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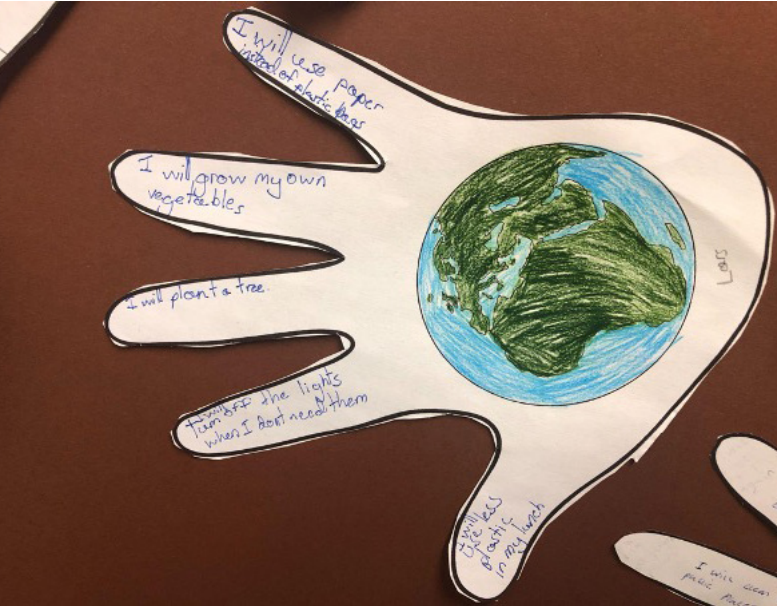
...and more!

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World Environment Day

Our Student Council recently led the Lower School in a celebration of World Environment Day on 5th June. Here are some important facts about the cause:

World Environment Day Origins: It was established by the United Nations in 1972.

Annual Themes: Each year features different themes and is hosted by a different country, focusing on issues like plastic pollution, illegal wildlife trade, air pollution, and food waste.

This Year's Focus:

Land Restoration: Repairing damaged land for plants and animals.

Desertification: Preventing fertile land from becoming desert due to lack of rain and over-farming.

Drought Resilience: Helping people and nature survive long periods without rain.

This Year's Host Country was Saudi Arabia

In Lower School, we wore blue and green on World Environment Day to raise awareness of the cause and our classes decided on ways they could take action to make a difference.

