



## Squirelling stamps away

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>**, LIS hosted a press conference, informing the general public about our project. **Mr. Lewis and some of his students** had decorated the walls with posters and a stamp barometer showing that at school we have collected 67 000 stamps so far. **Ms. Jackson and her stamp team** had counted and cut to size all these stamps.

The **LVZ** wrote a long article about our project, **Leipzig Fernsehen** reported on it – and as a result of so much publicity a number of Leipzigers have sent us their stamp collections. A special Thank-You to Mr. Thieme, Dr. Bachmann and Mr. Lepczyk from Wurzen, Mr. and Ms. Böhme and Mr. Müller from Bennewitz!

The **Wirtschaftsjunioren** have spread the word all over the globe – and received already five kilos of stamps from India. The **PIN AG** donated around 30 000 stamps and the marketing students from the Leipzig University have collected many boxes full by now. Mr. Buhl-Wagner from **fairnet GmbH** gave valuable advise and made sure, elegant boxes were produced for a reasonable price and last but in no way least Ms. Gläser designed a wonderful website in English and German ([www.stamps-for-leipzig.de](http://www.stamps-for-leipzig.de)) with Lissy, our mascot.



## Counting for You!



While LIS is counting on you to collect as many stamps as possible, a select group from **grade 6 MJ** have stepped into action to count, sort, and store all of the precious stamps. They quickly got to work after the break. They tried their best to inform LIS students and get them excited about this promising event. They also challenged all the classes to be the group that collects the most stamps! So far they have counted 6 715 stamps. There is a long way to go so lets keep this group counting.

LIS is thankful for all the time and energy that Janet Wassmus, Janina Aguila, Diana Gerstenberger, Anna-Katrin Lindner, Sarah Falkenstein, Victoria Correa, Lena Huck, and Kimberly Edwards have put into this project.



Who would have believed James Parsons, the Director of ICC Sprachinstitut, when he presented us with the idea that it would actually take off in such a big way?! Thanks to him, we were chosen to represent Germany in »Land der Ideen« ([www.land-der-ideen.de](http://www.land-der-ideen.de)) on June 7<sup>th</sup>. This project runs for the second time under the patronage of Bundespräsident Horst Köhler and in cooperation with Deutsche Bank. It supports the idea of Germany as a country of artists, inventors, philosophers, scientists, and entrepreneurs. This can be witnessed on 365 days all over Germany. DuMont publishes a travel guide »Land der Ideen« in which you will find us on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our second goal is still to beat the Hong Kong Post Office (a stamp mosaic of 26 m<sup>2</sup> and just recently a Bulgarian's stamp mosaic of ca. 50 m<sup>2</sup>). We will easily meet this challenge which will get us an entry in the Guinness Book of Records – and still have plenty of stamps left over to sell.



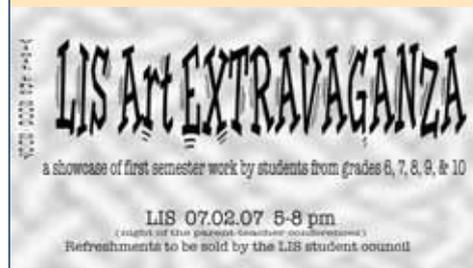
Please, continue to ask your friends and relatives, your colleagues, your boss and your neighbours to participate! Every single stamp helps!

Please, do not hesitate to contact Annemarie Webster (phone: 0341 4210574, Email: [a.webster@intschool-leipzig.com](mailto:a.webster@intschool-leipzig.com)) if you have questions or want to donate stamps.

