

Newsletter



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International School Braunschweig – Wolfsburg

Dear Parents,

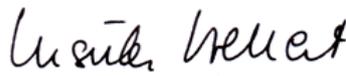
It's amazing to see that the end of the school year has nearly arrived. It is a good time to reflect on what we have achieved. We had successes and some challenges and there have been many hectic days, yet despite all this, we continued the work that had to be accomplished. We recently finished our Sports day and await the results of the Checkpoints tests, IGCSE and the IB. We take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and patience this year.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer and we look forward to welcoming you all and new families on Wednesday, 3rd August. We also sadly bid goodbye to those families who will not be here next school year.

Kind regards,



Arundhati Mukherji
Academic Dean



Ursula Hellert
Head of School

School Life

Amazing

On 11th May the Staffroom of the International School was overflowing with lovely cakes, fruits, cookies and more along with coffee pads and tea bags. In the centre of the table stood a bright red coffee machine. All this came from the PTA, who spent countless hours preparing the goodies.

Thank you, dear PTA members! The staff greatly appreciate your kindness. You made our day!

We all look forward to the next Staff Appreciation Breakfast.



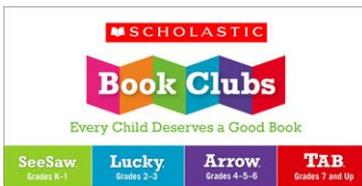
News from the PTA

As we approach the end of another school year we are grateful more than ever for the continued support of parents at our school. Thank you and we look forward to working with you in the new school year.

Staff Appreciation Breakfast

On 11th May we showed the school staff just how grateful we are for their commitment to our children by hosting a Staff Appreciation Breakfast in the Teacher's Lounge. The PTA purchased a new coffee machine for all coffee drinking staff to enjoy and cooked up a feast of cakes, scones, biscuits and other sweet treats to energise the teachers and PE's throughout the day. It is not said often enough, but we really do appreciate all of our teachers and professional educators and their continued efforts to teach and educate our children. Thank you all, for your dedication and for another wonderful school year!

Scholastic Book Club



The PTA is honoured to be involved in bringing the Scholastic Book Club to CJD International School. This Club is well regarded and popular in the UK, the USA and Australia and it is a fantastic way to encourage our children to read books and also support our school. Each order over €10 sees 20% of the

sales go towards our school account to be used for our school library. By buying books through Scholastic you are not building just one library, but two. The books are ordered online and delivered to the children at school.

The first order period, which ended on 22nd May, and occurred while many of the classes were on their class trips, raised £96.92 for the school library. This is just the start, so grab a catalogue and log on to

<https://eu-shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/cjd-international-sch>

to search for some amazing books, at competitive prices, and place an order.

You can also get to the Scholastic page through the homepage of the CJD International School Website at <http://is.cjd-braunschweig.de>. Halfway down the page you will see the Scholastic Book Club button.

Lastly we wish everyone a happy, safe and fun-filled summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all next year. The PTA will hold School Foyer meetings on the first few Fridays of the new school year and we would love to see you at these meetings. We will resume our regular PTA room 8am Friday meetings from September. We always welcome new parents and new ideas so please join us for a coffee, cake and chat! If you have any comments, questions or concerns feel free to email us at anytime at ptais@cj-d-bs.de

Ruth Basso, Laila Djemailovic, Jane George, Katharina Karnahl, The PTA Board



IB Class of 2017 ceremony

The IB Ceremony is an exciting event in the calendar of the International School Braunschweig –Wolfsburg, not just for our Year 12 students, but also for their friends and family.



The official opening of the ceremony was declared open at 10.30.am on 3rd June with the class of 2017 being led by Ms Hellert, the Head of our school followed by the IB faculty members into the assembly hall. Our award ceremonies are a major highlight of the academic year, with this year's award for outstanding performance going to Nicole Bortfeld. The CAS award was bagged by Saya Higuchi. Inspiring speeches were given by Ms Hellert, Mr Loebbecke and Mr Seetharam. There's nothing like experiencing music on such an occasion. Nikolas Leiste rendered a wonderful piece from "F.Chopin" and Nuoheng Luo rendered a wonderful selection from " Piano boy ". The ceremony concluded with the "Throwing off the shackles". The Year 11 students did a wonderful job in organizing the event right from logistics, decoration to serving of the drinks for the official toast to the IB class of 2017.

