



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
Ikast-Brande

## Letter from the Head of School 23 October 2020

Dear Parents,

### **Let there be light!**

During the half-term break, beautiful new lights were installed in the NLT Room and in the school corridors. These lights are highly energy-efficient, which means our school will be more environmentally friendly than ever – as well as reducing our energy bills. We are grateful to the Ejendomsselskab, which supported this project.

### **Friends of ISIB**

On Monday this week I met with the Board of the Friends of ISIB, to discuss how we can work together to promote and improve ISIB. This organization plays an important role in our school community, as it provides a forum for anyone interested in supporting the school and being an ambassador for ISIB in our wider community.

I urge all ISIB parents to join the Friends of ISIB. Membership fees are just 50 DKK for the year, which can be paid by bank transfer to 7641-2037186, or by MobilePay to 45740. Be sure to text the payment with the note 'Friends' and your full name.

### **Halloween**

Next Friday, 30 October will be an optional dress-up day for students who wish to take part. Children may wear Halloween costumes, as long as they are both practical and appropriate for school. (We don't want your child to catch cold because their costume isn't warm enough, or other children to be overly scared by another child's costume!) Children may also bring an optional donation of 20 DKK for the Knæk Cancer fund.

### **Homework Club**

Mr Connell is offering a new Homework Club from next week onwards, open to all students from Year 7 to Year 11. The club will take place on Mondays from 1500-1600, in Torvet at Hjertet. The club is on a 'drop-in' basis – students do not need to sign up, or attend every week, but only when they need it.



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### **Fire drill**

On Tuesday morning we held our first practice fire drill of the year. Hjertet was evacuated in under two minutes, and the Bøgildvej building in under four minutes. The children evacuated quickly and quietly and were all accounted for by their teachers. Afterwards, we reflected on what went well and how we can improve, and recommendations have been adopted to improve our safety procedures.

### **National Exercise Day**

The primary children made an excellent effort on Friday 9 October, to mark National Exercise Day. Mr Aros arranged online challenges for the secondary students, and I look forward to announcing the winners once their final results have been received.

### **School shoes**

I would like to thank all of the families who took time during the holiday to find suitable new indoor shoes for school. Homeroom teachers will be reminding their groups of the need to have proper black school shoes for use indoors. As always, we encourage all students to have suitable outdoors shoes so that they can continue to be active and enjoy playing outside, whatever the weather!

### **Spanish Club**

The ISIB/IB Gymnasium Spanish Club kicked off this week on Tuesday and Thursday, with four IB Diploma students helping ten ISIB students learn essential Spanish words and phrases. We encourage other students to sign up for this activity by seeing Ms Anglada, or parents can email Ms Anglada at [noemianglada@isib.dk](mailto:noemianglada@isib.dk). Students can attend one or both days, as they wish.

### **Maths Olympiads**

Another new initiative started this week: the first Maths Olympiad training session took place, with over 30 eager mathematicians from Year 4 to Year 8 taking part. They enjoyed it so much that some of them wanted a second hour of training! We look forward to seeing the results of their first Olympiad competition, in November. This will set the baseline for them to build upon in subsequent Olympiads.

I wish you and your families a healthy and fun weekend!

Regards / Med venlig hilsen

**Tom Wilde, Head of School**

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