



## Helping others – the spirit of volunteering

At a time when seemingly the »nanny state« further develops, prescribing ever more things for our general good, it is most encouraging to see that our Parent Association continues to develop and provide us and your children with their energy, enthusiasm and skill to make our community a happier and more dynamic one.

When we have moved back to our final home we will have obviously bigger and better facilities and more opportunities for »volunteerism« to develop still further.

In terms of inculcating this spirit of voluntary service into our educational programme we have C.A.S. as part of the IB Diploma Programme (Creative, Cultural, Action, Service, Sport) and in future years we will be introducing and tracking this type of service requirement throughout the secondary school. The notion being that »one becomes good by doing good« (Plato).

Some of our 11th grade students will be attending a **C.A.S. conference in Turkey** – Istanbul with Frau Gisela Selbach as part of the support we are giving to the »Global Campaign for Education«.



I am pleased to report that the building renovations are progressing well and that we recently had a **fine celebration** on March 9<sup>th</sup> for our builders (Richtfest).

It is a fine tradition that as well as drinking beer and eating bratwurst (imagine a celebration without this) that the chief builder (foreman) – or in German Polier – gives a speech in honour of the building – its always in verse form and is a particularly well written »Dank an alle« see right on this page.

Everyone was invited recently (March 12<sup>th</sup>) to an **information evening** by the Board of Governors that in the main concerned itself with the new school fee structure for next year. As this was poorly attended we have included the basic points that were made at the meeting in a separate article in this issue (see page 2). Please address any questions thereof to Dr. Heike Klemme of the Business office at the school.

My wife Annemarie joins me in wishing the entire L.I.S. Community a safe and happy spring break and a time enjoying your children – remember the joy of childhood. They won't be children forever!

*Michael J. Webster, Headmaster*

## Ready, Steady, Goooooooooooo.... to Russia!

That will be the signal on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April for runners in our school community. The LIS community members will run several races as part of the Leipzig Marathon (including school relays). Remember, our goal is to run 8000km as a total – the distance from Leipzig (LE) to Vladivostok (VL). So far we have 44 runners signed up for running 1038 km (including students training km). It means that we have probably just crossed the Russian boarder and reached maybe St Petersburg. Come on – Vladivostok is situated in the Far East – at the other end of Russia!!! Gina (grade 7), with 133 km training, is our most successful runner at the moment. Well done!

PS: Many thanks for our parents, organizing the T-shirt and Bake sale for the 13<sup>th</sup> March which was a success and a chance to communicate the Marathon Fundraiser. The proceeds of 164,30 Euro are already transferred to the street children project in Wladiwostok. The next T-Shirt and Cake sale is planned for the 17<sup>th</sup> April – just before the Marathon weekend. *Claudia Wendt*

## Dank an alle

Nun mag vor Feuer und Gefahren  
der Herr diesen Bau bewahren,  
und auch die Kinder drinnen schützen,  
damit sie sich und andren nützen.

Unser Bauherr sei natürlich  
nun zuerst mit Dank bedacht,  
hat er doch diesen Neubau  
mutig zum Entstehen gebracht.

Auch den Herren Architekten  
sei ein Loblied angebracht,  
für den Plan – den so perfekten –  
den sie zu dem Bau gemacht.

Ein Bau aus Beton, Stahl und Stein  
lässt uns und den Statiker glücklich sein.  
Als Band zwischen Alt und Neu  
thront eine Brücke,  
die diesen Bau besonders schmücke.

Dank auch denen will ich sagen,  
die voll Fleiß – gewissenhaft –  
handwerklich geholfen haben  
hier am Bau mit ihrer Kraft.

Drum lasst uns jetzt zum Richtschmaus sitzen  
und gebt uns Braten und auch Wein,  
es ist jetzt Schluss mit allem Schwitzen,  
denn einmal will gefeiert sein.

Und nun, Glas falle hin zum Grunde,  
geweiht sei dieser Bau zur Stunde.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR EVENTS PAST

**March 1<sup>st</sup>** deadline for re-registration and first »final call« for reduced fee applications

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** Richtfest at 12.00 at the building site

**March 12<sup>th</sup>** Board of Governors met with Parents 19.00 in the Renaissance hotel to explain the new fee structure (a summary is contained in this issue)

**March 23<sup>th</sup>** IB Art external examiner visited the school

## EVENTS COMING UP

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** absolute final deadline for »reduced fee applications«

**April 17<sup>th</sup>** T-shirt and cake sale for Marathon fundraising

**April 20<sup>th</sup>** Sommerfest meeting in the »Kesselhaus« Holbeinstraße 29 at 19.00

**April 27<sup>th</sup>** Board committee review of these applications and a decision will be communicated to the parents concerned by 1<sup>st</sup> May.