Inter – House competitions

The School hosted its Spelling Bee competition on 4th and 5th April. All classes from Year 1 through Year 8 participated. The proud winners were: Suhail & Ignacio (Year 1), Elin (Year 2), Arshiya & Elin (Year 3), Ayman & Charlotte (Year 4), Nakshatra & Ethan (Year 5), Nila & Christoph (Year 6), Lena & Jasmin (Year 7), Ben & Jan (Year 8).



The last Inter–House competition for this year was to "Create comic strips, in any language – German, Spanish or English, on school life. There were lots of participants, mainly from the primary school. They were very creative and had wonderful ideas. It was, indeed, difficult for the judges to decide on the winners. Finally, the winners were selected and they are: Amelie, Year 2 (Blue House), Amelie, Year 3 (Red House), Om (Green House), Aurelia, Year 5 (Red House) and Shiqi, Year 5 (Yellow House). **Congratulations!**

RC/Year 1 Afternoon Room



The last weeks of the school year were designated as projects weeks in our afternoon room. Our themes included "Under the Sea" and "Fairytale Adventures". We talked about creatures living under water and even used our imagination to create our own fish, turtle, octopus or jellyfish using chalk, water and paintbrushes. The result was amazing and lasted for weeks on the playground. Our "Fairytale Adventures" included many outdoor games related to well-known fairytales such as "Pin the Kiss on the Frog", "Castle Ball", "Rapunzel´s Tower" or "The Wizard´s Magic Wand". The children participated with enthusiasm in all events!

Have a great summer vacation everyone!

Primary Afternoon Room

Because the weather is getting warmer and warmer, it is always a welcome change to get ice cream during the Afternoon Room time. When the weather is really warm, we are able to play water games and get a little bit wet. Those are the best times!



Fit4Future Workshops



On June 8th and 9th, Fit4Future held two Workshops at our school. The first was Healthy Diet and the second was Brain Fitness. During the Healthy Diet workshop, we learned what the different food groups are and how they influence our daily life. There were different stations set up, each with a special theme. Amongst other things, we were read two stories that showed the



differences of healthy lifestyle vs. one that is not as healthy and how it affects your school day. During the Brain Fitness, we did a Parcour of games that was a lot of fun and challenging! At the end of the day, we were all very tired from running around and thinking.

Library



The collection of the library is constantly increasing and now it consists of 2506 issues: (2447 books+ 59 DVDs and CDs) + 8 subscribed journals and magazines.

There are two new titles in periodicals: "Storytime" magazine (packed with brilliant tales for boys and girls of all ages) and "Science in Schools: The European journal for science teachers" on-line resource. Not least due to the kind support of the PTA we could order lots of new books and the range of books in Spanish language increased. The new issues will help our students to improve their research skills and support reading for pleasure. Our school has recently become a member of the Scholastic Book Club and our library will be able to use the profit from buying the books by the parents of our students. I express my heart gratitude to all the parents who are involved. Thanks to the donations our collection for the Primary School has been fulfilled by the "Wieso?Weshalb?Warum?" series (in German) published by the Ravensburger Buchverlag (35 items). The books were donated by Ms Schaper. My special thanks for the input to the library therefore go to the PTA, Ms Schaper and to our students Bella, Cooper, Fiona and Edward. Wishing all the beautiful sunny Summer Break!



Maryna Stern, Librarian

Information about the classes

RC



The Reception Class celebrated a wonderful Mother's Day with a fabulous presentation of two lovely songs. The children worked hard and were eager to tell their mothers how special they are to them. Then they distributed their self-made gifts and we all had a delicious breakfast together. All the mothers were deeply touched and the children still love singing these songs.

Together with Year 1, the Reception Class visited the Serengeti Park as a guided bus tour, visiting the many animals from the different continents. It was educational to observe the animals in their natural habitats. The trampoline and merry-go-round were an added attraction! In Numeracy, the Reception Class has enthusiastically begun to learn the positions and grasp elementary principles of addition and subtraction.

