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Dear ISCS community

### **PRIMARY NEWS**

On Friday of this week, we invited the families of our Primary students into school for a "Muffins with Mother" event as a pre celebration of 'Mother's Day'. It was a lovely celebration to demonstrate appreciation for our Mums! The ISCS Team appreciates this quality time with our families. Many thanks to the Parents' Organisation for their support in hosting this event.

### **SECONDARY NEWS**

The third term of the academic year is a vital point in the British Cambridge Curriculum, as our students are taking their final official Cambridge examinations at the end of Key stage 4 and 5. This year we implemented a huge drive to prepare our students. Whilst Year 12 and Year 13 are already on study leave, our Year 11s finished the face to face taught period of IGCSE last Monday and started the main body of their exams this week. We wish them the best of luck!

We are currently preparing some great initiatives for the end of this academic year:-

The graduation ceremony on the evening of Thursday 9th June, Activity Week from Monday 20th to Friday 24th June and a trip to sage College in Spain for our Spanish students from Sunday 12th to Saturday 18th June.

### **DEVELOPMENTS 2022/2023**

Finally we continue to prepare for the next academic year where there will be some key developments in our provision. One of them is our intention to offer Computer Science at IGCSE in future options with a view to students having the opportunity to take Computer Science A-levels in the coming years. At the same time we will upgrade the provision of ICT across all years, to include Primary and Middle Years. We will create a lab with Robotics capability and a 3D printer for our students. This is a strong move aiming to arm our students with the skills to attain a range of job opportunities in the future.

We expect an excellent third term and we are looking forward to continuing to develop our provision in 2022-23.

I hope that you all enjoy an excellent weekend in spite of the inclement weather!

JOSE ANTONIO PARRA

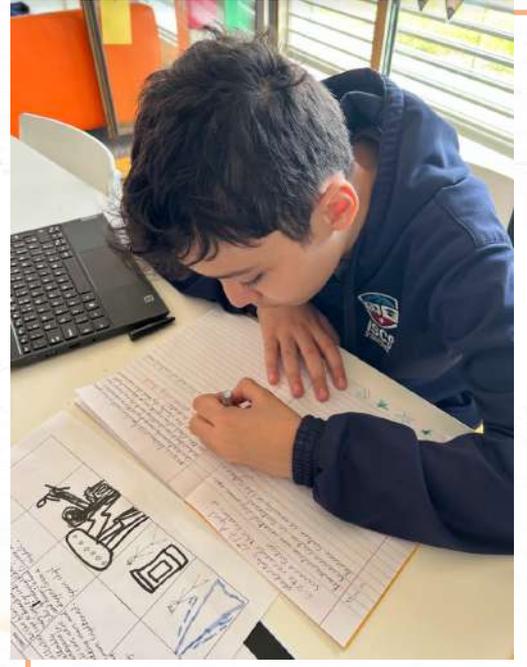
## Years 5 and 6

This week we were lucky to have some beautiful weather and this allowed us to spend some time learning outside. In English, we began writing our own science fiction stories which allowed us to explore the world of UFOs and aliens. In maths, we moved onto the topic of coordinates. Ask your child what we mean by the saying 'along the corridor and up or down the stairs'.

This week in German we were using our knowledge of numbers, and now also time, to practise making plans and talk about daily and weekly routines. Throughout the week we watched some Newsround specials that focused on mental well being and we discussed how it is okay to not be okay. Friday was extra special because we got to invite our mothers in for pre Mother's Day celebrations.



