



"I'm still learning." — Michelangelo

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Dear ISCS Community,

This Thursday, March 31st, we hosted an International Football Tournament at the Stadio Eizmoos, across the road from us in Cham. Two international schools joined us to compete, the **International School of Schaffhausen (ISSH)** and the **International School of Rheintal (ISR)**.



Boys and girls from Y1 to Y12, were competing and living a unique experience. What an amazing opportunity to share and promote the values of internationalism and respect in our students. I want to recognise all who took part in the event. It is incredible to see such wonderful community events taking place again after the last two difficult years.



I would also like to thank the staff of both schools as well as the students for their visit and am keen for us to organise an ISCS visit to their schools in the future. I would like to personally thank Mr. V for organising this event. His enthusiasm, courage and hard work is very inspiring to all of us. Finally big thanks to the ISCS Community who support the organisation and help to make the event a success.

As we approach the end of the term, we would like to remind you that we are still experiencing some Covid cases within the Secondary school and we are taking precautions to avoid students and staff becoming sick in time for the holidays. We kindly ask you to insist your children social distance from each other where possible and if not, to wear their mask. Most of us will be travelling in the coming weeks and it would be a shame if we were not able to do this as a result of Covid.

Finally I would like to thank all the families who have committed to our school community for the next academic year.

I wish you all a peaceful weekend

Jose Antonio Parra



This week has been busy as we have sat some assessments to see how much progress we have made in certain subjects such as maths and English. In PE, the children have been busy with the badminton tournament and this week there was an exciting event, where the children played in a football tournament against other schools. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to a fellow classmate as Masato returned to Japan. We did have a Japanese themed party to say goodbye.



Goodbye to Masato!



The badminton tournament continues

YEAR 3 & 4

We have been working in groups in every subject this week to see if we can work with everyone. In maths the children started the new topic of mass and have been having fun with using weighing scales and balances with both non standard and standard units of measure. The task in English was to complete reading comprehensions as a mixed level group. One person was the reader for the group, then as a group they answered the questions with a scribe for those who struggle with writing and then another member was the one who answered out loud the answers. Each day the groups moved to a different leader. The class did a great job and we will definitely repeat this task next term. The class really enjoyed their PE football games with other schools on Thursday. Thanks Prof for organising.

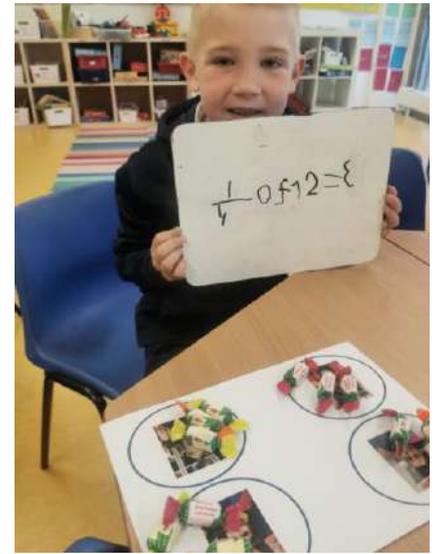


YEAR 1 & 2

Science was a highlight this week. We enjoyed playing 'Guess Who?' with the planets where the children gave facts to help their friends to work out which planet was stuck to their forehead!

