



19th May 2017

Important Dates

May

- 19-20 MS Baseball/Softball
- 20-21 DofE Bronze Award Qualifier Expedition
- 25 "An Afternoon of Classics", 4:00pm in the Black Box
- 26 ISA Open Day, 9:00am
- 26 HS Awards Assembly, 2:00-3:00pm in The Queen Elizabeth Theatre
- 27 PROM
- 29 ES Spring Band & Choir Concert, 8:30am in The Queen Elizabeth Theatre
- 31 MS/HS Mile Fun Run, 9:30am

June

- 2 K-2 Sports Day, 1:00pm
- 3 SAT
- 3 Graduation, 2:00pm
- 5 PTO Meeting, 9:30am
- 6 MS Fine Arts Night, 6:00 for 6:30pm
- 7-12 HS Semester 2 Exams
- 9 Grades 3-5 Sports Day, 12:30pm
- 13 MS Fun Day
- 13 IB1 Extended Essay Breakfast, 8:30am
- 13 Pre-School End of Year Celebration, 10:00am in The Queen Elizabeth Theatre
- 13 Last Day for Pre-School, Dismissal at 11:00am
- 14 MS/HS Assembly
- 14 EARLY DISMISSAL AT 11:00AM; START OF SUMMER HOLIDAY

4 From the Head of School

Dear Parents,

May at ISA

Congratulations to our IB2 students who have now completed their final exams. I commend them for their efforts not just over the past few weeks during their exam period, but for their dedication to learning over the past 13 years of schooling! This year's graduating class has fantastic offers for universities and opportunities next year as a result of their determination. Now it is time for them to enjoy celebrations like Prom and Graduation!

I encourage all other students from PreK-11 to continue your efforts right through to the end of the school year. Parents, please take a moment to encourage your children to take advantage of these

final weeks at ISA, to learn from their teachers and each other, and to finish the year in a positive way academically and with respect to their interactions with friends and teachers.

Open Day

After the success of our Open Days earlier in the year, ISA will host another Open Day on Friday, 26th May beginning at 9:00am. This is all part of our marketing strategy to maintain ISA's profile in the community and make local parents and expatriot parents, whose children are currently attending other schools, aware of what ISA has on offer. Our ad is on the front of today's Press & Journal, and we will be highlighted in the the P&J's Independent Schools Features on 1st June. You may have seen our popular Summer Camp advertised on city buses lately, and I would highly recommend our Camp for your children if you are in Aberdeen over the summer.

Good luck to our MS baseball and softball teams and students participating in a DofE expedition this weekend!

Kind regards,

Sarah Bruce
Head of School

4 From the MS/HS Principal

Dear Middle/High School Parents,

It is great to see so many of our students taking advantage of the improving weather and spending more time outside. There is a Bronze Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition this weekend, and our Middle School students are travelling to softball and baseball tournaments.

At this time of year, the Middle and High School teachers have follow-up meetings with either myself or Mr Barry to reflect on goals they set themselves in August. As well as continuing to develop curriculum and enhance approaches to teaching and learning, teachers also consider extra-curricular contributions and identify areas of professional learning for themselves. Progress towards these targets can be monitored by means such as student surveys, reviewing assessment results and peer observation. I have greatly enjoyed hearing from colleagues about the various innovations taking place across our classrooms and the high standards to which teachers hold themselves and the students. Our faculty engage in numerous diverse professional development opportunities and, indeed, help us live up to the phrase of; 'Every Child. Every Opportunity'.

Congratulations to our IB2 students, who finished their exams this week. I hope many of them will join us at the HS Awards ceremony on Friday, 26th May. Good luck to our performers at the 'Afternoon of Classics' on Thursday, 25th May. Parents are very welcome to attend both of these events.

Angus Carmichael
MS/HS Principal

From the Elementary Principal

Dear Parents,

Fourth Grade Sailing

This week, fourth graders had the opportunity to do some sailing on Loch Skene. This was a first time event for many of our Elementary students and the children were excited (and a little nervous) about the opportunity. The children learned to use a sailing boat in pairs and in groups of four. They did so well, especially as there were high winds. At the end, they purposefully capsized their boats. There was much shouting and screaming heard as they entered the cold water! But, as they emerged onto land everyone had big smiles. Walking back to the starting point along the shores of Loch Skene, one student reflected the thoughts of many when she said: ***"I hope we come back!"***

Special thanks to Clare Hodder, who led and organised the sailing activities, and to the PTO for helping to sponsor the event.

