

ISL PTA NEWSLETTER



November 2008

Please, note in your diary:

Monday 1st - Friday 5th December

Book Fair

The first half term has already passed by with the welcoming events associated with it. So we hope you are all well settled down and that you had the opportunity to meet your Class and / or Language Representative by now.

Thanks to the nice weather, many of you could enjoy the welcome BBQ. Except for the shortage of meat, everything went smoothly thanks to all of you. Once again we want to thank all the volunteers who helped for this events, teachers, parents and students!!!

This second half term will also be full of events of all kinds. If November is rather quiet, December is a busy month with, among others, the International Shows (primary and secondary - not to be missed!) where our children will perform.

The first book fair will be held during the first week of December (more info on page 2).

And the first secondary disco will conclude the first school term.

Now, please relax and enjoy your newsletter.

The PTA Team

PTA News & Activities

Next PTA Event: the book Fair

Twice a year, a book fair is organised in collaboration with the Library. The first one will take place the first week of December. Parents volunteers to relay each other during the week so the children can visit the book fair with their class, book some books and come back later to buy them if the parents have agreed.

Please let us know in advance if you can volunteer for this event by contacting any of the CR or LR or by sending an e-mail to vanessatds1@hotmail.com

Also, we are still looking for a story teller. If you happen to know one, please let the Librarian know about it as soon as possible!

More info will follow and a more precise schedule will be mailed to you soon.

Class & Language Representatives

We have a new English Language Representative!

Jean Hennessy (020 8994 8288 or 07803 013 035; jean.hennessy@btinternet.com) joined the PTA Team last month. She will also be the language representative for the small communities who don't already have their own Language representative.

We still miss class representatives for Y9 and Y12. Don't hesitate to contact Vanessa if you have questions about those or if you are ready to volunteer !

Clubs

Book club

Next months book will be, '**On Chesil Beach**' by Ian McEwen. The book club will meet at Jean's place on Friday 14th Nov' at 10am. Her address is, 9 Rusthall Avenue, W4 1BW. Phone no 020 8994 8288. Chiswick Park & Turnham Green are the nearest tube stations, The closest bus is 94, However there are many others that can be taken to get you within a 5-10 minute walk.

The book for December is going to be a classic for a change, '**Persuasion**' by Jane Austen. The date to put in your diary is December 14th, 10am. It will be at Karen's place, 19 Lower Addison Gardens, Holland Park area, W14 8BG. Tube to Shepherds Bush (Central line) or buses to Shepherds Bush Green. Parking is an issue as we are a permit area & just inside the congestion charge.

Need more info? Contact Karen Lee-Campbell at karen@lee-campbell.co.uk

Cooking club

Feel like tasting new food? Love cooking? Feel like sharing a recipe? The place to be is the school kitchen every Thursday at 14:00.

This month, we will have:

- on 13th Nov: Christi from Australia
- on 20th Nov: Clotilde from France
- on 27th Nov: Laura from Italy

If you are interested, if you feel like cooking or if you just want some more information, please contact vanessatds1@hotmail.com.

ISL Baby-sitters

As promised, here is a list of some ISL students (as well as some brothers and sisters) who wish to do some baby-sitting.

Tomo Kurata (Y13) Japanese, English
Tel : 079-1264-4252
Home : 020-7589-0420

Lucas Deutsch - French
Tel : 07 515 11 63 62
Home: 020 8742 8730
Covers Chiswick

Andrea Marchesani (16) Italian, English, French
Tel : 07534211217
Home : 02087470144
Covers Chiswick, Ealing

Fleur Gindre (Y13) French, English
Home : 020 7731 28 33
Mobile : 0782 627 48 04
Covers : Fulham

Camille Lacquemanne (19, University student) French, English, Spanish
Tel : 07964 34 71 66
Home : 020 87 44 11 47.
Covers : Ealing, Chiswick, Richmond, Twickenham.

Jean Lacquemanne (17) French, English, Spanish
Tel : 07964 34 71 66
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Covers : Ealing, Chiswick, Richmond, Twickenham.

A Message from Deputy Head – Guidance

May I ask parents to remind students that valuable property or money should not be left in unsupervised bags in school. All valuables should be kept on the person or put away safely in lockers.

May I also request parents to wear Parent Badges when visiting the school – to aid security. If you have an appointment with a teacher, please report to the Office staff who will contact the teacher to let her/him know that you have arrived. Visitors should not make unannounced visits to teachers' rooms. This is to ensure that all visits are recorded – again for health, safety and security reasons - and to avoid situations where a teacher is busy and may not be able to deal with a query satisfactorily. For very urgent or emergency matters, please first contact or go to the Office where a staff member will be able to assist you.

ISL Calendar – Key dates for Second Half term

November

Thursday 13th - ECP to Year 6* Parent Teacher Meeting 16.00 – 20.30
*Year 4 Meeting to follow on 20th

Thursday 20th – Year (4*), 7 and 9 Parent Teacher Meeting 17.00-19.30
*Year 4 Meeting from 16.00 to 19.30

Thursday 27th – Year 8 Parent Teacher Meeting 17.00-19.30

December

Monday 1st to Friday 5th December – Book Fair

Thursday 4th – Year 10 and 12 Parent Teacher Meeting 17.00-19.30

Thursday 11th Secondary International Show – start time to be announced

Friday 12th – ECP to Year 6 Ice Skating Trip

Friday 12th Last Day of Term - Normal School Finish Time

Some worldwide dates to remember in November

Sunday 9th November: Remembrance events, London & across the UK
Wild poppies grew in the fields of France and Belgium where many people died during the First World War. Paper poppies are sold and worn from the start of November to raise money for the Royal British Legion (<http://www.poppy.org.uk>), a charity which supports the families of people who have been killed or injured in wars.

