



# NEWS LETTER

Change is the end result of all true learning.

– Leo Buscaglia

*January 21st 2022*

## WHAT'S INSIDE

### PRIMARY NEWS

Dear ISCS community,

This week we received amazing news at ISCS. All of our students who sat the IGCSE German exam got an A\*. Congratulations to Marco, Sebastian, Lexi, Tayo, Alexander, Meri, Ishani and Zahraa!!!!

Our commitment is to provide an excellent provision of German teaching, which helps students to get a place in the Swiss or German Universities. We have faced some challenges with new Secondary students who are beginners in German. As a consequence, we have decided to add one German teacher and split the Secondary in three levels: beginners, intermediate and native. We are redeveloping timetables and syllabi to be able to start after the half break term.

One student from Sage College, our sister school in Spain, has joined us for three months. Alonso lived in Germany until he was 11 years old and now wishes to prepare for the German IGCSE exam. Please welcome Alonso and help him to have a great time, taking maximum advantage of his stay in Switzerland.

This week we have started with our intervention plan for Y11 and Y13 to help students to prepare for the Cambridge exams. Next week, Year 12 will also sit their mocks exams. These mock exams are really very important for A-levels students as they are used in their universities application. I wish all the students strength during the weekend and good luck in the exams.

Wish you all a safe and enjoyable weekend.

JOSE ANTONIO PARRA

### SECONDARY NEWS

### PASTORAL FOCUS

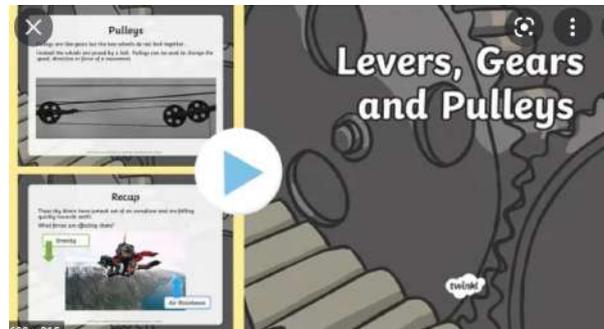
### SPORTS NEWS

### HOUSE POINTS



## YEAR 5 AND 6

This week we started to explore the wonderful poetry of Benjamin Zephaniah. His poetry is called "dub poetry," which means that it is performed—the words are recited over the beat of reggae music. We have also been practising our handwriting every day to make it super neat. In Maths, we have been looking at percentages of amounts and have discovered some new strategies to help us, for example to find a quarter of an amount we just halve and then halve it again! We are in the final week of our Forces topic and we ended it by looking at different mechanisms such as levers, pulleys and gears. In German we are learning the vocabulary for family members and how to move on a family tree.



*Looking at mechanisms in science*

*Year 5 and 6 practise performing 'Talking Turkeys'*

## YEAR 3 AND 4

This week in our classroom, the children have been working hard on making their writing more interesting. We have talked about extending sentences and looked at sentence openers. Ms Knight is very pleased with how well everyone has worked but especially the efforts Maelle has made so that now she is able to produce a whole page of super writing! Phonics and spelling is tough but Arvid and Lily had fun practising their words together. Well tried to both of them.

It always amazes Ms Knight at how many fun ways Prof comes up with in his PE classes. This week saw the children playing hide and seek in the park...Just as well he found everyone to bring back to ISCS.

As we get to know our new classmates, we try to complete tasks together. We hope you like our collaborative Cubist art.



# YEAR 1 AND 2

We continued our learning about division this week. Year 1 progressed from using practical equipment to calculate answers, to using imagery. Year 2 are now able to use arrays to show various ways of dividing a single amount!