We would like to thank all our families for the successful year we've had together, saying "good-bye" to those who will be leaving and wish everyone the best for a safe and restful holiday with lots of blessings for the coming year.

The Reception Class Team

Year 1

Year 1 had the best year ever! We learned how to read, write, craft, sing and do math. Some of us also learned how to speak English and German.

In this last term, we took the bus to the Serengeti Park in Hodenhagen. There we went on a Safari tour and saw lots of animals, such as giraffes, elephants and lions. We even went inside the monkey cage and petted donkeys and goats. They had such fluffy fur!

For lunch, we had a picnic on the grass, near a tree. Afterwards we jumped on big trampolines and went around on a carousel. It was a great trip!



Written by Suhail and Pranav

Year 2/Year 3



We went on a joint Day trip to the Dino Park in Munchenhagen. Everyone had great time learning about Dinosaurs during the guided tour and then we even had time to play in the many playgrounds. Some of us even got to explore fossils and hold real Dinosaur bones. All in all, it was a fantastic time!



Year 3



Wow! Time is flying by and we came to the end of Year 3 with lots of nice activities. We all enjoyed our trip to the Schlossmuseum, where we got to know more about Braunschweig's history. The Second Step day and both Fit for Future days were so much fun, very interesting and we learned a lot! Let's not forget the Sports Day or the funny movie about "Till Eulenspiegel", a famous historical figure in the northern part of Germany. Unfortunately



it's now the time to say goodbye to the ones who won't be with us in Year 4. We wish them all the best and good luck in their future! Luckily we got quite a lot of new kids and we're happy to have Dennes, Jael, Judith, Uluç and Momoko in our class. They enrich our variety of nationalities and cultures, which will be shown at the Summer Party! A big THANKS to all parents and especially to our parents' representatives for all your support and help! Have a great summer break!

Year 4



Year 4 went on a class trip from 15th – 19th May to Schöningen. It was their first class trip without their parents and the chance to spend a whole week with their class. There was apprehension mixed with excitement amongst the children. However, it turned out to be nice and enjoyable with each day having different activities. They came back to Braunschweig on Friday very exhausted but happy! The class team Ms Stoian and Ms Mukherji are proud of their behaviour during the five days!

Year 5

Our class trip was to the island of Wangerooge and it was amazing! After a 4 hour drive to Harlesiel, we then took a boat across to Wangerooge. At the hostel, we had rooms on the 6th and 7th floors so we had the best views of the island although it was exhausting to go to the rooms if we forgot to take something.



We had bikes to help us get around the island, and on the second day, we rode to the town, did a bit of shopping and then went to the surf school which was a lot of fun!

The next day we learned how to play golf and then went surfing again! We also went to the top of a lighthouse (although our hostel was probably just as high) and walked around the mud flats and found lots of interesting sea creatures. Finally it was time to go home. The weather had been good the whole time we were on Wangerooge and it seemed that the skies couldn't wait any longer, so we drove back through a huge thunderstorm which was also quite exciting! We had a fantastic trip and a lot of fun!

Written by Nakshatra

Year 6

NetComp@ss Computer Workshop

Year 6 improved their computer skills in a hands on computer workshop given by Mr Stern. These included: word processing, spreadsheets, image editing, spell checking, using a flash drive and touch typing. At the end of the workshop each student put together a fun slide show presentation to show off new skills to the rest of their class. The workshop was a great success and we look forward to the next one.

Year 7

On our last day of Spanish lessons in this school year, Year 7 was very keen on cooking some Spanish specialties like: Tapas, Patatas bravas, Torrijas; and Mexican dishes like: Guacamole, Tacos and Quesadillas. Some students wanted to try spaghetti as well. There were some students that surprised me because they were really fast and professional with their cooking, but all of them were very dedicated and prepared everything with care. Even though Mr Dybka and I bought plenty of ingredients, the food was so tasty that the plates were emptied very quickly.



