

iDSB NEWSLETTER

October 2026

Dear school community,

The coming weeks offer plenty of opportunities to get together, celebrate and get creative. From the **Alumni Cup** to the **Halloween Party** and the **Principal's Coffee**, there's a varied programme of events ahead. We're particularly looking forward to the **art show** – one of the highlights of our school year! The **Christmas market** is also drawing nearer, and we warmly invite you to get into the festive spirit by helping to decorate the Advent wreaths.

In this issue, we also introduce you to some new members of staff and provide information about **'Jugend musiziert'** and our **Community Choir**.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue!
Your iDSB team

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DATES

You can find an overview of all upcoming events on our iDSB website.

LATEST NEWS

iDSB Alumni Cup on 24 October

This Saturday, the focus will be on reuniting with former pupils: at the 14th Alumni Festival, former pupils and teachers will meet at the iDSB from 9.30 am. Following the official opening at 10.15 am, the volleyball tournament will begin at 10.30 am. The final is scheduled for 3.00 pm. Afterwards, participants will round off the day together with an awards ceremony, a barbecue and an after-party.

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It’s going to be spooky! – Halloween party for Years 5–7



The Student Council invites all pupils in Years 5–7 to a Halloween party on the Thursday before the autumn half-term. Tickets are available in advance on 26 and 27 October for 3 EUR, or on the door for 4 EUR.

The Student Council is looking forward to a spookily fun evening with you all!

Have a cup of coffee with our principal



On Thursday 12 November, it's that time again: a warm welcome to 'Principal's Coffee'! From 8 am to 9 am, our headteacher, Mr Antacido, looks forward to hearing your questions and suggestions and having an open discussion over a cup of coffee at the parents' coffee morning in the secondary school foyer.

Parents' Café Special on 19 November: Taekwondo



On 19 November, from 8–9 am, the Parents' Café team invites you to a special get-together in the secondary school foyer. This time, the focus will be on taekwondo. Come and find out more about this Korean martial art and have a chat with one another.

We look forward to seeing you there!

iDSB Art Show with an exhibition on 19 November

We invite all families to our art show and exhibition on Thursday 19 November. Under the theme 'Liberté, égalité, fraternité', Years 5–11 will be displaying their artwork from **5.30 pm** as part of an **exhibition** in the secondary school foyer. At **7 pm**, Year 12 will present their self-designed fashion creations in the assembly hall.



Free seat reservations are required for the art show in the assembly hall! Secure the last remaining seats: TICKET RESERVATION.
Seats will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Two seats have already been reserved for each family of Year 12 pupils; only additional seats need to be booked via the ticket reservation system.

Free admission | catering provided

iDSB Christmas market



On Saturday 28 November, from 4 pm to 7 pm, we warmly invite the school community to our iDSB Christmas market. You can look forward to Advent wreaths, Christmas decorations, handmade gift ideas, a book flea market and a festive programme.

The Christmas café will be serving mulled wine, sausages, cakes, waffles and other treats. If you'd like, please bring your own cup.

Please bring cash to pay for your purchases.

We look forward to a cosy afternoon with you and your families!

Book flea market at the Christmas market



There will also be a book flea market at our Christmas market on 28 November! Would you like to have your own stall? Then please register here: Registration Book Fleamarket

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee is 8 EUR and will benefit our school's libraries.

Getting creative together: decorating Advent wreaths

The run-up to Christmas is drawing nearer, and this year, too, we'd like to make Advent wreaths together for the iDSB Christmas market! In a cheerful atmosphere, you can get creative, make new friends and have a lovely time.
All you need to bring is your creativity and a smile – we'll provide all the materials you need!



When and where?
We'll be meeting in the boiler room at the iDSB Secondary School from 8.30 am until around 3 pm on the following dates:

- Wednesday, 25 November 2026
- Thursday, 26 November 2026
- Friday, 27 November 2026

Contact:
Sylvia Prasser, sylviaprasser@gmx.net
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Advent wreath rings wanted!
Do you have any Advent wreath rings left over from last year that you no longer need? We'd be delighted to receive your donation! You can hand in the rings at the secondary school reception – even after Christmas.

Jugend Musiziert 2027

Dear Musicians, Dear Parents,

It's that time of year again – the "JuMu" excitement is starting! For the 13th time, we are hosting the regional competition at the IDSB and look forward to welcoming many participants in all categories.

The **registration period** has opened **October 1st** and closes on **December 15th, 2026.**
You can find the registration link for our competition (Region Northern Europe–Brussels) here: Anmelden - Jugend musiziert.

