



NGG International Department News

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Issue 1

School year 2010/2011

Dear International Department Families,

A warm welcome to all new and returning families, we hope you have had an enjoyable and restful summer vacation. Plans are underway for an exciting and challenging 2010/2011 academic year. Once again, there has been some re-building and re-structuring in our department, all for the purpose of ensuring students receive the best possible teaching in their classrooms.

Class teachers for the new school year are as follows:

K1- LeilaFouchard and Ritu Krishnan
K2- Sharon Makin and Daniela Olafsson
Gr 1- Jette Price
Gr 2- Joshua Whitehead
Gr 3- Michelle Jensen
Gr 4- Shannon Santora
Gr 5- Ieva Rasimaitė Kristoffersen

MYP1- Derek Scott
MYP2- Annette Wiencken
MYP3- Andreas Ries
MYP 4- Jan Alling

Curriculum Coordinator - Karen Bøttger

Specialist (single subject) teachers will be introduced at the Parent Information meeting for PYP and again at the MYP Parent Information in September. The PYP Parent Evening will be on September 2nd. MYP 1 & 2 will have their meeting on September 6th and MYP 3 & 4 will be on September 8th. A detailed letter explaining the new format and venue will be out shortly. We encourage all families to attend as this is an opportunity to meet your child's teachers and hear about class plans for the year. If your child is new to the school you will need to collect a *Blue Contact Book* from Karin in the front office or ask your class teacher.

Finally, we look forward to working with you and your children and wish you all a very happy and successful year in our International Department.

With kind regards,
Jan Thrane
Principal

Welcome back!

Welcome back after a sunny warm summer in Denmark and hopefully where your travels took you as well.

Building projects over the summer include a newly extended Grade 1 classroom with plenty of space for active students in construction projects, artwork, dance and more. Stop by to take a peek in, I am certain you will be welcomed.

Also new this year are projectors and whiteboards in every classroom. After two of our SMART-BOARDS and projectors were damaged and laptops stolen, we looked for new technology. We found the MIMIO system. This wondrous system can be used in two ways.

The first is a 'capture' system. Using special pens, whatever is written on a normal whiteboard is captured and appears on the laptop screen, which can then be printed or mailed to students. Just think of all the math and science formulae, or the notes from a Humanities or Language A lesson which students will no longer need to laboriously copy!

The second is a wireless interactive system. Through the use of a magnetic interactive mobile unit, which attaches magnetically to any whiteboard, the whiteboard becomes interactive. We have purchased one mobile unit for every two classes from grade 2 and up. K1, K2 and Grade 1 will continue to use the SMARTBOARD which is already in place and working well. Of course software must be installed into laptops to make the systems work.

The outcome of all of this is that we will be 'interactive' in every NGG International Department classroom, once we settle with insurance and replace the stolen computers.

We look forward to new activities and events this academic year. Be certain to keep your eyes tuned to the Info Board and the website to keep abreast of all happenings and any changes which may occur.

My office door is open and all are welcome to come in and have a chat, have a question answered or simply share some information. We hope it will be a rewarding year for all.

Kind regards,

Karen Johansen
Vice-Headmaster
NGG International Department

Do you enjoy helping your child develop their reading at home?

Do you have some spare time and would be interested in helping low progress readers in the PYP?

I am looking for one or two parent volunteers to help me develop our in school reading support programme this school year. If you think that this sounds interesting and you would like to be involved then please come and see me in my office. Alternatively send me a mail Br@post.ngg.dk

Karen Bøttger,
Learning Support

The NGG ID News says Hello and Welcome

After a long summer break for us all, (and an eight month break for myself) it's time to crank it up a few notches and get back into the daily routines revolving around our kids educations... and try to find out what they have been up to? What's on? Who's who etc via what few miserly snippets they can throw our way. This is where we, the NGG ID News, steps in.

The lovely Linda Tomlinson and I are your in-school news team. Our aim is to relay relevant information about school, to tell you of local events in our community, to have reportage and articles from students, staff, admin, the PC and from parents wishing to flex their literary muscles or to share school/expat relevant articles and info. In short, to be our communal voice once a month throughout the school year. Students and members of staff are aware of our monthly deadlines and content requirements, but perhaps new families are unaware of what we deem to be suitable, what format and when and where to submit the documents :

When? On the last Monday of every calendar month. The deadline for next month will be on the 27th of September. In the event of important messages being needed to be relayed to you in-between newsletters, then your Class rep or acting Class rep will send an email to you

What format must the document be in? Microsoft word 97. Arial 10 script sent as an attachment.

