



His News

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Welcome Back Academic Year 2009/2010

We are already one week into the new school year and what a great start we have had. New and returning families have found their way around the corridors, locating re-located classrooms and re-uniting with friends. In true HIS tradition our students have welcomed new students with the caring and compassion we are known for.

The Parent Council kicked off the year with a welcoming Coffee Morning, the sun shone, members were introduced and everyone was introduced to other parents from class.

Again over the summer new building was completed both indoors and out. Most notably we have a new Technology Room and storage area, as well as an Arts storage area and ESL room located in A 24. Outdoors, the students are enjoying the new play areas which includes slides, ropes, handlebars and more. Give it a try, it is great fun out there on the hill!

We look forward to a challenging and productive year in both the PYP and the MYP. In PYP teachers will continue working on developing and implementing the programme, in part for preparation for the upcoming IB visit scheduled for early 2011. New scope and sequence documents for Social Studies and Science have been developed and this term we will be looking at developing phases in Language and Mathematics and the single subjects. Objectives for all grade levels are on the website now.

In MYP teachers have developed objectives and assessment criteria for all grade levels in all eight MYP subject areas. In addition, planning across the grade levels MYP 1-4 and over the year in each subject is complete. All units for each subject area, together with specific objectives and assessment criteria will be on the website, in the very near future.

Welcome to everyone and please remember to update all forms for office files. New students need to let us have their CPR numbers by the end of this week at the latest.

Kind regards,

Karen Johansen
Vice-Headmaster

HIS SCHOOLGEAR

The new colourful HIS school gear is coming! Watch your children's folders for more information.

All colours, available sizes and a brand new logo will be revealed in the aula on 8-9-10 September at pick up time and 9-10 September at drop off time.

We will have order forms ready on these days. Payment is required upon ordering.

Anita & Marjonne

Welcome Back to HIS from the Parents Council

I sincerely hope that you have all had a good summer and are ready, alongside your children, to have a great year with us in the Parents Council at HIS!

Welcome! Welcome from where ever you are from and welcome back to all our "old" families....relax...it's a great little school and this coming year looks dazzling. The end of the last term ended in style with a party on a beach on Midsummer's Eve: I haven't had a chance since then to express my amazement at the turn-out and strong sense of happiness and belonging that I think we all felt...it was an overwhelming show of support for our school, our kids and the PC. We thrive, care for each other and have a heart...and a voice. We in the PC invite you to not merely leave your child at the school gate, but to share the journey with them....and us. Welcome onboard once again...we listen and would love to hear from you too as we sail into 2010!

Thank you very much to our Principal Jan Thrane and the Støtteforeningen (the entire school support union...we have a massive Christmas fair called the "Jul Bazaar" every year to make funds for school related items and needs) for all the good works that have happened over the summer in our own backyard! Notably the new playground, the gate, new carpet at the entrance, newly painted walls to name but a few jobs well done. Jan and the PC have worked closely on the projects over the past few months, it's looking great! Thank you also to our headmaster Torben Sundstrøm, our Vice headmaster Karen Johansen, our administration coordinator Jan Alling for all their skills at steering the school, with Jan into this new semester... and thanks for all the hard work behind the scenes from our beloved school secretary Karin Frank.

I'd like to introduce/re-introduce the coordinators of the sub groups to you, you may have already signed-up to some of the volunteer groups in the information packs that were sent out by the welcoming committee ladies or which you will find on the PC notice board, hopefully then you know something of them already. These wonderful ladies are the key element in helping the cogs run smoothly in all our great money earners and services that we provide to our children and the school. All these yummy mommy's commit a great amount of their valuable time in organizing bands of dedicated parent helpers, who in turn make school life just that bit more caring for students, staff and HIS families. From running the highly profitable and popular pizza and pasta fundraisers to running our efficient and well stocked HIS library. We really heave the money in through some of these schemes; many valuable educational items, books for our great library, trips for the students and many more items aimed at improving our children's environment and education are listed in our extensive records of purchases over the years. Please take a look, they are in the office.

