

ISU News

18th March 2022

Important Dates:

- 1st April: Student-Led-Conferences (Grades 1-5) – no students on campus
- 1st April: MS/US Parent Teacher Conference (Grades 6-11) – no students on campus
- 1st April: Study Day (Grade 12) – no students on campus
- 1st April: Please note -> EYP1-3 children will be on campus as normal
- 7th April: Grade 12 CAS Expo
- Easter Break: 11th April – 24th April

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Support for Ukraine - Action

ISU's action is to assist people in need to make them feel more secure in a time of crisis. As a community, we could not close our eyes to the current situation in Ukraine so we have committed support in two concrete ways:

Collection and donations

Working with the Parent Teacher Group, our staff and students have been a tremendous help in bringing items that will help and support. These items are being sent to one of our local churches which is distributing all items to Ukrainians that have been affected. So far, four car's worth of deliveries have been made. It is a motivating feeling to see our ISU community coming together for support and donations and reinforcing the IB Learner Attitudes (Empathy, Cooperation, Commitment, etc.). The need for supplies will continue to change. We will keep everyone up-to-date and informed of items needed to help.



Students

We have worked closely with the local authorities and can confirm that we will be admitting 6 Ukrainian students to ISU with effect from Monday, 21st March, having agreed with the educational authorities to offer 2 places in each grade from 3 to 9. We have run a workshop with staff to provide the best support possible and student buddies are ready to ease the transition, which should be as close to that of any other ISU student as possible.



Alexandre Alves
PE Teacher & Service Coordinator

Luke Osborne
Director

Lower School

Learning and Teaching

As our Mission Statement confirms, ISU aims to provide a caring and supportive environment in which our students can fulfil their potential. As internationally minded educators, we have an awareness of global issues and a responsibility to respond to events in a sensitive and age appropriate manner. In order to inform and respond to a diversity of questions and emotions, we have collated information and compiled a bank of resources to support our teaching faculty and community in navigating the coming weeks and beyond. We continue to develop these resources and if you would also like any relevant information, please don't hesitate to contact me: c.balsom@is-ulm.de

Charlotte Balsom
PYP Coordinator

Response to Crisis in Ukraine – Advocacy

The school has undertaken the following initiatives:

- **Art for Peace in Ukraine:** Students in G4+ have been invited to create an artwork about what peace means to them and add it to a padlet hosted by Pechersk International School in Kyiv.
- Students in Lower School have been invited to write or draw a message to the Ukrainian students of **Pechersk International School** to remind their students that we are thinking of them and that they are not alone. Miss Lara will send the messages, along with some information about Ulm and ISU on Friday the 18th March.
- The **UNICEF Junior Team** are coordinating awareness activities – watch this space
- Middle and Upper School students will be painting a **Peace Mural**

Lara Pugh
Grade 3 Teacher

Wednesday 23rd March is WORLD MATHS DAY!

To celebrate in the Lower School, Grades 1 – 5 will participate in a rotation of exciting maths activities with different teachers. We will be holding a COIN CHALLENGE. This will be an opportunity to raise some money for those affected by the war in Ukraine.

Students are encouraged to bring in coins from home on Wednesday. Gold coins (10c, 20c, 50c, €1 and €2) are positive points and should go in your own class' bucket. Bronze coins (1c, 2c & 5c) are negative points and can be put in ANOTHER class' bucket to take points away from them. At the end of the day, the class with the most POINTS (not the total value of the bucket) is the WINNER.

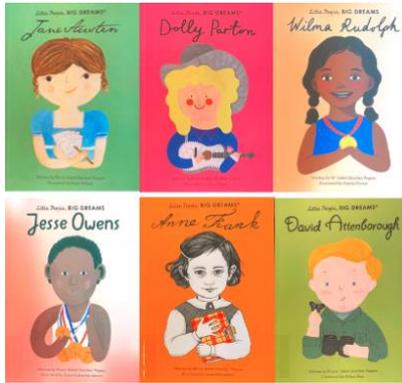
On Thursday the 24th March we will announce the winner of the coin challenge at assembly. All classes are encouraged to wear blue and yellow on Thursday.

Please note: All funds raised from the coin challenge will be used to support the PTG's purchases to support providing supplies for those in need.

Lara Pugh
Grade 3 Teacher

News from the Library

We would like to share with you some of the new Library books that have been added to our ever growing book collection that our students enjoy reading.



