



GIS NEWSLETTER

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Next academic year

Even though it is only March, we are now at the stage when we are planning in more detail for next academic year. We are also obliged to inform educational authorities by early April how many students we expect as of August 2020. Finally, we need to inform the parents of the students on the waiting list whether we have places for their children as of August 2020.

Therefore, we would be grateful if you could inform us about your plans for next academic year. Attached to this newsletter is a re-registration/withdrawal form. We would be very grateful if you could complete it and return to post@gjovikis.no or as a hard copy by 24th March 2020.

Please find below some information about next academic year. We hope it helps you make an informed decision. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need clarification or have any questions.

1. School Calendar

The calendar outlines holidays, professional development days, etc. We tried to align the calendar with that of national schools as much as possible. However, you will notice several differences, e.g. our Christmas break is slightly longer in order to accommodate our international staff and students.

2. Half Day

As usual, one day a week classes will end at 12:00pm. Afterwards, Grade 1-4 students will either have swimming classes (8-10 consecutive weeks in a year), stay in SFO or return home. Older students can enrol in SFO or return home after 12:00pm. Unfortunately, we are not able to confirm which day of the week will be our half day next year as we have not received this information from Fjellhallen yet. We will inform you as soon as we know.

3. Tuition fees

As decided by the School Board tuition fees for 2020-2021 have been raised and will be 2650 NOK (Grade 1-7) and 2850NOK (Grade 8-10). Like before, the fees will be paid 11 times a year.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Evacuation

A class was cooking in the kitchen today and the oil got too hot, producing smoke, which triggered the fire alarm. We evacuated and explained what happened to all students. We would be grateful if you could emphasise to your child that while evacuating one has to remain silent.

Appropriate gear

This is yet another reminder that children, especially in lower grades, need to have appropriate outdoor gear to be able to enjoy breaks and remain dry.

Access to classrooms

We kindly ask parents to report to the office if they need to contact their children during the day. A staff member will either deliver what you need to pass on to your child or bring the child to the office from their room if, for example, you need to pick them up for an appointment.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Don't forget that our latest Scholastic Book Club is now online at <http://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/gjovik-international>. There are hundreds of fantastic children's books to choose from, and every €1 you spend on this month's Book Club will earn 20¢ for our school in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by Thursday, March 12th.

DONATED BOOKS

This year's Book Week will take place 20-24 April. Students will have the opportunity to SWAP one of their gently used or new books for a new or gently used book from our SWAP table. Students may SWAP books between 0800-1600 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday, 23rd April we will use all the books left over from the SWAP for our annual library book sale after school starting at 1200. Parents and students are encouraged to view what we have on offer and fill a carrier bag with as many books as they can for 50kr. Please feel free to bring your own carrier bag or cloth bag. All proceeds go towards purchasing new books for the library.

If you have any books at home that could use a new home or your children has grown out of, please feel free to donate them to the library book sale. We accept

all levels, all languages and topics. Please deliver donation books to the office by Friday 17th April.

If you have any questions, please see Mrs Rasen in the library.

School support contact details

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

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