



Newsletter



International School Braunschweig – Wolfsburg



Dear parents,

Here comes the first newsletter of the school year 2015/2016. It has been really great to see what has been already happening since the start, in September!

From now on, you will find the newsletter on the homepage as well. This can be done, because we have organized a new line of communication structure. There are 4 categories of information. The different wording has been implemented on the reference line:

SIGN – this mail has to be dealt with immediately because we need your signature

NOTICE – this mail has to be read immediately because you need the information ASAP

GENERAL – this mail gives you general information on school organization

SCHOOL LIFE – mostly it is the newsletter with an overview on school events

We hope to meet all of you in school as often as possible!

With kind regards, yours

Ursula Hellert, Head of School

School Life

First day of school celebration

It was an exciting first day of school for our Year 1 students. We watched a theatre play “The Ugly Duckling” and had our very first lesson together with Jimmy, our class mascot. In the end, we released heart-shaped balloons with lots of best wishes for the first school year. The Year 1 teachers are very much looking forward to sharing an exciting and rewarding year with you and your child. As we work together to instill in each child a sense of confidence, self-esteem and responsibility, it is my hope that each will strive for his/her highest potential. [Maja Stamm](#)



Introduction



My name is **Emese Zsaki**, and I am the new Professional Educator for the Reception Class. I am 34 years old and I come from Hungary. I am an Elementary School Teacher and also a Teacher of English Language and Culture. I have been living in Germany for almost two years. Before that, I taught English at an Elementary School for seven years and I also studied and worked in England for two years. Before joining the CJD International School, I did my internship here during the summer. Ever since I started teaching, I became passionate about young children, to help them blossom into responsible and successful individuals. I believe that we as educators can play a substantial role in generating enthusiasm in our students and my main goal is to motivate students to do their best and to extend their own personal limits. It is a pleasure to work with your children and see them smile every day and I am looking forward to a great school year together.



My name is **Greta Bönig** and I am 18 years old. After having finished my school this year at the Raabeschule, I began a voluntary social year at the International School. Currently, I support the Reception Class Team. I love to work with children and I've already completed an internship at a German Kindergarden. I am excited and I am looking forward to a great year with your children.



My name is **Chan Pui Keong** and I just moved from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where I taught physics and mathematics for IGCSE, CIE A-Level and also the IB Diploma. Currently, I am teaching Mathematics and Science at the CJD International School. I absolutely love to teach children of all ages and I hope to share my passion in both subjects to anyone that I encounter.

Farewell

Dear students, parents and colleagues,

Unfortunately, I have to take this time to tell you that I have to leave the CJD International School to further my education. I've enjoyed every single moment at CJD and in the Reception Class. I am grateful for the wonderful and inspiring time we had together. It has been great meeting so many different people from all over the world! I wish you all the best for the future!

Yours sincerely, Yulia Liske

Cambridge Maths workshop



The International School is proud to announce, that it held a Cambridge Maths workshop (on IGCSE), for the first time at school. Apart from our Math teachers, there were teachers from other international schools attending the workshop. Mr David Bird was the trainer, and he has held many workshops all over the world. Aside from interacting with him, our teachers had many productive discussions with the teachers from the other international schools. We hope to host more workshops in the future.

Meet and greet

On Saturday, 26th September, our International School had its Meet and Greet event. Parents, students – old and new, and staff came to school. They spent some nice and relaxing time together, meeting other families and staff. There was also a buffet of international treats provided by the helpful parents. The CJD kitchen supported the event by providing light refreshments and some “finger food”. Years 11 and 12 students deserve a great praise for decorating the lobby beautifully and even organising some games with parents, students and staff.



Open House



On Friday, 2nd October, the International School had its first Open House of the school year. On this day, classroom doors were left open and one could sit in classes and observe lessons. Moreover, for the first time, the Haus der Kulturen used our school kitchen and cooked delicious international dishes. Joshua, Taisei, Enting and Shelvine entertained the guests during lunch with light music. All the students played lovely pieces on the piano while Shelvine sang “Danke”. Well done, students!

