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# The Bear Essentials



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## Featured Story

Last weekend, some of our adventurous ISB students took to the trails west of JiriSan for a memorable and challenging hike. Under the guidance of Dr. Errington, and with Ms. Love, Ms. Miles, and Mr. Green at their side, they tackled the terrain, learned navigation tricks from hiking expert, Mr Roger, and wrapped up their evenings roasting s'mores under the stars. ISB is now a registered center for the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh's International Award! It's been an incredible journey, showcasing our commitment to providing real-world experiences for our students. Here's to many more adventures and opportunities ahead.







## Whole School News

### Open House at ISB

Open house week starts next week from the 16th to 20th of October. This means we will have prospective families on campus throughout the day. Please make sure we all represent our school in an appropriate manner, being kind and caring, and helping anyone who looks like they need assistance.

Prospective parents can register for ISB's Open House by [completing this form](#). For

more information, please call 051-720-1100 / 051-720-1101 or email us at [admissions@isbusan.org](mailto:admissions@isbusan.org). Please share this information with anyone you think would like to be a part of our community.

### Daily Busan: English Language News Resource

Busan Metropolitan City's 'Daily Busan' recently featured our school on their website, with an exclusive interview from Head of School, Mr Simon McCloskey.

[Click the link](#) to access more on the interview and your daily dose of Busan City News!

### ISB 40th Anniversary Event Video

If you missed the 40th Anniversary Celebration, [here's a glimpse of how it unfolded](#). Another huge thanks to all who made it such a successful and memorable event, and especially to all our Alumni, current students, staff, and faculty. Here's to another 40 years!





### Chef Kim's Holiday Turkey Sale

Due to popular demand, Chef Kim Kill Hee is back with a special offer on delicious turkeys. These turkeys can be cooked either at the ISB cafeteria or in your home oven. They will be prepared and ready for you to heat up and savour. Say goodbye to the hefty 300,000 KRW price tag for turkey at hotels.

These turkeys will be available from October 1st, 2023, through January 31st, 2024. Chef Kim will coordinate with you to arrange a convenient pickup time, and he is available almost any time. Please place your order at least two days in advance. The 5 Kg turkeys serve 6-7 people, while the 7 Kg turkeys serve 8-10 people. They are perfect for dinner parties with friends, church gatherings,

Thanksgiving, and Christmas and New Year celebrations.

### About Chef Kim

Chef Kim boasts over thirty years of experience as an executive chef at renowned hotels such as Marriott, Hyatt, Grand Hyatt, and Chosun. Mr Kim has had the privilege of serving distinguished guests, including George W. Bush, and prime ministers from Italy and Canada.



### Menu Options:

- A) 5Kg Uncooked Turkey with Cranberry Sauce - 120,000 KRW
- B) 7Kg Uncooked Turkey with Cranberry Sauce - 140,000 KRW
- C) 5Kg Cooked Turkey with stuffing, giblet sauce, and cranberry sauce - 180,000 KRW
- D) 7Kg Cooked Turkey with stuffing, giblet sauce, and cranberry sauce - 195,000 KRW (**\*Most Popular**)

### Add-Ons:

- 15,000 KRW for Delivery anywhere in Korea
  - 15,000 KRW for 500g of Mashed Potatoes from Scratch
  - 15,000 KRW for 500g of Steamed Brussel Sprouts
  - 15,000 KRW for 500g of Steamed Broccoli
  - 15,000 KRW for 500g of Steamed Carrots
  - 15,000 KRW for 500g of Extra Stuffing
- Turkeys are sourced from the USA, Canada, and Australia

### How to Order:

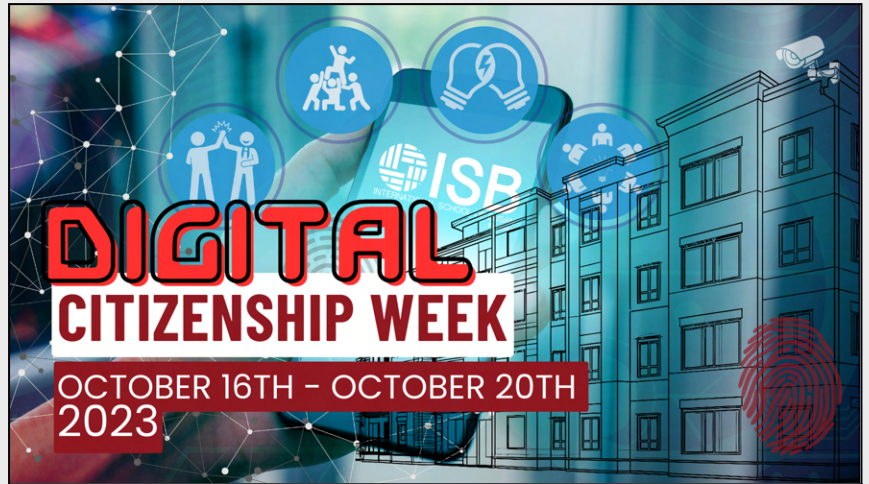
Contact Chef Kim with your order and preferred date (please order at least two days in advance). Email: [Khkim6543@hanmail.net](mailto:Khkim6543@hanmail.net) // Phone: 010-2583-6545



## Digital Citizenship Week at ISB

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming Digital Citizenship Week 2023 at ISB. This event provides us with a valuable opportunity to not only explore how technology can enhance our learning but also to critically assess and enhance our personal relationships with technology, promoting safety, responsibility, and respect.

