



BERLIN BRANDENBURG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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CALENDAR DATES

Mon, 26 – Fri, 30 October	Autumn Break
Saturday, 31 October	Reformation Day (Brandenburg National Holiday)
Wednesday, 4 November	ES Principal's Coffee Morning at 8.10 am
Friday, 6 November	Gala Dinner at The Ritz-Carlton, Berlin
Tuesday, 10 November	Drama Grade 10
Wednesday, 11 November	Student Support Services: Cultural Transition for New Families and Staff
Thursday, 12 November	ES Matinée
Wednesday, 18 November	HS Informal Music Soirée II
Wednesday, 18 November	ES Open House Morning from 8.00 to 10.30 am
Tuesday, 24 November	MS/HS Parent-Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, 25 November	ES Principal's Coffee Morning at 8.10 am
Thursday, 26 November	Performance of "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" at 7 pm in the Heizhaus
Friday, 27 November	Performance of "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" at 7 pm in the Heizhaus

OPENING HOURS – SPORTS SHOP

Thursday, 5 November	11 am – 2 pm
Thursday, 12 November	1 – 3 pm
Thursday, 19 November	11 am – 2 pm
Thursday, 26 November	1 – 3 pm

NEWS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

Richard Bartlett, High School Principal

French Change

We wish Soazig Purenne well as she prepares to temporarily leave us to go on maternity leave. After the autumn break her classes will be taught by Mr Christophe Gigon, a native-speaking French teacher from Belgium, who has most recently been teaching French in Cairo, Egypt.

Loss, etc

Just a reminder that we ask students not to bring valuable items (iPods, etc) to school as the school cannot take responsibility for any losses. If students do bring such items against our advice they should ensure they are indelibly marked with a name, and they keep them secure in their lockers throughout the day. Through assemblies, PHSE programmes, and endeavours of homeroom teachers the concepts of care and respect (including property of others) that are central to our mission are addressed. If students do lose something, please remember to check Lost Property (Reception) where a huge array of missing items can be found.



New Teacher

Bronwen Hinton hails from Melbourne, Australia where she trained as an English teacher and taught for some years. A desire to see more of the world took her to London where she has been teaching most recently, and now we are delighted she is with us in Berlin, a city which she has long desired to live in. She has not been disappointed since arriving and is loving life here. She is also looking forward to seeing much of Europe during her vacations. Indeed, her ambition is to visit every European country in the next five years (despite the lack of her favourite food “Vegemite” in this part of the world). Interested in all sports she particularly focuses on those of her homeland: cricket, and Aussie-rules football being her top choices. A new sport she hopes to try during her time here is skiing, the possibility of which almost compensates for the cooler climate of this part of the world.

If you have comments, questions or suggestions concerning the High School please contact me on 033203 8036-0, email richard.bartlett@bbis.de , or just drop in.

NEWS FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Camille Du Aime, Elementary School Principal

Welcoming the children to school this morning was a bitter/sweet experience as it was the last time that children will be dropped off at the top entrance. I am very much looking forward to the safety of having a [traffic free campus](#), but do know that the change will create challenges as well. The buses will enter the campus by the B road, turn around at the new round about near Gate B and then pull up in between House 2 and 3 to drop off children. For the first weeks Tina will assign an older Elementary child to each EC or Gr. 1 child to help them get safely to their classroom. I will stay up near the blue box (reception) in case any EC parents choose to drop their children off at the A gate. We do not recommend that option to parents with older students, as we will then have a huge traffic problem in the area between the turn off to the Sports Hall and the blue box. If you are an EC parents and want to use the drop off option, please have your children ready to hop out (no back packs in the trunk or extended goodbyes please!).

During peak hours (7:45-8:15 am and 2:45-3:15 pm) the gate at the top of the Sports Hall steps will be open so that students and parents can walk within the school grounds. For security reasons, outside of peak hours, parents should turn right at the top of the Sports Hall steps and walk up the road so that they enter campus by the blue box. We expect the transition will be challenging but ask for your patience as we worked out all the kinks in this plan, which will significantly increase the safety of children at our school.

We are still processing the rich cultural experiences that children had during [International Week](#), especially on Thursday's Culture Rotation day. The PTA organized a thank you breakfast for the parents, but I also want to extend thanks to all the parents involved on behalf of all the students and teachers. It's an amazing opportunity and the only improvements we need to make is in thinking about how to get more kids to more rooms (and more parents to more rooms!) so we can all profit from the amazing diversity within our community.

The students have finished drawing their entries for the [calendar competition](#) and yesterday the student council members short-listed from approximately 250 entries to 35. The student council advisors and several other teachers are now making the final 14 selections. We are trying to make the final selection balanced between grade levels, specific rights that are represented and artistic styles. The calendar should be on sale in early December. If you order early you get a discount!

The first Wednesday back from our holiday, I will be hosting a [coffee morning](#). This will be the usual open-agenda gathering at 8:10 in my office. I would also like to invite parents to a coffee morning on Wednesday, November 25, at which Lisa Roy and I will be asking for parental input on specific topics relating to the PYP standards, so that we can incorporate parent opinion into the self-study we are preparing. Regular parent coffee attendees are welcome but also anyone who feels knowledgeable about the PYP and is willing to help us analyze our strengths and weaknesses is also welcome.

