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## MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF EDUCATION



Dear ISCS community,

This week, families and teachers met to analyse the progress of the students over the first two months of this school year. This is a fantastic opportunity to share information and to define how to continue helping students to progress. The collaboration between school and families can only have a positive impact on the students and their education. The academic excellence will be nearer then.

Excellence and respect, which are connected, are two of our school values. They hold immense significance for students in the school environment. A student can be excellent, academically speaking, when he/she gets very good grades. But a student can also be excellent when working extremely hard. When students embrace excellence, they develop a strong work ethic, critical thinking skills, and a passion for learning. But excellence cannot only be considered from an academic point of view. Students are also excellent when they show respect. Respect for their relatives, friends, teachers, themselves...in the end, respect for everyone in the community. Respect teaches students to value the diversity of perspectives, backgrounds and abilities that each individual brings. Excellence and respect complement each other in shaping well-rounded individuals. Embracing these two values equips students not only with academic prowess but also with the social and emotional intelligence necessary to thrive in an interconnected world. Excellence and respect are two important values at school and that families support from home. I would like to thank families for their continued support.

On a different note, next week, we will have the opportunity to enjoy the Halloween celebrations at school. ISCS looks very amazing and spooky right now, and this is the result of the hard work completed by our PO members, who have decorated the school for our community with all their passion. I would like to thank all the PO members (Audrey, Annette, Tina, Ewa, Renato and Karina) for all their work and cooperation. It would not be possible without them.

I wish all the community a lovely and restful weekend.

Warm regards,

Mr. Soto



# - PRIMARY NEWS -

**In GAL (German as an Additional Language)**, some students have been enjoying stretching activities in German, such as reading a challenging book or researching a town in German. However, GAL is also in place to support students who are new to German to help them to catch up quickly with their peers.

The German Club (every Thursday after school) also helps GAL students to make even better progress according to their ability. Our most recent activities in GAL have included word games in German, video work with short questions and learning about festivals in German. Come along, it's great fun!



## **English as an Additional Language (EAL)**

What is English as an Additional Language and what does it mean for your child? EAL refers to teaching English to students who are native speakers of another language.

Our goals for EAL are to make sure the students become confident with using the English language. We can do this by working with learners, in small groups, on their writing, speaking, listening and reading skills through a range of engaging educational activities in a relaxed environment. By providing visual materials and prompts we can support their learning and extend their vocabulary thereby building up their confidence. We also support our EAL learners with patience and positive feedback.

So far in EAL we have been focusing on classroom objects as well as classroom instructions to help the children better understand their teachers and peers as well as looking at everyday language and vocabulary.







# - MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS -

After a restful break, Middle School is back to work and working hard to make the most of their school environment.

This week we had the first **meeting of the student council**. Our student representatives shared what school initiatives they found helpful and fun, as well as made suggestions to improve the school experience for everyone. What an excellent display of leadership and respect!



# - HIGH SCHOOL NEWS -

## All study is not equal!

Following our assessment week last half term, students have been reflecting on their grades and thinking about how they can improve for the December assessments. There are some techniques that, when it comes to studying, are scientifically proven to be more effective than simply reading and highlighting alone.

**The SQ3R Method**

**Retrieval Practice**

**Spaced Practice**

**The PQ4R Method**

**The Feynman Technique**

You can find out more about each of these by going to the following website:

<https://www.usa.edu/blog/study-techniques/>







# - HIGH SCHOOL NEWS -

It is also important that students organise their time to do sports and relax. This contributes positively to their well being and learning development. This week, our students played a match against the Institute Montana Zugerberg, and ISCS won 1-0, well done !



# - ISCS COMMUNITY -

## **Tell us something about you!**

We are the Björknäs family, Claire, Kim, Joshua, Madison and Charlie. We moved here in August after deciding to leave our little village in the Swedish speaking countryside of Finland for new adventures. So, we're rather fresh in Switzerland although it has been a favourite country for us ever since holidaying here some 10 years ago. All the children, Joshua, Madison and Charlie, are born in Finland although we lived in the Netherlands for a few years when Joshua and Madison were young. Claire is originally from Cheltenham in the UK but has lived for over 20 years in Finland. Kim is from Finland and is working for a company called Wärtsilä where he is responsible for the logistics of parts deliveries worldwide. It is Kim's work that has allowed us the experience of living previously in the Netherlands and now, Switzerland. As our home language is English, that is also the main language for the children, but they also speak Swedish, a (tiny) bit of Finnish and of course are hopefully eager learners and will be gradually picking up German.



## **What do you like doing with your family in your free time?**

We very much enjoy the new experiences that Switzerland has been offering us. In the last months we have established our new family tradition of "hiking Sundays" as a term to experience to get out and explore different parts of the country. So far, the mountains have been our main "calling" and we have enjoyed trips to Zugerberg, Brienz, Aareschlucht gorge and Mount Pilatus but with so much to see and do here we have also been for a delicious brunch at the Jucker Pumpkin farm in Seegräbber and experienced the extremely loud Alpabfahrt in Einsiedeln watching the beautiful parade and homecoming of the cows.