SUB GROUP COORDINATORS:

Helene and Cristina: The Pizza Moms
Linda, Anita and Heather: The HIS News team.
Anna W: The HIS Library team
Heather: The HIS Design team and Events team
Jenny, Cristina and Loredana: The Pasta mamas
Marjonne and Anita: The HIS school gear team

After many helping hands for these teams leaving at the end of last term, we need offers of assistance in most areas. From the top of my head I know that the Library team needs volunteers, the HIS News urgently needs a new lay-out person, the Pasta moms need a sizable top-up of helpers for their teams and the Events team needs a new coordinator! (see below)

The reason for my resigning from my dream coordinating job is apparent, when you read of a demanding and rewarding new project now well under way: Our school will be hosting the Danish national kidney awareness day at the end of April 2010. Cristina Gehre is leading the charge, alongside, Karen Johansen, Jan Thrane, and a team of wonderful teachers. More details on this project are to be seen in the last edition of the HIS News (issue 85 available online at our website) For all this we need a big team of PR minded parents and good solid team players to help set the stage for this grand event. Already nurse practitioner parent Mary Kosco has stepped forward to help us with health education issues and Debbie Studley Kjølborg has agreed to be our official photographer. Please just say hi if you feel that you have something to offer...we are very creative. HIS is kicking-off this exciting year with a gala event on the 10th September 2009 at 19:00. We managed to block 75 prime seat tickets for the Dannebrog Circus at Triangelen in Copenhagen. The lucky few will travel in style on the NGG yellow U.S school bus, plus a big banner blazing the way to Copenhagen. A press release from this event will be sent to local and national newspapers. These 75 tickets are like the golden tickets in "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," as not only did they cost a piffling 100 DKK, they are also ringside seats for us to lobby Crown Princess Mary (the protector/patron of the Danish Nyreforeningen) to come to visit us at HIS and observe all our students hard work and spirit generated over the months in the last week of April 2010. I have designed a T shirt for all circus goers to wear bearing our school name and a catchy bit of

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branding for Mary to see and to dazzle the TV cameras with; these t shirts are obligatory to wear on the evening. We sincerely hope that we can manage to bring crown princess Mary to our school at the end of April...She is Australian after all, is married to a Dane and only lives up the road in Fredensborg!

The 75 golden tickets have now been allocated, the advertising of this was made in the last edition of the HIS News, which is also online. All allocation was on a first come first serve basis. It just goes to show how important the HIS News is! There is a slim chance that we can get our hands on some extra tickets, perhaps you will have heard more of this by the time this goes into print.

PARENT ACTIVITIES:

As the term unfolds we will also start organizing groups which visit art galleries, go the gym, book reading groups, foodies etc...please let us know if there is something that you would like to share! As you can see all ideas and input is seriously considered at our school!

To date we can tentatively suggest these parent activities. More details will appear in the HIS News or the PC notice board when they are up and running:

Running on Wednesdays with Jenny and Helene (9:00 HIS aula)

Walking the dog with Marjonne, Yolande and Heather Greenwood (tba)

Pilates on Tuesdays with Rachel (see ad)

Wellness and spa days with Heather once or twice a month (tba)

Anita and Jenny take a trip to art galleries (Expect some ad hoc emails)

And Yolande arranges cinema and design/art gallery trips as the mood takes her. Also her handicrafts and chatting group held in local cafes.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES:

I'm sure that all new families have been contacted by their class rep by now. These public spirited parents are elected by class parents to represent them on the Parents council. We meet about 3 - 4 times a year and discuss, relay and develop plans...we meet next time on the 16th of September to discuss problems, plans, achievements and goals for the good of the school. These class reps are the spokesmen and women through which you can express your grand ideas, or dilemma's with. We steer clear of classroom issues though, and are more concerned with the lighter side of school life! There will be class rep and sub reps elections on the 1st and 2nd Sept at the parent information evenings. Every single parent is eligible to be elected....just lobby your fellow parents if you feel a calling, all posts are up for grabs....it could be you! The same goes for the executive posts on the Parents Council. A vote is cast by the class reps to establish the PC Chairman and Vice Chairman at our meeting on the 16th...it could equally be you too...once you have been elected as a class rep...don't be shy!

Perhaps you have by now met with your (sometimes provisional) class rep and sub reps.

