



# The Bear Essentials



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Saturday 30th April - SKAC MS Basketball at HIS  
Wednesday 4th May - PYP Exhibition  
Saturday 7th May - SAT  
Wednesday 11th May - Parent Workshop & PTA Coffee  
Friday 13th May - PTA Teacher Appreciation Day  
Thursday 19th May - ISB Annual General Meeting

## The ISB CLAP OUT

Tuesday April 26th was a rollercoaster of emotions, as our Grade 12 Graduating Class took part in the annual ISB tradition - **The ISB Clap Out!** Our whole school community lined the corridors, cafeteria and classrooms and offered cheers and applause to celebrate the hard work and achievements of our Class of 2022. A show of support and community spirit that leaves us with joy in our hearts and tears in our eyes. Well done everyone. We really are a superbly caring community! [Here's a short video of the event!](#) Congratulations Class of 2022!



**Good luck in your exams and see you at Graduation!**

### ISB Future Learning Retreat

This week at ISB we had the opportunity to come together as a community for the Future Learning Retreat. This was an amazing event that pulled together students, teachers, administrators and board members to imagine what the next phase of learning infrastructure would look like at our school.

The event had two main components; a visioning activity where participants dreamed of the ideal classroom of the future and a prototyping activity where participants created a mock-up diagram of how the space would look within our current classroom walls. Interspersed in this work was a ton of fun physical activities, challenges and great conversations about learning at ISB.

The Future Learning Retreat generated a lot of wonderful ideas and suggestions. Once the data has been sifted and analyzed, I will be sure to communicate out some of the key findings and ideas for how we will move forward in terms of learning spaces at our school. Until then, here are some photos of the event.

Dale Plotzki, Technology and Learning Innovation Coordinator

### ISB24 Registration is Open



ISB24 is a fun and moving charity fundraising experience that raises funds for the fight against cancer, and provides an opportunity to celebrate the memory of loved ones lost to cancer. 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 field. 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. [Sign up now here](#) and find out more information in both English and Korean. Thank you to Mr Roland, Ms Roland and all the team leaders and coordinators for their hard work again this year. It's going to be another great community event!



### ISB Boys are 2022 SKAC High School Futsal Champions!

We enjoyed a fabulous day of football at last weekend's annual SKAC Futsal Tournament. ISB hosted Busan Foreign School, the British International Academy (Geoje), Daegu International School and Handong International School (Pohang). The High School Boys finished the tournament playing superbly, managing an unbeaten run of 5 games to end up winners following an exciting final vs BFS. The Boys B Team also finished their group unbeaten and finished as winners in the B Team pool after playing HIS in the final. Our girls team made it to the final, but were ultimately beaten by a talented team from BFS. We would like to congratulate all students for some wonderful performances and to say a huge 'thank you' to all our coaches and teachers for making this such a successful event. After a long break due to Covid-19 restrictions, it was great to host a sports tournament back on campus again!



### **Covid-19 Update**

Today, students will bring home a Covid-19 Rapid Flow Test. Students should take the test on Sunday night before returning to school on Monday 2nd May. Results should be shared on the ISB Covid-19 Test Result Tracker (emailed to parents earlier today).



*Simon McCloskey*

### **Welcome Gilles Buck**

It was great to have our new incoming Secondary Principal, Gilles Buck, in school this week. Gilles spent time in classes talking to students and teachers. He also spent time with the IB Coordinators and our current Secondary Principal, Al Roland, to ensure that he is fully prepared to take on his new role in August. We look forward to welcoming Gilles and his family in July!

### **Board of Governors AGM Reminder**

The ISB Board of Governors would like to extend a warm welcome and invitation to all parents and teachers to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Board of Governors. The AGM will be held at school on Thursday 19th May at 6.30 pm.

One of the primary purposes for holding the AGM is for the Board and the Head of School to share with parents and teachers the current state and future of the school. Additionally, the other main purpose of the AGM is for parents to elect Board members to fill vacancies on the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors is the elected body of the school that includes both parent and non-parent members. The Board sets the overall school policy, creates strategic plans for the future, and supervises the school finances. Board Members are voted to the Board by parents of the school, and each Board member is elected for a three-year term. Per the school's Articles of Association, the Board appoints members into executive roles on the Board. There is one Board member position up for re-election at this time - Rod Ruoff (a Parent Member). There is also one vacant Parent Member position and one vacant Non-Parent Member position that we would like to fill.

The election process will be conducted at our upcoming AGM meeting. If you would like to be considered as a candidate for any of the available parent member positions, please complete [this candidate nomination form](#). As a candidate, you should be nominated and seconded by different people, who must be parents of children currently enrolled at ISB.

In addition, we ask for a short biography and portrait photograph which can be shared with other parents as part of the voting form. This should be emailed to [headofschool@isbusan.org](mailto:headofschool@isbusan.org). Also, if you are aware of anyone that does not have children at the school and who may be interested in serving as a non-parent Board member, please nominate them as a potential candidate using this [candidate nomination form](#).

