



# iDSB NEWSLETTER

## October 2024

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

We are pleased to send you the latest newsletter. In addition to the dates, you will find lots of other information from KiBi, primary and secondary school.

I wish you and all of you a little rest during the short break of the autumn holidays before we take big steps towards the end of the year!

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

**24.10.2024** | Halloween-Party (OS)

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

**04./05.11.2024** | Fit 4 Life (OS: 7th and 9th grades)

**04.-07.11.2024** | Fit 4 Life (GS: 1st-3rd grades)

**05.11.2024, 7 pm** | Parents' evening Fit 4 Life (GS)

**07.11.2024, 5 pm** | St. Martin's procession in the KiBi and 1st grades (with parents)

**07.11.2024, 8-9 am** | Parents' Café in the OS with guests: Head of Kindergarten Jennifer Laumert and Head of Primary School Emanuel Imfeld (**new date**)

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

**12.11.2024** | iDSB art show

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

**22./23.11.2024, 6 pm - 9 am** | Long Night of Maths (OS: 7th-12th grades)

**27.11.2024** | German reading competition for 6th grades

**30.11.2024, 4-7 pm** | iDSB christmas market

**03.12.2024** | German reading competition for 5th grades

**04.12.2024, 1.30-4 pm** | Book flea market

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

**09.12.2024** | Annual general meeting of the school association

**12.12.2024** | Meeting of the Parents' Council

**11.12.2024, 7.30 pm** | iDSB christmas concert

**20.12.2024** | Christmas singing in the GS amphitheatre (with parents): No all-day activities (such as canteen, homework time, AG, Colourful time, Students club in GS and OS)

**21.12.2024-05.01.2025** | Christmas holidays

# NEWS

## Invitation to the Halloween Party (OS)



The student council cordially invites all secondary school students to a spooky Halloween party - tomorrow on **24 October**:

🕒 **For 5th - 7th grades:** 5 - 6.45 pm

🕒 **For 8th - 9th grades:** 7.15 - 9 pm

Grab your scariest costumes and come along! Tickets will be on sale one last time on **24 October** during the lunch break. A ticket costs **€4** in pre-sale and **€5** at the box office.

We are looking forward to an unforgettable night full of spooky fun!

Your student council team

## Parents in dialogue: Get to know our team!

### 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)	07.11.24
Jennifer Laumer (KiBi)	07.11.24



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

#### **! Attention: change of date**

Primary school headmaster Emanuel Imfeld will also be available on 7 November (instead of 24 October), together with kindergarten principal Jennifer Laumert. They look forward to getting to know you better and answering your questions.

## Fashion meets art: invitation to the art show 2024

You can look forward to a special fashion show at which the pupils will proudly present their self-designed models and unique fashion creations. But that's not all: the young artists from Grades 5 to 11 also invite you to marvel at their works on the theme of 'Traumhaft' in an impressive art exhibition.

Be inspired by the creativity and diversity of the works - an evening full of imagination and inspiration awaits you:

- **5.30 pm: Art exhibition** in the foyer of the secondary school
- **7 pm: Fashion show** in the secondary school auditorium

Free admission | with catering



## Regional competition "Jugend musiziert"



On 22 January 2025, the 'Jugend Musiziert' regional competition will be held at the iDSB for the 12th time. Whether classical or pop, participation is always worthwhile and thanks to the many categories, all young musicians are sure to find a competition in which they feel comfortable, either as a soloist or in an ensemble.

The **registration deadline** for schools abroad is **15.11.2024**. Click [HERE](#) to register.

If you have any questions, please contact Katja Nielsen: [katja.nielsen@idsb.eu](mailto:katja.nielsen@idsb.eu).

Fit 4 Life: a programme that has been strengthening our students for 18 years

The Fit 4 Life programme has been running at iDSB's primary and secondary schools for 18 years. The programme focuses on different topics at each grade level.

Dr Wernig was previously responsible for coordinating this programme. Her successor is now Vera Aubrée, who will be starting as a French and geography teacher in February after her maternity leave and is already organising Fit 4 Life in the first half of the year.

As part of the Fit 4 Life programme, a number of training sessions on the topics of self-confidence, addiction prevention, media skills and sexual education will take place again this year. The **1st and 3rd grades** will start in primary school from 4 to 7 November on the topic of 'strong souls - strong children'. The focus of this training is on various key areas, including promoting social skills, strengthening self-confidence, effective conflict resolution, preventing bullying, setting personal boundaries and dealing consciously with communication.

On 4 and 5 November, the **7th and 9th grades** at the secondary school took part in the 'Falling in love with safety' training with a team of medical students from Munich. The colleagues withdraw in order to offer the pupils a safe space together with the young students.

