

Newsletter



International School of Bologna

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Forthcoming dates:

Friday February 5th - Reports sent home

Wednesday February 10th and Thursday February 11th - Report Conferences

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Dear Parents,

Praise for the Students

As parents in Grades ES 4 and ES 5 are aware we had a professional writer/poet visit the school last Friday to work with our students. David Stewart is a writer and professor at Yale University and The Cooper Union School of Art in New York. He wrote to me following his visit and I hope that he will excuse me for a direct quote from his letter.

“I serve as poet in residence at many primary schools and your students are top notch~ They are brilliant! I am so impressed with their maturity, with their usage of languages, poetic technique, and with what passion they express themselves. Schools in New York should see how you work. I am not sure we have anything like it in America.” It is always nice to have an unsolicited opinion based on experiences of other schools, countries and students.

Outside Recess

During recess times all children are expected to go outside and play under the supervision of the duty teachers. The school (usually the Grade Level Team Leader in consultation with other teachers) will make the decision if the weather is too wet or cold for the children to go outside. Parents have the responsibility to ensure that their children are appropriately dressed for winter weather – this usually means coat, gloves and hat. If your child is too sick to go outside then, in all probability, they are too sick to be at school. Please keep them at home until they are fully recovered.

And Something Different!

Glamorous and Handsome. This is the Student Council theme for Thursday 4th February when they ask that students do not wear school uniform but rather dress up in something more exotic! The cost to do this is Euro 1 (or a small donation) All the money raised by this initiative will be sent to the branch of UNICEF that is helping with the earthquake relief in Haiti.

Open Day

We held a successful Open Day last Wednesday. Expressions of interest in sending children to the school were up over 30% from last year. It will be very interesting to see how this interest equates into firm admission Registrations for the 2010/2011 school year. I will give parents ample notice prior to accepting new students into the school for the new school year.

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Parent Survey

As a critical part of the strategic planning process I have circulated a short questionnaire to parents (English & Italian) I would be very grateful if you could complete and return this to the school office by Friday 12th February.

Report Conferences

We have organized two afternoons (Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th February) to meet with parents to discuss the latest student Report. If you wish to discuss the Report with the teacher please make a time during these two afternoons or at a mutually agreed time. Sign Up sheets will be posted in the Long Green Room on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th February.

Carnival Celebrations

The school will celebrate Carnival on Thursday 18th February. Please check your child's Class Newsletter for further information.

Dates for Your Calendar

February

Friday 5 th	Reports sent home
Wednesday 10 th	Report Conferences
Thursday 11 th	Report Conferences
Friday 12 th	Questionnaires Returned to School Office
Thursday 18 th	Italian Carnival celebrations. (See Class Newsletters)
Friday 19 th	School Closes, 3:30 p.m. for Ski Week

March

Monday 1 st	School reopens following Ski Week
Friday 18 th	Dad's Breakfast. 8:45 – 9:30.a.m.

April

Friday 2 nd	Grandparents Morning. 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Friday 2 nd	School closes for the Easter holiday
Monday 12 th	School opens following Easter holiday

With best wishes,

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Menu

Early Years 1
1–5 February

Monday

Polenta al ragù
Formaggio squacquerone
Fagiolini all'olio

Tuesday

Crema di cereali e legumi con riso
Scaloppina alla pizzaiola
Carote all'olio

Wednesday

Gramigna al pomodoro
Polpettone
Purè di patate

Thursday

Riso olio e parmigiano
Filetto di pesce gratinato
Zucchine trifolate

Friday

Pasta al ragù vegetale
Tritata di manzo al limone
Insalata verde

Menu

Early Years 2–4
1–5 February

Monday

Polenta al ragù
Formaggio squacquerone
Fagiolini all'olio

Tuesday

Crema di cereali e legumi con riso
Scaloppina alla pizzaiola
Pinzimonio fresco

Wednesday

Pasta al pomodoro
Polpettone
Purè di patate

Thursday

Riso olio e parmigiano
Filetto di pesce gratinato
Zucchine trifolate

Friday

Pasta al ragù vegetale
Tritata di manzo al limone
Insalata verde

Menu

Elementary
1–5 February

Monday

Pasta al pomodoro
Petto di pollo al rosmarino
Fagiolini all'olio

Tuesday

Crema di cereali e legumi con riso
Scaloppina al limone
Pinzimonio fresco

Wednesday

Pasta all'olio e parmigiano
Polpettone
Insalata

Thursday

Riso all'olio e parmigiano
Prosciutto cotto senza polifosfati
Zucchine trifolate

Friday

Zuppa imperiale
Bastoncini di pesce al forno
Insalata verde