

Newsletter



International School of Bologna

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January 22, 2010

Forthcoming dates:

Wednesday January 27th - ICT Information for Parents. 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Friday January 29th - PYP Information for Parents 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

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Dear Parents,

Authorization

Following a visit by members of the International Baccalaureate in November, I am pleased to announce that ISB has achieved the status of being an authorized school. We are now authorized as an IB World School to offer the PYP for students aged from three to twelve years of age. We have joined more than 600 schools in 85 countries worldwide authorized to teach the IBPYP.

Parents will appreciate that this recognition by the IBO is the start of a process of continuous examination, fine tuning and improvement of our curriculum. We have received from Regional Office of the IBO the Report containing the Commendations and Recommendations from the Visit. The school has to respond to the Recommendations within a set time frame. The Report, in its entirety, is available to parents and may be read on the intranet of the school. A hard copy is available to parents on request. A Parents Workshop is being organized to further explain the Report.

Please join with me in congratulating all the teachers and administrative staff of ISB who have worked so hard both now and over the course of the past years to ensure that the school was successful with its aim to achieve this very important milestone in its development.

Parent Workshop

Parents are invited next Friday (29th January) from 09:00 – 10:30 to a meeting where our PYP Coordinator, Ms Donna Hancox will clarify the Authorization report, discuss the Recommendations and Commendations and further explain how the framework of the PYP curriculum works. Parents are also reminded about the Parent Information Workshop on Wednesday 27th January with the theme Cyber safe Citizen and Helping with Homework. Please register your interest in attending this workshop by contacting Mrs. Lassiter. This is essential as we are limited by the number of computers available.

Communication

A gentle reminder to parents that we do have (published in the Parent Handbook) a protocol for keeping all channels of communication open with the school.

Please, if you have a concern, question or anxiety:

- Deal with this immediately – please do not wait and let the issue possibly grow out of proportion.
- Contact the person who can best answer your question. If it is related to the progress or welfare of your child then the class teacher should be the first person to contact.

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- If you are unhappy with the response or follow up that you receive then please make an appointment (through Mrs. Lassiter) to meet with the Principal
- If the outcome of this meeting is, in your opinion, unsatisfactory then you can make presentation to the school Board of Governors. The contact details will be supplied to you.

Emergency Response Protocol

Every school should have a clear statement of the actions that it will take in case of an emergency. We have developed one for the International School of Bologna. It has been posted on the school's Intranet site and hard copies are available, on request, from the school office. Please take the time to read this document as it contains some very important information.

Reporting to Parents

On Friday 5th February your children will bring home their first report covering the period of time from September 2009 until early January 2010. If you wish to make a time to discuss this report with the teachers sign up sheets will be provided in the Long Green Room on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th February. The meetings will take place on the afternoons of Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th February or at times mutually arranged by contacting the teachers.

Dates for Your Calendar

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February

Friday 4th Reports sent home
Wednesday 10th Parent Conferences (to discuss Reports)
Thursday 11th Parent Conferences (to discuss Reports)
Thursday 18th Italian Carnival celebrations. (See Class Newsletters)
Friday 19th School Closes, 3:30 p.m. for Ski Week

March

Monday 1st School reopens following Ski Week

With best wishes,

Conal Atkins
Principal
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Menu

Early Years 1
25–29 January

Monday

Gobbetti olio e parmigiano
Prosciutto cotto e crudo
Piselli al formaggio

Tuesday

Risotto con zucchine
Frittata con spinaci
Misto di verdure crude

Wednesday

Pasta e fagioli
Tacchino alla salvia
Carote all'olio

Thursday

Ditaloni al sugo di carne
Polpettone
Patate al forno

Friday

Fiammiferini al pomodoro
Filetto di pesce gratinato
Spinaci al burro e forma

Menu

Early Years 2–4
25–29 January

Monday

Pasta ricotta e spinaci
Paillard ai ferri
Piselli al formaggio

Tuesday

Risotto con zucchine
Frittata con spinaci
Misto di verdure crude

Wednesday

Pizza margherita
Prosciutto cotto
Carote all'olio

Thursday

Pasta al pesto genovese
Polpettone
Patate al forno

Friday

Pasta al pomodoro e basilico
Filetto di pesce gratinato
Spinaci al burro e forma

Menu

Elementary
25–29 January

Monday

Pasta al pomodoro
Coscia di pollo al forno
Insalata verde

Tuesday

Pizza Margherita
Prosciutto cotto senza polifos.
Patate arrosto

Wednesday

Ravioli olio e salvia
Birbe di pollo al forno
Carote all'olio

Thursday

Lasagne al forno
Bocconcini di mozzarella
Bietola all'olio

Friday

Pasta al ragu'
Polpettine di manzo al sugo
Pure' di patate