



# OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**ABRSM SUCCESS** Last term's successful music examinees who passed various grade exams set by the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music (ABRSM) received their certificates from the school Principal this morning.

## OUR PRINCIPAL WRITES KEVIN FOYLE

As you know we have started the process of recruiting some new staff for next year and we are looking for people who will enhance what we do, through their skills and experience. We are also looking for staff who will fit in well with the rest of the team and the ethos of the school.



Y10 IGCSE OPTION EVENING *Parents of year 10 students had the opportunity to meet staff and learn about our IGCSE course programme on Tuesday evening this week.*

## OUR PRINCIPAL WRITES BY KEVIN FOYLE, PRINCIPAL

One of the areas we always explore during the selection process is the candidates' intrinsic motivation. Through a number of open questions we look to uncover why they came into teaching and what makes them feel proud, because it is important that the individuals who join us are aligned with our aspirations to help others to thrive and to be the best they can be.

My time away from school and Shanghai provided an opportunity to reflect a little on what we are providing and achieving. What often strikes me on my return is just how much is going on and the quality of what is on offer. I have received a significant number of requests for Principal's Commendations for a variety of examples of high performance, many of them academic. I had the pleasure today of awarding certificates to last term's successful music examinees who passed various grade exams set by the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music (ABRSM). Rehearsals and preparations for the KS2 and secondary school productions also continue apace, most notably with the transformation of the auditorium for our production of Shakespeare's "Much Ado about Nothing".

On the sports front, I was greeted by the news that our basketball teams had performed extremely well at the ACAMIS basketball tournaments in Beijing, with the girls winning the tournament and the young boys team coming a creditable second. Meanwhile, our Under 16 rugby team is presently away competing in an international tournament in Bangkok.

There have been a number of parent information evenings; Literacy for EYFS, Supporting Reading at Home and IGCSE Options Evening, the last two of which attracted over 150 parents to the school on Tuesday evening this week. It is also good to see the school so widely used for ECAs, native language provisions and British International School Community Activity Programme (BISCAP) sessions. From early in the morning until late into the evening the site is alive with activity and endeavour.

It is great to come back to such a vibrant and positive environment

## International Baccalaureate Information Evening

On Wednesday 22 February, there will be an information evening for parents of Year 11 students about the International Baccalaureate. Work from IB students will be showcased and there will be information about the structure of the programme.



For more information, or to confirm your attendance, please contact Andrew Joy (a-joy@bisspuxi.com)

The event will take place in the Primary School Theatre – note that this is a change of venue. It will not be in the Secondary Auditorium as previously indicated.

## Note From School Nurse: Hearing Screening

Please be advised that on Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 February, hearing screening will be offered for all children from the age of 4 years old. The screening will be provided at both primary and secondary campuses and will be undertaken by New Wave - European Hearing Solutions who have previously provided an excellent service to the school. Feel free to check out their website for more information <http://newwave-hearing.com/about.html>.

It is critically important to identify any hearing issues your child may have as early as possible, so I would strongly encourage you to complete the registration form and enroll your child for one of the available sessions. Please note that completed forms must be returned by Wednesday, 22 February together with the fee of 200 RMB per child to the Primary or Secondary Reception desks and NOT to the school nurses.

## International Food Evening

A reminder that ticket sales close on Wednesday 22 February. Letters have been sent home with children, and you can also download the ticket order form from the Letters section of our website

## PRIMARY NEWS BY PETER DEWHURST, HEAD OF PRIMARY

As I write this piece I am struck by the real 'buzz' of excitement and activity going on all around school, with the wonderful range of class learning and quality extra-curricular activities taking place. A group of Reception children have just been in my office checking for different types of materials for their science learning, which involved checking the trophies to check whether they are metal or not, as the case may be! I can hear some beautiful singing coming from the Primary theatre, where the Year 4 students and staff are busy rehearsing for the upcoming performance of *The Three Little Pigs*, an adaptation of the classic fairy-tale based on Roald Dahl's *Revolting Rhymes* series. Meanwhile outside, the sports teams are practising hard for upcoming tournaments and after school many of our students are involved in rehearsals for our Key Stage Two ECA production of *Wind in the Willows*, which takes place in March. It really is a busy school!

