



BERLIN BRANDENBURG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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CALENDAR DATES

Fri, 25 – Sat, 26 September	BBIS hosts Football HS Boys & Girls
Monday, 28 September	Meeting on International Week at 8.10 am in the Cafeteria
Monday, 28 September	Opening Ceremony for improved ES Playground at 2.30 pm
Thursday, 1 October	MS/HS Parent Information Evening at 7 pm in the Sports Hall
Friday, 2 October	<i>Beatlemania</i> at 6 pm in the Sports Hall
Saturday, 3 October	BBIS hosts Football MS Boys & Girls and Volleyball HS Boys & Girls
Saturday, 10 October	BBIS hosts Football MS/HS Boys & Girls and Volleyball HS Boys & Girls
Mon, 12 – Fri, 16 October	International Week at BBIS
Mon, 26 – Fri, 30 October	Autumn Break

OPENING HOURS – SPORTS SHOP

Thursday, 1 October	11 am – 2 pm
Thursday, 8 October	1 – 3 pm
Thursday, 15 October	11 am – 2 pm
Thursday, 22 October	1 – 3 pm

NEWS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

Richard Bartlett, High School Principal

HS and MS Parent information Evening

Please remember that the High School/Middle School Information Evening will take place here at the school on Thursday 1st October at 19.00 in the Sports Hall. Mr Kestner and I are pleased to invite you to this occasion, which should only take an hour or so of your time. It will enable you to hear about current developments in the High School and Middle School and will be an opportunity to meet many of the other parents as well as the teachers. Refreshments will be served at what I am sure will prove an enjoyable and worthwhile occasion. We believe that parents who are fully informed, engaged, and understand the educational process here at BBIS can make a real difference to the progress of their children. We look forward to meeting you.

Please return the reply slip attached to the letter that was sent home by email to help us cater the event.

New Teacher



Alexandra Fontoura Reynolds was born and raised in Lisbon, Portugal where she trained as an artist. Visiting London to experience its culture, she stayed and, after working as an artist for several years, she obtained an MA in Art and trained as a teacher. She worked as an Art/Technology teacher for several years in East London before accepting our offer to join us at BBIS where she also teaches Art and Design Technology as well as being the Yearbook Coordinator. She likes to return to Portugal with her husband and children for regular visits to ensure that the cultural and linguistic contacts are maintained. Although too busy so far to explore much of Berlin, she is looking forward to enjoying the artistic highlights of the city.

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 MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ben Kestner, Middle School Principal



It's very important that parents stay in touch with latest developments and trends in computer technology and use. [Netsmartz](#) which is a part of The National [U.S.] Center for Missing and Exploited Children, is an excellent resource for students and parents. The goal of NetSmartz is to extend the safety awareness of children and empower them to make responsible decisions online and in real life. Have a look at their website: www.netsmartz.org

Inter House Football League

The inter house football league 2009 will kick off on Monday. Each house has put forward teams of four players (girls and boys) to take part in the first inter house competition of the year. Teams will play against each other during lunch times and the scores and positions will be displayed on the Middle School floor. This is just the first of many opportunities planned, for the students to take part in competitions for their houses.

Facebook and Social Networking

Social networking has been around for many years. But never has it been so easy and quick to communicate with large groups of people instantly from virtually anywhere. Social networking sites, blogging and micro-blogging services such as facebook and twitter give us instant access to information and friends. The danger is, that unless we are very careful, other people can also easily access our information too. The most common way that other parties access information is from knowing the password. Kids tend to share their passwords with their friends, thinking they can trust them, but this trust can and does often lead to problems. Below is a list, containing advice we give to our students.

- Never share your password (even with your best friend)
- Understand the privacy settings
- Be careful about posting information that could be used to identify you or your location (telephone numbers, address etc.)
- If you feel uncomfortable with something which has been posted-speak to the person.
- Block unwanted communications
- If someone posts a photo you don't like – speak to them.
- Tell your parents what you are doing. If they don't understand, this can lead to confrontation. Educate them to the benefits and dangers of social networking!

Ben Kestner's Blog

A reminder that you can read about my current thoughts on education matters on my blog: www.benkestner.wordpress.com.

If you have any comments or questions concerning the Middle School please contact me on 033203 8036-768, email ben.kestner@bbis.de , or just drop in.

