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Parent Teacher Association

ISB
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BUSAN
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GET READY FOR SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER / 10.AM - 2.PM

ISB INTERNATIONAL DAY

THIS EVENT WARMLY WELCOMES THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY INCLUDING FAMILY AND FRIENDS

PRE SALE TICKETS: 15,000 KRW
(AGES 3 AND UP)
DEADLINE: WED 16 OCT

TICKETS WILL ALSO BE SOLD
ON THE DAY FOR 20,000 KRW

SIGN UP TO
VOLUNTEER

COUNTRY BOOTHS
INTERNATIONAL
FOOD
ACTIVITIES
RAFFLE PRIZES
AND MORE

International Day - October 19th 2024

International day is FAST approaching! If you haven't already signed up to volunteer but want to, [please sign up now](#) or contact the pta via email pta@isbusan.org. The Early Bird ticket price is available until 16th October at just 15,000 KRW: [Ticket Purchase](#) Tickets will be available on the door for 20,000 KRW. More information is available in the PTA section of the newsletter.



Pret-a-Portrait will visit ISB between **October 7th - 9th** to take our new school photographs. Please see the schedule below for the dates each grade groups will take their photos.

October 7, 2024	October 8, 2024	October 9, 2024
EY2, Kindy, Grade 2, Grade 8B, Grade 8R, Grade 9B, Grade 11R	Grade 1, Grade 4, Grade 5, Grade 6B, Grade 6R, Grade 12	EY1, Grade 3, Grade 7B, Grade 7R, Grade 9R, Grade 10B, Grade 10R, Grade 11B

We encourage all students to dress smartly, either in school uniform or neutral, plain clothing. A viewing card explaining how you can view and order pictures, will be sent home with your child. Please ask your child to give it to you as soon as possible so you have a chance to order any pictures you would like at a discounted school price. If you have any further questions please contact Pret-a-Portrait directly on +44 800 021 7626 or customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net.

OPEN HOUSE

Monday 14th to Friday 18th October

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By appointment

50 Gijang-daero, Gijang-eup,
Gijang-gun, Busan

+ 82 51 742 3332
Call to Reserve Your Spot!

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SCAN

Join our Autumn Open House event coming up in October! Click the image to register, and [share the link](#) with anyone you think might be interested in learning more about life at ISB!



Join us for a community viewing of "Screenagers: Elementary School Age Edition," a film addressing key digital challenges for young children, including screen time, gaming, social media, and healthy digital habits. The film is 45 minutes long and suitable for both elementary and middle school-aged audiences. Parents and students will gain valuable insights into managing screen time and digital habits in a balanced, healthy way. The film offers practical strategies for addressing challenges such as gaming, social media, and early exposure to technology—issues many families face today.

The Q&A session following the screening will provide an opportunity to discuss these issues within the ISB community, encouraging shared learning and solutions. [Click this link to learn more, in English and Korean, and register.](#)

The IB Continuum: Understanding the Foundations of an IB Education

Join our IB Curriculum Coordinators as they walk you through the core elements of the IB Continuum. This workshop will highlight the common features of the Primary Years Programme (PYP), Middle Years Programme (MYP), and Diploma Programme (DP), with a special focus on Approaches to Learning, Approaches to Teaching, and the IB Learner Profile.

PARENT WORKSHOP

Primary Years Programme Middle Years Programme Diploma Programme

The IB Continuum

Wednesday 23rd October
8:45am - 10am

FOLLOWED BY PTA COFFEE MORNING

ISB Community Runs Are Back!




Our cross country team is training on Saturday mornings and we would like to invite all members of the ISB community to join us for some training runs. The next Community Run starts at **7.30 am at Pale de Cz, Haeundae Beach** on **Saturday 12th October**. These timed runs are to promote fitness and a love of running. All abilities are welcome! [Click here to view the starting point and running route.](#)

Join the ISB Monthly Beach Cleanup!

We are excited to continue and grow the monthly beach cleanups hosted by the Beach Clean Crew and invite the ISB community to participate! Students must sign a permission form (unless accompanied by a parent/guardian).

Let's work together to make a positive impact on our environment!

Next Cleanup

-  Sunday, October 13
-  10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
-  Meet at Songjeong Beach
(far left, near 죽도 Park)

A promotional poster for the ISB University Fair 2024. The background is a collage of graduates in black gowns and red stoles. The text is white and yellow on a dark red background. The ISB logo is in the top left corner.

