

HIS NEWS

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Active Round Denmark

For the first time, HIS participated in a Danish wide program called Aktiv Rundt. This 3 week program encourages the students to take charge of their physical activity and eating habits by recording their data daily in booklets.

The program started with the teachers handing us all a brochure, and a data plotter. They described the purpose of the data plotter and that instructions were available on the first page. However as the instructions were written in Danish, some students had difficulty but we managed by working together.

Over the three weeks we would have to record the amounts of physical activity we performed as crosses on a graph, more specifically one cross for every 10 minutes of physical activity as well as our fruit and breakfast intake. Our results would be added up at the end of each week to create a class total, and that the result would be compared to other classes. Though this was not to be viewed as a competition, I believe there was some underlying competition with the other classes and schools

At the end of the programme the whole school took part in a 30 minute walk/jog around the school. Before the walk itself, Michelle and Karen held a speech, explaining why we were doing this, and a photograph of all the students was taken.

Thank you Karen Bøttger for organising this program, as I believed the whole school enjoyed the excursion & taking part in active round. I think we're all looking forward to a repeat next year, perhaps with more school, planned activities.

Written by
Morten Skole-Sørensen MYP 4



A Wonderful Day at ICC

On Wednesday, September 23rd, we, grade 5, went on a trip to ICC, which stands for the International Christian Community. We went there because we studied Christianity in our Unit of Inquiry and wanted to learn more about it.

We took a 150S bus to Copenhagen where the church was. When we finally got there, we met some very nice people who go to this church. There was a priest too, who told us the history of ICC. We found out that the building was actually a bowling alley in a restaurant many years ago. We were also given some nice hot chocolate, ice tea and cookies. After that we had a tour around ICC where we saw a projector room, Sunday school room, big organ and many other interesting places. It was very funny to try the activities that kids do at Sunday school. We sang a song about Jesus being our friend, made a Christian symbol, which is a cross and listened to a story from the book, which had no pictures or words, only colours. It was great to meet a lot of interesting and caring people there!

We had fun and great time and would like to admit that we learned a lot of new things and would like to go there again. We would like to say special thanks to Veronica, Prasad's mum, and all the people at ICC, who helped organizing this nice day for us. We would also like to thank Ieva, our teacher, for taking us there. We recommend that you drop by the ICC because it is a lovely church for all religions.

Tania, Roisin, Jasper and Sean
Grade 5



Office News

Welcome back to all after a restful and well-earned Fall Vacation. The leaves are turning and so have our thoughts towards end of term assessments, consultations and reporting. MYP consultations will take place over the next few weeks. We encourage all parents to take this opportunity to come in and talk with subject teachers, to hear more about your child's achievement, progress and effort.

Again, I invite all parents to come in for a chat concerning any matters, large or small, you wish to discuss. As Vice-Headmaster, I am here, as your first contact, when you have questions or concerns. Subject teachers are always available for consultations arranged through the contact book as well. It is our belief that open communication is vital. We have a strong international community which thrives on openness and caring for others. We are the role models for our students.

It has been noted that more and more students are arriving early in the mornings and staying later in playground than ever before. Please note, there are no teachers on duty in the classrooms, in the hallways or on the playground before and after school. For this reason, it is imperative that younger students attend Svanereden at these times. HIS classrooms open at 8.45 and students should arrive as close as possible to this time. PYP students are dismissed at 14.30 and should be collected or taken to the playground with parents. It is not a good idea to have younger students waiting alone for older siblings. Svanereden is there to take care of your children and we ask that you make arrangements with them. All students arriving early or staying late will be sent to Svanereden starting this week.

MYP 4 families will be invited in for a meeting concerning MYP 5 in the near future. Jan Thrane and I had a very positive meeting with Christina Tarp, the IB coordinator, from Birkerød school recently. Christina reports that they continue to be very happy with former HIS students and look forward to a continued cooperation between the two schools. Further, students leaving HIS upon completion of MYP 4 are welcome into the 'Pre-IB' and students leaving HIS after finishing the entire MYP in MYP 5 will be taken directly into the IB Diploma Programme. Of course, adequate grades are required in both events.

