



Xi'an Hi-Tech International School

The International Department

New Industrial Park, Xi'an Hi-Tech Development Zone
Xi'an, Shaanxi, P.R. China, 710119
Tel.: +86(29)8569-1659
Website: <http://www.etonhouse-xian.com>
Email: aldasair.maclean@etonhouse-xian.com

Principal's Newsletter Week 15

Dear parents

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and you are all feeling rested and ready for 2010. I haven't seen yet, but I have heard the building looks a lot different. Although, there are a few minor things to complete, we are nearing the end of our school refurbishment. I have to publically thank Natalie and Jessica for taking responsibility over the final few days of the refurbishment and allowing me to return home.

As stated in a previous newsletter, I am hoping to have an open day in the near future, possibly when Mrs. Gim arrives back in town so the community will have a chance to see our new look. The New Year has started off in a positive manner with three new enrolments, and more to come. There has been a lot of interest in the school over the past few months. This is very encouraging news and as a school it is telling us we are moving in the right direction.

Crèche

If you know of any families that are interested in being part of a crèche, please be informed that the school will be opening a crèche in the very near future. I would like to hold a meeting next week, Tuesday, January 12th at 4pm in the school staffroom, for those people interested.

I do need a number of children to be able to open the crèche. I am hoping for at least twelve students.

Sincerely,
Alasdair Maclean

Assemblies:

- Jan. 8th** MYP/DP Science w/ Miss Glackin
- Jan. 15** Music and P.E. with Mr. Jude
- Jan. 22** EAL with Miss Carey
- Jan. 29** Nursery, Reception, /Year 1

Upcoming Events

- Week of Jan. 25 -29** Literacy Week
- Feb.12** Chinese New Year Celebration
- Feb 12** End Term 2:
School Day Ends 1.30pm
- Feb 15-26** Chinese New Year Holidays:
No Classes

Contact Numbers

Office: 0086(29)8569-1659

Alasdair Maclean: Mobile: 15109210429

Email: aldasair.maclean@etonhouse-xian.com

Jeremy Van Sluytman: Mobile: 13028429263

Email: jeremy.van@etonhouse-xian.com

School website: <http://www.etonhouse-xian.com>

Literacy Week

We are planning an exciting Literacy Week at school for the week of January 22 -29. We would like as many parents as possible to be involved in some way.

If you would like to participate please indicate your preferred day and time below and return this form to the school by Monday, January 11th:

Name: _____

Day: CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE(S) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Time: _____

CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE(S) I would like to read to a class - I would like to be involved in another activity

Preferred Class: _____

After School Clubs

Afterschool Club, Block 2, will begin on Tuesday, January 19th. You will find an afterschool club signup sheet attached to this newsletter including some new choices for your children. Please complete the form and return it to school by Monday, January, 11th.

MYP Assembly

On Tuesday, January 12th, starting at 1:20 p.m., Year 8 and 9 will be conducting a mock court trial which ties together units from English, Humanities, and Science classes. The students have been working hard to prepare for this major assignment for quite some time and have put a lot of effort into it. All MYP students will attend this event, and we would also like to invite parents of MYP students. It will take about an hour to complete the mock trial.

This will be the first all-MYP assembly held at XHIS. We plan to start holding MYP assemblies about once per month.

THE NEW LOOK OF XHIS



Entrance to the main office



Hallway with banners



New toilet stalls



New sinks for every washroom

After two weeks of the Christmas holiday, we are so happy to see the big changes around the school. Our school looks great and there will be more "soft decorations" going on like more artwork hanging in the hallway and our new display boards being covered with students work.

We hope you will all be able to come and have a look at the new school.

After school Clubs 2009: Block 2

Tuesday, January 19th – Tuesday, March 9th, 2010

Sign Up Sheet

Name _____

Class: Year _____

Dear parents and students,

Here is the after school club list for BLOCK 2.

Please return this sheet to the school by Monday, January 11th.

Remember:

- Please use one sheet for one child.
- Each student can make up to 3 choices. Clubs are only on Tuesday, so place your favourite club in the “1st Choice” box.
- Each club has a minimum and maximum number of students. If a student is not able to participate in a chosen club because of too few or many participants, he/she can participate in the 2nd or 3rd choice club by a random draw of names.
- If you have any questions, please see Mr. Van.

