

IDSB NEWSLETTER September 2025

Dear school community,

On behalf of all iDSB staff, I would like to welcome you, and especially you, dear students, to the 2025/2026 school year, which is sure to bring us many interesting, exciting and memorable events and activities.

Two of these events, which have already become a tradition, are now behind us: the welcome picnic in the park on the Sunday before the start of school. We were delighted to welcome many of you there and had lots of interesting conversations with old and new members of our school community. Our special thanks go to the organising team, who made this wonderful event possible in what was – by Belgian standards – perfect weather.

We would also like to thank the organisers of the enrolment ceremony and the enrolment service for our first-year pupils on the Saturday before the start of school, who gave our new pupils a wonderful start to an exciting new phase in their lives.

However, the first highlight of this still young school year was our kick-off events on the first day of school in the auditorium and amphitheatre, where all those who are our raison d'être came together for the first time: our pupils and KIBI children. Every year, it is an exciting moment to welcome old and new pupils and then make our way to the classrooms together.

We wish all students a good start to the new school year, especially our upcoming graduates from secondary school, upper secondary school and FOS, as well as our 'newcomers,' some of whom may

be in a different country for the first time and are just getting to know the language and culture. On the one hand, this is a great challenge, but on the other hand, it is also an opportunity to become tolerant, cosmopolitan European citizens here in the heart of Europe. We want to not only accompany you, dear students, on this journey, but also actively support you by offering you a second home at our school, where you will not only be exposed to the German language and culture, but also meet people from many parts of the world.

With this in mind, we wish you all a good start and a sunny autumn.

Rolf Linse Acting Headmaster

DATES

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Every Thursday, 8 - 9 am | Parents' Café in the OS
17.09.2025 | Parents' evening grades 10-12, Aula
17.09.2025 | Parent-child-gymnastics at 4 pm in the GS
18.09.2025 | Trip to Cologne, grade 10
19.09.2025 | Car & Bike Wash grade 12
22.09.2025 | School photographer
22.09.2025, 20 Uhr | Extraordinary general meeting of the school association, Aula
22.09.2025 | Regenburger Domspatzen
23.09.2025 | Constitutive meeting of the parents' council, Aula
24.09.2025 | Parent-child-gymnastics at 4 pm in the GS
25.09.2025 | Student council meeting, de Kam
02.10.2025 | iDSB staff outing (school closed, no emergency childcare)
03.10.2025 | German Unity Day (school closed)
06.10.-12.10.2025 | Week in German
08.10.2025 | Parent-child-gymnastics at 4 pm in the GS
10.10.2025 | Toddler café (parent-child meet-up at KiBi)
11.10.2025 | iDSB flea market
15.10.2025 | Parent-child-gymnastics at 4 pm in the GS
21.10.2025, 19.30 Uhr | Mona-Lisa Theatre, Aula
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06.11.2025 | Lantern parade KiBi and classes 1

07.11.2025 | Remembrance Day

10.11.2025 | Pedagogical day (school closed, no emergency childcare)

11.11.2025 | Armistice (school closed)

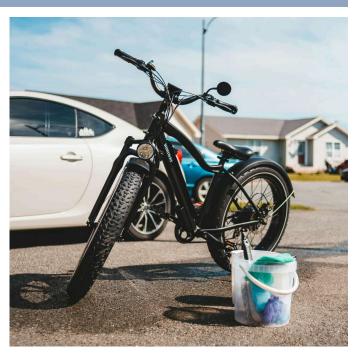
LATEST NEWS

Car & Bike Wash on 19.09.

On Friday, **19 September 2025**, we, the 12th grade, will organise a car (and bike) wash at iDSB.

We charge **€15** for washing a car and **€5** for a bicycle. The proceeds will go towards the school leavers' fund.

The car wash will take place in the OS teachers' car park between **7:45 am and 9:00 am** in the morning and between **12:15 pm and 1:30 pm** at lunchtime.



You can just drop by spontaneously or sign up directly at our stand from 7h45 for a later 15-minute time slot (or have your children sign up).

To bridge the waiting time, you can also enjoy something to eat or to drink at our on-site stand. Please note that only three cars can be washed at a time.