The focus for Year 7 pupils is on the basics of anatomy, the female cycle and contraception, with these basics being repeated again in Year 9, with additional information being provided by the medical students.

We will inform you about the contents of grades 5, 6, 8 and 10 in the December newsletter.

## Sick note for your child

For sick notes in the **KiBi**, please contact the group colleagues directly via Teams by 8.00 am at the latest.

For sick notes in the **primary and secondary school**, please contact our school system [Phidias](#) by 8.00 am at the latest.



## Important information for the Kiss & Ride Zone

Dear parents,

In order to ensure the smooth running and safety of our children in the Kiss & Ride Zone, we kindly ask you to observe the following instructions:

- **Staff car park:** Please do not park in the staff car park when dropping off your children.
- **Speed:** Reduce your speed on the school grounds to walking pace.
- **Solid lines:** Do not use the solid lines for parking. These areas are reserved for the waiting area for primary school children.
- **Waiting for your children:** If you want to wait for your children, please park outside the Kiss & Ride zone so as not to block the passage.

Thank you for your support and understanding!

## Delays in accounting - We ask for your understanding

Our accounting department is working at full capacity due to the ongoing audit and the complex invoicing process. We ask for your understanding that individual enquiries are currently being processed with a delay and thank you for your patience.

## All together: Introducing the new parents' council!

*All together!*

**Eltern mit Eltern**  
GEMEINSAM FÜR UNSERE KINDER



We are the new members of the Parents' Council:

- Detlef Müller-Solger (Chair)
- Andreas Donath (OS)
- Annika Brenner (GS)
- Anne Hammer (KiBi)



Together with you, we stand up for the children and the school. Come to us, whether you have problems, suggestions or wishes - we are here for you: [elternbeirat@idsb.eu](mailto:elternbeirat@idsb.eu).

The next meeting of the parents' council will take place on 12.12.2024.

### Commitment at the iDSB

Would you like to play an active role in shaping our colourful school life? Then take a look at our [parents' brochure](#).

Your parents' council

Welcome to the iDSB!



We are delighted to welcome all new employees to the iDSB! Together we are creating an inspiring learning environment and look forward to working together as a team. Get to know our newcomers here!

### **Accounting**

[Diana Kartal](#)

### **GS/GS+**

[Anna Voge](#)

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[Alina Hampel](#)

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### **Canteen**

Saskia Gläßner

### **OS**

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Barbara Riedel-Baader

[Sophie Ruffert](#)

[Margarita Chardome](#)

[Philip Riehl](#)

[Daniel Scuderi](#)

[Pia Schmedding](#)

[Maik Osterland](#)

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### **PPD**

[Mathilde Greiler](#)

### **Administration**

[Caroline Böke](#)

Library Day: book tips and quiz for all book fans



For Libraries Day on 24 October 2024, I have put together a small selection of exciting **book tips** for you. All recommended books are available in our iDSB libraries.

You can also look forward to an entertaining **quiz** with interesting facts and figures about books and libraries! All participants will be entered into a prize draw to win a book voucher, kindly provided by the German-language [bookshop Gutenberg](#).

**[Participate to the quiz & win!](#)**

**Tip for parents: 'The Spy' by Paulo Coelho**

a gripping novel set during the Second World War. The protagonist, a courageous young woman, joins a spy ring and embarks on a dangerous mission. The novel combines exciting elements of espionage, love and self-discovery. Now available to borrow from the secondary school library.

**Tip for teens: 'The Hate U Give' by Angie Thomas**

In this powerful book, we follow Starr, an African-American girl who witnesses her best friend being shot dead by a policeman. Starr is faced with the difficult decision of whether to remain silent or fight for justice. A powerful film about racism, friendship, identity and courage.

**Tip for kids: 'Mrs Honey and the Happiness of Small Things' by Sabine Bohlmann**

This heart-warming book tells the story of Frau Honig, who specialises in small, magical things that make people happy. A loving story that shows us that even small gestures can bring great joy. Perfect for all Mary Poppins fans (like me 😊).

Kerstin Karwoth, Library Media Coordinator, wishes you happy reading.

Book flea market on 04.12.2024



Cordial invitation to the book flea market on 04.12.2024 (1.30 - 4 pm)! A colourful selection of books in various genres and languages awaits you. Browse through the treasures and find your next favourite book!

### Registration for your free stall

If you would like to offer a stall yourself, please register here: [Book Flea Market Registration](#). Participation is free of charge. Registration deadline is 27.11.2024.

For questions please contact: [kerstin.karwoth@idsb.eu](mailto:kerstin.karwoth@idsb.eu)



# BÜCHER FLOHMARKT

Mittwoch, 04.12.24 13-16 Uhr

Für ALLE Arten von Büchern!  
In der Aula der OS  
Anmeldungen zum Verkauf hier:



Place your guess & win book vouchers!