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>** IB examinations start; also the IGCSE examinations take place during this month – external exams finish on 25<sup>th</sup> (approx)

**May 25<sup>th</sup>** Primary school performance in the Marriott at 19.00

**June 1<sup>st</sup>** Graduation 14.00 until 17.00 in the Marriott hotel

**June 7<sup>th</sup>** Fund raising dinner

**June 9<sup>th</sup>** Sommerfest at Gohliser Schlösschen

**June 15<sup>th</sup>** finalisation of class lists for the school year 2007/08

**June 28<sup>th</sup>** final day of school for school children

**June 29<sup>th</sup>** last day of term for teachers

**July 16<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>** Pre-school closed

## Welcome to Nora!

Nora was born on 28.2.2007 with a c-section – after 30 hours of labour! 4520g... was simply too big for Svea Meister, our German teacher. We wish them all the best and are looking forward to see Nora at LIS!



## News from Preschool

Last year my six year old daughter, after waiting excitedly, finally became a first grader!

After only a few weeks in school, she developed backaches from the different physical demands of first grade – longer periods of sitting in the same position and carrying a back pack, at times filled with gym clothes and books. After much complaining, we had it checked out by a doctor and, to my surprise, my daughter had to undergo physiotherapy. We found out too late, but your preschool child might not have to put up with backaches anymore since there is a way to prevent this! There is a special training specifically for the back which focuses on stretching and strengthening the back muscles as well as related muscles. The course also helps to eliminate or prevent muscular imbalances.

We are now offering such **physiotherapy training** for our Preschool III kids at LIS. The course is called »The zoo does gymnastics«! The exercises are children friendly, with fun guaranteed! The course is on Friday mornings from 8-9am, with other times available upon request. The instructor has a degree in sport training and is a certified personal trainer – Mrs. Zimmer de Lugo, Mother of Ben. More information is displayed throughout the Preschool building.



Children grow up fast! That is why we would like to take the time to celebrate our children finishing pre-school. We will have a new event at the LIS, the **»Preschool Graduation Party«**. It will take place June 22<sup>nd</sup> with an OVERNIGHT at the Preschool. Further information will be soon handed out to the pre-school III parents. We hope your children can attend!

Happy Easter! *Antje Heinz, Preschool Representative*

## Global Campaign for Education

*»If all the world's children join together they can be more powerful than any government«*  
Nelson Mandela

**Every child has the right to go to school.** Dear Parents, Over the last five years millions of people of all ages have joined together in over 120 countries to take part in the Global Campaign for Education. Because of what you, your friends, teachers and children have done, Global Campaign for Education got closer than ever before in succeeding to get governments to give education to everyone. The number of children out of school has gone down from 100 million to 80 million.

So do [www.campaignforeducation.org/youth/join\\_the\\_chain.php](http://www.campaignforeducation.org/youth/join_the_chain.php) JOIN UP! and help Global Campaign for Education make the world's longest chain to give everyone Education Rights Now! Help the children, and promote the universal right for education. It's simple. Link hands with your friends and children and make a paper chain to show you joining up, or make a film about your views.

**Inside our school, the following actions will take place:** All of the students from the primary form a chain around the school building. The photos will be put online. The primary school will make so-called 'buddies' out of paper, that represent children who have no chance to receive solid education. The children take part in the online chain (see link above). Our students will write chain letters, which the students of our partner school in Ghana will continue.

**Grade 11<sup>th</sup> plan of action:** On Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> of April all students and teachers from the secondary school will meet at the Augustusplatz (if we receive a permission) in Leipzig at 3 pm to form a human chain to express solidarity for the children in the world who have been denied the right to education.

- To remind the politicians of their promises given, we are planning to invite government officials, along with people from the world of music and media.
- Statements, interviews and music will form the additional programme and students will deliver flyers and answer questions.