As an accredited Common Sense Media school, ISB has a rich tradition of emphasising digital citizenship throughout the year, not just during this special week in October. During Digital Citizenship Week, students will engage in age-appropriate lessons from the Common Sense Media digital citizenship curriculum. They will delve into emerging AI technologies, reflecting on their impact on learning. Students will even design stickers to proudly display their commitment to digital citizenship. Most importantly, every student will sign an agreement to use technology safely, respectfully, and responsibly both at school and beyond.



However, the work of digital citizenship doesn't end when the school day does. We encourage our families and parents to actively support this learning at home. To facilitate this, we'd like to share some resources with you for fostering digital citizenship within your family:

1. Stay informed about how children are using their phones by checking out this informative [exposé from The Today Show](#).
2. Initiate [open and honest discussions](#) within your family about your phone usage, its benefits, and areas for improvement.
3. Collaboratively create a [family media agreement](#) that outlines how and when technology will be used at home, and hold all family members accountable to this agreement.
4. Prioritize sleep, as a well-rested child is better equipped for learning. [Establishing healthy tech and sleep habits](#) can greatly support your child's education.

We anticipate an enriching and impactful week during Digital Citizenship Week 2023. We look forward to working together with the entire ISB community to enhance our skills and knowledge in this important area that affects us all.

Warm regards,  
Dale Plotzki

## ISB Community Runs

We're back! Last week we were delighted to take a large squad of 38 runners to the SKAC Division Cross Country meet at DIS. Congratulations to the winners and all participants! **We have a community run this weekend, Saturday, 14th October and next Weekend, Saturday 21st, both runs start at 7:30am from Pale de Cz beach side.**





## 2024/2025 Academic Scholarship

The aim of the Academic Scholarship Programme is to foster and celebrate academic excellence. Scholarships are awarded to candidates who demonstrate outstanding academic ability, based on aptitude and potential.

If you or someone you know is interested in the ISB Academic Scholarship, [please share this link](#).



**Academic Scholarship 2024/2025**

Apply Now

Scholarship Concessions from 50% to 100%

Application Deadline 12th April 2024

For details please visit [www.isbusan.org](http://www.isbusan.org)

More info: [admissions@isbusan.org](mailto:admissions@isbusan.org) Website: [www.isbusan.org](http://www.isbusan.org) Phone: +82 51 742 3332

## Key Dates for August 2024 Entry:

Application deadline: 12th April 2024

Invitations for Assessment Day sent to shortlisted candidates: 19th April 2024

Scholarship Assessment Day: 2nd May 2024

## EducationUSA University Fair Success!

It was great to see so many of our students, as well as members of the wider community, gathered in our gymnasium to learn more about studying at universities in the US. With 30 universities represented, it was a great chance for our ISB students to find out more about further education opportunities in the States, as well as for ISB to collaborate with EducationUSA and foster a stronger relationship between our organizations. Thank you to the team for helping to facilitate, and to School Counselor Ms Ellenore Hibon for organizing.





## Heads' Meeting for SKAC

This year ISB is chairing the Southern Korea Activities Conference (SKAC). SKAC is designed to be a welcoming and inclusive student-centred organisation that emphasises participation for all students. Activities and tournaments are organised throughout the year for three age divisions: Elementary (Grades 3-5), Middle School (Grades 6-8) and High School (Grades 9-12). This morning ISB hosted the first Heads' Meeting of this academic year. In attendance were; Carl Brenneman ([BFS](#)), Lauren Harvey ([BFS](#)), Susan Eby ([GIFS](#)), Sam Kuntz ([GIFS](#)), Scott Jolly ([DIS](#)), Hamin Baek ([HIS](#)), Graham Horton ([AIS](#)), Dan Green ([HFS](#)), and Andrew Johnston ([BIA](#)).



Simon McCloskey

We had a purposeful and productive meeting that covered items including membership criteria for new schools, student awards and age criteria for competitive tournaments. Please find below the SKAC fixtures for the remainder of the year (also on the [ISB Community Calendar](#)).