NEWS FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Camille Du Aime, Elementary School Principal

We are pleased to announce that all the [improvements on the playground](#) are now finished. The kids love the new monkey bars and the “fair share” basketball hoop. Our goal when selecting new equipment was to provide activities that would build upper body strength. The number of kids who can manage to swing from one end of the monkey bars to the other has increased in this week alone! The basketball hoop helps students work on their throwing and aiming skills while also working on sharing skills (the ball you throw in, doesn’t necessarily come back to you...!). We also have a new shed that we are stocking with lots of new play items. We will have a small opening ceremony on Monday Sept 28th at 2:30 to thank the PTA for their donation to the playground from funds raised at last year’s Summerfest. Join us if you’d like!

Plans are coming along for the culture rooms during [International Week](#). We have 16 rooms organized so far representing the following cultures: Israel, German, Korea, Philippines, Russia, Canada, Jamaica, Africa, America, Italy, UK, Thailand, Czech Republic, Australia, Netherlands, Austria. If you are willing to help with one of these or want to organize another room, great! There is a meeting on Monday, September 28, at 8:10 in the cafeteria to help solidify plans. All are welcome!

In Gr. 4, 6 and 8 BBIS offers the opportunity for students to take a [standardized test called the International Schools Assessment \(ISA\) test](#) which was developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). You can find out more about the test by going to their website: <http://www.acer.edu.au/isa/>. This year the students will take these tests on Wednesday and Thursday next week. If your child is scheduled to take the test, you will have received a separate letter with further information.

The test measures reading, mathematical literacy and writing through a combination of multiple-choice questions, open-ended questions and prompts. It is normed on an international school population and designed to have a broad cultural base. Because it is externally moderated, it takes quite a while for the results to be returned, which limits its usefulness as an assessment of an individual child’s progress. However, we do find it useful to regularly compare our students’ levels to those of other international schools to ensure we are on the right track as a school.

If you spend any time at school over the next few weeks you might see some unusual activity or sense a certain distrust between staff members. This is not a sign of deteriorating relationships, but rather the temporary side effects of a [team-building game](#) that we are playing. Any staff member who wants to participate is assigned a person that they must “tag” with a specific object in a specific place. For example someone might need to tag me with a protractor on a staircase. When you tag someone, you inherit their assigned target and the game goes on until there is only one person left. To avoid disruption to the learning, everyone is “safe” in their classroom/office. I share this with you because last year when just the Elementary played (the idea was suggested by Jesse Worley and he master minds the whole thing) many of the kids became aware of the game and really got a kick out of seeing adults they respect be so playful. The real purpose is to help our large staff (over 125 people) to get to know each other and have fun! Maybe next time we’ll involve the parent body!

[I will be out of town next Thursday and Friday](#) as I will be attending a meeting of all the Elementary Principals of International Schools in Germany. This is a great opportunity for me to exchange ideas, learn about other people’s solutions to common challenges and develop relationships with people that I can turn to when I need advice. Staff have similar opportunities through our Professional Development program. Teachers are invited to apply for conferences, courses and school visits that

they think will improve their practice. Though this sometimes means they miss a day or two of school, they bring back lots of great ideas and the students profit in the long run.

Next Friday at 6:00 is the [Beatlemania](#) performance. Even if you and your child are not performing, you should consider attending as it should be quite entertaining. Rumor has it that the management team will be there with wigs on! Please note that the next coffee morning is on Oct.7 in my office. If there is a great turn-out like last time, we'll move into the cafeteria. The Elementary School had elections for student council this week. Congratulations to all the students who were involved enough and confident enough to run.

Looks like another sunny weekend! Do come to school and cheer on our teams as they play soccer against Bavarian International School and Berlin British School or come watch the volleyball teams as they compete with the Waldorfschule and the International School of Dresden. There are games from 4:00-6:00 on Friday and from 8:30-4:00 on Saturday. Enjoy!