## **Why have you joined ISCS?**

After the decision was made to move, we started looking at school options for our children. Since they know English well, we wanted to make their transition as easy as possible and have that as their main teaching language. Having narrowed down the options to 4 different schools we took a trip to Switzerland to visit schools from a rather wide area of Switzerland. The key being to find the right school for our children and then sort out housing afterwards.

At ISCS we immediately felt at home with it being a smaller school where our children could find their place. Moving from another country it was very important for us to include the children in the decision and for them to feel at home in the new school. Whilst some of the other schools felt cold and somewhat intimidating, ISCS embraced us with open and happy arms, and it made our final decision a very easy one to make!

Having seen the children settle so well and enthusiastically into their new school over the last few months, we are very happy with our decision. The active parent's community has been a positive surprise and is helping us to meet new families in the same position as us! By being active and participating in the opportunities on offer, we hope to soon make new friends and feel at home in our new country.



# - PARENTS ORGANISATION EVENT -



**ISCS PARENTS' ORGANISATION**

*We Connect - We Care - We Support*

**MAKE**

**THIS YEAR**

**SPOOKTACULAR!**

**PARENTS/TEACHERS/STUDENTS**

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

**HELP BRING A LITTLE EXTRA MAGIC THIS HALLOWEEN**

## **DONATE SWEETS FOR STUDENTS' TREATS BAGS.**

CANDIES & CHOCOLATES CAN BE BROUGHT AT THE SCHOOL FRONT DESK BETWEEN OCT.24<sup>TH</sup> & OCT.27<sup>TH</sup> (OCT. 27<sup>TH</sup> AT THE LATEST). PLEASE PREFER SWEETS INDIVIDUALLY PACKED (CARAMEL, FRUITY GUMS, ...) AND AVOID NUTS.

## **DONATE DECORATIONS THAT YOU DON'T NEED ANYMORE.**

ITEMS (AUTUMN & HALLOWEEN) NEED TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE AND CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE SCHOOL FRONT DESK BEFORE OCT.30<sup>TH</sup>. THEY WILL BE ADDED TO OUR DISPLAYS.

## **BORROW DECORATIONS TO COMPLETE OUR ASSORTMENT.**

PUMPKINS, SKELETONS, GHOSTS, ... WILL BE APPRECIATED. THANKS TO DROP THEM AT THE SCHOOL FRONT DESK BEFORE OCT 27<sup>TH</sup>. DON'T FORGET TO LABEL THEM. DECORATIONS CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE SCHOOL CAFÉ ON OCT. 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 3:30 pm.

## **HELP TO PREPARE (DECORATION & TREAT BAGS FILLING).**

IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE AND WILLING TO HELP (NO SKILLS REQUIRED), PLEASE JOIN US: OCT. 24<sup>TH</sup> - 27<sup>TH</sup>: SETTING UP OF DECORATIONS & OCT. 30<sup>TH</sup>: FILLING OF TREAT'S BAGS. PLEASE BE IN TOUCH WITH US TO DEFINE AVAILABILITY & ARRANGE SCHEDULE.

## **BE A PART OF THE FUN & HELP HOLD ACTIVITIES.**

ON OCT. 31<sup>ST</sup>, ACTIVITIES WILL BE ARRANGED FOR STUDENTS DURING MORNING & LUNCH BREAKS. A DISCO WILL ALSO BE ORGANISED FOR PRIMARY. IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE, JOIN THE SPOOKY TEAM DURING THE FOLLOWING SLOTS:

9:30-11:30am(morning break)/11:30am-1:30pm(lunch break)/1:30-3:30pm(disco)

ANY QUESTION, PLEASE

CONTACT US AT

[PO@ISCS-ZUG.CH](mailto:PO@ISCS-ZUG.CH)

OR THROUGH THE PO CHAT





Check all events in our online calendar  
<https://iscs-zug.ch/en/2023-24-iscs-calendar/>

# Weekly Agenda

**Week: 30th–3rd November**

## Monday, 30th

- ISCS Basketball students vs Institute Montana Zugerberb in Montana at 16:30**

## Tuesday, 31st

- Halloween Celebrations-events organised by PO members**

## Wednesday, 1st

- No school-All Saints Day**







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## SCHOOL LUNCH-Week of the 30th of October

### Monday

Rindsgeschnet. hellbraune Sauce (CH)  
Polenta mit Tessiner Mais  
Rotkraut

### Tuesday

Tortellini Tricolore Basilikum  
Quattro Formaggi Sauce  
Karotten Stäbchen

### Thursday

Kalbshackbraten (CH) BTS/RAUS  
Braune Sauce  
Gersotto  
Wirzgemüse

### Friday

Eier-Omelette  
Gemüsebolognese  
Reis  
Broccoli

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

