



The Bear Essentials



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Friday 13th May - SKAC MS Basketball at ISB/BFS
Saturday 14th May - SKAC ES Basketball at DIS
Thursday 19th May - PYP Music Concert
Thursday 19th May - ISB Annual General Meeting

Elementary Sports Camp Rocks!



We had a very successful first Elementary Sports Camp with over 50 elementary students participating. Students played three matches of football each, participated in torch-lit games on the field, a pizza dinner, and a socially distanced movie with popcorn. We then had a giant sleepover involving lots of giggles, pillow fights, and after lights out a good sleep! Saturday we had a tasty toasty breakfast before a fun rotation of dodgeball, parachute games, scooter handball, tag rugby and a giant tug-of-war. We would like to thank our high school students for assisting with the sports tournaments and helping out the students. Congratulations to all of the participants for a fun filled event promoting friendship and fitness.

Whole School News

Pictured below are some of the fun activities from this year's Sports Camp. The weekend was such a success that we have decided to do it again! The next Sports Camp will be held on Friday 7th October, 2022.



2022 PYP EXHIBITION

4TH & 5TH MAY 2022

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MAY 4TH PRESENTATION TO PARENTS 2.00PM - 3.20PM IN THE ISB GYM
MAY 5TH PRESENTATION TO ISB 9:00AM - 12:30PM IN THE ISB GYM

The PYP Exhibition is the culminating, collaborative experience in the final year of the IB Primary Years Programme. Students explore, document, and share their understanding of an issue or opportunity of personal significance. Some key purposes of the PYP exhibition for students are:

- to engage in an in-depth, collaborative inquiry
- to demonstrate agency and responsibility for their learning
- to demonstrate attributes of the IB learner profile
- to explore multiple perspectives
- to synthesise and apply their learning
- to take action
- to unite the learning community
- to reflect on their PYP education
- to celebrate their transition to the next stages of their education



On Wednesday, parents enjoyed a fabulous multilingual presentation to launch the Exhibition (in Chinese, Korean, Russian and English). The Exhibition groups then spoke confidently, passionately and eloquently with parents as they discussed their inquiries. On Thursday, the Exhibition groups shared their presentations with students across the school. Further information about this year's PYP Exhibition can be found in the Elementary section of this newsletter.



We are back with another in-person Parent Workshop and PTA Coffee morning! Every month, we share important updates and information that can help our families further support their children in their on and off-campus development. This month the topic is 'Support Services at ISB - EAL, Learning Support, Social and Emotional Counselling, College Counselling' and will be delivered in both English and Korean. This workshop will be led by Amanda Illeperumaarachchi, Chan Kim, Michelle Roland and GJ Johnson. We are looking forward to seeing you there at **8.45 am on Wednesday 11th May, 2022.**



ISB
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PARENT WORKSHOP & PTA COFFEE MORNING
Wednesday 11th May

SUPPORT SERVICES AT ISB
EAL, LEARNING SUPPORT, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL COUNSELING, COLLEGE COUNSELING

HEALTHY HAPPY LEARNING

Annual General Meeting

An important part of ensuring that the school continues to develop and improve is the election of members of the Board of Governors at the AGM. This year's AGM meeting will be held on **Thursday 19th May at 6:30 pm in the School Gymnasium.** This week your child brought the ballots for this year's Board of Governors election. Parents are able to cast one vote per family for each student enrolled at that school. Parents with more than one child should complete a separate form for each child. When filling out the ballot, please note that this year, the candidates are all running unopposed for each position.



Please complete the ballot before the start of the AGM Meeting on Thursday the 19th May and deposit it in the AGM Ballot Box at the Security Office at the front of school.

Community Calendar for 2022-2023 Published

The [ISB Community Calendar for the 2022-23 academic year](#) has now been published. The calendar includes term dates, after school activity season dates, report publication dates as well as performances, sporting fixtures, community events and activities. The calendar can be accessed via the homepage of the school website.



Simon McCloskey

A [one page pdf year overview calendar](#) is also available to download from the website (on the footer of each page). Our first whole-school large community event next year will be International Day which will take place on Saturday 15th October, 2022.

PTA Volunteers Needed for 2022-2023

At ISB, all parents are automatically members of the PTA and are always welcome to attend the monthly Wednesday PTA Coffee Mornings. The dates and times for the coffee mornings can be found in the school's [Newsletter](#) and on the [Community Calendar](#).

We are now looking for volunteers to serve on the PTA Committee for the 2022-2023 academic year. Involvement in the PTA Committee includes welcoming new families, supporting school events and activities, organising social gatherings for parents, volunteering during fundraisers, participating and planning in school events such as International Day or the Teacher Appreciation Day. If you would like to become a member of the PTA Committee or volunteer to support members of the committee, please share your contact details using the form below. Next year the following PTA Committee positions are vacant and will need to be filled:

- Treasurer
- Events Coordinator
- Vice President
- President

[PTA Committee Volunteer Form](#)

Sunday Evening Covid Test Reminder

Today students will bring home a Covid-19 Rapid Flow Test. They should take the test on Sunday night before returning to school on Monday 9th May. Results should be shared on the ISB Covid-19 Test Result Tracker (emailed earlier today).