SHAPE YOUR FUTURE: EXPLORE FURTHER EDUCATION AT OUR FAIR

ISB UNIVERSITY FAIR 2024

Loyola University Maryland (Maryland, USA) / University of Buffalo, SUNY (New York, USA) / Penn State (Pennsylvania, USA) / Colby College (Maine, USA) / Quinnipiac University (Connecticut, USA) / Georgia Tech (Georgia, USA) / Notre Dame (Indiana, USA) / University of Virginia (Virginia, USA) / Tilburg University (Netherlands) / The New School (New York, USA) / Boston College (Massachusetts, USA)

Thursday
October 10th

From
12:30pm - 13:30pm

ISB
SCHOOL GYM



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From the Elementary Principal

This week, as the weather finally changes from summer to autumn, our Elementary School Cross Country Team has been preparing for the SKAIS run with a scenic 3k loop by the river. In sports news, we held our first sports-based house event of the year, promoting teamwork and fun. Meanwhile, Grade 1 students took their maths lessons outdoors, tallying and graphing vehicles as part of their transportation unit. We are also collecting donations of PE kits, house t-shirts, books, and board games for International Day, organized by the Eco Club and Student Council. Lastly, our Forest School continues to grow, allowing EY2, KG and Grade 1 students to collaborate, build, and modify their nature structures together, fostering creativity and problem-solving over time. Go Bears! 🐻



Kevin Smith

Elementary Learning Focus

ES Cross Country Team

The cross country team have been preparing for the SKAIS cross country runs with a 3km river loop in the beautiful countryside by our school. Thank you to our parent volunteers; Emma, Tove, Nils & Nasos for pacing the pack and marshalling the course. Well done to all of our students for encouraging each other and enjoying the run! Go Bears 🐻



First Sports-Based House Activity of the School Year

Last week, our first sports-based house event was a huge success! Kindergarten to Grade 1 students enjoyed an exciting game of Cops and Robbers on the elementary playground. Grade 2 and 3 students competed in a thrilling 4-goal football match on the middle school basketball court, while Grades 4 and 5 played an energetic game of Futsal on the football field. The event promoted teamwork, sportsmanship, and a healthy, active lifestyle. It was an afternoon filled with happy, healthy fun, and our students gave it their all!





Grade 1 Focus on Maths in the Environment

As part of our transportation unit, the Grade 1 students took their maths learning outside this week! We ventured to the road in front of the school to observe and count different types of vehicles. The students used tally marks to track how many trucks, buses, motorbikes, and other vehicles passed by. They then recorded their findings on a chart they created in a previous math lesson.

Back in the classroom, students used their data to create a bar graph based on the vehicles they saw on the road. In addition to tallying, the students explored different types of graphs, such as bar graphs, line graphs, pie charts, picture graphs, and Venn diagrams, learning how to organize and display data in a fun way!



Donations Wanted

The elementary eco-club and student council are working together to prepare for International Day. Our elementary students have met the secondary clubs to collaborate for International Day. We are organizing a stall for your used items to avoid waste and to reuse useful things.

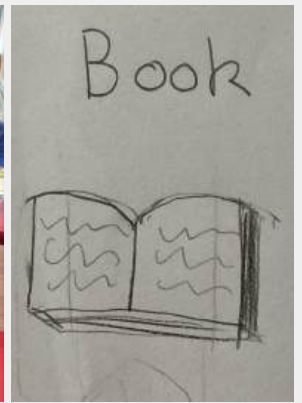
We are collecting the following items:

- PE kits
- House t-shirts
- Books
- Board Games



Please help us by dropping off these items at the line up area. Thank you!

The ES Eco Club & ES Student Council



Parents / Teacher / Student Conferences

At ISB, we believe it is important for students, parents and their teachers to regularly communicate with each other. The 3 Way Conference is one form of reporting used at ISB. These important meetings will take place on October 25, 2024. Please note that there will not be any classes on this day in order for your child to take part in the conference. Next week you will receive a link to the school's online booking system to select a 20 minute time slot for your conference. In addition to meeting with your child's homeroom teacher, you may also sign up to meet with any of our specialist teachers.

The aims of our 3 Way Conferences are to:

- Discuss student learning, progress and goals
- Discuss student's development of the learner profile attributes:

Inquirer, Knowledgeable, Thinker, Communicator, Principled, Open-minded, Caring, Risk-taker, Balanced, Reflective

- Share and discuss student, parent or teacher questions

For more detailed information, please refer to [this document](#). If you have any questions about the conference you may contact your child's homeroom teacher or [Jennifer Fenton](#), the PYP Coordinator.

Forest School: A Journey

Forest School at ISB started in 2021 with just Kindergarten students participating, now it has grown to include EY2 and Grade 1. This has led to students being able to take risks, refine and modify their play, and extend their inquiries in the same place over an extended period of time. An example of this has been students who, since they were in EY2, have been building their den/ house at the secret base and then under the big rock.

It has involved a core group of students who continue to modify the design to make it stable while others have joined for a time. This involves talking about bigger rocks on the bottom, using a range of materials such as sticks, rocks, bricks, and working together to move heavy things into position. Students have also begun using cardboard to drag heavy things which related to the systems thinking in a unit of inquiry.

Here are some photos of their learning and how it has developed over time.