1st Choice	
2nd choice	
3rd Choice	

Club Name	Facilitator(s)	Location
Nursery – Year 3 Learn Spanish Through Songs	Mr. Van	Year 5 Room: Floor 2
Year 4 – 7 Photography	Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Simpson	N – Year 1 Room: Floor 1
Year 4 – 9 Ping Pong Club	Ms. Lin	Recreation Room: Floor 4
Year 4 – 13 Fun Science Projects	Miss Glackin	Science Lab: Floor 4
Year 4 – 13 Critical Thinking	Miss Carey and Mr. Rhandy	EAL Room: Floor 2
Year 4 – 13 Dance Club*	Ms. Christine and Ms. Zhai	Library: Floor 1
Year 4 – 13 Theatre Club	Mr. Tjandra and Miss Zoe	Year 4 Room: Floor 2
Year 4-13 Newspaper and Yearbook: Intermediate	Mr. G	Computer Lab 2: Floor 4
Year 8 – 13 Touch Rugby	Ms. Stenson	Sports Field
Year 6-13 Music	Mr. Jude	Music Room: Floor 4
Year 8 – 13 SAT	Ms. Sudborough	Social Studies Room: Floor 3
Year 4 -13 Tae Kwon Do*	Ms. Xu	Teacher’s Lounge: Floor 1

* As outside instructors will be brought in to deliver the “Dance Club” and “Tae Kwon Do”, there will be a total charge of 100RMB per class. This 100RMB will be divided by the number of students participating. For example: 10 students in the club = 10RMB/per student per class = 60RMB total for each student

Science News

Week of January 11 to 15

MYP2 Science – Year 8

Last week...

Students are finishing their microbe unit with a debate and essay on the science and ethics of Dr Jenner's famous vaccination experiment. Dr Jenner was able to initiate a defense against the Smallpox virus by exposing a small boy (James Phipps) to a non-lethal virus also from the Variola family (Cowpox).

This week...

The big Dr Jenner debate is on Tuesday 12. After this, the students will begin a new unit on the different States of Matter. This unit combines aspects of both chemistry and physics. It also serves to introduce students to important laboratory equipment.

MYP4 Science – Year 10

Last week...

Students checked back on their worm farms. Most of the worms survived through the winter holidays in the soil environments that the students created. Students will write lab reports to cement learning.

Students then began a new topic on Digestion and Biochemistry. They will explore the digestive system by focusing on an important part each day. They will then learn how the human breaks down food bio-chemically.

This week

The students will learn about foods journey from the mouth to the stomach. Students will take a closer look at the environment of the stomach including the bacteria that help us break down different food material.

MYP3 Science – Year 9

Last week...

Students finished their unit on Circulation and Blood with a debate and essay on the science and ethics of Dr Jenner's famous vaccination experiment. Students were required to apply their knowledge of the immune system to understand how the body created defenses against the Cowpox virus, and how the body is then immune to the smallpox virus.

This week...

After the Dr Jenner open court debate on Tuesday 12th, students will begin a new unit on Heat. How warm is your home when it's -5°C outside? Students will acquire knowledge throughout their topic, which they can then apply by making a model home heated by environmentally friendly means.

MYP5 Science – Years 11

Last week...

Students began a new topic on Chemicals and Enzymes. Throughout this topic they will learn the dynamics of chemical reactions and how to manipulate them. The important role of catalysts will lead the students to a study of the role of different enzymes throughout the body. This week the students chose a chemical reaction to manipulate using simple changes in thermodynamics. The goal is to be able to manipulate a complex reaction for desired affects by the end of the unit.

This week...

Students will start looking at the particle behavior and thermodynamics involved with chemical reactions. They will need to relate back theory to what was happening in the chemical reactions last week.

DP Science – Years 12 -13

Last week...

Students started a new topic on environmental science. They began with the big picture. Students were introduced to leading scientific theories of how the earth and life came into being. Students then needed to ascertain what is necessary for the earth to remain stable, and for life to continue to survive on earth.

This week... Students will look at where life has resided the longest, the oceans. They will not only learn about what lives in the different environments within the ocean, but also the interconnectivity between species and their requirements for life. Threats to these environments will be explored.

XHIS International Department Lunch Orders			
Date 2010/1/11--2010/1/15			
Total RMB _____			
Student Name _____		Price	NO.
Monday (Dolce)	Pork cutlet	15	
	Fettuccini Fungi	24	
Tuesday (Subway)	Roasted Chicken (with salad)	15	
	Roasted Chicken (No salad)	15	
	Vegetarian Subway	12	
Wednesday (Village café)	Spaghetti Bolognese	15	
	Quesadilla (Vegetarian)	20	
Thursday (Bacchus)	Vegetarian Pizza	15	
	Fried chicken wings with vegetable and rice	24	
Friday (Local food)	Egg fried rice	5	

Snack: Jan.11--- Jan.15

Student: _____ Yes(✓) No(✗)

	Jan.11		Jan.12		Jan.13		Jan.14		Jan.15	
Morning	Banana		Cookies		Orange		Apple		Yogurt	
Afternoon	Yogurt		Juice		Yogurt		Juice		Pear	

