



Xi'an Hi-Tech International School

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Principal's Newsletter Week 16

Dear parents

It is wonderful to be back to school and seeing it look so good. The school environment is really starting to take shape. I was pleased to see the children back; rested, happy and ready to face the challenges that the new year presents.

This weekend Marilyn George from The Western Academy of Schools and Colleges (WASC) will be running a workshop for teachers and some parents. This will be the start of our accreditation process. After the workshop we will run a short presentation on what WASC is and how this affects our school. This is exciting for not only the staff, but also the parents and students as we get to work towards the future of our school. More information about the training day and next steps will be out in the near future.

Just a reminder that the school make up day is next Saturday 23rd January. The school buses will run as normal and the school menu has been adjusted to accommodate for this day. The day will be run on a Monday rotation, as this was the day we closed last year due to paint fumes in the school.

Crèche

I would like to hold another afternoon meeting for those interested in crèche next Thursday 21st January at 4pm in the school staffroom. Please invite all people you think might be interested to this meeting. Patrick Antony has included this in a blanket email to the XFBF. We are also advertising in China Grooves and Xianese.

Sincerely,
Alasdair Maclean

Assemblies

Jan. 15 Music and P.E. with Mr. Jude
Jan. 22 EAL with Miss Carey
Jan. 29 Nursery, Reception, /Year 1

Upcoming Events

Jan. 25 -29 Literacy Week

Feb.12 - Chinese New Year Celebration
- End Term 2: School Day Ends 1.30pm

Feb 15-26 Chinese New Year Holidays:
No Classes

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Literacy Week Update: January 25 – 29

Monday 25th January: Author Day

Students will need to prepare for this the week before by researching their chosen “Class Author”. Students will dress up as either a character from one of the author’s books or the actual author. Classes will share their research and costumes at an assembly on Monday afternoon.

Parents Reading to Classes

Thank you very much to those parents who have indicated their willingness to read to either a class or a group. If you would like to participate, but have not yet returned a form, please just let your child’s teacher know in order to arrange a day and time that you would like to participate during Literacy Week.

Week’s Activities

Some of the other activities planned are: Senior and Junior Buddy Reading, Cosy Reading Parties, DARE (Drop Everything and Read), a Writing and Poster Competition and Wear a Word dress up day. We will keep you updated.

- Mrs Miller, Ms Simpson, Ms Stenson

First MYP/DP Assembly: Mock Court Trial

On Tuesday, January 12th at 1:20 p.m., we had our first Senior Assembly. At this assembly, the Year 8 and 9 students presented a mock court case. This presentation was special because it tied together concepts from Science, English, and Humanities classes.

In Science, Year 8 students studied the virus and how it affects our body. In Year 9 students covered blood and the circulatory system. Both classes learned about smallpox and how Dr. Edward Jenner developed inoculation to combat and eventually eradicate this fatal disease.

In English for Year 8 and 9 students, persuasive writing and debate skills and procedures were taught. In Humanities, Year 8 and 9 students studied research skills, the topic of informed consent, and different philosophies related to ethics.

The mock court case was an attempt to prosecute Dr. Edward Jenner for crimes against humanity due to some ethically questionable research methods that he used in his experiments. Specifically, Dr. Jenner tested his inoculation theories on James Phipps, an 8 year old boy, placing him at risk of contracting smallpox without completely informing his father of the possible danger involved. Luckily, young James had no ill effects from the treatment and developed immunity to the disease. Dr. Jenner used data from testing his procedure to prove methods that have led to the modern science of immunology.

The students on prosecution and defence teams did a great job conducting the court case in front of parents and the entire Secondary school. Both teams used several important arguments to support their side of the case. However, after Judge G considered all of the evidence and made his final judgment, the defence team won the case and Dr. Jenner was cleared of all charges.

Using assignments like this one which tie together topics from several different subject areas is one aspect of IB-style inquiry learning that is especially powerful because students are exposed to information about related topics from several different viewpoints. Through this, students gain a thorough understanding of important facts and are shown that learning concepts from one subject area can often be helpful in other classes.

We hope to start having more Senior Assemblies in the future - about once per month. Parents: please keep reading your weekly Principal’s Newsletters to find out when these special presentations will be held.



The audience and Prosecution Team



"Immanuel Kant" played by Loic



The Defense Team at work



"Hippocrates" played by Craim on the witness stand

After school Clubs: Start Tuesday, January 19th

After school clubs will resume next week on **Tuesday, January 19th**. If you have not yet submitted your child or children's club choices, please be sure to do so as soon as possible.

Please remember that each Tuesday from January 19th – March 9th, buses will leave the school at 4:35. If your child does not wish to participate in an after school club, he or she can choose to wait for the bus or you can arrange other transportation if you would prefer. Those students who wait for the bus will be directed to the library for supervised reading, study, and/or other quiet activities.