Natural Excitement

Just saying the words 'last weeks' causes a wide range of reactions from students, parents and teachers. Excitement about the start of summer is perhaps the most common reaction by children (and teachers). In the Elementary School, we work especially hard with the younger children to maintain a strong focus on learning right up to the last day. Of course, teachers are creative and put even more energy into choosing engaging activities that allow students to easily immerse themselves into their studies. As parents, you can help as well with student focus through your encouragement at home as it pertains to maintaining high expectations for making the most of the last few weeks. There are still a number of activities to look forward as we approach June, including Sports Days, and I'd encourage parents to join us when we have Elementary events.

Best Regards,

Don Newbury
Elementary Principal

4 From the Fine Arts Department

Well done to the IB1 Art students on a wonderful exhibition! BRAVO!

Great work to the musicians who visited Rublislaw Care Home this week! You made a lot of people very happy!

"Afternoon of Classics"

Thursday, 25th May

4:00pm

ISA Black Box Theatre

Enjoy the classics and a few original compositions by our ISA musicians!

Elementary School Spring Concert

Monday, 29th May

8:30am

The Queen Elizabeth Theatre

The Elementary School Choir and Band students are eager to perform for you a variety of great choir and band pieces! Enjoy this wonderful concert from these fine musicians!

Middle School Fine Arts Night

Tuesday, 6th June

6:00pm – Art Exhibit

6:30pm – Performance

The Queen Elizabeth Theatre

Enjoy the artistic, dramatic, vocal and instrumental talents of our ISA Middle School Students! A GREAT event!

The Fine Arts Department

4 From the Library

Could you be our new Library Volunteer?

We are looking for 2-4 new Library Volunteers to join our team for the new school year. Our Library Volunteers help with tasks such as shelving books, checking books out to students, creating displays and covering new books. We couldn't offer the wonderful library service we do, if we didn't have the support of our wonderful volunteers! Our current volunteers say that their time in the Library gives them a chance to interact with different students, and that they become a closer part of the School.

To be a Library Volunteer, you need to be able to commit to working 2-4 hours a week in the Library, at a set day/time. We would need you to be able to do this throughout the new school year, August 2017-June 2018. All volunteers will need to complete a PVG (criminal record check) - the School pays for the cost of this.

If you're interested in joining our team of Library Volunteers, please fill out the form at <https://goo.gl/forms/TTKmvSeLmOtYwiyp2>, and we will be in touch. Thanks for considering us!

Josie Crimp

Librarian

4 From the School Nurse

Hi everyone!

Just a short *Thistle* this week. I hope you are all doing well and not coming down with one of our bugs that we have in school at the moment. If your child is unwell (ie fever, cold/flu, vomiting etc.), we have the 24-hour rule for fever and 48-hour rule for diarrhoea and vomiting, therefore please do not send them back to school before this. This is for your child's sake as well as others round about them.

Thanks for your help with this.

Have a great weekend!

Karen Munro
School Nurse

*International School of Aberdeen
Fine Arts Department
presents:*



“An Afternoon of Classics”

Thursday May 25, 2017

4:00 pm

The Black Box Theatre

The International School of Aberdeen

Fine Arts Department

presents:



2017 ISA Middle School

ARTS NIGHT

Tuesday June 6, 2017

6:00 for 6:30pm

The Queen Elizabeth Theatre

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Spring Concert
Featuring The Lower School Band & Choir

Monday May 29, 2017
8:30 am
The Queen Elizabeth Theatre



Dear Parents,

We would like to thank you again for the wonderful array of Staff/Teacher Treats you arrange for us every month. These are greatly appreciated by us all!

There are a number of plates and dishes in the Faculty Lounge, we would like to see returned to you. Please feel free to pop into the lounge to collect these. They will be on a table near the fridge or in the cupboards under the counter.

If you need any help, please just let me know.

Kind regards,

Annette Brand
MS/HS Secretary





KILT WALK

SUNDAY JUNE 4TH - ABERDEEN



SIGN UP OPEN!

REGISTER AT WWW.THEKILTWALK.CO.UK

Kiltwalk is a great Scottish fundraiser, where participants fundraise for any registered Scottish Charity. Many current participants are fundraising on behalf of The Outward Bound Trust, a favourite charity of former ISA principal and friend, the late Franke Thomas.

Strollers are permitted, however portions of the walk may prove difficult! There will be food, drink, entertainment, fun & surprises provided along the route! Walks conclude at Potarch Green on the Ballogie Estate.

Transportation is available when booked in advance from the finish line back to Aberdeen!

Further details - tasha.backus@icloud.com

THE Wee Wander

- £12 for adults, £6 of children 5+ years!
- hot meal provided at the finish line!
- Join us "International School Aberdeen PTO"!
- Departs King George V Park, Dee Street, Banchory, 12 pm!

THE Mighty Stride

- £30 for adults and children over 13
- 2 hot meals provided, pitstops along the way!
- Join us "ISA International Soles"!
- Departs Duthie Park, Aberdeen at 9 am