



18th September 2009

NEWSLETTER 3

Dear Parents

I hope as many of you as possible will attend the **PTA picnic** tomorrow – there is more information on this in the PTA newsletter which is later in this document. It is an excellent opportunity to meet other parents and families.

Parents of children in Years 5 and 6, who need to get to the **Gym for 8:30 on Monday morning**, should note that Mr Bogdan and Ms Ania are there from 8:00. They are able to look after your children if you need to get their brothers or sisters to school.

Are there any parents among you who would like to have **English lessons**? If so, please contact the Office.

And are there any families who are looking for **help at the weekend**? One of our IB students, aged 18, is looking for work at the weekends – child minding, cooking, cleaning, anything that might need doing around the house. Please contact the Office if you could use her help.

A number of parents have raised concerns about the **timetable** at the start of this term. In setting the timetable we have to take many things into consideration and it is a very difficult balance between meeting individual needs, meeting the needs of the class and sharing out the resources of the school equally.

Our first priority in devising the timetable is to ensure that all students have a broad and balanced experience of the International curriculum in English - this is our most important function as an international school.

Our next most important priority is ensuring that MEN programme students and native speakers receive the necessary support.

This creates a very full timetable in itself. As a result, some things are not possible – for example, In Primary School another foreign language may not be possible if students are already fully involved in the above two programmes, as there is just not enough time in the school day. Again, as a school we have to consider groups and classes of children, not just individuals, and we cannot always be as flexible with individual children as their parents would like us to be.

In conclusion, I would like to assure you that we try to think through all possible options before drawing up the timetable and that we do take notice of comments made to us. Not, maybe, in the current year, as once the timetable is drawn up it is very hard to change, but certainly as we plan the timetable for the following year.

With all best wishes

Jonathan Merrett
Head of School

MINI TENNIS CLASSES - NURSERY - YEAR 2

TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL 3:30 - 4:15

Children will be introduced to the game of tennis by learning basic racquet skills and playing fun games!

Sign-up soon as classes start in October.

For additional information contact Katina Kristofik on 505059821 or email katina777@hotmail.com

PTA Newsletter

Dear all,

During the last meeting we dealt with the following topics

▶ The canteen commission will meet in a few weeks, since the canteen service has only started.

▶ CPRs have begun collecting for the "PTA fund", please do not forget to see your CPRs for that matter.

▶ We agreed on spending some of the PTA money on field trips (e.g. museums for the primary or end of the term events for the secondary pupils). The PTA will first sponsor one trip for each class up to 50 % of the cost (within the limit of a reasonable sum, of course)

▶ In answer to a question raised at the last meeting, parents must be informed that the secondary pupils are always supervised during their break time, on the fourth floor, by a teacher on duty and are welcome to stay inside their classroom (having a game of chess, listening to music or whatsoever), as long as they remain quiet.

The PTA thought about arranging the back courtyard with chairs and 2 tables for pupils of the secondary so that they could take some fresh air within the school if they wished. For this we would like to know if somebody could donate some furniture. Or would you agree if the PTA contributed to get some?

▶ Do not forget our first important event: **The BARBECUE, at ulica Zywiecka 13, Stadion KS Borek, tomorrow, Saturday the 19th. It will start at 12.00 and finish at 16:00.**

▶ **The first Bake-a-cake day will be on Friday the 25th. Please give 2 to 4 pln to your children. They like spending money on homemade cakes.**

The next meeting will be on Monday 28th September at 8.40 at the library.

You and your ideas are, of course, all welcome.

Best regards,
Sylvie Ayivi