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THIS YEAR'S

EVENTS IN OUR SCHOOL

- August 23rd
First Day of School
- August 26th
School Hike, Zugerberg
- September 21st
Peace One Day Event
- October 31st
Halloween
- December 7th
Christmas Market Trip
- December 16th
ISCS Got Talent Show
End Of First Term





Januray 9th

First Day of 2nd Term



March 23rd

School International Day



April 17th

Start of 3rd Term



June 9th

Graduation Ceremony



June 19th

Start Of Activity Week



June 24th

Last Day of School



MESSAGE FROM **The Creators**

What a year! It has certainly passed by very quickly, or at least for me. I can remember anxiously coming to school in August, wondering what this year would be like. Well, today I can certainly say that it has been amazing. From our multiple memorable events, such as the Talent Show and International Day, to making friends and connecting with our wonderful teachers, this year has been truly spectacular. I sure hope next year is just as great! Thank you to all the teachers, members of staff and students who made the past months so amazing.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday,
Almaha





ISCS AND THE ACHUAR COMMUNITY



One of the biggest things we've achieved this year as a school is our project with the Achuar community. For those who don't know, the Achuar is an Amazonian community located along the border of Ecuador and Peru. Our plan was to collect money and learning materials which we could send to the Achuar in order to improve the quality of education in the community. However, the idea was that this wouldn't be a charity: instead, we would follow a barter trade system in which we would receive traditional artifacts (handmade jewelry and baskets) and cultural knowledge from the Achuar in exchange for the resources we would send.

Our first step was to collect information about the Achuar. Mr Turner was a huge help in this stage, because he knew a volunteer teacher who was working in the Achuar at the time, named Juan David. Juan David sent us photos, videos and audio recordings of children, animals, and locals speaking the Achuar language. We used this information to build a website about the Achuar and our work with them. Here is the link, check it out!

<https://almahaibo.wixsite.com/the-achuar-community>

In the website, we included photos of the community, an explanation of our project, and an Achuar dictionary with everyday words, translated into English and Spanish.

In March, we also organized a School International Day, where we invited parents and people from the local area to join by purchasing food, drinks, and participate in activities. We collected a total of around 1000CHF, which we would send to the Achuar in order to purchase resources and materials for the school in the community.

Primary was also a huge help in collecting school materials and fundraising for the project. They collected pens, pencils, and other stationery in order to make pencil cases for each of the Achuar students. They also raised around 900 CHF!

In total, we have raised 2400CHF, which will be used to purchase school materials for each of the Achuar students and also a printer for their school! Overall, the project was quite a success and it was an amazing learning experience for all the students involved. Thank you to all the students, teachers, members of staff and parents who contributed to the project!



Handmade Bowls from the Achuar

Achuar School



WHO WAS...

NELSON MANDELA?

Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela was a South African anti-apartheid activist and politician who served as the first president of South Africa from 1994 to 1999.

- He was the first Black Head of State in South Africa.
- He was part of a resistance against the Apartheid policy in South Africa. Apartheid was a brutal system of racial segregation present in South Africa from 1948 to 1994.
- Mandela was arrested and imprisoned in 1962, and was given a life sentence for conspiring to overthrow the state. He served 27 years in prison, and was elected as President in 1994, five years after he was released.
- His most famous speech is "I Am Prepared To Die", which was three hours long and spoke about the struggle for equal political rights for all South Africans.



Jumping Bridges

By Mr Turner

I did a bungee jump once. It was terrifying. Now, if you know me at all you'll know that jumping off a bridge into the abyss is not really my thing. As it happened when I was stood on the aforementioned bridge waiting to jump I massively regretted my decision. In fact, there's a photo of me somewhere looking absolutely petrified, you can almost see me shaking. But guess what? I jumped.

The day after my bungee jump was fantastic. I felt at least five-foot-eight. I swaggered about spending the day thinking about what else I could jump off. Turns out the only thing I have jumped off since is the step getting off the Big Trains (my legs aren't long enough to step off), but I know that once, a younger me jumped off that bridge. So what's the moral of the story? There has to be one, I'm a teacher after all. Well the summer is upon us and with it brings opportunities to think of trying out new things and take a few risks even. In my case I jumped off a bridge, but it's worth adding that I was securely strapped in. So I want you all to think about strapping in safely and trying a few calculated risks that help you see that jumping off a bridge, be it a big stone bridge over a yawning canyon or a bridge that might be making a new friend or trying some strange food on holiday, it all counts.

