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### ***Kindergarten & Elementary School Christmas Play***

Something truly amazing happened in our Aula on Thursday this week. It was lovely to see the faces of the audience as they immersed themselves in the music and drama of one of the season's most thrilling stories. Excellent performances, beautiful music – what a wonderful effort from our Elementary School and Kindergarten students. Congratulations too to all the teachers who contributed to the performance, in particular our Music Department staff: Head of Department Ms Panagakis, Ms La Rose and Ms Brüning. See you next year!

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### ***High School/ Middle School Winter Celebration***

A holiday is coming soon! Students at the FIS will have vacation.

Our school just had the Middle School and some of the high school students and some of the teachers performing a concert called “Winter Celebration” at the FIS. Each class was doing a Drama and a Music production and some people from the Jazz Band were playing their own instruments. The most thing that surprised the students was that some teachers were singing a song.



We will have a Winter Celebration every year in December, and the one we just did was on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. It took two hours!

*by Pornpitcha Siritassanakul courtesy of the ESL Department*

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### ***Mov'athon – Join us in moving for Romanian Orphans***

The Grade 10 CAS committee is organizing an event not to be missed. In order to raise funds for *Fundatia Innocenti* in Romania, we had the idea of having a **Mov'athon**: students must run as many laps around the school as possible in an hour. In the next week we ask you to find sponsors (family, friends, etc.) who will give them a certain amount of money for each lap they run.

We plan to send all the money we raise to our Romanian project. This event will take place on **19<sup>th</sup> December**, from 9:00-10:00.

*Amédine Duret, For Grade 10 CAS*

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### ***KiGa/Elementary School Assembly next Friday***

The final Kiga & ES Assembly of calendar year 2009 will be held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9:00 in the Aula. We look forward to welcoming you once more to the school.

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### ***Winter Break – School resumes on 4<sup>th</sup> January***

May we remind families that the vacation starts with an **11:50 dismissal** on **18<sup>th</sup> December**. **School resumes in the New Year on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010**.

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### ***Higher Education Update***

Grade 12 students are well into the process of applying for places in Higher Education institutions. Two students have gained interviews into selective programs:

Anja Mengin was invited to an interview with Engelhorn Unternehmensgruppe in Mannheim for a job training program in clothing design.

Yang Yao will travel to Cambridge to interview for a place to study Engineering.

The Counseling Office will update the progress of students throughout the school year.

*Judy Bradley, Counselor*

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### ***Sport @ FIS***

On Monday, the **Junior Girls' Volley Ball** (Grade 9 team) travelled to Uffenheim for the Regional Championships. The girls were excited and equally nervous. There were two other teams at the tournament, Altdorf and Uffenheim. Both teams were of a very high level of ability. Although our girls were a little outmatched in fine-tuned skill, they made up for it in effort, heart, team-work and determination. The two matches we played were exciting and very close, but in the end we were unable to take a win. The girls played through adversity and adapted to attacks that they did not expect see.

In all, it was an unbelievable experience and a big step forward for the FIS volleyball team. Well done everyone.

Don't forget, the **Junior Boys' Soccer** team will be hosting SV Langensendelbach in an indoor tournament on 17<sup>th</sup> December from 4:00-5:30 – come along and support our team!

Go FIS go!

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### ***Remember those Books!***

We are still on the lookout for books in support of our **Bookbridge** project in Mongolia, launched on 30<sup>th</sup> November as part of our Community, Action, Service (CAS) programme. We're looking forward to your donations of used children's books – you can drop them off at the box at Reception – to help us meet our goal of 15,000 books and build a library in Mongolia.

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### ***Congratulations***

To **Fiona Whiting**, who has been promoted to take over the role of Head of English. She will be assuming this position next school year, taking over from **Phillip Bird**, who is to be the new FIS IB Co-ordinator. The roles of IB Coordinator and High School Principal, which in the past have been held by the same person, are to be split starting school year 2010-11. To see our own staff gain promotions in a competitive environment is a wonderful acknowledgement of their abilities.

