



The Bear Essentials



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IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 16th June - Last Day of School for Summer Break
Thursday 16th June - School finishes at 12.00 pm
Monday 15th August - Orientation Day for new families
Tuesday 16th August - First day of school
Wednesday 17th August - Secondary Information Evening
Thursday 18th August - Elementary Information Evening

ISB24 Kicks Off

This morning at 9.00am, the 6th annual ISB24 kicked off with the first lap to honour those affected by cancer. The whole school then joined in for the second lap and walked around the ISB track together in a show of solidarity and community support, while raising money for DIRAMS, the representative cancer treatment and research centre in the region. Spirits were high and the atmosphere was vibrant and hopeful, and it was another proud moment for our ISB Community. We'll share the results of the fundraising with you soon! [Check out the video here](#) and the pictures below!

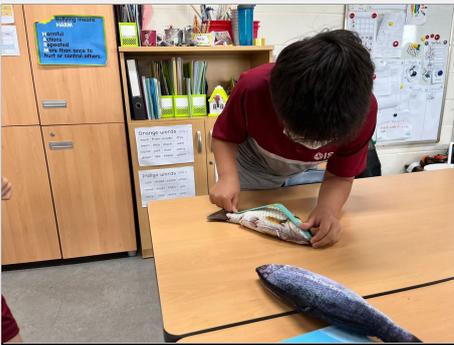


Whole School News

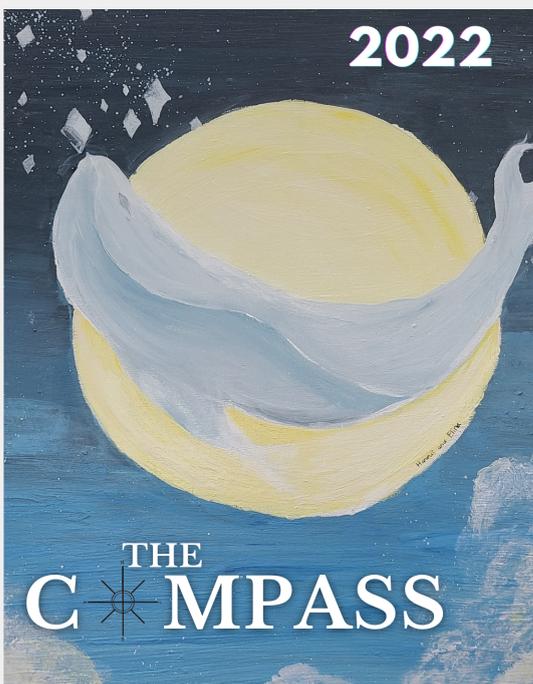
Wednesday June 8th, World Oceans Day, marked another step forward for ISB and our commitment to actively contributing to a sustainable future. ISB became the first school in South Korea to sign an MOU with the [Marine Stewardship Council](#), pledging to help raise awareness of the importance of sustainable fishing practices for a healthy and sustainable ocean, to implement the MSC 'Junior Ocean Protectors' Education Program and to support each other's eco-action activities.



After the MOU signing ceremony with Mr Simon McCloskey (ISB) and Mr Mark Seo (MSC), Grade 2 students were the first class in the whole country to take part in the Junior Ocean Protectors Program! They enjoyed learning about their role in protecting the ocean through the choices they make. Grade 2 read the Good Fisherman storybook, played a fishing game, managed to learn and remember some really big words, and had lots of questions and answers ready for the MSC Instructor!



All the students had a super time, and were excited to share their learning with parents at home. We are committed to providing our students with educational opportunities that inspire them to become proactive, principled, global citizens!



ISB Student Magazine

The Magazine Club has been distributing the 2022 copy of their Compass magazine. The Compass Magazine includes the different events and works from the ISB community.

The physical copies can be read from either the Elementary or Middle School libraries. Thank you to JinUk, Yejun, Viktoria, and Dave for their hard work this year!

Grade 5 Transition Celebration

Our school community enjoyed the Grade Five Transition Celebration Assembly yesterday. Students shared their highlights of Grade 5. They gave presentations and made speeches before singing a song about moving on to the next phase of their lives. Grade 5 students were also presented with special certificates to celebrate the completion of the IB PYP Programme. We look forward to seeing Grade 5 students next year in the Secondary School. Congratulations Grade 5!



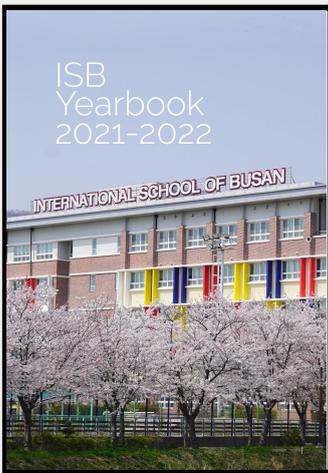
We would like to thank Ms. Zink, Ms. Jenny, Ms. Amanda and Ms. Roland for organising the assembly. We would also like to thank the Grade 5 parents who did a fantastic job of decorating the Gymnasium.