All candidate forms and biographies must be returned by **12 noon on Monday, 2nd May 2022**. Thereafter, the Board will review the nominations, and the eligible candidates who are interested in being on the final ballot will be included on the voting form. Voting forms will then be given to ISB families. Completed forms should be returned to school no later than the start of the AGM on Thursday, 19th May 2022.

## From the Elementary Principal

It's been a fabulous week in the PYP classes because it has been BOOK WEEK! Our PYP librarian, Ms Yuni, planned a rich variety of activities to celebrate books and reading. More details can be found below. Meanwhile, in Grade 5, the excitement is building as students put the final touches to their showcase displays, ready for the big event next week on Wednesday. Finally, Grade 3-5 students are eagerly waiting for the start of Sports Camp starting on Friday and lasting until Saturday lunchtime. Look out for a report about the Sports Camp in the newsletter next week.



Kevin Smith

## PYP Learning Focus

### Book Week 2022

What an exciting Book Week at ISB! Starting with **Drop Everything And Read**, our students were really engaged and enjoyed their reading time. No matter what they were doing in their regular classes, they had to stop what they were doing, choose a book that they liked and read for 15 minutes. They loved it! We even had a surprise Drop Everything And Read during PE time!!



### Used Book Sale

The ES library club organized a book sale and showed their commitment throughout the event. We raised 283,000 won and we have decided to donate the money raised to the ISB24 event and an animal shelter.

## Morning Calm Medal Voting

The Morning Calm Medal is a new book award programme held at international school libraries throughout Korea. Our students helped to vote for a winner during the library time. After voting, they had a chance to spin the wheel to win small gifts. Our students were very excited!



## Book Character Parade

During the assembly, we had a book character parade where our students dressed up as their favourite characters and had a great time. Special awards were given out at the assembly to the most active borrowers and the most active book reviewer. We hope these fun experiences will make our students love and enjoy books more and more. [Here's a wonderful video of the event, created by the talented Mr Ben and our ISB Bears!](#)



## Early Years 1

While walking along the riverside, some children noticed trash here and there. We decided to come back later to pick it up. Finally this week, we put on working gloves to pick up trash to help clean up our neighbourhood. We also took a plastic bag to collect trash and bring it back to school to throw away.

**How did you feel when you saw lots of trash?**

Ahmed: I'm sad.

Theo: I'm sad because 쓰레기 때문에 식물이 죽어요. (Trash will make plants die!)

Trevor: I feel bad because trash has germs and I don't like how germs spread everywhere.

We were very proud to clean up our environment!



## PYP Exhibition

The PYP Exhibition is coming up soon! Grade 5 has been busy inquiring, researching, interviewing and preparing for their PYPx Showcase. The students have been working on their exhibition website, slideshow, storyboards and taking action. It's inspiring to see them work so passionately and collaboratively on issues they care about and it was a great opportunity for the students to discuss in their teams about how they wanted to present their final storyboards to the community.



Thank you to all the mentors and specialist teachers for supporting the students throughout this time. We have 3 days left until the Exhibition. Good Luck Grade 5!

## Covid Safety at ISB

While we're all certainly enjoying the idea of heading back into a pre-pandemic lifestyle, and as the government has lifted the majority of social distancing regulations, it's really wonderful to see our students outside enjoying the lovely weather, nature around the campus and having VERY active playtimes! That being said, it is still very important that we continue to keep our community safe and healthy.

Please make sure our students are wearing their masks appropriately (covering the nose and mouth) and hands are being washed regularly.

Hand sanitizer is still available throughout the school, and the temperature check station will remain set up for the time being. We appreciate all your continued support and enthusiasm in ensuring the safety of our students, and our wider ISB community members!



## From the Secondary Principal

It has been a wonderful week in the secondary school. Of greatest importance and significance was the final classes and assembly for the students in grade 12. After all the years of 'sweat and tears' the end is near. For all the graduates, their final two years of school have arguably been during the toughest time in their lives and in school. Covid has certainly taken a toll. It is wonderful that we begin to climb out of restrictions and the need to follow strict protocols in place. Grade 12 students began their examinations on Thursday 28th April with DP Physics HL! The exams will continue for approximately three more weeks concluding on the 19th May. We wish them all the very best of luck.



Al Roland

## Secondary Learning Focus

### Almost There



### Personal Project Moderation

The Personal Project Exhibition was held a number of weeks ago in the gymnasium. It was a great event for the students in Grade 10 to showcase their wonderful work. But once the showcase was over students then had to complete their final write-ups.

After that, the process of marking and moderation was undertaken by the teachers of the secondary school. Naturally the process of moderation is taken very seriously by all members of the teaching faculty at ISB. Marking teams were created by the MYP Coordinator, Ms Montague, to ensure that grades were fair and equitable across all reports.



## FUTSAL Competition

It was nice to see students competing and battling it out on campus again! ISB welcomed teams from around the peninsula on to our campus, as both boys and girls battled it out for the various Futsal trophies on offer. ISB certainly competed very well indeed, winning both the A & B boys team trophies. Go Bears!



## MUN@ISB

Do you want to improve your public speaking and debating skills while also demonstrating to universities that you can communicate effectively in writing, negotiate with others, talk eloquently, and care about global issues?