Where do I send it to? horsholm.news@gmail.com

What sort of articles would you like? Anything that relates to our kids, the school, our community or the expat experience of living in Denmark. If you wish to inform us of customs from your country at certain times of the year, or the birthday of your kids or thanks to the teachers then just get writing. We retain the right to "tweak" a few spellings and to decline articles etc that are not suitable. Generally though, we publish most things and greatly appreciate all our communal efforts to make a better publication.

How do I join the News Team? We need regular and irregular contributions all year long. We tend to communicate via emails late at night for a couple of evenings at the end of every month. We also need people to print them on the Wednesday or Thursday before their distribution.

When do I receive the NGG ID News? On the last Friday of the month. It will be distributed to one child in every family and brought home. It is always available online on the school website; the school encourages parents to read school related documents online in an effort to be greener, so just let us know if you would prefer not to receive a printed copy. Extra paper copies are available in the NGG ID office.

With best regards,
Heather Gartside Knudsen and Linda Tomlinson

Whilst we are at it, there is a wealth of other information that should be filtering through now to new families at school. The welcoming committee made a great job of, er, welcoming you all on the first day of term and Lene made a clear, charming and concise speech about all the different possibilities on offer within the Parents Council and the various sub-groups at school.

One very important committee, and indeed the cement that holds our precious school community together is the Parents Council itself. Just next week there will be an information evening for PYP parents of the 2nd of September and for MYP 1 and 2 on the 6th and MYP 3 and 4 on the 8th of September; all at 18:00 and culminating in an election of a Class representative and Sub rep for each and every class. These elected spokespersons are the link for each class of parents to the staff, other parents and to the administration of the school. These are important jobs (although there is quite a bit of faffing around with collecting money for birthday present etc in the lower grades) and the job of class rep is best suited to a parent who isn't working full-time. If there are existing reps or parents who have a calling to be the Class rep or the Sub rep, then it would be nice to make other parents aware of this at a coffee morning, or via an email to your existing rep... and always to the classroom teacher. There will be our first Parents Council meeting of the year on the 21st of September at 19:00, all newly elected Class reps should be present and a further election will be held amongst us to determine the PC Chairman, vice Chairman and the Executive committee.

Sub-groups are now in full swing, and pizza and pasta orders are being processed as I type by the capable hands of Laura, Amy, Loredana and Jenny. The library is having one of those long inventories right now, and I'm sure that Anna and her team would welcome helping hands to check books, cover them, dust them, tick them off and spend many a happy hour or two chatting and putting the world in perspective. The events team (we are very seasonal...spearheaded by Loredana and Lotte) are waiting to hear on the date of an international day at school, and then our fabulous annual Halloween party on the 29th of October, which is firmly written in our calendars and in the minds of all our students. The NGG ID News? I'll push you again to help us record, relay and read all the things that are / have happened to our kids and us in this little international village of ours.

For other information regarding pure pleasure for frazzled moms, check the PC notice board regularly. (Or sometimes by ad hoc emails via your Class rep) Activities include: running on Mondays at 9:00 from school, coffee in the canteen every Wednesday at 9:00 (a reasonable cafe latte for 10 DKK from the cafe there!) Zumba on Tuesdays at 9:00, the generous discount NGG ID families get at the "Form og Figur" gym near to school, emails will come your way too on our art appreciation group and dog walkers anonymous. We also strongly recommend the LINK international social group and the Copenhagen Post newspaper for those of you recently arrived to Denmark.

With best regards,
Heather

A Warming Experience

Last term, MYP 1 & 2 organised a swimathon in order to raise money to buy mosquito nets for the children of The Baharini School in Malindi, Kenya, which is our sister school. Thanks to the parents and some teachers we managed to raised 7,000 kroner which allowed us to purchase 200 nets, 2 per child.

When I went to Kenya, I arranged a day when we could hand over the mosquito nets with the Chairman of the school, Sammy. After a bit of a search, we managed to find a little wholesale shop, which was tucked away in the back streets of Malindi, of course we had made the owners day by putting in such a large order! She could almost shut her shop for the day and go and celebrate. It felt so good as we walked through the streets with so many blue and white nets and by the time we had walked back to the car, the word had spread that we were making this donation and the locals paid us so many warming compliments. We had enough money to by 200 exercise books for maths, 200 writing books, 300 pencils, 12 sharpeners, 12 erasers and the 1,500 kroner remaining which has gone towards digging a well.

On the day, I had advertised the handover to the clients who were staying at the hotel and they came along and took many breath taking photos and also made donations. It is very very difficult to put the day in words, so I have attached some photos that will hopefully make you feel as warm as we did!

The school has started a *plant a tree* project which is designed to help raise awareness of the importance of trees in our environment. Each student is responsible for taking care of their tree. This little 3 year old is so proud of his tree and so he should be! The tree is called a moringa tree, which has huge health benefits.

This was a very special day for us and we would like to thank the parents and teachers for your support and most of all the students of MYP 1 & 2 for swimming!

