



GIS NEWSLETTER

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Winter Break and PD Day

This is a reminder that Winter Break starts on 25th February. Please note that 4th March is a Professional Development Day for GIS staff. As a result, there are no classes on 4th March. Classes resume on 5th March.

Please remember to empty your child's locker. Items that are found in lockers after Friday will be removed.

World Maths Day: 6th March

World Maths Day is on Wednesday 6th March – the first Wednesday after we are back from holidays. We would like to make it a Maths Open Morning for our PYP parents, so that they can wander in and out of our classes and observe Maths inquiry in action.

Parents will be able to help themselves to coffee in the kitchen from 8.30-9.15.

8.45-9.15 Parents can pop in to Grade 1-3 to see Maths inquiry going on.

9.15-9.45 Parents can pop in to Grade 4-5 to see Maths inquiry going on

MYP Personal Project: Launch phase (Please note change of date!)

On the first lesson after the break (11th March), Grade 9 students will be introduced to the MYP Personal Project during their homeroom time. The Personal Project is the culminating assessment completed by all MYP students complete over the last year of the project, and it will be externally validated. While there are many components in this task, students will be assigned a mentor who is a member of staff, and will also be guided by their homeroom teacher throughout their planning, journaling and reflection.

An Information Morning Tea will be held the following morning (12th March). Although naturally of interest to our parents of Grade 9 students, all interested parents and members of the community are warmly invited, to help you understand how different IB programmes develop the learner and prepares them for the IB Diploma offered at Gjøvik videregående skole (GVS).

Event: Personal Project Information Morning Tea

Date: Tuesday 12th March

Time: 8:30 – 9:15 am

To support our planning, please register your interest through this [poll](#).

Annie Termaat

MYP Personal Project Coordinator

Scholastic Book Club

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 **£101.52** to spend on books for the school. Please look out for our next Book Club to order great books at great prices and earn loads of free books for our school while you do.

Book

Birthday Book Club

The birthday book club is a way to celebrate reading and books at the same time.

- Students donate a book to the school library as part of their birthday celebration.
- Students may either make a 100 kr donation to the school library or donate a new or gently used book.



100 rim og historier for gutter and 100 rim og historier for jenter has been donated to the GIS Norsk library by Lily on the occasion of her 7th birthday.

Kong Elg has been donated to the GIS Norsk library by Lily on the occasion of her 9th birthday.

We here at GIS wish Lily and Julia a very happy birthday and thank her for her caring donation to the school library.

Drop-off time

We have been asked by Gjøvik Kommune to remind parents to use only designated places for parking. Please note that you may be fined for parking in a place where parking is not permitted.

School counsellor

We would like to remind you that GIS employs a part-time school counsellor, who works with students to ensure their social and emotional wellbeing. Please find below a list of the counsellor's responsibilities as a refresher:

- Building Self-Esteem
- Making & Keeping Friends
- Coping Skills
- Bereavement & Grief
- Anger Management
- Problem Solving Skills
- Strengths and Resiliency
- Conflict Resolution
- Peer Mediation
- Creating awareness of self and others
- Classroom and recess behaviour

Depending on the context, the school counsellor works with a whole class, a group of 3-5 students, formed by grade level and/or sharing a common concern, or individual students.

As parents, if you have any concerns or questions, please notify us immediately.

The school counsellor can be reached at alice.wanda@gjovikis.no

Suggestion Box

The school has a suggestion box located outside the Library. This box is a way to encourage students to come up with ideas related to their academics or social wellbeing at GIS. We feel this is another way of developing more positive communication at school for students that may have concerns.

School support contact details

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

Taxi (GIS)	Dennis Wanda	dennis.wanda@gjovikis.no
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School nurse	Solveig Karine Mjølstad Fossholt	Solveig-Karine.Mjolstad-Fossholt@gjovik.kommune.no
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SFO	Marina Shalaginova	sfo@gjovikis.no

Swimming timetable

Grade	Date
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