



GIS NEWSLETTER

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Meet the Teacher – thank you!

We would like to thank all parents who attended Meet the Teacher Night last week. Thank you for your positive feedback and we look forward to meeting you at future school events.

Parent-teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will take place according to the timetable below:

25 th September, 3:30pm – 5:40pm	Grade 3-4
26 th September, 3:30pm – 5:40pm	Grade 3-4
27 th September, 3:30pm – 5:00pm	Grades 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 & 8
28 th September, 12:45pm – 4:05pm	Grades 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 & 8

Attached to the newsletter is a timetable of conferences for PYP students. Parents are free to swap sessions with each other. Please remember to inform the teacher of the change.

As regards conferences for MYP students, MYP teachers are currently completing checklists for each student. Should areas of concern be identified for a student, a conference will be scheduled with relevant teachers. 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. Registrations open on 22nd September.

School Photos

This is a reminder that school photos will be taken next Monday (18th September). Within a few days of the session, parents will receive a link to a website where they can select and order photos.

We need 2 parent volunteers to supervise children in SFO from 3:00pm to 3:30pm on Monday so that we can have a whole staff photo taken. Please let us know if you are available by sending an email to post@gjovikis.no at your earliest convenience.

Taxi service

We have been informed by the taxi company that the pick-up times are 3:05pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 12:00pm on Thursday unless children attend swimming classes. Their pick-up time is then 3:30pm at GIS for the duration of the swimming course. The company will not provide the service outside of the times. Parents need to make alternative arrangements for students attending clubs.

IB learner profile

All IB programmes (PYP, MYP, DP and CP) emphasise the importance of holistic education. Apart from academic rigour, IB world schools ensure that their students are involved in creative endeavours, physical activities and service learning. Another aspect that the programmes share is the IB learner profile. It is a set of 10 attributes that IB schools are expected to promote and develop in

their communities. The profile's aim is to develop learners (students, teachers and parents!) who are:

- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-takers
- Balanced
- Reflective

We believe that one of the most effective ways of implementing the learner profile is by modelling. Therefore, we would like to share examples of our community members, including parents, exhibiting any of the attributes through a display at the school. Please support us by sending a short description of a situation in which you displayed one of the attributes to post@gjovikis.no in either English or Norwegian. Please remember that both the content and language should be accessible to students. Feel free to attach a photo.

Please find below an example from Mr. Mills:

*For me being **principled** is about respecting commitments. If I join a club or organization I make sure I am attending the events and activities. The same commitment applies to achieving goals such as running a marathon or committing to academics.*

*Being **principled** is not easy. Once I was invited to a spaghetti dinner with some friends before a big race in Dubai. I told my friends I would attend. Shortly after I got another invitation for a similar dinner party, but this time it was at a five-star hotel with some famous guests and movie stars. As much as I wanted to attend that one, since I committed to my friend's event I felt it was best to be principled and go to their dinner. I know it meant a lot to my friends that I attended and I did the right thing by sticking to my commitment.*

Autumn Break & PD Day

Our autumn break this year starts on 30th September and ends on 8th October. Please note that 9th October is a Professional Development Day for teachers.

There are no classes on 9th October. Please contact Ms. Shalaginova at sfo@gjovikis.no if you require child care on the day. Please note it can be provided only if there is a minimum of 4 children. The cost for the day is 464NOK per child.

Clubs

Please note that it is no longer possible to sign up for clubs. Participant lists have been finalized for the first cycle. New clubs will be advertised in December.

School fees

A new system has been introduced to generate and send out invoices. We are grateful for the feedback we have received. Invoices for September will be emailed to parents on 15th September. Please let us know if you have not received an invoice the following day. You may want to check your spam box first. Please quote the unique KID number you can find on the invoice when making your payment. It helps us identify payments and answer your questions. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Brovold at kari.anne.brovold@gjovikis.no

School support contact details

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

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Swimming Ragnar Görögh ragnar.gorogh@gjovikis.no

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Swimming timetable

Grade	Date
Grade 2	31.08.17 07.09.17 14.09.17 21.09.17 28.09.17 12.10.17 19.10.17 26.10.17 02.11.17
Grade 3-4	09.11.17 16.11.17 23.11.17 30.11.17 07.12.17 14.12.17 04.01.18 11.01.18 18.01.18
Grade 5	25.01.18 01.02.18 08.02.18 15.02.18 22.02.18 08.03.18 15.03.18 22.03.18 05.04.18
Grade 1	12.04.18 19.04.18

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	24.05.18
	31.05.18
	07.06.18
	14.06.18