By the way, as June 7<sup>th</sup> is such an important date for us we have decided to celebrate it. Please, mark your calendar: **Fundraising Dinner, June 7<sup>th</sup>**! The event will be sponsored by the Marriott Hotel and Deutsche Bank. Details and invitations will follow later. *Annemarie Webster*

## LIS Art Extravaganza

During the evening of the Parent-Teacher Conferences on **Wednesday 07.02.07**, student art work produced during the first semester from grades 6,7,8,9,10 will be on display. Refreshments will be sold by the LIS student council from 5-8 pm. Parents as well as students are encouraged to come and view the work. Hope to see you there.  
*Steve Lewis*



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR, UP-COMING EVENTS

Thursday **1<sup>st</sup> February 07**, 8-9 a.m. – meet your Parent Association, Primary and Secondary Cafeteria or entrance

Thursday **1<sup>st</sup> February 07** – Secondary Parent-Teacher Conference evening

Thursday **22<sup>nd</sup> February 07**, 3-4 p.m. – meet your Parent Association on Pre-School Ground-Floor

Monday **19<sup>th</sup> February**, 8 p.m. – 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of our LIS Sommerfest team

Thursday **7<sup>th</sup> June 07**, LIS Fundraising Dinner

Saturday **9<sup>th</sup> June 07**, LIS Sommerfest

## Test Your English

at Museum of Fine Arts Leipzig

**Test Your English Tours** run normally from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Students may take part on the tour for 0.50 Euro. Those interested should see Mr. Lewis for more details. Grade 11 IB Art students will be giving the following tours this semester:

**February 08, 2007** »Exploring Emotions« by Christian Bär | **March 15, 2007** »Visual Communication« by Tanja Henkel

**April 19, 2007** »Women in General« by Nora Lampeter | **May 24, 2007** »Connection of Lines« by Andreas Köhler | **June 21, 2007** »The Never Ending Conflict« by David Berger

## L.I.S. Sports

There are several opportunities for L.I.S. students to be involved in extra-curricular sports this year. Some of the options are:

### MONDAY

Basketball (grades 1-5) from 15:00-17:00 – coached by Carmen Nastar

Secondary Sports (grades 6-12) from 16:00-17:00 – students choose which sport to play

L.I.S. Run Club (grades 1-12) from 16:00-17:00 – training for the 31<sup>st</sup> Leipzig Marathon on April 22<sup>nd</sup> for more info go to [www.lis-run-club.blogspot.com](http://www.lis-run-club.blogspot.com)

### SPORTS CLUBS IN LEIPZIG

[www.ssb-leipzig.de](http://www.ssb-leipzig.de) – searchable contact list of 338 sports clubs in Leipzig

The L.I.S. Physical Education teachers would like to encourage parents to ensure their child is physically active every day.

## From the Headmaster

In this issue you will find the **provisional calendar for the new school year 2007/08**. The reason for it being provisional concerns our return to the Könnertitzstraße which is almost certain to take place during the time period 1<sup>st</sup> October to 19<sup>th</sup> October inclusive.

The plan is that the children in both the Pre-School and the school grades 1 through 12 will have a three-week break during this time. The staff will start packing only on 1<sup>st</sup> October in order to minimise disruption to the academic programme and finish on 2<sup>nd</sup>, they go on holiday on the 3<sup>rd</sup> returning to school to unpack and put the finishing touches to the rooms on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. **Everything will be ready for the children and business as usual when the children return on 22<sup>nd</sup> October!**

The way the construction of the new building is progressing I am assured that we will indeed be able to keep to this schedule. I am sure that many of you will have had a look at the progress that has already been made in the Könnertitzstraße!

At the moment various specific groups of staff are involved in the planning of the »insides of the school« – the »Ausstattung«. This includes not only the standard classrooms but also the multi-purpose auditorium / Sport hall, 4 Science laboratories, Library, Gym and fitness room, 8 »Hort« rooms, Music and Art centres, 3 Computer rooms and a Cafeteria. All of the classrooms and offices will be networked to two systems / servers, one to which the students have access and one that only staff may use. We will be preparing for perfection – our impression of it – then this will be submitted to the Board who will then be able to decide which elements, when put out to tender which ones can be implemented immediately and which will need to be incorporated into the strategic plan for future development. Whatever the result of this extra project – enjoyable and stimulating though it is, I would like to thank the staff for their involvement in this extra work. Needless to say – but I will anyway – the Board of Governors have spent vast amounts of their private time working for our benefit on this project. The present buildings that we occupy and the distribution of grade levels within them will remain the same up until our move in October.

