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On February 5th, Southern Türkiye and Northern Syria were hit by a devastating earthquake that has taken the lives of over 44,000 people with many more missing or injured. It has been very hard to grasp the sheer scale of this disaster that has shocked our small yet international community. We have felt it essential to respond in appropriate ways committing to support those who have been affected by this disaster but also raising awareness.

Action

Collections and Donations

Working with members of our Turkish community, our students and staff have been donating necessary items that will help and support those affected by the earthquake. For days, volunteers have been sorting through donations, packing, and labeling boxes, and loading them onto the truck that was organized by the Dogancan Center Neu-Ulm and private donors. The truck left the afternoon of Sunday, February 12th. Palettes of animal food, a large quantity of sleeping bags, several hundred heaters, and a plane full of generators were organized and are on their way! We want to thank Ms. Cicek, the Turkish community of Ulm/Neu-Ulm as well as the ISU community for their organization and support of these relief efforts.

If you would like to donate monetarily please feel free to contribute to the following trusted organizations:

AHBAP: with 200 philanthropists and 30,000 volunteers on board AHBAP is a local voluntary network that is currently active in the affected regions.  
https://ahbap.org/disasters-turkey

DONATE VIA BANK TRANSFER:
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AKUT: is another voluntary, non-governmental organization involved in searching, assisting, and rescuing the victims of those affected by earthquakes. They are fully transparent about how they spend donations they receive. They accept donations in EUR and USD.  
Donation | AKUT Search and Rescue Association | Turkish USAR Team

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Maria Tran
Lower School Principal
Earthquake - Southern Türkiye and Northern Syria
This basketball season so far has been a total hit for the girls team. We have successfully won all 4 of our matches. We have a strong team of 14 which gives just about 3 different line ups. For our games/tournaments we have had different team captains. When we played BIS we had Satin as the captain and for our most recent tournament I (Neve) was the captain.

I was very proud to be captain of the team and I was especially proud of the way we deal with aggressive and foul play. Our players don’t push and foul back but use tactics and skills to get round, keeping a fair game at all times. I, like everyone else on our team, am super proud of the fact we played 2 back to back games and our energy and spirit was sky high each time. We have amazing teamwork too, we all learn from each other and always put an amazing game out on the court.

During the tournament, that took place on the 11/2/23, we managed to keep a nice position on the scoreboard. Some teams gave us a real run for our money and some gave us amazing play. For our 3 games this is how our end score looked like. ISU-ISS 24 - 12, for Ulm, ISU-BIS 14-16, for Ulm and finally ISU-FIS 16-38 for Ulm.

Every game was played with passion, dedication, determination and a positive attitude.

In the game that took place on 24/1/23 we played one game against BIS and we ended up with a final score of 21-30 to ISU. Much like the tournament we played amazingly. I think that winning that game gave us a great feeling as it was our first game together as a team. As I mentioned earlier Satin played captain and kept a positive spirit throughout the whole game.

I think the girls have done themself proud, much like everyone. I’m super proud to be part of this team! Good job girls! I also thank our coach Ms. Snider who had given us this opportunity as well as Mr.Alex.

Neve
Grade 6

Let’s go wolves!
ISU Sports - U14 Boys Basketball

Friendly match at Bavarian international school - January 24th

It all started off when we left the school at 2pm. We entered the luxury bus which was massive. We were going to BIS for a basketball match. It took us about 1 and a half hour. When we got there, we saw that the school was as big as an airport. We entered the dressing room and got changed. When we set foot in the massive gym, the game was on. We started off the game with an own basket without knowing what side we were on. We restarted the game and got the first point on the board. They had great players. The game ended 84 to 14. The score was horrific but we learned how to accept defeat and move on. It was a great experience and we had a lot of fun. The teachers that went with us were extremely supportive, big thanks to them.

We got on the bus and came back home to our loving families at 8 pm.

Let's go wolves

GISST friendly tournament - February 11

It started off way before school started, at 6 am. We boarded the minivan and got ready for the adventure to FIS Nuremberg. It took us 2 hours and 49 minutes to get there. On the way some of us felt sick as the road was pretty bumpy. When we got there, we got to see their enormous trophy room. We got changed in changing room 3. Once we set foot on the massive gym, there was no going back. We got some basketballs and started hooping and putting in some layups. Our first game, against ISS, started almost immediately. We were pushing hard for the win, at the end we lost 18 to 22, but it was still a good start.

Our next game was against BIS, the team we lost to 70 points apart last time. At the end of game 2, we made big improvements on the board, we had way more points on the board from last time, and this time we only lost to 40. Our next game was against FIS. Our coach, Mr. Washington, gave us an incredible amount of support, motivation and help which resulted in a win against the team who had the massive trophy room. We won 24 to 28, but hey, a win is a win. Our last match was 1 hour later, so we had plenty of time to rest. This time we played against FIS 1, who were definitely better than FIS 2. After the 4th quarter, It was a tie, 22 to 22. Miguel, Harry, Martin, Oskar and me definitely showed the other teams that the tournament in March was not going to be a walk in the park for them. Last but not least, I want to thank the coaches, Mrs. Vanessa and Mr. Washington for supporting and helping us a lot. We had lots of fun in FIS and recorded memories that we won’t forget in a hurry. We came back very happy, but knew that we would destroy all those teams that we lost against, the next time we play. Let's go Wolves.

