



GIS NEWSLETTER

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MYP Information Evening

This is a reminder that our next MYP information event takes place on 21 November (4:00-4:45). Mrs. Termaat and Mr. Venter will talk about school policies.

In order to better meet the needs of our diverse community, we continue to offer events both during and after school day.

MYP Sleepover 18/19 January 2019

We are pleased to invite all MYP students to a sleepover that will take place on 18/19 January 2019. The sleepover will mark the end of the first semester. The students will participate in various activities, make their own pizza and have a lot

of fun. Parents will be asked to provide breakfast on 19th January. More details will follow. Save the date!

Report cards

GIS reports to parents on their child's performance in a variety of ways, including report cards, which are issued at the end of Semester 1 and Semester 2. Previously, Semester 1 at GIS ended just before the Christmas break, which resulted in two unequal semesters. Please note that in order to provide more balance, from this year on Semester 1 will end in mid-January. This academic year, the last day of Semester 1 is 18 January 2018. As a result, report cards will be issued then.

Privacy and Security on Managebac

Schools all over the world use software platforms to assist teacher curriculum planning, assessment and reporting. Reputable systems like Managebac, which is endorsed by the IB, are conscious of digital privacy and regulate access to information through passwords and/or pins.

Not every user will see quite the same, connected information.

Students and parents are considered 'service users'

Students will have access to a modified version of the curriculum, and student resources including assignments. Their interaction with the school is controlled through drop boxes, so their assignments cannot be seen by others, nor the feedback they receive. This offers vastly superior privacy to traditional systems including hard copies of marked work that may be left lying around a classroom. However, students need to remember to upload their work in the right section of ManageBac, i.e. in TASKS, not in MESSAGES. We will keep reminding students about the rule.

Parents, likewise have access to a modified version of the curriculum, and details such as the reports of their own children only. Practical advice on how to access the service, as a parent, was recently presented at a morning tea by Paul Venter, the school's MYP Coordinator.

Teachers and Administrators are considered 'school users'

In addition to keeping each other informed about each other's work, including the pressures of assessment on children, teachers sometimes use it to message individuals or groups. None of the recipients will see each other's details, however.

Annie Termaat
Secondary Principal

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<https://www.managebac.com/terms/privacy-policy/>

Managebac's compliance with EU – US Privacy Shield and Swiss – US Privacy Shield is explained here: <https://www.managebac.com/terms/privacy-shield/>

Microwave for MYP students

On 23rd November there will be a bake sale for MYP students. We will sell:

- Cupcakes – 15NOK
- Boller – 10NOK
- Brownies – 10NOK
- Tea – 5NOK

The money will be used to buy a microwave for MYP students and the excess will go to WWF and Forut.

Grade 7

Computer station

If you have an old computer station (not a laptop) that you no longer use and are willing to donate it to GIS, please contact Mrs. Toohey at diane.toohey@gjovikis.no . We only need one station, so it is important that you first confirm it with Mrs. Toohey before bringing the station.

Scholastic Book Club

Our Christmas Scholastic Book Club will be up and running on Thursday! Leaflets will be sent home on Thursday with homework. Please check your child's homework for exciting new books!

Go to <http://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/gjovik-international> to browse the latest books and order online. For every €1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20¢ in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by **November 22nd, 2018** to receive your books in time for the holidays.

Happy Reading,

Mrs Rasen

No swimming on 15th November

Please note that the swimming class for Grade 3 students on 15th November is cancelled due to a training for GIS staff. Please contact Ms. Shalaginova at sfo@gjovikis.no if you need SFO instead.

School support contact details

If you have any questions about the matters below, please contact the relevant person:

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School nurse	Solveig Karine Mjølstad Fossholt	Solveig-Karine.Mjolstad-Fossholt@gjovik.kommune.no
Swimming	Ragnar Görögh	ragnar.gorogh@gjovikis.no
SFO	Marina Shalaginova	sfo@gjovikis.no

Swimming timetable

Grade	Date
Grade 3	01.11.18
	08.11.18
	15.11.18 CANCELLED
	22.11.18
	29.11.18
	06.12.18
Grade 5	03.01.19

	10.01.19 17.01.19 24.01.19 31.01.19 07.02.19 14.02.19
Grade 4	21.02.19 07.03.19 14.03.19 21.03.19 28.03.19 04.04.19 11.04.19
Grade 1	25.04.19 02.05.19 09.05.19 16.05.19 23.05.19 06.06.19 13.06.19