



9<sup>th</sup> October 2009

## NEWSLETTER 5

Dear Parents

We had a minute of quiet in school last Tuesday when we remembered Mr Peter Chollet, our former ICT teacher. He was only with us for a very short time and his dying was a great shock to us all. Our thoughts are still with his family and friends.

The **Paddington Bear Art Competition** closes on Monday. Ms Kasia will be choosing the 10 candidates to represent the school and will let us know who they are in next week's Newsletter. The rest of the entries will be displayed on the stairway next week.

**Calling all poetry lovers!** Keep a space in your diary on Thursday evening, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at Massolit Bookshop because students from Years 7, 8 and 9 will be performing some funny poems there. Come and enjoy an evening of poetry in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Some other **dates for your diaries:**

November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	The importance of being Earnest – the drama production by the IB Theatre students
December 16 <sup>th</sup> 13:00	The annual School Concert at the Manggha Centre
January 10 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup>	The annual school Ski Trip – you will find a special letter about this at the end of the Newsletter. Please return the form promptly!

Please note that the **Administration Office** will be open from 8:00 to 15:00 during the month of October.

**PE Tee shirts** can still be ordered through the school office – we will be ordering them so they arrive after half term.

In the **Secondary section** of the school, we have a lesson called PSHE. This takes place every other week, on Wednesday mornings, as the alternative to going to the Gym. This lesson is always taken by the Form Tutor and, most weeks, also involves the classes in coming together for assembly. The title PSHE stands for Personal, Social and Health Education and the purpose of the time is to give the class the opportunity to discuss issues, to get to know each other better and for the teacher to talk about any problems the class is facing. It is therefore a very special lesson and we hope that it gives the students the opportunity to grow in other, less academic, ways. If there are ever issues that you, as parents, feel should be discussed in this context then please let us know.

With all best wishes

Jonathan Merrett  
Head of School

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## SKI CAMP 2010

This year's annual ski camp has been booked! It will take place from January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, and we will be staying in Krynica. We will leave Kraków early on the Sunday morning and use the afternoon to organise rooms, skis and explore the locality. We will then have five very full days of skiing before we return to Kraków on the Friday, getting back to Kraków in the evening. We will be driving out of Krynica to a ski station where skiing conditions are excellent, with slopes ranging from beginner to advanced and a very high likelihood of snow during the winter months. This particular station which we will be using also has snow machines. The accommodation is excellent, of hotel standard, and the students will share rooms in threes – the hotel will be used exclusively by our school at this time. Close to the hotel there is a swimming pool and outdoor play facilities. Breakfast and evening meal is in the form of a Swedish buffet.

Though this is called a ski camp we are also able to provide snowboard tuition. However, snowboard tuition is limited to secondary students only. It is also important to note that we will be out all day on the slopes (from 9:00 to 16:00) – this camp is for serious skiers who want to learn how to ski or improve their skills!

The cost of the ski camp will be 1400 PLN per child, as long as there are at least 45 participants. If there are fewer, the price may go up. This price includes the following: meals at the hotel, daily use of ski lifts and slopes (including pass), daily tuition from professional ski instructors, insurance for each child, and transport to and from Krynica. A Polish physician or nurse will be accompanying our children this year. The cost of hiring skis/snowboards is around 200PLN per pupil; this is not included in the above cost. There will be the opportunity for parents to order equipment nearer the date of the Camp. Half of the camp fee (700PLN), as well as the signed return slip, must be returned to the School Office by 19<sup>th</sup> October. The remainder of the fee (700PLN) is due by 15<sup>th</sup> December.

As this is a very popular resort, we need to make the reservations for January as soon as possible and the hotel has given us clear deadlines for the fees. Therefore, could parents of the children interested please respect the deadlines.

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I give permission for my child/children (named below) to participate in the BISC Ski Camp 2009. I agree to provide the required fees – **700PLN by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October**, and **700 PLN by Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

In the event of cancellation, I understand that the whole of the camp fee is non-refundable.

Name of child 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Name of child 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## PTA newsletter

Friday, October 9th, 2009

Dear Parents and Teachers,

**Food, fun, drinks at Genji's tonight** (at ul.Dietla 55 at 7.00 pm). **You will not only have a fun time but you will also have the opportunity to win great prizes from our (free) tombola;** aroma therapy massages from DHARMATA ([www.dharmata.home.pl](http://www.dharmata.home.pl)), Lunch gifts from GENJI ([www.genji.pl](http://www.genji.pl)), vouchers from ROMAN ([www.salonroman.pl](http://www.salonroman.pl)), and many other surprises.

Some parents went to the school canteen every day last week. The first impressions were positive.

- The food comes in clean containers, is hot and is nice (some mothers tasted it).
- The children have time to eat (if they do not chat too much) and the teachers make sure "our dear children" eat in a good environment. Thank you.
- For parents whose children bring their own food, please write your child's name on his lunch box so that it is easier for the personnel.

Mrs Klosinski and I paid a visit to the school caterer last Wednesday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. All in all, it was almost in order. Nonetheless we asked the director to make some modifications concerning the hygiene and the menus. We inquired about the origin of the food, etc... The last sanitary control was done one day before we visited.

**We shall go there again very soon, without notice this time, to check on the progress made.**

**Bake-a-cake on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of October for the Nursery.** Give a few zlotys to your children.

The PTA is organizing a Halloween party (from Y1 to Y7) on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at Figa (ul.Lea) from 11.00 till 14.00. The participation fee will be of 10PLN per child. For organizational reasons, and as the number of places is limited, please sign up with Marta (the school secretary) **before Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November.**

**The next PTA meeting will be on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> October at 8.40 at the library.**

Best regards,  
Sylvie Ayivi.