K1 Cristina

K2 Heather Greenwood

Gr.1 Saira

Gr.2 Marjonne

Gr.3 Loredana

Gr.4 Bettina / Vasanthi sub rep

Gr.5 Heather Lene sub rep

MYP Gr.1 / Gr.6 Anna Wieghorst/ Anne Aaltoft sub rep

MYP Gr.2 / Gr.7 Tina Thorsen/Jenny sub rep

MYP Gr.3 / Gr.8 Anita Geel / Fiona sub rep

MYP Gr.4. /Gr. 9 Linda Tomlinson

Finally...a very big HIS thank you to the very hard working, caring and committed combination of Tina and Lene. The welcoming committee. These 2 ladies have sent information packages to all new families, will follow up their settling into HIS and had arranged the delightful coffee morning on the first day of term.... Not to mention being involved in just about all the other sub groups! Welcome on board!

On behalf of the HIS Parents Council
Heather Gartside Knudsen
PC Chairman 2007/2009

HIS EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR VACANCY

Recent events have included a tropical party, a Celtic party, catering for sports day, a Christmas reception, a toy sale, an international lunch, an Easter egg hunt, a Midsummer party and Halloween party. Our school just wouldn't be the same without these glorious Kodak moments!

Of course I will coach my successor and show him or her the ropes. A welcoming party would be nice? As would another of our awesome HIS Halloween parties. Please speak with me if you would care to fill my shoes on this important coordinating job....or have the drive and motivation to plan just one sensational event for the kids/parents. There is a great team of ladies who wheel into action with events...just whistle!

Please contact me at heathergartside@gmail.com if you are interested

Creative Writing

I returned from the summer break to find 22 large format envelopes waiting for me. It turned out that these were all from Allison Jones, the Editor of *Young Writers*, an imprint of *Forward Press Ltd* in England. This is a publisher who specialises in anthologies of new, original, creative writing by children of school age. The envelopes were not really for me; they were for 22 of our students!

I had sent Allison examples of work created through my Language A English lessons (and at home!) about “Islands” and they have decided to accept 22 of them for publication. This is VERY pleasing - although the task is not yet complete.

The envelopes contain the piece of writing in its *typeset* form but the student has the responsibility for making any final corrections. These students are all just starting MYP 4, so I have asked Julia if she could set aside some class time in Language A to allow them to seek her advice with this.

The envelopes also contain parental consent documents. Without these, completed and returned to England – direct to the publisher - there will be no publication. (They have a FREEPOST address so there are no stamps required.) One of the things I wanted to say here is that the rest of the steps are the responsibility of the students and the parents. Publication will only take place if each individual family completes and sends off all the necessary documentation to the address provided.

Families can ORDER copies of the final anthology, using the order forms provided. There is a good offer if you buy three copies. It MIGHT make a good present to a proud grandparent to have a copy of a book with their grandchild’s writing published in it – as well as that of their school friends.

I hope every family involved – whether they want to order copies or not – will strive to complete the publication process, further disseminating the good reputation of the school. They have extended the deadline a little as we have all been on holiday! Send it even if you think it will be a few days late.

The bonus in the package is a *certificate of merit* for TALENT FOR WRITING, which will look good in an A4 frame!

Well done, all our young writers.

Derek Scott
Language A English Teacher

I was able to spend time in a major bookshop in Edinburgh over the summer, and I have selected over 200 new titles for the library. Thanks to the PC for setting aside over DKK 10,000 for this purchase. The titles have all now been received and checked by the PC volunteers, in time for the library reopening to students, and will be entered into the stock starting on Wednesday 26th August. Next month (in HIS News) I will give our readers an insight into the range and types of materials I have been able to add as a result of this major purchase. More news about books etc. next month!

Derek Scott

Pizza and Pasta Fundraising Guidelines

Take note **Pizza starts on Friday, 28th August** and **Pasta on Tuesday, 1st September**

If you missed the registration you can still sign up. Just leave your form together with the money in an envelope at Karin’s office.

Remember that in addition to your child having a warm meal, you get a break from packing a lunch and you contribute to the school’s greatest fundraiser!



After School Activities

Are you interested in joining our Karate team?



What is Karate?

Karate is a sport / Martial art by which you can develop both your physical and mental strength whilst learning powerful self defense techniques.

What can you gain from Karate?

- Both physical and mental development
- Exercises for the entire body which will help you to lead a healthy day to day life.
- Enhancement of concentrating power and the memory capacity.
- Opportunity to participate in local and international tournaments, training camps etc.

Opportunity to obtain an internationally recognized martial art degree issued by Ichiyukai Karate-do Association, Japan.

