



NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming dates:

Tuesday February 2nd: Welcome Coffee Morning
Wednesday February 3rd: Didactic outing to the Conservatory in Milan for G2, G3 and G4
Wednesday February 3rd to Friday February 5th: Field trip for G5 and G6
Thursday February 4th and Friday February 5th: Mountain excursion for MYP1
Friday February 5th at 9:15am: IB Self-Study report on the Parents Commission
Tuesday February 9th: Meeting with parent class representatives
Wednesday February 10th: Carneval Snack organised by ISCparents
Thursday February 11th: Student's Chinese New Year celebration
Friday February 12th: Reports handed out
February 15th to 19th: School closed for ski week

“The aim of education should be to teach us rather how to think, than what to think - rather to improve our minds, so as to enable us to think for ourselves, than to load the memory with thoughts of other men” ~ [Bill Beattie](#) ~

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Student Reports

On Friday February 12th you will receive your children's reports. This report is a detailed description of progress made by your child during the first semester of the school year. There are two different formats of the student reports: one is for the Kindergarten and Transition classes and one for the Elementary classes, which is obviously more subject-specific.

In the first part of the report there is a commentary that is a global evaluation of the personal aptitudes and the characteristics of the Learner Profile. After that are the evaluations regarding the learning of the various subjects, divided in three levels, and a summary of the Units of Inquiry that have been carried out and completed. The process of verification and evaluation is very strict and the teachers have invested a great deal of time in filling out the reports. I believe the student reports to be exhaustive and express clear indications of the level of learning of each student. If you wish to comment or go more into depth regarding any aspect of the report, you will be able to set up an appointment with the class teacher during the week following the ski week holiday.

The Middle School Student Reports will be handed out in March as an intermediate report has been delivered in mid-December.

The Parent Committees Prepare for the IB Visit

For the last couple of months, in various days and times, our school has been animated by groups of parents who have met with Ms. Monique in order to analyze and reflect upon the implementation of the IB Standards. The analysis has drawn to a close and I believe that the lavished contribution and commitment have been excellent. A general meeting has been set for Friday February 5th at 9:15 am in order to share thoughts about this experience. I think that this is an intriguing transit and of course you are all invited to participate.

My personal tank go to all those parents who have dedicated their time, energy and passion, your help is vital for the increased quality of our school!

Fundraising Initiative for Haiti

An International school which educates children to contribute to the improvement of the world (according to the IBO Mission) cannot remain indifferent to what has happened to the people of Haiti. We educate all the children, even the very small ones, to take care of those in need of help, the “Service” of humanity is one of the explicit educational goals of the MYP programme for the Middle School.

In this spiritv of “Service” we are thinking of organising a fundraising event, one of our parents is deicetly in contact with the organisers of the RAVA Foundation that assists poor children in Italy and the world and represents the N.P.H.-Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (Our Little Brothers) in Italy www.nphitalia.org/ . This foundation is busy gathering funds for sanitary assistance for the first stage of emergency. If you wish to help organize this event, you may contact me directly by email or telephone. I will be consulting with the ISCParents as well.

Music For Parents

Ms. Diana, who is mother to Oliviero, Matilda and Giuseppe, is offering the parents of our school the opportunity of going to a live concert of PAUL BADURA-SKODA, who is one of the great pianists of our time, a legendary artist who has performed in concerts in the world’s greatest concert halls and has sold records. The concert will be held in a private club in Lissone (MI) on Monday February 8th at 9:00 pm, and the artist will perform the music of Chopin. The concert is by invitation only, offered by Ms. Diana. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Paola by Tuesday February 2nd.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance and could also be an excellent “social moment” for the families at ISC.

Ms Silvia

Our Italian teacher for Grades 1-4, Ms Silvia, will be absent from school during the week from February 8th to the 12th to go on her honeymoon. Our warmest wishes to the bride and the groom, Giorgio! Ms. Serena and I will be covering Ms. Silvia’s classes during the week.

Discipline and House System

We care about raising our children with a sense of responsibility and awareness of proper behaviour. As you well know, we believe that reinforcing and supporting positive behavior to be more effective than punishment. I ask you to read the attached letter that illustrates the discussion held during the weekly student assembly held last week.

I wish you a serene weekend and send my best regards.

E. Ferloni
ISC Principal