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HOUSE POINTS

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MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF EDUCATION



Dear ISCS Community,

Over the last week our wonderful Parents Organisation have been busily decorating the school for Christmas. They've done such a beautiful job and the spirit of Christmas is most definitely in the air. Christmas is a magical and heartwarming time. It is a time when people come together to celebrate love, joy, and goodwill towards one another. It is not confined to the exchange of gifts or the glittering decorations; rather, it is embodied in acts of kindness, generosity, and compassion. It is a season that encourages selflessness and prompts individuals to look beyond their own concerns, reaching out to those less fortunate. Families gather around festive tables, friends exchange laughter and warmth, and communities unite in a shared sense of camaraderie. The spirit of Christmas is a reminder that, regardless of our differences, there is an innate capacity within us all to foster love, understanding, and a sense of community. It transcends religious and cultural boundaries, emphasising the universal values of kindness and goodwill that define the true meaning of the season.

This week, we had different moments where the spirit of Christmas was represented. One example was the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Winter Shows, where the students put on some excellent shows for their classmates, teachers and families. We also had a special visit last Monday: Samichlaus, who met with all of our primary students and brought some gifts for them and other members of our ISCS community.

Finally, we enjoyed the Christmas Fair today. It has been fantastic to see how our students and teachers have prepared the different stands with such positive energy to make this event something special and unforgettable for everyone.

Decorations, the fair, winter shows, Samichlaus...none of this would be possible without the collaboration of all the community members. We are talking about the magical spirit of Christmas, but the real magic is this, everyone contributing to a holistic development and sense of belonging at ISCS. I would like to congratulate and thank all the families, staff members, students, and PO members for all this work together.

I wish all the community a restful weekend.

Warm regards,

Mr. Soto

- PRIMARY NEWS -



In Early Years, the children have been busy learning about the World Around Us. They have been studying weather this term and have watched weather forecasts to learn about climates in different countries. They have had a great time taking it in turns to do a weather forecast for their classmates each morning and sorting out different clothes they wear in each season. The children had a great time experimenting with ice, having fun painting it and trying to make it melt. The snow came at a great time to allow the children to make lots of snowmen outside, before getting dressed up as snowmen for their Winter show.

Early Years love Art and Craft and have enjoyed creating different pictures to go with the Seasons using lots of different materials. They have been busily painting using different things such as paintbrushes, cotton buds and even their fingers. The children decorated the classroom with beautiful snowmen pictures and Autumn trees. After spending a lot of time outside as part of Forest Kindergarten, they enjoyed collecting natural resources such as sticks, leaves and pinecones then took them inside and used their imagination to make some beautiful winter pictures.



In the role play area, the children have had a great time learning through play being doctors and Post Office workers. They took on different roles in the 'Animal Hospital' and managed to treat lots of their teddy bear patients with bandages and medicine. Just before Christmas, the Early Years Post Office got very busy! The children have been busy sorting parcels, learning about stamps and writing letters to send. Each day the Post Box is emptied and the mail delivered.



- PRIMARY WINTER SHOW -

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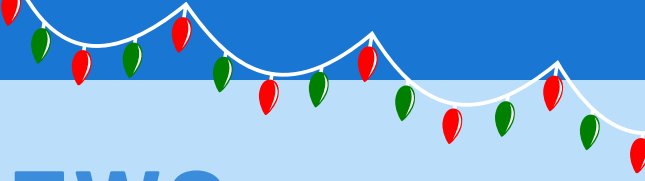
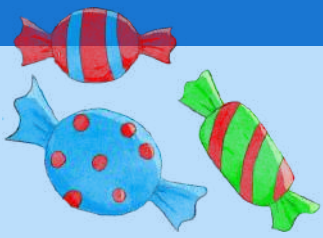
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- LOWER PRIMARY WINTER SHOW -





