



GIS NEWSLETTER

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Thank you!

We would like to thank all parents for a smooth drop-off on the first day of school! All children were in their respective classrooms for a prompt start. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Meet the teacher

We would like to invite you to an information evening on 29th August 2019 from 5:00p.m. to 6:30p.m. It is an excellent opportunity to meet your child's teachers and ask any questions you may have. General information on school organization and the new academic year will be presented by Mr Armanski from 5:00 to 5:15 in the auditorium at Fagskole Gjøvik* (Teknologiveien 12, 2815 Gjøvik). Next, homeroom teachers and specialist teachers will provide more detailed information regarding specific classes and their curriculum. This part of the evening will take place from 5:20 to 6:00 in respective classrooms at GIS. Finally,

from 6:00 to 6:30, you will have an opportunity to chat with other parents and GIS staff in the school's cafeteria. We look forward to seeing all parents at the event.

* Fagskole Gjøvik is located behind GIS. If you are not sure where to go, please come to GIS and you will be directed from there.

Staffet for Livet (Relay for Life)

GIS is excited to be participating in this upcoming charity event. If you are not familiar with Relay for Life, it is a world-wide Cancer Awareness event taking place in 28 countries with around 4 million participants. It is one of the largest non-profit charity events in the world and it will be coming to Gjøvik for the first time on Saturday, September 14th. The event is a 24-hour relay taking place from 12PM on Saturday to 12PM Sunday. You can sign up for as much time as you wish and participants can run, walk, skate, wheelchair etc.

If you or your family are interested in participating, GIS will have a tent at the event. Please contact Mr. Mills, (timothy.mills@gjovikis.no) to sign up and add your name to the event and we will be in touch with more details.

Communication

In order to ensure effective communication between home and school, please contact your child's class teacher directly regarding any issues, e.g. early departure or sickness. Teacher emails all follow the same pattern (name.middlename.surname@gjovikis.no, e.g. adam.armanski@gjovikis.no). For last minute changes, please call us at 24076141.

New staff members

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Mark Bruton, who will teach PYP PE (Physical Education). Mr Bruton is also currently teaching MYP Design until we have hired a permanent teacher of the subject. Mr. Bruton brings a wealth of experience as a PE teacher and has most recently taught in the United States. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr. Bruton good luck and thank Mr. Coldevin for his work at GIS.

Another new teacher is Ms Anna Aarvik. She has worked in the field of education in a variety of roles. Currently, she works at the Learning Centre. She replaces Mr. Coldevin in the MYP and will co-teach MYP Norwegian with Mr. Bjørkvold. Ms Aarvik will teach Grade 7 and 8, and Mr. Bjørkvold will teach Grade 9 and 10.

Ms Anna Pettersen joins us as a teaching assistant. She completed her internship at GIS last year and also substituted for absent teachers and teaching assistants. Ms Pettersen will share her time between Grade 2 and Grade 9.

School nurse

We say goodbye to Nurse Solveig, who worked at GIS last academic year, and wish her good luck in her new assignment. We are pleased to welcome Nurse Kristin (Ms. Kristin Bratland), who will be our school nurse this academic year. She will be available to students and parents every Wednesday and Friday.

Yearbook 2018-2019

The GIS Yearbook 2018-2019 is available for sale until 31 August 2019 [here](#). The cost of a copy is USD16.99 plus delivery. You can preview the yearbook before placing an order.

Clubs

We are currently finalizing our new offer of clubs. If you are interested in running a club, please contact Mr Armanski by the end of Thursday this week. Please include a brief description of the club and information regarding costs. Clubs start the week of 2nd September and continue for 12 consecutive weeks. We hope to offer a wide range of activities to create opportunities for students to interact in mixed-age groups in a relaxed atmosphere.

Detailed information regarding this year's offer will be presented this Friday by email. Takers will sign up through our website, starting on Saturday morning.

Guitar

Do you have a guitar that you no longer use? Do you want to give it a new life? The instrument would be greatly appreciated by our Grade 1 teacher and students. Please contact Ms Elisabeth Dahlstrøm at elisabeth.dahlstrom@gjovikis.no

News from the GIS Library

Please find an update from the library on the next few pages.



