

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

December 20th:  
Free Dress Day

December 20th:  
Christmas Disco G3 - MYP

December 21st:  
Start of the Winter Holidays

January 9th:  
Back to school!

January 21st:  
Open Day

January 23rd-27th:  
Book Week

January 31st:  
Parent Class rep meeting



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## End of Term

We've arrived at the end of the First Term of the School year and many targets have already been reached. Portfolios will be sent home with the PYP students during the winter break and I invite you to browse through them with your children. It is a wonderful time to discuss achievements and successes.

Numerous school fieldtrips have taken place in recent months with our school buses and private buses, as well as with public transportation.

The Middle School students have had Summative Assessments in all subjects and two Units of Inquiry have been completed in the PYP-Elementary. Our younger students in the PYP, the Early Years, have concluded their first challenging, cross-discipline themed unit "Who We Are".

I am sure that everyone's anticipation will be building over the next two weeks, and I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful holiday. In general, not a lot of homework will be given, but we do strongly recommend getting lost in some good books.



Winter Show dress rehearsal in full swing!

## Winter Show

Thank you for the large and lively attendance at our two Winter Shows and for having taken the opportunity to share with your children many moments of sheer joy and excitement.

Everything was made possible by the dedication of our teachers. I'd especially like to thank Ms. Stefania who coordinated the music, Ms. Linda, who served as director, and Mr. Beddows for his role as the audio/video technician. As always, this year's international snack, organized and provided by the ISCParents, was terrific and a huge success.

One of our parents, with the help of a professional videographer, offered to record the show for the production of a DVD which will be ready for distribution in mid-January. Those of you interested in purchasing a copy, please use the pre-order form that was sent by the School Secretary.

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Grade 1 masterpiece

IB Headquarters in The Hague



## Art Teacher

Next Tuesday we say a temporary farewell to our beloved Art teacher, Mrs. Nikki De Marco, who is going on maternity leave. I would like to personally thank her for the dedication and professionalism she showed in the past few months. In the short time since starting with us, she was able to fully instill the joys of art in our students. Thanks to her we have a beautiful collection of both younger and older students' work; done individually as well as in groups. I would really love hold a show to exhibit these pieces, and I'd like to ask for the help of the ISCParents to make this happen. All our best wishes go to Mrs. Nikki, her son Federico of Kinder, and to Dad, for the new arrival in the family.



Ms. Lory Laureti will replace Ms. Nikki during her maternity leave. Since September the two teachers have collaboratively planned for a smooth transition in order to facilitate educational continuity and Ms. Lory has already done a few lessons together with Ms. Nikki. Our new teacher has many years of teaching experience in various fields, and lived for several years in the UK where she received her diploma in Art and Design and attended training courses at the School of Art Therapy Tobias in East Grinstead.

## MYP Technology Program

Starting in January the Middle School students will begin their technical drawing module which is part of the Technology program. Prof. Enrico Redaelli has been hired to teach these lessons for all three Middle School classes. The professor also teaches at the Middle School here in Fino Morasco where our students will take the Italian standardized exams at the end of the school year.

## IB's New Headquarters

Last weekend I attended a training course at the new IB International Baccalaureate headquarters, in The Hague, Netherlands. The IB transferred their operations from Geneva in September, and I must say that I did not expect such a distinguished and prominent site. Particularly high tech, the new structure is organized so as to be in constant contact with their offices in other regions: Vancouver, New York and Buenos Aires for IB America, and Singapore and Hong Kong for IB Asia and Pacific.

## Food Drive

The House Teams Food Drive, coordinated by Mr. Beddows, has had excellent results and has, above all, been a real opportunity for our students to put into practice the values expressed within the Learner Profile.

The Student Council has decided to donate the goods which have been collected to the association Centro Aiuto alla Vita.

Two Student Council representatives and the House Captains will personally deliver the Food Drive donation boxes to the association's headquarters at Via Cesare Battisti in Como this coming Monday morning. It's nice to be able to celebrate together the achievement of this common objective. Well done!

Transition masterpiece



## Book Fair: the results are in the books

The results are in; success! Hosting a Book Fair is always a lively endeavor for ISC and this year's was particularly rewarding as it was the first of its kind in the new Library. It was also "a first" for working together with UK bookseller, The Book Team. Feedback was quite positive from our students and staff, as well as from parents. Your support through the buying of books was of great significance as your purchases translated into the school earning a much appreciated commission. This credit was used, together with a contribution from the school, to buy over 40 books which were chosen by our teachers from Kinder through the Middle School. We are happy to announce that we have organized for our next Book Fair to take place during Book Week. Our regional Usborne Organiser, Ms. Sandy, will visit us once again for a two day fair on January 26th and 27th to end our weeklong activities. We will once again encourage your participation in expanding your home libraries – it helps us expand ISC's collections at the same time.

### Holiday School Office Hours

During the Winter Holidays the school office will remain open during normal business hours on days which are not National Holidays.

**Wishing you a fantastic and relaxing vacation I'd like to say to you all, Happy Holidays!**

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