a Tournament this week in Schaffhausen. Many congratulations to the Team and to Mr Perliyev who brought the first ISCS Trophy home! Go Wolves!

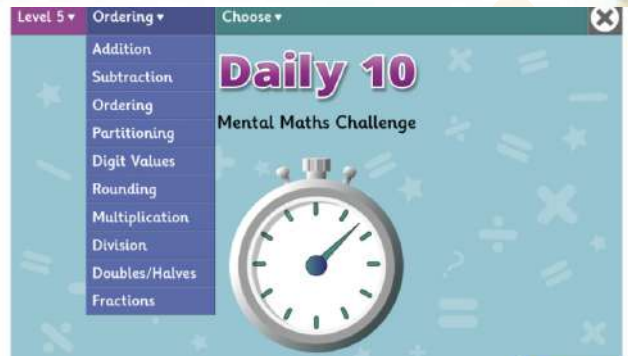
Wishing all of our American families a happy Thanksgiving!

Have a safe and great weekend.

JOSE ANTONIO PARRA

Years 5 and 6

This week, we have been consolidating all our knowledge and skills that we have covered on the topic of fractions to prepare us for assessments taking place. In Maths, we have also started to flex our brain muscle by doing 'The Daily 10' - ten mental maths questions that are timed. This increases mental speed and allows us to revisit previously covered topics. In Literacy, we have dived into figurative language such as idioms, personification and similes and metaphors which will enrich our writing even more. In German we are finishing the topic of countries, languages and nationalities, and we're moving on to learning how to describe our looks.

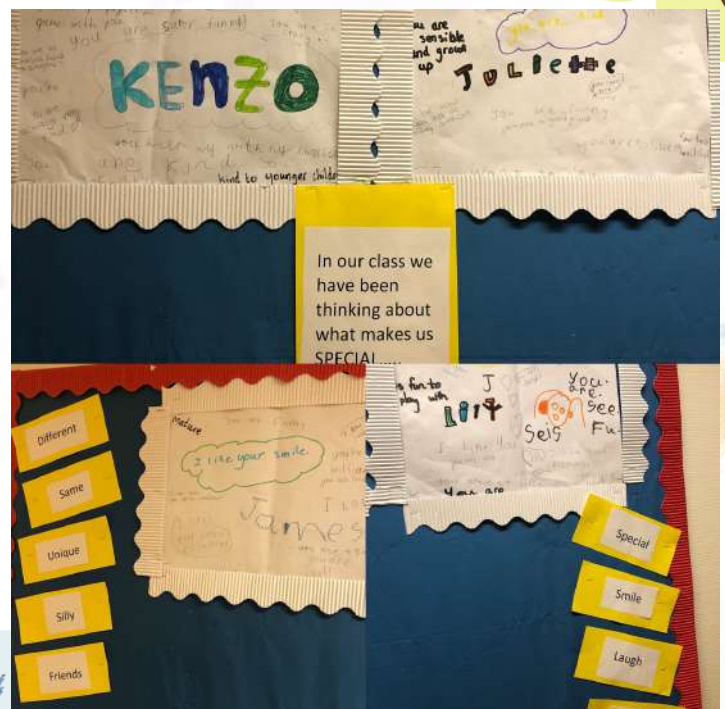


Masato and Matteo are very much into their research for Science on forces

Year 3 & 4

This week we have been learning about Thanksgiving with the topic of Belonging in Global Perspectives. We thought about what our friends mean to us and wrote about each of our friends on their name sheets. After listening to the story of thanksgiving, the children wrote about what they were thankful for this year.

In Maths, the children are working hard on consolidating their newly learnt times tables through many different ways. We use Daily10 to answer different questions in a short period of time and play different games in groups and individually. Science has moved to outer space with the class learning about the planets. Be sure to look out for their own made up planets...



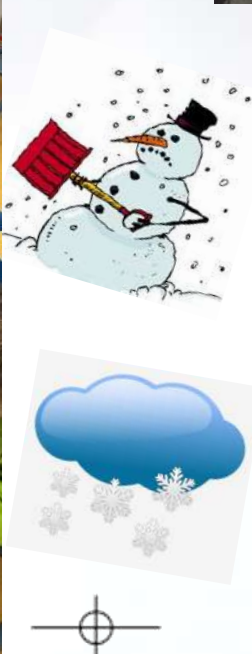
Years 1 and 2

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Early Years

This week we have been super mathematicians and found lots of ways to make 9 and 10. In literacy we have loved being creative and writing captions about what we think snowmen do at night! In science we had fun exploring ice and in art we have been creating some beautiful snow storm pictures !



