



The Bear Essentials



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The [Future of Education – Korea Google for Education Summit](#) will be taking place on campus from November 18th to 20th. This is going to be an exceptional professional development opportunity that will bring together talented teachers from around East Asia to the ISB campus. It will be one of the first major face-to-face international school conferences in the region since the start of the pandemic. For ISB, this is a chance to highlight our amazing school, teachers and pedagogy on a world stage! The focus of the event is 'The Future of Education'; taking the lessons from the pandemic and applying them to the new vision of teaching and learning for the future. We have some fantastic keynote speakers signed-up and our teachers are now starting to get excited about this fantastic professional development opportunity.

School Photograph Week

We are excited to inform you that Pret-a-Portrait will be visiting the school from Monday, September 19th to Friday, September 23rd to take fun, professional photographs of students. The photographers will capture class photographs and a range of portraits of each student. Pret-a-Portrait is an international schools photography company who have been working within Korea for a number of years now.

On the day your child has their picture taken they will bring home a card which tells you how you can view the photographs. Pre-register your details when you receive this card and Pret-a-Portrait will email you when your photographs are ready. Orders can be placed via their website at www.pret-a-portrait.net, they also have a Korea-based customer service representative on hand to assist with any enquiries that you may have.

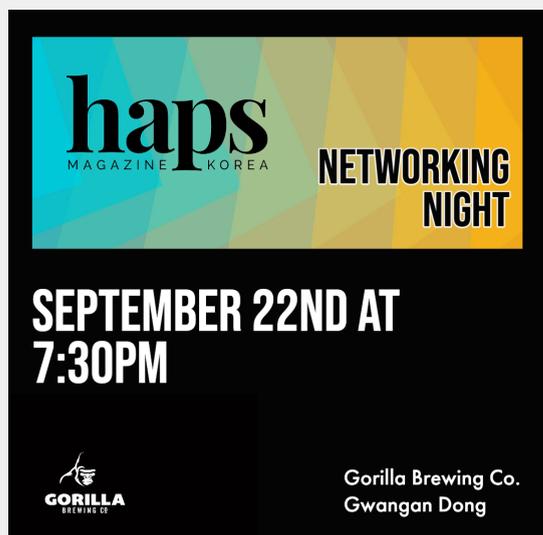
Physical orders such as prints and framed items will be shipped out within 10 working days and are delivered to the school for you to collect. If you choose to order digital files, these will be emailed to you within days where you can share, upload or print at your leisure. You can view the full range of products in advance via Pret-a-Portrait’s website: www.pret-a-portrait.net. Please see the schedule for individual photos for each student below. The individual photos will be used for this year's yearbook.

DATE	CLASS
Monday, 19th September	EY1, EY2, G2, G7B and G10B
Tuesday, 20th September	G1, G3, G6R, G6B and G8B
Wednesday, 21st September	KG, G5, G7R, G9R, G9B, G11 and G12
Thursday, 22nd September	G4* and G8R
Friday, 23rd September	G10R

*Please Note: Grade 4, which was originally scheduled for Friday, 23rd September, has been changed and will now be taken on **Thursday, 22nd September**. If you have questions about your photographs or about how to order, please contact this email address: (cs.korea@pret-a-portrait.net).