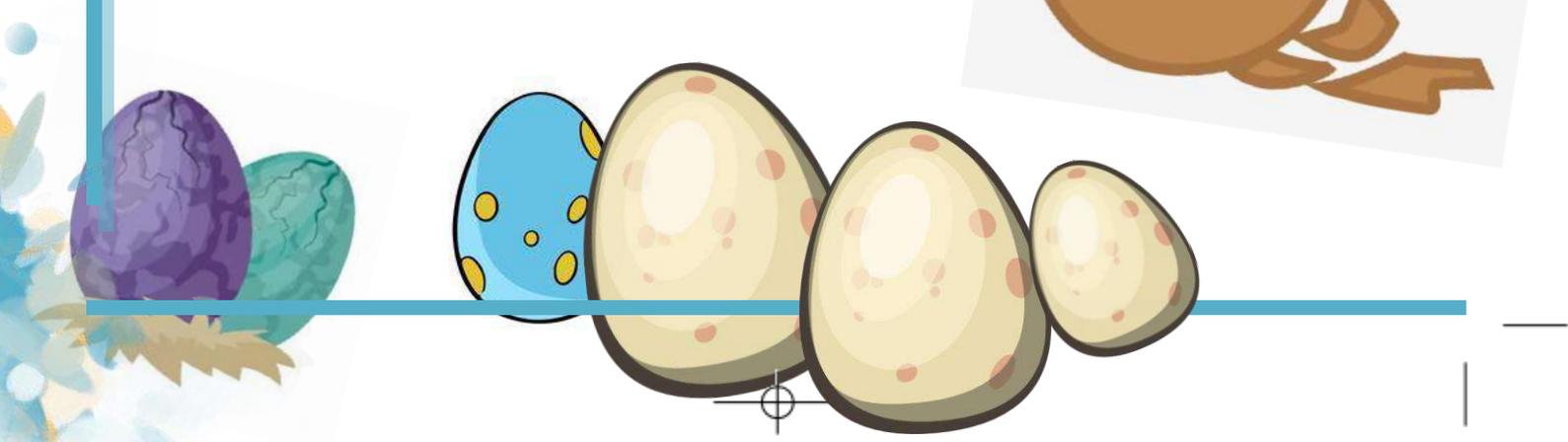
In maths we have progressed from finding fractions of shapes to fractions of amounts. Here, Iacopo and Sama are finding $\frac{1}{4}$ of amounts of sweets! Year 1 focused on finding $\frac{1}{2}$.

The children are working exceptionally hard in phonics too. Imanol is showing his learning of the 'a-e' split digraph, whilst Year 2 learnt the /zh/ sound represented by the letter 's' in words such as 'treasure'!



EARLY YEARS

This week in Early Years we had our final story in this topic called 'The Egg'. Suddenly some eggs appeared in our classroom so we became investigators to find out what was inside! We found some baby dinosaurs! In maths we have been finding number bonds to 10 and as part of developing our writing skills we have started a sunflower seed diary! We have been responsible for watering our own seeds and will see at the end of the term who has the biggest sunflower!



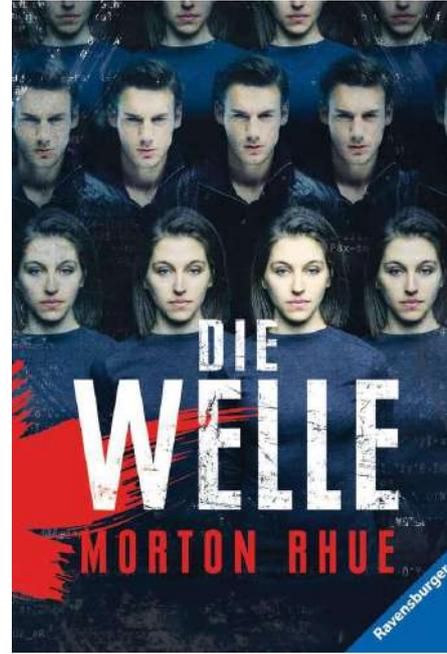
LANGUAGE FOCUS

GERMAN

Key Stage 3 and 4

This spring term, all of Key Stage 3 and 4 are seriously engaged with the power of literature and storytelling. Year 7 students focused on the topic of courage and were introduced to the foundational skills of narrative writing and wrote their own stories of courage.

The students of Year 8/9 are reading the contemporary novel "Die Welle", which analyses, based on a psychological high school experiment, how quickly group dynamics can get out of hand and how authoritarian rule and the silencing of dissenting voices can unfold.



