



Newsletter



International School Braunschweig – Wolfsburg



The Staff and Personnel of the International School Braunschweig – Wolfsburg wish all parents and well wishers a happy and relaxed Easter Vacation! All students will receive their second report card on Thursday, 17th March. We all look forward to some quiet and restful days! After the Easter Vacation students of Years 6 and 8 will sit the Checkpoint Tests. We wish all our students good luck. **Dear Students: "Don't stress, do your best. Hard work always pay off in the end!"**

School will resume again on Monday, 4th April 2016.

Kind regards,

Arundhati Mukherji
Academic Dean

School Life

"(PTA) Volunteers are ordinary people with extraordinary hearts"



Dear PTA Members, words cannot describe how much we appreciate the time and thought you put into preparing the lavish breakfast for us.

The entire IS Staff greatly appreciate it! Thank you!

Primary Talent Show

On 18th January, 2016, we had our primary talent show. It was not only attended by students from the primary classes, but also by parents and guests. There were 14 participants and they presented their best talents in all fields ranging from singing, dancing, playing instruments and even showed their artistic gymnastics side. We also had the pleasure in watching a video of one of our students driving a racing car! At the end, every participant got a green card and they collected house points.



Well done students. Keep it up and commitment to excellence!

Sport Oskar



Our school was selected to host the Sports Oscar for half a year in the entrance hall of our school. Every year, the fit for future organisation is organising the Sports Oscar at the university sports field where different schools can have some sports and fun games together. They participate at different stations in different activities. The aim is not to compete or win anything. It is just to have some fun and do activities together to show the kids how much fun sports can be with competition. The sponsor is the Volksbank Brawo, which makes this event a well organised day for the children.

Upper Primary

February 14th, is Valentine's Day! It must have been fun for all those that received lovely flowers, nice cards and presents on that day. However, the Upper Primary at the International School went even further than that. Years 3 -5 had letterboxes hung up in front of their classrooms till the end of the month and every day, these were full of lovely cards, pictures and wishes from parents and well-wishers for the children. These were read out in class and the joy and happiness these wishes brought to the hearts of the children cannot be described! All children looked forward to these wishes every day!



Thank you dear parents and well-wishers you have made our day!

RC/Year 1 Afternoon Room



In the afternoon room, students celebrated Italian week. They baked yummy Italian goodies and crafted pasta necklaces and bracelets. Furthermore, the students also explored “Gardening” and planted a flowering plant. They are caring for it and will take it home before Easter break.

We wish everyone a wonderful and sunny Easter break!

Primary Afternoon Room

What has the primary afternoon room been up to lately?
International Week



During our international week, we ventured into Italy and got a taste of some typical food, crafted Venetian masks, tested our knowledge about the country, its famous people, landscape and much more. We even altered their most favourite sport event, soccer, into our own version of “crab soccer”.



The afternoon room children and professional educators would like to thank Emma for her fantastic presentation about Italy and her mother, Ms Pilloni, for the lasagne and ice cream that we all got to enjoy!

Competition Week



The children had a whole week of competitive fun and games during our first “House Competition Week”. Whether straw, marshmallow, yoga, puzzle or airplane competition, everyone participated with a lot of team spirit. Our congratulations go out to the “Georg Westermann” house, for collecting the most points during this week!

Great job, everyone!

Secondary I Casual Friday

On Friday, February 5th, we had our first "come dressed as you like" casual Friday. There were many interesting costumes on display from the middle school and upper school. There were Minions, Koalas, cats, Indian squaw and many more. To me it was a very special occasion as casual Friday occurred on the same day as the Primary school Carnival, so it felt like the entire school dressed up for the occasion. Everybody enjoyed themselves and we hope you had a nice Carnival also.

Written by Cosima



News from the project classes

"Mousetrap-Auto"



We had the chance to host a competition between the Hans-Georg-Karg Grundschule and our school. It was the final event of last semester's project "Mousetrap-Auto". Both schools offered this project and we met to see who constructed the best auto driven only by a mouse trap. The primary afternoon room came along to watch the race and to see whose auto will go the longest distance. Laurine from Year 3, was the owner of the auto that made a distance of more than 12 meters, followed by Matthieu and Jan (also from Year 3).

Congratulations to the winner of this great event. The first two places in the category "Design" were won by the Hans-Georg-Karg Schule. Congratulations! And a big thank you to all supporters for cheering during the race!