This year's **regional competition** will take place on **January 13th, 2027**, starting at 9.00 am in the auditorium of the International German School of Brussels.
Musicians being forwarded to the Landeswettbewerb will be welcomed by the German School

Helsinki from March 17th to 23rd 2027.

The **official announcement with all categories in Classical, Pop, and the special categories** for German schools abroad can be downloaded here: Ausschreibung 2027 - Jugend musiziert.

A **list of suggested repertoire** is also available here: Literaturlisten - Jugend musiziert.

For ensembles, at least one musician must either hold German citizenship or be attending/have attended a German school abroad. That's why we are especially delighted to once again welcome Belgian and other European participants to the competition.

This year, for the first time, there is a **nationwide category called "Popular Styles: Band."** An entire band can take part and will be assessed as an ensemble. Please note: this replaces our previous special category **"Instrumental Solo (Pop)."**

The Music Department is looking forward to your active participation.
If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Best regards,
Katja Nielsen, katja.nielsen@idsb.eu

iDSB Community Chor

We would like to extend a warm invitation once again to all parents, colleagues, alumni and neighbours from Wezembeek who enjoy singing to join us.



Rehearsals take place on **Wednesdays from 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm** at the iDSB - in the music room at the secondary school or in the assembly hall.

Our repertoire is varied and includes pieces from the genres of pop, jazz, folk and musicals. So far, we've been an all-female choir, and we'd be delighted if some men would join us too.

As we're still in the early stages, now is the ideal time to join us and take part in the Christmas concert.

With singing regards,
Katja Nielsen, katja.nielsen@idsb.eu

Feb 2027: Free nursery places + childcare until 6.00 pm



Places for children aged three months and over will be available again at our Krabbelkäfer nursery from February 2027. At the same time, we are extending our opening hours: from 8 am to 6 pm, we offer our youngest children a loving environment where they can feel at home, play and explore – with a family-like atmosphere and personalised support.

Are you interested in a place?
Please email us at: aufnahme@idsb.eu

A warm welcome to the iDSB team!



New faces, fresh ideas and plenty of talent: We extend a very warm welcome to all our new colleagues at iDSB! We look forward to shaping school life together and supporting the children and young people on their journey. Find out more about our new team members here.

KiBi

Isabel Papenhagen

Katharina Schmidt

Anne-Nele Berghof

Fabienne Last

Inga Betcke

KiBi+

Isabelle Mark

Eva Hirsch

GS

Karen Schreiber

Nadine Däschler

GS+

Nina Schmitt

Sofie Faber

OS

Anna Donauer

Franziska Scallan

Jennifer Schiele

Dorothea Esten

Maria Nagel

Administration

Peter Trompert

PPD

Lea Deckarm

New Playground Adventures – and a Surprise on the Way!





The **new balancing and equipment course** in the **lower school playground** has opened! The children have been trying out the varied equipment with great enthusiasm. It encourages them to climb, balance and explore, whilst playfully developing their dexterity, strength and coordination. New benches and doughnut-shaped seats also provide a place to rest and chat.

And there's also a **big surprise** in store **for the primary school**: materials were delivered this week which are sure to bring joy and wonder to the children over the coming weeks!

Relaxing bit by bit – News from the libraries

Fancy a little break from the daily grind at school? In the secondary school library, a new quiet area invites you to switch off and take a breather. It all starts with a jigsaw puzzle, which helps you wind down piece by piece. In future, mandalas to colour in will also provide some variety.



New projects are also in the pipeline for the primary school library – let yourself be surprised!

New school doctor wanted

Our current school doctor is retiring. We are therefore looking for a doctor to take over the school medical examinations at iDSB in future. Are you interested, or do you know someone who might be suited to this role? If so, we'd be delighted to hear from you at: grundschule@idsb.eu

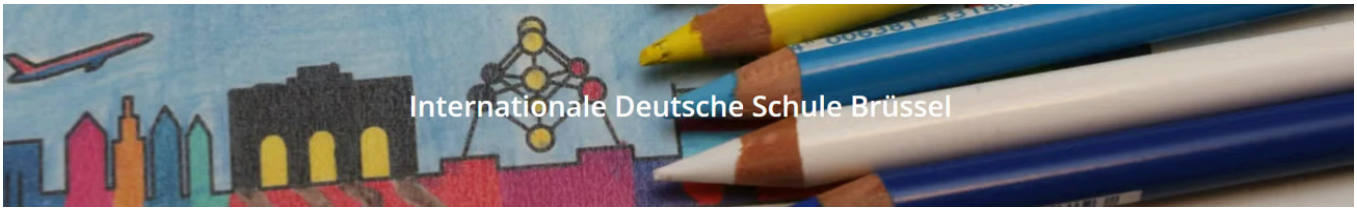
Parents wanted: Please support us with 'Serve the City'