In November and April of the academic year 2022-23, an international conference will be held in Chennai, India and Taiwan, respectively. Although details are still being worked out, it is expected that both conferences will be in person. As a result, participants may be required to travel to participate in these conferences (the Chennai conference may be held both digitally and in person.)



Both conferences and the preparation for the conference will be an amazing opportunity to; learn and look at how other international schools proceed with debates; get to know other students in other grades; and develop public speaking and debating skills.

MUNs are known for their quality, high standards, and difficulty levels, and participating in one will work as an asset when you apply for colleges and/or jobs. Top colleges such as Yale, Harvard, and Oxford have been known to give additional consideration to students who have attended MUNs. Given that ISB's MUN program is just getting back on its feet following the pandemic, it would be helpful to know how many students are interested in attending any upcoming conferences. This will offer the ISB MUN organizers a decent indication of how many people will attend and how many seats to register for.

**Please note that the registration must be completed by May the 1st.**

If you wish to participate please [fill out the form](#). If you have any questions please contact the MUN supervisor, Mr. Nakhwa. Thank you! - ISB MUN.

## Bookworm Club

Wonderful to see Viktoria who has not only set up the ISB Bookworm club but also runs the sessions in the library, doing such a tremendous job during the week.



## ISB24 is Back

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!

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 BE DONATED TO [Dongnam Institute of Radiological & Medical Sciences \(DIRAMS\)](#) which is located in Gijang. If you wish to participate in this year's event please fill in [all parts of the entry form](#) which detail the event dates and additional costs.

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.

**Junior Ocean Picket Challenge**

Some interesting Eco opportunities from News1 Busan...they would like to invite anyone in the ISB community to join the Junior Ocean Picket Challenge **and** Junior Ocean Conference (check here for details: <http://www.juniorocean.org>)... you can change the site to English if you wish.



How to participate in the **Junior Ocean Picket Challenge**:

1. Think of a message you would like to inform about the seriousness of the marine environment **OR** actions that can be done to protect the marine environment.
2. Put your message in a creative “picket””.
  - a. A “picket” means to protest, so you are protesting against the mistreatment of the marine environment
  - b. Examples: Recycled paper, old clothes, sandy beach, musical instruments, etc.
3. Express your “picket” in any way you wish: writing, comic, singing, dancing, acting, drawing, posters, a short movie, etc.
4. Make a video explaining the “picket” (**30 seconds to 3 minutes max**)
5. Click [APPLICATION](#) to submit your video.
  - a. Videos will be accepted from **Monday, April 25, 2022 to Tuesday, May 31, 2022.**

**Winning Entries Receive:**

- Participating agency awards and prizes
- Invitation to the 2022 Junior Marine Conference (July 29, 2022)
- 2022 Junior Marine Conference participation certificate
- 2023 Junior Marine Conference speaker opportunity
- News 1 interview opportunity
- Opportunity to board the Korea Coast Guard (control boat)

The **Junior Ocean Conference** will take place **July 29, 2022** at **8:00pm** via Zoom. You can see the program and speakers on their [website](#) (you can change the site to English). Take a

look and hopefully you are inspired to make a difference in taking care of our environment. If you need help, please email Brent Johnson ([bjohnson@isbusan.org](mailto:bjohnson@isbusan.org)) or if you’re at school, drop by my classroom (C2.8) for a chat. I will certainly be participating and encourage you to do it, as well.

**Junior Ocean Picket Challenge**

**Application period**  
April 25th (Mon) ~ May 31st (Tue)

**Participant Benefits**

- Participation award
- 2022 Junior Ocean Conference Invitation (July 29th, Friday)
- 2022 Junior Ocean Conference Participation Certificate
- Opportunity to speak at 2022 Junior Ocean Conference
- Meet Internete
- Opportunity to board the Coast Guard anti-pollution vessel (for certain winners)

**Schedule**

Announcement date	Application period	Final Announcement	Award Ceremony
Website opening	Application and video upload	Website posting and individual contact	Order of 2022 Junior Ocean Conference

**Award Division**

| Member of the National Assembly |
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**Topic**  
- Bringing awareness to the severity of the ocean environmental crisis  
- Encouraging and demonstrating how to actively participate in marine and environmental conservation

**Contest Division** 3 parts in total

Division	Age	Language
1st	Age 7-12	No language restrictions
2nd	Age 13-15	Free to use any language of comfort such as Korean, English, Chinese, Japanese, German, etc.
3rd	Age 16-18	

**How to participate**

1. Create a picket that includes an appropriate message for the topic.
2. No limitations on the physical/abstraxmaterial of the picket (ex) recycled paper, old clothes, sand, instrument, etc.
3. Explain the picket through writing, cartoon, drawing, singing, dancing, acting, etc.
4. Submit a video explaining the picket through google forms.

**Rules**

- Single awareness to ocean environmental crisis
- Encouraging active participation in marine and environmental conservation

**Application**

- Fill out the application form uploaded the video through google forms.

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**Host |** KIOST | KOSHA | KMA | KMA | BPA | BPA | BPA | BPA

**Sponsor |** BPA | BPA

**Go green, keep it clean!**

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