MYP 4 students who choose to leave after this academic year will receive the internal diploma which has been given out in the past at HIS, stating that the student has completed X years of the Middle Years Programme. Grades, based on achievement levels, will be indicated on the student report as before, however the reports are extended this year to show all Achievement Levels in every subject and a narrative comment. Only students completing MYP 5 will receive 'Final' grades in all eight subject areas as well as in the Personal Project. They will receive a diploma stating they have completed the IB Middle Years Programme.

'Active round' was a great initiative taken by students this year, joining Danish peers all around the country. Students studied and exercised to be and stay healthy. Playground Champions, a new programme, will begin on the playground tomorrow. Grade 5 students will take on the responsibility, working with teachers, of being playground guards and care-takers. Well done to these Grade 5 Champions!

Karin Frank asks that all parents check carefully to ensure they have returned the required forms to the office. These include; transport forms, allergy and medical information, photo permission and updates of phone numbers and contact information. These are important pieces of information we need to help keep your child safe. Please be pro-active in supplying all information to the school office.

Enjoy the autumn colours.
Karen Johansen

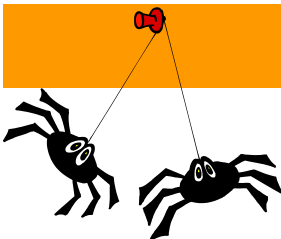
The Big Christmas Bazaar

Every year since NGG began in 1983 there has been a massive fundraising event run by the school støtteforeningen (support union) just before Christmas. This year the event, known as the Jule bazaar, falls on Saturday the 28th of November and promises to be as jolly and productive as ever. Last year the total profit of the event amounted to 150,000 DKK. Our well-loved new playground was just one of the big purchases last year that was financed by the støtteforeningen funds, also the K1 playground improvements, new curtains, maps for classrooms and items for the science department. The fund also may be used to assist individual students' school trips, all support is given after considering the applicants economical situation. New circular benches for around trees in our playground are two new items in the shopping cart for next term already, plans for these will be drawn-up imminently.

All students throughout the entire school must attend the bazaar on the 28th, Monday the 30th of November will be a free day given in lieu of attending on Saturday. All families are kindly invited to donate items for the flea-market, (saleable items placed in the NGG office in boxes or bags please) cakes and cookies on the day are a great contribution too, assistance or materials for your children's stalls and events, nice items for the fabulous raffles and draws and to come and enjoy the atmosphere on the big day itself!

HIS families are warmly invited to become members of the støtteforeningen, we are sadly very under represented and do miss-out on applying for funds because we are invisible. Karin in the office has all the forms and information on becoming a member, please join-up. At a glance individual membership costs 150 DKK per year and family membership 200 DKK.

Heather



Halloween Thanks!

As I write this on a rainy Monday afternoon, four days before the Halloween party it is a difficult task to begin to thank all the people who helped at the party. The key organizational jobs have been taken by a new team of dedicated parents: Lotte, Loredana, Lucia, Heather and Debbie. Class reps, sub reps and parents in all grades have been busy preparing fabulous sounding stalls and amusements, a team of kitchen staff have been appointed, a team of decorators, a very small team of MYP cleaners for after the disco party and of course all those "mystery" parents who attend with their off-spring and then (hopefully) leap into action when they see how frazzled their counterparts are getting!

It's going to be a great evening. On behalf of all the excited students, "thank you in advance for all the spirit and goodwill!"

House to Rent?

We are looking for a 4 bedroom house to rent from the 1st December 2009. Preferably within cycling distance to HIS. If you know of anything then please contact Heather on 51503099

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Calendar

Christmas break: 21st Dec-8th Jan
Winter break: 15th-19th Feb
Easter break: 29th Mar-9th April
St. Bededag: 30th April
Ascension Day: 13th-14th May
Whit Monday: 24th May
Constitution Day: 5th June
4th June - no school
Summer vacation starts: 28th June