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## NEWSLETTER 19

Dear Parents

Our Red Ribbon Appeal on behalf of the **people of Haiti**, with all the devastation created by the earthquake, raised 1774PLN which has now been given the Red Cross in Kraków. Thank you very, very much for all your generous contributions – this has been a fantastic response from our students.

The **Advisory Board** met yesterday evening. We worked on the Code of Conduct for Parents and we will have a document for you after half term. As part of this discussion, we also talked about the issue of children arriving late in school. While lateness itself affects the education process, we were also concerned that all students at school should be on the register of attendance. If we do not know which children are in school, how can we be sure all children are safe if there is an emergency? With this in mind, we are going to introduce a new system for children who arrive after 8:35 – there will be more information on this next week.

Remember to sign up for the **Kangaroo Maths Competition** by the end of next week if you want to take part!

There is a **cake tin** in the Year 3 classroom left over from the Bake a Cake sale last week. Is it yours?

There will be **Ice skating** this week on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> February.

Next week we have Mock Exams for Year 11 and IB2. This is an important opportunity for them to practice in preparation for the real thing. The following week is our Mid Term break and I am sure they will have earned themselves a rest by then!

Best wishes

Jonathan Merrett  
Head of School

Yr 4, 5 and 6 Opera Club - Tuesday Lunchtimes 1.15-1.45

We had the first meeting of our new opera club on Tuesday this week. It was a real pleasure to see so many enthusiastic volunteers. To remind everyone - our aim is to create and perform a small opera using text written by the children. News will follow as and when we have more to report.  
Mr Davidson, Music

## PTA Newsletter

*Dear all,*

*I would like to thank all the participants to the Parent –teacher evening that took place last Saturday.*

*It was a great success. And for those who still doubt about the saying “Like father, like son”, I can guarantee that parents and teachers are as talented as their children and pupils.*

*“BISC’S GOT TALENT”!!! Indeed, both parents and teachers proved joyfully how talented they all are!!!*

*By the way, I am still in need of parents willing to join the Forum of Professions. It can be a good experience for you too!! You can sign up in the hall.*

*Have a nice weekend.*

*Best regards,*

*Sylvie Ayivi*

# BISC students from Year 3 up to IB2 are invited to participate in the Kangaroo Maths Competition!

## **When does it happen?**

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, in the morning.

## **Where does it happen?**

In the school.

## **How much does it cost?**

5 PLN for students in Year 3, 8 PLN for students in Year 4 up to IB2.

## **What does the fee cover?**

Postage, test copies & prizes.

## **What are the prizes?**

All participants will receive diplomas, and the high scorers may receive prizes like books, board games, calculators, etc. However, the best prize is the thrill of competing with thousands of students worldwide, solving challenging and interesting maths problems.

## **What to bring?**

A soft #2 pencil, a black pen & a ruler. You may also bring other maths tools, e.g. a protractor, a compass, but do not bring a calculator. You will not be allowed to use it.

## **What's on the test?**

It's a Multiple Choice test with up to 30 questions at three levels of difficulty. There are different tests for different age categories. The questions are in English, about numbers, patterns, shapes, logical puzzles... (algebra and geometry).

## **Where can I find more information and problems to practice?**

Check out the websites: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mathematical\\_Kangaroo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mathematical_Kangaroo) , [http://www.math.concordia.ab.ca/kangaroo/index.php?kn\\_mod=samples](http://www.math.concordia.ab.ca/kangaroo/index.php?kn_mod=samples) , <http://www.mathkangaroo.com/2010page/kangur/Tests%20&%20more.htm> ask your form tutor or see Mrs. Tokarz, Secondary Maths Teacher. She has plenty of practice problems to share with you. ☺

## **When is the deadline to sign up?**

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2010, the last day before half-term break.

## **Who should I pay the fee to?**

Bring in the completed form below and the money to Ms. Marta in the office or to Mrs. Tokarz, the Secondary Maths Teacher.

*If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or by e-mail at [teachers@bisc.krakow.pl](mailto:teachers@bisc.krakow.pl)*

*Hope to see you there,  
Anna Tokarz, Secondary Maths Teacher, BISC*

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## **Kangaroo Maths Competition**

My son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_, Year \_\_\_\_\_ will participate  
(name) (class)

in the Kangaroo Maths Competition organized at BISC on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

I include the fee of 5 PLN\* (Year 3) / 8 PLN\* (Year 4 up to IB2) \*circle the right amount.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_