LIBRARY
Mrs Rasen

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
19 First Day of School	20 GR4 Library	21 GR6 Library GR2 Library	22 GR3 Library	23 GR5 Library
26 GR4 Library GR1 Library	27 GR4 Library	28 GR6 Library GR2 Library	29 GR3 Library OPEN HOUSE 1700-1830	30 GR5 Library

Welcome Back to GIS !

WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY?

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB An opportunity for members of the GIS community to **celebrate** an important event such as a birthday with the gift of a new or gently used books to the library.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB Five times a year GIS offers **NEW BOOKS** for sale from the UK. All purchases help the GIS Library to grow by donating 10% of sales to new books for the library.

NEW BOOKS Stop by and have a look at the new titles which we have in the library. *All age areas* have received new books over the summer.

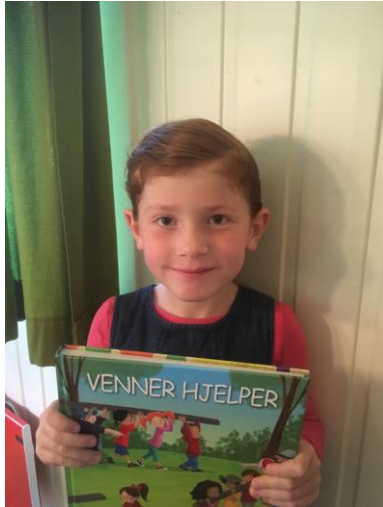
MYP STUDY TIME

During the *morning break* Monday thru Friday, the library will be open for MYP students to study or read.



BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

The birthday book club is a way to celebrate reading and books at the same time. Students may donate a new or gently used book to the school library as part of their birthday celebration. Likewise, students may either make a 100 kr donation to the school library or donate a new or gently used book. *Donation forms are available on the main bulletin board in the locker area on the main floor.*



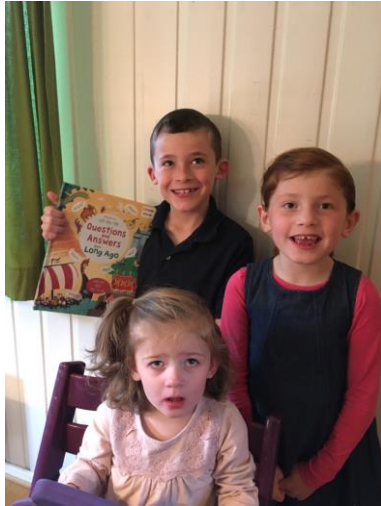
Venner Hjelper has been donated to the GIS Norsk library by Eva Louise Rasen on the occasion of her 6th birthday. We here at GIS wish Eva Louise a very happy birthday and thank her for her caring donation to the school library.



Nevermoor has been donated to the GIS library by Mrs Kaczor on the occasion of her birthday. We here at GIS wish Mrs Kaczor a very happy birthday and thank her for her caring donation to the school library.

BOOK DONATIONS

GIS always welcomes donations of books in good condition. We would like to encourage the GIS community to bring back a book from their holiday destinations to widen the scope of the library.



The Rasen family have donated the book *Questions and Answers about Long Ago* from their holiday in Canada. We thank the Rasen family for their kind donation.

Personal number – NEW PARENTS

Like other schools, GIS is required to report current enrollment levels to the Ministry of Education. Apart from each child's name, we are required to provide the child's full personal number/personnummer (11 digits/siffer). If your child is new to GIS this academic year, please ensure that you submit the number to your child's class/homeroom teacher this week. The parents who bring their children to school in the morning may want to do it in person; others may want to send the number with their child rather than by email.

Appropriate clothes

This is just to remind you that each child needs to have appropriate shoes for school, including science and PE. Please note that slippers, sandals and/or flip

flops are inappropriate for school. Also, please ensure that your child has rain gear. Primary students (Grades 1-5) should also have a set of spare clothes in their cubby.

Late arrival

It is important that students arrive at school on time so that they can start classes promptly at 8:30am. At the beginning of the day, teachers introduce the day's programme and answer students' questions about what is going to happen. Students who are late miss the introduction and disrupt the flow of the class.