The students of Year 10 are busy analysing "Als Hitler das rosa Kaninchen stahl", which is set during the 3rd Reich in Germany and tells the story of a young girl and her family forced to flee Nazi Germany.

With current events unfolding in Ukraine and Russia our literary work in Key Stage 3 and 4 provoked a lot of thought and is being read whilst following and analysing the development in the news, challenging us to consider how authoritarian rule can also seep into society today and what it means for people to be displaced by events out of their control, especially for children.

ENGLISH

Key Stage 3

Year 8 have been working on Television News alongside focusing on their Speaking and Listening skills. This week they split into two groups and created their own news programmes covering topics from Covid, the war in Ukraine to Sports News and The Weather.

GROUP 1 IN ACTION!



GROUP 2 IN ACTION!



Year 7 have been working on journalistic writing. This week they utilised all the skills they have learnt and conducted a real life game of cluedo! After they had gathered all their evidence together they used their interviews with each other to write a newspaper report about their investigation.

GETTING THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND COMPLETING FIRST INTERVIEWS



ALL THE SUSPECTS!



ART & DESIGN

Key Stage 3

The current topic for *Year 8* is 'still life' where we have been focusing on watercolour technique and the painting style of Holly Exley. Our students have experimented with different watercolour tests and are producing refined outcomes in response as part of the project!



YEAR 8 WATERCOLOUR STUDIES USING THEIR NEW TECHNIQUES

Year 11 students are working hard finalising their exam project preparation and IGCSE boards to submit to Cambridge International in a matter of weeks! We wish them the best of luck for their 8 hour final exam on the first day back after the Spring break!

Key Stage 4

Year 10 students are working individually on their own coursework projects and producing wide-ranging outcomes in the exploration phase of IGCSE.



PASTORAL FOCUS

April is Stress Awareness Month

As we enter exam season, it is important to look after our mental health and notice the signs of stress and how to look after each other. As well as being a high-pressure time for students, parents and siblings can also feel the effects as the stakes are high for all involved.

There are some great online resources to help parents, carers and students notice the symptoms of stress as well as mitigate the consequences of it.

- Every Mind Matters: <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/>
- BBC Mental Health Tips: <https://www.bbc.com/news/av/education-55620288>
- YoungMinds: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/find-help>
- HeadSpace App: <https://www.headspace.com>
- Aura App: <https://www.aurahealth.io>

STARS OF THE MONTH

We would like to congratulate our Secondary Stars of the Month for demonstrating Excellence and Internationalism!

Please ask them about their Award!

Dylan Boronza YR7

Marina de Leon YR8

Lilly Ferracin YR9

Luis de Leon YR10

Alonso Llorden YR10

Giacomo Iannazzo YR11

Gabriel Levy YR12

Isabella Saenz YR12

HOORAY!



STUDENT PROGRESS CONFERENCE

THURSDAY 7TH APRIL: 1:30PM - 5PM

On Thursday next week we will be holding our first afternoon Conference where parents and students will have the opportunity to meet with the Pastoral Tutor to discuss effort and progress so far this year. Parents will receive the Spring Report on Wednesday 6th April and this will form the basis of the conversation with Tutors. Please make sure that you have filled in the Google Form to make appointments and to let us know if you can or can't make it! All information was provided last week via email.

In addition, if you would like to organise specific conversations with members of the Leadership Team, please contact them directly!

Please be reminded that this is a half day and students will need to make their own travel arrangements to return home at 12:30pm.

We are looking forward to seeing you all then!

Football International Tournament

What a success at the Football International Tournament that we hosted at FC Cham stadium! Our school, combined of different ages and teams, had a fabulous day playing games against the International School of Schaffhausen (ISSH) and the International School of Rheintal (ISR). Well done, ISCS Wolves!



ISCS House Competition

We have 3 teams competing tough for the 2nd place with the difference of 100 points. Yellow House meanwhile enjoys the top with 3549 points.



Wishing you a lovely weekend!