Grade 5Z - Reminder Slogan

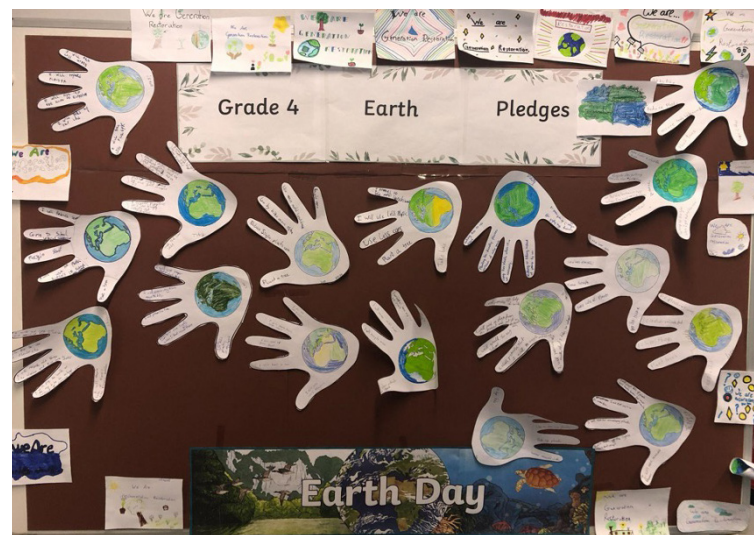
Grade 5C - Day of No Plastic

Grade 4 - Planting for the Future

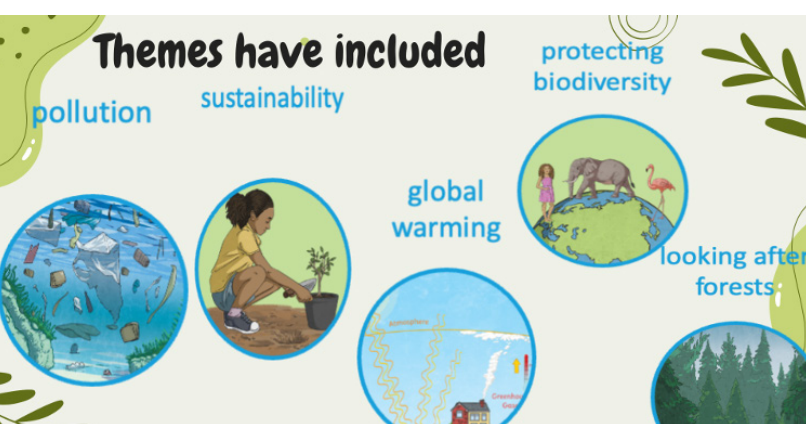
Grade 3 - No Electricity Day

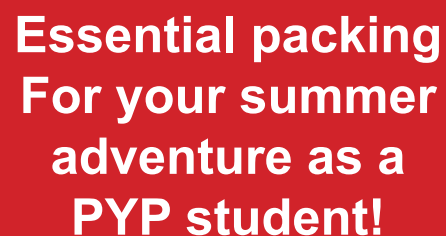
Grade 2 - Water Conservation

Grade 1 - No More Trash



Each small action contributes to a significant impact in maintaining a healthy and clean planet! What step will you take today?





Item 1- **Curiosity Journal:** Continuously ask questions about the world around you. Write down your questions, seek out answers, and document what you learn along the way. (Inquirer)



Item 3 - **Exploration Guide:** Bring along books, guides, or apps to learn about the places you visit, the nature you encounter, and the history around you. Expand your understanding and share your knowledge with others. (Knowledgeable)

A cartoon character representing a 'Good Thinker'. The character is wearing a blue cap with 'THINKERS' written on it, a pink shirt with 'REFLECTIVE' written on it, yellow pants with 'INQUIRERS' and 'CARING' written on them, and purple boots with 'RISK' and 'TAKERS' written on them. The character is also wearing a green backpack with 'BALANCED' written on it and a yellow sash with 'COMMUNICATORS' written on it. The character is holding a blue star-shaped sign that says 'KNOWLEDGE-ABLE'.

Item 6 - **Kindness Kit:** Pack your kindness like sunscreen – use it liberally! Help others, spread positivity, and make the summer a little brighter for everyone. (Caring)

Item 7 - **Challenge Ticket:** Step outside your comfort zone and try something new! A new skill, take on a physical challenge, or push yourself to overcome a fear. (Risk-taker)

Item 8 - Reflection Rocket: Take some time each week to reflect on your summer adventures. Think about what you learned, what surprised you, and what you enjoyed most. (Reflective)





Item 9 - **Integrity Compass:** Always do the right thing, even when no one is watching. Be honest, fair, and respectful in all your summer activities. (Principled)

Item 10 - **Wellness Watch:** Keep a balance between activity and rest. Enjoy your adventures, but also make time for relaxation, healthy eating, and staying hydrated. (Balanced)

With your backpack filled with these essentials, you're ready for your summer adventure! Remember, the most incredible journeys begin with a single curious question...

Happy exploring!

Ms. Balsom



G5 Overnight Trip to Dinkelsbühl



Last week Grade 5 went on the first ever overnight trip. We spent two nights, and three days at a youth hostel in Dinkelsbühl. The rooms were sparkling clean and had their own showers and toilets. Ms Henry had the best room by far- her bathroom was humongous! When we had breakfast or dinner, there was a buffet with a lot of choices. The food was “pretty solid and tasty”.

The activities were a lot of fun, in particular the crate climbing where Eray-Taha says he flew after jumping from a height of three metres (with a safety harness!). We also completed the Escape Rooms, where we were assisted by Helmut, the head in the helmet.

