

# Newsletter



International School of Bologna

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May 14, 2010

## Forthcoming dates:

**Friday May 21<sup>st</sup>** – Student Led Conferences (no lessons)

**Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>** – National Holiday – No lessons

**Wednesday Jun 9<sup>th</sup>** – School Fair (details soon)

**Friday June 11<sup>th</sup>** – Parent Meeting related to Changes in Reporting, Mission Statement and Programme of Inquiry

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Dear Parents

## **Re-Registration**

Again I urge parents to re-register their children for the new school year. There is a certain amount of pressure in the Early Years classes for places. Some classes are almost complete for the new school year. Please confirm your intentions by completing the re-registration process.

## **Guiding Statements**

During the past months groups of parents and teachers have been working on revising the school's Mission Statement and Philosophy. I would like to thank the parents who managed to attend any of the three meetings that were held – their input was invaluable. I have posted the draft Mission and Philosophy statements on the school intranet site. Please take the time to read these statements and I welcome constructive suggestions and ideas. Please log in the usual manner:

[http://www.isbologna.com/teachers/class\\_documents/james\\_webmaster/](http://www.isbologna.com/teachers/class_documents/james_webmaster/)

## **Student Led Conferences – Friday May 21**

### **Student Led Conferences**

There is still an opportunity to attend the Student Led Conferences on Friday 21st. This is an opportunity for your child to demonstrate their learning. If you would like make the time please contact the school office and times will be scheduled in. This is a very tangible way to support your child's learning.

### **Why do we have Student Led Conferences?**

Student Led Conferences are an important part of the reporting cycle during the school year. This is a time for your child to share their learning with you. By reflecting upon their learning, students are developing the skills needed to 'learn how to learn'.

### **What will happen?**

Our students have, with their teachers, prepared very thoroughly for this day and are excited about having this time with you. The conference will start in your child's classroom and will last approximately 45 minutes. During this time your child will lead you through a variety of activities. The class teacher will be in the room to help focus and guide your child, if needed, however, your child will be the one "in-charge" of the conference. When the conference is finished, your child will take you to the Italian room and Art Room.

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## What is your role in the Conference?

To help you support your child we have listed a few suggestions below.

- Ask your child the questions provided to help focus your child, and to support reflection and discussion about learning.
- Focus on your child (even though there may be other parents in the room).
- We ask that you turn off your mobile phone during this time.
- Be positive – focus on what your child is wanting to share with you, i.e.: accurate spelling may not be the focus of the selected work.
- Focus on what your child is saying and allow him / her to be ‘in charge’ of the conference.

### Please note:

The conference is designed to be a sharing experience with you and your child. This is not a time for Parent/Teacher Conference. Any issues or concerns that you would like to raise with your child’s teacher should be done through an appointment at another time.

## Child Care

To enable you to focus on your child’s conference without distraction, we are offering a child minding service in the library. You will be able to leave siblings in the library for the duration of your child’s conference.

## Music Heaven Bologna 2010

From Tuesday 11 to Monday 17 May, it takes place "Bologna 2010 Music Heaven": live performances, major concerts, presentations and parties dedicated to guitar invade the most significant and evocative city. The major event of this first edition is dedicated to the guitar "Ultimate Guitar World Exhibition", with a free concert scheduled for Saturday, May 15, at 20, Piazza Maggiore.

For more info, please visit the website: <http://www.musicheavenbologna.it>

## Dates for Your Calendar

### May

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Student Led Conferences (no lessons that day)

### June

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> School Closed (National Holiday)

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> School Fair (details soon)

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Parent Meeting related to Changes to Reporting,  
Mission Statements & Programme of Inquiry

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Final Report sent home (by hand)

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> ES 5 Graduation  
School closed at 12:30 p.m.

With best wishes,

Conal Atkins  
Principal  
International School of Bologna

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## Menu

Early Years 1  
17-21 May

### Monday

Gobbetti al sugo di carne  
Tritata di manzo agli odori  
Pomodori in insalata

### Tuesday

Passato di verdure con riso  
Lombo alle verdure  
Patate all'olio

### Wednesday

Pasta all'olio e parmigiano  
Polpettone farcito  
Carote filangé

### Thursday

Riso al pomodoro  
Pesce in crosta di patate  
Zucchine all'olio

### Friday

Pasta al pomodoro e piselli  
Frittata con asparagi  
Insalata verde

## Menu

Early Years 2-4  
17-21 May

### Monday

Pasta al ragù  
Tritata di manzo agli odori  
Pomodori in insalata

### Tuesday

Crema di cereali e legumi  
Lombo alle verdure  
Patate all'olio

### Wednesday

Pasta all'olio e parmigiano  
Polpettone farcito  
Carotine crude

### Thursday

Riso al pomodoro  
Pesce in crosta di patate  
Zucchine all'olio

### Friday

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## Menu

Elementary  
17-21 May

### Monday

Pasta alle verdure frullate  
Bocconcini di tacchino alle verdure  
Fagiolini all'olio

### Tuesday

Riso e verdure  
Lombo alle verdure  
Patate arrosto

### Wednesday

Pasta al pomodoro  
Polpettone  
Carote intere

### Thursday

Pasta e fagioli  
Pesce in crosta di patate  
Pomodori in insalata

### Friday

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