



iDSB NEWSLETTER

September 2026

Dear school community,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all for the 2026/2027 school year at the iDSB!

A special welcome goes out to all our new members: a very warm welcome to you!

At the iDSB, we foster a family-like atmosphere, and I am sure you will settle in quickly.

Whilst you have hopefully been able to enjoy a relaxing summer with your children, a great deal of work has been carried out on the school grounds:

A new football pitch and a beach volleyball court have been laid out, and further play equipment has been purchased.

In the secondary school building, the second floor has been refurbished, so that we now have more space and larger classrooms once again.

The assembly hall has also been thoroughly renovated and looks as good as new.

In the primary school and KiBi buildings, too, rooms have been refurbished and the amphitheatre has been overhauled. Parts of the outdoor facilities have been redesigned and now offer our children plenty of wonderful opportunities to play.

This school year, we aim to continue developing the school in collaboration with everyone involved in school life. To this end, we are setting up a steering group at the start of the school year, to which parents, pupils, teaching staff, the administration and the board will each send their respective representatives. Together, we want to develop our school further on the basis of data and ensure it is fit for the future.

I would like to thank the many dedicated parents who, for example, organised the welcome picnic on the Sunday before the start of term.

They play a vital role in ensuring that even those who are new to the school feel welcome and are able to make friends.

I would also like to thank everyone who joined us for the school-start service. For many parents and children, this was an important moment marking a major turning point.

We have some eventful weeks ahead of us. The Regensburger Domspatzen will be visiting us and giving a concert in our assembly hall on 24 September – do come along!

You can read about the other events we have organised for you in this newsletter.

I wish us all a joyful, educational and fulfilling new school year!

Procolino Antacido

Principal

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

DATES

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

16.-18.09.2026 | Art workshop - 12th grades

23.09.2026 | Parent-child-gymnastics, GS sports hall

21.09.2026 | School photographer

~~**22.09.2026** | Extraordinary General Meeting of the School Association, Assembly Hall~~

24.09.2026 | Concert of the Regensburger Domspatzen, Assembly hall

30.09.2026 | Parent-child-gymnastics, GS sporthall

03.10.2026 | German unity day (school closed)

05.10.2026 | 1st Teachers training day (school closed, no emergency care)

06.10.2026 | iDSB company outing (school closed, no emergency care)

10.10.2026 | iDSB Autumn flea market

12.10.-16.10.2026 | 'Woche in Deutsch'

14.10.2026 | Parent-child-gymnastics, GS sports hall

16.10.2026 | Krabbel Café (Parent-child meet-up), GS

21.10.2026 | Parent-child-gymnastics, GS sports hall

28.10.2026 | Parent-child-gymnastics, GS sports hall

04.11.2026 | Parent-child-gymnastics, GS sports hall

11.11.2026 | Armistice (school closed)

12.11.2026 | Lantern parade, KiBi and 1st grades

18.11.2026 | Parent-child-gymnastics, GS sports hall

18.11.2026 | GS Kiosk

19.11.2026 | iDSB Art exhibition and fashion show

20.11.2026 | Krabbel Café (Parent-child meet-up), GS

24.11.2026 | German reading competition, 6th grades

25.11.2026 | Parent-child-gymnastics, GS sports hall

28.11.2026 | iDSB Christmas market

02.12. 2026 | German reading competition, 5th grades

02.12.2026 | Parent-child-gymnastics, GS sports hall

09.12.2026 | Parent-child-gymnastics, GS sports hall

16.12.2026 | iDSB Christmas concert

16.12.2026 | Parent-child-gymnastics, GS sports hall

11.12.2026 | Krabbel Café (Parent-child meet-up), GS

18.12.2026 | Last day of school before the Christmas holidays

LATEST NEWS

Concert of the Regensburger Domspatzen

During the week of 21 to 25 September, we are delighted to welcome the Regensburger Domspatzen to the iDSB. Around 35 Year 11 pupils from our partner school in Regensburg are visiting Brussels and will also be attending lessons at the iDSB.

The **musical highlight** will take place on **Thursday 24 September at 7.00 pm**: together with pupils from the iDSB, the Regensburger Domspatzen will put on a special concert in our assembly hall.

We warmly invite you to attend!

Free Admission



The poster features a light blue background with musical notes and a red and white circular graphic on the left. The text is in German, announcing a concert by the Regensburger Domspatzen. The title 'Konzert mit den REGENSBURGER DOMSPATZEN' is prominently displayed in red and black. Below it, a smaller line of text describes the choir as a world-famous boys' choir with over 1,000 years of musical tradition. A dark blue button with white text states 'Freier Eintritt' (Free Admission). The date and time, 'Donnerstag, 24.09. um 19 Uhr in der iDSB-Aula', are listed in bold black text. At the bottom, the address 'Lange Eikstraat 71, 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem' is provided, along with the iDSB logo, which includes the text 'INTERNATIONALE DEUTSCHE SCHULE iDSB BRUSSEL'.