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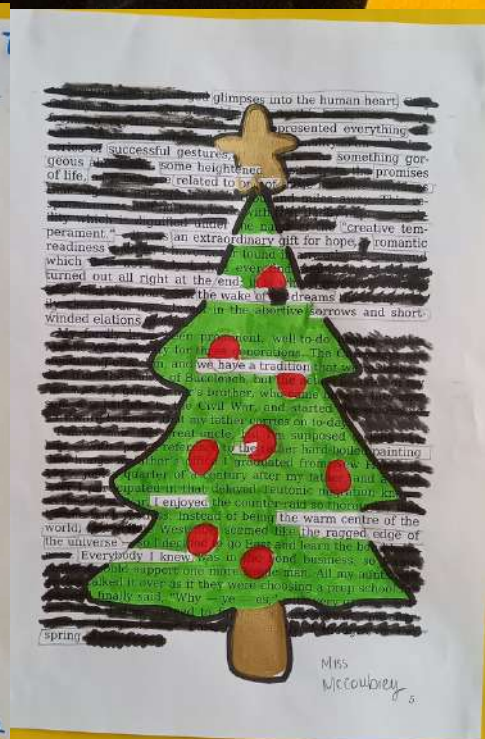
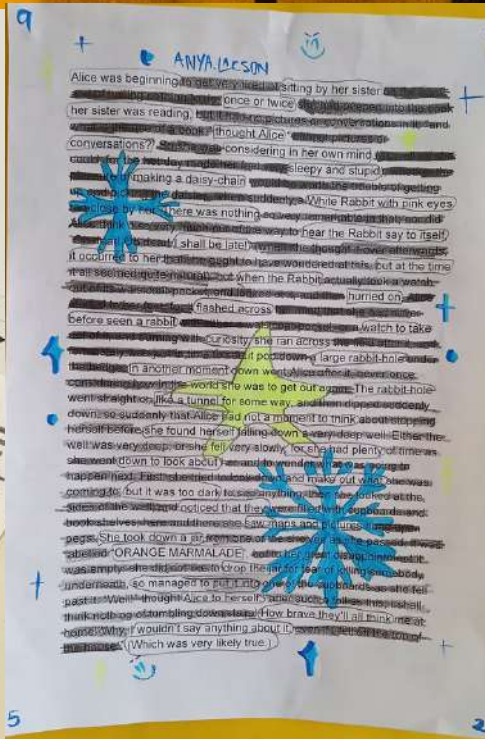


- MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS -



In English this week, **key stage three** students have been working on creating some festive 'blackout poetry'! With its origins being from the eighteenth century, blackout poetry (also known as erasure or redacted poetry) has a goal of using pre-existing texts to create something totally unique. In this form of poetry, some sections from the original text are kept, while other parts are 'blacked out' to produce a brand new, original piece.

The Year 7 students had a great time choosing their words, creating alternative meanings and were very proud of the end results! It's a liberating way to approach poetry, allowing students to see that they can create something beautiful and meaningful from someone else's thoughts...



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This piece of coursework is a descriptive piece of writing, which gives students the opportunity to create images, use a wide range of language devices and to develop an atmosphere for their reader. The idea of this piece is to make what is ordinary, EXTRA-ordinary!



Descriptive coursework allows students to write in the present tense, focusing on the five senses in their writing. Good descriptive pieces include thoughts and feelings, vocabulary used for a specific effect, a sense of place and a 'moment in time' style of writing.

For their iGCSE, all students must produce three pieces of writing which will account for 50% of their overall grade at the end of their studies.

- ISCS CHRISTMAS FAIR -



The Christmas fair was a festive occasion for students and parents. Students from different year groups, along with their tutors, prepared stands to sell various items. They offered everything from science experiment kits and traditional food to Christmas cards and artwork. The proceeds from the fair will be donated to the Achuar Community in Ecuador. These events play a key role in building a sense of community, fostering friendships, and enhancing our school's holistic educational experience.





Weekly Agenda

Week: 11th -15th December

Monday, 11th

- Primary Open Morning
Coffee Morning - Primary and Secondary families invited to attend

Friday, 15th

- Term Reports sent home electronically
Christmas Whole School Assembly
Last day of school for students - Early dismissal at 12 pm





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SCHOOL LUNCH-Week of the 11th of December

Monday

Älplermagronen Gratin

Tuesday

Calamaresringli (ES)
Zitronen Quark Mayo-Dip
Gersotto
Rahmspinat

Wednesday

Eier-Omelette
Reis Tricolore
Wurzelgemüse
Cinque P Sauce

Thursday

Dönerfleisch (Kalb - CH)
Cocktailsauce mild
Dönerbrot

* The menu is complemented with salad (everyday) and dessert (fruit from Monday to Thursday, and cake on Fridays).

