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***Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year***

See you again on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010.**

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### ***Mov'athon Postponed – Watch this Space***

The weather was just a little too snowy for us on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>, so the Grade 10 CAS Committee's Mov'athon has been postponed to a date to be announced. Keep collecting those pledges for euro for your kilometres from all your friends and relatives so we can raise funds for *Fundatia Innocenti* orphanage in Romania.

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

Thanks to everyone who came out to support staff (The Solids) and students in Tuesday's fun **volleyball** tournament! It was fun and a good workout!

Once again, The Solids played solidly and were unbeaten in all three of their matches. The girls played very hard and had some very exciting matches as well.

#### Team Solids Volleyball:

Jeanne 'Jersey' Bouvier  
Liam 'The Tower' Browne  
Evelyn 'No Worries' Killick

Terry 'The Bus' Rotherham  
Andreas 'The Acrobat' Sayer

Teresa 'Hammer Time' Rotherham  
Kathleen 'The Digger' Gründig

We are looking forward to being able to offer further opportunities for giving our teams more match experience. Basketball in the new year will also be an option! Thanks also to Coach H and Coach Michalsky for their help with the teams, and for the supporters who cheered us all on.

After school on Thursday, SV Langensendelbach FC travelled to the FIS for an indoor **football** (Futsal) tournament. Coached by Andrew Walker, the Langensendelbach team was well prepared and very well organized. Featuring star goalie Alex Walker (Grade Six at the FIS), we knew that our FIS boys would be participating in a challenging competition.

Utilizing our large number of dedicated boys, the FIS was able to field two separate teams to compete in the tournament. The FIS fielded the Blues, captained by Nici Swoboda and Felix Kastellan and featured the Grade 6 players, and the Maroons, with Dani Lawler captaining our Grade 7 boys. The three teams played each other in rotation.

After all teams had played three matches each:

	<b>Won</b>	<b>Drawn</b>	<b>Lost</b>
Maroons	3	-	-
Blues	-	2	1
SV Langensendelbach	-	1	2

It was a fun and exciting tournament! It was great to see so many parents filling the balcony in support of the team!

Special thanks go to Andrew Walker for taking the time to bring his club to the FIS, to Coach Field for managing the boys, to the parents for their support, and of course to the players, for working so hard!

After the winter break, the sport teams will resume practice as follows:

- Volley-ball girls on Mondays 15:45 till 17:30
- Basket-ball girls on Wednesdays and Thursdays 15:45 till 17:30

Go FIS go!

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### ***Farewell...***

As ever, we will be saying goodbye to members of our FIS Community who leave to start new adventures in other parts of the world – Zilu Wang is going to Vietnam, Sotaro Hirai has gone to Japan, the Rivero Valles Family – Ana and Karla –have returned to Mexico, Stephanie Kotterer is leaving the FIS for Singapore, Giulia Hettwer will resettle to Australia, and the Cambizaca-Huth Family – Paige, Daniel and Matthew - are returning to the USA. They will be greatly missed by all their friends at the FIS and we wish them the very best in the future.

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

A reminder that lunch accounts are now due, and 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.

Please remember that you need to tell [lunch@the-fis.de](mailto:lunch@the-fis.de) if you **no longer** wish to have hot lunch by **15<sup>th</sup> January**, or we will assume that you still wish to be part of the programme in second semester.

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### ***We're Drowning in lost property...***

It's happening again – our pile of Lost Property is still growing and it feels as if we'll soon be drowning in the clothes, lunchboxes and other possessions. Remember to ask at the Office if you are missing any valuables. Those items which are not picked up by the end of Semester will again be donated to charity.

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### ***Student IDs***

For those students from grades 1 to 12 who had their photographs taken by the school photographer, a school ID (Schülerausweis) has been distributed through class and home room teachers. This card can be used for identification purposes (and discounts!). Those students who did not have their photograph taken but would like to have an ID made may bring in a passport-sized photo, labelled with full name and date of birth, to Mrs Malessa in the Office and we will have an ID made.

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### ***Don't forget - The French Lunches will be on in January***

The French mums are very pleased to inform everyone who is interested in speaking or improving their French language skills that "French Lunch" will be scheduled next year on the first Friday of every month!

The first one will take place in the Mexican restaurant near School (El Lobo), on 8<sup>th</sup> January, at 11:45. We kindly ask interested people to contact Christine Manzon (0151 58 87 04 52 or [manzon.christine@hotmail.com](mailto:manzon.christine@hotmail.com)) before 5<sup>th</sup> January to book a table. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

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## **PTO News**

**International Fair**  
**Turnover from Sale**  
**Uniform Orders**  
**Merry Christmas**

### **International Fair**

When you are home over the Winter Break don't forget your country specific specialties for your booth at our International Fair in April. You could also bring banners, flags and ornaments that you can sell during the fair and anything else that will make your booth more decorative & beautiful!

### **Turnover from refreshments and Silent Auction**

We still need to deduct some minor expenses, but there will be quite some money raised through our auctions and refreshments. Thank you so much for all your help & support. As we suggested already in an earlier newsletter, we'd like to use the money for projects/wishes of the MS & HS students. Please, help us with ideas and also encourage your children for some brainstorming.

### **Uniform orders**

The uniform orders went out last week. If you haven't received your bag of goods, please check back with your child and teacher. We delivered the orders in bags with the order form.

This seems to be a very convenient way for everybody and we will continue with this. If you are still in need of apparel, please drop a closed envelope with your filled order form, marked with the class of your child, and the full amount to be paid, in the PTO box close to the front desk. Unfortunately, some of these items are out of stock:

- blue hooded sweaters in size 152 (we have 1 left)
- white T-Shirts in 152
- red hoodies in 152
- white longsleeves in 128
- white longsleeves in 140 (1 left)

### Touch and Feel Uniform Sale

For those who like to touch and feel what they buy, we will be having a uniform sale on **8<sup>th</sup> January, 2010** when KiGa, ES and MS finish school around 14:10.

### Merry Christmas

We, the PTO board members, would like to thank all parents, teachers and staff for their support in the past months. We wish everybody a Merry Holiday time and we are looking forward to working with you in the new year.

Your PTO Board



### **First Week Back @ FIS**

Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 15:45 – 17:30 Volley-ball girls practice</li> <li>➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, CP-CE</li> <li>➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, CM2</li> </ul>
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Feast of the Epiphany – Heilige Drei Könige Public Holiday</b>
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Basket-ball girls practice</li> </ul>
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 11:45 French Lunch, El Lobo</li> </ul>

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