In order to facilitate the planning of the next academic year we will need exact information from you at this early stage concerning **re-registration of your child(ren)** for the 2007/08 school year. It is therefore vital that you complete the form recently distributed by post to all parents and return it to the School Office L.I.S. by March 1<sup>st</sup> (at the latest) by post or personally.

The Board of Governors has decided that **a bus shuttle** will again be provided at no extra cost to users that will leave the Schleußig area pick up point and arrive at school by 8.20 at the latest. The return trip would involve the bus leaving the school at 15.15. A second trip of the bus will involve a 16.15 pick up with an approximate 17.00 drop off in Schleußig. Obviously as soon as we move back into the renovated building no bus service will be necessary.

There will be a **»Board Open forum«** in the Spring-time at 19.00 in the Marriott Hotel (date still to be finalised) at which a progress report on the »new school buildings« will be given – all are cordially invited. Presentations will be made in English with translations of course, if necessary and appropriate, followed by a question and answer session.

Finally concerning reduced school fees for the coming school year, those parents who were granted a reduction in fees in the school year August 2006-2007 must re-apply for this for the August 2007-2008 school year if it is still needed. I would ask you to supply the necessary documentary evidence to me (of the type provided in your previous application together with the appropriate school form) by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007 at the latest. This information will be treated in the strictest confidence and reviewed by a committee of Board of Governors in April. You will be informed of their decision by the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2007 at the latest. *Michael Webster Headmaster*

## »Jugend forscht« at LIS

Our School is taking part in the contest »Jugend forscht«. Aide Gomez, Mina Othmer and Sophie Fandrych are 3 primary students who take part. They have chosen the theme »Wolves«. Their goal is to get wolves to come back to Germany and Saxony. They have collected signatures and made a questionnaire for people to answer it. They discovered that Wolves are always displayed in stories as bad, greedy or as tyrants. They will give a presentation in March displaying things that they've discovered. *Luise Kirchhof*



**IGCSE** The International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) is taken in over 100 countries worldwide. It is a two year programme, designed for students in Grades 9 and 10, leading to individual IGCSE certificates in the academic subjects taken and/or the International Certificate of Education (ICE).

It aims to prepare students for external examinations, and develops and reinforces a broad range of skills which are needed for the IB programme in Grades 11 and 12. It is also designed to equip students with skills for apprenticeships and /or immediate employment. It is recognized as evidence of ability by academic institutions and employers worldwide.

It is an invaluable tool for students and teachers providing external feedback on students' strengths and weaknesses in key curriculum areas.

**IGCSE provides a broad study programme from five areas Languages, Humanities and Social Sciences, Sciences, Mathematics, Creative, Technical and Vocational.** At LIS the following is offered:

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| Group I: Languages                          | English + German + French          |
| Group II: Humanities and Social Sciences    | English Literature + History       |
| Group III: Sciences                         | Coordinated Science (Double Award) |
| Group IV: Mathematics                       | Mathematics (Without Coursework)   |
| Group V: Creative, Technical and Vocational | Computer Studies + Art and Design  |

The **IGCSE curriculum** balances practical experience as well as theoretical knowledge, making it suitable for students with different levels of ability through a choice of Core and Extended papers which are available in most subjects.

ICE is the Group award of the IGCSE. It requires the study of at least seven subjects drawn from the five different IGCSE subject groups including two languages and one subject from each of the other subject groups.

