



# iDSB NEWSLETTER

## March 2024

Dear parents, dear students, dear friends of the iDSB,

The main task of a German school abroad is to provide families and their children with a German education, from nursery school to the Abitur. If you yourself think back to your time in "kindergarten", you will probably only have vague memories that are linked to certain people and places. In primary school and then in secondary school, these formative memories become much clearer and more precise. Very few people remember individual lessons. What is often remembered, however, are the class trips and, above all, the excursions lasting several days.

The second half of the year is characterised by some of these trips, which this year for the first time mainly fall in the bundling week at the end of May - we will report on this in detail. In March and April, there are other meetings that cannot be organised in this central week: The Netherlands exchange in Year 8, the trip to Valencia for Years 9 and 10, the trip to Izieu, which is taking place for a second time this year and involves 20 pupils from Years 10 and 11, or the trip to Warsaw for those who were successfully forwarded to the regional youth music competition at the iDSB and are now competing in the national competition.

There are many other smaller and larger opportunities for encounters that can be listed here. The iDSB will also play host: a group from the welcome class at St Antonius-Gymnasium in Lüdinghausen will visit us in April and introduce our pupils to this part of the reality of life. For the first time, we were expecting guests from a Spanish school in Zaragoza in the week of 18 March and recently the delegations of the SV from The Hague, Paris and London were at the iDSB for a joint exchange.

We can be proud of this great diversity that we can offer our students - it is part of what the iDSB stands for with its "i"!

I would also like to draw your attention to the SV's appeal to you as parents. It is also important to our pupils to focus on the environmental awareness of the entire school community. You will find the article further down in the newsletter.

I hope you enjoy browsing through the newsletter!

Jochen Flohn  
Headmaster

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## DATES

**Every Thursday, 8 - 9 am** | Parents' Café in the OS

**22./23.03.2024** | iDSB Alumni Cup

**25.03.2024, 7.30 pm** | Themed parents' evening for levels 1-6 ("Media education")

**27.03.2024** | Join-in concert "Découvrez l'orchestre !" in Flagey for the 3rd-4th grades

**28.03.2024** | Pedagog. Day GS & OS (KiBi open, emergency care classes 1-6 for working parents)

**29.03-14.04.2024** | Easter holidays

**18.04.2024** | Kangaroo Maths competition (grades 3-9)

**22.-26.04.2024** | Cap Science (GS)

**23.04.2024** | GSlive

**23.04.2024, 7.30 pm** | Spring concert (OS)

**03.05.2024** | GSplus Kiosk

**07.05.2024, 7 pm** | Foyer talk with ZDF-Journalist Gunnar Krüger

**09.05.-20.05.2024** | Whitsun holidays

**21./22.05.2024, 7.30 pm** | Mona Lisa theatre of the iDSB colleagues

**22./23.05.2024** | Kapla days (GS)

**27.-31.05.2024** | Bundling week

**03.06.2024** | Annual general meeting of the school association

**10.06-14.06.2024** | Skater week (GS)

**10.06-08.07.2024** | Mini EM (OS)

**13.06.2024** | iDSB theatre of 7th and 8th grades

**14.06.2024, 9 pm** | Public Viewing European Football Championship

**19.06.2024** | Magic Clown Liar (KiBi)

**21.06.2024** | Prom

**26.06.2024** | Crossrun GS & OS

**28./29.06.2024** | Preschool sleepover (KiBi)

**01.07.2024, 7 pm** | Summer reception of the school association

**03.07.2024, 6.30 pm** | Music theatre in the GS

**09./10.07.2024, 7.30 pm** | Musical OS

**12.07.2024** | Summer singing (KiBi & GS)

**13.07.-01.09.2024** | Summer holidays

## NEWS

### FOS student exchange in Shanghai

Our FOS students experienced an exciting and instructive week during the student exchange programme with the German School Shanghai. Their adventure in the vibrant Chinese metropolis began on 28 January 2024.

The week began with a visit to the German School Shanghai, during which the students not only explored the school but also took part in lessons. In addition to an exciting city tour of Shanghai,

factory tours at Blum Furniture Hardware and the VW plant, the programme included a visit to the Shanghai Construction Management College and a visit to the water town of Zhujiajiao.

The exchange was characterised by cultural discoveries, city experiences and culinary delights and will remain unforgettable. This is also reflected in the feedback from parents and students. Click [HERE](#) for the detailed report.

A special thank you to the German School in Shanghai, our FOS director Ms Zettl and the host families for the organisation, support and unforgettable experiences!



## Registration for Whitsun holiday childcare (KiBi & GS)

The registration portal for the Whitsun holiday care (13.05.-17.05.2024) is open: You can register your child via Phidias from Friday, 15.03.2024 up to and including **Wednesday, 27.03.2024 6 pm**. Places will be allocated in the order of registration. Childcare is available for all KiBi groups, including the crèche and grades 1 to 4.

If you have any questions, please contact [jennifer.laumert@idsb.eu](mailto:jennifer.laumert@idsb.eu) for the KiBi and [grundschule@idsb.eu](mailto:grundschule@idsb.eu) for the primary school.



## GSPlus Kiosk on 3rd May 2024



The whole building is fragrant, eyes are shining and the joy is great. It's finally time again: Our GS kiosk is organised by the class representatives of the 3rd and 4th grades with the support of the parents. On Friday 3 May during the 1st and 2nd break, our GS kiosk will be selling waffles, hot dogs, popcorn, pancakes and drinks. We will use the proceeds to buy new play materials for our school. Please bring money!