As Autumn weather is finally starting to be felt, we are sure to be in the heart of our first semester. As I visit classrooms, I am continually struck by the strength and vitality of our Academic Programme. I am grateful that my own child has the privilege of accessing this world-class education. In every classroom, I witness engaging activities, captivating projects, and immersive learning experiences that ignite the curiosity and passion of our students. The teachers' dedication to nurturing the growth and development of each child is truly heartwarming.



Gilles Buck

This week, a group of our students embarked on an exciting journey to Nagoya International School to attend a leadership conference. This conference is designed to equip our students with the principles and skills necessary to become effective leaders, not only within our school community but also in the broader world. I eagerly anticipate hearing about their experiences and the insights they gained during this conference.

The ISB Career Fair, which took place recently, provided our students with an invaluable opportunity to explore various career paths, network with professionals, and gain insights into the world of work. Our College Counselor is also sharing an October update below, offering essential guidance and support to you and our students as they navigate the college application process.



As we move forward, let us continue to embrace the opportunities and challenges of this academic year with enthusiasm and determination. We are committed to providing our students with an outstanding education that empowers them to reach their full potential and make a positive impact on the world.

Upcoming Events

- SAT @ISB Saturday, October 5
- [Upcoming University Events](#): ISB University Fair October 10
- International Day: Saturday, October 19
- Parent Teacher Student Conferences: Friday, October 24, 2024

Inaugural ISB Career Fair

Last Friday, Grade 12 English B students hosted a highly successful career fair as part of their unit on social organisation. Over the past month and a half, students worked diligently to communicate with industry professionals, draft invitations, and organise the event. Their hard work paid off, as the fair provided a valuable opportunity for students to explore various career paths and gain insights into different professions.



ISB College Counseling/Future Pathways Program Update: October 2024

Greetings! I hope that you are doing well. The ISB October 2024 Future Pathways/College Counseling Newsletter is here. In this issue, you will find the following content:

- [Upcoming University Events](#): ISB University Fair October 10th 2024
- [ISB Pathways Website](#)
- [Studying in Europe](#)
- [Sciences Po France key highlights and registration for upcoming information webinars](#)
- [Careers Days: Online sessions coming up](#)
- [SAT Test](#)
- [ISB High School and Future Pathways Planning Timeline: Grades 9 through 12](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact me by email at ehibon@isbusan.org if you have any questions, I will be delighted to connect with you!

Kind regards,
Ms. Hibon



Eco-Schools Green Flag Award

Did you know that September 29th was the **International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste**? This day draws attention to the fact that one-third of all food produced globally is lost or wasted each year, causing environmental harm and depleting resources while contributing to greenhouse gas emissions.

As a school, we can help by taking small steps like planning meals wisely, buying only what we need, and using leftovers creatively. These actions can reduce the environmental costs of wasted water, energy, and labor.



With International Day on October 19th let's put these values into action! To make the event waste-free, please bring your own reusable cups for drinks. We'll provide trays for food, but your help in reducing single-use plastics will make a big impact. Together, we can make this celebration both cultural and sustainable. **We can't wait to celebrate with you all in an eco-friendly way!**

From the PTA

International Day - October 19th, 2024

A friendly reminder to everyone that the deadline to sign up as a volunteer, for a country booth, or the food court is Sunday, October 6th. Make sure you're on the list! You can pre-purchase tickets until October 16th. Your bank transfer or cash is your confirmation. Happy Friday 🎉👉

> [Tickets](#) > [Volunteer sign up](#)

If you are interested and would like to get involved in organising events, coordinating volunteers, hosting and planning fundraisers, and are an enthusiastic and positive team player, or you would simply like some more information, please contact pta@isbusan.org.

Please check the flyer in the whole school news section for more information on the next Parent Workshop and PTA Coffee Morning, and mark your calendars for another wonderful chance to learn and grow together as a community!

A vibrant flyer for ISB International Day. At the top, a banner of various national flags is displayed. The main title reads 'GET READY FOR ISB INTERNATIONAL DAY' in large, bold, white letters. Below the title, it says 'THIS EVENT WARMLY WELCOMES THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY INCLUDING FAMILY AND FRIENDS'. The flyer is divided into three main sections: 'TICKETS' (Pre-sale tickets: 15,000 KRW (ages 3 and up), Deadline: Wed 16 Oct, with a QR code and note that tickets will also be sold on the day for 20,000 KRW), 'WHEN & WHERE' (Saturday 19 October 2024, 10 AM - 2 PM, ISB, Address: 50 Gijang-daero, Gijang-gun), and 'WHAT' (Country Booths, International Food, Activities, Raffle Prizes, and More). At the bottom, there is a circular call-to-action 'SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER' with a QR code, and an illustration of a globe with various world landmarks like the Statue of Liberty, Big Ben, and the Leaning Tower of Pisa.