



# International School of Bologna

## Parents Newsletter



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Week 11

Friday, 25 November 2011

### PARENTS NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

#### Board Meeting with Parents

The Board meeting last Wednesday night had three items on its agenda: Facilities, the Middle School and Fees for next academic year. The meeting was well attended, with approximately fifty parents participating.

The Board announced that the school will stay in the present facilities for the 2012-13 school year. The Board reviewed some of the work that has been done to locate an acceptable facility, but explained that none had managed to meet all their criteria yet and the school was still searching for a new site. Parents were asked to refrain from speculation while the Board underwent this process. The Board will inform the parents when a final decision has been made.

The Board announced that, at this time, the plan is for the Middle School to end after MS 3 and for students to be prepared to attend Italian Schools. At the moment, the school has neither the facilities, nor the number of students to consider further growth. However, the Board is willing to consider expanding the Middle School in the future if circumstances facilitate this growth.

The Board announced that fees for 2012-2013 will have to be raised above the cost of inflation. The fee increase would solely be for the purpose of meeting the expenditures of the school. At the moment, it isn't possible to announce the exact amount, but the Board will inform parents by March 2012, or sooner if possible. The parents who attended had an opportunity to ask questions and obtain clarification to the topics above. The meeting lasted from 5pm to 7pm and closed without any other business being discussed.

#### Sick Children

You are all asked to please keep your children at home if they are not well (i.e. running a fever, tummy upset, etc.) in order to avoid them becoming even more ill and risk infecting their classmates and teachers.

#### Medications

Parents may send medications to school to be given to their children, if needed. I would like to remind you that any such medication needs to be accompanied by a note to the teacher which authorizes them to dispense medication to your child. It also must contain the dosage amounts and the time(s) at which the medications must be taken. Without this authorization, teachers cannot

accept responsibility for medicating your child.

Under no circumstances are the students allowed to bring medicine to school to self-administer.

Thank you for your understanding of this very important health and safety requirement.

#### Winter Concert

We have obtained permission from the Collegio to park cars in the car park for the day of the winter concert, December 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be limited parking, so please only drive if necessary.

#### Use of Collegio Car Park

Please remember that it is not possible to leave your car parked in the Collegio car park after 9:00 am for any reason, unless otherwise specified. You are also requested to not leave your car in the car park for more than 10 minutes at any time during the day, including after school hours.

Please be aware that **we will** lose the privilege of using this car park if these rules are not followed.

#### ANT Charity Sale

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December ANT will be selling Christmas Crafts to raise money for the ANT (National Tumor Association), their stand will be set up after school in the Long Green Room.

#### Calendar Reminder

Please be reminded that school will be closed on January 13<sup>th</sup> for students due to a teacher professional development day.

#### Appeal for Ruby

As many of you in the school community already know, my niece Ruby had a heart attack a year and a half ago, and has been in intensive rehabilitation ever since to help her recover from the severe brain injuries she was left with. The different treatments Ruby has been receiving in the USA are starting to show good results, but the rehabilitation and medical treatment are very expensive, and there is still a long way for Ruby to travel on the road to recovery. Parents here at ISB have already helped raise thousands of Euros to help with Ruby's recovery, and we would now like to ask you for one last effort.

Last summer, Fabio and Giorgia Pesce organized a workshop for the children who paid to design and make their own mosaic. They also worked on a collaborative project to make a huge mosaic of Neptune (3m x 3m).

Several of the parents involved in this workshop suggested the parents buy the mosaic together, so we can keep it in school, mount it and display it so we can all enjoy the mosaic and remember why we made it. We have decided to go for this option, but to make sure we raise a good sum to give towards Ruby's recovery, we have set a target of 2,000 euros. We are hoping parents, teachers and other members of the school community will donate to help us keep this beautiful piece of artwork in school. You can donate by putting money in a sealed envelope and posting it in the post box by Susan. If we do not raise enough money, we will hold a public auction after Christmas. If you would like your money back in that case, please put your name and the sum of money on the envelope. Thank you so much for your generous support.

Martin Newell

### Parent Association News

- Thank you to everyone who has donated thus far to the Winter Festival, which will be on December 6. We continue to accept any used winter clothing, ski equipment, books, toys, or school uniforms, as well as handicrafts and raffle items. Winter Festival tickets will be sold starting Tuesday, November 29. Watch for details on the Parent's Intranet page or the bulletin board.
- Please encourage your children from Transition to Middle School to submit a PA logo design! They can win a prize and a certificate with the new logo that they designed. Submissions may be made to Miriam Greaves, the art teacher, by November 29. The winner will be announced at the Winter Festival.
- Come help make the costumes for the Winter Concert, which will be held on December 13. See Miriam Greaves for details.
- Read "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald for the next Book Club meeting on December 12. E-mail [ilazuc@gmail.com](mailto:ilazuc@gmail.com) for more details.

The Executive Committee

With best wishes,

Denise Walsh  
Head of School  
International School of Bologna

## Menu

Early Years  
28 November – 2 December

### Monday

Gobbetti con ricotta e spinaci  
Straccetti di manzo al limone  
Macedonia di verdure all'olio

### Tuesday

Pasta al ragù  
Frittata alle verdure  
Insalata verde

### Wednesday

Pizza margherita  
Prosciutto crudo e formaggio  
Sedano e finocchio

### Thursday

Passato di verdure, legumi e pastina  
Polpettone  
Carote gratinate

### Friday

Risotto alla parmigiana  
Filetto di pesce gratinato  
Puré di patate

## Menu

Elementary, MS  
28 November – 2 December

### Monday

Zuppa di farro  
Straccetti di manzo al limone  
Macedonia di verdure all'olio

### Tuesday

Lasagne al forno  
Bis di formaggi  
Insalata verde

### Wednesday

Pizza margherita  
Prosciutto crudo  
Sedano e finocchio

### Thursday

Pasta al pomodoro  
Polpettone  
Insalata e radicchio

### Friday

Pennette al pesto e pomodoro  
Filetto di pesce gratinato  
Puré di patate