Gardening

This spring we learned about early blooming flowers and strategies on how animals survive winter time. We crafted an Easternest with real grass and paper rabbits. We planted spring flowers and are busy with planning our next gardening activities, while we already enjoyed eating our self-grown lamb's lettuce.

The Gardening students are happy to receive donations of seeds or plants (flowers or vegetables) or gardening tools for future activities.



Information about the classes

RC



The Reception classes are learning to read and write using creative activities. In Literacy, we are learning to practice writing the letters “u” and “l”. We crafted a colourful umbrella as a whole class activity and helped children to write and draw. In numeracy, we have learned about the importance of 2D flat shapes and crafted a poster for Ms 2D.



We had great fun visiting the Playmobil exhibition in the Braunschweig Museum and would like to thank the parents for helping us organize our trip. We are now beginning to learn about the importance of Easter and are enjoying the time preparing Easter crafting activities. As this special occasion is approaching soon, **we would like to wish you all a very “Happy Easter” and a great holiday time.**

RC Team

Year 1



Year 1 has been quite busy during the new year. They have been learning how to write

instructions in English. They have played skittles and prepared yummy pancakes and later wrote the instructions as to what they were doing. In Maths, they are learning to read the time and they also have been shopping in our class shops.

Our topic this term under theme based teaching, was Toys. The students visited the Braunschweig museum, as they were hosting a wonderful playmobil collection. It was a memorable trip for all. Furthermore, they also created toys with waste and crafted paper dolls from all over the world.

We wish all children and parents a relaxing Easter break! Year 1 Class Team

Year 2

Last week Wednesday, we had lots of fun because the class jar was full with stones again! It was time for our class behaviour award! We played different games.

My favourite game was "Roll the Ball!" It was fun because it had a lot of defence. **Wyatt**

My favourite game was "Pass the hoop!" It was hard, but we made it because we worked together as a team. **Yuna**



We wish all Year 2 students and their parents a wonderful Easter Break! Year 2 Class Team

Year 3



On Tuesday, March 8th, we had a tour through the city of Brunswick. We met Ms Timmermann in the Magniviertel, and together we took a walk around the historical and interesting sites of the city. We saw the cathedral where Henry the Lion and his wife lay. She even showed us the old timbered houses and how the carpenters had marked the wooden beams with Roman numbers to make it easier to build! We enjoyed the trip a lot.

Written by Hanan, Charlotte and Alina

Year 4

We had another skype call to India where we have a partner school in Colkatta. We talked to them about their festival of the education.

They have a God of Education they worship to and they celebrate it for three days. They also told us about their Holy Festival which they always have in March, to welcome spring. They prepared nice colourful posters for us and the female teachers were wearing saris. It was nice talking to them again.



Our class had also lots of fun at the carnival party this year in the Assembly hall. We really enjoyed the games and the yummy food. Best, was the candy throwing, where we could collect as much sweets as possible. **Written by Nakshatra and Layan**

Year 5

In German–Project, we have been studying the history of Braunschweig. As part of that, we worked in teams and researched a historic site. We also went on a daytrip with Year 3 to visit the Schlossmuseum. There were many original things from the old times to see, hear and read about. It was really interesting to learn about the history of Braunschweig, because it is a bit uncool to not know about the city where you live.

Written by Filippa



This term was very exciting. In Science we learned a lot about our solar system. We made a paper model of the sun, moon and planets. In Geography, we learned about natural disasters, such as volcanoes, earthquakes, and tsunamis. In art, we got crafty when we made beautiful stained glass windows out of paper. They look amazing!

Written by Mehak and Araceli

Year 6

Academics



Year 6 has been putting a lot of effort into studying all subjects. One of the subjects in which students have many opportunities for hands on experience, is Science. It is very true that the best learning comes from doing something or seeing it being done, rather than just reading about it. And this is what the science teacher Mr. Berger, keeps in mind when he is conducting his lessons. Children of Year 6 are always busy doing lots of very interesting experiments.

They deal with circuits, resistance, amperes, volts and many others, while talking about electricity. They check the magnets, investigate how magnetic fields work, which metals are magnetic and which are not, and how the Earth's core relates to magnetism. Hands on activities surely make the kids attracted to the knowledge and get a better understanding of topics. It will hopefully result in generating a bigger traffic of brain neurons, transmitting information throughout the body while writing Cambridge Checkpoint Test in April.

