



GIS NEWSLETTER

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A very busy month

We would like to thank all the parents who attended PYP and MYP presentations by Ms. Zemlak and Ms. Termaat last Friday. Also, thank you for your positive feedback. As promised, attached to this newsletter you will find a copy of the presentation used by Ms. Termaat.

The Coffee Morning was a first time we offered an information event in the morning in an attempt to make it accessible to the parents who are not available in the evening. We truly appreciate the great turnout and will continue to try to meet the different needs of our diverse community.

Please see below a list of upcoming events:

12-13th April, MYP Consultation visit

12.04.2018, 3:00 – 4:00

Meeting with MYP parent volunteers

19th April, Student-led conferences

8:30 – 3:30,

No school for students; swimming cancelled

30th April, Planning Day for staff

No school for students

1st May, Labour Day

No school

4th May, PYP Exhibition

Timetable to follow

PYP Student-led Conferences

For anyone new to this, please note that the format is different from a parent-teacher conference. Essentially, it is a scheduled opportunity for you as parents to sit with your child and share a collection of work samples they have gathered in their individual portfolio. This is their moment to share select pieces and experiences that illustrate their personal strengths, areas for improvement and/or things that make them especially proud.

As a result of the conference, it is our hope that families will celebrate learning milestones and also take time to create goals and strategies for supporting student growth and improvement.

Each child will lead their own 45 minute session, and teachers will be nearby to facilitate if needed. Please note that this is not a conference with the teacher. If you would like to speak with the teacher, please make a separate appointment. Parent discussion questions will also be available as suggestions, to help stimulate rich dialogue. Currently, all Grade 1-5 students are preparing and practicing for conferences.

Please find attached to this email a timetable of conferences. We have scheduled siblings' conferences back to back to eliminate/reduce waiting time for parents. The remaining conferences were scheduled randomly. Please feel free to swap slots with other families if you are not available at the assigned time. Please contact the parents you want to swap with directly.

Also attached to this email, you will find a set of sample questions, which, we hope, help you prepare for the conference. By no means is the list prescriptive or exhaustive. We feel that going through it item by item would be artificial.

The conference should be informative but based on genuine interaction. Therefore, please use the questions only as a starting point. Also, please note that the questions are not meant for a specific grade level, so you may need to adapt some of them to your child's age.

There is no expectation for the conferences to take place in English. We recommend that you use the language that best lends itself to an effective exchange of information in a relaxed atmosphere. The conference should be a positive experience for students – it is not an examination of your child's knowledge.

Please note that there may be up to four conferences taking place simultaneously in a classroom. Let's respect each other's space.

Please note that there will be no classes on 19th April and childcare will be provided ONLY to families with two or more children and ONLY for the duration of the respective conferences. Swimming is cancelled on 19th April.

We hope the conferences are a positive experience for you and your child, and give you yet another perspective on your child's learning.

For more SLC information please see: <http://www.edudemic.com/guide-to-student-led-conferences/>

We look forward to seeing you next week!

MYP Parent-teacher Conferences

MYP Parent-teacher conferences will follow the same format as in September 2017. MYP teachers are currently completing checklists for each student. Should areas of concern be identified for a student, a conference will be scheduled with the relevant teacher. Once a timetable of conferences requested by teachers has been finalized for the students of concern, the parents of remaining students will have an opportunity to sign up for conferences, which are optional. Each parent will receive a copy of the checklist for their child and information whether or not conferences are requested by MYP teachers. Registrations open on 16th April.

Thank you to book donors!

A big thank you goes to the students and staff (Emil, Tiger, Miss A and Mrs G) who have recently donated books to our growing library.

Swimming classes for Grade 1 students

Swimming classes for Grade 1 students start this Thursday. A detailed timetable can be found at the end of the newsletter. Following regular classes at school, students will have lunch and some play time at GIS. They will then walk from the school supervised by assistants, who will also supervise the students in changing rooms.

Please note that students will be back at GIS at 3:30PM. Please inform Mr. Görögh at ragnar.gorogh@gjovikis.no if you need to make alternative pickup arrangements.

Please ensure your child brings the following items on the days when he/she has swimming classes:

- Bathing suit
- Swim cap
- Shower gel/soap
- TWO towels

Flere Farger Toten

'Fargespill is an ensemble consisting of children and youth from all over the world. On stage we meet about 100 young people from around 35 different countries, including Norway. Most of them have come to Norway as refugees and immigrants. These young people are the heart of Fargespill.

The shows are made from folksongs and folkdance they have brought with them from their respective countries and cultures, on their journey all the way

to Norway; Gems from around the world that we never would've experienced if these kids hadn't come here. These gems are in turn united with our Norwegian folk heritage, and global youth culture such as hip hop and beatboxing.'

To learn more about the project, please click [here](#).

To find out about a performance in our area on 22nd April 2018 and buy tickets, please click [here](#).

Scholastic Book Club: reminder

Our new **Scholastic Book Club** is up and running! 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 April 11th, 2018.

Please note this Thursday is the last day of swimming for Grade 5 this academic year. Starting next week, Grade 1 will attend swimming classes on Thursday afternoons. Please see the timetable at the end of the newsletter for more details.

School support contact details

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

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Swimming timetable

Grade	Date
Grade 1	12.04.18
	19.04.18 (conferences)
	26.04.18
	03.05.18
	24.05.18
	31.05.18
	07.06.18
	14.06.18