Upcoming Events in the Elementary School

Sept 30-Oct 1	Standardized test in Grade 4
Oct. 2	Beatlemania (18:00)
Oct. 7	Principal's Coffee Morning (8:10)
12-16 Oct	International Week

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>

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

Ha, Yinyoung and Ha, Minyoung

Mertens
Seeling Family
Young Gyu Ahn
Ensser Family
C. and R. Zimmermann
Ines and Frank Hennig
Dr Qingjun Han and Lanhua Zheng
Rachela and Patrick Reich
Carsten R. Eggers
Beat and Monica Geissler
Dr Schultz Family
K.-W. Liebrecht
Gelman Family
Markus Family
Marco Witte
Gertrud von Storch
Axel Herr
Shaul Shani and Nicole Schauder-Shani
Wolfgang Siederer and Jana Prokop
Yoshinori Fujiyama
Vilhelm Fagerlund
John und Caroline Flüh
Dr. Rolf und Beatrice Hamberger
Tatiana Rozova
Peter and Susanne Sonnenthal
Kiene IT – Service & Consulting
Reifen-Müller, Georg Müller GmbH & Co. KG
EMB Erdgas Mark Brandenburg GmbH
HENNIG Haustechnische Gesamtplanungen
AHNER/BREHM
Böttger GmbH
Märkische Projekt Bau
Marotzke Malereibetrieb GmbH



113 chairs have been donated so far.

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

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NEWS FROM THE YEARBOOK COORDINATOR

The Yearbook welcomes photographic contributions from parents who regularly attend school events, committees, Parent Teacher Association, Sports, Drama and Music and others.

For quality purposes, photographic shots - action, still, individual or group - should be taken with a 5 megapixel or above cameras, set to high quality, using red eye reduction and at no more than 7 meters away if possible.

Please contact me for further information, to let me know of your interest and the events you may be able to cover.

Alexandra Fontoura
Yearbook Coordinator
Alexandra.Fontoura@bbis.de

WEEKLY NEWS FROM THE ATHLETICS PROGRAMME

Please find in this article:

- Match reports from last weekend, 19 September.
- Coming up fixtures (this weekend and beyond)
- Request for Booster club members

[Match reports from last weekend, 19th September](#)

[Football varsity girls](#)

What a great day on Saturday to have our first home games of the season – and the girls stepped up to the mark and played two solid games. Our first match of the day, against Berlin International School, finished with the score of 6-0 for BBIS. The game was definitely a team effort, with a great improvement in our passing, and connections being made all over the field. Goal scorers were Isabel Rintanen scoring 1, Joanna Bartlett with 2, and Maja Bernau with a hatrick. The second game, against Hannover ended in a draw, 0-0. Although there were no goals score, it is not for a lack of effort. BBIS dominated the game, a great example of which was the more than 5 corner kicks taken in the last 5 minutes of play. In both games, the effort from the girls was obvious, and it was exciting to watch them begin to gel as a team. The day was another important step in our race to the finals at GISST in November.

(*Correction from last week's write up. Lisanne van Wijngaarden scored our goal last weekend.)

Lisa Pavlock
[Head coach](#)

[Football varsity boys](#)

Our varsity boys team had their first fixture of the season here at BBIS last weekend with a solid performance against both Hannover and Berlin International School. Our boys won in a good game with Berlin but needed to accept a unlucky defeat against Hannover. BBIS did put a lot of pressure on the Hannover defense but could not find a way to get passed the goalie. It is almost a given fact that when you are stronger but struggle to score, they will have a chance to counter attack and score. This was exactly what happened and so although our boys played a good game, they ended up with a loss. The next game for the varsity boys is a very interesting 3 way tournament at BBIS this weekend

against both Berlin British School and Bavaria International School. Bavaria will arrive on Friday and play against us in the afternoon as well as on Saturday morning. The students of Bavaria will be housed by parents from BBIS. Hope to see you all on the field for some support!

Steve Vandersteen
[Head coach](#)

[Football U14 boys](#)

The U14 boys team played a weekly game on Thursday 17th September against the Berlin British School (BBS). Again it was a great performance from them and it seems that the team is bonding and playing some solid football. After a full hour of playing BBS had the upper hand on the scoreboard with a 2-3 win here at BBIS. Next games for the boys are in Munich at Bavaria International School. The team is travelling on Friday morning to Bavaria by bus and will return on Saturday evening.

Ben Dutton and Jesse Worley
[U14 Soccer/Football coaches](#)

[Football U14 girls](#)

The U14 girls team had a weekly fixture on Tuesday 22nd September here at BBIS against the Berlin British School (BBS) Both teams are in a rebuilding year with many grade 8 students that have moved on to the varsity team and fresh players from grade 6 who have joined. This Tuesday was also the first day that grade 5 students could join the football practice and it was fantastic to see those girls already in action in a game situation. They thoroughly enjoyed it and as a team we were successful with a 1-0 victory, after a goal scored by Benedict Simons.