After school Clubs 2010: Block 2 Tuesday, January 19th – Tuesday, March 9th, 2010

Club Name	Facilitator(s)	Location
Photography	Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Simpson	N – Year 1, Floor 1
Jenny, Jessica, Travis, Kevin Qu		
Science Project Club	Miss Glackin	Science Lab, Floor 4
Orestis, Emeric, Pierce, James Jang, Craim		
Critical Thinking	Miss Carey, Mr. Rhandy	EAL, Floor 2
Rhin, Boris, Shiny, Samuel		
Theatre Club	Mr. Tjandra, Miss Zoe	Year 4, Floor 2
Tony Jiang, Sarah, Buena, Anna Maria, Lukas, Ektor		
Newspaper and Yearbook Intermediate Level	Mr. G	Computer Lab 2, Floor 4
May, Manon, Jayden, Tara, Anita, Robin		
Touch Rugby	Ms. Stenson	Sports Field
Ryan, Robin, Tyler, Alan, Lloyd, Kevin, Mark		
Music	Mr. Jude	Music, Floor 3
Kelly, Leonidas, Bote, Loic, Ashani, Alex Seon, Eirini, Alex Chen		
SAT	Miss Sudborough	Social Studies, Floor 3
Tom, Dennie, Dave, Tom Wang, David, Song, Aiden, Max, Marlin		

Dolce Bistro

I have attached a menu, below, from Dolce restaurant. I am hoping to have Dolce supply the school lunches. We plan to open a servery counter in the primary school lunch room, but in order for this happen we need to gauge the level of support we have from the parent/student body.

If you take a look at the menu attached below, you will see what a standard week looks like. The cost is 25RMB per meal. Meals will be prepared at Dolce and then brought to school. Lunch orders will be sent out each Thursday as normal and you will decide what days you would like a school lunch. Jessica will then place an order as usual.

The children will line up in the primary canteen and be served lunch. This means we won't need to have lunch supplied from around the city of Xian. The lunch provides for vegetarians as well and has interesting menu choices for all ages.

Dolce will provide the bain marie (servery). The school will need to provide a fridge, trays, spoons, knives and forks.

If you are interested, or not, can you please complete the form and return it to school. We need to know soon if this is feasible.

If you have any comments or suggestions please comment in the space provided.

If response is positive, we will put in place a committee to monitor school lunches and give feedback to Dolce.

Please return this form to Jessica - not the classroom teacher.

Dolce's lunch Questionnaire

Name:

1. I would support the introduction of Dolce supplying the school with lunch:

2. I would not support the introduction of Dolce supplying the school with lunch:

Suggestions:

多奇西餐厅 Dolce Bistro

Phone: 8822 7588

Address: No.2 Gaoxin Road, Level 1 Lihuakeji Building

	Monday 星期一	Tuesday 星期二	Wednesday 星期三	Thursday 星期四	Friday 星期五
Salad 沙拉	Daily salad 當日精選沙拉	Daily salad 當日精選沙拉	Daily Salad 當日精選沙拉	Daily Salad 當日精選沙拉	Daily Salad 當日精選沙拉
Soup湯品	Russian beetroot soup 俄式紅菜湯	Pumpkin soup 南瓜湯	Cream potato soup 奶油土豆湯	Minestrone soup 意式蔬菜湯	Cream mushroom soup 奶油蘑菇湯
Rice 米饭	Rice 白飯	Ham& Egg fried rice 火腿鸡蛋炒饭	Dolce fried rice 多奇炒饭	Rice 白飯	Pork cutlet with miso sauce 大醬豬排放
Special Dish 特色精選	Seafood winter melon 海鮮炖冬瓜	Fried chicken with Vegetable 青椒鸡片	Tomato with Fried egg 西红柿炒鸡蛋	Beef and potato 土豆炖牛肉	Bacon, cabbage & potato cake 培根土豆餅
Pasta 意面	Spaghetti Bolognaise 意大利肉醬面	Vegetable Pasta 時蔬炒意面	Pasta Fungi 奶油蘑菇意大利面	Baked Tuna Pasta 焗吞拿魚意面	Meatball Spaghetti 意大利肉丸面
Sandwich 三明治	Ham/Cheese Sandwich 火腿芝士三明治	B.L.T sandwich 培根生菜三明治	Meat mince Sandwich 肉醬三明治	Tuna sandwich ▪ 拿魚三明治	Eggplant with Vegetable Sandwich 茄子青椒三明治
Snack 小點心	Clips 薯片	Sausage Roll 酥皮烤香腸	Hush brown 薯餅	French Fried 薯條	Chicken Nuggets 烤雞塊
Drink 飲品	Fresh Juice 新鮮果汁	Fresh Juice 新鮮果汁	Fresh Juice 新鮮果汁	Fresh Juice 新鮮果汁	Fresh Juice 新鮮果汁
Dessert 甜品	Daily dessert: kids muffin or Slice of cake 每日甜品: 兒童鬆糕 或 切片蛋糕				

- Option: once a month on Friday we will host a kids-BBQ party 每月有一次星期五我们会供应儿童烧烤
- We can adjust the menu according to your suggestions.
- We will provide seasonal menu

XHIS International Department Lunch Orders			
Date 2010/1/18--2010/1/23			
Total RMB _____			
Student Name _____		Price	NO.
Monday (Subway)	Meatball (with salad)	15	
	Meatball (no salad)	15	
	Vegetarian Subway	12	
Tuesday (Dolce)	Pork cutlet	15	
	Wild mushroom rice (Vegetarian)	18	
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)	Chinese bread with meat	4	
	Fried noodle (Vegetarian)	5	
Saturday (Subway)	Tuna Sandwich (with salad)	15	
	Tuna Sandwich (no salad)	15	
	Vegetarian Subway	12	

Snack Jan.18 --- Jan.23

Student: _____ **Yes(√) No(x)**

	Jan.18	Jan.19	Jan.20	Jan.21	Jan.22	Jan.23
Morning	Orange	Cookies	Banana	Apple	Yogurt	Cooked rice and preserved
Afternoon	Yogurt	Juice	Yogurt	Juice	pear	Juice