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OPEN DAY

Thank you to all the parents and friends for coming to the ESCA Open Day last Saturday! It was a great family day despite the rainy weather with lots of activities inside, including science experiments, play dough art, origami, jewellery making, an international food stand, popcorn, and much more all organised by our staff. We also held presentations about education at ESCA and the International Baccalaureate for the new families and visitors. To round the day out we had delicious snacks and drinks outside along with scrumptious Fresco ice cream. We hope you enjoyed this day as much as we did and we look forward to sharing more happy moments with you in the upcoming months!



PARENTS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

Thank you to the parents who came to the bi-annual Parents Association General Meeting last Thursday. Liz Dugdell, the Chair of the Parents Association Management Committee (PAMC), talked about the role of the Parents Association in the development of the school and their plans for the 2015/16 year. This year the Parents Association is planning to focus on supporting the school through coaching, leading some sports, after school activities, organising social events, family days out and enhancing the communication between the parents and teachers through the class representatives and PAMC, as well as raising funds to support the school libraries. If you were not able to attend the meeting, but would like to join the PAMC or become a class representative, please contact Liz Dugdell via parentsassociation@esca.kg



SCHOLARSHIPS

In the spring and summer of 2015 we announced applications for scholarships to be awarded to legal residents of Kyrgyzstan for the duration of their secondary schooling from age 14 to 18 with up to a 70% discount from the standard fee. We received 12 applications and tested students in English and Math, and the shortlisted candidates were interviewed by the Scholarship



Committee comprised of the members of the school Management Board, Governing Board and representatives of the Ministry of Education. After the tests and interviews the Governing Board offered two scholarships, one of which was accepted by Akbar Diushembiev, who joined ESCA IGCSE 1 group this September. Congratulations, Akbar! We look forward to a fruitful cooperation with you!

ART ACTIVITIES

Our students continue to explore their talents and enhance their techniques in art classes with Ms Lidia and Ms Anna. This week students worked with watercolour and leaves from the school garden. Keep up to date with ESCA students' art at <http://esca.kg/news/art-gallery/>



NEW ICT ROOM

While working on improving the school facilities this summer, we also worked on a major overhaul of the ICT room. This renovation has made it possible to host more students for our ICT and Computer Science lessons as well as students' independent research. The ICT room is now able to fit up to 16 students at the same time so that students can do some research online, learn how to type, create documents and presentations, design websites, learn to code, and create video games.



SCHOOL BAND

On Monday our Music Teacher Ms Anara and the Band Leader of "Salt Peanuts" Jazz Band Mr Bakyt held auditions to ESCA School Band. The following students were selected:

Bass Guitar: Akim Ruslanov, IGCSE 2

Saxophone: Alibek Niyazov, Secondary 3

Drums: Linus Skov-Hansen, Secondary 3

Violin: Marta Ora, Secondary 2

Lead Vocalist: Aila Grant, Secondary 2

Back Vocalists: Lurdes Karpovich, Secondary 2;
Aijan Grant, Primary 4;
Ayan Alymova, Primary 4



Congratulations to you all and we look forward to hearing new songs and seeing you perform soon!

Additional auditions will be held on Monday 21 September at 15:00.

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL DOCTOR

During the transition season we have more students suffering from cold and virus infections. If your child is feeling ill, please have them stay at home until they are feeling better. In order to avoid complications from the illness, please ensure bedrest for your children and limit time outside. The best way to avoid virus infections is to wash hands with soap. During this period of time it is recommended to clean nasal passages with salt water or Aqua Maris. Cleaning nasal passages in the mornings and evenings removes the viruses and bacteria.

In order to strengthen the immune system we recommend having more fresh fruit and vegetables as well as tea with briar berries.

STAR ACHIEVERS: AWARDED ON 18 SEPTEMBER

PRIMARY 1	URSULA	Ursula has been particularly well-behaved this week and always tries her best.
PRIMARY 2	THOMAS R	Thomas was a hard worker this week and his classroom behaviour has been excellent. He is also a good friend to all his classmates.
PRIMARY 3	LANA	Lana is the Star Achiever this week for her positive attitude, neatness of work and willingness to help others.
PRIMARY 4	CALLUM	Callum has used an inquiring mind through his involvement and participation in lessons throughout the week.
PRIMARY 5	HAYATO	Hayato has demonstrated open-mindedness this week by asking questions before reacting, and by listening to other people's viewpoints.
PRIMARY 6	YUAN	This week Yuan has focused on her work, demonstrating curiosity and a desire to learn as well as a caring attitude, helping classmates when necessary.
PE	AYAN	Ayan has shown open-mindedness this week in trying new things with enthusiasm.
	DAUREN	In PE lessons, Dauren has been active and very enthusiastic.



STUDENT COUNCIL

During the Primary School Assembly on Friday the students elected their representatives to the Student Council coordinated by Ms Karolina Pawlowska. The Student Council is responsible for organising some of the school events, including the Fall Festival, St Valentine's Day etc.



MENU

ESCA will offer Menu B from 21 to 25 September. Please follow the [link](#) to see the menu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 24 September: Kurban Ait – NO SCHOOL

Wednesday 21 October: Parent-Teacher Meetings

Friday 23 October: UN Day

Friday 23 October – Monday 2 November: Half Term Break

PRESCHOOL

A family is a source of love and security for a young child. This week in preschool, we learned about families and all the members of a family. We discussed about the things families do together. Thank you to all who sent their family pictures to school. Children enjoyed talking about their families, sharing stories and learning to be part of a family. Teachers brought in family pictures to share with their classes too!

In Preschool 1, this week we looked at the family pictures we have received and talked about relatives both in English and in Kyrgyz. We have also worked on fine motor skills through paint and gross motor skills outdoor using pom poms soaked with paint and had so much fun squeezing the soaked pom poms. We sang many nursery rhymes and enjoyed it a lot. In order to create a music corner in preschool, we request parents to donate ladles and other kitchenware.

In Preschool 2, the children learned that family is the people who live with them. They learned that there are all kinds of families and to identify people in their family. We did a drawing on "My Family" with teacher's assistance. This week we are working on the letter and sound /A/ and number 2. We did apple painting, astronaut craft, colouring activities and learned the poem 'Two Red Apples.' We have been singing the 'Fruit Tango', 'Fishy Bubbles', 'Round the Garden' and the 'Family Fingers' song. We also enjoyed the story 'The Family Book' and played with our family paper dolls. We started on prewriting



activities this week, in no time the children are going to start writing numbers!

In Preschool 3, the children have been learning the letter A. We have been having a blast learning new songs finger plays such as, "Ants Go Marching In" and "Ants On My Arm". We also learned a poem about our house. You can find it in your homework email. ;-) In art this week we painted our house and cut out the members of our family and glued them into our house, we used apples to paint the surprise you find inside. We also started working on retelling stories. Our first story was the "Goldilocks and the 3 Bears" the children used magnet pictures and enjoyed retelling the story to each other. In Math we continued working on patterns and shapes. We totally are enjoying our awesome time in the ocean. Come visit us!

Preschool is asking for recycles to be sent in to school for craft works.

You can help your child learn more by talking with them about the things they are doing at school and the new letters and numbers that they are learning.

