

Newsletter



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International School Braunschweig – Wolfsburg

Dear Parents,

2017 is coming to an end! We feel the first part of the school year seems to have flown by! This year too, we have had an amazing first term with activities in all areas – in academics the regular work in classes leading to the assessments tests, different field trips to substantiate work learnt in class, organisation of Talent Show to create a platform for students to display their extracurricular activities and of course, the nice parties e.g. the Halloween and the Christmas parties. Last but not the least, the participation in various competitions – the latest being the participation in the comic cartoon strip organised by Reisebüro Schmidt GmbH, where some students won the prize! Thank you to all staff and parents that have made these opportunities for our students possible. A special thanks goes to the tireless work of the PTA group, because of their hard work the school could present lovely items for sale at the Christophorus market. We greatly appreciate all your work at school!

We would like to wish all our International School parents, staff, friends and well-wishers a safe, happy and relaxed Christmas and holiday season.

School will resume again on Monday, 8th January, 2018.

Kind regards,



Arundhati Mukherji
Academic Dean



Ursula Hellert
Head of School



School Life

News from the PTA

And we find ourselves at the end of another year! Seasons Greetings everyone!

We've had a busy first half of the year and we are looking forward to an action packed second half. The New Year will bring another Parent/Teacher consultation as well as Carnival so keep an eye out in your inboxes to find out how you can help out.

Thank you for the support many of you have provided. It is greatly appreciated and with all your efforts, please know that you are improving your child's enjoyment of life at CJD International.



Lantern Parade

This year's Lantern Parade was a great success with many of the children enjoying themselves. We were fortunate with the weather and the children had a wonderful time parading from the lunch hall up to the school foyer and through to the playgrounds. Thank you to Mr McCaw for leading the parade this year! The PTA had wonderful support from the parents of RC, Year 1 and 2 who supplied the fruits, baked goods and assisted with set up and clean up. Thanks also go to Mr Seetharam and the CAS students who assisted during the afternoon.

Christophorus Market

The Christophorus Market was another fun-filled afternoon. Despite the drizzly weather, there were plenty of families enjoying the start of the festive season. Santa Claus was a popular visitor in one of our rooms as was the Christmas tree crafting in our new crafting room. Our thanks go to the parents who assisted in the lead up to the markets and on the day, as well as all CJD International staff and students who helped out on all the crafting stations, sales station and assisting Mr Claus with all his needs. Special thanks to Mr McCaw (and later Mr Oetken) who was seen outside for most of the afternoon looking after Rudolph and his fellow reindeer!

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party was brilliant with the RC, Year 1 and Year 2 classes putting on a wonderful play that we all enjoyed. Congratulations on a fantastic performance. Years 3 to 6 did a great job singing too! We had another successful bake sale and this year's raffle ticket sales were the best so far. We had 30 baskets to win and the donations from the classes were simply brilliant. Thank you to everyone for donating prizes to win, cakes to eat and buying tickets to win!

Scholastic Book Club

The school is receiving great support from your Scholastic Book Club purchases. The last order for the year closed 20th November and the children are now enjoying their new books. Please look out for the new catalogue in your child's communication book in the New Year. Then log on to <https://eu-shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/cjd-international-sch> to place an order. Support your child through their learning and support the school at the same time.

Second Hand Uniform Sales

The PTA always has second hand uniforms available for purchase each Friday morning. Nothing is over €10 and the clothes are clean and ready to be worn!

Support where you can!

If you are free Friday mornings, we'd love to have you join us for a coffee, cake and chat. We welcome any support you can give, so even it's a little time at one event, or a batch of cupcakes for another, please feel free to contribute! If you have any comments, questions or concerns feel free to email us at anytime at ptais@cjd-bs.de

The PTA is here to support our school where we can and we look forward to your support as the school year goes on.

We wish you a very happy, safe and warm holiday period. See you all in the New Year!

