



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
Ikast-Brande

Letter from the Head of School 27 November 2020

Dear Parents

Christmas performances

ISIB students have been preparing for two keenly awaited Christmas performances lately: the Christmas production, and the Lip-Sync Challenge! Sadly, Covid-19 means we cannot gather together as we normally would for these celebrations, and to see the students perform in person. However, the performances will be captured on video so that they can be shared and enjoyed by everyone.

O, Christmas Tree!

On Monday afternoon the annual ISIB tree-decorating ceremony, when the children decorate them with their baubles and annual wishes for the year ahead. There will be one large tree for the whole school, and four smaller trees. Each of these smaller trees will represent one of our new school Houses – the Bears, Eagles, Lions and Sharks. After the ceremony the children will get delicious Æbelskiver as a special treat!

School support survey results

Earlier this term, Mr Connell conducted a survey of staff members, parents and students about support at the school. I am delighted to say that the responses were extremely positive, and highlighted the value all ISIB community members place on the respectful and supportive relationships we enjoy. Other strengths include that children's concerns are listened to, the school is well-organised, and that we are a school where cultural diversity and differences are celebrated. A couple of areas for development emerged, too: a majority of students would like their interests to be used more in school, and a third of parents feel their children could be challenged more. Mr Connell has completed his analysis of the results and further details will be published shortly.

Leadership retreat

From Thursday to Saturday morning, the ISIB leadership team has been working at its annual retreat. These days give us an opportunity to hold strategic-level discussions and address major tasks for which it is otherwise difficult to find enough time without interruptions. This year we have discussed the ISIB Vision and Mission, the school's strategy for the next five years, and data protection, as well as tackling numerous major tasks. I am grateful to our staff team for keeping the school running smoothly in our absence. We are keen to be back in school on Monday, and to see our colleagues and the children again!



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Music at ISIB

Music is an essential part of a vibrant school community, and I am therefore delighted to announce that in January 2021 we will be joined by Ms Milica Obucina. Ms Obucina has years of classroom teaching experience at one of the USA's leading schools, and has been an instrumental teacher as well as a principal cellist in several orchestras. We look forward to benefitting from Ms Obucina's energy and enthusiasm for music. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Trille Vestergaard for her service at ISIB, especially her help for the children as they rehearse for the Christmas performances. We will continue to work closely with the Ikast Music School in order to provide instrumental lessons to ISIB students as part of our after-school activities programme in the New Year.

Regards / Venlig hilsen

Tom Wilde, Head of School