

# iDSB NEWSLETTER

## January 2026

Dear school community,

We hope you have had a good start to the new year and wish you health, confidence and many positive moments in 2026. With the new year, numerous exciting activities are once again beginning at our school. In this January newsletter, we would like to inform you about upcoming events, look back on special occasions and share current topics from our everyday school life with you.

We cordially invite you to get an overview, discover new things and continue to be an active part of our vibrant school community. Enjoy reading!

Warm regards,  
Your iDSB team

*NOTE: If you would like to receive the **newsletter in GERMAN** in the future, please send an email to [marketing@idsb.eu](mailto:marketing@idsb.eu)*

## DATES

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

**28.01.2026** | Parent-child-gymnastics

**29.01.2026** | GS+ Celebration

**30.01.2026** | School reports (first school half-year)

**03.02.2026** | Parent-child-gymnastics

**07.02.2026** | History Bee (Int. history contest)

**11.02.2026** | Parent-child-gymnastics

**09.02.2026** | Annual general meeting of the school association

**14.02. - 20.02.2026** | Crocus vacation

**26.02.2026** | iDSB Art exhibition and fashion show

**27.02.2026** | Krabbel-Café

**04.03.2026** | Parent-child-gymnastics

**07.03.2026** | iDSB Alumni Event

**11.03.2026** | Parent-child-gymnastics

**17.03.2026** | Career Afternoon (10-12th grades)

**18.03.2026** | Foyer talk with Nela Riehl

**18.03.2026** | Parent-child-gymnastics

**20.03.2026** | Krabbel-Café

**25.03.2026** | Parent-child-gymnastics

**21.03.2026** | Spring Flea Market

**23.03. - 27.03.2026** | Circus Week (GS 5th grades)

**22.04.2026** | Parent-child-gymnastics

**24.04.2026** | Krabbel-Café

**29.04.2026** | Open Day (Online)

**29.04.2026** | Parent-child-gymnastics

## LATEST NEWS

Invitation to the Parents' Café Special



With the new year, we are launching a new format at the Parents' Café: once a month, we will be hosting short presentations on selected topics and services. The aim is also to make it easier for families who move to Brussels during the school year to settle in. We will kick off with the topic of **wellbeing**, which is particularly relevant for families. Starting in January, various wellbeing experts will present their services and provide insights into their work. **Britta von Kleinsorgen, Gabriella Fitterer, and Carmen Stork** will be there.

**When?** January 22, 2026, starting at 8.00 am

**Where?** Parents' café at the foyer of iDSB-secondary school

## Fit4Life: Drug prevention in Year 10 classes

On 26 January, Year 10 pupils will receive training on drug prevention as part of our Fit4life programme. Mr Struelens, the police officer responsible for Wezembeek, has been coming to our school for several years now and will be conducting the training from the 1st to the 6th lesson. The focus is on the effects and risks of drugs, as well as information on the legal situation regarding illegal substances. The aim is to provide our students with factual information and to strengthen their decision-making skills.

## GS+ Celebration on 29.01.



### GS+ Fest

**Do., 29.01.2026**

14:10 - 14:40 Uhr: Aufführungen

14:40 - 15:40 Uhr: Verkauf & Ausstellungen



**Wir freuen uns über Kuchen-Spenden!**



Dear Parents,

We warmly invite you and the entire family to the **GS+ Festival** on **January 29, 2025, from 2:10 PM to 3:40 PM** in the amphitheater of the elementary school.

The children, AG leaders, and the GS+ team are excited to present the working groups from the first semester and the afternoon highlights. Look forward to **performances, creative artworks for sale,**

**videos**, and much more!

Delicious **cakes and snacks** will be available for purchase, ensuring your physical well-being. Cake donations are more than welcome. All proceeds will go directly to the children, as we use the funds to finance new projects or playground equipment in consultation with them.

We look forward to your attendance and a wonderful time together!

Sincerely,

The GS+ Team

## International History Bee & Bowl - Returning in 2026!

After a highly successful inaugural year, we are delighted to announce that the **International History Bee and Bowl of Benelux** is returning to the International German School of Brussels on **Saturday, 7 February 2026**.

Following the strong participation and positive feedback in 2025, the tournament continues to grow and attract increasing international attention. This year, we are especially excited to welcome a school from Luxembourg and another all the way from Lithuania! This expansion highlights the growing profile of the Benelux tournament as a truly international academic event.

For those who are new to the event, the International History Bee & Bowl is a fast-paced, buzzer-based history competition conducted entirely in English. Open to students of all experience levels, it offers an engaging and intellectually challenging environment that promotes critical thinking, teamwork, and a deeper appreciation of global history.

Top-performing students and teams will qualify for the European Championships, which will take place in Berlin in mid-2026.

### **Event details at a glance**

- Date: Saturday, 7 February 2026
- Registration deadline: 30 January 2026

### **Registration information**

- Registration for the History Bee can be completed individually by students directly via the [competition website](#).
- If your child wishes to compete on a History Bowl team, please contact Rob Varty at [rob.varty@idsb.eu](mailto:rob.varty@idsb.eu) so that teams can be organised and registered accordingly.

