



# NEWS LETTER

*“The great aim of education is not knowledge but action.”—Herbert Spencer*

**December 3rd 2021**

## WHAT'S INSIDE

### PRIMARY NEWS

Dear ISCS community,

This week, on Thursday, we welcomed two top representatives of the local schools for Cham to ISCS. The Schulpraesident, Mr. Arno Grueter and the Rektorin Ms. Britta Dobbefeld. The purpose of the visit was to exchange information about our schools, to begin to forge links and to explore opportunities for cooperation in the future.

On Wednesday, Art students went to visit the Frida Khalo exhibition in Zurich. It was a great exhibition and an excellent opportunity for our students to know more about a different artist with a strong personality and to get ideas and inspirations for their own art works.

Regarding Covid, the school has received information from the Cantonal authorities that cases are increasing significantly in schools again due to the new variant Omicron. Primary students should wear masks as a mandatory measure when in corridors and during the entry and exit zones of the school. However, they can take their masks off when sitting at desks in our Primary classes.

Finally, reports will be shared via the Engage platform at the end of the term. Engage is our educational application and all of the students' families have been given access to it. Passwords were set up last year. However, if you need it, it can be set up again. You will receive a separate communication about it on Thursday.

Have a safe and great weekend.

Wish a great weekend.  
JOSE ANTONIO PARRA

### SECONDARY NEWS

### SPORTS NEWS

### HOUSE POINTS



## YEAR 5 AND 6



*Mikail and Marco enjoy the snowy weather.*

The snowy weather has caused a lot of excitement as well as awe and wonder this week. We have managed to go out a few times to have snowball fights and build snowmen. **Please make sure that your child remembers to bring in a warm, thick coat and some gloves.** In Maths and English we have been busy carrying out assessments as the term comes to a close and reports are being written. In German, we continue learning how to describe oneself and friends in more detail. We are revising describing looks and learning how to describe personality, and link it with one's likes and dislikes.

## YEAR 3 AND 4

With the weather changing to a wintery feel, year 3 and 4 have been learning about Christmas around the world. This week they have read about the USA, Holland, Egypt, Chile and China and recorded interesting facts about each



In maths, the children are practicing their multiplication facts timing 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers. In Science they have learnt about how and why the earth has day and night. We have also started to learn about the international Red Cross and what it does. The children had fun showing the teachers and year 5 and 6 the song they have learnt in German on Monday.

Thanks to Prof for taking us to the farm where we could make an enormous snowman!



## YEAR 1 AND 2

This week in German we finally got to perform our "Funf kleine Fische" song we've been working on for so long. We also started a new topic - food. This week we are learning about vegetables.

In maths we continued our multiplication topic. Year 1 focused on the 2 and 5x table, whilst Year 2 began the 3x table. We used Pop-lits to help us to calculate the answers!

We finished our topic about instructional writing in English and have now written step by step instructions about how to catch the cheeky dinosaur that we caught on camera on the school playground!



## EYFS

We loved playing in the snow earlier in the week! Our singing voices are getting louder and clearer as the winter show rehearsals continue. To fit with the wintery scenes outside we have been reading 'The Gruffalo child' and creating our very own Gruffalo creatures from the Gruffalo wood! In maths we have been ordering numbers to 20 using the Gruffalo spikes and in Art we have been creating our very own Samichlaus to help us countdown to Christmas. Each morning when we come in we will paint our numbers to 25 to countdown to Christmas. A cheeky elf has arrived in our class and is causing some mischief! Finally we enjoyed creating our own christmas decorations for the our class christmas tree.





## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR SCHOOL VALUES

### RESPECT

### EXCELLENCE

### INTERNATIONALISM

The third and final of our school values is “**INTERNATIONALISM**”.

At ISCS we celebrate the diverse nationalities and cultures of our community and feed them into our curriculum wherever possible. For example, this year for the first time, our Year 7 and 8 students have International Citizenship as part of their timetabled lessons where they have been looking at the environmental impact of Climate change on different countries.