Planning Ahead

As we head towards the end of term, we are busy making plans behind the scenes for the start of the new academic year. Nine new teachers will be joining us in July to begin an orientation programme that will prepare them for life at ISB. We are also preparing to welcome over 60 new students in August. They will be coming from Australia, Belarus, Canada, France, Greece, Japan, Netherlands, Philippines, South Korea, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and the United Kingdom. Our enrollment continues to increase and we are extremely positive about some exciting new developments we have planned for the new school year.



Simon McCloskey



2022 ISB Yearbook

The ISB Yearbook will be sent home with children on the last day of school on Thursday 16th June. Each year the school provides one yearbook per family free of charge. The yearbook will be sent home with the oldest child in the family. Families may purchase additional yearbooks if they wish to do so. Each additional yearbook costs 50,000 KRW. Please send an email to info@isbusan.org before Tuesday 14th June if you would like to buy additional yearbooks.

Please note that the school day ends at 12.00 pm on this day. Buses will leave the school campus at 12.10 pm.

New Black Box Drama Studio for August 2022

This week, work started on converting the hall next to the Elementary Car Park into a new Black Box Drama Studio. The ceiling will be raised so that lighting bars and new stage lights can be installed. The hall will be fully refurbished so that we will have a dedicated learning space for drama lessons and performances at ISB. Work will be completed over the summer holiday in time for the new academic year. MYP Drama was introduced as a subject in August 2021 and in August 2022, and we plan to introduce the IB Diploma Theatre course for our Grade 11 students.



We are excited about this new learning space and look forward to the continued growth and development of the creative arts at ISB.

From the Elementary Principal

It has been an exciting week in Elementary with a number of special events. First, we had the PYP Art Exhibition, which was on view all week and visited by students, teachers and parents. Early Years students enjoyed water play and Grade 2 learned about sustainable fishing practices with visiting speakers from MSC. Meanwhile, the Grade 3 and 4 students were sharing poetry tips and, on Thursday, we enjoyed the Grade 5 Celebration. The Grade 5 students were confident and proud as they shared their personal highlights of the year and performed individual and group pieces for the audience of PYP students and parents. The gym had been beautifully decorated by the Grade 5 parents, who prepared a lovely afternoon snack treat for the students following the event. Many thanks to everyone involved in making this such a success!



Kevin Smith

PYP Learning Focus

MSC visit to Grade 2

The Grade 2 students enjoyed a wonderful learning experience today when representatives from the Marine Stewardship Council came to visit ISB. The children learned about sustainable fishing, read a story and played a fishing game. Everyone got an activity pack and a copy of the story book to take home. This was a great way for the students to discover ways that they can help protect our natural world and work towards a sustainable future.





Poetry Day

Grade 4 taught grade 3 students how to write poems, including online resources to find rhyming words and where they can publish them on Google Slides or Canva. Students then presented their poems to the class. We look forward to another poetry slam next week in the grade 4 classroom.



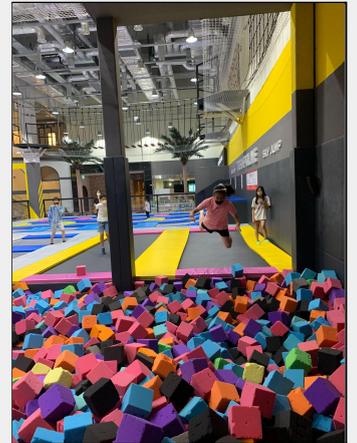
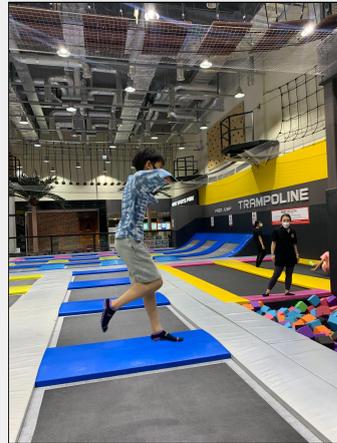
Water Play in the Early Years

Early years students had a lot of fun at their water play activities this week. Students enjoyed playing together using the water squirters and sponges. They enjoyed running through the bubble machine and seeing how high they could squirt the water. The best part was definitely squirting their friends, and teachers!