Konzert
mit den

**REGENSBURGER
DOMSPATZEN**

Ein weltberühmter Knabenchor mit über 1.000 Jahren
musikalischer Tradition und einem Klang,
der Generationen begeistert.

Freier Eintritt

**Donnerstag, 24.09.
um 19 Uhr in der iDSB-Aula**

Lange Eikstraat 71, 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem

INTERNATIONALE
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BRUSSEL

Parent-child-gymnastics at the iDSB

**Eltern-Kind-Turnen
an der iDSB**



Springmäuse

Für Kinder bis 4 Jahre

Herzlich willkommen zum **Eltern-Kind-Turnen** an der iDSB: für Eltern & Kinder im Alter bis 4 Jahren.

Das erwartet Sie:
Gemeinsam aktiv sein.
Muskel kräftigen,
Selbstbewusstsein stärken
und viel Spaß haben.

Jeden Mittwoch von 16 - 17 Uhr
Ausnahmen SJ 2026/27: 07.10.26,
11.11.26, 06.01.27 und während
der Ferien an der iDSB

max. 30 Kinder

Anmeldung und Bedingung unter:


Teilnahme nur mit erworbener
5er-Karte im Wert von 30 €

Sporthalle der iDSB-Grundschule

Internationale Deutsche Schule Brüssel | Lange Eikstraat 71 | 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem
www.idsb.eu



Our popular **parent-and-child gymnastics** sessions are continuing! **From 23 September**, parents with children up to the age of four will meet every Wednesday from **4.00 pm to 5.00 pm** in the primary school gym.

Look forward to a fun exercise session that playfully enhances motor skills, development and the bond between parent and child.

You can find all the information on registration, dates and costs [HERE](#).

The school photographer is coming

On **21 September 2026**, the school photographer will be visiting 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 pm** in the rear playground of the secondary school.

Important: Only children **WITH** a **photography consent form** will be included in the class photos!

This is important as these photos will also appear in the yearbook.

Individual portraits are taken of **all children** – regardless of whether you have given your consent for photography.

You gave us your consent for photography as part of the enrolment process. Photos taken during



everyday school life, at school events or on school trips provide lovely insights and appear in our yearbook, on the school website, in leaflets and on our social media channels. We always publish photos without naming individuals – except in the case of special achievements (e.g. prize winners).

Changes to photo consent

If you wish to grant photo consent at short notice, please let us know **by Friday 18 September 2026 at 10.00 am:** marketing@idsb.eu.

10 October: Autumn flea market and clothes swap



On 10 October, the flea market on the ground floor of the secondary school and the clothes swap in the assembly hall will open their doors again at 9.00 am.

If you'd like a stall, there are still spaces available in the library area; the fee for a stall there is 8 EUR. Please download the registration form from the website and send it to flohmarkt@idsb.eu.

We have already reached the maximum number of bookings for the clothes swap – good news for anyone looking for new additions to their wardrobe or needing to kit out their children for a skiing holiday.

And, as always, we'd love to hear from volunteers – without whom no flea market could go ahead. Please write to us at the address above; the organising team will get back to you as soon as possible.

Parent-Child Meet-up in the 2026/27 school year



**Der Eltern-Kind-Treff
der iDSB**

Krabbel-Café

Wir starten im Oktober mit unserem **Eltern-Kind-Treff!** Willkommen sind **(Groß-)Eltern** & Kinder im Alter von 0 bis 3 Jahren.

In gemütlicher Atmosphäre über dies und das austauschen, während die Kleinen **Spiel & Spaß** genießen.

Für Kinder von 0-3 Jahren

1 x pro Monat von 10 - 11.30 Uhr
Erster Termin: 16.10.2026
Weitere Termine: 20.11.26, 11.12.26, 22.01.27

max. 15 Teilnehmer*innen

Anmeldungen unter:
<https://forms.gle/wUdRI2phBUBXQ6VwZ>

Treffpunkt: iDSB-Grundschule

Internationale Deutsche Schule Brüssel | Lange Eikstraat 71 | 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem
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We are delighted to be continuing our popular parent-and-child-get-together sessions this school year! All families with children aged 0–3 are very welcome – come and join us for a cosy get-together to chat, play and make new friends.

Dates (every Friday, 10.00–11.30 am):

16 Oct

20 Nov

11 Dec

22 Jan

We look forward to spending many lovely mornings with you all!

You can find all the details and the link to register [HERE](#).

NEW: the iDSB Community Choir!