We hope to see as many of you and your cars/bikes as possible on Friday!

Yours 12 graders

The school photographer is coming

On **22 September 2025**, the school photographer will visit iDSB. As every year, all children will be photographed individually and as a class. In the afternoon, there will also be an opportunity for **sibling photos**, without prior registration, from 3:30 p.m. in the rear schoolyard of the secondary school.

Please note that only children **WITH** photo permission will be included in the class photos. This is important because these photos will also appear in the yearbook.



Individual portraits are taken of **all children**, regardless of whether you have given your consent for photographs to be taken. You gave us your consent for photographs to be taken during the registration process. Photographs from everyday school life, school events or school trips provide wonderful insights and appear in our yearbook, on the school website, in flyers and on our social media channels. We always publish pictures without naming names – except in the case of special achievements (e.g. prize winners).

If you would like to grant photo permission at short notice, please send an email to marketing@idsb.eu by **Friday**, **19 September 2025 at 10:00 am**.

iDSB Flea Market



Dear iDSB parents,

Our popular autumn flea market with clothing exchange is coming up again. If you would like to reserve a stall or sell clothing via the clothing exchange, you can find all the necessary information HERE and, of course, you can also contact us at any time.

As always, we need lots of helping hands to support us. We need help on the following days:

- **Thursday**, 9 October 2025 8 am to 4 pm (acceptance, quality control, display)
- Friday, 10 October 2025 8 am to 4 pm (quality control, display)

• **Saturday**, 11 October – from 8.30 am until everything has been cleared away (cash desk, hall control, sorting labels, sorting items back into their categories)

Every hour counts! If you are interested, please contact us with your available times.

To ensure that the flea market is a complete success, we would also be grateful for any help with advertising. If you know of any places where our flyers (in four languages) could be displayed (supermarket around the corner, sports club, workplace, etc.), please feel free to pick up a flyer from the secondary school office.

We would like to thank you in advance!

Helmut Wagner and Diana Stanger iDSB Flea Market Organising Team

SAVE THE DATE: Mona-Lisa Theatre

Curtains up for the iDSB colleagues' 'Mona Lisa Theatre': Look forward to an entertaining evening where the teaching staff and administration team slip into different roles and provide top-notch entertainment on stage with wit, charm and completely new sides to themselves!

Dates: 21 and 22 Oct, 7.30 pm each evening,

Location: Aula

Free admission | with catering



Ordering school books via Knickmann



Dear Parents,

We would like to briefly inform you about the school book deliveries from our supplier Knickmann: Unfortunately, there have been numerous incorrect deliveries and delays this year. One reason for this was that over 40 families missed the order deadline on 18 July, which led to a significant backlog. We are very sorry that this has caused some families unwanted hassle!

Please check your invoices carefully: they should indicate whether any deliveries are still outstanding. Furthermore, you should only have paid for books that have actually been delivered.

If you are still waiting for subsequent deliveries, please send a brief email to kerstin.karwoth@idsb.eu, copying in Ms Glagowski from Knickmann at glagowski@schul-knickmann.de.

Thank you for your understanding and patience!

Your iDSB Library Team

Cashless payment in the bistro – it's that easy!

Our students use their pingping cards for cashless payments in the bistro. The cards can be topped up either at our cashpoint terminal in the bistro with cash or online. Please note that technical problems may occasionally occur at the terminal, which may temporarily disable the top-up function. We therefore recommend that you top up your pingping card online using the **netpay** service. This is a simple and convenient way to top up your credit flexibly at any time without additional fees. At the same time, you can get an overview of your child's purchases.



Step-by-step instructions can be found HERE.

Renovations during the summer holidays – A look at the changes at iDSB

During the summer holidays, various renovation works were carried out at our school to provide our pupils and the entire team with a modern environment tailored to the school's needs.

Canteen redesign: The canteen has been given a fresh new look. In addition to a fresh coat of paint, wood panelling has been installed in the rear area, which is not only visually appealing but also contributes to sound insulation.

Renovation of the changing rooms: The changing rooms in the secondary school have also been given a fresh coat of paint.