Recently we have also been working with parents to share information and ideas about how they can support their child in school with their learning. For new parents, a range of curriculum workshops have been offered, covering Literacy and Numeracy in Early Years and throughout the Primary school. On Wednesday night we held a Reading workshop at which parents could choose to attend a wide range of workshops to suit their needs and those of their child, run by many of the Primary teaching team. Many parents commented on how successful this event was and we are always looking at new ways to share curriculum information with parents. Our Parent and Staff Library Working Party has also met and there are many improvements planned for our Library, some of which have already begun. As I write, we are purchasing new books and the library is now open after school on Mondays; it has been great to see many parents and children making use of this. Next week is our Book Fair and you will have received a letter about this event, which we hope will be the biggest Book Fair we have seen here at BISS. Please come along, take a look and hopefully you will buy some great new books. Next week we also have an information session for those parents whose children are attending the residential trip to Xiamen and also about the SAT's tests which the children take in May.

Finally I'd like to thank those children who dressed up in red for the Wear Red for Heart to Heart charity day on Tuesday. We raised 5000mb in Primary for this very worthwhile cause. Your support and generosity is much appreciated.

Have a great weekend.

## Reading Workshop in Primary a Huge Success BY LISA BOTT KS2 LITERACY COORDINATOR

On Wednesday night, parents were invited to a "hands-on" reading workshop event at the primary school. Teachers across the Key Stages offered a variety of 20 minute workshops aimed at providing parents with ideas and activities to promote reading at home. More than 80 families joined us to learn about fun and educational reading activities they could enjoy along with their child. Parents were able to learn about storyboxes, recipes and reading, critical literacy, effective questioning strategies as well as vocabulary development and strategies to support the reading of non-fiction texts. Positive feedback from parents was received and many parents commented on the fact they felt inspired and motivated to try some of the fun reading activities at home. A draw was held and 10 families received a gift bag full of books to enjoy with their children. Many thanks to all who attended and we look forward to more reading events in the future.



## 2012 INTERMEDIATE UK MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGE - RESULTS



The results arrived by email on Thursday and we have more students achieving certificates than ever before. Not only that, but this time we have 10 students who have achieved scores good enough for their age group to enter the next round of events (in previous years maybe only 3 or 4 students have reached this level).

Each year approximately 250,000 students worldwide take part in the Intermediate Challenge with the top 40% achieving a Gold, Silver or Bronze Certificate in the ratio 1:2:3. This year our overall results within each year group are very promising indeed with 74% of students achieving either a Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate. The students taking part in Years 9, 10 and 11 all take the same set challenge and as expected the Year 11s achieved the greatest percentage of Gold certificates, followed by the Year 10 and then Year 9 students.

Special mention should go to the 10 students who will have the opportunity to take part in two follow-on rounds which takes place on Thursday 15th March. Stephen He, Min Kim and Ulrika Andersson in Year 11 and Hyunjin Kim in Year 9 will take part in the Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad which is for the top 500 students worldwide. Long Yin Chan, Byeong Kwak, Waikit Loo and Chris Moon of Year 11, Charlie Johnson and Callum Latimer of Year 10, and Winston Shin and Sungjoon Kim of Year 9 will take part in the Kangaroo round which is open to around 5500 students worldwide. Congratulations should also go to all students who achieved a certificate as detailed below. Those who did not achieve a certificate this time will have the opportunity again next year!

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
YEAR 11	Ulrika Andersson Long Yin Chan Stephen He Seohyun Jang Maria Johnston Min Kim Seho Kim Byeong Kwak Waikit Loo Chris Moon Juyeon Park Anniesiq Qian Cho Sungchan Jimin Yoon Wonsik You	Raymond Chen Ayaka Izumi Kristian Jiraruangkiat Dasom Kim Meanji Kwon Sua Park Alice Shin Lyndon Teng Daniel Watters Samuel White Kevin Zhu Yang Zuojia	An Jihun
YEAR 10	Solene Gernaey Charlie Johnson Callum Latimer Hyojae Lee Kushagra Rastogi Alex Schumann	Luca Airaghi Ebbe Borg Heng Chan Darcy Clark Xinli Han James Lee John Lim Yoonji Song	Henry Dale David Huang Jack Jiang Aoia Muto Kevin Park Louise Rommel Christine Trinder Katie White Max Zimmer
YEAR 9	Hyunjin Kim Sunrjoon Kim Winston Shin	Savo Bajic Jiho Lim Sebastie Paine	Edwin Chan Donghyun Kim Leah Kwak Alex Meyer James Shepherd Mandy Zhang



ACAMIS BASKETBALL SUCCESS *Congratulations to the BISS Lions girls team who achieved a well-deserved victory at the ACAMIS tournament last week.*

## SPORTS REPORT BY PAUL KELLY, HEAD OF SPORT

Another week of sport is over at BISS and it has been a week of many highs for our athletes and coaches. The weekend saw our ACAMIS teams travel to Beijing to play basketball, our rugby teams travel to Pudong and our girls football team travel to France, well the French school in Xujing, but they can dream.