Ms Ketzler

Hannover Day Trip

First we went to the Braunschweiger HBF. We took a train which had three floors. When we finally arrived we started walking to pavilion number nine. We separated the group into smaller groups. I don't know about the other groups, but our group didn't do much. We didn't want to wait in lines. We went to the Ocean part where we got some VR glasses which were very boring.

Written by Marc



Paleon Day Trip



After a Twenty five minutes drive we arrived at the Paleon. We visited the museum first, we got guided by a nice Mexican lady. She talked about why the museum was there and about the different animals which are extinct, then we went outside with a man who taught us how to throw a spear and how to shoot with bow and arrow.

Written by Javier

Year 8

Bowling

On 4th April Ms Selke and I went bowling with Year 8. As a Teacher Team, it was important to us to share a good time with all the students. At the bowling centre, we had the opportunity to eat our lunch and played two games. It was a



lot of fun to see which group had the highest score. After playing, the students could enjoy an ice cream as we were waiting to take the second tram back to school. We all agreed that it was a nice experience that we would like to repeat in future. Ms Ketzler

Class Activity Day Year 8

As we booked our raft tour in the Okercabana station in Braunschweig, we hoped to have sunny weather. At the beginning of the week the forecast announced rain, but on Thursday the weather was perfect. After reaching the raft station the students immediately started building a big raft. The helmsman was very experienced and friendly and his English was very good. Boys and girls followed his instructions and worked very fast and focus. Some of them had some doubts about the stability of the draft and if it could be able to carry all of us. This thoughts proved to be wrong, the sun was shining and the raft with all of us on it, started to flow, with the help of our paddles, on the Oker river. After the nice tour, we had time to eat our lunch in the beach beside the river and enjoy before leaving to school.

Year 9

Year 9 this year went to Sylt, for the yearly class trip.

Thanks to the DB we had a real long journey to reach the island. When we arrived we had dinner at the youth hostel.



The following days we had pretty good time, beside the mostly unpleasant weather.

We visited the local aquarium, the seaside attractions (boat tour to see the seals and bike tour to the light house) and the town center. The students had good time until we had to enjoy the not well organized service of the DB once again on our way home.

Year 9 this term, after the class trip in Sylt, is busy doing their three weeks internship in several companies or institutes. Some of the students decided to do their internship in our school, helping out the Professional Educators in the younger grades. The internship is a great opportunity for them to experience a bit of working life and to have an idea of what they could do in the future.

Year 10

Away we go, on another journey far far away from the friendly confines of the CJD international school on a trip full of excitement, joy and laughter. Stralsund, yes you read it correctly. Stralsund. One of the most intriguing places in the Ostsee. Why might you ask. Well let us take a quick journey through Stralsund's history. Stralsund was founded in 1234 and was one



of the most prospering members of the medieval Hanseatic League. It was also the capital of Sweden at one point. Since 2002, Stralsund's old town with its rich heritage is honored as a UNESCO World Heritage. The main industries of Stralsund are shipyards, fishing, mechanical engineering, and, to an increasing degree, tourism, life sciences, services and high tech industries,

especially IT (Information Technology) and biotechnology. So a bit like our very own TU Braunschweig but minus the shipyard, fishing and tourism degrees. The town of Stralsund is located in the northeastern German region of Western Pomerania in the state of Mecklenburg–Vorpommern. It is extremely beautiful. Surrounded by water, it is a city that actually has an island feeling to it. From traveling to and through the Ozeaneum and having a guided tour through the city. To traveling via Ferry to Hiddensee, which was extremely beautiful and windy, we had a blast and it was such an amazing trip.

Ms Köneke, Mr Johnson and Year 10



Year 10 IGCSE Exams are over!

Finally the Year 10 students can look back and say: "We've made it. Exams are over." The preparation time was very stressful for those students who took all IGCSE subjects and aimed for a high score. Passing grades (more than 60%) in the six IGCSE subjects English, German, Mathematics, Geography, Biology and Spanish or another language guarantee our students the equivalent to the German Erweiterter Sekundarabschluss 1.

After a six week exam session, students now need to be patient and wait for the results which are issued by Cambridge in August.

Ms Köneke, as the Year 10 class teacher, wishes everybody a nice summer break and all the best for the future.

Senior School

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