

Newsletter



International School of Bologna

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Forthcoming dates:

May 10th, 11th, 12th – Sign up for Student Led Conferences
Wednesday May 12th 9:00 a.m. – Parents Association AGM
Friday May 14th – Parents Curriculum Meeting Mathematics
Friday May 21st – Student Led Conferences (no lessons)

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Dear Parents,

Student Led Conferences – Friday May 21

A Student Led Conference is an opportunity for you as a parent to acknowledge and celebrate your child's learning. It is an opportunity for your child to think and speak clearly about what they do in school. During the conference, your child will show you work they have selected and lead you through a variety of activities around the class. There will be questions to guide you in helping your child reflect on their learning with you. The conference is designed to be a sharing experience with you and your child. Any issues or concerns that you would like to raise with your child's teacher should be done through an appointment at another time. The class teacher will help if there are any questions; however, your child will be the one "in-charge" of the conference.

There will be a sign up sheet in the Long Green Room on the 10th, 11th & 12th of May

In the next newsletter (Friday 14th May) will be more focused on what will happen in the conference.

Re Registration

Please, as a matter of urgency, ensure that you re-register your child for next year. Classes in the Early Years are filling very quickly.

Internal Working Committees

The school, as part of its on going programme of self improvement has been divided into three working groups – each with a specific mandate to change and improve aspects of the school's programme or organization:

1. **Reporting to Parents:** This group is reviewing the present Reporting system and will advocate making changes to ensure that the bi annual report better reflects the progress of the students and gives more relevant information to parents.
2. **Programme Of Inquiry:** The Evaluation of our programme by the IBO indicated that the school's Programme of Inquiry should reflect more balance. Inferred in this statement was the fact the school needed more units of work with an emphasis on scientific learning. This committee is working to ensure that we do have a better "balance" to our Programme of Inquiry.
3. **Guiding Statements:** The school has to review the guiding statements that underpin its operations – statements of Mission, Philosophy and Objectives. This committee is working to changing our

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present statements to better reflect what the school is and what it represents after five years of operations. There is a parent group also working on this topic.

All three of these committees will be reporting any changes to parents at a Parent Information Meeting – this meeting is scheduled for Friday 11th June.

School Picnic

Parents may have noted on the Events calendar I had marked School Picnic. I have visited at least four possible venues and had others suggested but the reality is that taking a hundred and seventeen students aged between 2 and 11 years of age to a suitable venue poses huge logistical problems – mostly to do with health and safety. I do not want to abandon the idea completely and so have suggested that we might try the idea early next year as a “Welcome” to both new and returning parents but at a different time in the day allowing perhaps parents to attend after work. I would like to acknowledge the work and efforts of both Carolina Spota Paolucci and Claudia Thyssen Bertolini to make this idea work. They have both spent a great deal of time checking suitable places but in the final analysis I had to make the decision to postpone.

Reminder

Wednesday 12th – The Parents Association AGM starting at 9:00.p.m.

Cycle Tours

The "Gelati e Ciclabili" bicycle evening tours in Bologna (from May 15 to September 22, this year) are ready to start again this year. Parents may care to enjoy the city from a different point of view. Please find below the links to the leaflet describing this activity in several languages.

Italian language :http://www.montesolebikegroup.it/pdf/Gelati_e_ciclabili_2010.pdf

English language:

http://www.montesolebikegroup.it/pdf/Gelati%20e%20ciclabili%202010_volantino_inglese.pdf

Dates for Your Calendar

May

Monday 10 th	Sign Up Student Led Conferences
Tuesday 11 th	Sign Up Student Led Conferences
Wednesday 12 th	Sign Up Student Led Conferences Parents Association AGM 9:00 a.m.
Friday 14 th	Parents Curriculum Mtg. Mathematics
Friday 21 st	Student Led Conferences (no lessons that day)

June

Wednesday 2 nd	School Closed (National Holiday)
Friday 11 th	Parent Meeting related to Changes to Reporting, Mission Statements & Programme of Inquiry
Wednesday 9 th	School Fair (details soon)
Friday 18 th	Final Report sent home (by hand)
Friday 25 th	ES 5 Graduation School closed at 12:30.p.m.

With best wishes,

Conal Atkins
Principal
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Menu

Early Years 1
10-14 May

Monday

Gobbetti olio e parmigiano
Tacchino arrosto
Fagiolini all'olio

Tuesday

Risotto con i piselli
Filetto di pesce gratinato al pom.
Pomodori in insalata

Wednesday

Pasta e fagioli
Svizzera di vitellone al limone
Patate gratinate

Thursday

Pennette al pomodoro fresco
Paillard ai ferri
Carote filangé

Friday

Ditaloni pomodoro e basilico
Tortino di patate e prosciutto
Insalata verde

Menu

Early Years 2-4
10-14 May

Monday

Pasta al pomodoro
Tacchino arrosto
Fagiolini all'olio

Tuesday

Pizza margherita
Prosciutto cotto e formaggio
Insalata verde

Wednesday

Pasta e fagioli
Svizzera di vitellone al limone
Patate gratinate

Thursday

Gramigna all'olio e parmigiano
Paillard ai ferri
Carote filangé

Friday

Pasta al pomodoro e basilico
Filetto di pesce gratinato
Insalata verde

Menu

Elementary
10-14 May

Monday

Pasta olio e parmigiano
Tacchino arrosto
Insalata

Tuesday

Pizza margherita
Emmenthal
Pomodori in insalata

Wednesday

Pasta e fagioli
Svizzera di vitellone
Patate gratinate

Thursday

Gnocchi pomodoro e basilico
Frittata di fagiolini
Spinaci all'olio

Friday

Risotto alle verdure
Pesce al forno
Insalata