## Call from the Student Council (SV)

Dear parents,

We, the Student Council (SV) of the iDSB, would like to address two important issues: waste separation and vandalism at our school. Despite several internal efforts, these problems have not yet been successfully resolved. We would therefore like to ask you to address this issue with your children at home. It is unfortunate that some pupils find it amusing to damage the school and deface the common area through vandalism. In particular, tearing off toilet lids and other items is unacceptable and has a considerable negative impact on the school climate. Our SV attaches great importance to sustainability and environmental awareness. For us, correct waste separation is a matter of course and an important contribution to environmental protection. We hope that by discussing waste separation at home, awareness and implementation of this topic at school can also be improved. Thank you very much for your support!

Yours sincerely,

Pauline Schweizer on behalf of the student council

## News from the OS library

We are pleased to introduce you to our new employee: Kerstin Karwoth is joining the iDSB team with immediate effect as the new media coordinator. With her expertise, she will build a bridge between the primary and secondary school libraries and drive forward a variety of exciting projects. Get to know her better [HERE](#).

Mrs Karwoth already has experience gained during her voluntary work in the primary school library. Her main tasks as Media Coordinator will be to organise readings, coordinate cultural events and develop innovative programmes that promote reading and media literacy among our students. With her fresh perspective and enthusiasm for literature and media, Ms Karwoth will make a

valuable contribution to the further development of our library services.

We warmly welcome her to our team and wish her a great start!

### **OS library with new opening hours**

The OS library is now open Monday-Friday from 9.15 am - 2.15 pm which means accessible to our pupils during every break.

### **Short survey**

In order to further develop the library according to your wishes, we ask you to participate in this short survey (5min): [CLICK HERE](#)



### **Contact**

Do you have any questions or comments about our libraries? Then please contact Mrs Karwoth: [kerstin.karwoth@idsb.eu](mailto:kerstin.karwoth@idsb.eu), +32 686 165 5 152.

## Donation for Serve the City



Last week we received a letter of thanks from Serve the City, which we would like to pass on to you. In it, they would like to thank you for the extremely generous donation of €4,012.03 that was collected through numerous visits of you - our parents - to the Christmas market:

*I wanted to personally write to thank you for your very generous donation of proceeds from your Christmas market. We are so thankful for your ongoing support of Serve the City and our projects and we hope that, through partnering with us, your students are inspired to make a difference in the world. Your kind donation is equivalent to the cost of the food for over 5700 hot meals with a piece of fruit and a snack! Being able to offer this kind of support makes such a big difference to the lives of so many people so thank you for partnering with us.*

A big thank you at this point to all the parents and helpers who organised the Christmas market. Without your commitment and dedication, this traditional event would not exist!

## iDSB Alumni Community: Register now!



The connection between former students of a school often remains a lifelong bond. For this reason, our iDSB alumni community is intended to be a vibrant network of individuals who not only gained their academic education at iDSB, but also share unforgettable experiences with each other. Without our faculty and staff, many memories would not even be possible, so they too are part of our community.

### **Register now!**

Want to stay in touch with us? Then become part of our alumni community and register [HERE](#). Are you still in contact with other alumni? Then please forward this information.

### Alumni reunion 2024

This year's alumni reunion will take place on 22 and 23 March 2024 at the iDSB. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Männel, [michael.maennel@idsb.eu](mailto:michael.maennel@idsb.eu).

## Limited Design Edition - Coming soon!



The time will soon be here! The winner of the Limited Design Edition competition will be announced at the next student assembly on 18 April 2024. The winning design will adorn the iDSB spring jumper.

Exclusively on this day, a special sale will take place after the student assembly, where you can buy the jumper at the **special price of 25€** (instead of 30€)\*. It is only possible to pay with your **Ping Ping cards**. So be curious and don't forget to top up your cards (instructions [HERE](#))!

\*Limited edition: only while stocks last!

## Donations of tights and leggings

Do you have some unused tights or leggings and would like to sort them out? Our all-day team needs them for the emergency clothes cupboard. To be handed in to the all-day team at the primary school. If you have any questions, please contact: [caroline.kraemer@idsb.eu](mailto:caroline.kraemer@idsb.eu).

Thank you in advance for your support!

## Vacancies at the iDSB



Would you like to join our dedicated team? Take a look at our vacancies at the iDSB: [to the application platform](#).

## Lost and found

Are you looking for a lost water bottle? Your child is missing his gym shorts or jacket? Then take a look in our **lost and found boxes**. Because after the vacations, the contents of the boxes will be donated completely for a good cause.

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## Are you leaving the iDSB?

You already know that you will unfortunately be leaving us at the end of the school year? Please remember to inform us using the [cancellation form](#) and send it to: [grundschule@idsb.eu](mailto:grundschule@idsb.eu), [oberschule@idsb.eu](mailto:oberschule@idsb.eu)), taking into account the three-month notice period. Thank you very much!

## REVIEWS

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- [Visit by the Prime Minister of the German speaking community Oliver Paasch](#)
- [Excursion of grades 6 to Archéosite et Musée d'Aubechies-Beloeil](#)
- [Visit of the Parlamentarium with 9th graders and Spanish exchange students](#)

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