Changes to Covid-19 Restrictions at School

Recent guidelines received from the Busan Metropolitan City Office of Education indicate that students are no longer required to wear their masks during outdoor PE lessons. From 23rd May students are not required to wear masks for field trips. As per the recommendations we have received, students will continue to wear masks during outdoor break times. We will communicate any changes to the guidance from the BMCOE as and when we receive it. Please note that the ISB campus is owned by the Busan Metropolitan City, so we are obliged to follow the rules, recommendations and advice that they provide when it comes to matters of health and safety.

From the Elementary Principal

We have enjoyed a wonderful week of warm, sunny weather which has enabled students to explore the different play options at ISB, including new items added to our “Loose Parts” construction play area. This week we were very pleased to be able to invite parents onto the campus to enjoy a fantastic presentation by the Grade 5 students for their PYP Exhibition showcase.



Kevin Smith

The students did incredibly well, presenting clearly in a number of different languages to an appreciative audience. Congratulations Grade 5!



PYP Learning Focus

Grade 4 Drama

This week grade four students had the opportunity to work with the middle and high school drama teacher. They took part in a workshop that focused on students becoming their chosen historical figures in preparation for the upcoming wax museum. The students had lots of fun playing drama games and learning the importance of confidence when performing.



PYP Exhibition

Exhibition day finally came for Grade 5! After 10 weeks of inquiring, learning, creating, and growing, students were able to present their inquiries to their parents on Wednesday, and to the whole school on Thursday. This has been a huge learning experience and the students did an incredible job showcasing their learning. Some Exhibition guests reflected on the experience by saying, "I learned how much 5th graders really care about world issues," and, "I was amazed how the children prepared their project and their thoughtful ideas to save and take care of the Earth." Well done, Grade 5! We are so incredibly proud of you. The video is coming soon!



Korean Language Acquisition

Grade 3 students have learned about Minhwa Korean folk paintings. The students learned different styles of Minhwa and how Minhwa represents important elements of life. Most of the students have chosen Horangi, the tiger, for their exhibition. 2022 is the year of the tiger. Also, Horangi is traditionally a very important animal in Korea. Therefore painting the tiger is meaningful for the students. We are looking forward to seeing the Grade 3 Exhibition!



Lost and Found

Labelled items are quickly returned to their owners. As the weather warms up please label water bottles, jackets, and hats. Thank you!

Children's Day Art

Kindy and Early Years 2 celebrated Children's Day outside in the sunshine and created beautiful drawings with chalk. Some of the children were exploring how big a castle could be, how interesting some drawings on the stairs might be, mixing colours, and how long a line they could draw!



From the Secondary Principal

Exams for the students in Grade 12 continued this week. So far so good! The clear organisation and smooth running of the exams has again proven to be the result of hard work and particular attention to detail. Merriss Shenstone, the School's DP Coordinator, in cooperation with the teachers, have meant all exams have so far gone off without a hitch.



Al Roland



It was tremendous to read and hear of the success of our Middle School and High School basketball teams last weekend. They all ventured up to Handong on the east coast of Korea, north of Ulsan, for a solid day of competition. All teams tasted success throughout the day. Many thanks to all the players and coaches for dedicating their time to making the day enjoyable and competitive.

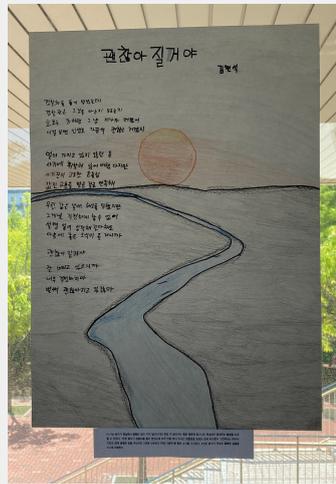
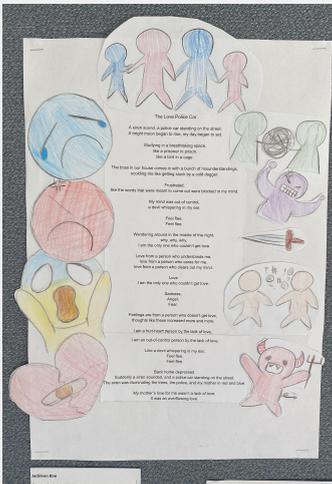
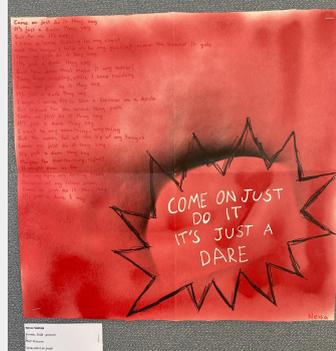
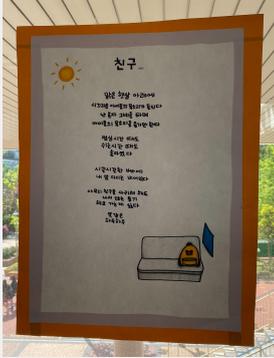
As usual, it is nice to be able to get into the classrooms and see firsthand the wonderful job that our teachers in the Secondary School are doing. Activities are varied and well thought out. It has been tremendous to see the calm approach both students and teachers take in class. There is great energy and enthusiasm for all that is undertaken.