WIR SAMMELN.....

## Eicheln + Kastanien

VOM 30.09 BIS 21.10.2024

# BET AND WIN TILL 24.10

Bitte nur saubere, wertfreie Schätze!



After lots of students have diligently collected acorns and chestnuts, the pupils have only until tomorrow 24 October 2024 to estimate how many they have collected. Simply fill out the entry forms in the libraries.

### Take part & win book vouchers!

The participants with the best tips (for primary school and secondary school respectively) can look forward to vouchers from the [Gutenberg bookshop](#)!

A big thank you to the team at the German-language bookshop Gutenberg for generously sponsoring this autumn campaign!

## iDSB christmas market - 30.11.2024



On **30 November 2024**, we cordially invite you to our iDSB Christmas market from **4-7 pm**. You can expect not only culinary delights and musical performances by our primary school choir, but also handmade gifts, which will be offered by our students, among others.

Are you still looking for an Advent wreath for the 1st Advent or a gift for Christmas? You're sure to find what you're looking for here.

Don't forget to bring cash!

### **Registration for your sales stand - until 15.11.2024**

Do you have homemade jams, liqueurs or other culinary delicacies? Or perhaps creative craft products that you would like to offer at our Christmas market?

Then we are happy to accept your registration [HERE](#) until 15.11.2024.

### **Johanniter Christmas Stollen**

Once again, there will be a selling of the original Saxon Christmas stollen from the Johanniter! The popular stollen will be sold directly at the Christmas market (without pre-ordering).

### **Pre-order Christmas trees**

Once again this year, you have the opportunity to pre-order Christmas trees at the Christmas market. The trees will be delivered to the school afterwards and can be collected on a separate date (will be announced in the next newsletter).

## Decorating Advent wreaths



The pre-Christmas season is approaching, and this year we would like to make Advent wreaths together for the iDSB Christmas market! You can expect a creative and cheerful atmosphere in which you can not only use your creative skills, but also make new friends and have a great time.

## Decorating Advent wreaths - when and where?

We meet in the boiler room of the iDSB secondary school on the following dates

- **Tuesday, 26/11/2024:** 08:30-13:00
- **Wednesday, 27 November 2024:** 16:00-20:00
- **Thursday, 28 November 2024:** 08:30-13:00

All you need to bring is your creativity and a good mood - we will provide the necessary materials! If you would like to be creative in a relaxed atmosphere and meet nice people, please contact Sibille Fischer: [sibille@fischer-family.eu](mailto:sibille@fischer-family.eu).

If you have any well-preserved decorative material to spare, donations are also very welcome. This will help us to make the Christmas market even more beautiful!

The proceeds from the sale of the Advent wreaths will go to the class funds of Years 10, 11 and 12.

We look forward to a creative and happy time together and hope to see many of you at our crafting event!

## Safety first



We are now in the cold and dark season, which is why it is particularly important that children are safe on the way to school and can be easily seen by other road users.

Talk to your child regularly about the right behaviour on the way to school and remind them of important safety tips, which we have summarised for you [HERE](#).

## Changes to your contact details?

If your address or telephone number changes, please let us know! This way we can ensure that we can always reach you without any problems.

For changes to KiBi and primary school contact details, please send an email to: [grundschule@idsb.eu](mailto:grundschule@idsb.eu). For the secondary school use: [oberschule@idsb.eu](mailto:oberschule@idsb.eu).

## Did you know...

...the iDSB has a world champion among its employees?

Wolfgang Weber, our Executive Board representative, has become world champion with the German national senior volleyball team. A total of 56 men's and women's teams in various age categories took part in the [IVVA Veteran Volleyball Tournament](#) in the week of 7 October. Wolfgang Weber and his team-mates came out on top out of 16 teams in the Over 56 category. The field of participants ranged from the USA, Canada and Argentina to many European teams and Mongolia.

In a parallel international beach volleyball tournament, Wolfgang Weber and his partner came 5th out of 32 teams.

We would like to congratulate our world champion on this great success!



## 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.](#)

Exclusively for the iDSB: No registration fee at the David Lloyd Club Sterrebeek



Thanks to a cooperation with the David Lloyd Club in Sterrebeek, all iDSB families, students and employees benefit from a special advantage: the registration fee is completely waived.

The David Lloyd Club offers a wide range of sports and wellness programmes for the whole family, including modern fitness studios, swimming pools, tennis courts and a variety of courses.

## Tip for childcare: Granny Aupair

### **A surrogate granny in your home?**

Granny Aupair is a multi-award-winning and internationally recognised online portal that places experienced women as surrogate nannies (also known as granny au pairs, aupair grannies or mature best ager nannies) at home and abroad.

Curious to find out more: [granny-aupair.com](http://granny-aupair.com)

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