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### ***Art @ FIS - Thank You***

To **Ellen Bird**, who under the tutelage of **Ms Haley Clements** is making fantastic progress virtually unaided in the completion of our FIS mural. For those of you who are new to the school, this project was designed by students for our community and can be seen on the wall of the PTO storage room opposite the ground floor Humanities wing. Keep it up!

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### ***Lunch @ FIS***

We are in the process of producing the bills for hot lunch, to be sent to families before Christmas. May we remind you that **payment is by bank transfer only**, and that Semester 1 **reports will not be issued** at the end of January until these accounts are paid.

The last possibility for students and staff to leave or join the lunch program for the current semester is **15<sup>th</sup> December**. If you would like to be part of or leave the hot lunch programme, please contact [lunch@the-fis.de](mailto:lunch@the-fis.de) before this date. Our menu for January is attached. ¡Buen provecho!

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### ***Last day of School 18<sup>th</sup> December – will you be on the bus??***

As 18<sup>th</sup> December is a half day and the last day before the winter break, we expect that many students will be picked up by a family member instead of riding the FIS bus home. If you know in advance that you are going to pick up your child that day, please send an email to [bus@the-fis.de](mailto:bus@the-fis.de) by Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December to enable us to plan ahead. Thank you very much for your cooperation!

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## **Spring International Fair 2010**

You won't want to miss this fun-filled day in April 2010!

We have a great day planned and hope that you will bring your family and friends to join! Although this is a long time away, we would like to ask all parents who are going home over the winter break to bring country specific specialties for you booth as well as country baskets that

will be raffled on this day. In addition, you can bring banners, flags and ornaments that you can sell during the fair and anything else that will make your booth more decorative & beautiful!

You won't want to miss this day which will include:

- Booths from around the world
- Silent Auction
- Raffle
- Games & Fun for the Kids
- BBQ

The PTO will be having a meeting after our winter break regarding organisational details. However, until then, don't forget to bring back specialties from your home countries!!

Happy Holidays,

The PTO Board



### Next Week @ FIS

Monday	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 15:45 – 16:45 ASAP</li> <li>➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Basketball, Junior &amp; Senior Boys practice</li> <li>➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, CP-CE</li> <li>➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, CM2</li> </ul>
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Girl scouts regular meeting</li> <li>➤ 16:00 – 17:00 <b>Volleyball Match - Girls vs Staff</b></li> </ul>
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 08:45 – 09:45 Pilates classes, Gym</li> <li>➤ <b>11:00 Roll Up, Roll Up! Grade 1 Circus Assembly</b></li> <li>➤ 15:45 – 16:45 ASAP</li> <li>➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Soccer, Senior Boys practice</li> <li>➤ 16:00 Basketball Practice (Junior Girls)</li> <li>➤ 15:35 – 16:35 French school, Decouverte 1</li> <li>➤ 15:35 – 16:35 French school, Decouverte 2</li> <li>➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, CM1</li> <li>➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, College</li> </ul>
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<p><b>IB English Oral Exams</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 08:45 – 10:45 Toddler Group, ES Music Room (1.59)</li> <li>➤ 15:45 – 16:45 ASAP</li> <li>➤ <b>16:00 – 17:00 Boys Soccer vs Langensendelbach (Gym)</b></li> </ul>
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<p><b>IB English Oral Exams</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>09:00 Kiga &amp; ES Assembly</b></li> <li>➤ 11:50 School Dismissed - <b>Winter Break</b></li> </ul>

**Coming up: 4<sup>th</sup> January – School Resumes**

**FIS School Newsletter** The FIS newsletter is published on a weekly basis and is emailed home each **Friday**. Contributions to the newsletter should be emailed to the school at [info@the-fis.de](mailto:info@the-fis.de) by **Wednesday**. The newsletter contains items of information relating to school operations, PTO News, for-sale items placed by members of our community, and much more. The editor reserves the right to... edit... This newsletter and other important school information can also be found on the school's web page. Newsletters are usually placed on the web site [www.the-fis.de](http://www.the-fis.de) a day or two after publication and will remain there until the end of the school year.