The PTA Board

Ruth Basso, Laila Djemailovic, Jane George, Katharina Karnahl and Melissa Retzlaff

IGCSE Ceremony 2017

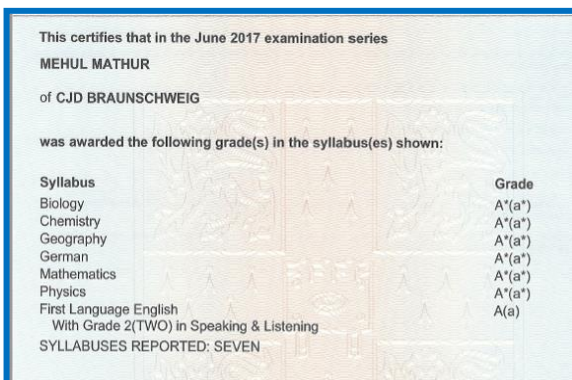
After a long period of waiting – our students wrote their IGCSE exams in May – they could finally receive their certificates.

Family, friends and staff congratulated the candidates. Julieta and Mariana (now Year 11) thanked their families and teachers for their support and underlined the importance of regular studies to succeed in the exams.



For Mehul and Mariana, their hard work has paid off.

They were honored with book awards and a Certificate of Merit for their outstanding performance in the exams. As Mehul's family went back to their home country last summer, his father came all the way to proudly collect his son's certificates. Mehul's performance in the exams was outstanding and we would like to



share this big success with the whole school community.

We are delighted to announce another success of the 2017 IGCSE Cohort:

Xunuo Fu received a Cambridge Learner Award in recognition of her high achievement in IGCSE First Language Chinese. Julieta Redondo Cardoso received the Learner Award Top in Germany IGCSE Foreign Language Spanish. Both awards celebrate the outstanding academic achievements of learners around the world who have demonstrated exceptional performance in Cambridge examinations. Congratulation!

Anne Köneke, IGCSE Coordinator

House competitions

The students have worked hard for the tests and now it was time to have some fun filled House competitions. Years 2 – 5 had a chance to participate in Book cover competition. They had to choose their favourite book and prepare their own creative book cover. We received quite a lot of book covers and the jury had a tough time to decide on just one winner and so we had four winners. The winners are Igancio and Kaede (Konrad Koch House), Pranav (Friedrich Gauss House) and Charlotte (Georg Westerman House).

Three cheers for the winners!



Introduction



My name is **Adrian Maldonado**. I am originally from Colombia; however, I have been here in Germany for almost a year now. I have taught in various social programmes and schools in Bogotá (Colombia). I absolutely love Geography and teaching, the connections that we can discover while studying it and the knowledge about the future that it provides. I look forward to working with and meeting all of you.

Art department

Comic Award as an Honour to Wilhelm Busch

We are very happy to inform you that **Year 8** won an award after taking part in a competition regarding Wilhelm Busch & Co.



Über den 3. Platz in der Klassenwertung/Gruppenpreis freute sich die Klasse 13.2 der IGS Franzisches Feld aus Braunschweig sowie das CJD Braunschweig – International School.

The class, on behalf of the initiative Ms Selke, took part in last year's competition from the Reisebüro Schmidt GmbH. The students were warmly received in the SchmidtTerminal in Wolfenbüttel by the CEO Mr Wilhelm Schmidt. The theme of this competition was Wilhelm Busch and his works. He was a significant German poet and writer and one of the first ones who wrote and published a comic. Among the awards was a price endowed with 500 Euro and a class trip to Hannover to the "Wilhelm Busch – Deutsches Museum für Karikatur und Zeichenkunst". Although our students were the youngest, they were able to win a price. Well done! The five students (**Jasmin, Miyu, Lena, Marc and Rohan**) really deserved it. Lena who went to the award ceremony kindly took the price.

Vanitas Year 11 visited the Herzog Anton Ulrich Museum. The reason for our visit was to analyze drawings of Vanitas. Vanitas was one of the important genre of art during the 17th century. We compared the interpretation between the contemporary and Baroque symbols of Vanitas. At the exhibition, we looked at modern interpretations of "Nichts ist, das ewig sei ..." Intervention.



This exhibition was made by students of the HBK, Braunschweig University of Art. We were able to identify the different symbols which Vanitas used to fully express his emotions concerning life and death during this time in art history. The different symbols used included glasses of red wine and bread which represented the blood and body of Jesus Christ, peeled lemons which represented vulnerability, half eaten cakes which represented wealth, etc.