Athletics

Since academics and athletics go hand in hand, some of our student–athletes strive to attain their goals by developing a sound mind in a sound body. Marc from Year 6, has been recently having many good tennis tournament finishes in the Niedersachsen region. He took 1st place in TSV Ehmén U12, Lübeck U12, LTTC Rot Weiß Berlin U12 and was a runner–up in Braunschweig Wolfenbüttel U14 and Lingen U12.

Congratulations Marc and keep up that hard work!



Year 7



On Wednesday, January 20th, Year 7 had some fun cooking. We made some delicious Pizza Croissants. We all thought it would be quite a difficult task to accomplish, but we all pulled together as a team and followed Ms Harms precise instructions on how to make Pizza croissants. It tasted really yummy! After eating, everybody helped clean up. It was a fantastic team building afternoon. Year 7 plans to cook together at least once every couple of months. We feel this activity helps to build class Unity! **Written by Merle**

Year 8



Year 8 is very involved in learning how to write a song. It is very interesting to see how talented some students are. They have written a text and a melody for a pop music song. After that, they are going to sing the song and record it. Let's see if they are going to be famous soon!



Year 9

Adventure Night with Year 9

Two weeks ago, Year 9 embarked on an adventure night to the Outdoorschule Braunschweig. They found the place using GPS devices, built a fire together, using nothing more than paper, twigs, wood and flint. They put up a tent together and cooked food for themselves. Sure enough, it was a cold night, which was not easy for the children, but everyone gritted their teeth and made it through to the next morning. On the next day, it was archery, rope climbing and team work games.

This was a very positive experience for the class and I am immensely proud of what the students accomplished. I have made several pictures of the event, which I can forward onto students and parents. **Christopher Camp**



Year 10

Cooking workshop for Year 10 in the Autostadt

On March 1st, Year 10 went to the Autostadt in Wolfsburg, for a cooking workshop. This workshop was organised by the Year 10's class teacher, so that the students would be able to cook their own food on the upcoming class trip to the Netherlands.

A 3-course menu was planned for lunch. The entree was a mushroom bruschetta, an Italian dish of crunchy bread with mushrooms, cheese and garlic. The main course was an Asian ginger chicken dish with an exotic taste, and the dessert was a type of apple cake, baked using Pizza dough.

The lunch was an immense success, satisfying Ms Koenke and her class. Hopefully, Year 10 will be able to use its newly acquired cooking skills on this year's class trip. **Written by Carl and Jule**



“Körperwelten”



I was very sceptical in visiting this exhibition in the beginning. It forces us to think about life and death. I read that it was a big problem for the zoos at what to do with the animals after their death – burning an elephant is a challenging task, but by using this fascinating technique of plastination, it is possible to get an insight view of life and discover its details. **Ms Köneke**

Year 10 visited the exhibition "Körperwelten der Tiere", as part of our art class. The artist displayed animals, including a giraffe, a gorilla and even an elephant, and one human without their skin and showed their guts, muscles and nerves. Personally, I think this is disrespectful to the animals and not only disgusting but also disturbing to portray creatures in this manner. It also involved the inner organs and circulatory systems of some of the

animals, which added to the atmosphere.

Written by Ann-Kathrin

Senior School

Group 4 Project Presentation on 14th March by the IB Year 12 students

The group 4 project is a piece of work that all IB students have to do – it is so important for students to do this. For those that do not know, the project is unusual in that, the process you go through is far more important than the actual outcome. The idea is that you work with other students in a multidisciplinary way involving all the Sciences.

It was just amazing to see our young scientists who had selected various topics within the school itself – for example conservation of energy & water and rain water harvesting. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session from the Year 10 students who were present in the Assembly.

Geography Internal Assessment Presentation by Year 12 students

Independent research is the key to a quality internal assessment in all IB Diploma internal assessments. The internal assessment is a very important aspect of the IB Geography course. For SL students it accounts for 25% of the final mark and for the HL students it accounts for 20% of the final mark. The internal assessment gives student an opportunity to demonstrate their skill level and subject knowledge. Primary research has to be

carried out as part of the internal assessment. Students of Year 12 were successful in their research on “Immigration in Braunschweig” and presented the same to our school community. **We are all proud of you – Year 12!**



Naresh Seetharam, IBDP Coordinator

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