On the last count, our school community currently consists of **38 different countries!** This is phenomenal and each and every one brings a unique dynamic to our setting, for which we will continue to recognise and be thankful!

Mrs Bradley



## SPOTLIGHT ON EXAMS

This week we concluded our first round of exams. On the one hand, last week we finished the November Cambridge Exams session. Congratulations to each of you, who put an extra effort retaking or taking exams. If the results are positive, you will realise that this will reduce a lot the workload by the end of the academic year. On the other hand, we finished our Mock Exams for years 11 and 13.

For year 11, this was an exemplary exercise. All of you behaved as you should during an exam session, being on time, bringing the material you needed, and behaving according to the situation. Well done!!! For year 13, now you are used to this kind of situation, where stress and tiredness play a major role. For sure this will be of great help for the upcoming May/June session.



Next Monday we will release the results so can end the year with a clear idea of your progress and the coming challenges. Enjoy your break, but of course, keep in mind that these weeks are also great for catching up if the results were not as positive as you would have liked.

Our next exam session will start by the end of January, the Mock Exams for year 12. Make sure that during the holidays you revise enough because these results are our first benchmark to assess your progress. Be aware that they can also be used for early university applications

# FRIDA KAHLO EXHIBITION TRIP

## Lichthalle Maag, Zurich

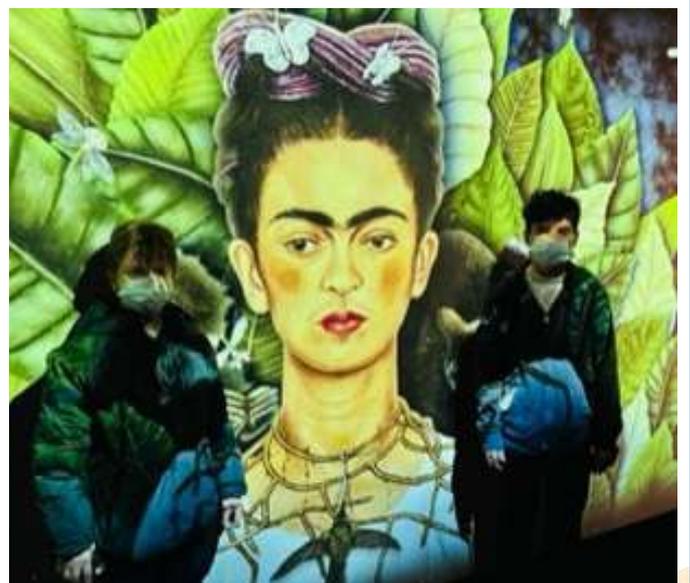
On Wednesday morning, the Year 8, 11 and 12 Artists went to Zurich to experience the wondrous Frida Kahlo light exhibit.

Students were immersed in Frida Kahlo's catalogue of work as it danced around them on every surface of the room. They were in awe of the vivid colours and variety of her work and learned more about its origins, based on her tumultuous life experience.

All of the ISCS artists will use this experience as inspiration for their creations to come!

I am so proud of this group of students and the way in which they used the experience to inform their plans in art as well as how they impeccably represented our school community!

Many thanks also to Mr Parra and Mr Simeone who accompanied us.





## After School Club update

After our successful Football Club season, we will move on and have Basketball Club starting in January on Wednesdays. The students from Year 4+ are welcome to join from 15:30-16:30.

## Primary Swimming /PE Rotation

**Year 3/4 (Ms Knight's class)** will get the opportunity to take a turn at swimming lessons during one afternoon a week allocation for the Pool. **Year 3/4** will start Swimming lessons at the local Röhliberg Pool from the first Friday we are back, on January 14th. They will have classes until the Easter Break (January - April). **Year 1/2 (Ms Macmillan's class)** will have an extra PE class on Wednesdays.



## ISCS House Competition

ISCS Red House exploded with enormous run due to the chess tournament players and thanks to Luis, Year 10, is now catching up with Yellow House. Green and Blue Houses continue their battle for the 3rd place.

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