Southern Korean  
Activities Conference



**Season One**

- Elementary School** - Futsal Divisional at ISB (Saturday 23rd September 2023)
- All Divisions** - Cross Country Meet at GIFS (Friday 6th October, 2023)
- High School** - Volleyball Championship at ISB & BFS (Saturday 14th October)
- Elementary School** - Futsal Finals at HIS (Tuesday 24th October, 2023)
- Middle School** - Futsal Championship at HIS (Tuesday 14th November, 2023)
- All Divisions** - Cross Country Championship at DIS (Wednesday 22nd November, 2023)
- Middle School & High School** - STEM at DIS (Saturday 1st December, 2023)
- Middle School & High School** - MUN at KFS (Saturday 9th December, 2023)

**Season Two**

- Elementary School** - Volleyball Divisional at AIS (Friday 26th January, 2024)
- Elementary School** - Volleyball Finals at AIS (Wednesday 14th February, 2024)
- Middle School** - Volleyball Championship at DIS and BFS (Monday 26th February, 2024)
- High School** - Basketball Championship at GIFS (Wednesday 28th February, 2024)
- Middle School & High School** - Fine Arts Festival at GPA (Wednesday 24th April)

**Season Three**

- Elementary School** - Basketball Divisionals at DIS (Saturday 4th May, 2024)
- Middle School** - Basketball Championship at HIS (Wednesday 22nd May, 2024)
- High School** - Football Championship at ISB (Saturday 25th May, 2024)
- Elementary School** - Basketball Finals at BFS and ISB (Saturday 1st June, 2024)



## School Evaluation Visit

On Monday 16th October, we will submit a comprehensive Self Study Evaluation Report in readiness for a Preparatory Evaluation Visit on Monday 13th November. During the visit, two external evaluators will be spending the week in school to observe lessons and interview students, staff, teachers, parents and board members. They will be assessing our readiness for the full Team Evaluation Visit in 2025 using the [CIS International Accreditation Evaluation Framework](#). At ISB we want to demonstrate our commitment to high quality international education to parents, students and staff members. We also want to ensure that our school is continually improving and keeping up with leading international education standards. It is for this reason that we engage with the international school accreditation process with [WASC](#) and [CIS](#).



## From the Elementary Principal

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 conferences will be held on **Friday 27th October**, which is a no class day for students. The sign up link can be found [here](#).



Kevin Smith

**At the conference, students, parents & teachers aim to be:**

<b>Communicators</b>	communicate clearly with each other
<b>Principled</b>	share information with each other honestly
<b>Open-minded</b>	understand there are many perspectives
<b>Caring</b>	show respect towards each other
<b>Reflective</b>	give thoughtful consideration to the needs of each other

**Aims of Parents / Teacher / Student conference:**

- Discuss student learning, progress and goals
- Share and discuss student, parent or teacher questions

**Students, parents, teachers will be asked to:**

- communicate clearly
- share information with each other honestly
- understand there are many perspectives
- show respect towards each other
- give thoughtful consideration to the needs of each other



## Elementary Learning Focus

### Eco Club Initiative

Do you have any old PE clothes that are now too small? Are you thinking of throwing them away? Well, look no further! The ISB Eco Club is excited to announce that we will be holding a second-hand PE uniform exchange during International Day. Why is this important, you might ask? It's an initiative that promotes sustainability. By participating in the uniform exchange, you can help reduce waste by giving these clothes a second life. It's a small step that collectively makes a big difference to our environment. It also helps students save money by purchasing affordable second-hand uniforms.

**Here are the details of how you can contribute**

**Collection Dates:** We will be collecting old PE uniforms during morning break and lunch break from Monday 16th to Friday 20th October.

**PE Uniform Exchange**  
- from the eco club -

Please donate outgrown/unused PE uniforms!  
They will be sold at the Eco Club booth during International Day.

**WHY?**  
The fast-paced fashion industry generates immense waste and resource depletion. Every year, 92 million tons of textile waste are produced worldwide, most of which end up in landfills. This cannot continue.  
By contributing to this cause, you can:  
• Promote sustainability - reduce textile waste  
• the amount of new clothes being produced  
• Help students save money by purchasing second-hand uniforms at a low price

**WHEN?**  
Morning and lunch break from October 16th to 20th, Monday to Friday

**WHERE?**  
The boxes in front of the gym

**Collection Location:** Please drop off your donations at the boxes in front of the gym. Your contributions will be sold during International Day, helping us further support eco-friendly practices and providing a practical solution for our school community. You can both declutter your closet and promote sustainability! We hope you take the time to see if you have any old uniforms you can donate. Together, we can make a significant impact on both our environment and our school community. Thank you for your support and participation. Sincerely, **The ISB Eco Club**

### G1 Musicians

Students in grade 1 have been creating symbols to record their musical ideas. They had to think of different ways to represent different sounds. They created their own symbols and recorded musical phrases. Students were then able to share their ideas with friends in class and play each other's music using different percussion instruments.