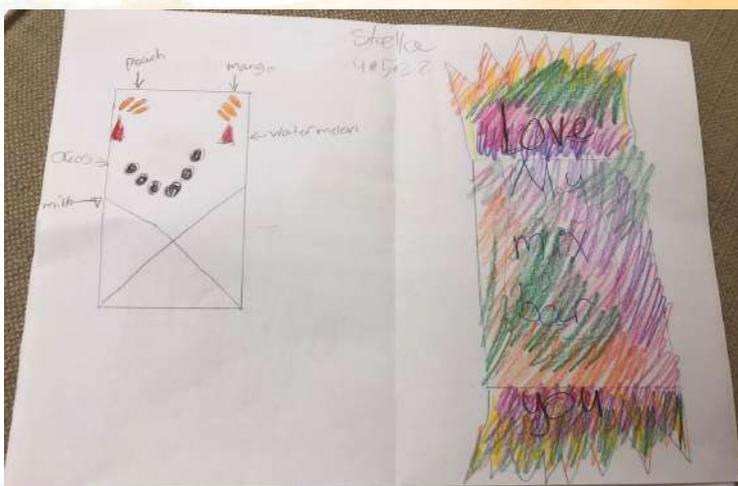
**Sixten and Matteo created food chains in science.**



**Marwan is thinking carefully about his science fiction writing.**

## Year 3 and 4

After taking a 'Who am I?' quiz to guess what the objects were, the class wrote their own clues for the rest of their peers to guess their object in English. The maths topic of decimals has moved on to comparing and rounding decimals this week, before a mini assessment of how the class is doing. In Art this week we thought of how pictures make us feel and made a group picture that is now on the board outside our classroom. Mixing computer time with our Global Perspectives topic, the children found and wrote amazing facts about Chocolate. Our display is coming along well with many debates on what is the best chocolate bar! In German we revised looks and body parts, and we will put our linguistic skills to analyse and decipher messages in an alien language!

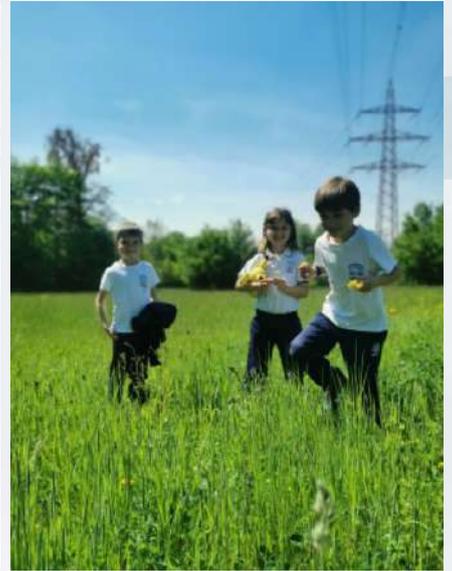


## Years 1 and 2

We kicked off the week with a new maths topic about telling the time on an analogue clock! Year 1 enjoyed learning about 'o'clock' and 'half past', whilst Year 2 revised 'quarter to' and 'quarter past' before beginning to learn 5 minute intervals!

In English, we moved from 'imitation' to 'innovation' in our Talk for Writing process. The children analysed the characters in our story by writing about what they are thinking and feeling, before sequencing the story to show their understanding of it.

We are also incredibly excited to have some caterpillars in our classroom again this Spring so that we can watch their transformation into butterflies. Watch this space! In German we continue to learn the Gorilla song which we hope to perform on the last day of school. We are also practising listening for detail, in context of rainforest vocabulary.



## Early Years

This week we enjoyed our new story of the week "The Snail and the Whale" we enjoyed learning how the snail could communicate using his trail and also played rhyming games which matched the story. We loved writing birthday cards for Mr V using all the different languages we speak. We have enjoyed playing lots of number games to support us in counting on. In Art we made snails and whales and in science we have started to explore floating and sinking. We love our pirate ship too!



# SECONDARY NEWS

## GOODBYE, YEAR 11!

Tuesday this week saw another Year Group leaving us to begin their study leave. Year 11 and their Parents were invited to a final assembly, where their Tutors and Teachers said a few words to express how proud we are of them and sad to see them go. There was a 'Hobbies' award ceremony, some fun activities and wise words from Calsita and Annemijn from Year 12, who shared their insights and advice from their own experiences last year. Thank you, ladies and a huge Good Luck to our Year 11 students in their IGCSEs!