SECONDARY NEWS

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR SCHOOL VALUES

RESPECT

EXCELLENCE

INTERNATIONALISM

The second of our school values is 'EXCELLENCE'.

This week we welcomed Parents of and student in Year 9 to our first IGCSE Curriculum Evening to discuss their IGCSE options for next year. IGCSE is a very important time for all of our students and a time where **Excellence** in their attitude and approach is vital!

Here are some of the expectations we shared on the night as well as some ways in which students know if they are making progress towards their target grades!

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

- ★ POSITIVE ATTITUDE
- ★ TOP QUALITY NOTE TAKING
- ★ DEADLINES MET
- ★ INDEPENDENT LEARNING
- ★ ONGOING EFFORT & DATA TRACKING
- ★ FORMAL MOCK EXAMINATIONS (IN YEAR 10 & YEAR 11)
- ★ ONGOING SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE TESTING (2 YEARS OF LEARNING ASSESSED IN SUMMER 2024!)



IGCSE qualifications are highly regarded and recognised Internationally. They are a 2 year course where students have the opportunity to gain knowledge, develop their skill set and display a high level attitude to learning. IGCSEs are the first major stepping stone to future choices for our students and **Excellence** will be key to their success!

ART FOCUS:

YEAR 10 'FOOD' project

Year 10 have been broadening their repertoire of technique and different media this week and have produced some beautiful oil pastel studies of peppers as part of their first IGCSE project entitled 'FOOD'.



SOIRÉE REBOOT

Within Performing Arts sessions our learners are continuing to refine and sharpen not only their performance craft but are also continuing to play a central role in developing a 'coaching culture', where students support, learn with and from each other.

Project style learning such as the 'Arts Soirée' means that learning happens through 'real contexts', working collaboratively with and for the wider school community. The team are now focussed on creatively approaching contingency plans for a remote Soirée in response to Covid-19; Providing learners with the additional challenge of exploring digital media technology in order to deliver the Soiree as an online event.



Schaffhausen

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Thursday, November 25th, our ISCS Football team participated at the friendly tournament together with Schaffhausen and Rheinfal International schools. Our boys challenged two great teams and showed great sportsmanship. Andrea, from Year 8, was named the best Goalkeeper of the tournament.



GERMAN SPOTLIGHT

"If you think presentations cannot enchant people, then you have never seen a really good one." - Guy Kawasaki

This week saw German students across year groups being enchanted and transported to other worlds. Learners in Year 7 and 10 concluded their units of non-fiction text analysis with mesmerizing presentations on topics of their choice. In Year 7, which had focussed on "Unusual animals and their habitats" we went swimming in our presentations and learnt about the fascinating lives and habitats of narwhals and great hammerhead sharks. Year 10, who had focussed on "Alpine regions", transported us to the world of Swiss meadow farming, enlightened us about ancient civilizations in the Alps and talked about the history of skiing. Developing speaking and presentation skills is a key requirement for both native and non-native speakers and enables our students to become great communicators, able to inform, enlighten, persuade and even enchant an audience.



HOUSE POINTS

We have all 4 houses to reach 4-digit numbers before the Christmas break and this is the first time in our school history. Well done, everyone!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 11 & YEAR 13 MOCK EXAMINATIONS THE TIMETABLE HAS BEEN SHARED WITH STUDENTS AND PARENTS!	Mon 15th - Tues 30th November 2021
ART TRIP TO LICHT HALLE MAAG: FRIDA KAHLO EXHIBITION: YEAR 8, IGCSE & A LEVEL ART STUDENTS All consent forms to Mrs Bradley!	Wednesday 1st December 2021
PUBLIC HOLIDAY 2: SCHOOL IS CLOSED	Wednesday 8th December 2021
CHRISTMAS/ WINTER JUMPER DAY (all students)	Friday 10th December 2021
ART SOIRÉE ONLINE CELEBRATION OF OUR STUDENTS	Available to view on Thursday 16th December 2021
SECONDARY REPORTS OUT TO PARENTS	Thursday 16th December 2021
END OF TERM AT 12 NOON (Half day closing!)	Friday 17th December 2021

Wishing you a fabulous weekend!