



# iDSB NEWSLETTER

March 2024

Dear school community,

Would you like to experience politics up close during the **foyer talk**, have a browse at the **flea market**, kick off spring with some music at our **spring concert**, or are you in the mood for a bit of **circus**? Find out all about our upcoming events in our March edition!

We are also urgently looking for volunteers to help with a potential summer party.

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

**18.03.2026** | Foyer Talk with Nela Riehl

**18.03.2026** | Parent-child-gymnastics

**20.03.2026** | Krabbel-Café

**21.03.2026** | iDSB Spring Flea Market

**24.03.2026** | Spring Concert with UniKammerChor & Collegium Musicum Greifswald

**25.03.2026** | Parent-child-gymnastics

**23.03. - 26.03.2026** | Circus Week (1-5th classes), Shows on 26.03.

**30.03. - 10.04.2026** | Easter Holidays

**22.04.2026** | Parent-child-gymnastics

**22.04.2026, 18:30 Uhr** | Info Evening Latin (Online)

**24.04.2026** | Krabbel-Café

**29.04.2026** | Open Day (Online)

**29.04.2026** | Parent-child-gymnastics

**01.05.2026** | Puplic Holiday (school closed)

**04. - 08.05.2026** | Bündelungswoche

**26.05.2026** | Pedalogical Day (emergency childcare for KiBi and GS)

**28.-29.05.2026** | Music Theatre 10-12th grades

**19.06.2026** | Krabbel-Café

**24.-25.06.2026** | Music Theatre 7-9th grades

**29.06.2026** | The School Association's Summer Reception

**30.06.2026** | Music Theatre 4-6th grades

## LATEST NEWS

### Survey School Year 2026/27 - Take part by 19 March!

To help us with our planning for the 2026/27 school year, we would ask you to complete our annual retention survey **by Thursday, 19 March 2026: [TAKE THE SURVEY HERE](#)** (takes 1 minute)

Please complete the survey separately for each of your children.

Please note: If you indicate that your child will no longer be attending iDSB in the 2026/27 school year, this is NOT an official withdrawal. Withdrawal must still be submitted to the school office by

the deadline of 31 May 2026 ([withdrawal form](#)).

The class with the highest response rate will win a fantastic surprise!

## Foyer Talk with Nela Riehl - 18 March at 7 pm



**Foyergespräch**  
mit Nela Riehl  
"Neu im Parlament"

**18. März 2026**  
um 19 Uhr  
Foyer der iDSB

Nela Riehl, seit Juni 2024  
Abgeordnete des Europäischen  
Parlaments für VOLT, gibt uns an  
diesem Abend Einblicke in ihre  
politische Arbeit in Brüssel.  
Europäische Politik hautnah!  
Eintritt frei

Experience politics up close!

On **18 March at 7 pm**, MEP Nela Riehl will be our guest and will share fascinating insights into her daily life in Brussels: How does the European Parliament work? What has she been working on during her first few months? And what influence does a small party like Volt Europa have?

Look forward to a lively evening with genuine behind-the-scenes insights into politics!

**Free admission, in the foyer of the iDSB Secondary School**

Internationale Deutsche Schule Brüssel  
Lange Eikstraat 71 | 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem



## iDSB Spring Flea Market - 21 March

We're delighted to invite you to our popular flea market and clothes swap!

**When:** 21 March, 9.30 am – 1.00 pm

**Where:** iDSB Secondary School

Come along, have a rummage for some great finds and give well-preserved items a new home.

We look forward to a lively, colourful day with you!



**FLOHMARKT**  
Kleiderbörse | Clothes Sale  
Flohmarkt-Café | Coffee Corner

**FLEA MARKET**

Infos  
flohmarkt@idsb.eu  
www.idsb.eu

**iDSB**

SA, 21.03.2026  
9.30 – 13.00h

Internationale Deutsche Schule Brüssel  
Lange Eikstraat 71, Rue du Long Chêne – 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem

Invitation to the Spring Concert on 24 March



On **24 March at 7 pm**, we warmly invite you to a special concert evening in the **iDSB auditorium**.

As part of their 2026 concert tour to Bremen, Leuven and Brussels, the **UniKammerChor** and the **Collegium Musicum Greifswald** from the University of Greifswald will be performing at the iDSB. The musical direction is in the hands of University Music Director Harald Braun.

Earlier in the day, our guests will host a project day featuring a musical discovery programme for younger pupils, as well as workshops for our instrumentalists. The highlight of the visit will take place in the evening: the UniKammerChor and the Collegium Musicum will perform in a joint concert together with the iDSB's preliminary orchestra and chamber orchestra.

Look forward to a varied programme ranging from Baroque to Romantic music, as well as well-known a cappella classics. Young and experienced musicians from Germany and Belgium come together for a rich musical exchange that transcends national borders.

The entire school community is warmly invited to join us for this special evening.

**Admission is free; donations are welcome.**

Further information about our guests can be found on the University of [Greifswald website](#).