We welcome new members

06 years upwards - both male and female

The Class

On Wednesdays - Starting date 02.09.2009 - From 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm

Location

Small Gym NGG

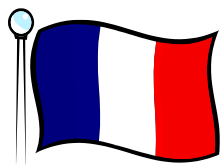
The Instructor

The class will be conducted by a qualified karate instructor, Thanuja Ellawala, who holds Black belt 03 rd dan degree and has completed 02 months special Karate coaching course in Japan. He is an International Member of All Japan Karate-Do Ichiyu-Kai Association., Japan and is the Chief Instructor and the President of "Japan Karate Do Ichiyukai-Denmark" - Karate Club

Fee

200 Kr. per month

If you need further details, please contact **Vasanthi Jayaweera** on the following numbers



AFTER SCHOOL FRENCH CLUB

The French Club is now up and running again every Wednesday from 2.30-3.30pm.

This is a fun learning activity where the children learn through a variety of oral and practical activities, with the addition of reading and writing as they progress. The emphasis is on songs, rhymes, stories, games and role play.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in this fun, but educational activity, please give me a call on 26965909 or send me a mail to linda_tomlinson77@hotmail.com with your child's name and grade together with your email address and a contact telephone number.

The cost of the lessons is the same as all other after school activities, ie 50 DKK per lesson payable at the beginning of each semester + the cost of the pupil book (approximately 80 DKK), which the student gets to keep.

Linda Tomlinson

After School Activities

*****Arts and Crafts starts -Tuesday, 1 September at 14.30*****

Tuesdays

Arts and Crafts

You name it and we are going to do it. Window painting, t-shirt painting, hand- and /or footprints in clay, paper making, glass painting, collages, bolcher (candy) making, candle making, tie dye, beadwork, finger painting, recycling art, drawing, watercolour painting, and many more. Interested in how the Danes celebrate Påske (Easter), Jul(Christmas), get to know about Gækkebreve, Fastelavn so join us and find out! An opportunity to stimulate the kids imagination and creativity. The aim is to focus on the development of the individual's visual perception.

Teacher: Daniela Olafsson
K2 Assistant Teacher+Drama Teacher+Danish Teacher
Tel: 20320504

Where: K2 Classroom

When: Tuesdays 14.30 –15.30

Who: K1 -Grade5

Ps:*If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 20320504

Looking forward to see the arty and messy ones!

* It's 50kr per time or a semester price is calculated according to how many times and how many kids per family.

*****Football, Fun and games starts - Thursday, 3 September at 14.30*****

Thursdays

Football, Fun and Games

It is a break away from the daily routine of a school day. I will use as starting point the child's' fantasy to strengthen their motor skills and understanding of themselves. This year we are also going to investigate/train a bit more our football skills and who knows maybe we can have a match or 2 during the season. Last year we had a match against an Ællingen/Svanereden team and 2 BSV(Boldklub Søllerød-Vedbæk) teams. We even had our own t-shirts, won some medals and had lots and lots of fun! I will from time to time have assistance from some 'real' football players that can come and show us a few tricks.

Teacher: Daniela Olafsson
K2 Assistant Teacher+Drama Teacher+Danish Teacher
Tel: 20320504

Where: Little Gym (Meet outside the K2 Classroom)

When: Thursday 14.30 –15.30

Who: K1 - Grade5

Ps.*Please contact me if you need to ask/know anything

Pick up is from the Little Gym or the outside basket/football pitch.

* It's 50kr per time or a semester price is calculated according to how many times and how many kids per family.



After School Cooking

Practice creativity and imagination.

Cooking is a great way for children to express themselves and enjoy their creations. These cooking lessons will enable your child to utilise their creativity and make yummy snacks. All my cooking activities are kid tested, doable and fun. So put on an apron and let us get started with After School Cooking!

Start : 9th September 2009

When : Wednesdays – 2:30 to 3:30 pm

Where : Ællinge Kitchen (Meet in K1 classroom)

With : Ritu Krishnan (K1 Teacher) (Mob. 2826 3221)

Fees : 50 DKK per lesson / 250 DKK until Autumn Break

Special price if you pay for classes until Christmas Break

Cooking class sign-up sheet for your little master chefs is put up on the board in the Aula to the left of toilets and also outside K1 classroom. You can even call me on my Mob. 28263221 and reserve a spot.

Activities for parents



Stitch 'n' Bitch DK

What is the group about?

Stitch 'n' Bitch DK is a social group for crafters and knitters living in North Zealand, around Fredensborg/Horsholm region, who are interested in embroidery, knitting, crocheting and needlework, or any transportable craft. While this is an English speaking group, all nationalities and languages are welcome. It may be a chance to practice some Danish!

