



# iDSB NEWSLETTER

## September 2024

Dear parents, dear students, dear friends of the iDSB,

I would like to warmly welcome you to the new school year 2024/25. I have already met many of the students and parents who are starting at iDSB at the welcome picnic. I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the organisers of this event, which is part of the welcoming culture at iDSB that we can all be proud of!

For many of you, September is a new start, both professionally for you and for the children at school. Some are not 'out there' for the first time and are already familiar with German schools abroad in other places. For others, it is the first time they have ventured into a country whose

language and culture is very different to Germany. It is also often a big challenge for the children - the older they get, the more so. The German school is then a good place for them to experience a piece of their cultural identity and at the same time be confronted with many things that they are not familiar with from school at home. We hope and do our utmost to make this step easier for the 'newcomers' and to offer our support.

You have all received an email from Dr Nozar, the chairwoman of our school association, with the news that the major project to build a new school in the planned form is being called into question by the German authorities. The financing of the new building, apart from the interior fittings, is a matter for the federal government. We are all very disappointed about this, especially as a lot of time has already passed and enormous human resources have been invested in the detailed planning - right down to the last socket - over the last two years. Rest assured that the Board of Directors and the school management, with the strong support of our ambassador, are endeavouring to positively influence further decisions!

Now I wish us all a wonderful autumn with many happy, sunny days!

Jochen Flohn  
Headmaster

*NOTE: If you would like to receive the **newsletter in GERMAN** in the future, please send an email to [marketing@idsb.eu](mailto:marketing@idsb.eu)*

## DATES

**Every Thursday, 8 - 9 am** | Parents' Café in the OS

**02.10.2024** | Pedagogical Day - **NO LESSONS** (KiBi open 8 am - 4 pm, emergency care GS to 6th grade)

**03.10.2024** | Tag der deutschen Einheit - **NO LESSONS**

**04.10.2024** | Company excursion - **NO LESSONS** (no emergency care)

**12.10.2024** | iDSB flea market

**17.10.2024, 1st and 2nd break** | GS+ kiosk

**28.10.-03.11.2024** | Autumn holidays (Holiday care in KiBi & GS excl. 01.11.)

**04./05.11.2024** | Fit4Life for 7th and 9th grades

**07.11.2024, 5 pm** | St. Martin's procession in the KiBi (with parents)

**11.11.2024** | Armistice - **NO LESSONS**

12.11.2024 | iDSB art show

16.11.2024, 10 am - 12 pm | Open Day in the KiBi

20.11.2024 | Extraordinary general meeting of the school association

27.11.2024 | German reading competition for 6th grades

03.12.2024 | German reading competition for 5th grades

06.12.2024 | St Nicholas comes to the KiBi and GS (without parents)

09.12.2024 | Annual general meeting of the school association

20.12.2024 | Christmas singing in the GS amphitheatre (with parents)

21.12.2024-05.01.2025 | Christmas holidays

## NEWS

iDSB flea market on 12.10.2024



**FLOHMARKT**  
Kleiderbörse | Clothes Sale  
Flohmarkt-Café | Coffee Corner

**FLEA MARKET**

Infos  
flohmarkt@idsb.eu  
www.idsb.eu

SA, 12.10. 2024  
9.30 – 13.00h

iDSB Internationale Deutsche Schule Brüssel  
Lange Elstraat 71, Rue du Long Chêne – 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem

The poster features a central illustration of a bicycle, a table with a teddy bear, a stack of books, and a rack of clothes. A small iDSB logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the illustration.

On **12 October**, the popular iDSB autumn flea market will take place again at the iDSB (9.30 am - 1 pm).

We are once again looking forward to our popular clothes fair and a variety of stalls selling books, toys and many other treasures. Our flea market is the perfect opportunity to clear out your wardrobe, get rid of items you no longer use and perhaps find a piece of jewellery or two.

If you would like to sell something yourself, you can register for a stall on the ground floor of the secondary school. Space is limited, so register in good time to secure your stall.

All information about registration and the clothing fair can be found [here](#).

Week in German

This year, from **14 to 20 October**, the "Week for German" will once again take place throughout Belgium. The aim of this initiative is to raise awareness of the German language as a useful, enriching and melodious foreign and national language of Belgium.