HAPS Magazine Networking Night

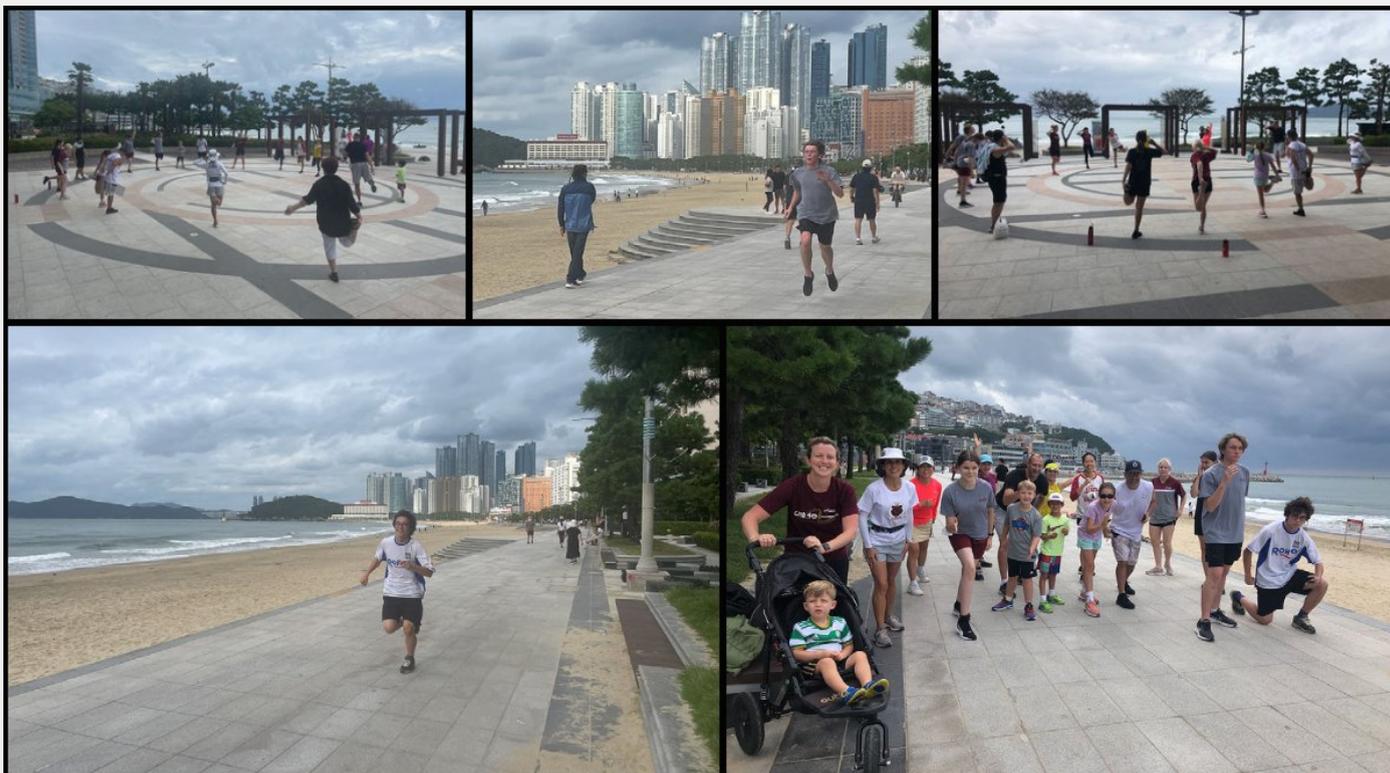
On Thursday 22nd September Haps Magazine and Gorilla Brewing Company will host a Networking Night at Gorilla’s flagship Gwangan location. This is an informal event designed to let people network and get to know some new faces and exchange ideas. Admission to the event costs KRW 25,000 if you [pre-register for the event](#), or KRW 30,000 at the door. Please note that this is not an ISB event. We have been asked to share details in order to provide ISB community members with an opportunity to make new connections in Busan and meet in a social setting. If you have any other events or activities that you would like to share, please email newsletter@isbusan.org.



ISB Community Runs

Thanks to all of the runners who joined the cross country team last Saturday for our first ISB community run. We had a beautiful morning run along the seafront with students from Grade 1 up to Grade 12 taking part as well as many teachers and parents. Everyone raced the clock and cheered each other along. If you would like to join us tomorrow morning we are meeting at the beach side of Pale de Cz at 7:30am. We will be running a 4k loop and completing 100m sand sprints.

Join the [ISB Community Runs mailing list](#).



Director General of the IB Visits South Korea

On Thursday our Head of School, Simon McCloskey, travelled to Seoul National University to meet with Olli-Pekka Heinonen, the Director General of the International Baccalaureate Organization. Olli-Pekka has spent the week travelling the country meeting with government officials to discuss the implementation of IB Programmes in Korean schools.

He took time out to meet with IB Heads of School to listen to feedback and to discuss the future progress, development and improvement of IB programmes. The meeting also offered an opportunity for IB Heads in South Korea to make connections in person for the first time since the advent of the Covid pandemic.



Prior to joining the IB, Olli-Pekka Heinonen held the role of Director General of the Finnish National Agency for Education. He was also the Minister of Education and Science in Finland from 1994-99.

ISB Open Day for Prospective Families

On Tuesday 27th September we will be welcoming prospective families to ISB. If you know anyone who may be interested in finding out more about our school, please share [this registration form](#). Open house presentations will be conducted with individual families throughout the day either virtually or in-person with the Head of School.



The poster is split into two main sections. The left section is white with a red border and contains the ISB logo (a stylized globe) and the text 'INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BUSAN Est. 1983'. Below this, 'OPEN HOUSE' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Underneath, it says 'Tuesday, 27th September' in black, followed by '9am to 11am' in red. Contact information includes 'admissions@isbusan.org', 'Tel. 051-720-1100', and 'www.isbusan.org'. There are also logos for the International Council of Schools (ICS) and WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges). The right section is a photograph of the school building, a modern multi-story structure with colorful accents. In the foreground, a group of children and adults are on a green soccer field. A banner at the top right of the photo reads 'BUSAN'S ONLY IB WORLD SCHOOL' with the IB logo.