During our first evening, we made boomerangs! Ms Clegg watched on in mild horror as we used puzzle saws to cut wood into shape. Mr Osborne and Mr Zamora in particular enjoyed this activity! On our last evening, the teachers arranged an “epic” football match. Ms Balsom followed up by giving out popcorn that had been donated by Eray-Taha’s mum. Overall, there was something for everyone and we had a lot of fun!



Samridhi, Lisa, Eray & Vilma





Shiver me Timbers!

Our musical, “Plastic Pirates”, was an incredible experience for everyone involved. We were together with students from different grades, collaborating and using teamwork. We were able to explore ways of working together and experience how to be actors.

It was lots of fun, and our fantastic teachers helped us to learn our lines and perfect our performances. Everybody had lines to learn, and the songs were a hit for us and we think for the audience too.

We think the audience enjoyed our musical. A special shoutout to Mr. Zamora for his outstanding work in building the ship and creating the colored lenses for the lights, which added a magical touch to our performance. We also want to say thank you to the PTG for providing our new microphones. These really helped the audience to understand us more clearly and made them feel like they were inside the world of the pirates and the plastic adventure.

The choir supported us with the songs, even without microphones. The sea creatures and narrators worked hard and were great performers too. We were all great communicators throughout the rehearsals, and we helped each other whenever someone forgot a line.

We hope our parents and teachers felt proud of what we were capable of as actors!

Thank you to everyone who made “Plastic Pirates” a memorable and successful event!

Leni & Soleil



Proud to deliver

**THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S
INTERNATIONAL AWARD**



International Award

This weekend our first ever group of 12 ISU students completed their Duke of Edinburgh bronze award expedition! No mean feat.... What an adventure it has been for them - the weather has thrown absolutely everything at them! Whilst the incredible landscapes and nature they have experienced has been amazing, it is the old and new friendships, along with the resourcefulness and resilience skills they have developed that they will carry for life that has made every step worth it for these incredible young people.

What an amazing achievement!
So much to be proud of.

Would you like to participate next year? Any interested students age 13/14 and upwards can find more info in the newsletter when we are back in August.

The Duke of Edinburgh team looks forward to seeing you.





MS Art

Some of the amazing artworks that our Middle School artists have completed in the last few weeks of the school year.

Ms Thomas





NATO Day of Nations

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G10 Pre-IB trip - Furtwangen June 2024



ISU Community Picnic

Collect your children and come to celebrate the end of the first week of school with a

Community Kaffee und Kuchen

Friday, 23rd August, 14:00 - 15:00 in the playground

Please bring your picnic blanket and your favourite international treats to share!



Welcome to ISU

New Staff



Hello everyone! My name is **Samantha Allanson** and I will be joining the International School of Ulm/Neu-Ulm as a homeroom teacher next school year. Originally, I am from Florida, USA, however I have taught in the USA, Thailand, and Russia. I'm passionate about creating engaging learning experiences and helping children reach their full potential. In my free time, I enjoy reading and exploring new places with friends. I am very excited for the opportunity to come to Germany and to get to experience everything it has to offer. I look forward to collaborating with you all and making learning meaningful and fun!



Abdurrahman Dalga is a dedicated and adaptable school counsellor with a deep commitment to promoting holistic student development. He started his career at Bakırköy Oğuzkaan College in Istanbul, Turkey, where he implemented various academic and social-emotional development initiatives. Later, he made significant contributions to Bahçeşehir Tema-Atakent Science and Technology High School and contributed to its career development programs. He implemented cognitive intervention programs to improve the cognitive abilities of students at ALKEV Primary School. Abdurrahman completed his master's degree at Bahçeşehir University and enriched his international perspective

through the Erasmus program in Berlin. By emphasising personal development, diversity, and empathy, his counselling philosophy aims to equip students with the tools for academic and personal success. Apart from counselling, Abdurrahman enjoys hiking, camping, travelling to different countries and cultures, and playing chess.

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Excited to join the ISU Community!