Little People, BIG DREAMS collection, the few of many influential books, first biographies for children to read real stories about other children achieving great things. It gives the students strength and courage to believe in themselves and dream BIG.

Los geht's zum Kinderturnen! A book for 3-5 years olds in a question and answer style that offers initial simple information on various topics, based on small everyday stories.

Die Streit Hörnchen, the last pinecone of the year hanging at the top of the tree, Leni the squirrel must have it! A story about two squirrels who are caught up in a competition for the very last cone. Who will it belong to?



Der Löwe in Dir, being small is not easy. When one is overlooked, forgotten and pushed, who knew a mouse could know better? An adventurous story about a mouse who proves on its journey that you do not have to be big and strong to find your own voice.

Vielleicht, a book about the endless talents in each of us, where a girl accompanied by her piglet and many other animals brings light into darkness and gives hope.



In Grade 2, we prepared posters with old photos on which the students then had to write what they saw, thought and wondered and they also could try out the ancient and rare typewriter, ink pens, and wax stamp for putting together a letter and writing on chalkboards.



Grade 3 learned about the ancient civilization era with the help of using different writing techniques like Egyptians hieroglyphics, writing their names on the Roman wax boards and chalkboards, and lastly they got to see a typewriter that is around 150 years old and use it for experience. They were also lucky enough to use some old ink pens to write letters which they closed with the old well-known wax stamp brought in by our own teachers.



Thank you to our lower school students for making Library time such a fun-filled, creative and learning experience each time! We love having you around!

Verena Bauser-Maier
Bianca Guardiania
Librarians

Middle/Upper School

Catching Up On CAS *Rugby Club Valkyries*



Over the course of 11th grade my friend and I have been leading a rugby club outside of school. Training took place on Mondays from 3:45pm - 5pm. Within this time we did a variety of drills, which we had planned beforehand and always ended it with a match at the end, as our team was rather small we focused on 7s style of rugby instead of the common 15s. Our inspiration for the team came to us when we realised that the opportunities for playing rugby in Ulm were very limited.

Having our own rugby club had always been a dream for both of us, it allowed us to introduce a whole group of people to a sport we very much loved. After the year long life of the club I am proud of what we have achieved in the short amount of time we had.

Leading a group of people of course comes with it's challenges, but all in all I am pleased to say that we had a very motivated bunch of people who were eager to learn and engage which made the experience very pleasant with no major issues that had to be dealt with.

The pandemic on the other hand was a bit of an issue: LOCKDOWN. I did not want people to lose touch with the game during this time and so decided that I would continue the club virtually. Every week I would send out at least one workout video accompanied by either some tactical explanations on how rugby worked, or a highlights video of a major match that had happened the week before, in hope that it would help the players understand how the game was played by using visual guidance.

Throughout the experience I discovered the vitalness of communication in a team sport. Not only from coach to players, but often more importantly from players to coach and players amongst themselves. Collaboration within a team is crucial, as we can learn a lot from each other, which not only has a positive impact on an individual player but also on the outcome of the entire team.

Max
Grade 12

Counsellor's Corner

Supporting School Wellbeing

Times of challenge and crisis come and go for each of us individually as well as collectively. This requires us all to take a look at how we care for ourselves and each other. During the Ukraine crisis, we have seen an increase in conversations within the classrooms and on the playground about fears and stressors related to this crisis, but also a massive increase in care for our community internally and externally. Students are aware that they are welcome to discuss their concerns in classrooms but also in the counselling office. Supports exist with staff who are pastorally-minded and trauma-informed as well as a counsellor who is trauma trained. ISU is a beautiful community where care is central to our culture and this will not change during this current time of crisis. Please reach out to me if you would like specific resources or to book an appointment: a.collins@is-ulm.de

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IB DIPLOMA GRADUATION EXHIBITION



WHEN: 01/04/2022 - 04/04/2022

OPENING: 01 APRIL, 2022

DONAUSTR.5, 89073, ULM

18:00-20:00

SAT: 11:00 - 15:00

SUN: CLOSED

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF ULM/NEU-ULM GMBH

The IB DP Visual Arts Senior class will be having their IB exhibition at the Artists Guild Gallery in downtown Ulm. They will be celebrating the culmination of two years of hard work with an opening on Friday, April 1st from 18:00 – 20:00. This event will be by invite only. The ISU community is welcome to visit the gallery on Saturday, April 2nd to view the work created by these talented students. The gallery will be open to the public from 11:00 to 15:00. The seniors are very proud of their work and look forward to seeing you there.