As part of this event, we offer pupils from 5th to 10th grade from other schools in Belgium the opportunity to immerse themselves in German school life at the iDSB for a day from Monday to Friday, to get to know the language and culture and to take part in an exclusive German lesson.



## GS+ kiosk



The first weeks of school are over and we have earned a little sweet break! That's why the 3rd and 4th classes invite you to our GS school kiosk on Thursday, **17 October during the 1st and 2nd break in the amphitheatre.**

With the support of parents, we will be serving waffles, hot dogs, popcorn, pancakes and drinks at the primary school on this day. We can use the proceeds to buy great new toys for our playground. If you would like to treat yourself to some of the goodies, please remember to bring some money with you.

## Open day in the KiBi



We cordially invite families who are interested in enrolling their children with us to our open day at our kindergarten on **16 November** from **10 am - 12 pm**. On this day, new families can get to know our loving and child-centred environment and our dedicated team.

Registration required: Details can be found [HERE](#).

Do you know any friends or acquaintances who might be interested? Then we would be delighted if you could pass on the date.



## iDSB cultural programme - now online



The iDSB is more than just a 'place of learning': with its diverse cultural programme, it offers a meeting place for people of all nationalities beyond the school day. We have once again put together a colourful and varied range of events for the 2024/25 school year.

Curious to find out more? Have a look to our [Cultural events 2024/25](#).

Parents with parents - together for our children

Do you enjoy organising events? Are you interested in social commitment? Do you enjoy socialising with other parents? Then you've come to the right place! We on the Parents' Council are always on the lookout for committed mums and dads who would like to play an active role in shaping our colourful school life. We take care of many school matters with a lot of fun and passion - and we do it together, for our children.

Find out about all the opportunities [HERE](#).

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact our Parents' Council: [elternbeirat@idsb.eu](mailto:elternbeirat@idsb.eu).



## Our parents' café is open

### Elterncafé von Eltern für Eltern

Jeden Donnerstag von 8 bis 9 Uhr  
im Foyer der Oberschule

#### Mit folgenden Gästen:

Rolf Linse (OS)	10.10.24
Emanuel Imfeld (GS)	24.10.24
Jennifer Laumer (KiBi)	07.11.24



The parents' café is open **every Thursday from 8 to 9 am** in the foyer of the secondary school. New parents and 'old hands' can chat over a cup of coffee about school, children, daily life in Belgium, tips for excursions or restaurant visits and much more, and get to know new people. Come and have a look!

On selected days, contact persons from the kindergarten, primary school and secondary school will be available on site. They look forward to getting to know you better and answering your questions.

## Helping together: Fundraising campaign and project day with Serve the City



This school year, in collaboration with [Serve the City](#), we would once again like to travel to Brussels with pupils in grades 5-9 to distribute clothes, sandwiches and warm drinks to homeless people.

**Autumn clothing donation: Help with warm men's clothes for a good cause!**

We would like to invite you to support us in this endeavour. We need warm men's clothing (sweatshirts, jeans, jackets, socks, underwear, scarves, hats, gloves, trainers, boots: please wash and iron), which can be donated on the day of the flea market (12 October). A box will be available in the entrance area of the school. If you miss the call for donations at the flea market, you are also welcome to give your children the donations yourself on the project day on 7 November 2024.

We would also like to invite interested parents to support us on our school trips. If you are interested, please contact our team: [andrea.petersen@skynet.de](mailto:andrea.petersen@skynet.de) and [nele.weber@idsb.eu](mailto:nele.weber@idsb.eu).

Thank you very much for your support! We are delighted to be able to offer the project with Serve the City in the lower and middle school from this school year onwards and show the children that a small gesture can make a big difference.



Start of the second year as an Erasmus+ school: New exchange programmes and exciting projects in the pipeline



**Erasmus+**  
Enriching lives, opening minds.

With the start of the new school year, we are also starting our second year as an Erasmus+ school. Erasmus+ is an EU programme that offers schools the opportunity to network with other educational institutions in Europe. Funding is provided to enable exchange programmes for pupils,



entire classes and teachers. Last year, members of the iDSB were able to gain many enriching experiences abroad through this programme. For example, one pupil spent the 2023/2024 school year in Ireland, several exchanges with other schools were supported and some teachers took the opportunity to further their education and familiarise themselves with other school systems. These activities were accompanied by Mrs Vogel. This year, Mrs Grossmann and Mr Scuderi are taking on this task and numerous exciting projects are already being planned.