On **27 October 2026**, Year 9 pupils will be taking part in 'Serve the City' in Brussels, handing out clothes, sandwiches and hot drinks to homeless people. We are still looking for parents to accompany the groups of pupils from around **10.00 am to 3.30 pm**. If you are interested, please feel free to contact Sophie Ruffert – there is no obligation.

We are looking for new team members

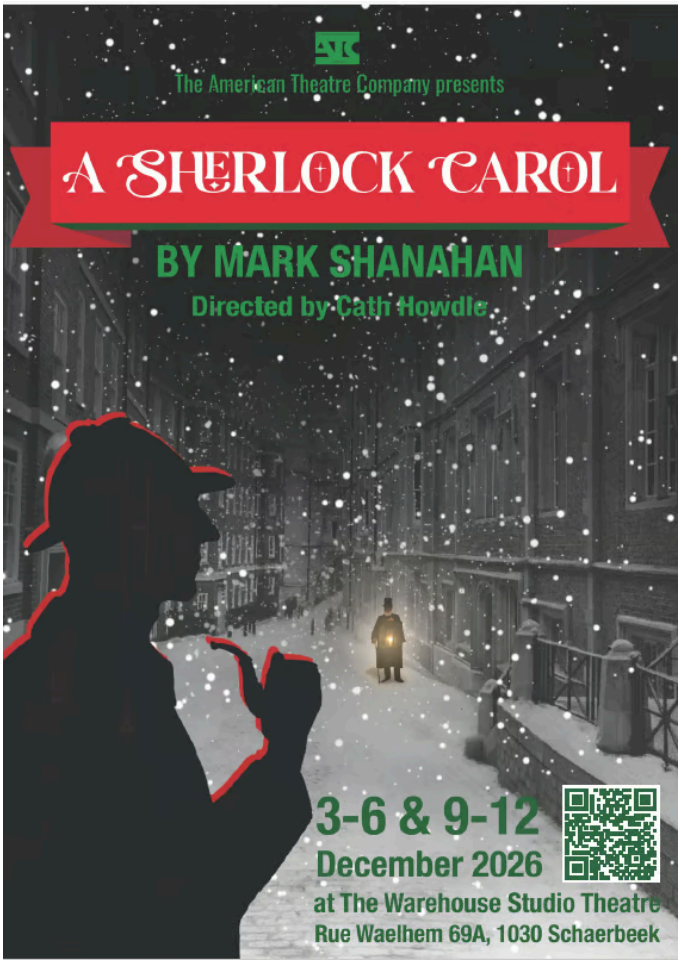


We are looking for committed and reliable team members to join us in the following areas:

- Hausmeisterei
- IT Coordinator & Administrator
- Mitarbeiter für Marketing & Schüleraufnahme

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

Event-Tipp: "A Sherlock Carol"



Fancy an English-language play?

Sherlock Holmes meets Charles Dickens: in ‘A Sherlock Carol’, the famous detective investigates the death of Ebenezer Scrooge – a fast-paced Christmas crime thriller featuring music and six performers. The play runs from 3 to 12 December 2026 at the Warehouse Studio Theatre. Further details HERE.

Event recommendations from the neighbourhood

Whether it’s ‘Trick or Treat’ on Halloween on 31 October, bouncy fun at the 'Big Jump Inflatables Festival' on 8 November or getting into the Christmas spirit at ‘WoHoHO’ on 13 December – there’s plenty going on in our neighbourhood!

More info HERE.



REVIEWS

To read more, click on the article:

- German Week at the iDSB: Doors open to guests from Belgium
- iDSB goes MUNoH!
- Musical encounters across borders: The Regensburg Domspatzen visit the iDSB
- "Young People Research and Write": A joint project by Belgieninfo and the iDSB
- Exchange and cooperation: Headteacher visits the Hessian State Representation
- Powering through Mobility Week with pedal power and enthusiasm
- Football tournament won: iDSB at the European Games in Geneva
- Highlighting educational pathways: iDSB in dialogue with the European Schools
- iDSB at the Österreichhaus

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