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# Newsletter

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## Grade 2 Field Trip

### Exploring the Danube: A Blend of Nature and Science

As part of the “tuning-in” activity, our grade 2 students took a sunny walk along the Danube and thoroughly enjoyed the spring weather. The outing, aptly titled “Discovering Water’s Wonders,” was a perfect blend of observation and inquiry, sparking curiosity about the vital role of water in our environment.

Their observations raised thoughtful questions, which were further explored during a visit to the secondary school for a subsequent science lesson with Mr. Rawlinson. The students participated in a range of experiments with the water samples collected from the river. They examined microscopic life, tested the water’s acidity, and observed the residues after evaporation. Each experiment not only broadened their understanding of water but also heightened their appreciation for the intricacies of our natural world.

This hands-on learning experience was a wonderful opportunity for our students to connect classroom theories with real-world applications, highlighting the importance of environmental awareness and scientific exploration.

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Ms. Osborne







# Sunflower Competition

**Remember to take part in our Sunflower Competitions this year!**

**“Skyward Giants: Who Can Grow the Tallest Sunflower?”**

**&**

**“Let the Sunflowers Bloom: Arts Extravaganza!”**



**How tall is yours?  
Deadline for tallest  
sunflower:  
28th June  
Good Luck!**

**Send photo to Ms Balsom – [c.balsom@is-ulm.de](mailto:c.balsom@is-ulm.de)**



## COMPETITION

### Let the Sunflowers Bloom!

Open to everyone in Lower School

- Any medium: paint, pencil, clay, music, dance....
- Deadline: 29th May
- Judging Panel: Ms Thomas, Mr Zamora, Ms Usmani, Mrs K
- Entries to Ms Balsom's Office or [c.balsom@is-ulm.de](mailto:c.balsom@is-ulm.de)

TITLE: **"Let the Sunflowers Bloom!"**





## Let the Sunflowers Bloom!

Unleash your creativity!  
Let your imagination run wild and  
create a sunflower masterpiece!















# Girls' Volleyball

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On May 4th The ISU U14 girls volleyball team participated in a volleyball tournament in the International school of Stuttgart. We won and we only lost one game but the main point is we had fun. Our first game was against ISF(The International School of Frankfurt). The first set was not how we expected it to be because we lost by many points. Everyone was upset by this because we were hoping to beat this team, but for the second set we put the past behind us and used our loss as a learning experience to do better. This resulted in a close set but sadly ISF won. The game after that was against MIS( Munch International School). This was a team we absolutely knew we could beat easily, and we expected right because we won both sets by a good amount. Finally we had a game against ISS (International school of Stuttgart) With the confidence from our previous win we went into the game with a good mindset. The first set was really close with the lead switching between us and ISS, and unfortunately ISS won the first set. But we did not quit there because ISS has not won yet and we really wanted to win against the ISS. This determination paid off since we won the second set. Everyone was overjoyed but we haven't won yet, there was another set to be won. The third set was full of suspense as this was the set that determined which team would win the game. After a long and hard fight we won the third set and everyone was extremely thrilled as this was the first time we have won against ISS. In the end this tournament gifted us the confidence and practice to do well in the final tournament.

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## Track & Field

On the 27th of April 2024, Julius (Grade 10), Harry and Anthony (Grade 9), Arola (Grade 8) and Neve and Raens (Grade 7), represented the ISU Track and Field team at Munich International School (MIS). When we arrived at about 10:00 a.m we were shocked about the size of the campus and the amount of facilities that were available. However, this didn't bring us down and it didn't discourage us from competing against tough opponents. There were 9 other schools that showed up that day such as BIS, FIS, ISS, ZIS, MIS, Ansbach, Hohenfels, Vilseck, and St. George's British International School.

When we arrived at the track immediately, the first events were the field events such as shot put, discus and long jump. Then it progressed to the 100 meters, 1600 meters, 400 meters, 200 meters, more field events including high jump, and finally 3200 meters. These events showcased the team's performance and how well we are all improving in the face of setbacks such as not having a track, the numbers, and not to mention the weather that day (it was beautiful but a lot of us were burnt afterwards!) On that day after all the events, we gained a lot of schools' respect for the courage we had shown and our ability to still perform well under such nerve racking conditions. Adding on to that, none of these schools knew where we came from or who we were, not to mention before our events they chuckled as we took our place. These attitudes quickly changed though, like they do in other seasons, as they saw our grit and determination when we overtook their runners in a race or how far some of our athletes were able to jump, or how strong we were compared to their respective age groups. The results that were gathered at the end of the day were very good such as Julius' 5.6 metre long jump (18' 4.25) in which he got 5th out of 27 athletes, Harry's 59.44 second 400 meter run in which he got 12th out of 27 athletes, Anthony's 13:07.42 minute 3200 meter in which he got 7th out of 9 athletes, Arola's 5.6 meter (18' 3.5) shot put throw in which she got 8th out of 14 people, Neve's 15.01 second 100 meter in which she got 6th out of 27 and Raens' 4 meter (13' 0.5) long jump in which he got 6th out of 17 athletes. Overall I believe that our team upheld a great performance and we will be even more ready for the final in Berlin.

