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WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR





- PRIMARY NEWS -

Happy New Year! A warm welcome back to all our families and a special greeting to the new students and their families joining our school community.

This term, we are embarking on an exciting new topic in primary school - 'Polar Regions.' Get ready to explore the icy wonders of the Arctic and Antarctic!



First day ice breaker games with Year 6.



First day after winter break - getting to know each other again,

Learning new facts about each other and seeing how we are all connected despite our differences



In Year 6, our students have been settling in nicely, making new friends, and discovering the unique experiences everyone had during the holidays. It's fantastic to see the classroom buzzing again with energy and enthusiasm. As we dive into the Polar Regions, there's a world of learning awaiting our students. From fascinating creatures to icy landscapes, we're gearing up for a term filled with discovery. We look forward to sharing the joy of learning with our Year 6 students and can't wait to see their curiosity unfold in the coming weeks



- PRIMARY NEWS -

Year 3/4 is learning about food chains. In art the pupils have been developing their understanding of line and in reading we have been learning about genres. The Math's classes are focusing on different strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems!



The pupils researched a food chain that they were interested in and used this to create their own food chains which show the transfer of energy from one thing to the next.



what type of book are you reading? Comedy, history, drama, mystery, adventure?



The children have made a very enthusiastic start to the ISCS reading marathon! Every 20 minutes they read for, they get to move along 1 km!



- PRIMARY NEWS -

On Thursday, the children were taught the art of Yodeling. A representative, Norma Widmer, from our local yodel club was leading this small presentation and engaged the children in a loud and happy yodeling session.

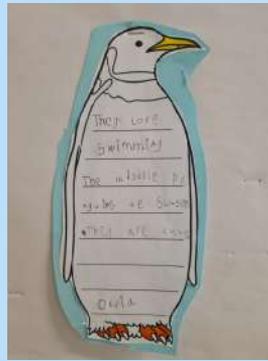
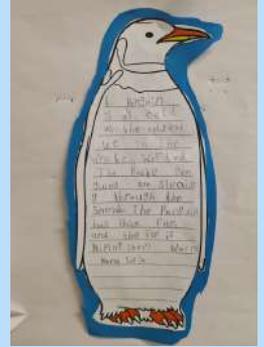


The warm up was an essential part of the session and was especially enjoyed by the children



- PRIMARY NEWS -

In Years One and Two, we have been learning all about the Polar Regions and Antarctica.

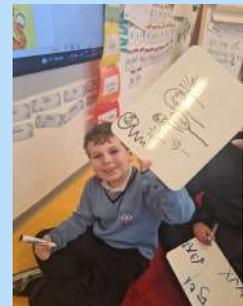


In English, the children wrote acrostic and shape poems about their favourite Antarctic animals! A lot of wow adjectives and alliteration were included.

They also collaborated with each other to create a class shape poem about a shark.



In Art, the children created a collage of an arctic scene, including silhouettes of some furry friends.



Maths has had the children's brains' tinkering as they learn how to subtract and add 2-digit numbers to a 2-digit numbers, as well as learn the place value of numbers up to 20 and order them.



- PRIMARY NEWS -



The reading marathon has been inspiring the children to read whenever they have a spare moment, and the class is now regularly found in the reading garden with their noses in a book..



There was also time for a farm visit.



Fun time in the gym.



- PRIMARY BAKE OFF



Congratulations to all the STAR BAKERS who took part in the Primary Bake Off! Your efforts have not only raised a significant sum for the Achuar community, but have also brought immense joy and fun to your fellow students. A special thank you to our judges, Prof P and Ms MacMillan, for their delightful task of tasting all the cakes – someone had to do it!





- MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS -

Happy New Year to our school community! As we embark on a fresh start in 2024, it's an excellent time to reflect on personal growth and set positive intentions.

New Year resolutions offer a wonderful opportunity for students and staff alike to embrace self-improvement and set achievable goals. Whether it's aiming for academic success, fostering stronger friendships, or adopting healthier habits, let's encourage one another to make meaningful resolutions that contribute to our overall well-being.

Here's to a year of personal and collective success!





- MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS -

On Wednesday 17th January Y8 & Y9 students walked to the Furenmatt Oekihof in Cham to have a guided tour of the recycling facility as part of their Leadership programme work. The focus was on packaging and the environment.



At the centre, the students were shown the different ways to recycle household waste and what can be made from the recycled products.



The Y8 and Y9 students listened well and participated enthusiastically. They really enjoyed their visit and certainly have a better insight into where their household waste disappears to, once it's been brought to the recycling centre.





- MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS -

In Drama this week, Year 7 has begun their group rehearsals for their "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child" scheme of work. They have been embracing their inner witchcraft and wizardry, deciding on whether they are going to be as brave as a Gryffindor, as loyal as a Hufflepuff, as determined as a Slytherin or smart as a Ravenclaw within their performances...



Year 8s have been revising their theatre skills in Drama lessons, with focus on the "5 P's" of voice control in their performances. They have created some excellent freeze-frames on a wide variety of emotions, topics and themes!

Year 9 has also been hard at work, exploring JB Priestley's challenging 1945 classic "An Inspector Calls". Students have been debating social issues such as wealth and gender roles, while exploring this demanding text with enthusiasm and determination.





- HIGH SCHOOL NEWS -

Happy New Year, High School families. In High School, we have been also thinking about our resolutions and intentions for 2024 and what we want to achieve. We are very happy to share these with you below!





- HIGH SCHOOL NEWS -



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- HIGH SCHOOL NEWS -

In years 10 and 11 English, things are hotting up! Students in year 11 are working hard on their coursework, moving on to their argumentative piece of writing (and let's be honest some of them are naturals at arguing). They are choosing topics at the moment, so if they launch into a conversation on the merits of driverless cars at the dinner table, you now know why!





- HIGH SCHOOL NEWS -



This week, in High School, we have also had the opportunity to enjoy two important events. First, our High School families and students attended a meeting with Mr. Soto, Mr. Hopton and Ms. Predouli where details on access to university and official IGCSE, AS and A level exams were given. On a different note, our High School Art students visited the art museum in Zurich, what an unforgettable experience for them!





- HIGH SCHOOL NEWS -

This week our High School students have been busily revising for their Mock exams in Mathematics. Students have been sure to make use of their study periods and extra after school sessions with their teachers.

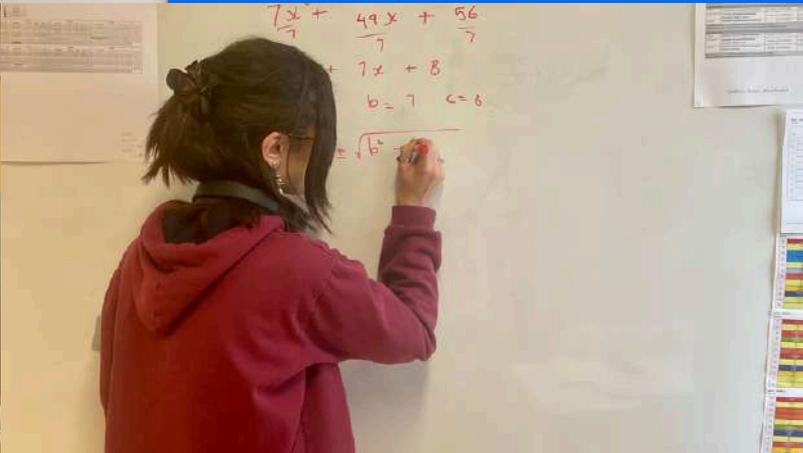
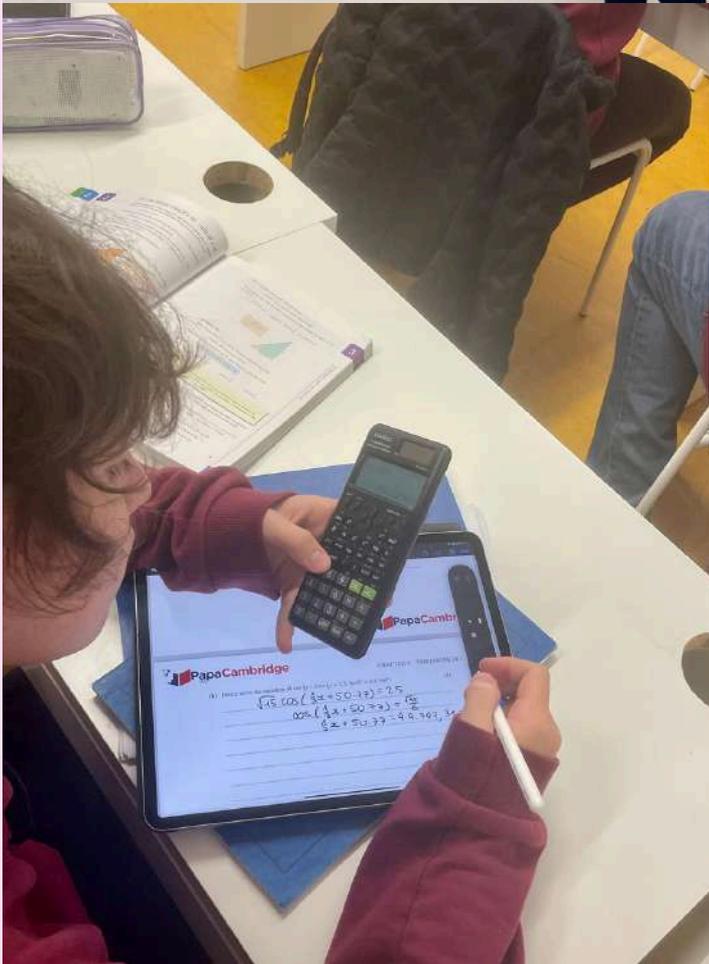
We applaud their resilience, perseverance, and collaborative spirit during this crucial revision period.