### **Preparation**

There are resources and study guides available at [ihbbeurope.com](http://ihbbeurope.com) and students can join mock quiz sessions in the OS library on Tuesdays in the lunch break.

For full details on the competition format, divisions, and schedule, please see [HERE](#) and/or refer to the official website: [www.ihbbeurope.com](http://www.ihbbeurope.com). You may also contact Mr Rob Varty ([rob.varty@idsb.eu](mailto:rob.varty@idsb.eu)) directly.



# Career Afternoon at iDSB – Speakers wanted



## CAREER AFTERNOON

**Dienstag, 17. MÄRZ 2026**  
**17.30 – 19.30 UHR iDSB-AULA**

Alle Schüler\*innen der 10. bis 12. Klassen sind eingeladen, sich von unseren zahlreichen Vertreter\*innen aus Wirtschaft, Journalismus, Handel, Verwaltung u. a. beraten zu lassen.



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On **17 March 2026**, from **5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**, iDSB invites you to Career Afternoon. The aim is to give students in grades 10–12 practical insights into different career fields.

Share your professional experiences, inspire young people in their career orientation and make valuable contacts.

Interested in participating as a speaker? Then please contact Mr Daniel Scuderi: [daniel.scuderi@idsb.eu](mailto:daniel.scuderi@idsb.eu).

We look forward to your participation!

## Spring flea market on 21.03.

On Saturday, **21 March 2026**, we cordially invite you to our popular spring flea market from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm.

### Would you like to have a stall?

The information sheets and booking forms will be available online from mid-February on the [iDSB website](https://www.idsb.eu).

There is important news regarding the clothing exchange: the drop-off times have been modified so that working sellers can also drop off their goods in the auditorium without having to make any major adjustments to their schedules.

### Become part of the flea market team!

As always, we are delighted to welcome anyone who would like to help: support is welcome on all days from Wednesday afternoon (18 March)

## FLOHMARKT

Kleiderbörse | Clothes Sale  
Flohmarkt-Café | Coffee Corner

FLEA MARKET

Infos  
[flohmarkt@idsb.eu](mailto:flohmarkt@idsb.eu)  
[www.idsb.eu](https://www.idsb.eu)



**SA, 21.03.2026**  
**9.30 – 13.00h**

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before the event. Simply send an email to [flohmarkt@idsb.eu](mailto:flohmarkt@idsb.eu) and the organising team will get back to you as soon as possible.

## Look around and help!

The donations collected by the classes during the iDSB Christmas market, totalling around €3,150, have now been successfully transferred to the four selected organisations (Serve the City - Parc Parmentier - Pensionnat Jules Lejeune - The Healing Horse). This has enabled us, as a school community, to make an important contribution to supporting their valuable work. We are particularly pleased that, in addition to the financial support, a personal exchange with the organisations will now be established in order to gain insights, strengthen contacts in the long term and develop joint projects.

Our sincere thanks go to all those involved and committed who made this success possible with their dedication to the community and their support for this good cause.

The EBR Board

Bodo Lehmann - Jan Rassaerts

Anna Raith - Pamela Stauber

## Stop with myiDSB app and using phidias

### **Discontinuation of the myiDSB app at the end of January 2026**

BY the end of January 2026, the myiDSB app will be discontinued due to low usage.

Of course, you will continue to be well informed: phidias provides you with all the latest information in a reliable manner. In addition, we would like to make greater use of phidias as a central communication tool in the future in order to provide information even more quickly, transparently and uniformly.

### **Use the mobile version of phidias**

Phidias also offers a mobile version that is clearly laid out and makes communication much easier than the previous web-based version.

You can easily install the mobile version of phidias on your smartphone. Click here for instructions:

[Installation for iOS](#)

[Installation for Android](#)



## Important information

The cash top-up terminal in the secondary school bistro area is already out of service and can no longer be used. From now on, Ping-Ping cards can only be topped up online via [Netpay](#).

### [Instructions for topping up Ping-Ping cards](#)

A terminal will soon be available to our pupils where they will be able to check their card balance at any time.



## News from the Board of Governors

The **school association's general meeting** will take place on **9 February at 8 pm** in the secondary school hall. In addition to the annual financial statement for the previous school year, the agenda will focus in particular on the **election of a new board**. All school association members are cordially invited to actively participate in the election of the board for the next two years. A separate invitation will be sent to all association members on 26 January.

## Vacancies at the iDSB



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

## No parking in Beekstraat

Please note that parking in Beekstraat is strictly prohibited (yellow markings on the kerb). Until now, this has been tolerated to some extent by the local council, but in future – under the new mayor – it will be enforced more strictly. Please bear this in mind when travelling to the venue. Thank you for your understanding!



## Lost and found boxes

Is your child missing a water bottle, sports trousers or a jacket? Take a look in our lost property boxes. After the spring half-term holidays, any items that have not been collected will be donated to charity.

## Neighbouring doctor's surgery closes

Dr Barbara Kottula's medical practice in Lange Eikstraat will close at the end of March 2026. The premises will be available from April 2026. They are ideal for doctors, therapists or anyone who wants to work independently.

If you are interested, please contact: [barbarakotulla@yahoo.com](mailto:barbarakotulla@yahoo.com)

## REVIEWS

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