Secondary Learning Focus

Wonderful Poetry - Middle School

Thank you to the teachers and students for your wonderful work producing such powerful messages for change in this world. It is a terrific message to send to all students, particularly when on display in the 2nd floor corridor of the Secondary Building.



Grade 10 e-Assessments

On Tuesday, May 10, Grade 10 students will begin the MYP eAssessments. They will be doing six tests over the course of the next two weeks.

	May 10	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 19	May 20
AM	English Language and Literature	French Acquisition		Spanish Language Acquisition	Integrated Science	
PM	Integrated Humanities		Mathematics (extended and standard)	Korean Language & Literature	Physics	Interdisciplinary Learning

The students have been doing practice tests with their subject teachers. To set themselves up for success, students should: **1) get a good night's sleep, 2) eat a good breakfast, 3) bring a healthy snack**
 By participating in the eAssessments, students will be eligible to earn a formally recognized IB MYP Certificate. The eAssessments are also a great way to prepare and ease into the DP exams. The Personal Project and eAssessments will be moderated and scored over the summer, and certificates will be sent out in September, 2022.

ISB24 Fundraising

If you haven't already signed up for this year's ISB24 Charity Walkathon then do it now [right here](#).

The event will occur on Friday 10th June, 9.00am and conclude at 9.00am Saturday morning, 11th June. It will take place at the school Soccer Pitch.

During the day on the 10th June, students from across the school will be involved in the event - coming out in their classes to walk laps

in support of the cause. Once the school day concludes, the Teams will take over for the remainder of the 24 hours. The key rule is that there must be at least one representative of their team moving around the track at all stages of the event - including at 3.00am in the morning!

All money raised will be donated to [Dongnam Institute of Radiological & Medical Sciences \(DIRAMS\)](#) which is located in Gijang. All participants in the ISB24 this year will pay a 25,000 KRW Entry Fee. Included in that fee will be an ISB24 T-Shirt as well as entry to the event.

ISB24 - 'Step by Step' 은 암을 극복했거나, 현재 치료를 받고 있는 암환자들과 그들을 돌보는 사람들을 응원합니다. 또한, 암으로 세상을 떠난 이들을 떠올릴 수 있는 행사입니다. ISB 24는 암을 극복하기 위한



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ISB Eco-Schools Activities

Curriculum

One of the important requirements to obtain the Eco School Green Flag is having environmental sustainability in our curriculum. Fortunately for students, ISB has concepts of environmental awareness throughout the curriculum from the Early Years, and every grade level in between all the way up to Grade 12. In fact, every grade in the PYP has a unit titled “Sharing the Planet” that focuses on the environment. Below you can see a few snapshots from the curriculum:



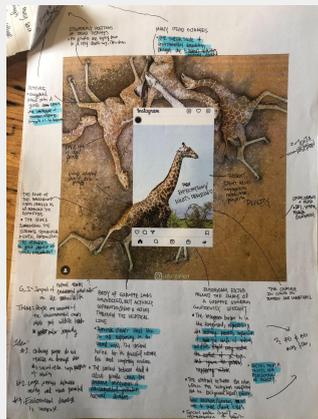
Grade 8 I&S and Design: Dragon’s Den U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) tweet



Kindergarten: Ecosystems - Relationships between people, animals, plants, and the environment (planting seeds)



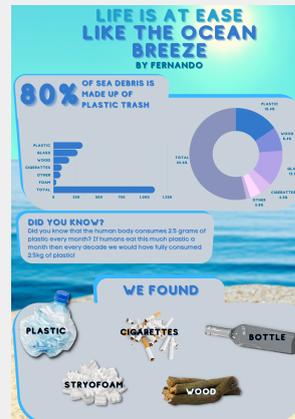
Grade 9 Design: Architecture Challenge (tweet)



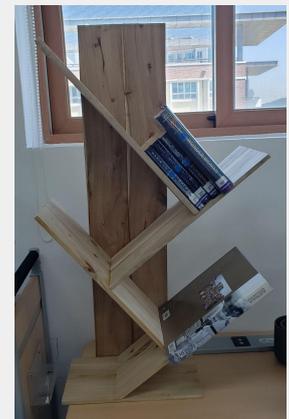
Grade 11 English: Climate Change - An aerial view of the bodies of six giraffes lie on the outskirts of Eyrib Village in Sabuli Wildlife Conservatory, overlaid with an Instagram image, and annotated for meaning.



Grade 3: Animal Ambassadors - Advocating for animals (living things) and sharing conservation strategies through art



Grade 6 Math & Science: Calculating carbon footprints (poster)



Grade 8 Design: Upcycling for a client

Go green, keep it clean!