Overall individual IGCSE certificates and the ICE offer a broadly balanced internationally focused education with a range of skills creating independent life long learners. Further information can be found on [www.cie.org.uk](http://www.cie.org.uk). *Rebecca Collier, IGCSE Coordinator*

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Marathon Fundraising

LIS is organizing another Marathon Fundraising event for the **31<sup>st</sup> Leipzig Marathon** taking place on **Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2007**. There will be a school relay competition the day before, and there are already some LIS runners training for that! Our running club on Tuesdays prepares students for this exciting inter-school event. ([www.leipzigmarathon.de](http://www.leipzigmarathon.de))

All students who want to be a part of the LIS Marathon Fundraiser must keep a journal of their training kilometers. Journals can be picked up from Mr. du Plooy to take home and parents sign after each student runs. The kilometers run by students are added to the school total. The individual kilometers and the school total will be updated monthly on the Run Club poster in front of the LIS office. On top of that, LIS needs 10 students from each grade level who want to run in the Marathon School Relay Teams. These relay teams will compete with other Leipzig schools on Marathon Weekend. Please sign up with Mr. du Plooy as soon as possible!

Any other Parents, Staff, or Friends of LIS who are registered for the Leipzig Marathon should inform Mr. du Plooy at [wduplooy@gmail.com](mailto:wduplooy@gmail.com). He will then add your race kilometers to the LIS total. (*read more on page 4*)



*One of last year's relay teams*

The **mock IGCSE and IB Diploma examinations** have taken place for grades 10 and 12 respectively and students and teachers are now using the outcomes as guidance when deciding in which particular areas students need to focus their efforts to strengthen their position before their final examinations in May 2007.

The first semester of the current school year is just coming to its end and end-of-semester reports for grades 6-12 will be issued at the end of January. On **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, parent-teacher conferences** will take place from 17.00-20.30 on the third floor of the main school building. Appointment sheets have been issued and students and teachers are currently engaged in arranging times to meet parents. It is hoped that students will accompany their parents to these meetings and, where necessary help the meetings to run smoothly by acting as translators.

With the renovation of our Könnertitzstraße building progressing on schedule, secondary school staff are now engaged in making input into the planning of the interior design, layout and equipping of classrooms, laboratories, ICT suite, Art Room, Music Room. It is an exciting time as our anticipation of the Autumn move back to the improved facility begins to grow.

In April, following the Easter break, a group of grade 11 students, accompanied by our CAS Coordinator Gisela Selbach, will **attend a Creativity, Action and Service IB Conference in Istanbul**. This is a particularly exciting opportunity for students and coordinators engaged in CAS activities to share experiences with and learn from representatives of international schools from many different parts of the globe in a truly stimulating setting.

On the left is included an overview of the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) programme that runs at LIS in grades 9 and 10. This programme, culminating with grade 10 students sitting external examinations set by Cambridge International Education, provides excellent all round preparation for the IB Diploma programme that follows in grades 11 and 12 and which also finishes with students sitting externally set examinations. Later in the school year (date to be announced) **an evening will be devoted to explaining the IGCSE programme in more detail to parents and students currently in grade 8.**

I hope everyone enjoys a relaxing Winter break and an enjoyable and successful second semester. *Stephen Wilkerson*

(continues from page 3) For news and updates about the LIS Marathon Fundraiser go to [www.lis-run-club.blogspot.com](http://www.lis-run-club.blogspot.com). The proceeds of the Marathon Fundraiser (bank transfer only) will support »Living Hope« – a street children project in Vladivostok, Russia. Ms. Wendt, who worked at LIS as a preschool teacher over the last five years, is going to work in that project from June 2007. Information about the project itself will soon be available or have a look at their website now ([www.livinghope.org.nz](http://www.livinghope.org.nz)).

By the way, there are about 5000 miles (8000 km) between Leipzig and Vladivostok, as the crow flies. Our LIS goal is to run that distance (consisting of student training kilometers and all race kilometers) as a whole school community. How far can you run toward that goal?