Written by Fenja, Kanta, Julieta and Bella



Toy Drive on Christmas

The school would like to thank all parents for their generous donations of toys, cosmetic and stationary items for the less fortunate children. A big thank you also goes to those Senior students (Years 11 and 12) who had organised a joint CAS venture with the GEMS Modern Academy school in Dubai and collected many attractive books and toys in Dubai. They brought these to Braunschweig and even contributed these to the School Toy Drive! All your generous contributions have brought happiness and joy to the hearts of so many needy children in the region supported by the Diakonie e.V. The organisation has expressed their appreciation for all the lovely packets! A big thank also goes to those students, big and small, that helped in the packing and making the items look even more attractive!

Secondary II Team building activities

On Tuesday, 28th November, we participated in various group activities between the **Year 10, Year 10 extra, and Year 9 classes** with the help of Ms Köneke, Mr. Dybka and Mr Lewis.

The purpose of these activities was to unify the students and get to know each other better while trying to separate some already formed



groups and stimulating the interaction between different students from different personal backgrounds. This project consisted of various tasks. The first ones were fairly easy – moving around a circle and conversing with someone else for about one minute, sharing background information about oneself, as well as calling out someone else’s name and exchanging seats to try to remember new faces. The goals of these assignments was to get to know new people, and having a larger and better idea about their life, also remembering a good life lesson: it is vital to get to know someone sufficiently well before judging them. The students carried out these activities eagerly. The last team–building activity was even more animated as the goal was to carry a small ball through some plastic tubes without letting it fall. This required a lot of cooperation and teamwork between the students, which was clearly visible throughout the task. Some groups worked better than others, but it was satisfying to see a lot of interaction between them, as well as having a lot of fun. This project was incredibly beneficial in building new, stronger relationships between the students and helping them form new friendships. The students are not as shy and hesitant towards each other anymore, and they became more congenial and confident. *“Be genuinely interested in everyone you meet and everyone you meet will be genuinely interested in you” (Rasheed Ogunlaru)*

Written by Annaflavia

RC / Year 1 Afternoon Room



It's almost Christmas time and some of the afternoon activities for the children have included for example, crafting their own lanterns for the Lantern Parade at the beginning of November, our 'Ice Week' with experiments and discussions, and the advent calendar which included daily activities and surprises such as crafting stars, writing or drawing pictures to send to Santa Claus, creating Christmas lanterns and enjoying some chocolate milk and cookies while listening to the sounds of the season.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Primary Afternoon Room

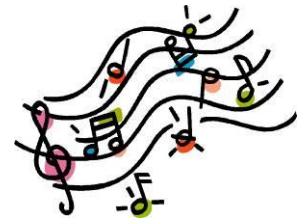
At the Primary Afternoon Room, we have done many nice activities, but during this time of the year, it is especially nice when we do the Advent Calendar each day! Each day, a different child opens it and whatever treat is inside, is what all the children receive. We also do crafting which is created for our loved ones. **And a special thanks goes out to Family Zilinski and the company Clamex for donating the treats for our Calendar!**



Middle School Talent Show

The show was held on 27.11.2017, during our middle school Monday assembly. Altogether there were 15 students that performed at this special event. Instruments and singing are always our students' favourite. The qualities of each show are improving; especially the group dance choreography. They all looked like a star on the stage, wow!





Year 6 Subeen, Piano, River flows in You by Yiruma

Year 6 Layan, Nakshatra, Sing, Don't Let Me Down by Chainsmokers

Year 6 Isabel, Y7 Giovanna, Sing & piano, Trem Bala by Ana Vilela

Year 6 Embla, Clarinet, Rio

Year 7 Emma, Filippa, Sing, There's nothing holding me back by Shawn Mendes

Year 9 Jiwoo, Piano, Mozart Fantasy in d minor

Year 6 Anton, Kieran, Hannes, Sing, I feel good by James Brown



Surprisingly, this year top 3 are all piano players:

1st: Year 10 extra, Alex, Piano, Chopin Fantaisie-Impromptu

2nd: Year 8, Gregor, Piano, Star Wars

3rd: Year 8, Lena, Piano, Es fühlt sich an wie die Liebe by Peter Steinbach

Congratulations!