Sports field renovation: The secondary school's sports field was also renovated during the holidays and will be completed shortly. This will provide our pupils with improved sports facilities.

Further renovations are planned during the school year. For example, the building application for the emergency staircase for the second floor of the secondary school has already been submitted to the municipality of Wezembeek-Oppem.



News from the Board of Governors



Change in the Board of Governors

On 1 September, there was a change in the Board of Governors of the School Association: Mr Jan Schmucker resigned for personal reasons. His successor on the Board of Governors is Mr Detlef Müller-Solger, who was elected as the first "substitute member" in accordance with the Articles of Association.

Extraordinary General Meeting

On Monday, 22 September, the 2nd Extraordinary General Meeting on the subject of amendments to the statutes will be held in the Aula.

Donation campaign for the Ariane Asylum Centre – Thanks from the Red Cross



We are delighted that the Red Cross has sent us a heartfelt <u>letter of thanks</u> for our participation in last school year's donation campaign. The campaign, initiated by the **Flemish Red Cross**, aimed to support children and young residents of the Ariane Asylum Seeker Centre in Woluwe-Saint-Lambert. Together, we collected useful school supplies, including notebooks, pens, backpacks, book bags, coloured pencils, rulers, erasers, calculators and other important items. Whether new or in good condition, everything was welcome.

A big thank you to all our donors, young and old!

Congratulations on 20 years of Serve the City









Twenty years ago, a small group of volunteers in Belgium had a wonderful idea: what if we brought people together to support our city in a simple and practical way? Since that first step in 2005, **Serve the City Belgium** has grown into a significant non-profit movement that mobilises thousands of volunteers to help refugees, homeless people, elderly people, vulnerable children, families and many others in need.

Our students also regularly support Serve The City by distributing packed lunches and hot drinks in Brussels.



We are looking for you!



The volunteer team at the primary school library needs your support!

We need volunteers to help out at the primary school library about once a week. On Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays, this usually involves around 2.5 hours of registering pupils' books in the library programme and tidying the shelves. The younger children enjoy it when someone reads to them occasionally. \odot

If you would like to join our friendly team, please contact Kerstin Karwoth if you are interested or have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you \bigcirc

E-Mail: kerstin.karwoth@idsb.eu

Phone: 02/686 16 55 (every day, 9.15 am - 2.15 pm)

Parental involvement at our school – together we can do better

School is more than just learning: it is community and social life. The parents' council promotes exactly that – it creates a space where our children can grow and develop in a positive community.

For the council to be strong, it needs many people who are committed and willing to take action. Not just a few who do everything on their own, but many who work together in a meaningful and coordinated way.

If you would like to get involved, we welcome any support – whether it be at school events, clubs, parent-child activities or in the parent representative committee. If you are interested, please contact: elternbeirat@idsb.eu.

Our <u>online brochure</u> also provides an overview of the many opportunities available.



Lust unser buntes Schulleben aktiv mitzugestalten? Bei Interesse melde Dich bei unserem Elternbeirat;

elternbeirat@idsb.eu



BachWerk & Brussels Philharmonic present: Mozart's Requiem



On **Saturday, 25 October 2025 at 8 pm**, a special concert evening awaits you at the Église Saint-Jean-Berchmans, Boulevard Saint-Michel 24, Brussels. Conducted by David Navarro-Turres, BachWerk and the Brussels Philharmonic Orchestra will perform Mozart's famous Requiem.

Admission: €25 / €15 / €3 (reduced) – secure your tickets now at <u>bachwerk.be/concerts</u>.

Vacancies at iDSB



Would you like to join our dedicated team? Take a look at our vacancies at iDSB: **to the application platform.**

NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

Premises available in neighbouring medical practice

Rooms are now available at Dr Barbara Kotulla's medical practice – ideal for doctors, therapists or anyone who would like to work in a medical field.

If you are interested, please contact us directly by email at: barbarakotulla@yahoo.com.



REVIEWS

Zum Weiterlesen einfach auf den Artikel klicken:

- Enrolment ceremony for Year 1 classes
- A great start to the new school year
- Info morning
- <u>CapScience at the GS</u>

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