All parents and staff at iDSB who love singing are warmly invited to join our new community choir.

We'd love for you to join us for our **first meeting**:

 **Wednesday, 30 September**

 **6.30 pm**

 **Secondary School - Music room**

We're planning a weekly evening rehearsal. The repertoire will be varied, ranging from jazz, folk



and musicals to pop and rock classics.

And perhaps there'll soon be an opportunity for our first performance together – for example, at the iDSB Christmas concert!

Whether you have choir experience or not: all voices are very welcome.

I look forward to hearing lots of voices keen to sing and to making music together!

Katja Nielsen, katja.nielsen@idsb.eu

Expanded instrumental program

We are delighted to be expanding our music programme this school year. From now on, our pupils can learn to play the following instruments or develop their skills further:

- Guitar
- Flute
- Violin
- Piano
- Viola
- Drums
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Electric bass

Making music fosters creativity, concentration, teamwork and self-confidence – and offers the opportunity to get involved in our school ensembles.

Interested families can now register their child directly with the relevant instrumental teachers:

[Overview of instrumental lessons.](#)

If you have any questions about the programme or its organisation, please contact:

Thomas Jongebloed: Thomas.Jongebloed@idsb.eu or Katja Nielsen: katja.nielsen@idsb.eu

Brussels, London and Nairobi – learning together in the FOS



Three locations, one class and a shared goal: our FOS pupils from Brussels, London and Nairobi kicked off the new school year together with an induction week at the iDSB in Brussels.

Normally, the pupils learn together across locations via digital means. To kick things off, however, the motto was: out of the digital classroom and into school life together! During their first lessons at the iDSB, the pupils and FOS Head Maria Nagel were able to get to know one another in person, chat and bond as a group.

A tour of the city of Brussels was also a must. Together, they set off on a discovery tour through the city centre and the EU quarter. Pizza, mini-golf and a joint beach volleyball session provided plenty of opportunities to get to know one another better outside of lessons.

It was a varied week and a wonderful start to a school year in which Brussels, London and Nairobi – despite being many kilometres apart – are working together towards a common goal: the University of Applied Sciences entrance qualification.

Renovations during the summer holidays

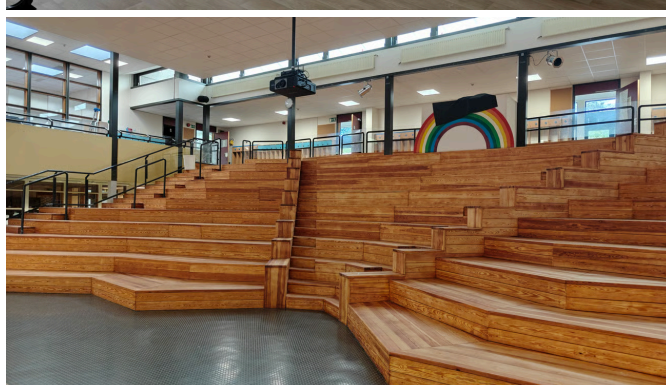
Anyone who has walked through our school and across the school grounds since the summer holidays will surely have noticed: there have been changes in many places. We made the most of the holidays to renovate classrooms and further enhance our outdoor areas.

There have been particularly significant changes in our **KiBi**. The **rooms have been completely refitted**, freshly painted and fitted with new, light-coloured flooring. This has created a friendly and welcoming environment for our youngest pupils. The **KiBi outdoor area** has also been redesigned with new play equipment.

Our **assembly hall** now looks much fresher and more modern with a new coat of paint, new wall panelling and refurbished parquet flooring. In the **secondary school**, the **classrooms on the second floor** have also been refurbished. Thanks to the newly built fire escape staircase, these can now be used again.

There are new things to discover outside too: in the **primary school playground**, the sandpit has been renewed and fitted with new play equipment. Painted road markings and colourful playing areas offer additional opportunities for play and physical activity. The seating in the **amphitheatre** has also been refurbished and looks almost as good as new again.

Our caretaker team, Ms Annette Farcy and the team from idemax, were in charge of all this work. We would like to say a big thank you to them!



Holiday childcare at the iDSB – places still available!

There are still places available for our holiday care programme at the primary school (Years 1-4) during the autumn and spring half-term holidays. The children can look forward to a mix of adventures, games, creative projects and lots of fun.

- **Autumn holidays:** It will be a **magical school of witchcraft and wizardry**, where little witches and wizards will embark on fantastic adventures.
- **Crocus holidays:** We'll be travelling **around the world in 80 days** with Phileas Fogg – an exciting journey full of discoveries, stories and surprises!

If you're interested, please contact: caroline.kraemer@idsb.eu.

