

Administration Bulletin

Week 50

1. Mandarin Chinese After School Activity: Chao Wen, a K1 mother, has kindly offered lessons as an ASA starting in January. **14.45-15:30**, day of week to be determined. At this time though, we are only beginning to collect information in terms of numbers. Please contact Chao on: wenlily80@gmail.com. Please send her the following information:
 - Age of your child, grade level, full name
 - Best day of the week for your child

Chao will send out an information sheet with the requirements for taking the activity-cost of books etc. -in January once we know who/how many are interested.

2. It could be that in the future Chao will offer lessons to adults if anyone is interested.
3. **Breaking News New Playground Opens!**

Magic in the air!

On Tuesday K1, K2 and Grade 1 were joined by their 'friendship classes' (Ællingen and Bh classes) for a fun and exciting afternoon. The official opening of the new K1/Ællingen playground coincided with the end of the K2/G1 circus Unit and so we all decided to celebrate with a magic performance. Jan Thrane kindly agreed that the school would hire a professional magician and so around 100 children were captivated by the amazing Mr Mox (and his parrot). In an act that included magic with ropes, balloons, cards and even a ring provided by one of the teachers, Mr Mox had the children

enthralled throughout his performance. The full story and photos will appear in the new year. Sharon (K2)

4. On the afternoon of Thursday 8th December, the NGG ID staff took part in the final of three workshops looking at differentiation in international schools – a professional development focus for this academic year. In a differentiated classroom, there is enough flexibility of instruction, activities and assessment that a diverse group of learners will find a good fit most of the time (Tomlinson and Allan, 2000). This is more than teachers having a good ‘bag of tricks’ but also knowing their students well, through rigorous assessments and knowing the curriculum with clearly identified and precise learning goals. We are looking forward to putting some of the strategies and theory covered to practice in our Primary and Secondary classrooms. Karen Bøttger

5. **Primary Parents** – important NEW date for your diaries. **On Friday 25th May 2012**, the Primary department will be closed for one whole day In-Service training. Our IPC trainer, Sarah Brown will be working with the Primary teaching team developing good practice. Svanareden will be open for International Department children on this day should you require childcare.

6. The first Parent Session of 2012 will take place on **Wednesday 19th January at 9am**. The session will be looking at the IPC assessment system. The learning goals in the IPC cover two year periods and this has implications for assessment and reporting. This is your opportunity to be clear about how this works before Primary Report cards come home on 27th January. Please send me a mail at Br@admin.ngg.dk before 12th January to sign up for this session. It will run with a minimum of 6 participants.

7. **Neither a borrower nor lender be...** Shakespeare
Students/parents please check pencil cases over the break and replenish all supplies. Students are coming to class with not a single pencil. Kind students lend materials but when they are not returned he/she is then left without supplies. Teachers have extra supplies to lend to students; we ask that students DO NOT borrow from fellow students.

8. Mock exams: Secondary teachers are prepared with published CIE Progression tests in Grades 6/7 and with Checkpoint tests in Grade 8. As you know, CIE only offers these exams in Grade 6-8 and only in the three subjects: English, Mathematics and Science. In Grade 9, CIE offers no formal exams until June the final year (our Grade 10). At NGG ID, teachers have been preparing students for IGCSE exams using past CIE materials posted on the CIE teacher site. Mock exams for this period will be in English and Mathematics, as a preliminary prep for IGCSE exams. Of course, there will be assessments done in *all subjects*, in *all grades* and these results will be noted on the upcoming report card, issued January 27th.

9. Svanereden: Parents whose children attend Svanereden must inform Svanereden about times/days your child will be needing care over the holidays- this includes for Friday, December 16th. The information is very important for planning so that there are enough pedagogues working each day with the students.
10. Attached: Important dates for Grade 8 Checkpoint exams. The round of exams for Grade 8 in April is the official CIE Checkpoint exams. More information and important dates can be found in the attached letter.
11. Attached: Important information for Grade 9 regarding the upcoming overnight trip to Germany.
12. *Thank you for your support and commitment this past term, together we have grown even better and stronger. Our students have adapted incredibly well to the new curricula and are happy workers- they have super positive spirit, which we all feel and thrive on.*
13. *All of us at NGG ID wish you a wonderful holiday season, enjoyed with family and friends, in Denmark or abroad. Have a joyful, restful vacation. Return to us safely, on January 9, 2012- fresh to start a new year.*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, 2012!!

Warm wishes,

Karen Johansen