Hello, I'm **Rory Ian M. Bualan**, and I'm thrilled to join the ISU community in Neu-Ulm. I bring 20 years of teaching experience in Physics, with a Master's in Teaching Physics and a focus on assessment for learning. My teaching philosophy emphasises Conceptual Physics and the integration of technology. Outside the classroom, I enjoy watercolour painting, choir singing, poetry writing, and yoga. I look forward to collaborating with parents and students to nurture global citizenship and lifelong learning.



Hello, Hallo, Hola, Salut! I'm **Mark Hastings**, a passionate educator dedicated to sharing my love for languages and cultures. I've taught in the US, Switzerland, Russia, Poland, China, and South Korea, always fostering inclusive, dynamic learning environments. Originally from the US, I speak French, Spanish, and Portuguese. I love hiking, music, movies, and exploring new cultures. I'm committed to helping students achieve their highest potential and being a positive role model. I look forward to meeting and collaborating with everyone in our school community!



Johanna Jacobsen:

I am an American from the north-east area of the country. I love art, and I love literature. I also love being a teacher. Teaching is my second career. It was a career choice I made after careful consideration as an adult, and it has proven to be the absolute right decision for me. Joining the faculty at ISU is an honor, and I'm excited to be part of the family.

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My name is **Brian Kelleher** and I am from Cork, Ireland. From 2010 to 2023 I worked at the International School Augsburg where I taught Geography and History. I also led school trips to London, Iceland and Zambia that fostered student learning outside of the classroom. In my personal life, I enjoy watching football, hiking, running and cooking Indian food. In my last two years in Augsburg, I hosted a weekly table quiz at a local Irish pub. Now I am looking forward to returning to Germany, joining the ISU community and utilising my experiences in the time ahead.



Hi, my name is **Seoyoung Kim** from South Korea, and I will be joining ISU as a lower school teacher. I was born and raised in Korea, and I studied in both Korea and Denmark. I started my teaching career at Chadwick International School, and now I am heading to Germany to begin a new chapter in my teaching journey.

My favourite weekend plan is to visit a cosy café, enjoy an iced Americano with a sweet cake, and chat with my friends. I also love drawing and painting, and these days I am working on my Minhwa (Korean-style painting) project. I look forward to seeing you all at ISU soon!

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My name is **Ann-Kathrin Mayer** and I am delighted to introduce myself for the next school year.

I completed my Bachelor's Degree in Education in Meppel, Netherlands. Thanks to my studies and degree, I was able to collect experiences in different national and international schools. I have taught in Australia (Canberra), Malaysia (Ipoh), Germany (Düsseldorf, Ulm), and Switzerland (Basel). Beyond the classroom, I enjoy playing tennis in summer, skiing in winter and camping in any season. I look forward to creating a safe and positive learning environment for the children and to rejoin the ISU team.

Rifiyath Nadukandy:

With a wealth of experience spanning around eight years in the education sector, I specialise in finding ways to use the power of technology to enhance teaching and learning experiences. Driven by a passion for leveraging technology to improve educational outcomes, I excel in challenges that require innovation and strategic thinking. My proficiency spans across platforms such as Microsoft, Google, Apple, Aruba. My expertise includes a wide array of tools and systems, including school network infrastructure, Management Information Systems, Virtual Learning Environments, Automation and security.

As a proficient user of education apps, adept in iPad/BYOD setups, web filtering, and cyber security, I ensure that educational environments are not only technologically advanced but also secure and conducive to learning.

Beyond my professional pursuits, I enjoy reading books and travelling to different places. I am married and have two children.



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Hi, I am **Snober Sohail**. I have been in the field of education for the past 21 years, working in various roles. Currently, I serve as an IB DP and IGCSE coordinator, a university guidance counsellor, a pedagogical team leader, and a member of IBEN as an Examiner and Programme Leader.

Outside of work, I enjoy reading, singing, composing, and exploring nature. My life philosophy is that honesty, intelligence, and a sense of humour are essential for leading a healthy life. In this busy and ever-evolving world, it is crucial to always be kind and compassionate to our fellow human beings and animals. I am thrilled and excited to be a part of ISU, where we can work together and learn from each other!