News from the Board of Governors

Dear members of our school community,

On behalf of the School Association, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all as we begin the new school year, and I hope you have had a successful start to the term. The iDSB rightly has a reputation for fostering a warm and welcoming atmosphere, and I would like to thank everyone – staff, pupils and parents – who help ensure that the new members of our community can quickly feel at home.

I would particularly like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Headteacher, Procolino Antacido. Mr Antacido has many years' experience as a headteacher both in Germany and abroad, and has previously worked at several German schools abroad. He is therefore very familiar with the specific characteristics of our type of school, and we look forward to a constructive and productive collaboration.

With best regards,

Dr Vanessa Nozar, Chairperson

Get involved. Help shape the school. Strengthen the school community.

Our iDSB thrives on people who think for themselves, contribute ideas and make things happen together. That's exactly what the Parents' Council is for!

We welcome all parents who'd like to get involved – whether regularly on the **Parents' Council, as part of the flea market team or on the events committee**. Every helping hand, every idea and every bit of commitment counts.

No time for regular involvement? No problem – **even occasional support – for example, helping to organise the Christmas market or the summer fair** – is valuable and always welcome!

Fancy making a difference or 'just' finding out more for now?

Here's your chance: the first meeting of the Parents' Council for the 2026/27 school year will take place on Tuesday 29 September 2026 in the school hall at 7.30 pm for elected parent representatives and anyone else interested!



Host family wanted for Ben-Luca

We are looking for a warm and welcoming **host family** for Ben-Luca for the period **from 11 to 29 January 2027**. During his stay, he will be attending lessons in the upper school at iDSB. You can find out more about Ben-Luca in his profile: [CLICK HERE](#).

We would be delighted to hear from families who would like to host Ben-Luca during this time!

New BEBAT recycling bins at iDSB

BEBAT collection bins are now available at the iDSB. [Used batteries and rechargeable batteries](#) can be safely disposed of there and sent for recycling. In the secondary school, the collection bin is located in the bistro area next to the trash bins, and in the primary school, it is placed in the amphitheatre near the kitchen.

Together, we are making an important contribution to protecting the environment. Thank you very much for your support!



Parents wanted: Please support us with 'Serve the City'



This year, once again, we would like to take part in the **Serve the City** project with several year groups: we 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 just how much even a small gesture can make a difference and what it means to help others.

For these project days, we are looking for parents to accompany the groups of pupils into the city (from around 10.00 am to 3.30 pm). Even if your child is not in the relevant year group, you are very welcome to support us! The project is supervised by experienced volunteers and teachers; however, we do rely on your help.

If you would like to support us with this project, please feel free to register by email with no obligation: sophie.ruffert@idsb.eu

Sophie Ruffert and Vera Aubrée

How to report your child sick

For sick leave or absences (e.g. doctor's appointments) at the **KiBi**, please contact the group staff directly via Teams by 8.00 am at the latest.

Please report sick leave or absences of any kind at the **primary and secondary school** via our school system, [Phidias](#), by 8.00 am at the latest. Click [HERE](#) for instructions.



Top up Ping-Ping cards online

The secondary school pupils' Ping-Ping cards can be topped up easily online via NetPay. A [guide](#) explains step by step how the top-up process works.

Pupils can check their current card balance at any time at the terminal in the bistro area.

Your child's Belgian National Register number

As part of the official registration of our pupils and nursery children, we as a school are obliged to submit certain data to the relevant authority. This registration forms the basis for the payment of child benefit in Belgium.

In order for you to apply for or receive child benefit in Belgium, **your child's Belgian National Register number must be recorded in our Phidias profile.**

If this is not the case, please email us your child's National Register number **by 20 September** at the latest:

- Nursery + Primary School: grundschule@idsb.eu
- Secondary school: oberschule@idsb.eu

Important: If your child does not have a Belgian national registration number, if you do not receive child benefit,

or if the number is already recorded in Phidias, you do not need to contact us again.

We're looking for new team members



We are looking for committed and reliable team members to join us in the following areas:

- [Head of Caretaking](#): Full-time, 38 hours per week, starting as soon as possible
- [IT Coordinator & Administrator](#)
- [Vacancies at KiBi](#)

Do you know anyone who might be interested in one of these roles? If so, please feel free to pass on the details!

Now is the perfect time to learn something new!

Crescendo CVO is launching a wide range of **language courses** in September, with further courses starting again in the second semester. Whether it's Dutch, English, French, Italian or Spanish – the programme covers a variety of languages and levels. In addition, Crescendo CVO also offers interesting training courses in areas such as **fashion and ICT**. Discover the current range of courses and register in good time: www.crescendo-cvo.be.

REVIEWS

To read more, simply click on the article:

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- [Successfull iDSB Info morning](#)
- [New sports facilities officially opened](#)
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