Parent Workshop and PTA Coffee Morning

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the next Parent Workshop and PTA Coffee Morning. The workshop will focus on the importance of sleep for our students.



The poster has a blue background. On the left, it features the ISB logo and the text 'INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BUSAN Est. 1983'. Below this, 'PARENT WORKSHOP' is written in large, bold, dark red letters, followed by '& PTA Coffee Morning' in yellow. The date and time are '28th September, 2022' and '8.45 am - 10.00 am'. On the right, there is a graphic with a clock face, a person sleeping, and the text 'The Importance of SLEEP' in large white letters. A banner at the top right says 'HEALTHY HAPPY LEARNING' with a logo of a family. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

From the Elementary Principal

In this week's assembly time, students in Kindergarten to Grade 5 celebrated Reading as a key skill for our lifelong learning journeys through Buddy Reading with a student from a different grade. We used our outdoor learning environments, including the playground and local stream, to enjoy reading together. There are, of course, many benefits to reading including the improvements in concentration and memory as students focus their attention on the story being read. Reading also exposes students to new vocabulary and thus improves their communication and writing skills.



Kevin Smith

As students read, their knowledge is enhanced as they come across new information and ideas. Reading also helps to spark imagination and creativity, suggesting a range of possibilities rather than one pathway or solution. Finally, reading helps students to relax and experience the pleasure of a good book. We encourage all students to check out a book from our library and enjoy!



House T-Shirts

Don't forget to make sure your child has a House T-Shirt for our House activity days. The shirts can be ordered from our school website or purchased from the school shop which is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8.30 am to 4.00 pm.

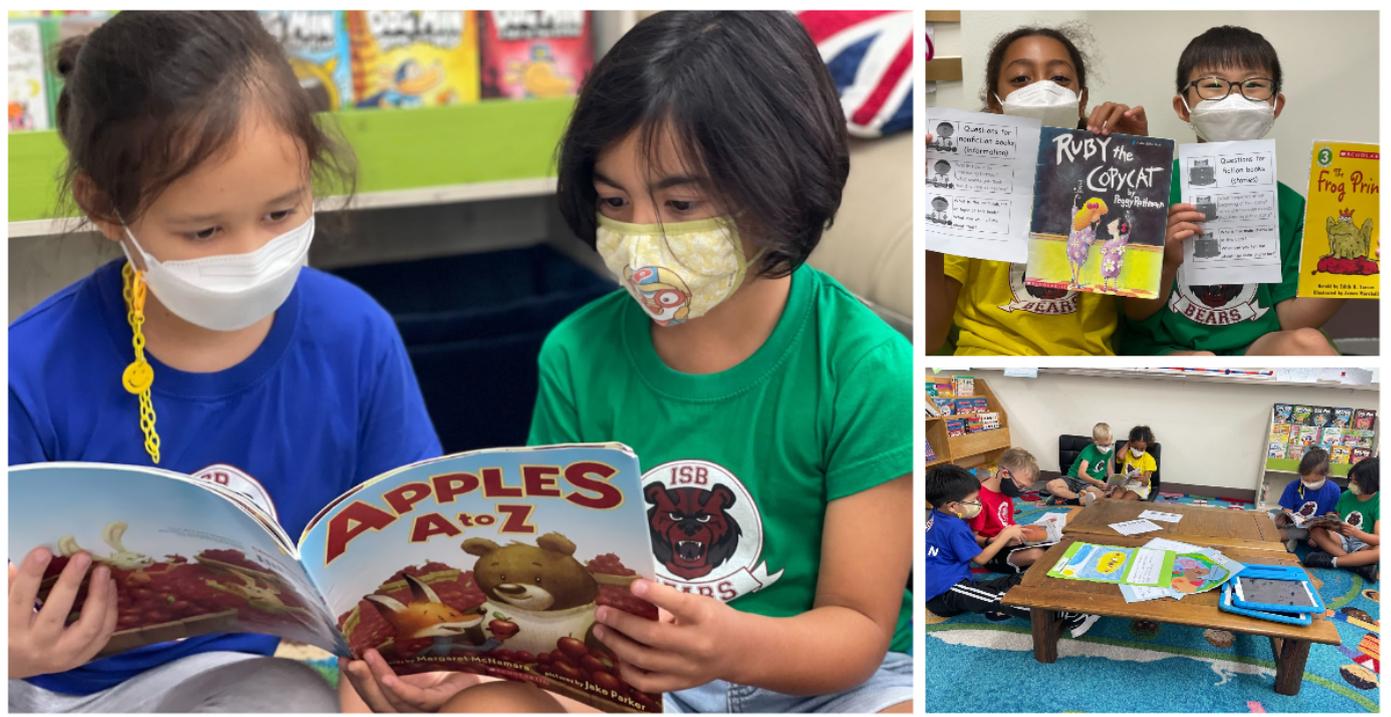
House T-Shirts are available in all sizes and cost KRW 10,000.