This Activities Week we made a bridge for our students to jump off. We had a day in Luzern that included hanging out with kids from a local Swiss school. Watching them stand around in groups when they met up giving each other the side eye was hilarious, but then they jumped. 90 minutes later we met up again and I saw numbers being exchanged and smiles instead of side eye. Wow! It turns out that it wasn't that bad after all! Who knew? So the moral? Jump (but don't forget the harness).



SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND & GENDER EQUALITY



By Rebecca Jansson

One of my concerns with moving from Sweden to Switzerland was the gender equality issue. Because Sweden has been quite ahead in women's issues and Switzerland voted through women's right to vote in 1971 compared to 1919 in Sweden. That we have lived in a patriarchal society we probably all agree about, but how it has affected our psychological well-being in the form of happiness, for example, is not so obvious for many. It may be that there is a correlation between happiness and how equal the society we live in is.

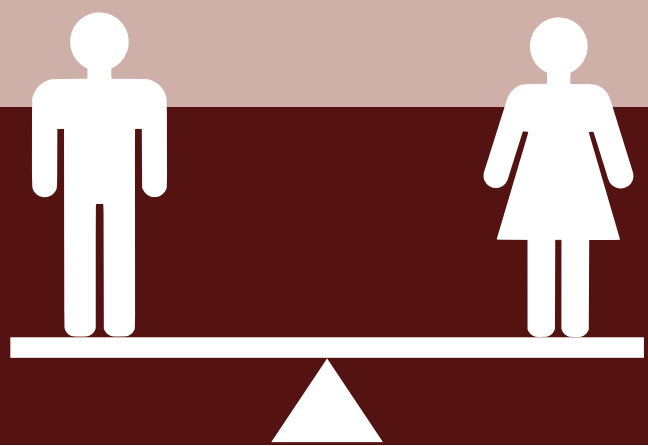
In all times the world has been unequal, which has had its advantages and disadvantages for all sexes. Equality can have several different meanings, for example between coloured and white people and between old and young. But what we probably talk about most often is equality between the sexes. The fact that women only began to gain influence in politics and in decision-making so late in history exemplifies how neglected women have been throughout history. The fact that they have not been allowed to participate has meant that women's influence and perspectives have not been taken into account. But one may ask oneself if there is any evidence that we would benefit from having a more equal society?

There is a survey on happiness that the UN has done, the global happiness list, which shows which countries in the world are the happiest and if you look at the list of the most equal countries in the world at the same time, you see that there is a clear connection, between the countries that are happiest and those that are most equal. My interpretation is that there is a connection between happiness and equality. If we can increase equality in the world, it indicates that we will be happier, and we all want that, right?

One way to increase gender equality in a country is to provide better educational opportunities to both girls and boys and then also highlight the girls who have traditionally been fewer than the boys in higher education.

Today, within the Swedish universities, we have come to a point where we have instead received a preponderance of women. Could this be a threat because we are now getting a gap again which in turn could lead to other negative consequences? If the pendulum has now swung the other way, will we be unhappier again then?

After all, I believe that we are heading towards a happier and more equal society. If we succeed in working with equality, between all sexes, all colours of people, religions and so on, we will, in my hope, be happier as individuals. Society will also develop and gain more perspectives. Therefore I was really relieved when I joined the ISCS community and from the start felt that the school showed how important equality is even in daily life in the classrooms!



MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS

THE SECRET LIFE OF WALTER MITTY

Age rating: 7+

IMDB rating: 7.3/10

Genre: Heartwarming, comedy

Summary: Walter Mitty, a man who lives a dull life, regularly daydreams of romantic and action-filled scenarios in order to escape from monotony. When his own job is threatened, he sets out on a real romantic and action-packed journey.



GLASS ONION: A KNIVES OUT MYSTERY

Age rating: 13+

IMDB rating: 7.1/10

Genre: Mystery, Comedy

Summary: Tech billionaire Miles Bron invites his exclusive group of friends for a holiday on his private Greek island. When someone turns up dead, Detective Benoit Blanc, who was somehow invited as well, is put on the case.

MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS

THE HANGOVER

Age rating: 13+

IMDB rating: 7.7/10

Genre: Comedy, action

Summary: Doug and his three best men go to Las Vegas to celebrate his bachelor party. However, the three best men wake up the next day with a hangover and realise that Doug is missing. They embark on an adventure in Vegas, dealing with drug dealers and strange junkies, before they finally find Doug in time for his wedding.



THE TRIAL OF THE CHICAGO SEVEN

Age rating: 13+

IMDB rating: 7.7/10

Genre: Historical, political

Summary: The film is based on the infamous 1969 trial of the seven defendants, who were charged by the federal government with conspiracy and more. The charges arose from the anti-Vietnam War protests which were held in Chicago at the 1968 Democratic National Convention.