## Parent's Café-Special: "Wellbeing" on 26 March

Just before the Easter holidays, the Parents' Café will once again host a special session on the topic of **'wellbeing'**, featuring experts **Britta von Kleinsorgen, Gabriella Fitterer and Carmen Stork**. The session will focus on the various approaches and ways of addressing this topic. Wellbeing is an important aspect of our society and is becoming increasingly significant in these demanding and ever more challenging times.

**When:** 26 March, 8–9 am

**Where:** At the Parents' Café in the foyer of the secondary school

# Tickets for Circus Shows

Circus Week for Years 1–5 is fast approaching.

The **gala shows** will take place on **26 March** in the circus tent at Lange Eikstraat 78, 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem (behind the International Baptist Church):

**A classes (1 to 5) at 3 pm**

**B classes (1 to 5) at 6 pm**

## Admission

Children €6 | Adults €12

VIP ticket (front row) €16

**Get your tickets now!**



**WAS FÜR EIN ZIRKUS**

**23. bis 26. März 2026**

Eine Woche Zirkus pur: Unter professioneller Anleitung entdecken Kinder ihre Talente und erleben Teamgeist, Spaß und eine große Gala-Show in der Manege.

**Gala-Veranstaltungen**

Do., 26. März 2026   15 h A-Klassen 1 bis 5	Do., 26. März 2026   18 h B-Klassen 1 bis 5
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**EINTRITT** Erwachsene 12€, Kinder 6€, VIP-Ticket (1. Reihe) 16€  
Online-Ticketverkauf ab März auf [www.ids.eu](http://www.ids.eu)

**ORT** Im Zirkuszelt, Lange Eikstraat 78, 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem (Gelände hinter der International Baptist Church)

Lange Eikstraat 71, 1970 Wezembeek Oppem

**IDS**

We need you for our summer party!

Under the theme 'What a Circus', we'd like to organise a fantastic summer party on 6 June – but only if we can find enough volunteers.

By the end of the week, the parent representatives will send an Excel spreadsheet with various categories to all classes, where everyone can indicate what they can and would like to contribute.

As this year's summer party is being organised by us parents, it all depends on your commitment: **without you, there will be no summer party**. Let's show together what our community can achieve!

### Would you like to join the organisational team?

Then come along to the **first meeting on 19 March at 7 pm** in the parents' café in the secondary school foyer.

We're counting on you – and look forward to a fantastic circus with you all!

Yours, Anna & Pamela

A vibrant yellow poster for 'Sommerfest' (Summer Festival). The title 'SOMMERFEST' is written in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, the text 'Wir suchen DICH!' (We are looking for YOU!) is in blue. A list of tasks for volunteers is provided, each with a colored arrow: a yellow arrow for 'das Organisationsteam', a pink arrow for 'den Verkauf von Speisen und Getränken', a blue arrow for 'den Auf- und Abbau', and a red arrow for 'die Aufsicht für Kinderattraktionen'. A blue megaphone icon is on the right. At the bottom, contact information is given: 'Melde dich gerne bei uns: anna.raith@idsb.eu | pamela.stauber@hotmail.de' and 'Rückmeldung bitte bis 15. März 2026'. The iDSB logo is in the bottom right corner.

**SOMMERFEST**

**Wir suchen DICH!**

Damit das Sommerfest stattfinden kann, suchen wir **Helfer** für:

- ▶ **das Organisationsteam**
- ▶ **den Verkauf von Speisen und Getränken**
- ▶ **den Auf- und Abbau**
- ▶ **die Aufsicht für Kinderattraktionen**

Ohne Unterstützung aus der Elternschaft, wird es leider kein Sommerfest geben.  
Möglicher Termin: 06.06.2026

**Melde dich gerne bei uns:**  
anna.raith@idsb.eu | pamela.stauber@hotmail.de  
Rückmeldung bitte bis 15. März 2026

**iDSB**

## Latin Information Evening on 22 April

Dear Parents,

Learning Latin at iDSB – it's possible! We would like to invite you to an online information evening via Teams to explain how Latin can be taken at our school as an additional foreign language or as an optional extracurricular activity.

Your children can start learning Latin from Year 6 onwards. However, it is also possible to join later, up to and including Year 8.