### Early Years 1: How We Express Ourselves

We began our new unit, 'How We Express Ourselves,' by looking into some aspects of the fall season. To help us experience the essence of this season, Ms. Stilla's parents kindly sent us two sunflowers, two different pumpkins, and some peanuts collected from their farm. During our nature walk, we collected a variety of natural items to bring back to the classroom. We will observe them and explore imaginative ways to express ourselves using these materials.



### EY 2 Exploring a new unit: How we Express Ourselves

To begin the new unit How We Express Ourselves, we have started to discuss feelings and emotions, with a focus on how we can cope with emotions like sadness, anger, and frustration. We introduced the concept of zone regulation to help the children recognize which emotional zone they are in and how they can regulate their emotions to be in the



appropriate zone at the appropriate time. We explained that we all experience different emotions at different times, just like driving on the road and encountering different views. We used colours to correlate with traffic lights to help them understand: green means 'go' and be ready to learn and play, yellow means 'be aware,' red means 'stop and take a break,' and blue means 'let's rest.' We invited the children to create rest areas and come up with strategies to help friends who may be feeling sad and help ourselves.



When children can effectively communicate their emotions, they are better equipped to resolve conflicts, work in teams, make friends, and explore the world around them. It's also connected to the unit of Who We Are; People develop relationships with others.

### Grade 1 Transportation Systems

Grade 1 students were busy creating their own community transportation system this week. They used chalk to draw the road, painted signs during art class to ensure the safety of others using our roads, and even made parking spaces. Students started out by building a model of a transportation system in the classroom connecting two cities together. Then they drew their blueprints and applied their ideas to the design outside.



They reflected that they needed to build wider roads that connect with straight lines and that the parking lot should be separated for pedestrians safety. Everyone enjoyed the activity and it was a great end to wheels week. Check out more pictures below!





### PYP Assembly

We had an action packed assembly this week in the elementary school. Mr. Dale launched the Digital Citizenship week 'Sticker Design Competition'. Students will be designing stickers next week to share the message of digital citizenship which is being safe, responsible, and respectful online. The student council advertised their upcoming movie event with trailers for different educational videos and a whole school vote. Well done to the student council for speaking clearly and confidently to a large audience.



### Grade 3 Presentation

Students used their assembly time to share some of the Fractured Fairy tales they have been writing. They showed great collaboration and thinking by helping each other. While one student read their writing to the audience, the rest of the students acted out the story. The class also worked together colouring and cutting their character headbands and wore them proudly. The audience really enjoyed the fun twists in the fairy tales and we enjoyed acting them out.

### Kindergarten Nature Art

This week in art, Kindergarten went on an exciting nature scavenger hunt! Armed with curiosity and bags for collecting, we searched for treasures that could be used as paint brushes. Back in the art room, these fantastic finds were used to create beautiful artwork. It was fun to explore nature and discover new ways to create art.





## Grade 2 Measuring

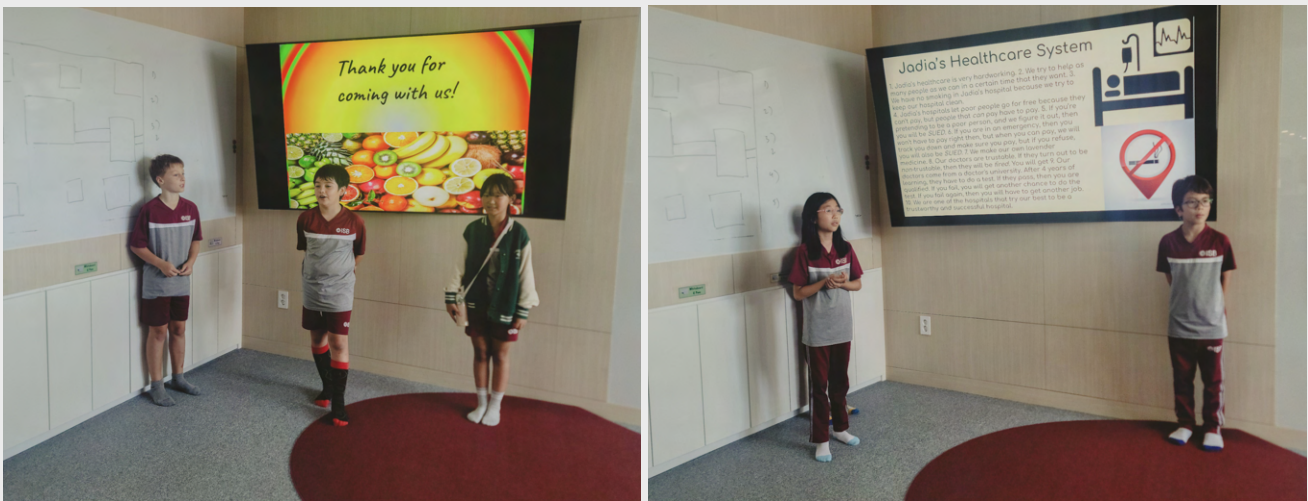
The Grade 2 students have been working hard this week to improve their measuring skills. First, the students practised holding their pencil and ruler carefully to draw very straight lines. Next, they tried to draw lines that were exactly 10 centimetres long. This was so tricky! Everyone helped with the measuring and checking, to see if the lines were not too short and not too long. The next challenge was to draw lines that were 20 cm long. After some more measuring and checking, the children congratulated themselves on the progress they had made!



