

Newsletter



International School of Bologna

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Forthcoming dates:

Wednesday June 2nd – National Holiday – No lessons

Thursday June 3rd – PA Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Jun 9th – School Fair 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Friday June 11th – Parent Meeting related to Changes in Reporting, Mission Statement and Programme of Inquiry

Friday June 18th – Final Report sent home

Friday June 25th – ES5 Graduation, School Closes at 12:30 p.m.

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Dear Parents,

Teachers 2010/2011

Next week I will give parents further information regarding the new appointments made to the teaching faculty for next year.

Warmer Weather

With the warmer weather arriving I notice that some of the students are wearing sun hats. I encouraged parents to provide a hat for their child to wear. I also urge ES students to bring water bottles with them especially to use at recess time and during the day. There is plenty of fresh water available for students but we do ask, in the interests of the environment, that they take a responsible attitude to the use of the disposable plastic cups.

School Fair

Please mark Wednesday 9th June in your calendars. This is the date for the first ISB Fair. Parents who would like to “rent” a table should contact Carolina Paolucci (carolina.spota@vittoriopaolucci.it or 328/2152263). Some tables have already been allocated so please make contact as quickly as possible. So far, for sale, will be tables with:

- DVD's, CD's & books (Rossella Fresu)
- Second hand School Uniforms (Consuelo Sassoli - 338/5070440)
- Toys (Begoña Sanchez Izquierdo - 333/3077060),
- Food (Rosalie Philippot - 347/7685137)
- Pop Corn & chips Carolina Paolucci (328/2152263).

Please contact Carolina (email above) or any other parents mentioned above if you would like to help.

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Competition

Further to my short article in last week's newsletter I made some general comments that perhaps you can use to help your child understand what competition is and what it can mean.

1. Discuss with your child that competition is a form of cooperation rather than the opposite. While it is perfectly acceptable to try and win children must be reminded that without the others agreeing to be in the game (for example) and cooperating with the rules – there would be no game and no winner!
2. Explain to your child that while there is absolutely nothing wrong with wanting to win the real value of the process is with competing. Children have to be “taught” to celebrate the “taking part”. This is incredibly important for we are all aware that, at some stage in our lives, we will all face the prospect of losing. A person's character can be defined by how they cope with losing especially in front of an audience. Watching your child's demonstration of petulance when losing can be extremely embarrassing!
3. Try and explain that success and winning are not the same thing. My eldest son (very competitive) could never understand when he was younger, my reaction and subsequent celebration, after finishing in 2356th place in the Rotterdam marathon. Success through competing, finishing and achieving a personal best time was a concept foreign to him. Age, however, and entering into a similar event helped change his understanding.

I was desperately sad to hear an English football manager quote, “Show me a good loser and I will show you a loser.” History will not remember this man as opposed to, for example, Roger Federer, who when he loses manages this with dignity and poise and even though he is bitterly disappointed maintains his self respect.

Parent Information Meeting

We will be holding a Parent Information meeting on Friday 11th June. 9:00 a.m. The focus of this meeting is to explain the changes that will take place next year to:

- How we report to parents
- The Programme of Inquiry
- Our new statements of Mission and Philosophy

Short explanatory notes will be included in future newsletter but this is an opportunity to listen to three short presentations by Mrs. Watson. Ms. Hancox and myself. A reply sign up sheet will be sent to parents to indicate attendance

Break Dancing Workshops

Mr Ewen Hutchinson, an experienced teacher of Break Dancing came to our school on Tuesday.

Our ES students took part in Break Dancing workshops. I am sure that certain moves can be practiced at home – or not!

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With best wishes

Conal Atkins
Principal
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Menu

Early Years 1

31 May – 4 June

Monday

Gobbetti alla pizzaiola
Frittata con spinaci
Insalata e carote

Tuesday

Fiammiferini olio e parmigiano
Prosciutto cotto senza polifosfati
Carote gratinate

Wednesday

HOLIDAY

Thursday

Passato di verdure, legumi e past.
Fesa di tacchino alla griglia
Patate arrosto

Friday

Riso seppie e zucchine
Filetto di pesce gratinato
Misto di verdure crude

Menu

Early Years 2-4

31 May – 4 June

Monday

Pasta alla pizzaiola
Frittata con spinaci
Insalata e carote

Tuesday

Pasta al pesto genovese
Prosciutto cotto senza polifosfati
Misto di verdure crude

Wednesday

HOLIDAY

Thursday

Passato di verdure, legumi e past.
Fesa di tacchino alla griglia
Patate arrosto

Friday

Riso seppie e zucchine
Filetto di pesce gratinato
Pomodori in insalata

Menu

Elementary

31 May – 4 June

Monday

Riso ai funghi
Frittata con spinaci
Insalata e carote

Tuesday

Ravioli ricotta e spinaci
Rollé di tacchino al forno
Fagiolini all'olio

Wednesday

HOLIDAY

Thursday

Crema di verdure e legumi e past.
Pollo al forno
Patate arrosto

Friday

Pasta al pomodoro
Pesce al forno
Pomodori in insalata