Utsav
Our first friendly basketball tournament of this year took place on Saturday, February 11th. We played against the Bavarian International school and the International school of Stuttgart. Both of those games were definitely very challenging for us since, compared to both teams, we had less basketball experience. However, that did not bring down our hopes; we tried our best and kept our heads up during both games. We played some good defense and it clearly improved after the first game which gave us opportunities to take more shots during our second game. It took some time for some of us to learn how to play together but in the end we were able to work together as a team. Some of us got hurt but we still managed to keep going until the end.

It was one special adventure that I did not regret. I would like to thank our coach Mr. Sauer for keeping all of us motivated and guiding us throughout the tournament. And also thank you to Ms. Kraft who came on this fun and memorable journey with us. Although we did not win, I still want to say I am proud of my team and appreciate the amount of effort they all have put in over the weekend.

Nadia
Grade 12
The Grade 8 Art class has begun a long-term unit on birds. Here are some excellent examples of their colour paintings and pen drawings.

Hayley

Serena

Victoria

Tony

On February 8th, the class went to the Natural History Museum in Ulm as part of our research on birds. We saw lots of different kinds of birds and used the opportunity to take photographs that will inform the planning of our upcoming fantasy bird sculptures.

APPEAL FOR NEWSPAPERS
As Grade 8 is about to embark on a sculpture project we need your old newspapers! Please bring any donations to the art room.

Many thanks,

Ms L Thomas
Semester 2
Our second semester ASA program started on February 6th. The ASA program runs from February 6th through April 28th on Mondays-Thursdays, with the exception of Elementary Drama and a few of the activities we are still waiting to start. Sign-ups are still open and can be done through the school cloud website.

There are many different exciting opportunities for students in Grade EY3 to Grade 12. This semester we have robotics and coding for Lower, Middle, and Upper School students. In the Lower School section students are learning block coding, a user-friendly method that makes it easy for kids to learn the basics of programming. Through a variety of interactive activities and mediums, students will learn how to create their own programs and games.

Multiple different language and culture clubs are happening, such as Russian, Chinese, Spanish, and Turkish. Students are learning, practising and/or engaging other students in a different language. While also participating in cultural activities and experiences related to each of these languages.

Those are just a few, make sure you check out what else is available if you haven’t had a chance. A little different this semester we have a few activities that are still in process of being able to be offered so we have waitlists for them and will reach out to families that sign up for them when they are able to start. Some of these include Art for EY3 to Grade 2 and Yoga/Mindfulness from Lower School to Middle/Upper School. Yoga is an external activity that we are bringing in someone to teach and run. As it’s an external activity there is a cost for this activity, but will happen on campus.

Don’t forget to check out what’s available and join in on the fun!

For a quick look at what’s available click on the link here: ASAP Offerings Semester 2

To Sign up for an activity or waitlist, click here: https://isulmneuulm.schoolcloud.co.uk/Auth/parent

For any questions please contact, Mr. Alexandre Alves
Dear ISU community,

Grade 12 students Elise, Asya, Ines and Anna Dina are conducting a CAS project called Thrifting & Gifting.

Our aim is to promote sustainable fashion and shopping but also to support a children’s home in Kenya called Nice View Children’s Village. Anna Dina became aware of this children’s home over the summer when she visited Kenya. Touched by the story of the children, she decided to contribute to the organisation. After a time of reflection, the idea of combining care and her passion for fashion came together.

Nice View Children’s Village is located in Msambweni in Kenya and was established in 1997 by family Dürr from Germany. They have been helping children in need that are orphans or vulnerable. The establishments provide their needs and help them to become responsible adults in the future. Currently their village serves for 46 children. They also give them a chance to have access to education so they can be independent in the future.

At first while planning this project we thought that we could provide the gifted clothes to send it to them. After discussing it we realised that because of the different climates, the clothing might not be useful with the clothing for usually cold weather in Germany and hot weather in Kenya. That's why we decided to donate money for them to use in their Children’s Home establishment.

What will happen?
- From Monday 13th of February until Thursday 2nd of March, you will be able to donate old clothing which are no longer in use, but still wearable (no holes or stains). Boxes to drop your donation will be available at the school entrance.

- From Monday 13th of March until Friday 17th of March, at the end of the school day and on Friday 24th of March, we will hold a secondhand market.

The money we raised will then be donated to the children's home. For further information about Nice View Children’s Village, please click on the link below.

Your continuous support is truly appreciated and we are looking forward to seeing you at the flea market.

Elise, Asya, Ines and Anna Dina
Outward Bound January 2023

Grade 6, 7 and 8 took part in our annual trip to Outward Bound, in Schwangau. During 5 days, our adventurers worked in collaboration to plan a hike to the famous Fritz Putz Hut. Their team effort allowed 34 students, 4 instructors and 4 teachers to arrive safely at the destination. Some other activities involved getting out of their comfort zone; such as the flying fox, tree climbing or the Jacob’s ladder. Not only did they develop some skills but also took time to reflect on their journey and to relax around a campfire making bread on a stick.

A special assembly was held to celebrate their achievements. Students received special awards; such as “the best team leader award” and the “the most organised adventurer award” but also awards to show how they demonstrated the learner profile attributes outside the classroom.
Dear Grade 8 and 10 Students and Parents

We would like to invite you to an information evening about pathways at ISU. In the course of the evening we will explain the various pathways available at ISU. These include IGCSE options for next years Grade 9 students and IB Diplomas for Grade 11. There will also be an opportunity to speak with teachers about the specific courses available to help you make your choices.

The Information evening will be on Thursday 9th March from 18:00 - 20:00. We look forward to seeing you there.

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