## Grade 4 Invented Nations

In a grand finale to the "How we organize ourselves" unit, our fourth-grade learners dazzled with presentations of their unique countries. From inventive governments to thoughtfully crafted systems, each group shared their creative visions, demonstrating newfound knowledge and teamwork. Kudos to our young architects of nations for a job well done!

As we celebrate their imaginative journey, these presentations mark not just the end of a unit but the beginning of a deeper understanding of how societies function. Stay tuned for more adventures in learning!





## ES Student Council Event

The elementary student council has organised an event based on student ideas. During our assembly time on Thursday 9th November, we will all watch an episode of Shape Island, an animation based on the Shape Series. As part of the event we will raise money to help children in need. Please send your popcorn money to your homeroom teacher in advance. Ice pops can be bought on the day of the event. And don't forget to wear your pajamas!

### Elementary Student Council Movie Afternoon

**THU 9 NOVEMBER ASSEMBLY TIME**

 <b>BUY ICE POPS</b> 1000 KRW AT BREAK TIME	<b>ORDER POPCORN</b> 1000 KRW BY 24 OCT	<b>WEAR PAJAMAS ON THE DAY</b>
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Another great week in the Secondary School! In this newsletter, read on about the Cross Country event last week and about happenings in the science department. We are hosting the high school volleyball boys tournament this Saturday, too.

It was great seeing a number of parents and students at the University fair that we hosted for the Busan community this past Thursday. By all accounts, the fair was a useful event to learn about universities and get a sense of what is on offer via Education USA.



Gilles Buck

### **Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences**

Please be sure to sign-up for the Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences that are happening on Friday 27th October. Please save the date so that you can have a discussion with your child and teachers to support your child's growth and learning. These conferences are outstanding opportunities to have frank discussions on what is needed for further improvement and how to best support learning.

Please use this [signup link](#) for the PTSC conferences held on October 27th from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm. We look forward to meeting you here at school or, if you prefer, virtually via Google Meet. Students are encouraged to attend the conferences with their parents.

Parents can attend these conferences either in person on the ISB campus, or via a Google Meet link virtually. Students are encouraged to attend the conferences with their parents. Attending the conferences with your child gives you the opportunity to again meet with each of your child's teachers and discuss "next steps" for their improvement. By involving students, we are inviting them to play an active role in their learning. Students should be actively discussing their progress and developing a plan for improvement. To ensure that you get the most out of the experience it is important to speak with your child, review their report and identify any areas that you would like to explore in more depth with the teacher during the conferences. Once you have made an appointment to speak with the teacher via the link below, the final schedule for the conferences will be shared with teachers. Please understand that once the booking schedule is closed, it will be extremely difficult to add interview times.

Please note, it is highly recommended that if you want to attend the meetings virtually using Google Meet, you should use a laptop for the best experience. If you do not have a personal Google/Gmail address, you must use a laptop to access the virtual meetings.

**Date:** Friday, 27th October 2023

**Time:** 8am-4:30pm

**Location:** In Person or virtual with Google Meet

When you are making an appointment you need to do the following:

1. <https://www.schoolbookings.net/bhkENSj/step1>
2. Make your bookings for the conferences



### Spotlight on Cross Country Running

We would like to congratulate all the runners from our middle school and high school who took part in the SKAC Cross Country meet in Daegu last Friday 6th October. A total of 15 runners toed the line for the challenging, but beautiful course around the Dansan Reservoir. From first-time runners to returning athletes chasing personal bests, they all worked hard and should be incredibly proud of their efforts. We had two runners finish in the top ten in both the high school boys and girls races; Adrian (6th) Nikolas (9th), Lana (6th), and Haruhi (9th). The team as a whole were also great ambassadors of ISB and the sport by showcasing excellent teamwork, encouraging each other as well as athletes from other schools. We look forward to being able to cheer on their efforts when ISB hosts the SKAC cross country finals in November.



### In the Science Department

Grade 6 have been investigating energy in their first unit in science. They had to design an experiment to find the energy values of different foods by igniting them and using the fiery foods to heat water.





The unit also investigates the effects of global warming, and students had to find their [carbon footprints](#) and investigate ways to reduce it.