Show your colours!

Reading in Grade 2

In Grade 2, we have been working on improving our reading comprehension. After we choose a 'just right' book, we read aloud to our reading partner. Then we ask and answer questions about the story or the information in the book. We encourage each other to speak in full sentences and to show examples from the book to help explain our answers.

In Grade 2 we love reading and we know that reading is the key!



New Playground Equipment

Students were excited by the arrival of new playground equipment this week and were fascinated by the installation process. We are looking forward to using our new seesaw when it has been officially tested next week.



Today is the final day that students in grades 3, 4 and 5 can sign up for sports camp. This year sports camp takes place on the 7th and 8th October involving lots of fun sports tournaments and an optional movie night sleepover at school. Sign up closes midnight tonight: [ES Sports Camp Sign Up](#)



7th-8th October, 2022
ELEMENTARY SPORTS CAMP
Promoting teamwork, fitness, friendship and fun!
An enjoyable overnight experience for students in Grades 3-5



Grade 2 Observation Drawing

Grade 2 explored nature today and observed the details of plants, stones and other nature elements which they recorded in their beautiful drawings.



From the Secondary Principal

While students enjoyed their last day of the Chuseok holiday on Tuesday, our teachers were engaged with professional development at the school. It was fantastic working with teachers to further develop our school's experiential learning offerings. It was a great start to the ongoing work this year. We look forward to being able to communicate the results of our efforts to all of our students and parents towards the end of the year.



Gilles Buck

My favorite part of the day is welcoming our students back to school every morning. There is something special about the morning routine of students streaming into school! It is a chance to exchange a friendly "Hello" and "How are you?" . It is always a chance for a fist bump!

This Friday, we have 14 candidates running for student council delivering speeches to all of our secondary school students. After the speeches, our student body will vote on a High School and a Middle School Student Council. Once elected, this group of students will be developing their leadership skills and working with myself and their supervisor to run events, engage their peers and improve the school. Student leadership and agency is central to our mission and vision. We look forward to being able to share the work of the student council in future editions of the newsletter.

Learning Focus

After a break, the learning focus is always a return to our learning routines. Teachers have noted how quickly our students were able to pick up where they left off. This is a sign that our work earlier in the year to develop relationships and routines is paying off now with students understanding expectations and how to be successful in each class.

College Corner

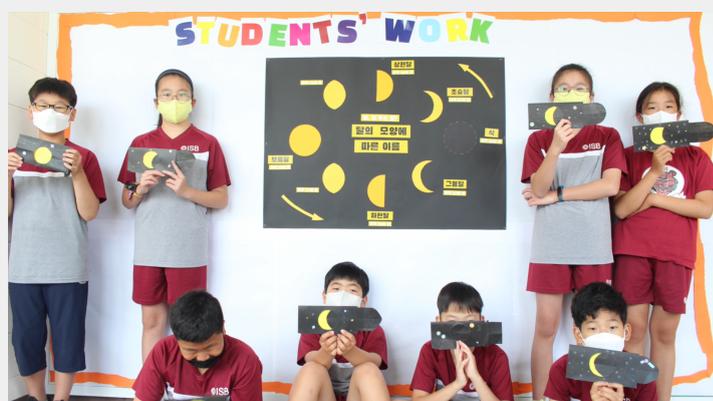
Our College Counselor, GJ Johnson, will be updating College Counseling information in this section of the Newsletter every other week. Here is this week's edition of the [College Counseling letter](#).

Secondary Subject Focus

Korean A Language and Literature Classes

For the annual Chuseok Celebration (the Korean harvest festival celebrated on the fifteenth of the eighth lunar month), the Korean Language & Literature students explored diverse Chuseok activities and demonstrated their learning in various formats.

Grade 6 students created a 'full moon letter' that visualizes the change in the moon's shape and wrote an appreciation letter to the farmers for their effort in farming.