Students who arrive at school after 8:30am need to register in the office before they go to the classroom. They receive a late slip, which they need to give to the teacher. If a student comes late to the classroom without a late slip, he/she will be asked to return to the office to collect a late slip.

Visual Image Consent Form – NEW PARENTS

We would like to thank the parents who have returned the form already. We would be very grateful if you could complete and return the attached Visual Image Consent Form to us as soon as possible. NOTE: Returning parents need to submit a new form ONLY if they want to withdraw/amend their consent.

School Departure Form – Grade 1-5

Thank you for submitting the form for your child (Grade 1-5 ONLY). If you have not done so already, please complete and hand the form in as soon as possible. It helps us ensure safety at GIS. We understand you may not be certain at this point what your routines will be for the rest of the year. However, amendments can be

made at any time, so please submit a form that reflects your current routine and feel free to change it in the future.

Health

Your child's safety is our priority. Therefore, we need to be aware of any health issues that may affect him/her at school. Please inform your child's class teacher of any conditions and provide any advice you can to allow us to act quickly and effectively in an emergency.

Service dog

The GIS community now includes also a service dog. The dog accompanies a student to communicate changes in the student's condition. It was explained to all students in yesterday's assembly that, while at GIS, the dog is at work and should not be treated as a pet. We would be grateful if you could reinforce the message at home. The dog has undergone appropriate training and is to be kept on a leash at all times. Please inform the school immediately if you are aware of any dog-related allergies.

Homework

PYP (Grades 1-6)

Please note that during this academic year students will receive homework on Thursday and it will be due in the following Wednesday. The arrangement will allow students to identify the best time during the week to complete assignments. Please note that the first homework this year will be assigned on 29th August 2019.

MYP (Grades 7-10)

MYP students have a separate homework timetable, which is incorporated in the timetable they received yesterday.

School photos

School photos will be taken on **10th September 2019**, including class, individual and sibling photos. Following the session, parents will receive a link to their child's photos. Selection and payment are made online and photos are delivered within a few days. Like last year, we will use <http://ariel.no/>.

Leave of absence

According to Norwegian Law, students are allowed to miss up to 10 days of school in an academic year. Parents are required to apply for a leave of absence in advance and it is the Principal's prerogative to approve or reject each application. The principal **must** reject all applications if the absence is longer than 10 days.

If a child misses more than 10 days, he/she loses his/her place. Parents may reapply. However, if there is a waiting list, the next child on the list is accepted. Should a child's education be compromised due to absenteeism, the school will contact the child protection agency.

Please ensure you submit an application (attached) each time your child needs to miss school.

Milk and snack

Parents can order milk, yoghurt, carrots, etc. through <https://www.skolelyst.no/>. The selected products are delivered to GIS every Tuesday and distributed during lunch break for the rest of the week.

SFO

We are pleased to confirm you can still enroll your child in before- and after-school childcare (SFO). Please send a completed form to post@gjovikis.no.

Swimming classes

Swimming classes start on 30th August 2018 according to the timetable 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. If you need to collect your child at Fjellhallen, please inform Mr. Görögh in advance, no later than 10:00am on the day.

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

Toys

Unless it has been approved by a teacher, toys should not be brought to school.

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
Taxi/bus (Kommune)	Ingrid Raasholm	ingrid.raasholm@gjovik.kommune.no
School nurse	Kristin Bratland	TBA
Swimming	Ragnar Görögh	ragnar.gorogh@gjovikis.no
SFO	Anna Kaczor (till the end of August)	anna.kaczor@gjovikis.no

Swimming timetable

Grade	Date
Grade 2	29.08.19
	05.09.19
	12.09.19
	19.09.19
	26.09.19
	10.10.19
	19.10.19
	24.10.19
Grade 3	31.10.19
	07.11.19
	14.11.19
	21.11.19
	28.11.19

	05.12.19 12.12.19 09.01.20
Grade 4	16.01.20 23.01.20 30.01.20 06.02.20 13.02.20 20.02.20 05.03.20 12.03.20
Grade 1	19.03.20 26.03.20 02.04.20 16.04.20 23.04.20 07.05.20 14.05.20 28.05.20