The Queen and representatives of Parliament, the Armed Forces and the Commonwealth lay wreathes (rings) of poppies at the Cenotaph. The Cenotaph is a memorial for those who died in the First and Second World Wars (it is located in London in the middle of the road called Whitehall to the north and called Parliament Street to the south, near Westminster tube station). 10,000 veterans (former soldiers) march past the memorial. There will be a two-minute silence at 11am. The ceremony can be seen on television (on BBC, starting at about 10:30am). If you go to Whitehall to watch, you will get a better view if you arrive before 9:30am.

Thursday 27th November: Thanksgiving Day

Americans celebrate the harvest season, often eating a family meal including turkey and pumpkin pie. Although this day is not widely celebrated in the UK, some restaurants offer the traditional meal. For Pubs and bars in London with special Thanksgiving events see: <http://www.citypublife.co.uk/thanksgiving.htm>

There is also a Thanksgiving festival in Plymouth, Devon (the Pilgrim Fathers set sail from here in 1620, heading for a new life in America).

Sunday 30th November: St Andrew's Day, Scotland

Saint Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland. He and his brother - Saint Peter - were fishermen who became Apostles of Jesus Christ. He was crucified (killed on a cross) on November 30th in Greece. The cross of Saint Andrew is on the Scottish flag (the Saltire). Scottish celebrations often include traditional food, music, songs, poetry and dance.

Tips for November

Wednesday 12th November: Oxford Street Christmas Lights

The Christmas lights on Oxford Street will be turned on by a celebrity. For further details, see: <http://www.oxfordstreet.co.uk>

Wednesday 13th - Sunday 16th November: Country Living Fair

British crafts and small businesses display their products. A good place to find unusual Christmas presents. There is an entrance charge. The event is held at the Business Design Centre in London (<http://www.businessdesigncentre.co.uk>; near Angel tube station). For details, or to buy tickets in advance, see: <http://www.countrylivingfair.com>.

Friday 14th November : BBC Children In Need, across the UK

An annual event to raise money for British children's charities. You can get involved in one of many fundraising events in the UK, or you can help by donating money to the charities. There is a special programme on television on BBC1 throughout Friday evening. An injured bear called Pudsey is the symbol for this charity appeal. For details of events and how to make a donation, see: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey>.

Wednesday 19th November: Marylebone Christmas Lights

Christmas lights are switched on at Marylebone High Street (nearest Tube: Regents Park or Great Portland Street)

Thursday 20th November: Bond Street Christmas Lights

Bond Street will be turned into a "winter wonderland". A celebrity will switch on the lights at 6pm, from a stage set up on the corner of Burlington Gardens and Old Bond Street (nearest Tube: Green Park or Bond Street). For details, see: <http://www.bondstreetassociation.com>.



I recommend

Each month we will print some suggestions and recommendations from ISL parents. So if you have been to some restaurants, some shops, some exhibitions, if you have visited nice places, great B&B..., let us know!
(vanessatds1@hotmail.com)

Two restaurants

An Indian: *Lorient* (9 Hanger Green, Ealing ; just behind Park Royal Tube Station ; tel: 020 8991 1936 or 020 8991 1966).

They offer a relaxed ambience and a very warm and friendly welcome. Traditional Indian dishes, freshly cooked to order and professionally served, are complemented by a delicious selection of specialities from the clay oven. The three course lunch menu (Mon-Fri) is only £6.95 and the Sunday buffet is £6.95 (£3.50 children under 12).

A Turkish: *Pomegranate* (94 Kew Road, Richmond; Tel: 020 8940 0033 or 07957 440 062 ; www.pomegranate-turkish-restaurant.co.uk)

Combining contemporary elegance, an intimate ambience, with the warmth of the open charcoal grill, and the smell of Turkish kebabs in the air, adds a Mediterranean feel to this quaint Turkish restaurant.

Classified

Want to learn Italian?

Italian Native speaker teacher can give lessons for Italians as well as for Italian as second language speakers. She can teach at all levels; to young people and to adults as well.

Available for afternoon sessions and for individual and collective classes.
Interested? Contact Cinzia 020 8747 0144 or 0773 800 6498

A bicycle

A light grey traditional dutch city bike. Almost new.

Price: £50

Contact Mara : 07816 269 440

A car

A very good and reliable 1998 blue HONDA SHUTTLE 2.3i LS with 188.000 miles.

MOT valid until 28th August 2009

Available from 15th Dec 2008



Price: only 900 GBP

Interested? Contact Claudette Roeland : 07854 10 18 37

Electric Guitar and Amp

Black Ibanez guitar 7 string (RG7321) in excellent condition including Park G10R 10 watt practice amp.



Ideal Christmas or birthday present

Only £199.00

Contact Vivian (School Office) 020 8992 5823 for further details.