### ACAMIS BASKETBALL: GIRLS BY LAN TAO, YEAR 11 AND SIMONE COLSON, IB

This year's ACAMIS Basketball was a great success for the BISS Lions girls team. We went on court with sheer determination and great spirit to face the YCIS, ISQ\_SIS, XIS and TEDA teams. It was an intense three-day tournament for a small team of seven girls against other schools who had ten players on each team. We fought hard and maintained a high level of energy and focus, which led us to an undefeated streak to the finals! It was unfortunate that Waiyeng "What's Wong?" Wong was injured after a tough game against XIS in the semis, but with a calm and well-focused state of mind, we collaborated amazingly in the finals with only SIX players against SIS.



Lan "Ty-Lan-ol" Tao, MVP, played at a higher level of basketball than any of us or other teams could ever reach, as well as providing us all with a Canadian version of Tylenol to battle our illnesses. Christine "Nothing-but-net" Trinder exposed her hidden talent to everyone and stunned us with her amazing shots. Taylor "T-Rex" Harriott was unstoppable under the basket, fighting hard for the rebounds every single time.



Thays “No-Glasses” dos Santos fell ill after the second day of the tournament, but she pushed through and gave 100% on the last day. Pilar Chang’s continuous shooting and aggression aggravated the opponents. “Captain” Simone Colson lost her voice and kept the pace of the play, eventually breaking out in tears after earning the title of CHAMPIONS.

Other coaches harassed Miss Monroe a.k.a. “Coach M&M” with many questions, as they were so surprised at how well we played for such a small team. Overall, ACAMIS Beijing 2012 was a great and memorable experience for all of us. New friends were made and old ones became closer during this trip. We brought the trophy home people!

“This is OUR house. We need to protect OUR house!”

### ACAMIS BASKETBALL: BOYS BY KUSH AND MAX

After a long, tiring 5-hour train ride, the boy’s team got ready to play their first game against ISQ. Overloaded with fatigue and exhaustion, the team was still able to pull off a remarkable win. The team quickly travelled to the hotel or rather tried to as most of the boys were busy playing games on their laptops.

Day two saw the team play three games against SIS, TEDA and YCIS. We had heard SIS was a good team with quick players, but we played hard defence, communicated well and made good decisions and beat SIS. Taking our momentum into the next game, the team was able to record a comfortable win against TEDA. Our last game was against the hosts at their home court. Despite YCIS Beijing having the upper hand, our team’s starters opened a 20-point lead in the first half by taking good shots and moving the ball well. As the game progressed, YCIS was able to cut our lead to 8 points due to lack of communication, poor defence and rebounding. However our captain, Jeffrey Lam, who was substituted back in the game, extended the lead by producing some excellent plays and we cruised to the finish line to capture another victory.

The next morning, stepping on the court with an undefeated start to the tournament, we were quickly demolished by XIS’s magnificent shooting and tough defence. We had suffered our first loss of the tournament. To lighten the mood, our coaches, Mr. Lister and Mr. Harriot, informed us we had reached the semi-final against YCIS Beijing. Delighted, the team relaxed in the hotel in order to prepare for the game. The semi-final was by far the most intense game of the whole tournament. The game tied at 34-34, Jeffrey Lam scored an extremely tough shot to give us a two point lead with 4 seconds left on the clock. Through Brayden Levine’s exceptional rebounding skills, Jamie Shen’s great court vision, Jeffrey Lam’s tremendous shooting form, Max Tan’s brilliant post moves and sheer concentration, willpower and effort from the rest of the team, we were able to defeat YCIS to reach the finals.

The final was set up against XIS, our old rival. Last year, XIS beat us in the finals with a series of 3-pointers from the arc. This year was no different. XIS opened their lead by scoring long-range shots. Pulling ourselves together, we fought back to stay in the game. We managed to keep it close until the fourth quarter when XIS were too strong and ended up pulling away to win the game and the tournament.

Even though we lost, we played really well and were proud

of our achievement of getting to the final and winning the second place trophy. We believe the tournament has given our team an incredible amount of experience, made us better as a team and unlocked new doors for improvement. We look forward to next year’s ACAMIS Basketball tournament and bringing a winner’s trophy back home!

### RUGBY

On Saturday the U9 team played 3 matches. We beat BISS Pudong team A and B quite comfortably but got beaten by a good Dulwich team. There were some good solo runs in the Dulwich game by Arthur and Ronan but we didn’t manage to get the support there fast enough in order to convert our pressure into tries.