Cheers and happy to share
Michelle Frank & Kristoffer Bentsen





After School Activities

The after school activity is up and running already and there are sign up sheets on the board in the aula. Most of the activities will start this week, if there are enough students signed up. There will be more offered later on in the term. If you would like to offer a activity, then please let me know either via email or find me in school. Here is a list of what we have so far and for more detailed information about each activity look on the blue board in the aula.

Tuesday

Art and Craft with Daniela in the K2 classroom - open for students from K1 - Grade 5 - 2.30 - 3.30pm

Wednesday

Football, fun and games with Daniela in the big gym - open for students from K1 - Grade 5 - 2.30pm - 3.45pm

After School French club with Linda Tomlinson - open for students from Grades 4 + 5 - 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Thursday

Fitness club with Michelle Bentsen in the small gym - open for students from MYP 1-4 - 1.45 - 3.00pm

Homework Cafe with Michelle Jensen in Grade 3 - open to all students - 2.30 - 3.45pm

Friday

Football with Josh and Michelle Bentsen in the big gym - open for students from Grade 5 - MYP 4 - 2.30 - 4.15pm (MYP students will start at 3.15 and end at 4.15, Grade 5 will start a little earlier

After School French club with Linda Tomlinson - open for students from K1-Grade 3 - 2.30pm - 3.30pm

The activity leader will let you the fee of the activity but it is approximately 50 kroner per week and the semester fee is calculated according to how many times there are.

Once again, please contact me for any further information.

Cheers for now

Michelle

TEEN YOGA

Is your child interested in joining a teen yoga class?

A group of girls from HIS have started attending a yoga class in Hørsholm, and they would really like it if some of their friends would like to join them.

The class is every Wednesday from 16.00 - 16.45, starting august 25th, but you can also join the following week.

The cost for the course is 1400 DKK, and there is no class in week 42 [the autumn break]

You can read more on www.yogazensation.dk and in order to sign up you have to email Charlotte Bruun at charlottebruun@mail.dk

Classified



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

Helping Hands Needed

We have a dedicated group of Pizza and Pasta mums, but are in need of more! Please come out for one morning a month of a few hours of pasta or sauce making and serving to our great kids! Please contact Amy - 4580 2929 or cabeasley@mac.com / Laura - 4128 4755 or laura.j.nikkanen@hotmail.com
Amy

Whenever you feel like helping out with anything going on at the school, stick out your helping hands and I'm sure we'll find a useful place for them.

Pizza and pasta teams can always use a distributing hand. Contact 28491384 - Jenny or 50565569 - Loredana, or any support group in school.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday Mia!
7 years old on the 23rd of September.
Love from Mummy, Daddy, Sasha and Kasper

Birthday Congratulations in Secret code!

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Xjui bmm pvs mpwf
gspn nvnnz, ebeez,
tbtib boe njb

Classifieds

FOR SALE :

single bed 90x200 (romantic white iron, can be used as a sofa or bed) a closet 200Hx135Wx59D (white wood) and a

commode from the same series 94HX110Wx50D with 2 big drawers down and 2 small ones above.

The whole set for 3.500 kr. For separate sale, price to be agreed.

Contact Jenny at jvan-denpanhuyzen@gmail.com or 28491384.

WANTED: girls bicycle to suit a seven year old.

Please contact Heather on: heathergart-side@gmail.com

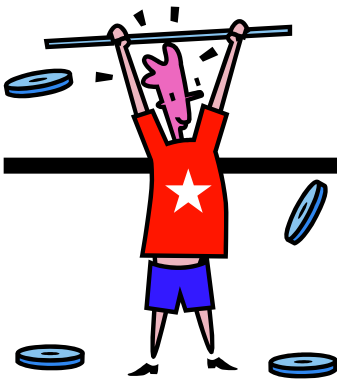
Calendar

Autumn break: 18th-22nd Oct
Christmas break: 20th Dec-7th Jan
Winter break: 7th -11th Mar
Easter break: 18th-29th April
St. Bededag: 20th May
Ascension Day: 2nd June
- no school June 3rd
Constitution Day: 5th June
Whit Monday: 13th June
- no school
Summer vacation starts: 24th June
New term starts: 11th August

The deadline for the next issue of NGG ID News is Monday, 27th September at 2.30pm
All contributions should be sent to horsholm.news@gmail.com in the form of an attachment.

Sports Day

Wednesday the 15th of
September



Time: 8.00am – 12.00



Each Grade will participate in a variety of fun activities
Please read the detailed letter, which will be sent home this
week concerning your child's activity

All students will be provided with a tee shirt
If you have any questions, your child's classroom teacher
will be happy to help you
Or speak to Michelle Bentsen (PE)