Hello, my name is **Zsuzsanna Uveges**, but I prefer to be called Zee. I am a dual Hungarian American citizen, who is hailing from Taiwan where I taught at an international school that follows the American curriculum. Prior to that I was also at an international school in Abu Dhabi, UAE. Besides teaching internationally, I have also taught in Florida and in Hungary. Throughout my career I have mainly taught English, which prompted me to get my master's degree in English a few years ago. Outside of school I enjoy being outdoors, or having a game-night with friends. I also like to watch sports with my ultimate favorite being Formula 1. I'm looking forward to joining ISU in August and calling it my home.

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Hello everyone! My name is **Melissa McNab** and I will be joining the International School of Ulm/Neu-Ulm as an English and Drama teacher next year. I am originally from Australia but have been living and teaching in South East Asia for the past four years. In my free time I enjoy knitting and sewing. Once I am settled in Germany I hope to contribute to the performance culture at ISU. I look forward to meeting you all!



Hi, my name is Tim Mack. I'm the FSJ practicum for this school year. I attended Inge-Aicher-Scholl Realschule in Pfuhl until the 10th grade, and after that, I completed my Abitur this year at Valckenburg. In my spare time, I play the piano and the trumpet. I'm also really interested in biology. I'm really looking forward to participating in the FSJ because I would like to get a look at the teaching profession and maybe become a teacher someday.

Parent Teacher Group

**PTG - ELT
Annual Meeting**

Highlights from the Parent Teacher Group / Extended Leadership Team meeting on 10th June 2024

The meeting between the school's extended leadership team and the Parent Teacher Group (PTG) reflected the growing collaboration between the school and parents. The discussions focused on positive reflections and outcomes, highlighting a shared commitment to enhancing the school experience for all in the community. The PTG and school leadership celebrated several successful events from the past year such as the Bavarian Breakfast, Easter treats, Christmas activities, and sports events. The Bavarian Breakfast, in particular, received significant community engagement and positive feedback, making it a standout event of the year.



Updates were shared on various initiatives. The development of the full-day school (Ganztagsschule) and the activities of the campus development committee were discussed. The school approved the sponsorship of a “human kicker” inflatable football game with ISU branding, that will be available for ISU to use at at least one school event a year with the dual purpose of fostering community spirit and serving to promote the school within the local community. There were also discussions about renaming the PTG to include all ISU staff, aiming to promote inclusivity and better reflect the diverse contributions from the entire school community. Regrettably, a French football club has already trademarked PSG so your suggestions to ptg@is-ulm.de are welcome.

In the Lower School, there is a push to encourage more parent involvement in field trips and volunteering as readers, while ISU sweatshirts and hoodies for students were also discussed. In the Middle and Upper School, the end-of-year assembly will include farewells to teachers and students. PTG support for sports tournaments and the International Award were noted and appreciated.

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Looking ahead, there were several suggestions for next year, including replacing two large events with one major event to concentrate efforts and resources, enhancing the Christmas market with additional attractions, and ensuring the popcorn machine is functional for movie nights. Fundraising ideas, such as a Valentine's Day flower fundraiser coordinated with students, were proposed, along with potential uses for PTG funds that need to go through a rigorous approval process (the Wolf Cave). These included purchasing a T-shirt printer machine, enhancing the Outdoor Learning Environment classroom, and buying microphones for drama activities. Continued support for the Outdoor Learning Space Project and financial support for sports team uniforms were also discussed.

The meeting was an excellent opportunity to reflect on the remarkable success of the PTG, resulting from very hard work and an unfailing commitment to the well-being of the whole community. The ISU leadership team looks forward to another successful year of collaboration and community building in the spirit of *Stronger Together!*

For more information or to get involved with the PTG, please contact ptg@is-ulm.de.



Sport Celebrations

Some pictures of the celebration of our ISU athletes