Several students will spend the first half of Year 10 abroad and some exchanges with partner schools have also already been organised. There will be an information event during the first half of the year for those interested in spending time abroad in Year 10 in the 2025/2026 school year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Born-Sirkel, who provided excellent support for the Erasmus+ activities last year.

## The school photographer was there

On Monday, our school photographer took a photo of each class/group and each child. Beautiful memories for the whole family!

In about 4 weeks you will receive further information about ordering the photos via the class teachers, with which you can view and order the photos of your child/children. The photos will be distributed to the children via the school once they have been ordered.



## A breath of fresh air for the canteen & bistro: new management and healthy options for pupils



After the heavy rainfall in August, which damaged the canteen floor, it now shines with a **new canteen floor** thanks to extensive renovations and offers an inviting atmosphere for everyone.

But there are not only visual changes. With the **new canteen management**, a breath of fresh air is blowing through our canteen. We are delighted to welcome Aysel - who has been part of the team for several years - as the new canteen manager!

The first changes have already been made to the bistro, especially to the breakfast menu. The **focus** is now **on healthy eating**: muesli, yoghurt and fresh fruit are now on the daily morning menu and offer students a balanced start to the day.

Everyone can also look forward to **a more varied bistro offering at lunchtime**. From October, it will be more colourful and varied - with exotic salads, pasta dishes, poke bowls, wraps and many other delicious dishes. These changes will not only fulfil the wishes of parents, but also those of the students.

## Last chance to register for the canteen!

You can only register your child/children for lunch **until 27.09.2024**. Registration is valid for pupils up to 6th grade and is carried out via [Phidias](#).

## Autumn collecting fun: acorns and chestnuts for the libraries - take part and win prizes!



WIR SAMMELN.....  
*Eicheln + Kastanien*  
 VOM 30.09 BIS 21.10.2024

Grundschüler\*innen können Eicheln in der  
 GS-Bibliothek abgeben und  
 Oberschüler\*innen bringen Kastanien mit  
 in Ihre OS-Bibliothek.

Bitte nur saubere + wurmfreie Schätze!

INTERNATIONALE  
 DEUTSCHE SCHULE  
**iDSB**  
 BRÜSSEL

Autumn is here.... and with it there are acorns and chestnuts by the wayside again. This year there is a special collection campaign in the libraries:

- **Primary school pupils collect acorns** for the GS library
- **Secondary school pupils collect chestnuts** for the OS library

Please make sure that the chestnuts and acorns are clean and dry so that there are no crawling animals.

The collected treasures can be handed in to the libraries **from 30 September to 21 October 2024.**

There will be another campaign after the autumn holidays: we will guess how many were collected and the best guess will win a prize!

Die iDSB für die Hosentasche!

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 im Apple App Store oder  
 Google Play Store

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## Appeal for donations: Helping together

Children's homes, mother and child facilities, homeless people and refugees are often dependent on your help! Whether toys, clothing, bed linen, hygiene articles or other useful items - every donation counts and can improve the lives of many people. If you would like to donate, you can find all the important contact details and information [HERE](#).



Thank you very much for your support!

## Have your contact details changed?

Do you have a new address or telephone number? Please inform the secretariats of your new contact details: [grundschule@idsb.eu](mailto:grundschule@idsb.eu) (for KiBi & GS) or [oberschule@idsb.eu](mailto:oberschule@idsb.eu) (for OS).

## Vacancies at the iDSB



Would you like to join our dedicated team? Take a look at our vacancies at the iDSB: [to the application platform](#).

## Coordinator for Italian courses wanted - apply now!

We are looking for someone who would like to coordinate the Italian courses offered free of charge by the Italian Embassy. If you are interested, please contact us at: [italianoidsb@gmail.com](mailto:italianoidsb@gmail.com). Grazie!

## Looking for instrumental lessons?

Dear parents, if you are interested in instrumental lessons for your child/children, you can contact the following [music teachers](#). Please note that all instrumental teachers mentioned are freelance.



## REVIEWS

Simply click on the article to read more:

- [iDSB inspires with successful 6th European Games](#)
- [Mobility week at the primary school](#)
- [Musical exchange: The Regensburger Domspatzen as guests at the iDSB in Brussels](#)
- [Welcome picnic at the iDSB on 01.09.2024](#)

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