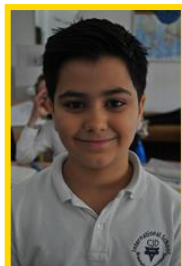
We will organise more of these types of events, during the school year. A big thank you goes out to those who came on this day and made it a success! We hope to see many more parents at such school events in the future.

Houses

This school year started out with the Secondary Assembly, in which the Houses had to battle against each other. Each House received a bag with an assignment of things inside. Each group had 20 minutes´ time to invent a new game using all of the objectives. All House members had fun creating and presenting their games. The Yellow House won and started the new school year with 200 points. Great job!

Furthermore, we had our first House elections. All Houses voted for their House Captains!

Congratulations to



Cosima – Gauß House

Kevin – Huch House

Malek – Koch House

Lilly – Westermann House

Congratulations to our new Vice Captains:

Gauß House – Kim (12), Jannik (6) and Jennifer (6);

Huch House – Jacqueline (12), Taisei (6) and Marc (6).

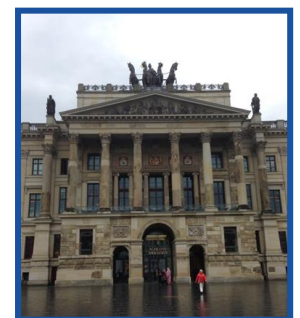
Koch House – Marie (11), Kerolos (6).

Westermann House – Cindy (12), Lena (6) and Timo (6).

Be sure to take a look at the House Wall, in the entrance hall regularly. There you can see what is going on and when new competitions are going to take place.

Art department

On 22nd September, classes 10,11 and 12 went to the Museum of Photography with Ms Selke. We looked at the exhibition “Zwischen Steubenparade und Alpine Village. Auf den Spuren deutscher Einwanderer in den USA“ by Birte Henning. Birte Henning was searching for her relatives and the history of her family in the US. We started in the main building looking at her images. After that, we had one hour to go to the city and take a picture of what we would miss in Braunschweig, if and when we have to leave. As the hour was over, we met again and talked about the images we took. Then we went to the other side of the street to the second building and looked pictures in which she took in New York at the “Oktoberfest”. These photos were really funny. After three hours, we were back at school again. We learned that photos can tell us stories and try to capture the moments forever to help keep in our memories.



Written by Marie-Josephine



Music Department

On 9th October, our students Shelvine (Year 12) and Sena (Year 9) sang four beautiful songs during the opening ceremony of "CJD Politische Projektstage" (Civic Education Project days) at the Jugendkirche Braunschweig. This event is organized by the CJD central office, every three years.

It aims to educate students in democratic action and political responsibility. The youth conference will take place in Braunschweig next year. For more information, please check the website <http://www.cjd-politische-projektstage.de/> (in German)

Wendy Yau

RC/Year 1 Afternoon Room



From the word go, there has never been a dull moment in our little Afternoon Room. United States of America was our chosen country for this International Week. Owen (Year1), gave us a presentation with photos from USA and his mother taught us some nice Native American songs. We also crafted some headbands and tasted American candies.

A bit of sad news is that, Ms Liske leaves our school. We will miss her a lot and wish her good luck. Ms Zsaki has joined in her place and having her with us is fun as well.

Now we are gearing up for "Lantern fest" and crafting our own special lanterns. We are all excited about our lanterns!

Afternoon Room Team, RC and Year 1

Primary Afternoon Room

Africa and Asia Week

How big is Africa and what makes the dunes in the desert move? Where does silk come from and how many countries are there in Asia? These are some of the many questions that we tried to answer during our journey through the continents.



The project weeks in the Years 2–5 primary afternoon programme during the first two weeks in September covered a wide range of information, games and activities for all the children.

Geography, History and economic development – but also the differences in societies where presented in pictures, music and surprising facts.

"Bildung trifft Entwicklung" – "Education meets Development" is a German government programme that was presented by Mr Frank Schmidt. Many thanks to Mr Schmidt for all the information and fun we had during this time.