We meet every 2nd Tuesday at the **Horsholm Diner Grill & Cafe** from 7pm. Bring along your current piece of work, whatever it may be. We'll enjoy a coffee/tea or glass of wine and chat while we work on our projects.

See the **online community** for the next meeting date.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at The Diner soon.

Yolande

Kongevejcentret 12
Horsholm Kongevej 2970

Please join our online community at

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stitchnbitchdk/>

or email

stitchnbitchdk-owner@yahoo.com

What's in a name? Check this link for some background information.

<http://stitchnbitch.org/>



Fitness

To all those of you who thought that you had missed the opportunity to join our 30% discount membership with Form and Figur don't despair, you did not miss the boat. You are welcome to contact me any time regarding a membership form.

Please write to me at wieghorst@mail.dk

Regards,
Anna Wieghorst

WALKING THE DOGS

Every Thursday we walk with our dogs. We meet at school after drop off and decide there and then where to go. We always try to find a place where we can have coffee (and carrot cake) afterwards. So if you would like to join, with or without dog, let us know!

Heather Greenwood (mkgreenwood@btinternet.com)
Marjonne Stolp (marjonnestolp@planet.nl)

Build your body's core strength and
improve your posture

SIMPLY PILATES

Private and small group classes in English
Contact Rachel Harris (Polestar and Stott trained)
Tel 49 18 10 09

Email harrisabroad@gmail.com

Nivå Stationsvej 15, 2990 Nivå

Remember some other parents activities:

Tuesday : pasta cooking for some of the "pasta mums"

Wednesday : The running group is already active with a first 4 km in the legs. Take off every Wednesday after drop off, all levels welcome. Check for jogging shoes in the aula :-)

The Culture Club will announce their first visit on the parents notice board shortly. Emails will also be sent around, please write your email address on the list or send a note to jvandenpanhuyzen@gmail.com if you want to be kept informed.

Another list will be put up for those looking for partners to play golf, tennis or any other sports activity with.

Thank you
Jenny

Articles and ads for HIS News

HIS News is published on the last Friday of every month. The deadline for submitting articles is 2.30pm on the Monday prior to publication. Any articles received *after* the deadline will be inserted in the following issue, if space allows.

Please send articles to horsholm.news@gmail.com in the following format:

- Word document (Word 97-2003 compatible) and send by e-mail as an attachment
- All headings and text in Arial 10 font, black
- Align headings and text to the left
- Remove spaces before and after paragraphs (you can do this in the line spacing box)
- No background fill/colour

Only final versions of ads and articles will be accepted, so make sure you have read and re-read your piece before you send it in! Updated versions will *not* be accepted—they cause too much confusion and additional work.

Send photos as a separate attachment in the same e-mail, or save them to disk and deliver it to the School Office. Please make sure disks are clearly marked with your child's name and grade number, and attach a note to say whether you want the disk to be returned to you, or not.

The HIS News reserves the right to refuse any article or ad if the contents contradict the policies, values, and objectives of the school. If you are unsure, please check with the School Office prior to submitting your article to the HIS News.

If you are interested in joining the HIS News team, take a look at the following job description and see if this is something you might enjoy :

- At the end of each month, retrieve and download articles from the HIS News e-mail address
- Quickly proofread the articles (use spell check!) and make corrections, if necessary
- Cut out and paste the articles (and photos, if any) into the Publisher template
- Insert Clip Art and borders – as much or as little as you like!
- E-mail the Publisher version of the newsletter to the HIS school office for approval

We will provide full training, Publisher software, HIS News manual, and additional Clip Art images. Seriously, the only experience you need is to know how to work in Microsoft Word and how to write an e-mail!

We are also interested in hearing from anyone who perhaps does this kind of thing for a living and although may not have the time to help out on a regular basis, would be happy to offer tips and advice on how we can improve.

Please contact Linda Tomlinson (26965909) or Heather Gartside (51503099) if you are interested in joining this worthwhile effort. If you want us to show you how this all works before you make up your mind, let us know – we will be happy to give you a 'demonstration'!



Please note, that the deadline for the next HIS News is Monday, 21st September at 2.30pm

Calendar

Autumn break: 12th-16th
Oct
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: 4th June
Summer vacation starts:
28th June