### UNDER 11

Another fantastic day of rugby, played by all of the U11 team; special mention to Joseph Pate, who has really worked hard on running attack and tackling intensity. Again, Daniel Tromborg produced a high tackle count and some robust runs down the middle of the field. Paul Zimmer was fantastic in broken play regaining possession of the ball at the opposition break down. Andy Lo in Year 5 made his debut with some great tackles and really enjoyed his first rugby experience on the day. The boys are looking forward to this week, where some new contesting rules now apply and the competitive side of rugby is now allowed.

Match results: Three wins versus BISS Pudong A-B, Shanghai Hairy Crab/Rego and Dulwich. Go the BISS Lions!

### U13

A huge improvement was made on Saturday by the BISS U13 team. Although both games were lost narrowly, our lads fought hard and matches were only decided in the last 5 minutes of each game. The most notable progress was that there was a definite U13 BISS Lions team playing together and for one another. Excellent Spirit! Team discipline has improved and will continue to do so under the captaincy of Hom. Greg played superbly as scrum half and made vital tackles. Austin Harriott returned to the squad and made a significant contribution in terms of aggression and determination. Niall and Matteo were outstanding at running forwards into the opposition. Oliver Mee and Alex England provided shining examples to their team mates of how to set up a ruck. Focus in the next week will be on tackling and concentration.

### U15

The U15s played another round of fixtures at Shanghai Rugby Club over the weekend against Dulwich Suzhou, Dulwich Shanghai and the French School.

The team started superbly against Suzhou running in seven tries in total in what was yet again a dominant performance. Rhys Herbert got a try on his debut in the first few minutes and the tries never stopped from there. Final score was a convincing 41 – 0 victory.

The second match was against Dulwich Shanghai and this proved once again a pulsating fixture. Charlie Johnson managed to score a superb try early on and with the forwards putting in an epic battle the win looked certain for the BISS Lions as the match drew to a close. Unfortunately, continued Dulwich pressure in our own 22 led eventually



to a questionable penalty try being awarded in the closing minutes which gifted Dulwich the 7-5 victory and subsequent heartache for the BISS Lions.

The team then had to pick themselves up and match up against an athletic French school. Once again Charlie Johnson broke the defensive line with a clever run and looked to have scored directly under the posts only for the referee to once again rule against us and deemed him to have not placed downward pressure on the ball; a strange decision and one which proved costly. After what would have been a 7-0 advantage a quick French pass to the wing sent their player over in the corner for the only score of the match. It ended 5-0 to the French with once again some poor refereeing being the main obstacle.

That being said, the performances were excellent by the whole team in particular 2nd row forward, with Captain Max Zimmer putting in a serious shift around the field, cleaning out many rucks along with Edward Callery. Ryan Grant and Charlie Johnson demonstrated superb running style to slice open the opposition regularly whilst centre Sean Hughes put his body on the line with fearless running however unfortunately took a nasty knock to the head against the French. Fortunately Sean is back up and around with us this week. The team must now move onwards and upwards. With the sunny climates of Thailand on offer this weekend to compete in the Bangkok Junior International Rugby Tens tournament, I'm sure this will be the perfect hunting ground to put in some solid performances and set the team right back on track.

## VOLLEYBALL

Thursday saw our CISSA girls play their first fixtures of the season. Without their usual coach and with a lot of nerves we travelled to SCIS to play SCIS and SAS. Both matches were close but our girls struggled to get their serves over the net often enough to sustain any pressure on their opponents. However they certainly showed glimpses of good play with some skilled returns of serve. A bit more practice at serving and I am sure we will have another competitive team.

Tuesday saw our CISSA boys play their second round of matches. Buoyed by some great results last week the boys have been in and working on their team play most days. The net result, if you will pardon the pun, was another two victories and some seriously good volleyball. The first game against LAS was a one sided affair with BISS taking the game 25-14. The second game against SAS was a far tougher match with BISS finally taking the game 28-26 thanks to some great serving from Nickolai. Next week we travel to SAS for our first away games of the season so let's see if the boys can take their fantastic form on the road too.

## FOOTBALL

The senior girls have been preparing hard during pre-season and were looking forward to putting everything they have learned into practice in this second friendly game. We put out a stronger team than against SAS, but were still missing 2 key midfielders. BISS dominated possession from the start with Ayaka Izumi and Hanna Lyngsten combining in the centre of midfield. However, we did find it hard to break through the French defence. The French had the best chance of the opening exchanges when they received a free kick on the edge

of our area. However, they were unable to test Alex Schuman in goal. As the first half wore on Barbara began to take up a wider position and on several occasions was able to turn her defender, to provide decent balls into the box, creating chances for both Hannah Walmesley and Amanda Svensson.