Matt Sinziani (Gr. 2 teacher) has learned about a project to [create a human Berlin Wall](#) on the evening of November 9. The idea is to have as many people as possible stand on the line of the Wall and join hands to create a peaceful Berlin Wall and then celebrate the fall of this barrier by letting hands go and enjoying the remembrance of this historic event 20 years ago. If you are interested, go to www.mauer-mob.com. It seems like a powerful symbolic means of commemorating this world changing event.

The first two months of school have been very busy in the Elementary school: Einschulung ceremony, open house and PYP info evening, Gr. 2 musical plays, Beatlemania, cross-country tournament, Green Day, Move-a-Thon, Culture Room rotations, parent teacher conferences, etc...! I hope all of you have relaxing and rejuvenating plans for the holiday and that we will return ready for the new learning opportunities in November.

Upcoming Events in the Elementary School

Oct 26-30 NO SCHOOL - Autumn Break
Nov 4 Principal's Coffee Morning (8:10 in Camille's Office)
Nov.18 Open House Morning (note change of date)
Nov. 25 Principal's Coffee Morning PYP self-study input (8:10 in Camille's office)

Advance Order Form for BBIS's Children's Rights Calendar 2010

Student's Name : _____

Class/Grade: _____

I would like to order _____ calendars which will be delivered to me in early December.
Each calendar costs 10 €, therefore I have enclosed _____ €.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me on 033203 8036-125, email camille.duaine@bbis.de or simply drop by my office for a visit. Parents are always welcome!

SCHOOL WIDE NEWS

LINK TO THE PTA NEWSLETTER

<http://www.bbis.de/content/new-events/index2.htm>

NEWS FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English Department and School Library have invited the author [Celia Rees](#) to visit the school on Tuesday 3rd November. Ms Rees will be conducting two sessions with Grade 6 and 7, where she will be talking about the creative writing process and giving the students an opportunity to ask questions about being an author. Ms Rees is the author of seventeen novels for children, including '[Pirates!](#)' and her latest, '[Sovay](#)'. We are very excited about her forthcoming visit.

Bronwen Hinton
English Teacher

DONATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL MATHS COMPETITION AT BBIS

Dear Parents,

In February 2010, Berlin Brandenburg International School will have the honour to host the 13th ISMTF International Senior Mathematics School Competition. Over 180 of the best students in mathematics from over 30 countries worldwide and different school systems will visit our school for 3 days to enjoy mathematics and compete for the best results.



We would like to ask for your support in celebrating their achievements in mathematics. We would need **THREE** prizes for approx. 100 – 250 euros each for the best three individual results.

The contributors' names will be recognized in the Mathematics Competition Awards Ceremony on 28 February 2010, the Competition Booklet, and the BBIS newsletter *Kaleidoscope*.



Your donation is tax deductible. You will receive a statement certifying the donated amount soon following its receipt.

If you would like to **donate a prize**, please contact the Competition Coordinator Tatiana Uspenskaia on 0176 48243 816 or at tania.uspenskaia@bbis.de

If you would like to **finance a prize**, please make a bank transfer to the following account:

Organization:	BBIS GmbH
Account number:	858 105 502 2
Bank sort code:	100 900 00
Bank:	Berliner Volksbank
Description:	Maths Competition

Additionally, please contact the Competition Coordinator Tatiana Uspenskaia on 0176 48243 816 or at tania.uspenskaia@bbis.de to inform her about your donation.

If you have any further questions about the competition, please have a look at our website (http://www.bbis.de/content/new-events/math_comp_site.htm) or contact

Dr. Tatiana Uspenskaia
HS Maths Teacher
Email tania.uspenskaia@bbis.de

BBIS OUTWARD BOUND ADVENTURE TRIP

This trip will occur over the upcoming February Winter Break from **12-21 February, 2010**. Outward Bound is a non-profit organization dedicated to changing lives and improving the world. Give your child the opportunity to discover, challenge, and stretch boundaries through outdoor adventure and teamwork. Check it out at www.outwardbound.org/ Skiing, Snowshoeing, and outdoor games are just a taste of what this week is about. Details for sign-up to follow soon. Please contact Katy Kennedy (katy.kennedy@bbis.de) or Ben Dutton (ben.dutton@bbis.de) with any questions!

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN “TAKE A SEAT”

On 8 May 2009 we started our new fundraising campaign *Take a Seat* to support the purchase of new chairs for the BBIS Sports Hall. On behalf of the school I would like to thank those parents and friends of BBIS who have been so generous with their donations and I am thrilled to have moved so far toward our target of 800 new seats. *This summer, we have already purchased new chairs with the donations we have received.* If you haven't already, please consider taking part in this important effort.

The following parents and companies have already made a donation:

Alexandra Becher
Maximilian Kunte
Barzani
Dres. Muhle, Gewalt and Tosch-Muhle, Anke
Emilia Schreck
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Mertens
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121 chairs have been donated so far.

If you have any further questions about our campaign, please have a look at our website (http://www.bbis.de/content/bbis-community/donations_site.htm), take a flyer with you from the BBIS reception desk or contact

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The school needs your old/empty printer cartridges. We need as many as we can get because each container of cartridges gives us points, and when we have enough points we trade these in for electronic equipment. All types of cartridges are welcome. Please send your empty printer cartridges to the IT Department.

Harry Klooster
Head of IT Department