As a whole class reward, Year 10 extra will enjoy their special museum visit on a Wednesday afternoon, after Christmas break. Looking forward to seeing more variety of talent show next year!

Information about the classes

RC



The Reception Class would like to wish you all a delightful Christmas time and a magnificent new year. It has been a great joy for us to learn about Christmas traditions around the world. Our parents contributed very enthusiastically and made it an unforgettable experience for us! We baked German cookies, crafted Chinese lanterns, listened to the American Elf on the Shelf story, read the Spanish story about The Three kings travelling to Bethlehem, crafted crowns for the kings and ate delicious chocolates! The Reception Class participated with great respect and love for all the traditions. The Swedish tradition with the choir performed by Ellen and her mum

helped our class focus on the importance of peaceful moments. We are very excited to learn about the Italian and Indian Christmas Tradition this week! The Reception Class has actively worked on crafting activities for Christmas and is enjoying their Advent Calendar treats.

The Reception Class Team

Year 1

Last Thursday, we went to the bakery. The trip to the bakery was quite long. We had to take two busses, but it was worth it because we had lots of fun! The baker had an enormous rolling pin which he used to shape and flattens the dough for us! After that, we cut the dough into shapes using various Christmas cookie cutters. In the end, we decorated our cookies with rainbow and chocolate sprinkles. It was hard work, but the cookies were delicious! We hope the parents enjoyed the cookies, too! Merry Christmas!



Year 1 Class Team

Year 2



The kids of Year 2 have had an exceptionally busy last couple of months. We have had several adventures in learning: from sugar beet farming, a trip to the theatre, to meeting a fly-eating plant at the Botanical Garden! We've tried our hand in drawing maps, writing recipes, and messy baking soda experiments. We have also been working extraordinarily hard to prepare our Christmas Play, 'Little Angels Get Their Wings', along with Year 1 and Reception Class. We must also say good-

bye to two of our students, Carly and Wade. We will miss our friends dearly, but having international friends is very special- a new pen-pal opportunity!

Happy Holidays from all in Year 2 Class

Year 3

Library Visit

Year 3 took a trip to the Braunschweig City Library. We were taken on a tour of the whole library where we were able to see a few of the oldest books in the library and know the history behind the City Library. After the tour, we were taught how the librarians catalogue and sort the books. We were then allowed to search for a few books with the knowledge we were given which was a lot of fun! We would highly recommend a trip to the Library. There is more to see than just books.



Year 4

Potions! This term in Maths, Year 4 have explored the topic of measurement. They have become experts in converting between different units of length and capacity. A few weeks ago, they had a go at measuring and mixing their own potions and coming up with their own magic spells! They were given the challenge of coming up with a 500ml potion using 5 different liquids. "That's easy! Just do $5 \times 100!$ ", cried some students. However, Ms Seamark explained they had to come up with all the other possibilities using their knowledge of number. Each group had lots of fun creating their own potions. In Science, we even made our potions explode! The students combined different measurements of baking soda, vinegar, washing up liquid and food colouring to see the reaction it would cause. Year 4 are continuing to work hard and are now looking forward to the Christmas holiday. The classroom has been transformed with lots of festive decorations. We would like to give a special thank you to Ms Martinez who donated the advent wreath to our classroom.



Year 5

The class has been very busy working in groups and creating projects and presentations in all of their subjects. They have worked hard as a team in many their subjects such as E.M.R., German Project, Science, and Geography. They have explored many topics such as religions in E.M.R., Armut (Poverty) in German Project, experimentation in Science, and climatic regions in Geography, and have presented their discoveries to the class. We are very proud of their achievements, and their development and growth to work together as a class. **We would like to wish everyone very happy holidays!**



Year 6

The winter has come and the Christmas break is almost here. Students of Year 6 have been enjoying the last days of the year 2017. At this time of the year, the city of Braunschweig offers an opportunity to do some winter sports/activities in the city. For that reason, the Kohlmarkt Square is transformed into a 500 square meter ice-skating rink with atmospheric lighting. Year 6 could not miss out such opportunity and went on to do ice skating. Regardless the level of skating, everyone from the class had lots of fun while playing together on ice. We hope that the next year the Kohlmarkt Square will get icy again, and if it does not slip our mind, we will do it again.