Grade 7 students started the year with an ecology unit where they researched one animal that is currently endangered. They also completed an ecological investigation into estimating the population of dandelions in two different locations. They are now starting their second unit on heat energy where they are investigating conduction, convection and radiation. In this unit there is an emphasis on practical experiments and report writing skills. In these images students are finding which metal conducts heat the fastest.



The Grade 8's are wrapping up the botany unit, the main focus has been related to **how to feed the world**. They have learned a diverse range of concepts such as plant reactions and their structures, how to improve crop yields and the benefits and drawbacks of modern farming methods.

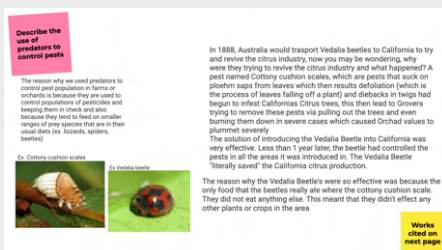
Students started the year off by growing their own crops - with varying degrees of success. (right)



Students have also been involved in planning an investigation to determine the factors that influence the rate of photosynthesis; we had some expert pondweed manipulators - with the entire class being able to coax their pondweed into producing oxygen bubbles as a sign of photosynthesis.

We will shortly be starting a criterion D project in which they will evaluate the benefits and drawbacks of using pesticides or fertilizers as methods to improve crop yields.

Students had mini-research tasks relating to these topics to help prepare for their criterion D task, see some examples here.





Grade 9 students started the year off with a unit on Atomic Theory and the Periodic table.

They investigated parts of an atom, how they are arranged in the periodic table and the trends associated with the arrangement of atoms. Students have conducted a number of investigations into the varying properties of elements, mixtures and compounds by testing varying properties of iron, sulfur and then heating the elements to create a compound and testing those same properties. Additionally they have conducted experiments to investigate the changing states of matter and created heating and cooling curves for both water and stearic acid.

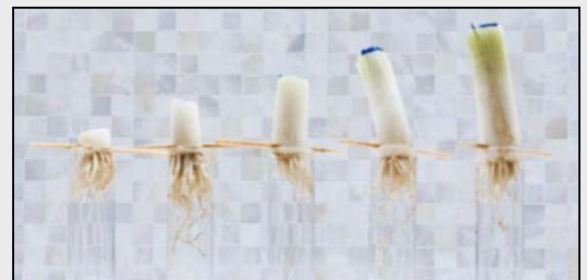


We are now working on wrapping up our unit and are currently working through the different types of **chemical bonds** and will be moving on to a biology unit in the next week.

Grade 10 students are actively engaged in scientific inquiry, planning and conducting experiments to explore factors influencing reaction rates. This is a part of the Chemical Reactivity topic, where students delve into the fascinating world of science and its transformations.

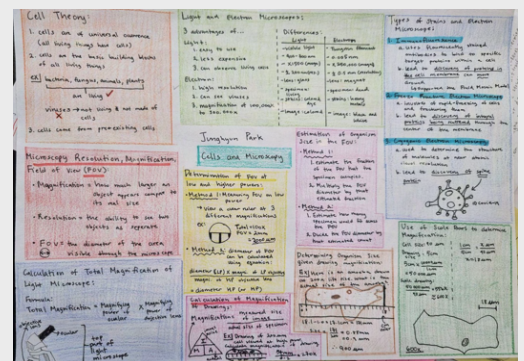


Grade 11 Biology students started the year off by learning about the many overlapping themes and connections between different fields and areas of biological sciences. Students have been deepening their understanding of the origins of life, the characteristics that all living things share and the ideas of differentiation and multicellularity.

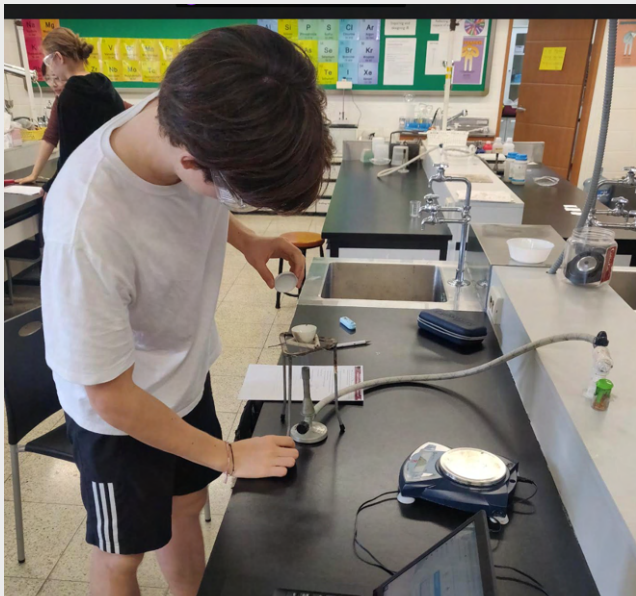


To reinforce their understanding of stem cells and meristem tissues in plants, as well as building experimental skills, students will be collecting and analyzing data relating the effects of shoot length and root length on leaf growth in green onions. The focus of this investigation is to introduce inferential statistics and also practice writing high quality conclusions.