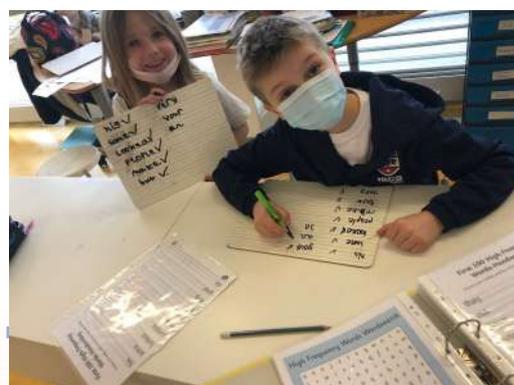
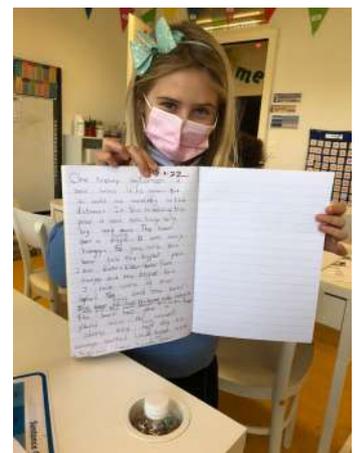
In Global Perspectives, we began our unit "My Country, Your Country" by celebrating diversity. We read a beautiful book called "The Skin I'm In" which explained why people have different shades of skin colour and how wonderfully unique each human is!

In English, we are reading "The Sea Swallow and the Humpback Whale" and writing a diary entry in character of the whale! In German we are learning about describing looks and personalities, based on the story of Snow White. We are also practising our "Bee" song, for the upcoming performance next month.



## EYFS

This week we enjoyed reading the story of 'The Paperbag Princess'. The children enjoyed the story so much they integrated it into their role play. This week we have been finding ways to make numbers 7 and 8 through addition and subtraction problem solving. We have practised counting back through 20 through song and also created castles, horses, crowns and princesses using 2d shapes. In art we created our own dragons using our own choice of material we chose paints, feathers and tissue paper to name a few. In science we designed a healthy smoothie to give 'The Paperbag Princess' her energy back after saving the prince from the Dragon in the story. What a creative fun week we have all had! In German we are learning about sizes and shapes. We are also practising our "Bee" song, for the upcoming performance next month.

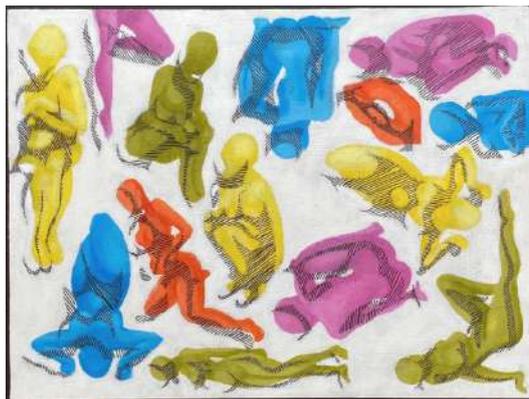




## ART FOCUS

Now that the 2021 exam period has elapsed, I am happy to share the amazing final pieces of the most recent Year 11 IGCSE cohort. I'm sure you'll agree that the work is stunning!

### Coursework final pieces:-



### 8 hour Exam pieces:-





# Key Stage 3

## FOCUS



### Year 7 and 8 English

Last week we went outside and wrote a poem inspired by nature. Some students chose to write about nature itself and how calming and peaceful they find it, whilst other students wrote about how we need to look after nature and protect the environment.

This week we have looked at favourite songs of the students and how they use techniques and structure like poetry does. I am sure after this the students will be looking forward to annotating poetry from next week onwards.

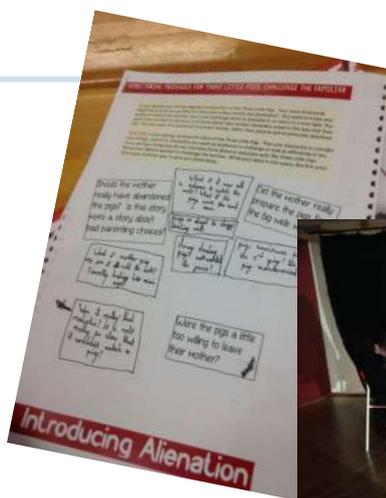
### EAL

In EAL students have been focusing on different sentence types and how they can be used for effect in their writing. Students have also started to think more about punctuation and how this can also create different effects.

### Performing Arts

Our Year 9 Performing Artists are currently exploring the theories and practices of theatre practitioner Bertold Brecht.