A few of last year's Marathon participants.

Please remember, this is a team building event for the whole LIS community. We need you all – not just as runners, but supporters in many ways, such as selling T-shirts, cheering on the runners, communicating the idea, etc. Please contact Mr. du Plooy to join the LIS team this spring!

Your Marathon Fundraiser Organisation Team



#### The next issue of LIS OBSERVER

will be published on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2007. Please send your articles/pictures until 16<sup>th</sup> March 2007 by following e-mail: [a.webster@intschool-leipzig.com](mailto:a.webster@intschool-leipzig.com).

We are very grateful to PRICE WATERHOUSECOOPERS for printing this issue of the Observer and Mrs. KIRCHHOF for the layout and graphic design.

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| administration | board          | parents  | students |
| pre-school     | primary school | secondary school   |          |
| new building   | events         | Colour scheme – every colour represents a section of our school. |          |

A highlight in the life at LIS is our annual **Sommerfest**. Mark the **9<sup>th</sup> June** on your calendar, that's when this year's Sommerfest will take place! There will be slight changes this year concerning the organization – more people will be involved in it. This means work for more people, but it also means less work for the individual. And the more people get involved in the process of organizing the more fun we will all have. Any bright idea you have can come true and in the end there will be the right activity for everyone. We want to have a big party where we ALL come together and have fun together – from preschool up to secondary. Therefore we need your support and your bright ideas – from parents as well as from secondary students (why should only the little ones have fun?) and teachers (they always have so many good ideas!). It's your party.

We have already collected some good ideas but all of you are welcome to join in (even if you think you haven't got any idea, because sometimes they develop when you talk to each other. It's worth giving it a try). Especially men are very welcome in the »desperate housewives' club«. (Only kidding. Don't worry, it's not only women and they are not that desperate. We actually did have some around at our last meetings) The last meeting has shown that men have different perspectives on things than women – and they have connections, these qualities make them nice company. So be a daredevil and show up at our next meeting! It will be on **Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00 p.m.** at the »Kesselhaus« in the backyard of Holbeinstr. 29 in Schleußig. If you want to contribute your ideas but have no time on the 19<sup>th</sup> you can also email or phone us.

*Impressions from LIS primary christmas lunch in December 2006*



Thanks again to all of you who have come to school and helped to decorate the cafeteria for Christmas. And thanks to all of the Christmas lunch helpers in preschool and primary. The children had a great party and they enjoyed the delicious food that most of you made. Special thanks to the preschool representative Antje Heinz for assisting St. Nikolaus and doing all the shopping for Christmas lunch and to the primary representatives Angie Greene and Ari Braun who also did the shopping and made ornaments for each child. And Angie and Ari also reminded us that Christmas is a time of sharing. Angie had contacted a Kinderheim for severely handicapped children here in Leipzig and had asked them for their needs. She then created the wish-tree on the ground floor, where everyone could pick up an ornament that had a special item on the back that should be donated. We delivered the presents to the Kinderheim in Grünau after our Christmas lunch and they were very happy and very thankful. Thanks to all those who have given so generously. The children in the Kinderheim have prepared a poster for us and we will go there again soon with some of our children and pick it up. Because you all made so many good dishes for Christmas lunch, we had more than we could actually eat. Ari had the simple but splendid idea of sharing the plenty with the Leipziger Tafel, this is a place where poor people can get lunch or food for free. After the visit to the Kinderheim we went to the Leipziger Tafel and delivered the food. So all in all it was not only a nice day for us at LIS but also for other people.

You can meet us **personally** in school if you like. These are the next dates: primary/secondary 1<sup>st</sup> February 8-9 a.m. (entrance/cafeteria) and Pre-school 22<sup>nd</sup> February 3-4 p.m. (ground floor). *Gaby Kirchhof (phone 034292.77411), Astrid Pietrus*



*Impressions from LIS christmas assembly in December 2006*