Students have also been working on developing their note taking and summarizing skills.





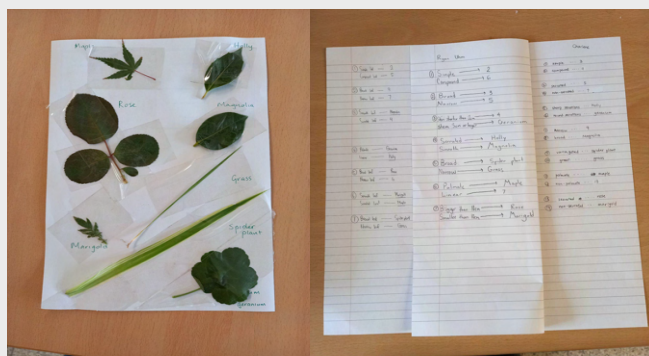


Grade 11 Chemistry students have been busy with the study of chemical structures. Recently by applying the Law of Conservation of Mass they have carried out investigations to determine the amount of water trapped within salt crystals. These are important concepts for analyzing the efficiency of chemical reactions.

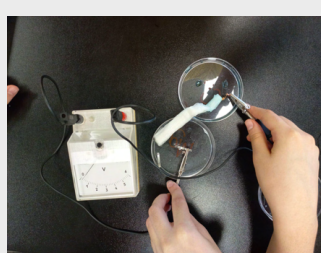
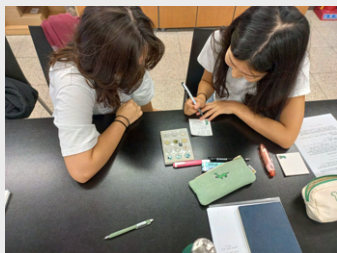
Grade 11 Physics students are currently exploring the connection between Work, Energy, and Power as they measure their own power output while ascending the school's stairs. This hands-on investigation is related to their unit on Space, Time, and Motion.



Grade 12 Biology Students are in the process of completing the unit on Ecology and Evolution. They had to devise a dichotomous key as a way of identifying different plants. Students are due to begin their internal assessment task in the next few weeks where they will design and carry out an experiment of their choice. The reports will constitute 20% of their final grade.



Our grade 12 Chemists have just finished a unit on redox chemistry. This involves any chemistry that has a transfer of electrons. It makes up a huge amount of our daily lives, from processes like photosynthesis to the batteries that power the device you are reading this on! Our students made a redox table to better understand spontaneity and build simple voltaic cells to see how using different metals affected the strength of the "battery". We are now heading into a major unit on organic chemistry, exploring the world of carbon-based molecules.

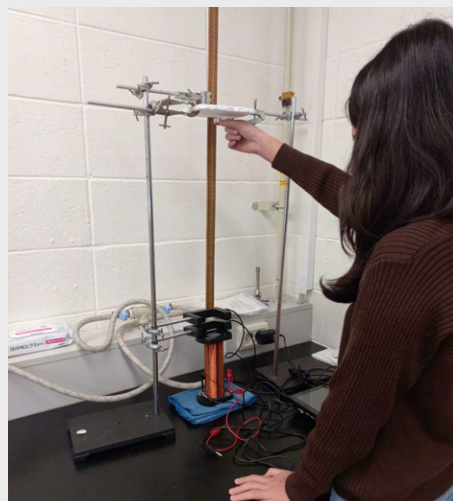


The grade 12 physicists are in the process of conducting their IAs. You can see some information about the experiments that each student chose to pursue:





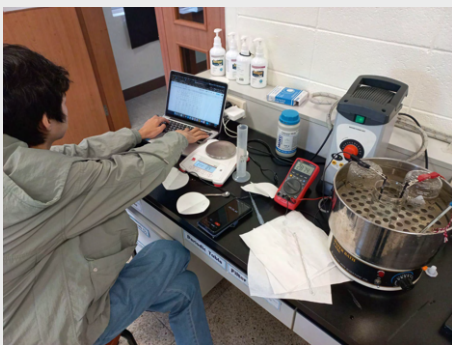
Andy investigated using a magnetic field as a damper for an aluminium pendulum.