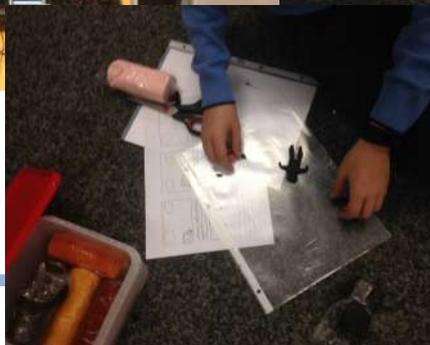
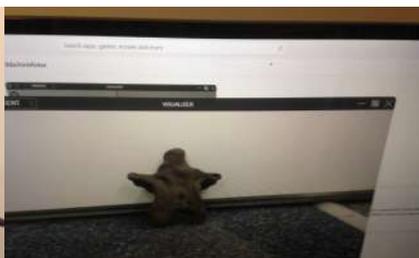
They have been enjoying getting stuck into both the intellectual and practical aspects of the work and are continuing their journey of collaborative learning in *real contexts*, working as a 'company' to put together some truly 'epic' Theatre!



### ICT

Lower secondary students are continuing to connect the dots across subject areas, using their creativity, musicality, artistry, imaginations, and by no means least their digital skills to produce their own stop motion animation videos.

We look forward to sharing the results with you very soon!



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# EXAM GROUPS

## FOCUS

### Exam Support

This week, the Year 11 and 13 Intervention Programme has begun to support our students with their exam preparations. Students have already started to meet with their allocated Academic Mentor and they have attended revision booster sessions after school.

Both Year groups have demonstrated a mature and determined attitude! Well done!

**Mrs Bradley**

### News from the German exam room

A hole in one is a rare feat in Golf, duly celebrated. For an educational institution a whole examination series with only fantastic results is equally remarkable and it gives me great pleasure to announce that some of our advanced German learners have delivered just that. In the November 2021 Cambridge exam series for IGCSE German as a Foreign Language all examinees have achieved the top result of A\*. It is particularly remarkable that 5 of the 8 examinees were Year 10 students, who took the exam a year and a half early. This is always a risk and involves a degree of trust from students and parents alike and I would like to thank everyone for taking this leap of faith. But let us not rest on our laurels, but keep up the good work. Our happy graduate's journey with German is far from over. They are already working hard to go above and beyond, hoping to achieve a B2 language level at the end of Year 11, enabling them to pursue German A Levels and university studies in a German speaking context. Los geht's!

**Herr Boelle**

## PASTORAL FOCUS

This weeks Pastoral news is to announce the winner of last half term's praise prize as...

### Dejan in Year 10!

He will be able to choose, from a selection of brands and shops, a voucher for 30CHF

**Mr Hopton**



# Year 7/8 Badminton Tournament, Doubles

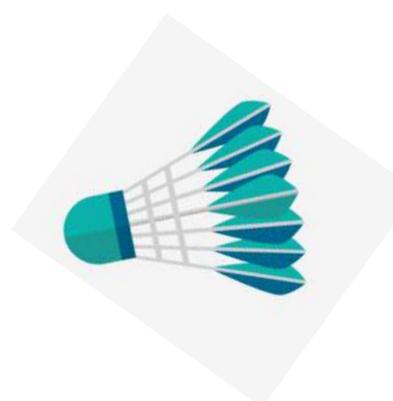
On Wednesday we finished our Year 7/8 Badminton Tournament. Milan and Alasdair defended their title and once again received a Starbucks voucher to celebrate their high performance. Majid and Carlo finished second, whilst Roy and Dylan ended up on the 3rd place.



# Gymnastics Unit in Year 5/6



Year 5/6 students have been working hard during Gymnastics Unit in PE and performed their Final assessment on Tuesday. We've made a video and are happy to share with you, just ask Prof P at [vasyl.perliyev@iscs-zug.ch](mailto:vasyl.perliyev@iscs-zug.ch)



# ISCS House Competition

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Blue House scored 300 points this week to grab the 3rd place. Yellow house is on top with 2305 points.

## WISHING YOU A LOVELY WEEKEND!

