



# GIS NEWSLETTER

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## Scholastic Book Club

Dear Parents,

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <https://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/gjovik-international/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For every €1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20¢ in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by **Friday 21st May 2021**.

If you have any questions, please email me at [gwynne.rasen@gjovikis.no](mailto:gwynne.rasen@gjovikis.no)

Happy reading,  
Mrs Rasen

## Why IB schools don't use textbooks

The PYP and MYP provide curriculum frameworks that teachers are expected to develop within their own schools, to meet their local contexts. There are multiple layers in these frameworks which can be manipulated to respond to the changing needs of their students, for example, by incorporating current events, or focusing on IB-specific elements such as the Learner Profile and Approaches to Learning. No single resource, such as a book, is likely to meet the needs of all students in all IB schools as well as the trained professionals who work in IB authorized schools.

Our curricula are organized into Units of Inquiry (PYP) or Subject-Group overviews (MYP), and are generally conceptual. After each iteration, teachers review and evaluate their units to recommend changes aimed to improve student engagement and learning in the following year. Unlike a textbook, these school-developed curricula are living documents.

Teachers at GIS do use a wide range of online and paper resources to support their work, however. This includes the use of textbooks to provide formative and stimulus activities, for example, for readings in various languages or operational practice exercises in mathematics. Teachers of all classes (PYP) or subjects (MYP) share these resources with students using online platforms. If you are not familiar with how to access Managebac, for example, we strongly recommend you join one of the training sessions GIS usually offers at the beginning of each academic year.

For further information about our programmes, please visit

<http://www.gjovikis.no/academics/>

Annie Termaat  
Secondary Principal.

## Lost and found

Please note that lost and found items will be available at the main entrance for the rest of this week. We encourage all parents to look through the clothes and collect their belongings.

## SFO next academic year

Attached to this newsletter is an application form for a place in SFO next academic year. Please note that places will be guaranteed for all students in Grades 1-4 if the application is returned to Mr Thoresen at [leif.olav.thoresen@gjovikis.no](mailto:leif.olav.thoresen@gjovikis.no) by 15 June 2021. All applicants will receive a confirmation email by the end of June 2021.

## Another holidays

Please note that next week is a short one again. Monday (24 May) is a holiday and school starts on Tuesday.

## Accommodation for GIS staff

We are currently looking for accommodation for two members of GIS staff and their families. Please contact Mr Armanski at [adam.armanski@gjovikis.no](mailto:adam.armanski@gjovikis.no) if you are aware of 3- and 4- bedroom houses for rent available as of 1 July 2021 or sooner.

## Wanted: supply staff

We are always keen to hear from people who can substitute for absent teachers and teaching assistants. This work can be day to day or for longer periods of time. If you know of a suitable person for this role, please encourage them to send their CV to [employment@gjovikis.no](mailto:employment@gjovikis.no)

## Contact details

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

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