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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF EMBASSY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Friends,

I was particularly excited this week by the Student Council Film event, not just for the fact of the film but more because I heard such encouraging discussions both before and after the event. A major part of the satisfaction came from the whole idea that the pupils took so much time and care to think about which film to choose but also how to structure the event to make sure they achieved their objectives and explored the topics and themes they had chosen.

I have witnessed all kinds of things recently - meaningful discussions between year 3 and year 10 children, teenagers asking if they can do homework again to make it better, 9 year olds creating maths games in lunchtime ...

The joy of school in so many ways lies in these details.

Kind regards
Lindsay

A MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

Dear Community

Last week the PTA had another Bake Sale, hosted by years 2 & 3 this time and raising 870 zł. Thank you to all the parents who sent baked goods to sell, all the staff for their help and of course, everyone who supported us by buying! This money will be put to use in future PTA projects, that will all be of benefit to our children.

Thursday, the student council hosted a second movie afternoon and it went very well. There were fun ice-breakers and great discussions after the movie about the core values, which included both primary and secondary pupils. Thank you to the student council. We were asked to support them by providing and selling popcorn and our involvement was greatly appreciated.

Kind regards
Leonie Müller

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, 5th December

Final day for Szlachetna Paczka gifts

Please bring all items to the office and clearly mark it as gifts

See link in email for more information

Monday, 10th December

Ballet Trip Yrs 1- 6

See details below

Monday, 10th December

PTA SWAP and SALE event

After school

Venue to be announced

An opportunity to exchange or sell clothes (Especially school uniforms), books and toys and Ski clothing and equipment in preparation for Ski Camp

Thursday, 13th & Friday, 14th Dec.

Book Fair

Details to be announced

Monday, 17th December

Ski Camp Information meeting

Tuesday, 18th December

Winter Concert

Details to be announced

Friday, 21st December

Last Day of School before the Christmas Holidays

Saturday, 5th January - Saturday, 12th January

Ski Camp

Information regarding the Ballet trip Yrs 1-6

I am organising a trip to the Variete Theatre to see the ballet spectacle "**Ballet about coffee**" for all primary pupils (yr 1-6). This original and funny dancing story to music composed by J. S. Bach would be a great opportunity to learn about ballet as a form of art and listen to some of the greatest pieces of classical music.

It corresponds to our ballet topic (around Christmas we will watch The Nutcracker by P.Tchaikovsky) and it is a good occasion for pupils to see how to perform on a big stage, as it takes place one week before our Winter Concert.

Cost: ticket 20 złotych (paid to the office), transport costs are paid by EIS

Best Regards,

Gosia Marchwiana

SZLACHETNA PACZKA

This year, as in the past two years, we are supporting the Christmas project of the charity organisation Szlachetna Paczka. For those of you unfamiliar with their work, I am linking to their English website in the email.

What this means, is that we have chosen a family to support and will be collecting the items they need in the next two weeks, before packaging and wrapping (in gift wrap) all the gifts collected.

Any items, gift cards or cash, can be brought to the office. There is a collection box in the waiting area.

The vision statement of the school is the following:

"Our vision is to create a community of internationally minded global leaders who care about making everyone's tomorrow a better tomorrow."

Last year we had the privilege of delivering the gifts we had collected as a school community directly to the family involved. It was a humbling experience to step into their world and see the tangible difference we could make by collecting practical items and foodstuff as a community. And we did make their tomorrow a better tomorrow.

EVENTS FEEDBACK:

Physics trip Yr 7:

"Last Tuesday, 13th November 2018, Year 7 pupils had a chance to learn about magic in Physics. They went to the AGH University of to see an interactive exhibition entitled "On the other side of the mirror".

During the visit to the studio, the students had the opportunity to learn how illusionists deceive our eyes using simple optics." Anna Sowa

MUN (Model United Nations) trip

"The team of pupils (Julia K, Basia, Ernest, Seongyun, Izabelka, Vlad, Kuba) and teachers (Lukasz and Ania) that went to the MUN in Szczecin came away with outrageous success! Julia and Ernest were nominated as Best Delegates and Seongyun, Kuba and Vlad were given Honourable Mentions for their contributions to the conference. Well done to everyone!" Lindsay Davisdon

Secondary Theatre Trip:

"On Tuesday, 20th November some of our secondary pupils went to see "Revenge" at the Juliusz Slowacki Theatre in Krakow. It is a seemingly innocent social comedy about a property dispute written by the "father" of Polish comedy, Aleksander Fredro. When he first published it, Poland was divided between three superpowers and the Russian censors of his day were not slow to spot the subversive potential of the play.

The play was directed by Anna Augustynowicz, who brought out the beauty and rhythm of a poem yet presented us with prosaic characters of Czeńnik and the Notary. She did not obediently follow Fredro but changed the optics, looking at us through the eyes of the rejected, the unwanted. The play was seeking laughter, but not the simple, village fair kind, but the laughter of a jester. We thoroughly enjoyed our evening and although the play was in Polish, there were subtitles in English available on the screen above the stage." Paulina Krok

Hiking Club trip to Kalwaria Zebrzydowska/ Lanckorona

On Saturday, 17th of November, the hiking club braved the cold and set off for their trip to Kalwaria Zebrzydowska/ Lanckorona.

Apart from the 13km hike in hilly terrain, the pupils also had a chance to take part in a pottery workshop, taste some traditional Polish food in the Cathedral restaurant (so called Pilgrim's Restaurant) and walk to Lanckorona through the forest to find the ruins of the castle.

Even though it was the first cold day of the season, with the temperature at -1C when they set off, they had fun and explored yet another beautiful part of nature close to Krakow.

Thanks to the staff who participated and made all the arrangements for a safe and fun trip.

Staff making waves:

One of our art teachers, Krzysztof Gil had an exhibition in London in the past few weeks, and articles about this in Vogue magazine. Well done Krzysztof!

Bison Trip

"On Tuesday 13th November we were privileged to be allowed to visit the bison reserve near Niepołomice. The weather was amazingly gorgeous...we saw the woods in all their glory.

Mr Michael told us about the animals and the history of their return from almost certain extinction after the second world war. He introduced us to two veteran animals who live in the reserve. One of them honoured us by approaching us quite closely. We were separated from him and his companion by a strong fence, but even so the awesome power and charisma of the great beast was overwhelming.

Then Mr Michael took us to see some animals which are not so accustomed to people. It was SUCH a thrill to see them running and the disappearing into the trees of their natural habitat.

But our day did not end there. After feasting on pizza in the town square we went to the observatory where we were treated to a very interesting talk about the distances in the universe and how these can be calculated. The speed of the expansion of the universe from the time of the Big Bang, and the nature of Black Holes was also explored. Then we went into the planetarium and learned about the stars above us in a delightful presentation. We also were fascinated by some experiments that are being carried out by the Observatory scientists.

All in all we had a lovely day and returned full of new knowledge and new connections with our nature and our universe.

We thank Michael from the Bison reserve and all those at the Observatory who made our time there so interesting." Penny Turner

Early years recycling project

"Early Years has finished our two week recycling theme. We are very proud of our Sunshine and Forest classes for all the steps that they took to help with Global Conservation. Working with Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, both theme sections worked together to create a wonderful (and working) Marble Run in Sunshine along with re-made crayons and paint in Forest. It's been a wonderfully creative two weeks! We would also like to take a moment to say a big thank you to everyone that supported us!

Save the trees! Save the whales!" Chandlor Grandon