Anthony



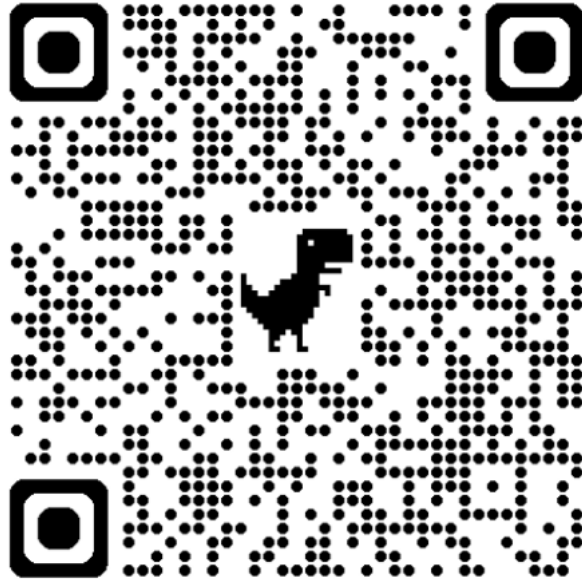




Dear Parents,

Exciting news! The ISU yearbook 2023-24 is now ready for order! Don't miss out on capturing the memories of this school year. Order yours today and cherish the moments forever.

[Click here to fill out the order form](#) by Friday 14th of June 2024.  
Alternatively, you can scan this QR code:





# Library

Dear Parents!

Our last library year was very busy.

The library again ordered lots of new books for the UOIs, prize winners, recommendations and wishes of teachers and students.

The library system can be reached online again - in an updated version.

AND BRAND NEW: we installed a regularly updated library page with information, reading aloud titles, websites and lots more.



The students can also do research in the Britannica Encyclopedia Online. The link can be found on our website.

The password is "tisulm"

## Welcome to Britannica School



A new subscription for the IB and Upper School students is: JSTOR:

"a digital library of academic journals, books, and primary sources".





# Library

If you and your students would like to watch a little video on how the library system - including databases and a great web search engine - works and what great options it offers- please click on this link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1j5Tr9J5-PUvuZWgdL-Rf9ZfjJCwIQDUUZ/view?usp=sharing>

A great search engine called “Webpath Express”- with only children appropriate websites can also be reached from the library site.



The students checked out a huge amount of books.  
Congratulations to our students who are such intensive readers!  
This year the top grades with most checked out books are Grade 1, Grade 5, EY3 and EY2 . Congratulations to these enthusiastic readers!





# Library

In the library we also set up several seasonal displays over the year promoting reading, as well as some more fun displays such as Guess your teacher's favourite book.



The students have also enjoyed adding to our Surprise book section, choosing books for the display, then deciding how to describe them for the other students then wrapping them up to become a surprise book.



We also again set up a display promoting the literature prize winners from the most well known literature awards from 2023.



This year we will have to close our library 3 weeks before summer holidays in order to do our inventory and move the library, and would therefore be very thankful if you helped and reminded your children to return all library books within the next two weeks. The last library time for them will be 19th June.

Thank you very much for your understanding and support in advance!

Verena Bauser-Maier





# GOOD LUCK

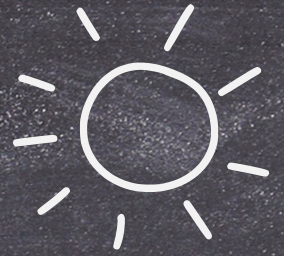
ISU PTG would like to wish the best of luck to all the students taking their exams.

On April 23rd, 2024 Grade 12 parents helped set up posters, a banner, and put out some treats for their students.

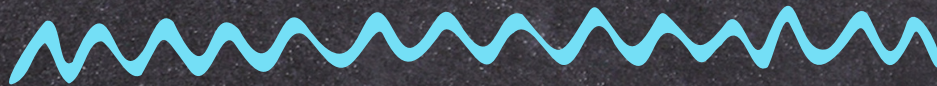
We are all so proud of you.  
Go Wolves!







# SAVE THE DATE



FINAL PTG MEETING OF THE YEAR  
JUNE 11TH AT 08:30 ATRIUM

