

# ISL PTA NEWSLETTER



**October 2007**

As usual the first month of the academic year has been very busy for everyone - after the coffee morning on the first day of school, we had one week to organize the Welcome BBQ. What a rush!

But everything went smoothly.

The nice weather allowed us to lay out the buffet outside in the playground. The now traditional Humus, Lebanese tabouleh, guacamole and fajitas found their places next to the hot dogs, hamburgers and barbecued chicken.

Thanks to Mara and her team of volunteers, for the sweet final touch, we were able to offer you two homemade deserts: chocolate cakes and tiramisu.

Thanks to the presence of the PTA team and of all the volunteers who helped us we were able to feed the 371 people who attended the event. Without the parents who volunteered, the cooking dads, the students, the kitchen and school staff, we wouldn't have made it. So thanks again to all of you.

October is now on its way so the PTA clubs will be starting and we will organize activities such as walks or visits. Each month, you will find all the useful information in this newsletter.

If you would like to volunteer to help us, if you want to organize a club, a visit or a walk or if you have any comment or suggestion, just let us know by e-mail ([vanessatds1@hotmail.com](mailto:vanessatds1@hotmail.com)) or by phone (07876 401648).

Now, please relax and enjoy your newsletter.

# PTA News & Activities

The PTA has a noticeboard in the school where our activities are advertised along with other information such as the Representatives contact numbers. This board is situated next to the main staircase by the music room.

## Class & Language Representatives

You will find one more time (with some corrections) their addresses and phone numbers on page 5 and 6 of this newsletter. Don't hesitate to contact them!

## Clubs

### English Classes

English classes for parents will be held at school every Thursday (starting 27/09/07). For anyone interested in attending lessons of mixed language study and discussion, please sign up at the school office for one of the following:

- Intermediate level: 14:30 - 15:05
- Beginners level: 15:05 - 15:40

The lessons will take place in room F12.

### Book club

The next book club meeting will be on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00 at 19 Lower Addison Gardens, Holland Park, London W14 8BG.

Our book choice for this month is 'Out Stealing Horses' by Per Petterson. Amazon and Waterstones Online are good places to source the book at a competitive price.

For further information you are always welcome to contact Karen Lee-Campbell at [karen@lee-campbell.co.uk](mailto:karen@lee-campbell.co.uk)

### Cooking club

If you would like to show other parents one of your favorite recipes or if you just want to discover recipes from around the world, the school kitchen is the place to be on Friday's from 14:00 to 15:30. This month we will have:

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October: Kamala from Azerbaijan

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October: Vanessa from Belgium

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October: Bénédicte from France

If you are interested, if you feel like cooking or if you just want some more information, please contact Kamala Aliyeva (020 8878 5058) or [nar\\_ley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nar_ley@yahoo.co.uk).

## Feel like going out?

As we may still expect a nice weather during this month, the PTA proposes a 4 miles circular walk in Richmond on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October. It will be the opportunity to discover a nice footpath situated along the Thames River.

Meeting point : Richmond Green at 10:30 am.

Interested? let us know at [vanessatds1@hotmail.com](mailto:vanessatds1@hotmail.com)

## Message from the Library - Tesco vouchers

During the next 7-8 weeks the library will be collecting Tesco Sport school vouchers. It would be greatly appreciated if everyone can make a big effort to try and collect as many vouchers as possible. Vouchers can be collected from any Tesco store or petrol station.

I am glad to say that last summer we raised enough Sainsbury Sport vouchers to surprise the primary school with a play centre. The enthusiasm and positivity from everyone that helped was fantastic, and I hope this year will be as successful.

Thank you  
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## A Message from Deputy Head – Guidance

### IB Diploma Results and University Places 2007

We were reasonably pleased with this year's results for the IB Diploma. Candidates did better than predicted in overall pass rate terms and two candidates scored 40 or more points. Parents should note that we do not operate a policy of allowing only the most academically successful students to be entered for the full Diploma. This kind of policy would deny so called 'borderline' candidates the chance to achieve the full Diploma.

The university destinations are not known for all students since some are applying to universities in other countries – with different application deadlines - and some are applying for 2008 entry.

Places known to have been achieved to date are:

Archaeology and Anthropology – University of Durham

Biochemistry- University College, London

Business Studies – European Business School

Business Management – London Metropolitan University

English and French Law – King's College, London

Human Sciences – King's College, London

International Relations and Spanish – University of Exeter

Law – Brunel University

Politics – University of Kent

Psychology – Royal Holloway, University of London

Science – Queen Mary's, University of London

Science – University of West England Bristol

Number of candidates registered in the session:	20
Number of Diploma candidates registered in the session:	19
Number of candidates who passed the Diploma:	15
Predicted Pass Rate	68%
Actual Overall Pass Rate	79%*
Average points obtained by Diploma candidates	30

Highest Diploma points awarded to a candidate:	41
Av. grade obtained at the school by candidates who passed the diploma:	5.03

\* With relatively small numbers of students, one or two sets of results can have a significant impact on the overall percentage pass rate.

Huw Davies  
Deputy Head & IB Diploma Coordinator

## ISL Calendar – Key dates for October & November

### October

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day (Parents)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 & Year 12 Parent-Teacher Meetings
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Start of Half term – no classes
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	ECP- Year 6 Parent-Teacher Meetings

### November

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Boys Volleyball Tournament - Ankara
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Girls Volleyball Tournament – Lisbon
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 – Year 6 Macbeth Workshop
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Transition Seminar
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Boys Football Tournament – Madrid
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 & Year 11 Parent-Teacher Meetings
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 - Year 8 Parent-Teacher Meetings

**In order to reduce the number of letters sent from the school and to help in our continued attempts to protect the environment, the PTA Newsletter will now be sent to you by e-mail in a pdf file.**

**Original copies of the Newsletter will be available from the school office and on the ISL Website.**

# Class and Language Representatives

## Executive Committee

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## Some worldwide dates to remember in September

### Eid-ul-Fitri - the end of Ramadan

After the 29 or 30 days of Ramadan have ended (it started this year on 13<sup>th</sup> September), the next three days are called Eid-ul-Fitr ("Celebration of the Feast"). A special Eid prayer takes place on the morning of the first day of Eid.

### Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Oct - Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Oct: **British Summer Time ends**

If you are in the UK, change all clocks back 1 hour. You can have one extra hour's sleep. The time change is actually during the night: at 2am on Sunday morning the time is changed to 1am. If you are calling abroad note that the time difference may have changed, but note that there is no change for EU countries because they also change the time by 1 hour on the same date. For the next 6 months the time in the UK is the same as Greenwich Mean Time (**GMT**). When you change your clocks, you can check the exact time from the **speaking clock** by phoning **123**. Do not always believe the clocks which you may see in public places - sometimes there is a delay before they are changed.

### Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Oct: **American Football: Miami Dolphins vs New York Giants**

The first ever NFL (the USA's National Football League) season game to be played in London will be at Wembley, starting at 6pm.

### Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Oct: **Halloween**



*Dressing up at Halloween*

*Halloween decorations*

A tradition which is believed to have started in Ireland. The event is more popular in America than in Britain, but it is followed by an increasing number of British people in recent years. You may be invited to a Halloween party, you may be asked to dress up in scary clothes. If children knock on your door and say "trick or treat", you may want to give them

some sweets (otherwise they may play a small trick on you!) Pumpkins are often used as symbols of this event - sometimes they are cut into the shape of a face and made into lanterns.

## Tips for October

### **Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Oct - Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Oct: Black History Month**

Each October there are events across the UK to celebrate the contributions of the black communities both now and in recent history. For further details and a listing of events, see: <http://www.black-history-month.co.uk>. Events in London are shown on the site: <http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor/bhm/index.jsp>

### **Sun 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Oct (12:30 - 17:30): Kids in the Kitchen**

At HOB, the Brunswick (nearest tube : Russell Square), Children can get hands on with food and learn the basics of cooking. For more information : 020 7837 8843. Although most of Kids in the Kitchen sessions are free, there is occasionally a £3.00 charge to cover the cost of ingredients.

### **Thu 11<sup>th</sup> Oct: National Work Placement Exhibition**

A chance to meet UK companies which offer work placements next year and to obtain information about job applications and careers. This event is at London's Olympia, Hammersmith Road (nearest Tube: Kensington Olympia). For further information and to pre-register, see: <http://www.work-placement.co.uk>

### **Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Oct -Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Nov: London Film Festival, London**

Previews of British and international films, plus interviews with film-makers and other events. For details and on-line booking, see: <http://www.lff.org.uk>

### **Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Oct: Diwali on the Square**

The annual celebration of Diwali, 'the festival of light', will again take place in Trafalgar Square. Diwali has religious significance for Hindus, Sikhs and Jains and is celebrated by many communities throughout the capital. This free event will present a colourful programme of entertainment for all Londoners to enjoy, including music and dance.

## Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Oct: **October Plenty**

A free autumn harvest celebration on the South Bank of the Thames. It starts at midday in front of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre (nearest Tube stations : Southwark or London Bridge). A procession of characters such as the Corn Queene, Hobby Horse and Berry Man will lead people to Borough Market, where there is also a special Apple Day Food Fair. There is also a performance of a short 16th century play. For details, see: <http://www.thelionspart.co.uk/octoberplenty>



*Corn Queene*



*Berry Man*



*Apple bobbing*

## I recommend

### **The classics (special treat for the new parents)**

These are some of the addresses we had from last year...

...not too far from the school

**The original Maids of Honour:** 288 Kew Road TW9

Typically English : excellent teas, Scones and their speciality, the “Mades of Honors” (<http://www.theoriginalmaidsofhonour.co.uk>).

**Osteria del Portico** (7A The Green, Ealing, 020 8840 3297): this welcoming restaurant serves traditional Italian cuisine, with a good sized outside area to sit out in during the summer months.

**Strada** (156 Chiswick High Road, 020 8995 0004): Strada is a group of contemporary Italian restaurants serving good quality, simple, freshly prepared dishes using seasonal products.

**Richmond Film House** (3 Water Lane, Richmond 0870 850 69 28 [www.richmondfilmhouse.co.uk](http://www.richmondfilmhouse.co.uk)): this small cinema (144 seats) presents

movies in Original versions from all around the world in a nice and cosy theatre

**Annie's** (162 Thames Road, Chiswick 020 8994 9080, Chiswick): if you are feeling like having a brunch with the kids, it is the place to go. The funny decoration and the welcoming personnel will make your Sunday !!!

...and a bit further

- **Borough Market** (London Bridge Station - Northern Line): this market offers a large choice of fresh and tasty vegetables, fruits, meat, fish and bread. But you will also find some French cheese, Italian delicatessen... It takes place on Thursday (11:00 – 17:00), Friday (12:00 – 18:00) and Saturday (9:00 – 16:00)

### **A new address**

**Arbutus** (63-64 Frith Street, 020 7734 4545, [www.arbutusrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.arbutusrestaurant.co.uk)) a very good French restaurant in Soho which offers great quality dining experience in a relaxed atmosphere.

Each month we will print some suggestions and recommendations from ISL parents. So if you have been to some restaurants, some shops, some exhibitions... that were really worth it, let us know! ([vanessatds1@hotmail.com](mailto:vanessatds1@hotmail.com))