



GIS NEWSLETTER

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Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who ordered from our Scholastic Book Club. We are delighted to let you know that thanks to your support we earned £130 to spend on books for the school. Please look out for our next Book Club at Christmas to order great books at great prices and earn loads of free books for GIS while you do.

Assessment in the MYP & Morning Tea

As a candidate school for the MYP, GIS must use the assessment criteria prescribed by the IB for each subject group, and year of the programme. The criteria consist of tables of standards called scoring rubrics, and student work is matched against descriptions that best describe all elements of their performance. The IB mandates the rubrics which are to be used in each subject, and also uses slightly different descriptors based on the grade the student is attending.

All MYP teachers know that it takes children time to understand what to do when work comes with a rubric, and also how to interpret the feedback they receive after work is assessed. With time, however, students realise that rubrics mostly assess skills, which are difficult to unlearn once they are mastered! Skills (like referencing, for example) are very transferable, and this is one reason the graduates of IB programmes tend to do well wherever they go.

We would like to invite all parents with students new to the MYP, and all other interested members to an information **Morning Tea hosted by our MYP Coordinator, Mr Paul Venter, on 24th October 2018.**

Parent-teacher conferences

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

25 th September, 3:30pm – 6:00pm	Grade 4
26 th September, 3:30pm – 6:20pm	Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9
27 th September, 12:45pm – 5:15pm	Grades 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9

PYP

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.

Please note that due to the conferences swimming is cancelled on 27th September.

MYP

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 21st September.

Talk Like a Pirate Day

Tomorrow is Talk Like a Pirate Day at GIS. Students are encouraged to dress like a pirate for the day. **Please note that a striped shirt or scarf on their head would do.** Students will be allowed to talk like a pirate if they wish. They are asked to donate 5NOK for mufti dress. Student Council will come around classes at registration time to collect coins. During Library lessons, Grades 1-5 will be listening to The Pirates Next Door.

Autumn break

This is just a reminder that our autumn break starts on 29th September. Please remember that **28th September is a Professional Development Day for staff; thus, there is no school for students. All lockers/cubbies need to be emptied on 27th September** so that they can be cleaned. All items left in the lockers/cubbies will be donated to a charity.

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 2	30.08.18
	06.09.18
	13.09.18
	20.09.18
	27.09.18 CANCELLED due to conferences
	11.10.18
	18.10.18
Grade 3	25.10.18
	01.11.18
	08.11.18
	15.11.18
	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