Our next game will be on Saturday 3rd October when we will host BBS and BerIS here on our campus for a three way tournament. Hope to see you there!

Joost Langendonck
[Head coach](#)

[Coming up fixtures](#)

Some changes since last week, please find the list of fixtures below. The Saturday 26th will be an exciting weekend for us with 7 teams visiting BBIS and 2 teams staying overnight (housed by BBIS families)

Please come and support our students and teams, they need you all!

Days	Month	Date	Sport	Team	Opponents	Time	Where
Saturday	September	26 th	Volleyball	varsity girls	Waldorf schule	9-4pm	BBIS
Saturday	September	26 th	Volleyball	varsity boys	Dresden + Waldorf schule	9-4pm	BBIS
Friday and Saturday	September	25-26th	Football	U14 girls	BIS + BBIS	2 days	Bavaria
Friday and Saturday	September	25-26th	Football	U14 boys	BIS + BBIS	2 days	Bavaria
Friday and Saturday	September	25-26th	Football	varsity boys	Bavaria + BBIS + BBS	Fri afternoon-Sat; 9am-3pm	BBIS
Friday and	September	25-26th	Football	varsity girls	Bavaria + BBIS +	Fri	BBIS

Saturday					BBS	afternoon- Sat; 9am- 3pm	
Saturday	October	3 rd	Football	U14 boys	Hannover- BBS	9am – 3pm	BBIS
Saturday	October	3 rd	Football	U14 girls	Hannover- BBS	9am – 3pm	BBIS

[Looking for parent volunteers to join](#)

- Athletics Booster club members
- Housing coordinators + host families

[BBIS Athletics programme](#)

Our Athletics programme is expanding and more and more students make use of the sporting opportunities that are available at BBIS. This also means that we will host more games and tournaments this year than ever before, among which two GISST events (varsity boys basketball and Track and Field).

[Housing](#)

When our teams travel, the other schools host and house our students. When they come to play here at BBIS, we return the favor. This keeps the costs for sporting trips low and provides an opportunity for our students to meet and get to know the students and families from other schools. It is a fantastic and true international experience when total strangers look after you. It is also a wonderful experience to host children from various countries and offer them your hospitality and care.

[Can you host children for BBIS?](#)

We are always looking for families who are willing to host athletes from other schools. Any family within BBIS can host. It is not necessary that your son or daughter takes part in our programme or is part of the team that played that weekend.

[How can you get involved?](#)

Please come and see me or contact me through email. Further details about specific dates and housing requirements will be distributed in the coming weeks through our website and kaleidoscope.

[Who organizes the housing for BBIS?](#)

The Athletic Director will coordinate this process. Our parent helpers contact the parents of students who we would like to house but this is a big job. With 2 extra parents, this job would become very manageable. These parents and the Athletic director together will form the Booster club, an initiative that started last year. We have many new ideas that we would like to realize and look forward seeing new members joining us.

Kind regards,

Joost Langendonck
Athletic Director

„SAMMELDRACHE“

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WANTED

Television

We seek a television in fine working condition that is about 37 inches (94 cm), give or take a few. Should be a major brand, like Panasonic, Sony, Toshiba, LG, etc., especially if it happens to be an LCD (though we don't expect to find lots of these used).

Please write adam AT lyricist.net with details if you have such a thing you want to sell or otherwise dispose of. Thank you!

FOR SALE

Ikea "Markor" shelves, "wenge" (deep, dark brown) in like-new condition

We bought this unit three years ago and it has been in constant disuse ever since. In other words, we put books and things on it and then pretty much left it alone. There are some tiny dings along the edge of one shelf, but it is remarkably fine otherwise.

It is solid spruce wood with adjustable shelves. We'd like to get 85 € (or best offer) for this excellent set of shelves.

Product dimensions

Width: 35 "	Width: 89 cm
Depth: 13 3/8 "	Depth: 34 cm
Height: 75 5/8 "	Height: 192 cm
Max load/shelf: 71 lb	Max load/shelf: 32 kg

Markor is an old stand-by of Ikea's – a strong seller year after year for timeless design and solid construction. And remember: You don't have to put them together! But you do have to get them down some one flight of steep stairs, so bring a friend.

Please contact adam AT lyricist.net if you have such a thing you want to sell or otherwise dispose of. Thank you!