USA Week



Many thanks go out to Ms Keeton and Ms Maletz for helping out in the afternoon room during our USA International Week. The children enjoyed exploring the different states, creating their own flags as bookmarks, investigating important landmarks and experiencing the taste of typical American food!

Primary Afternoon Room Team

Operation Christmas Child – The Shoebox Appeal

Each year during the first week of November, the entire school participates in Operation Christmas Child – The Shoebox Appeal. Individually, in groups or as a class, children pack a shoebox full of toys, clothing, goodies and hygiene items to give as a Christmas gift to a child living in poverty. The shoeboxes are collected by the German charity “Weihnachten im Schuhkarton” and shipped to Eastern Europe in time for Christmas! “Weihnachten im Schuhkarton” or “Operation Christmas Child”, as it is internationally known, is a Christian initiative seeking to spread love and joy at Christmas time to children living in poverty. Further information was given in a parents letter sent out last week.



Sarah O'Neill

“Palaverzelt”

The Palaverzelt with Anna Drong & Julia Hesse



We are students from the University and we will introduce and implement a special method for children within our project study "Mediation and Conflict Management", the “Palaverzelt”. This conflict resolution ritual that children supported in difficult disputes and conflicts was developed by Prof. Dr. Ansgar Marx and a team of Kindergarten leaders, teachers and students of the Ostfalia University, between 2007 and 2009, in which it was successfully implemented at several primary schools and kindergartens in Braunschweig and Wolfenbüttel. Prof. Dr. Ansgar Marx was inspired by an African tradition, the Palavermethode. This form of conflict management is used in many places of Africa, which had led to a jointly developed consensus.

We are looking forward to our time at the International School. If you have any questions for us or about the project, we are at your disposal.

Firmenlauf

On 26th August the Braunschweiger Firmenlauf took place. The team of staff members of CJD Braunschweig and Salzgitter was strengthened by Stephen Lewis, Jabari Johnson and Harald Berger from our International School. The run was over 5 km around and in the Eintracht stadium. As you can see: all enjoyed the run very much!



Information about the classes

RC



The Reception Class would like to welcome the parents towards a happy and successful year together. We have started the year with the theme "All About Me", to help children have and reach a high self-esteem, value themselves, their friends and family. In literacy, we have learned the letters s, a, t, with focusing on multisensory learning. In

numeracy, we have started with numbers 1 and 2, while using rhymes and stories. **RC Team**

Year 1

In Maths we had some fun hands-on activities in the past few weeks. For example, we used toothpicks and plasticine to model 2D shapes. It was simple but instructive in getting our Y1 students to focus on specific features such as the corners and the number of sides that define the shapes. We also used our own bodies to build the shapes and made some funny photos which everybody can see in front of our classroom.



Furthermore, in order to learn the mathematical signs for more, less and equal, we built crocodiles' jaws using popsicles and googly eyes. This introductory activity helped our Year 1 students visualise the mathematical signs while letting the right crocodile "eat" the bigger number. Moreover, we learned to use our hand span and plastic cubes while measuring the size of various objects and peers in our class! Maths is fun! **Maja Stamm**

Year 2



Over the last few weeks we were busy talking about rainforest animals. In order to collect facts about rainforest animals, we read quite a few non-fiction books from our school library. In addition, we learned the difference between fiction and non-fiction books. We were all very excited to visit the zoo in Braunschweig, last Tuesday and had the opportunity to see some of the wild animals up-



close and not only in a picture! At the moment, we are working in groups on our favourite jungle animal poster and getting ready for our first oral presentation in front of our peers and teachers. Last but not least...we can't wait to meet Frieda! She is a small dog who will stay and learn with us in our class every day throughout the week!

Maja Stamm

Year 3



In SST, we learned about a balanced diet. We collected different pictures of food and played a food game with them. We divided into house teams and it was a lot of fun. The children belonging to the 'red house' won the game.

In EMR, we collected food to bring to the church next week in order to help the poor people. **Written by Ayman, Kian and Jan**

Year 3 and the class team would like to welcome Ahmet, Hiroshi and Simon to our class. We wish these children and their families a good start in our school.