**When:** 22 April 2026, 6.30 pm (online via Teams)

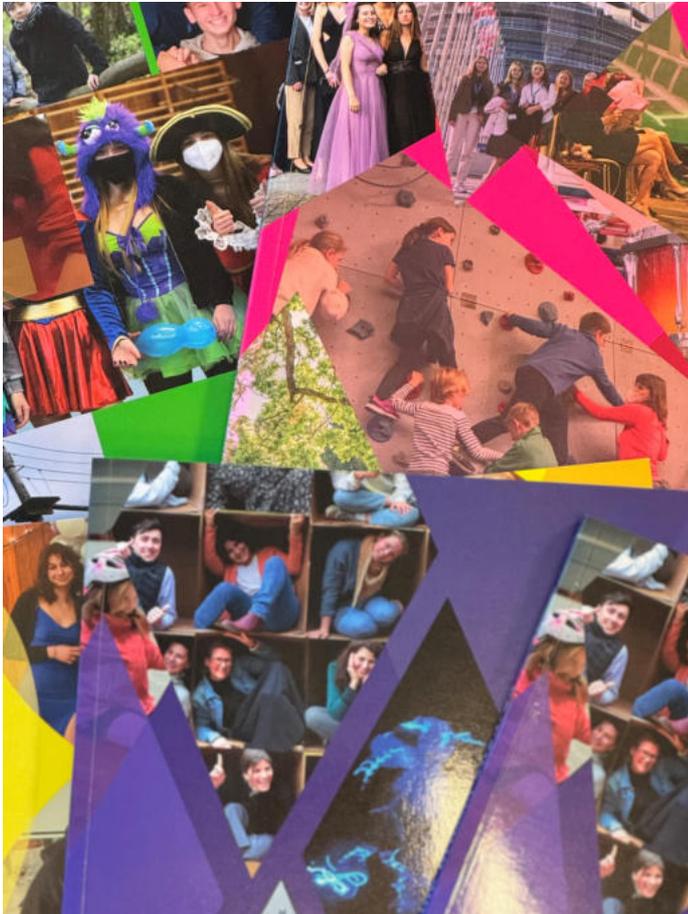
**Registration:**

Please register by emailing [sophie.ruffert@idsb.eu](mailto:sophie.ruffert@idsb.eu), and I will send you an invitation link.

We look forward to seeing you there and answering your questions!

Ulrike Todt and Sophie Ruffert

## Get your extra copy of the iDSB Yearbook now



As was the case last year, all families will receive **one free copy** of our iDSB Yearbook. It will be handed to the eldest child during the final week of term.

If you would like additional copies, you can order them at a price of **€10 per book**. Payment is by invoice. The yearbooks ordered will also be handed to the eldest child once payment has been received.

**Order deadline: 19 April 2026**

**[ORDER HERE](#)**

## Parental support at Serve the City



During the cluster week in May, our Year 6 classes will take part in the **'Serve the City' project**: they will each spend a day in Brussels distributing clothes, sandwiches and hot drinks to homeless people. Through this social project, we aim to show our pupils how much even a small gesture can achieve and what it means to help others.

**For Tuesday 5 May 2026 and Wednesday 6 May 2026, we are looking for parents to accompany the groups of pupils into the city** (from approx. 10.00 am to 3.30 pm). Even if your child is not in Year 6, you are very welcome to support us! The project is supervised by experienced volunteers and teachers; however, we rely on your help.

If you would like to accompany us on one of the two days in May, please register by email: [sophie.ruffert@idsb.eu](mailto:sophie.ruffert@idsb.eu)

Thank you very much!

Vera Aubrée and Sophie Ruffert



## A fresh new look and big plans: school renovation is progressing

The school renovation is in full swing. During the spring half-term holidays, classrooms 5 to 7, the Realschule classroom and the DaF/DaZ room were repainted. Walls and noticeboards around the secondary school library were also given a fresh coat of paint. The entrance area of the secondary school now looks much more inviting thanks to new colour accents and wooden panelling. The bistro and foyer have also been modernised and, with their new design and furniture, invite visitors to linger. There have been functional improvements too: the canteen kitchen has been fitted with new cupboards to improve organisation.

Further measures are already planned: during the Easter holidays, the secondary school's sports area will be further modernised – including the conversion of the basketball court into a football pitch and the construction of a beach volleyball court. New play equipment for the primary school and KiBi playground will follow in summer 2026. From May 2026, an emergency staircase will also be fitted to the secondary school building, so that the second floor can be used again from September.

In addition, further renovations are planned for the KiBi, primary and secondary school over the course of the year – ranging from the modernisation of the amphitheatre to a comprehensive refurbishment of the KiBi group rooms.



Please note: Bicycles must be removed before the Easter holidays

During the Easter holidays, the canopy covering the bicycle parking spaces in front of the secondary school will be renovated. Please therefore ensure that **all bicycles are removed before the holidays begin.**

Please note that we cannot accept any liability for theft or damage that may occur during the construction work. Thank you for your cooperation!

Join our team!



Would you like to join our dedicated team? Take a look at our vacancies at iDSB: [visit our careers portal.](#)

## Lost property is looking for new owners

Lost your water bottle? Are your sports trousers on a permanent holiday? Has your jacket vanished without a trace? Our lost-and-found boxes are well stocked and would love a visit.

Anything not collected by the end of the Easter holidays will be sent off – as a donation to a good cause. So: it's well worth a look!

## Concert recommendation: *Dixit Dominus* in Brussels

We would like to draw your attention to the BachWerk Choir's concert: Dixit Dominus (Handel and Martines) on 28 March 2026 at 7.30 pm at the Église Saint-Marc (Uccle), featuring the Brussels Chamber Ensemble. More information & tickets: [HERE](#)

## REVIEWS

To read more, simply click on the article:

- [iDSB alumni cup](#)
- [Kick-off event for the study trip to Izieu](#)
- [Final of German reading competition](#)
- [Young adult author Stepha Quitterer visits iDSB](#)
- [First Aid Course \(OS\)](#)
- [iDSB Art Show](#)

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