



25th September 2009

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Dear Parents

The **PTA picnic** was a lovely afternoon occasion last Saturday and I would like to thank the PTA and Mrs Ayivi for their work in making it happen. There is more information from the PTA at the end of this Newsletter.....

We have two **Art Competitions** currently underway. There is the **BISC Photography Competition** which is just starting and there is more information on our website. The competition is open to students aged 15 and above and is being advertised in schools around Kraków. The competition will close at the end of November and a panel of judges will select the winners. We are arranging an exhibition in a public space in Kraków – more details to follow. If you know of any company that might be interested in helping sponsor this competition – donating a prize, helping with the costs of advertising the competition etc. – please get in touch.

The second competition is being organized by a book publisher and is for all students from reception to IB - the **Paddington Bear** art competition. Any size of art work, in any media, showing the famous literary Bear, must be submitted to Ms Kasia by 10th October. The winner will have their picture on the cover of the next Paddington Bear storybook. Each art work must have the name, age and contact details of the artist on the back. We will send the ten best works from our school in to the competition!

We ask that all students change out of their school clothes for PE (Gym). We prefer that they all wear a **teeshirt** with the school logo on it and there is a form provided at the end of this letter again that enables you to order one (or two, if you wish). Please note, the number on the order form refers to the height of your child in centimetres.

Rollerblading on Thursdays finished this week. From next Thursday there is **ice skating** instead! The sessions will be held at the big ice-skating rink behind Hala Targowa on ul. Siedleckiego 7, from 16:00 to 17:00, for children from the Reception class upwards. Parents must make their own arrangements to drop off and pick up the children at these times and parents with children under the age of 8 must stay at the rink. Skates can be hired at the rink. All children must dress warmly (it is very cold there!). Primary students and hockey players must wear helmets.

The **BISC Advisory Board** met last Wednesday evening. Your Parent Representatives are Mr Ribeiro, Mrs Welch, Mrs Ayivi, Mr Das, Mr Dziwniel and Mr Kim (absent on this occasion) and they met with Mrs Peplinska (Teacher Rep), Mr Oginski (Owner) and me. Mr Dziwniel was elected as Chair for the year. The minutes of the meeting will be sent to all members of the school community soon, in accordance with the usual practice. The Board, though, is keen to discuss with the owners of the school, in the forum of the Advisory Board meetings, issues that affect parents and that come from parents. If there are any matters that you would like raised at the Advisory Board, and put on the agenda, please send it to the School Office (school@bisc.krakow.pl).

There is a school in Bochnia, Szkoła Podstawowa Nr4, that has a deal with the makers of Tetley Tea. If they can collect enough of the yellow labels on the ends of tea bags (the dry bit, not the wet bit!) the company will donate a new wheelchair to one of their pupils. If you use Yellow Label tea can you please save the little labels and send them to us – we will then send them on to the school.

As we approach the end of the first month of school, I hope that all our students are now feeling settled and secure in their new classes. I have asked the class and form teachers to ensure that all families new to the school are contacted to make sure that their children are happy in their new environment – if this does not happen next week please feel free to contact either myself or the teaching staff. And if there are any concerns or worries, of any sort, within any family, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Merrett (for primary matters) or myself (for Secondary or general school matters). We are here to help – but we can only help to make things better if we are made aware of problems!

With all best wishes

Jonathan Merrett
Head of School

MINI TENNIS CLASSES - NURSERY to YEAR 1 - 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

FOR SALE through one of our teachers – a Subaru Outback Wagon 2007 in excellent condition, 4-speed automatic transmission, metallic harvest gold in colour, 12000km on the clock, 2.5l, 173-horse power engine, petrol fuelled. Asking price of 75000zł. For more information call Mark on 515062157.

✂ Please return this slip to the School Office

BISC T Shirts for Physical Education lessons

Please indicate the number and size of T-shirts you require and enclose the necessary money (15PLN per T-shirt).

104 (XS)

116

128

140

152

164 (S)

170 (M)

180 (L)

185 (XL)

Family name _____

PTA newsletter

Dear Parents and Teachers,

First of all, I would like to **thank you** for your participation in the school barbecue. Without you it wouldn't have been so successful. Also a big thank you to **Genji restaurant** for its support. You can consult their website on www.genji.pl

Genji restaurant will, once again, help organizing our casual Parent-Teacher evening (*without children this time*) by offering its venue on Friday, October 9th at 7.00 pm. It is located at Ulica Dietla 55. They will provide us with a private room and there will be the opportunity to purchase drinks from their bar and food from their restaurant. This event, in the past, has been a successful and fun evening, socializing over a few drinks.

Do not forget the next PTA meeting **on Monday, September 28th at 8.40** am in the library. We will finalize our agenda and projects for the coming months.

Thank you for reading the newsletter. Have a nice weekend.

Best regards,
Sylvie Ayivi.