Year 4

We would like to welcome back all of our Year 4 students! We have some new additions to the class: Felix, Emma and Safaa have joined our year 4 family! We are looking forward to an enjoyable and productive year together. This week, we visited some of the important attractions of Braunschweig. It was very informative. Then, we visited Velaguez's mother's shop. We made some delicious



smoothies and salads, and ate them, too!

Year 4 Class Team

For our classroom, we wanted to have some autumn decoration. My mother and I prepared a nice harvest basket with things from our garden. Also Hannes brought a big pumpkin from his grandfather's garden. Now, everything is nicely decorated and we feel cosy in our classroom.

Written by Felix with the help of Carolina



The Muslims had their annual Eid Mubarak. It is about having fun with your friends, but not just that. It also involves the slaughtering of a sheep., but if there is still food left over, we have to or can give it to the poor people. If you say to somebody Eid Mubarak we will get 20 or 50 €. It is one day where you have to give at least to one person something. My Mum and I prepared a nice basket with candy for the children in my class. **Written by Layan with the help of Nilab**

Year 5

Last week Joseph Baffo, a soccer player from Eintracht Braunschweig, came to visit our class. We asked him a lot of questions and found out that he left Ghana when he was 4 years old and moved to Sweden. Then, 4 months ago he moved to Braunschweig. We also found out that Baffo, became a professional soccer player at the age of 15. At the end of his visit, Joseph Baffo gave everybody bags filled with small gifts. It was so much fun having a player from Eintracht BS visit our class!



Written by Gregor

We welcome three new students to our class this year: Valentine, Filippa and Mahek. They come from Germany, India and from America. In the German Project, we are learning about Child Poverty. It is very interesting. We are also researching about a country of our choice and then we will do a presentation on it.

Written by Araceli

Year 6

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Year 7

Year 7 has started off the school year with a lot of enthusiasm. We are also delighted to introduce two new students to our class: Manolo from Mexico and Nora from Tunisia.

Ms Harms has also added quite a cool acquisition to the Year 7 class room, by donating a 70's style sofa and lamp, so that the students can sit and read in their down time. Luzie quoted: "Now I know how the Simpsons must have felt sitting on their sofa".



Year 8

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Year 9 / Year 10

Year 9 and 10 took part in the IGCSE Kick-off, which was held at the Chancengarten, as a part of a team building exercise. Different activities

such as, Ms Hewitt's language station, which revealed the most ridiculous role-play. Seeing your partners trying to become a particular object with kids toys was hilarious, and Ms Harms taught Math in the most disgusting way, where they had to solve mathematical problems by sticking their hands in wall paper paste. These were just a few of the fun activities that they participated in. While the students were enjoying a BBQ meal of sizzling sausages and salad for lunch, others had an opportunity to participate in Archery.

The last activity of the day was Geo catching, where students were divided into teams and given clues to solve what would eventually lead them back to the Chancengarten. Fun was had by all despite some of them getting lost.

Hazel Hewitt



Senior School

IB Diploma Geography Internal Assessment presentation



The students of Year 11 proudly presented their Geography Internal Assessment to students from year 9-11 during the last Secondary Assembly on 12th October.

Their topic on "International Migrants in Braunschweig" was a very interesting and a challenging one. Geography coursework is based on an investigation of some kind, and must therefore have an aim and either a hypothesis (or hypotheses) or a research

question. The time it takes will depend partly on how familiar the student (researcher) is with any relevant background material, the student's skill set, and on the complexity of the idea. Students were very well prepared under the able guidance of their teacher Dr. Sengupta. The questionnaire was well designed according to the expected standards and the survey was planned in advance with pre-acquired data from the relevant departments and agencies. The best part of the whole presentation was the question and answer session from students of year 9-11 which was answered very professionally and to the point from the group. This was quite motivating for the students who had an insight into what is expected when it comes to quality Internal Assessments.

We wish all the best for the students in their final internal assessments.

Naresh Seetharam

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