

Newsletter



International School of Bologna

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Forthcoming dates:

Friday June 18th – Final Report sent home

Friday June 25th – ES5 Graduation, School Closes at 12:00 pm for Early Years and 12:30 p.m. for Elementary

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Dear Parents,

Summer Homework

There are two schools of thought when it comes to holidays and homework.

The first - let your children have a break – they have worked hard – they deserve it. You have worked hard - you deserve a break. Why punish yourself by setting tasks for your children which you have to supervise and which have the potential to cause family disruption!

And the second - give your children set tasks, deadlines and have firm expectations.

As with most parenting decisions there is a happy medium. If you do decide to institute some sort of work then it is critical you sit with your children and have what I refer to as “the talk”. Let them know that some form of activity will take place during the next weeks and the reason for it. Reassure them that there will be still lots of time to play and free time.

Some ideas could include:

- **Reading:** Set a reading time every day. Have a set time when TV is turned off and everyone spends 15-20 minutes reading. As parents you must model this as well by reading the newspaper, magazine, your book - but is important that your children see you reading. Ensure that you have, for your child, suitable reading material prior to setting out on holiday.
- **Thinking/Research:** Incorporate thinking into travelling. You are perhaps going to a different place for the holiday. Prior to leaving find what prior knowledge do your children have of this place? Have you used an atlas? Do they know how far it is, what is the language, currency and climate? When you arrive, visit child friendly places of interest and keep the visits short and, if possible, inter active.
- **A Diary:** Ask your child to keep a diary of a short span of the holiday (not the whole time!!) This could include boarding passes, entrance tickets, post cards, tourist information, web links and, perhaps, a short, written narrative. Ensure that you have an exercise book, coloured pencils and glue prior to starting the visit.

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- **Writing:** Remember the postcard – well they still exist. This is a great way to have your children involved in some meaningful writing. They like doing it (because the card is small) and the potential for creating happy memories and friends is huge. When did you last receive a handwritten letter.... with a stamp! Make sure you have addresses of family members prior to leaving.
- **Involvement in domestic routines:** Try cooking the evening meal (let them choose) with your child. This involves oral communication, reading (a recipe) and mathematics – and in many cases, estimation! The same applies to those parents who enjoy being a home handyman (or woman) Fixing that long overdue wobbly leg on the table, building the bird table, an igloo try and do this with your child. Lots of fun.
- **Keep Fit:** Try and incorporate some form of physical activity into the holiday. This doesn't have to be high powered gym based but rather a game, swim or even a family walk or jog.

Yes, easy for me to suggest I can hear you say – fine for him – he hasn't got younger children and doesn't appreciate the pressures and stress involved with this. And you are right – but good holiday memories are the ones that that involve happy, focused and engaged children all of which comes at some personal inconvenience, mostly to parents. It will not happen by accident! Being a parent is not easy!

School Ends

The school year concludes at 12:30 next Friday the 25th June. The students will go home at their normal lunch hour: 12:00 pm for the Early Years classes and 12:30 for the Elementary School classes.

Reports

These should be with you on Friday (today). If you wish to discuss any aspect of the report please arrange to meet with the teacher early next week.

Absent

As mentioned previously I will be absent for the first three days of next week. Ms. Donna Hancox will be assuming my responsibilities during the time I am away

Lost & Found

All clothing and other student possessions that have been found will be placed on display from Wednesday 23rd June until the end of the school year. On the morning of Monday 28th June they will be taken from the school premises. Please take the time to check for that lost item.

Extended Care Programme

ISB is pleased to announce that the Extended Care Program will go into effect on Monday, September 13, 2010. This Program provides after school care up to five days a week for EY students who need supervision from 3.30 until 5 pm. There will be two teachers on duty each day including Early Years staff Anita Ostergaard., Christine Ricci, Marcella Atzori, and Mina Urosevic (as well as other ISB teachers as necessary). More information will be posted on the ISB web site in the coming weeks, though you may contact Marcella (matzori@isbologna.com) or Christine (cricci@isbologna.com) if you would like more information or to pre-register for a slot now.

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After School Clubs

The Clubs Committee (Marilù Urbinati Buccelletti) reminds parents that:

- a copy of the programs of the after school clubs for next year is available at the School Office and on the school intranet;
- the pre-enrollment sheet are available at the School Office

Please contact Marilù Urbinati Buccelletti (wibucc@tin.it) if you have any questions or would like to offer an After School Activity next school year.

Parent Newsletter

The final newsletter for the year will be published on Friday 25th June.

Pro-Forma Invoices

You will find the pro-forma invoice for the first payment of tuition fees in your child's bag today. This payment will be due by **September 1st 2010**.

With best wishes

Conal Atkins
Principal
International School of Bologna

ES5 Exhibition

As teacher of the ES5 class and Elementary Team Leader, I would like to thank all of the parents who found the time to come and see the children's work for the exhibition. The children were really excited to see so many parents from other classes coming to see their work, and really appreciated having so many different people see their work and share their opinions with them. As a teacher, I was delighted to see so many parents of younger children taking an interest in what goes on further up the school, and I hope you found the experience enjoyable. A special thank you to all the parents who helped us with contacts in the local community. One of our local experts, Angela, from the Piazza Grande second hand clothes shop "Leonarda", came into see the children's work and sent me the following message:

E stato bellissimo, tutti i miei complimenti per il lavoro che state facendo. La mezza ora con voi oggi è stata di quelle esperienze che danno speranza.

Approximate translation:

It was wonderful. Many congratulations for the work that you are doing. My half hour at the school has been the kind of experience that gives you hope for the future.

Martin Newell
ES5 Class Teacher

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Early Years 1
21 – 25 June

Monday

Gobbetti al sugo di carne
Tritata di manzo al rosmarino
Pomodori in insalata

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Pasta all'olio e parmigiano
Polpettone
Carote filangé

Thursday

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

Friday

SCHOOL CLOSSES 12:30 PM

Menu

Early Years 2-4
21 – 25 June

Monday

Pasta al ragù
Tritata di manzo al rosmarino
Pomodori in insalata

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Pasta all'olio e parmigiano
Polpettone
Carote filangé

Thursday

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

Friday

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Menu

Elementary
21 – 25 June

Monday

Pasta al ragù
Carne ai ferri
Pomodori in insalata

Tuesday

Pasta al pomodoro fresco e piselli
Polpettone
Insalata mista

Wednesday

Pasta aglio e olio
Fesa di tacchino alla salvia
Misto di verdure crude

Thursday

Pizza margherita
Bocconcini di mozzarella
Insalata verde

Friday

SCHOOL CLOSSES 12:30 PM