With such dedication, we are confident that our students will approach their mock exams with confidence and achieve the results they deserve.



Top tips to revise Mathematics:

- Make Use of Flashcards and Posters. There are formulae and equations in Maths that you need to learn.
- Gather Past Questions About Particular Topics.
- Take a Timed Test of Past Papers.
- Work Through the Questions with Friends. Highlight Topics According to Difficulty Levels.





- ISCS TALKS -



Laura Latacz warmly invites you to explore the world of art therapy in an introductory session. This hands-on and informative session will unveil the essence of art therapy and its positive impact on your family.

Discover how art can empower both you and your children.

Learn practical techniques that you can easily apply at home to find moments of calm.

In Laura's sessions, participants embark on a journey to navigate life's challenges. Through art-making, individuals learn to manage stress, cope with difficult emotions, confront meaningful challenges, discover inner strength, and envision a brighter future.

Join Laura on this enriching experience, where creativity becomes a tool for personal empowerment.

DATE

TUESDAY, 16 JANUARY 2024

TIME

09.00H - 10.30H

LOCATION

CAFETERIA

AS A CERTIFIED ART THERAPIST AND THE FOUNDER OF HANDS-ON ART IN ZUG, LAURA PROVIDES A CREATIVE SPACE FOR SELF-EXPLORATION AND GROWTH. REGARDLESS OF YOUR ARTISTIC SKILL, LAURA'S THERAPEUTIC ART WORKSHOPS ARE DESIGNED TO REVEAL THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF ART ON YOUR WELL-BEING.

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- ISCS TALKS -

Art therapy with „Hands on Art”

This week, we were thrilled to host an event led by Laura Latacz, a certified art therapist and the founder of Hands-On Art in Zug. The event proved to be both hands-on and informative, effectively unveiling the essence of art therapy and its positive impact on families. Attendees discovered how art can empower not just adults but also children. Laura’s session was designed to be practical, teaching techniques that parents could easily apply at home to foster moments of calm and well-being. Laura’s expertise in providing a creative space for self-exploration and growth was evident, as the workshop resonated with the transformative power of art on personal well-being. The event was a testament to Laura’s belief in creativity as a tool for personal empowerment, leaving parents enriched and inspired to incorporate art therapy into their daily lives.

Laura organises birthday parties, company days out or painting sessions. Get in touch via Instagram: [handsonart](#)

