
WEEKLY NEWS

The International School of Bergen

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Learning for Life

8th November 2007

From the Director's desk.....

INTERNATIONAL FOOD NIGHT

Many thanks for all the delicious food that we were able to share yesterday evening. Definitely one of the highlights of the year! Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped to set up the gym and tidy it after the event, and to the lottery sellers and organising committee under the leadership of Julie Puntis.

CIRCUS SCHOOL FOR KG - G2

The last session of Circus School for students in Kindergarten through Grade 2 will take place on Tuesday, November 13th. They will hold a performance to show all the new skills they have learnt. This will start at about 16:00. All are welcome.

CIRCUS SCHOOL FOR GRADES 3 - 5

Parents of students in Grades 3 through 5 will be able to enrol their children in Circus School, so look out for the letter coming home today. Places are limited to 15, so enrolment will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

MESSAGE FROM MR JOHNSON

My e-mail address is

pauljo@isob.no any parents wishing to communicate by this method, please send an e-mail stating your children(s) name(s) and that will hopefully assist in home/school communication. I hope to reply to any e-mails within 24 hours during the working week or by the following Monday.

We are also receiving interest in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award however we need more students enrolling to make it viable. Students will need to be in grades 8-10 and be willing to give up a couple of weekends in spring next year and a couple of hours a week after school.

For further information please visit the Award web site at www.intaward.org/

CHOIR

It is still possible to join the ISB choir Anyone in Grade 3-7 can join. The choir practices on Wednesdays from 15:00 - 15:45.

SEVERE WEATHER WARNING

Please be aware that severe weather is forecast for later this evening, Friday and Saturday with very high winds and snowstorms. If you have not yet changed to winter treads on your car, you may

wish to do so today.

Otherwise, they are not recommending that cars with summer tyres venture onto the roads on Friday and Saturday!

MILK ORDERS

Look out for the order forms for the school milk subscription service, which will come home today. Please note the deadline for the return of the forms is Tuesday, November 13th.

PTO LOPPEMARKED/CAR BOOT SALE

This event is fast approaching and will take place on Saturday, November 17th. A copy of the programme and poster are attached to today's newsletter. The information outlines ways in which you can take part and with your help it will be a big success! Let's see if we can fund raise over ten thousand kroner to reinvest in school projects!!

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

If you wish to advertise items for sale or wanted, or if you know of a house to rent, why not post the information on our Community Notice board in the main entrance hall?

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 13: 18:00 Open

session for parents, ISB Board of Trustees **POSTPONED - NEW DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON**

November 14 & 15: Preschool home-school conferences

November 16: End of first trimester. Lower School report cards home.

WHAT'S ON IN BERGEN SALE OF POPPIES

In British Commonwealth countries, the casualties of conflict are remembered every year on the Sunday closest to November 11th. In the period leading up to this day, people buy poppies as a sign of remembrance. The proceeds from the sales go to war veterans. A representative of the English Church in Bergen will be outside ISB on Friday, November 9th at 15:00 with some poppies if you wish to buy them.

COSMIC JOURNEY

Knut Jørgen Røed Ødegaard, a Norwegian astronomer, will host a fantastic journey through the cosmos in Grieghallen on Sunday, November 18th at 14:00. This is a multimedia show. Family tickets are available. More information from the poster in the main entrance and www.bangirommet.no.

SPORTS HALLS, ETC

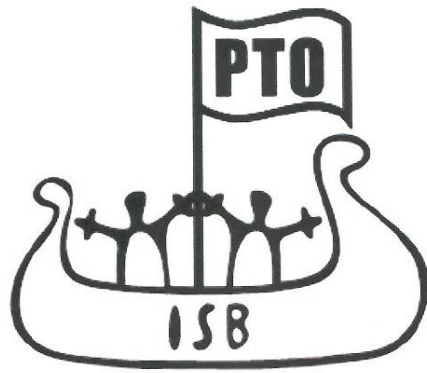
More information about opening hours for sports, ice and swimming halls at www.bergen.kommune.no/idret/

EMPO - A MULTICULTURAL MEETING PLACE FOR WOMEN

We have received information about this group which has a variety of activities. They meet, amongst other times, on Mondays and Thursdays from 17:00 - 20:00 and on Tuesdays from 10:00 until 15:00 in Kong Oscarsgate 22, 2nd Floor in the Skandia building.

FINALLY,.....

Our staff had two very busy and productive days during their in-service days last week. Our pre-booked trainer cancelled on us at quite short notice and so we had to use some of the resources within our own staff to put together a programme at very short notice. They really rose to the challenge and ensured the success of the two days with everyone feeling that they had achieved a great deal. So, many thanks to Julia Watson, Gillian Boniface, Liz Vedvik, Alyson McWilliams, Ken Sugden and Christina Leppard.



Parent Teachers Organisation

25 October 2007

Loppemarked/Car Boot Sale - Saturday 17 November 2007 from 12.00-14.00

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of the PTO events calendar the Loppemarked/Car Boot Sale is fast approaching. This two hour event is designed to give families the chance to sell items which are no longer of use to them. Previous years have seen the sale of ski equipment, furniture, bikes, toys, clothes, garden tools etc: the list is endless. Dig deep in to your cupboards, garages and stores and sign up for what promises to be a fun day out for all.

This years PTO Co-ordinators are hoping to make this event a big success and aim to raise between NOK10,000 – NOK12,000 in a variety of ways. The proceeds raised from this type of fund raising event are reinvested to subsidise field trips, new playground equipment and other activities. This in turn makes school more enjoyable for students and enriches their learning experiences.

To take part in the Loppemarked/Car Boot Sale simply choose which way you would like to sell any unwanted items:

- 1. Rent Table Space** Due to the Norwegian climate we will be using the Gym hall as our market place. The cost per table is NOK100, why not share the cost with a friend? We are limited to 15 tables and a third have already gone. Tables are sold on a first come basis – don't leave it too late. The Gym will be open to stallholders from 11am on Saturday 17 November and they will have **one** hour to set up and display their items for sale before the doors open to the general public at mid-day.
- 2. Upper School Table**
 - a. Families can donate 'quality' items to the school table and the proceeds will be split between the PTO and Student Council. These can be dropped off on Friday 16 November.
 - b. Library books and items previously donated will be available for purchase. ISB Sweatshirts will be on sale/order from this stand.
- 3. Lottery** There is to be **one** main prize NOK 1,000 gift voucher, this will allow the winner to purchase something really special. The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday 17 November at 2pm. A lottery book will be issued to each pupil next week. All books (including unsold ones) and money must

be returned to the ISB office no later than Tuesday 13 November in the envelope provided. (Please advise your child's tutor should you not wish to receive a lottery book.)

4. Refreshment Table In addition to the sale, the PTO is arranging a refreshments stall. You can donate all kinds of goodies, sweet or savoury, from cakes to quiches; everything sells and we always appreciate your support. All items can be delivered on Friday 16 November.

Poster Distribution

The PTO needs your help to make this day a success. Can you help us advertise the event by placing the attached poster to the notice board at your work, apartment block, local shopping centre, community post box *or* anywhere else you think will be beneficial?

This years PTO event Co-ordinators are Morag Carmichael Tel: 99227399 and Alla Saprionova Tel: 41488643. As always we are looking for volunteers to help with the smooth running of stands. The next PTO meeting is on the 8 November at 3.15pm. Anyone who can help, regardless whether it's small *or* large, please come along.