

BaSICS NEWSLETTER

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After School Activity – FRENCH

We have had some enquiries about organising French club for after school.

- For the younger children we can offer "Learning French through Play"
- For the older Primary Years up to 6th grade we can offer French classes - fun, but a bit more structured.

Please send an email to staffon@issev.de if you would like your student to take part. €25,- for 6 weeks. We need you to express interest by the end of next week, **(27th April)** in order for the courses to go ahead.

Meditation for Parent and Child

Several parents were interested in the offer of a meditation course with their child, but the dates offered didn't work or the course was too expensive. We have approached Yvonne Kury again and she will offer a cost-free session on **Thursday, 3rd May from 15.45 to 17.15** so that you can try it out and find out more. This will be a chance to discuss dates and costs for a course of three or 4 sessions with her. Yvonne is an experienced meditation practitioner and has worked very successfully with adults as well as with parents and their children. We can highly recommend this opportunity for inner focus on relaxation, freedom and joy. Please let us know by **Thursday, 26th April** if you wish to attend this "Schnupper" / trial session.

LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Parents,

We still have some books left over from the visiting author Karen Wallace. Come and have a look in the BaSICS library after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays before they will be sent back to Degerloch in a few weeks. This also will be a good chance for you to visit the BaSICS library. Parents can borrow up to 10 books on their account, which I can set up for you.

Also the Year Book for this year 2011-2012, is being put together and will be ready for sales in June. Please watch this space.

Thank You,
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Middle Years Students Learning Journey Update

As previously reported in our newsletter, our 8th and 9th graders are the pioneers of our school. They have always been the oldest students in school, paving the way for those in the lower grade levels. To help them to envisage their educational pathway, we held two sessions with them before the Easter break, which focused on the Middle Years (MYP) and Diploma Programmes (DP) on offer at BaSICS and ISS Degerloch.

Rebecca Jones-Bürk (BaSICS Director of Academics) led a session with 8th and 9th graders, describing the structure of the International Baccalaureate, Middle Years Programme and how it leads to the choices for the Diploma programme.

Mary-Jane Martin (Degerloch High School Principal) and Matthias Krusch (Degerloch Middle School Principal) then worked with the 8th and 9th graders on a Tuesday afternoon, to further develop the profile of a middle school student and the transition from Middle School to High School expectations for learning.

Our students particularly raised questions about the similarities and differences between both campuses concerning home learning assignments and time (very similar expectations), if subject areas are the same (they are), if the students at Degerloch really know about BaSICS (they do not, therefore, information sessions are being planned to raise awareness of Degerloch students about BaSICS, as well as invite Degerloch students to spend the day at BaSICS), and will the preparation steps for choosing courses to study in grades 11 and 12 be the same (they will). Our students are also interested in meeting and talking to current grade 11 students at Degerloch to get a better idea of "life in the IB and ISS Diploma Programmes." We'll be arranging this, too, for times in May. We'll also carry out the additional initiatives as described in previous newsletter articles.

Please also find the International Baccalaureate Programme MYP and DP flyers on our portal site. These were given to our students and contain general information about both programmes.

We are looking forward to the return of our grade 8 and 9 students next week. Both classes are currently out on field trips. Grade 8 has gone to a science research center in the Netherlands to investigate habitats, and Grade 9 is near Almeria, Spain, on an exchange trip visiting the students who were here with us in February. There will be more to read about these two field trips in upcoming newsletters.

Middle Years Drama Performance Photos (2011 and 2012)

Please visit the following link to view photos from the Middle Years students' drama performances before the break. There are also photos from last year's production of Oliver.

<http://gallery.me.com/janny12/100004>

Benutzername: basics

Passwort: Oliver



HERR LANDRAT BERNARD VISITED SCHOOL THIS WEEK

We were delighted that the Landrat, Herr Bernhard visited school this week, to find out about how we learn. He was most impressed by the students and they way they presented to him, the learning they are involved in. He said, "This is an interesting model that is also a role-model for the development of the state schools into the 'Gemeinschaftschulen' (comprehensive schools)" „Das ist ein interessantes Modell, dass auch Vorbildcharakter für die Entwicklung der öffentlichen Schulen zu Gemeinschaftsschulen haben kann“.

We are glad to have the support of our local politicians in recognising our school as an important feature of the educational provision in this region.



Exchange of educational best practice.

Sarah Kupke will not be in school next week. She will be visiting a school in Sarajevo as part of an accreditation team there. This is a marvelous opportunity for exchange of best-practice ideas. Rebecca Jones-Bürk will deputize next week.

PTG NEWS**PTG Meeting Next Wednesday**

All parents are welcome to join next Wednesday, April 25 from 8:30-9:30am at BaSICS.

Healthy Breakfast Next Friday

Please remember to send money to school with your child for Healthy Breakfast during morning break on **May 4**.

International May Festival Ideas

At the International May Festival, we would like to touch on some of the themes that brings us together. These themes include music, art, story telling, games, food, and dance. We hope you will join this celebration by contributing some of your talents. If you can cook, bring a dish to taste. If you can dance or can tell a story, come perform. If you can sing or play an instrument, come play. And lastly, if you are crafty, come show us how to make something. The following are categories which need someone to participate. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to email me at : karlamarroquin@yahoo.com.

Music

1. Drum circle- those that like to play or have drum, come and follow rhythmic patterns
2. Making Rain Sticks- make rain sticks
3. Circle of Instrument performance- If you can play an instrument, share your talent

Story Telling

1. Myth and Legends and story telling around the world told by our children

Games

1. Let's break a piñata
2. Handball
3. Games kids play around the world

Food

1. Come share spices, flavors, and drinks of the place you know best

Dance

1. Dance performance
2. Community dance

Religion

1. Presentation by students
2. Light and making candles

Crafts

1. Make a flag
2. Make a hat