

ISL PTA NEWSLETTER



January 2009

Please, note in your diary:

Friday 23rd January
Staff Training Day – No School on this day

Saturday 21st February
Carnival

The Book Fair that took place from 1st to 5th December was a great success. Thank you once again to all the volunteers who helped during this event. The second book Fair will be held in June...

This Newsletter might be the last one for some of you as the end of the year is sometimes synonymous of departure. The PTA wishes good luck to all of you as well, as the best at your next destination.

For some others, this newsletter will be the first one! So welcome and don't hesitate to contact us! (see page 2 and 3)

After the winter break, on Monday 5th January, the PTA welcomed all new and not so new families with coffee, tea and croissants in the dining room.

The PTA Team

PTA News & Activities

Class & Language Representatives

We have a new Y12 Class Representative!

Gladys Al-Saleh has joined the PTA Team. So if you want to get in touch with her, here it is: alsaleh@bellsouth.com

We still need a class representatives for Y9. Don't hesitate to contact Vanessa if you have questions about being a Rep. or if you are ready to volunteer !

Daney Quigley, our Vice-Chair, has now left ISL. Daney, the whole team (and plenty of other parents, for sure) will miss you and your perpetual good mood! Thanks for having been a part of it and good luck to you and your family.

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Clubs

Book club

The next book is "***How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents***", by Julia Alvarez, her semi-autobiographical first novel. The meeting will be held on Friday 9th January 2009 at 10.00. The place is still to be decided.

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.

The cooking club will resume after the break with:
8th of January: Maryam Suliman, from Trinidad and Tobago who will present some Caribbean Cuisine

15th of January: Irina Kuzuoglu from Russia

22nd of January: Constance Huysen from Holland

29th of January: still to be determined

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

Football club

The football club for parents will also resume after the break. If you want to come and play football, the games take place on Sundays in the morning (around 9:00 - 9:30) at Goals Wembley.

Interested? Contact

Volker.haussermann@gmx.de or vanessatds1@hotmail.com

ISL Baby-sitters

Here is, once again a list of some ISL students (as well as some brothers and sisters) who wish to do some baby-sitting.

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A Message from Deputy Head – Guidance

Welcome to the new term which is relatively short but will again be very busy.

I look forward to working with the PTA on designing a programme of events of interest to parents – which was discussed at the PTA meeting in December. These will cover some matters relating to school but will also be of more general interest to parents who may wish to share experience and advice on a range of issues.

Reminders: Whilst we allow students to bring mobile phones to school (primarily for reasons of security), they should not be used during the school day – unless specific permission has been granted by a member of staff - and should be kept safe (ie not left in unattended jackets or bags). This applies to other items of valuable property.

Thank you to all parents who have supplied absence notes promptly on a student's return from illness or other unavoidable absence. We would be grateful if all students who have been absent would present a signed and dated explanation for any absence immediately upon their return to school. This is required for our records of attendance.

Huw Davies

ISL Calendar – Key dates for January

Thursday 15th January

Year 10 Options Evening 18.00

Tuesday 20th January

Year 13 Parent Teacher Meeting 17.00-19.30

Thursday 22nd January

MYP for New Parents – details to follow

Friday 23rd January

Staff Training Day – No School for Students on this day

26th – 30th January

Years 7 to 11 Block Week

Year 12 School Examinations

Some dates to remember in January

Friday 9th - Sunday 18th January 2009: [London International Boat Show](#)

Boat show at ExCeL in Docklands (nearest station: Custom House on the DLR). See: <http://www.londonboatshow.com>

Saturday 10th - Sunday 25 January 2009: [International Mime Festival](#)

A season of mime events at various venues in London. See: <http://www.mimefest.co.uk>

Still to be confirmed: [Russian Winter Festival](#)

Free annual event in Trafalgar Square (organised by the Russian British Cultural Association) celebrating Russian history and culture. There will be music, dancing, stalls selling Russian food and drink and crafts. For full details, see: <http://www.eventica.co.uk> or http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor/russian_festival

Saturday 17th January 2009: [HotCourses International Student Fair](#)

An event in London for international students who are interested in taking a course at a UK college or university. It takes place from 11am-4pm at the New Connaught Rooms in Great Queen Street (nearest Tube stations: Holborn, Covent Garden or Aldwych). For more information about the event and how to register, see: <http://www.hotcourses.com/fair>

Monday 26th January 2009: [Australia Day](#)

Australians celebrate their national day on the anniversary of Foundation Day (26 January 1788). Popular locations for celebrations in the UK are the Walkabout bars: <http://www.walkabout.eu.com>

Monday 26th January - Sunday 1st February 2009: [Chinese New Year celebrations](#)

In the Chinese calendar 2009 is the Year of the Ox, starting on Monday 26 Jan. On Sat 31 Jan there will be lion dancing in Chinatown only (Gerrard Street, Lisle Street, Newport Place, Wardour Street and Macclesfield Street) from 1pm until 6pm with stalls throughout Chinatown. The main public event in London is on Sun 1 Feb in Trafalgar Square (with stage performances from 12-6pm), Leicester Square, Chinatown and Shaftesbury Avenue.

I recommend

Each month we will try to 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)