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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF EMBASSY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank our whole community for such a positive start to the year, going backwards from the party at the end of half term, to the parent teacher conferences just before and the constructive and thoughtful tone of our discussions in getting through the first part of the year.

The break was not entirely time off - we hosted the Oxford and Cambridge university entrance exams for the first time, and also sent our first pupil on work experience to RMF FM - you will be able to hear the podcasts she made on the radio station website!

The trees at the front were also cut down - not because we wanted to but because the city authorities declared we had to. We are all saddened by this but I am sure we will find a way to compensate.

We are all looking forward to the next leg in the annual marathon.

Kind regards
Lindsay

A MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

Dear Community

Welcome back to the second half of the Fall term. I trust you had a lovely break and start back to school refreshed and well.

The PTA had a lovely time arranging the Fall Party for the pupils in Primary and providing snacks for the whole school on the last day of the first half term. (See photos).

We look forward to continuing our activities with a Bake Sale (to raise money for future events), planning towards our charitable giving through the Szlachetna Paczka charity, and organising social events for pupils and their parents in all years.

We will keep you up to date with our plans as they develop.

Kind regards
Leonie Müller

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, 12th November

Polish Holiday to celebrate 100 years of Independence

School closed

Tuesday, 13th November

Trip to see the Bison

Years 8 and above

All details have been sent by email and can be found on the school calendar

Friday, 16th November

Bake Sale hosted by Years 2 & 3

13.30 - 15.30

As for previous Bake Sales money is raised for future PTA events

Tuesday, 18th December

Winter Concert

Details to be announced

Friday, 21st December

Last Day of School before the Christmas Holidays

Uniform Free day

Saturday, 5th January - Saturday, 12th January

Ski Camp

All information sent by email and can be found in the school calendar

TRIP TO SEE THE BISON

On Tuesday, 13th November, everyone from year 8 upwards is going on a trip to see the herd of wild bison near Niepołomice. It is a huge privilege and we have had to get special permission for this.

We will leave after registration from school, and will return by 3.25 on the same day.

As we will be outside and also have to walk a short distance through the forest where it might be muddy, and there are no guarantees regarding the weather, please ensure children are dressed for these conditions.

We are also visiting the forest museum and will then split up with some going to the observatory and others to visit the Royal Castle.

The cost of the trip is 20zł (this covers entrance fees) and can be paid in advance to the office or class tutors.

Lunch can be purchased or brought along. Please remember to cancel school lunches for that day.

EVENTS FEEDBACK:

A different kind of English lesson in Secondary:

"Recently the school dog education department, COOKMIN Inc, English Teaching Group, made a presentation to yr 10. The theme was: Describe, Compare, Contrast.

Pupils react:

"The best English Lesson Ever"

"If only we could have dogs in class everyday"

"They made difficult questions easy"

Next on COOKMIN Inc.'s list? Yr 11..GCSE English Language Exam preparation ." Penny Turner



Esperanza Day in Year 6

"We have been reading this book and learning about life of Mexican people immigrating to the USA. Apart from different projects the children were preparing, we decided to cook some lovely Mexican food as part of our final joint project for the "Esperanza Rising" novel.

Thank you to Mrs Masters for coming to our class to help us cook!"

Anyah Wysoczyńska

(See photos.)

Lower Secondary Integration trip

"The main goal of the trip was to build working relationships between students and to get to know each other. During the trip we discussed 3 main themes; the relationship between teamwork and communication, the importance of setting goals and having dreams, as well as manners.

The first day we focused on teamwork. We went on a rafting trip where students had to work together to row and get to the meeting point. We followed this up in the evening by an activity which focused on showing students how teamwork and critical feedback can help them achieve more. We did this through a "Lost at Sea" activity where students had to rank the most essential items in case they were stranded on a rubber dinghy in the middle of the ocean. This activity showed them that when working on a team, their score was usually much better.

The second day we focused on the importance of having dreams and setting goals. The main activity of this day was hiking up the Trzy Korony hiking trail. The hike was not an easy one and I know that for some it was a challenge. When we set goals, these are also challenging and there will be various moments in trying to reach that goal which can also be associated with the hike, such as a feeling of being overwhelmed by the task or maybe even questioning one's ability to reach the top. These are the tougher moments, but when we stay committed to our goals we reach them, just like reaching the peak of the mountain, which we all did as a group.

The last day we visited the Niedzica castle where we learned about the history of the castle as well as a bit about the historical periods and their influence on that region.

The last theme of the trip were respect and manners. We discussed this throughout the trip. Respect is important in any type of teamwork, we need to respect each other if we want to work well in a team. " Adam Różański

Thank you to all the teaching staff who accompanied our pupils and added to the success of this trip. (I have included a few photos. There are more on the website.)

Early Years Recycling Unit

"The Early Years classrooms are doing a unit on recycling. Please feel free to donate any recycling materials that you may have at home. We are looking for the following items, but would welcome any additions:

1) Toilet/ kitchen paper rolls 2) Cardboard 3) Plastic water bottles
4) Plastic bags 5) Tissue boxes 6) Glass jars ... etc

Thank you in advance for your help." Early Years Team

PTA PAGE

Fall Party

On Friday the 26th of October, The PTA, in collaboration with the staff from Primary, decorated the Assembly Room before lunch in Fall and Halloween themes. The children didn't know that this was happening.

This gave children from Primary and Secondary the opportunity to enjoy the decorations during lunch. They were so excited when they entered the transformed room and the surprise was complete!

After lunch, Secondary had their scheduled lessons, while Primary were brought back to the Assembly Hall in groups where games, photographs, music and a small edible surprise awaited them.

The PTA were in charge of these games and surprises and the children had a fun afternoon.

Before the secondary pupils left school for the day, they were also invited to take a small treat and were surprised and delighted to not be forgotten!

Early Years had prepared their own small party, but they were also not forgotten by the PTA who shared some decorations and of course edible treats with our youngest pupils.

Thank you to the entire team for the many hours brainstorming, planning, preparing and participating in these activities.