



GIS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back!

We hope you had a relaxing break and are ready for another term at GIS. Please ensure your child has indoor shoes and appropriate outdoor gear at school. A number of children forgot to bring their indoor shoes back after the break. Please remember that we evacuate as we are when the fire alarm goes off. There is no time for children to go to their locker to put on outdoor shoes, so they may have to walk outside barefoot.

MYP parent-teacher conferences

MYP parent-teacher conferences will take place on Wednesday and Thursday next week after classes. MYP teachers are available by appointment. Like last year, conferences will be pre-booked with relevant teachers if an area of concern has been identified for a student. The parents of remaining students are not required to attend conferences. However, they can sign up for selected conferences using our online booking system. Parents will receive a checklist for each student in the

next few days. Each teacher will assess the student on a set of criteria, including overall achievement, participation in class activities, ability to follow instructions, etc. More information regarding available times will be provided with the checklists.

Optional MYP e-assessment at GIS

Approximately half our students in MYP 5 have indicated they would like to sit at least one MYP optional e-Assessment task. As a result, Science and Mathematics courses at GIS are being aligned with IB MYP recommendations. Students will also practice a two-hour on-screen examination, and be given a copy of the mark scheme.

In 2020, the exam dates and times are:

- Integrated science, 21 May (morning).
- Extended or Standard Mathematics, 14 May (afternoon).

Although 21 May is a holiday in Norway, these times are set globally by the International Baccalaureate, and cannot be changed.

In 2020, the cost for each examination will be 830 NOK per subject. All grade 10 students still have the opportunity to try for these e-Assessment tasks, and families who expressed specific interest in August will be reminded with individual letters listing details.

Those who wish to proceed with e-Assessment registration for their child should transfer these fees to GIS by Monday 28 October.

Practising evacuation

This is to inform you that we will practise evacuation several times this month. Most practice will take place without sounding the siren. The goal is to ensure we are familiar with evacuation routes and evacuate quickly and in an orderly fashion.

We will also have another fire drill involving all students and staff to the end of the month.

Coffee morning: 24 October

We are pleased to invite interested parents to our first coffee morning this academic year. It will take place on 24 October.

8:30 – 9:15 Introduction to PYP (Grades 1-6) for parents new to GIS

9:15 – 10:00 Assessment in the MYP (grades 7-10)

Vision statement

GIS opened in 2015 with a view to providing an IB education. We achieved our goal by becoming an authorized IB World School offering the PYP and the MYP. The school has grown significantly over the past four years. We have a lot more students and staff. We would like to give the school community an opportunity to think about the school's future. What kind of school do you see when you think about GIS in five years' time? Help us create a vision statement for GIS that will drive the school's development over the next few years. A focus group will meet on 2nd November (10:00am-1:00pm) to discuss possible directions for future development. The group will comprise parent representatives, school board members and GIS staff. If you are a parent representative on the Parent Council for your child's class and are unable to attend, please find a substitute.

READING CHALLENGE

Over the next 10 weeks, all GIS students are invited to participate in a reading challenge. For every 10 books they read, students will get their photo taken and put on our reading challenge display. Postcards will be given to students who are

interested in participating and can be handed in at any time to claim their prize. For every 10 books a student reads, we kindly ask that the postcards be turned into school with a parent signature.

Reading can include various forms. It can be books read to the students, students reading to others, audiobooks as well as books in various languages. Postcards may be used as a bookmark but do not need to be brought to school unless the card is completed.

Happy Reading!
Mrs Rasen

Fjellhallen swimming pool closed

We regret to inform you that the swimming pool is still closed. Please contact Mrs Senthilkumar at sfo@gjovikis.no if you need childcare on Thursday afternoon.

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	Kristin Bratland	Kristin.Bratland@gjovik.kommune.no
Swimming	Ragnar Görögh	ragnar.gorogh@gjovikis.no
SFO	Deepika Senthilkumar	sfo@gjovikis.no

Swimming timetable

Grade	Date
Grade 2	26.09.19 Cancelled 10.10.19 19.10.19 24.10.19 31.10.19
Grade 3	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