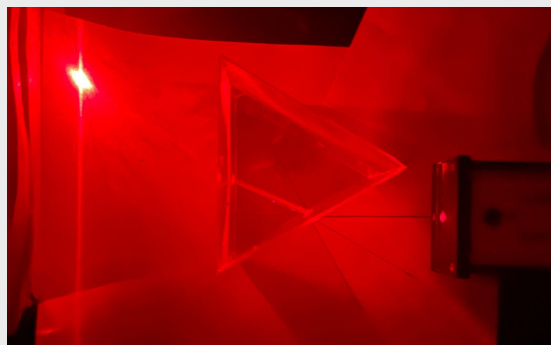
Kyeong-Min investigated how the speed at which a magnet enters a wire coil affects the size of the voltage created within the coil.



Nitta explored how the pressure inside of a ball affects the amount of energy lost when bouncing.



Hyunseong explored how the concentration of an electrolyte affects the conductivity of a solution.



Seungwoo investigated how the density of a liquid affects the refraction (bending) of light as it passes through.

### East Asia International Schools Activities Conference (EAISAC)

ISB is proud to be one of the founding schools of EAISAC. EAISAC aims to provide regional opportunities that enhance cultural understanding through interscholastic activities. We are currently in the process of developing a website so we have a dedicated space for EAISAC activities, and look forward to sharing it with you soon!

East Asia International Schools Activities Conference



The 2023-24 EAISAC Calendar

Season 1

High School Volleyball at Fukuoka IS  
Middle School Football at Nagoya IS  
Student Leadership Conference at Nagoya IS

Season 2

High School Basketball at IS Ulanbaatar  
Middle School Volleyball at IS Busan

Season 3

High School Football & Cross Country at IS Busan  
Middle School Basketball - Nagoya IS  
MUN at Fukuoka IS

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We love catching up with members of our staff and faculty, and this week we managed to track down the elusive Grade 5 teacher, Mr John MacPhail, to find out more about his hobbies, who inspired him, and his educational philosophy.

**Qualification and certifications:** Grades 2-6 all subjects, Grades 7-10 Visual Arts and Language, and EAL Certification

**What is your role at ISB?** Grade 5 Homeroom Teacher



John MacPhail

**Our community really is an international community! Where would you say you're from and where else have you lived?** From St. Andrews West, Ontario, Canada, but I've lived in Turkey, Taiwan, Vietnam, Thailand, Australia, China, and now Korea.

**What inspired you to become a teacher?** My Dad, who showed me the benefits of being a lifelong learner.

**What is your educational philosophy?** I have so much to say about my educational philosophy, so I created a separate document. [Have a look here.](#)

**What made you choose ISB?** I've been wanting to teach here for a while. It's a very diverse learning community that is safe, welcoming, and well organized. My wife's family is from Busan as well. We had visited the area before and always loved it.

**What is the best part of your job?** Helping students to learn, reach their personal goals, and have fun.

**What are your hobbies and interests?** I enjoy running, fishing, reading, hiking, design and multimedia.



**Who is your most memorable teacher and why?**

Ms. Quail, my Grade 1 teacher who always had patience for me.

*Thank you Mr MacPhail for sharing your photos and a bit more about your personal life outside of the classroom. Make sure to say 'Hi' when you see him on campus!*

## International School of Busan International Day 2023

### Who

All members of the ISB community are invited: family, friends, neighbors etc.

### What

Country Booths, international food and activities, snacks, raffle prizes and more.

### When

8:00am Booth set up begins

10:00am Event and Food Court opens

1:00pm Performances begin

\*performance time subject to number of sign ups. If you and/or your student would like to perform (poem, dance, music etc.) please email [pta@isbusan.org](mailto:pta@isbusan.org).

1:30pm Begin to organize for the flag parade.

2:00pm Event concludes.

### Where

ISB courtyard

### Important Information

- Ticket pre sale ends Wednesday, October 18.
- Pre sale tickets are 15,000KRW for ages 3 and up.
- Tickets sold on the day of the event are 20,000KRW.
- Purchase includes a passport for all students.
- Raffle prizes will be given to all those who complete a passport.
- Raffle prizes are available for all registered volunteers.
- Food, drinks and snacks will be available for purchase.

### International Day Links

[Volunteer Form](#) \*

[Ticket Pre Sale Form](#)

[Country Booth Form](#)

\*all registered volunteers will be entered in a raffle for some great prizes!

  
Parent Teacher Association

  
**COMPLETE YOUR PASSPORT  
ON EVENT DAY TO WIN!**

Prizes by Grade:

- EY1-2nd: Busan Children's Museum
- 3rd-5th: Luge Tickets
- 6th-10th: Lotte World
- 11th-12th: Cinema De Chef Voucher

**SPECIAL RAFFLE PRIZES FOR  
VOLUNTEERS AND PERFORMERS!**

**GOT A TALENT? SHARE IT!**  
Poetry, music, dance? We want to see!  
Please email [pta@isbusan.org](mailto:pta@isbusan.org)

**INTERNATIONAL DAY**  
SAT 21 OCTOBER 2023