Grade 6 'full moon letter'



Grade 8 students rewrote the lyrics of a Korean folk song, sung with the Korean dance called *Ganggangsullae*, usually performed on the night of the traditional holiday, with their own stories of the moon. They also made traditional Korean lanterns, *Cheongsa Chorong*.

Grade 9 students made a short video comparing how the celebration of Chuseok from the past and present has changed.

Grade 10 students prepared a voice-over-presentation study guide to teach prior knowledge for Grade 6 and 8. Their activities were showcased in the assembly video.

The DP Grade 11 students and Ms. Lee prepared for the Whole School Assembly with a drum performance featuring *buk* (barrel drum), *janggu* (hour-glass shaped drum), and *beopgo* (Dharma drum).



This year the annual STEM Fair will be held on Tuesday, November 22nd, 2022 and will be a virtual event hosted by HIS (Handong International School).

At ISB we believe in taking curiosity to the next level and solving “real world” problems, showcasing our students’ ingenuity, and learning more by hands-on experiences through scientific investigation.

Their first step as a scientist will be to research a Scientific, Engineering, or Mathematical problem they are interested and passionate about, and then apply the scientific method or engineering design to solve that problem.

The STEM fair is a place for our students to have fun, exhibit their investigation, and benefit from these amazing learning opportunities. Our students know that apart from the experiment, they will also have to provide data and evidence for their problem. Their projects will be submitted online with a video recording of their explanation and scientific adventure. We encourage our students to enjoy this experience remembering that, “If at first you don't succeed, try two more times so that your failure is statistically significant.” —unknown

The categories for the STEM fair are, Biology, Chemistry, Computers / Engineering, Environmental / Plant Science, Mathematics, Physics / Astronomy, Psychology / Sociology and Robotics

We currently have 8 students participating but encourage others to participate and showcase their knowledge and skills. We are confident that our students will excel and do ISB proud in this competition!



Introducing

Each week we feature an ISB Teacher in our newsletter.

This week we interviewed **Olga van Doorn**.

Qualification and certifications: MA Pedagogy and Methodology in Music at Grodno State University, ABRSM Diploma Piano Performance, ABRSM Diploma Principles of Instrumental Teaching

What is your role at ISB? MYP/DP Music, Whole School Creative Arts Coordinator

Our community really is an international community! Where would you say you're from and where else have you lived?

My Russian soul is revealed when I am on stage either performing or conducting. My identity comes through my accent and music.

However, after spending more than 15 years working on different continents, I learned to also appreciate Asian, African, and Middle Eastern cultures. I have lived and worked in Tanzania, Cambodia, and China.

What inspired you to become a teacher? First of all, it was my parents. My mom and my grandma were educators, and in my childhood, I enjoyed their stories about the school and their students. However, I also always knew that I would prefer teaching music to performing it. I have always aspired to educate my students into excellent performers and people in love with music.

What is your educational philosophy? Every student is like a unique planet with its own kind of energy. My mission is to keep the energy going and make sure the burning for music does not extinguish. I hope for my students to not only develop their musical talents but also grow into well-rounded, kind people capable of good deeds.

What made you choose ISB? What attracted me about the school is its small size, clear vision of where the school is moving in the future (mission and vision), the fact that it is not for profit, and its truly international community where families and teachers come from all sorts of cultural backgrounds. I was also attracted to Korea, its culture and history.

What is the best part of your job? Seeing the end-result of my work - when students get a chance to shine on the stage and when we get results of their exams, but even moments when not everything is going quite as we had planned but we keep moving forward anyway.

What are your hobbies and interests? I love reading and I try reading books that have nothing to do with my job. If I had a chance to change what I do, I would be a designer. I love interior design and high art.

What is your favourite quote? "Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes." Mahatma Gandhi

What is the impact you'd like to have on the world? I am already impacting the world - I inspired some of my students to be risk-takers and to never give up on their big dreams. Many of my former students have chosen music careers and reached big heights in their areas. For instance, one of them is now a very successful music director for movies in China.



International Day



We are a diverse, supportive and caring community of learners committed to developing knowledgeable, open-minded and principled global citizens.

We are unified and respectful in our diversity.

Be sure to click the link below to complete the form on how you can participate in International Day!

[See how you can get involved and contribute to our community!](#)

So far, the following countries have signed up to host a booth for International Day:

Australia
Georgia
Japan
Russia
South Africa
Sweden
UK
USA

The International Day PTA Meeting will be held **Wednesday, 28th September at 9:45am**. Please bring along a book from your home country to trade with others. Bring along a dish to share, as well!

SAVE THE DATES

15th October: International Day

31st October: Trunk or Treat



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