



GIS NEWSLETTER

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CC Løpet 18th May 2019

CC Løpet 2019 will take place on 18th May. It is a 3-kilometre run in the centre of Gjøvik, in which participants can win 25000NOK. Participants can register individually but also as a team. Therefore, it is also an opportunity to meet and have fun with friends. This year, we would like to register a GIS Team. Please let us know if you would like to join the team by 12 April by emailing Mr Armanski at adam.armanski@gjovikis.no The school will cover the cost of the registration fee and if the team is lucky to win the prize, the money will go towards the Grade 10 trip to Berlin in September 2019.

Bake Sale: 5th April 2019

Grade 3 classroom is home to 8 thriving and happy fish. The 4 babies that arrived over the winter holiday have grown a lot and so now we are nearing the time where we will need a second fish tank to give them all proper space to grow.

We asked the students how we could solve this issue? They were all very excited and came up with the idea of running a bake sale to raise money to buy a second tank.

Grade 3 is in charge of planning, organizing and running the bake sale. It will be this **Friday April 5 (at recess and lunch)**. The sale is open to all students (PYP and MYP).

PYP Student-led Conferences: 25th April 2019

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 selected 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. 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 newsletter 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 newsletter, 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 exam.

Please note that there will be no classes or swimming for PYP students (Grade 1-5) on 25th 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 25th April. MYP students (Grade 6-9) will have classes as usual on 25th April 2019.

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

Please note that there may be up to four conferences taking place simultaneously in a classroom.

We look forward to seeing you on 25th April!

Book Week

The week after Easter is Book Week at GIS! You can find more information in the attached files.

Primary production: tickets

Tickets are now available in the office for the Primary Production *Under the African Mountain*, which will take place on 11th April at 5:30 at Gjøvikhallen. A ticket is 10NOK. It is important that you buy the correct number of tickets as we will use the data to ensure we have enough seats for all spectators.

Careers Fair – 8th April 2019

Grade 9 students will take part in the Careers Fair, which will take place on 8th April 2019 at Campus Arena. The students will attend two preselected sessions each, including the IB Diploma Programme at Gjøvik High School. The fair starts at 9:40. The students will attend the first lesson at GIS at 8:30 and walk to Campus Arena afterwards.

Label your belongings

This is a reminder that your child's belongings should be labelled for easy identification. It is not uncommon that children have the same type of shoes and the only way to tell them apart and avoid confusion is by labelling them with your child's name.

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 4	04.04.19
	11.04.19
Grade 1	25.04.19 CANCELLED
	02.05.19
	09.05.19
	16.05.19
	23.05.19
	06.06.19
	13.06.19