

NEWSLETTER / BULLETIN D'INFORMATION

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The terrible events which took place recently and the numerous activities of the school have prevented me from presenting you earlier with our wishes for 2015.

Our dearest wishes are that we can all carry on studying, working and living together, learning about tolerance and experiencing enriching relationships together. Rational and critical thinking and the value of human life are the fundamental bases of education.

Despite the numerous disturbances due to unfavourable circumstances, the students have settled well into this term and have resumed their studies.

We should like to greet our new families (two of them, with four children) who started last week in Early Learning and Primary.

SECURITY AT BIS

Like all the schools in France we must see to the security of the students and respect the rules and regulations relating to the security plan "Vigipirate" which the government is enforcing. **The plan also recommends that a security perimeter is established in front of the school (effected by the metal barriers) and that no vehicle is parked in front of the school.** The dropping off of children in the morning must be both rapid and disciplined; the vigilance of all is required.

TEACHERS

BIS always ensures that teachers who are ill are replaced very rapidly. This year we are fortunate to have had the help of part time colleagues. The absentees communicate the work that needs to be done to their replacement (on the ENT for the Secondary students) thus progress is ensured. In the case of prolonged absence, the school recruits dedicated replacement teachers who are in constant liaison with their colleague. This year we have had two colleagues who have been absent for quite a sometime :

Nanou de Puytorac, Head of Early Learning, is in daily contact with her team which she is energetically leading from a distance. She continues to be involved with the lessons, activities and assessments which have already started. Her return is due on the 26th January and she will be present at the Parent/Teacher meetings to be held on the 9th and 10th February.

Anni Blackmore, Secondary science teacher, has been temporarily replaced (see weekly email of 12.01.15). She remains in constant contact with the school and should return in the near future.

ENT

Please consult the email send on 14.01.15 about the training and use of the ENT (workshops on Wednesdays). For Secondary parents, please remember to consult the ENT messages for the "weekly emails."

PTA

The monthly meetings are extremely well attended with more than 20 participants (your reps) and give rise to lively and productive discussions, as you can see in each summary of the meetings. Please communicate with your "class rep" of any matter you would like to raise.

SCHOOL TRIPS

Jersey and Canada : each section will communicate information as and when necessary (everything is systematically published on the ENT for Canada.)

COMPARISON OF EXAMS AND INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMAS AT THE END OF COMPULSORY SCHOOLING

A document has been prepared and sent to everyone on the 14.01.15 (in English). In reply to the demand made by the PTA, this consists of a synthesis rather than an exhaustive and official study of the examination systems (also published on the ENT under the Secondary dossier).

BREVET

A general information meeting on the preparation of the Brevet at BIS will take place on **Thursday, 29th January at 16.30**. Please let us know if you will be coming. (The students who are preparing the Brevet this year will be seen individually with their parents and do not need to attend).

OPEN DAY - SATURDAY 7th FEBRUARY (from 9.30 to 12.30am)

This is the occasion for everyone, parents and current students, to take time to visit the classes to discover the work of their children and to exchange informally with the teachers and other parents (both current and past). This opportunity also allows new and prospective parents to visit and discover what BIS has to offer. Please do not hesitate to spread the word around you. There will be mini-concerts and hot chocolate served during the event.

DATES TO NOTER : (<http://www.bordeaux-school.com/evenements-bis>)

- **19 - 23 January** : "Mocks" for Senior Secondary
- **Thursday 15 January (morning)** : Awayday - climbing for LMS
- **Tuesday 20 January (morning)** : Awayday - climbing for UMS
- **Wednesday 21 January** : ENT workshop 12h - 12h30
- **Wednesday 28 January** : ENT workshop 12h - 12h30
- **Thursday 29 January** : Brevet - general information meeting
- **Wednesday 4 February** : ENT workshop 12h - 12h30
- **2 - 6 February** : International Week
- **Saturday 7 February** : Open Day 9h30 - 12h30
- **Monday 9 February** : Early Learning - Parent/Teacher meetings 16h10 (1/2)
- **Tuesday 10 February** : Early Learning - Parent/Teacher meetings 16h10 (2/2)
- **Friday 13 February – Monday 2 March** : half-term winter holidays

Bien cordialement / Regards

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