They continued to dominate possession in the second half and were soon rewarded when Hannah Walmesley turned her defender on the edge of the area and fired a right footed shot into the top corner. They continued to press after this and although they looked vulnerable to the counter attack the girls were able to keep to the score to 1 - 0. Mostly thanks to some excellent defence by Holly Walmesley and Lara Al Laham. Most of the girls' attacks continued to come from wide positions and eventually the pressure paid off, with Kimberline Chew firing in a low cross from the left that found Barbara Wildmann about 8 yards out. At 2 - 0 the girls looked very comfortable and piled on the pressure with a series of excellent corners taken by Hanna Lyngsten. The third goal eventually came from open play. Barbara and Hannah Remede linked well on the right, allowing Hannah to send a low cross towards the penalty spot. It found Hanna Lyngsten unmarked and she drove her shot to the bottom left corner.

French School 0 Vs. 3 BISS

## TENNIS

You will be interested to know that Nicole Tan from Year 9 has been selected to represent Singapore in the World Junior Tennis Championship. The pre-qualifying will be held in Kuching, Malaysia next week, with the second round of qualifying in May 2012 and finals in Czechoslovakia in August. The Singapore team is sending 3 U14 girls, and 3 U14 boys to take part. Nicole went for the selection in Singapore in January and through great talent and perseverance got selected.

The U14 Singapore Girls team will be competing with 7 other teams: Jordan, Iran, Syria, Turkmenistan, Philippines, Kazakhstan, and Vietnam.

Nicole is part of our ever increasing BISCAP programme here at BISS where she works closely with the school's tennis partners, CETA. We wish Nicole the best of luck and hope she can produce her best tennis during the course of the week.

As ever, big thanks to those who played and supported this week. A special thanks to the coaches and players who attended the ACAMIS trip; feedback from the tournament host was that our teams were exemplary in all aspects of play and sportsmanship. This weekend sees our netball teams starting their campaign with our primary teams playing at BISS and secondary players travelling to Dulwich. We also send our rugby players to Bangkok for a mid-season tournament and have our swimmers making final preparations for their forthcoming gala.



PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

# WE INVITE YOU TO OUR BOOK FAIR

PRIMARY LIBRARY, 8:00 AM - 4:30PM,  
20 -22 FEBRUARY, 2012

We are excited to be hosting a Book Fair in our primary library from Monday 20 February through Wednesday 22 February. Blue Fountain Books and Star Children's books will be selling a large variety of books for children from Early Years through to KS4. They are also bringing a selection of adult books for parents too!

The library will be open each day from 8:00-4:30pm for book purchases. We are hoping parents can use the time between 8:00 -9:00am and 3:30 and 4:30 pm to make their selections and allow time during the day for our students to peruse and purchase.

Primary school students will all visit the book fair on Monday and bring home a wish list highlighting book titles and cost of selections they may wish to purchase. Secondary students will be provided with book lists from the publishers to help them make their selections. All students will then be given the opportunity to return to the library before the end of the day on Wednesday to buy books.

Primary Parents- Please send money to school in an envelope with your child's name and book selections written on it so we are able to help them make their choices.

Secondary Parents- Your children will need a sensible amount of cash with them, which will depend on the number of books they want to buy.

We are excited about this great opportunity to be able to purchase a wide selection of high quality books. If you need further information please feel free to contact the school.

Happy reading!



“  
The more you read, the more things  
you will know. The more that you  
learn, the more places you'll go.  
”

- Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read  
With My Eyes Shut!"

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## World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day, we'll be running some special activities in the Book Club area of the Primary Global Community from 1-9 March.

## Short Story Competition

A short story competition: Write a mystery story in 500 words or less. Keep us on the edge of our seats!

## Your Favourite Books!

Tell us about your favourite book of all time and convince us to read it.

## Character Role Play

Pretend to be a famous fictional character (like Skulduggery Pleasant or Hermione Granger) and we'll try and guess who you are!



## Any questions?

Speak to your teacher, email [globalclassroom@nordanglia.com](mailto:globalclassroom@nordanglia.com) or contact our lead online tutor Sarah Dauncey on [Sarah.Dauncey@nordanglia.com](mailto:Sarah.Dauncey@nordanglia.com). Visit regularly through your school Moodle to stay up to date!

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