Grade 5 News

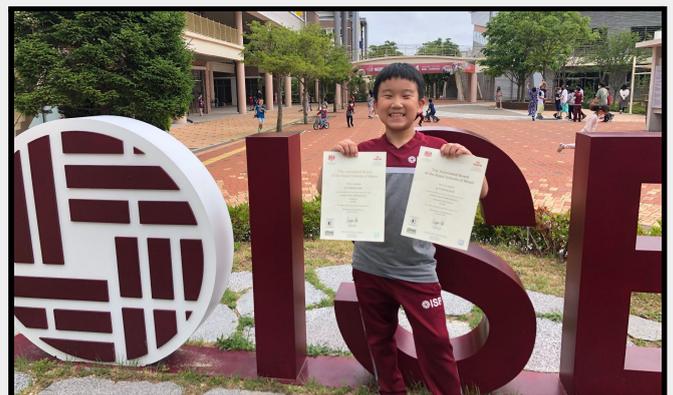
Grade 5 has been having an eventful couple of weeks. Last week, they got to enjoy an energetic day at the Hero Sports Park. Students were able to develop their social skills and improve their social well-being through working in teams and having fun at different activities such as, the trampoline, a climbing gym and wall, and even a zipline!



Grade 5 also celebrated their transition to middle school by putting on a Grade 5 Moving Up Celebration. Students planned the entire event and were able to demonstrate their talents and achievements to the whole school. We are excited for them to move up into middle school.

ABRSM Examinations

Congratulations to Junhong in Grade 2 who has recently passed his grade 1 and grade 2 piano exams. He was also very pleased to pass with distinction. Well done Junhong!



PYP Art Exhibition

A wide range of student artwork from across the PYP was exhibited this week in the Elementary building. Work included block printing, sculptures, paintings, drawings and collage. Classes visited throughout the week and a number of parents dropped in to view the work. A big thank you to our PYP Art Teacher, Ms Simona for mounting this inclusive exhibition. [See more highlights here!](#)



From the Secondary Principal

This week is dedicated to ISB24. Below you will see what wonderful efforts the students in the secondary school have been making to raise money for DIRAMS, our local cancer hospital in Gijang. But what is ISB24? ISB24 is a chance for our community to recognise and celebrate those who have overcome cancer or are undergoing treatment, as well as the people who care for them. ISB24 also provides an opportunity to celebrate the memory of loved ones lost to cancer. ISB24 is a fun and moving overnight experience that raises funds for the fight against Cancer. The event started today and will conclude at 9.00 am on Saturday morning.



Al Roland

Students from across the school are 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 3.00 am in the morning! At ISB we are hosting our 6th 24-hour event. We hope you enjoy the experience and continue to support this superb cause. All money raised will go to the [Dongnam Institute of Radiological & Medical Sciences \(DIRAMS\)](#) which is located in Gijang.

Grade 9 Flea Market

A huge thank you to the students in Grade 9 as they gathered and sold what is one person's trash as it became another person's treasure.



Grade 11 ISB24 Cafe

The grade 11 students spent the week preparing their inaugural ISB24 cafe! They had wonderful 'goodies' for sale throughout the past couple of days. Thank you to all those who supported the cafe, we hope it is a fixture that is here to stay!

Grade 9 Dramatic Production

During the week we were treated to the Grade 9 Drama class dramatic production. They were suitably nervous as they performed in front of their peers as well as Grade 10 students in the Secondary Hall.



Secondary Learning Focus

Theory of Knowledge Exhibition



Theory of knowledge (TOK) plays a special role in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme (DP), by providing an opportunity for students to reflect on the nature of knowledge, and on how we know what we claim to know. This week, Grade 11 students presented a Theory of Knowledge Exhibition. They presented 3 objects (physical or digital) and used them to analyse a philosophical question. Each student spoke thoughtfully and articulately about the objects they had chosen and how these objects connect to ideas about the production, nature and value of knowledge. They were well prepared and confidently engaged in conversations with teachers, parents and other students.

Grade 9 Film Festival

It is so nice to see that the Grade 9 film festival is back after a Covid enforced hiatus! The grade 9 students are off schedule for the final two weeks of the year as they write and produce a series of documentaries to be presented to the ISB community in the final week of the year. We look forward with great anticipation to what will be presented.



ISB Eco-Schools Activities

Eco Club Flea Market

From Wednesday to Friday this past week, the middle and high school Eco Clubs held a flea market to sell donated and used items to the school community. The goal was to upcycle and reuse items that are no longer wanted, but still have value for someone else. Items ranged in price from 1,000 Won to 5,000 Won, and even many free items.



All earnings from the flea market will go towards ISB24. We will then donate all money to DIRAMS cancer hospital in Gijang, which we have created a community relationship with for the past six years. Great job Eco Club, let's continue our good work next academic school year! Remember: Go green, keep it clean!

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From the PTA



ISB's International Festival is returning this fall! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 15th** and get ready to represent a country! The success of this event is determined by the involvement of the ISB parent community in addition to students, faculty and staff. A whole community event! Look for an email with more information to be sent home next week. It has been over two years since ISB's last international festival and we look forward to having everyone together again!