## ART FOCUS: YEAR 10

Year 10 have been working on their coursework projects for IGCSE Art & Design and are exploring individual outcomes for the forthcoming exams. Watercolour and acrylic painting, delicate stencilling, drawing for value and even the skill of stretching canvases has been on the bill this week!



# PERFORMING ARTS

Within Performing Arts it's important to motivate learners to have fun making imaginative leaps within creative exercises, this is why I often remind learners that 'wrong' notes don't exist; Helping learners in developing a sense of confidence through the realisation that the world of sound expression belongs to them.

Vibrant cross-curriculum projects challenge students to connect and come to terms with the world around them, and this makes them hungry to learn. This has a staggering spin-off around the curriculum; every time the pupils have to make a business presentation somewhere they win!

Mr Jackson



**Empowering students to be responsible for their own time and learning helps to produce pupils with marketable skills and the confidence to live in a modern Society!**

## PASTORAL FOCUS

### Stars of the Month - April

A HUGE congratulations to the following students for being nominated as Stars of the Month:

Name	Reason
Lydia	Demonstrating the school value of 'Excellence'
Lucas	Demonstrating the school value of 'Excellence'
Arvid	For progress in his spoken English and for making us all laugh during
Anya	Anya has been doing her very best in all the subjects, and taking work home to complete / refine it in various subjects (German, Advanced English), and delivered excellent work in science.
Jessica	For her hard work and commitment trying to make significant progress in German.
Kasper	For consistent hard work and dedication in lessons, and spending extra time working on aspects he finds difficult.
Kiril	For consistent respect during the classes and outdoor activities
Misha	For embracing parts of the school life and engaging in the Football tournament, having a great collaboration with his team.
Phoenix	For working hard on his Art project
Annemijn	Annemijn has impressed me throughout the year with her effort and progress in German. Going from strength to strength.

# SPORTS NEWS

On Wednesday and Thursday we enjoyed 2 Football All Star Games where the Students played against Teachers. Here are the results:

**High School Students - Teachers 4-4**  
**Middle School Students - Teachers 5-2**



## HOUSE POINTS

ISCS Yellow House reached 4000+ points with less than 2 months of the competition. They consolidate the lead as the battle continues!

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	3241	4068	



# DATES FOR THE DIARY



<b>IGCSE &amp; A LEVEL EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS BEGAN</b>	Wednesday 4th May 2022
<b>YEAR 12 STUDY LEAVE FOR AS EXAMINATIONS</b>	Monday 2nd - Friday 13th May 2022
<b>INTERNAL WHOLE SCHOOL END OF YEAR EXAMINATIONS</b>	Monday 23rd May to Friday 3rd June 2022
<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS</b>	Thursday 25th & Friday 27th May 2022 Monday 6th June 2022 Thursday 16th June 2022
<b>YEAR 11 &amp; 13 GRADUATION</b> Timings TBC	Thursday 9th June 2022 (evening celebration)
<b>IGCSE &amp; A LEVEL EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS END</b>	Friday 10th June 2022
<b>A LEVEL TASTER DAY (FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS)</b>	Friday 10th June 2022 (am)
<b>SPAIN TRIP (ISCS/ SAGE COLLEGE)</b> This trip is for the students of Spanish	Sunday 12th June - Saturday 18th June 2022
<b>ACTIVITIES WEEK</b>	Monday 20th - Friday 24th June 2022
<b>END OF SCHOOL YEAR: 12pm finish</b>	Friday 24th June 2022
<b>AS &amp; A LEVEL RESULTS DAY</b> (RELEASED BY CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL)	Thursday 11th August 2022
<b>IGCSE RESULTS DAY (CAMBRIDGE)</b> (RELEASED BY CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL)	Thursday 18th August 2022
<b>BACK TO SCHOOL (STAFF)</b>	Tuesday 16th August 2022
<b>BACK TO SCHOOL (STUDENTS)</b>	Tuesday 23rd August 2022

**The ISCS team wish you all a wonderful and relaxing weekend !!**