Year 7

On Tuesday, 12th December, Year 7 along with Year 6 attended the Ice skating rink located in the in the city. We left school after the second break and made our way walking towards the location. Although it was freezing cold and raining we had a great time on the ice. After ice skating, we all attended the Christmas Market for one hour before returning to school. Despite the weather It was a very enjoyable field trip.



Year 8

Seven years ago, the International School and the school Colegio Badalonès in Badalona, a small town in the vicinity of Barcelona, initiated the Spanish – International student exchange together. Since then, it has proved to be a great success up to the present day. Last Friday at the airport in Langenhagen, the Year 8 pupils and their



parents gave a hearty welcome to the 14 exchange students and the two teachers, Mr Imuniain and Ms Bonilla, from Badalona. After their arrival, the students spent a great weekend together with the host families to get to know each other. Thanks to Ms Ketzler, the current Year 8 Spanish teacher, and other teachers, a whole program with memorable and exciting outings, experiences and activities was waiting for the pupils. It did not only mean fun to the learners but also gave them the opportunity to further getting to know each other. On Monday, everyone went to the Autostadt and spent a great day on the ice-skating surface and in the Autostadt. The next day, a city tour, which was guided by Mr Berger, gave all the students an insight into the history of Braunschweig. Afterwards, the Year 8 and exchange pupils explored the Christmas market, which is a beautiful and worth-visiting symbol of the Christmas season in Braunschweig. Additionally, games, varied activities and experiments in a variety of subjects rounded off their Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday, the pupils went hiking uphill to the Burgberg in Bad Harzburg. Then further to Goslar in order to see the well-known and scenic Christmas market. The day ended with a small party so that the students had time to bid good bye to each other for the student exchange had almost come to an end. In total, it was a surely unforgettable experience and time for both the students from the International School and the Colegio Badalonès.

Simone Christensen

Year 9

Cookie Time in Year 9

The Year 9 students baked traditional German cookies together to get into the Christmas mood. Some students put a lot of effort into decorating the sweets. Of course, the class enjoyed eating every crumble afterwards in their Homeroom Time.



Year 10

Movie night box

As we prepare for Christmas and New Year, our classes have been joyfully arranging tombola boxes, each with a specific theme.



The Year 10 class has assembled the box accordingly to the theme: Movie Night. We have included popcorn, chips, soda cans, marshmallows, chocolate, and everything else to provide a magical family night. Our goal was to create a box filled with not only snacks and drinks, but to also highlight the significance of family and friends.

A few people from our class have decorated the box with Christmas colours to make the box look more inviting, even

though you should never judge a book by its cover!

The tombola boxes were revealed at the Christmas party and really got the class ready for the Christmas break.

The whole of year 10 wish you a very merry Christmas and happy New Year

Senior School

Year 11 students take part in Bridge-U Skype discussion

Bridge-U algorithm recommends best-fit universities and courses, from over 100,000 options, based on the academic, professional and social profile of each student. With BridgeU, students can apply to universities across 4 continents. Our students of Year 11 took part in a Skype presentation from Ms Seymour on 4th December. She explained how BridgeU's application tools help students craft stand-out personal statements and essays. Their personalised task and deadline management tools mean teachers never miss a deadline or duplicate a task, and their teacher tools make every step of the process easy to track and report on.

Naresh Seetharam

Debating and Model United Nations Club

A debate club gives students of all abilities a fun way of developing their oracy skills. You can use different activities to help students with their critical thinking and confident communication. The club could also help students to become more informed about political and global affairs, or provide a venue for students to train for debate competitions with other schools, or at an international level. Most existing schools debate clubs rely on older students to help organise the club, or to advise the younger students. The CAS Students of year 11 under the leadership of Joel and Camill started a “Debating and Model United Nations Club” on 25th November. Students from Year 8 onwards have shown active interest and participate in the sessions regularly every week. We’ve really got some good talent there! Naresh Seetharam, IBDP Coordinator



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