

# NEWSLETTER

"Study without desire spoils the memory, and it retains nothing that it takes in."

— Leonardo da Vinci

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### Dear ISCS community,

What a challenging week it has been!.

This week we had 4 staff in primary who tested positive for Covid. We sourced and assigned cover teachers straight away and in spite of the difficulties we have been able to continue all of our Primary school provision. I would like to thank all the families for their ongoing understanding and support.

In this week, there have been great and impressive demonstrations of commitment, support and team work from staff and families. In the ISCS Team, in particular I would like to recognise Ms. Knight, Ms. Blaser, Ms. Eggerberger, Ms. Saenz and Mrs Bradley for the way they have managed the whole week. I would also like to give thanks with all my heart to some of our family members, Ms. Orazulike, Ms. Girling, Ms. Duque for the support and the excellent job done during this week.

The Secondary school has run smoothly during the week and the Mocks exams finished last Wednesday. The students will get their results on Monday of next week.

We also have all of the IGCSE course selections for our Y9 students who have made their choices for the new academic year.

Next week, we will see the return of our quarantined teachers and we expect to have a positive last week of the half term, recovering all the PE lessons. We will also look forward to a slightly different approach to the Ice Skating Days as a result of the recent Covid situation. The Primary school will be ice skating on the afternoon of Thursday 10th February and the Secondary School will have their turn on the afternoon of Friday February 11th. Both days will begin with a normal morning of lessons in school.

We wish you all a safe and great weekend.

JOSE ANTONIO PARRA

## PRIMARY NEWS



### YEAR 5 AND 6

In maths this week we have been looking at decimals, comparing their values and ordering them and in English we have continued to look at poetry and even explored the life of Sir David Attenborough in our reading. Since it was Chinese new year we found out more about this celebration and enjoyed some arts and crafts activities linked to this. We were very lucky since Miss Predouli joined us for science to give us a practical demonstration of how the human digestive system works.

In maths we have started out on a new topic...Fractions! The children wrote their names and divided the letters into a fraction of the whole. The results were great.

The class is learning this week about adverbs and adverbial phrases in English. We will practice writing lots of sentences starting with adverbs and adverbial phrases and try some with them within the sentence. The children will write short passages using a picture prompt to use their new knowledge.

Do you know how to read a food package for nutritional information? Our class had a go at finding out the sugar content of some different foods by looking at the information that would be found on the food packet.

Science experiments are fun. We did two experiments this week to see how solids can also be in liquid form by making a sand timer and how a solid put into a liquid can make a gas. Learning is more exciting when you get to do experiments.

We also welcomed Henrique from Brazil to our class. The boys are super happy to have another male member of our class but the girls still outnumber the boys.

## YEAR 1 AND 2

Our lovely class was split into two this week- those at home attempted online activities whilst those in school enjoyed learning in EYFS.

Some of our home-school work was to create dialogue and speech between characters from a story read online by Miss Macmillan. Year 2 used speech marks whilst Year 1 wrote in speech bubbles, as an introduction to dialogue. Look at this super work

from Lola in Year 1!

Those in school had a wonderful time studying a book about dragons. They made their own treasure maps leading them to the dragon's gold.

## YEAR 3 AND 4



## **EYFS**

This week we welcomed new student Lucas! It's great to have you in our class! We enjoyed creating magical lands, celebrating Chinese new year and learning about which animal we were based on the year we were born, we also found out which characteristics we have based on our animals and this informed our literacy work. Later in the week we enjoyed a different kind of PE session with Ms Girling, who kindly came into school to support us dancing to lots of fun songs!





## **DANCE IN PE**

A massive thank you to Mrs Girling for her help and support in taking our classes for Dance PE Lessons.

What a great experience it is!





## **SECONDARY**

## **NEWS**



#### **Art**

Year 9 students have completed their Zug Pot Design brief this week and have tried and tested the usability of their work.

Here are the final pieces to accompany their extensive preparation and design work!

Beautiful and considered outcomes all inspired by the city of Zug!

#### **Mrs Bradley**

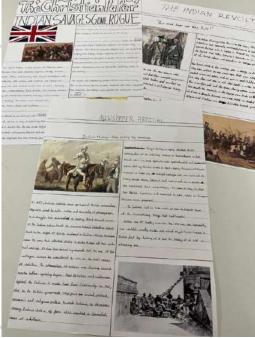




### **Year 9 Global Perspectives**

This week in Year 9 Global perspectives, we have been looking at how events in the past can have different interpretations depending on who is writing it/reporting about it. As we are currently learning about 'Why did some countries have Empires?' students wrote newspaper articles from either the Indian or British perspective of the Indian Rebellion of 1857 - there were some great pieces and clearly some budding historians and journalists at ISCS! This will prepare students marvellously for the IGCSE in History - which has a fantastic cohort of Year 10 for next year!

**Mr Hopton** 



### **Ice-skating Afternoons**

Looking forward to our Thursday and Friday afternoons to finish the school before the February Break having fun ice-skating.

### **Mr Perliyev**





### Cham hike

PE was a bit different this week with Prof away and the ISCS Team pitched in to make sure our students were getting enough fresh air!

Here are Year 7 & 8 enjoying their drizzly but fun hike through the forest!



## **Exam News**

Year 12 exams' week is over. Looking at the grades and analysing our results, we are happy to announce that this generation is getting well prepared for the exams. Statistically speaking, more than 95% of our students passed their exams, including a high percentage of A's and B's. A huge congratulations to all of them. Even though results look extremely positive, students should keep the pace and not slow down. The purpose of these exams is for students to gain confidence and at the same time be aware of their level in each subject; the perfect balance between awareness and knowing what their final goal is.

On the other hand, we would like to share with you that on the 24th of February we will have a virtual university fair. Every student has been informed and signed in for the event. Our students will have the chance to see programmes from more than forty universities and attend seminars and workshops. If parents are interested, you could navigate the website with students and decide which sessions are worth attending.

## **ISCS House Competition**

No changes this week as yellow House is on top with 2492 points. Red house follows them with 2153, whilst Blue and Green houses continue the battle for the 3rd place.



## **Pastoral**

Congratulations to the following students for gaining 5 'Getting It Right Points' this week! Great job Year 9!

- Giorgia Verolino
- Almaha Alabdulmohsin
- Hansika Patnaik

**WISHING YOU A RELAXING WEEKEND!**