Preceding the action week, the public will be informed through various media sources and asked to participate and join our human chain. Help your children create a chain. Join, support, and enable children to learn in schools! It is our duty as more developed countries to support less developed nations. Join today, and do your bit! *Wadim Ptach, Grade 11*

The Easter Break is fast approaching and as usual at this time of year, the secondary school is a hive of activity.

Students in grades 10 and 12 now have their minds strongly focused on their upcoming **final examination sessions** that fill the month of May. Revision plans have either already been made or are in the making and photocopiers and printers are groaning under the pressure of past examination paper production. Grades 10 and 12 are reaching the ends of their IGCSE and IB Diploma courses respectively and are gearing themselves up to produce their best work efforts in the comfort of the examination rooms 208 and 207. We wish them good luck and good grades.

Following their examinations, from 4<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> June, grade 10 students will complete their two weeks of work experience. Later in June they will complete reports about their experiences and make presentations to the secondary school in a special assembly.

Also occupying the thoughts of grade 10 students is their entry to the IB Diploma programme in grade 11 in the 2007-2008 school year. Many members of the class, together with their parents, recently attended an **IB Diploma information session** in which our IB Coordinator, Mark Collier, made a presentation of the important features of the programme. Many thanks to everyone who turned out on an extremely snowy evening!

The grade 12 Visual Arts class is about to stage its **end-of-course arts exhibition** and by the time the OBSERVER is published the students involved will have had their interviews with the visiting IB examiner. The Art Department hopes that as many students, parents and guardians as possible will visit the exhibition in room 208 during the two weeks either side of the Easter break. There is much to enjoy and to ponder.

Starting on the 16<sup>th</sup> April and running in grade 11 Biology, Chemistry and Physics lessons for approximately two weeks, is the IB Diploma Group 4 Project. This is a collaborative science project that will culminate in a poster fair in which the students will be happy to talk to students and teachers from other classes about their investigations.

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April, parents/guardians and students of grade 8 are invited to attend a **presentation on the IGCSE programme**, given by our IGCSE coordinator Rebecca Collier. Grade 8 will begin this two-year programme when they enter grade 9, next school year. The meeting begins at 19.00 and is located in room 207.

From 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> April, four grade 11 students will accompany Gisela Selbach, our CAS coordinator, to an **IB Creativity, Action and Service Conference** located in Istanbul. The conference will bring together coordinators of the CAS element of the IB Diploma programme and students from all over the world who are currently involved in CAS projects. It will be a marvellous opportunity to learn about CAS being put into practise by people with widely varying cultural backgrounds and perspectives. Our students will represent Germany, Serbia and Montenegro and the USA.

In the week 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> April, the secondary school is again showing its active support for the **Global Campaign for Education**. Grade 11 students are busy preparing the ground for this action week that has as its central theme »Join up for education rights, now.« The highlight of the week will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April when the school (students, teachers, parents and other supporters of the cause) will gather in Augustusplatz to form a human chain around the fountain. Please read Vadim Ptach's article in this issue and try to be there. *Steve Wilkerson, Secondary School Principal*

## What's the latest in the Pre-School?

In February in Pre-School III classes a special event took place – **100 days of school**. The children had been eagerly awaiting this celebration since the beginning of the school year. The children and teachers did a variety of activities and crafts. For movement activities to demonstrate 100, we did one hundred jumping jacks, jumped up and down, and did crossovers. As for craft activities, we painted our hands to show 100 fingers, glued pieces of cereal on trees and made ten necklaces with ten pieces of cereal for each. The boys and girls loved counting out 100 gummy bears and we promptly ate them when we had our party at snack time. It was a well-deserved celebration. *Ms. Pauline Mott*



## LIS Sommerfest goes Gohliser Schlösschen

This year will be a premiere: for the first time the LIS Sommerfest will leave the school-premises. The Sommerfest-team thought that the Gohliser Schlösschen will attract all of you.

What do you think? And it is even for free – thanks to the generosity of three sponsors (among them: Apotheke am Sankt Georg and Bell Flavors & Fragrances) who will cover the rent of the Gohliser Schlösschen. This scenery will hopefully inspire all of us to a very special Sommerfest.

To make it the same big success that it always was, we need your help. We need all of you to come and party with us, we need many of you to give us your time and help at the Sommerfest with selling tickets, cakes etc. and help with the games. We also need your cakes, sandwiches and other goodies and we need your artistic talent if you are good at face-painting, hairdos, painting, crafting etc. Furthermore we need supplies like tents, a little swimming-pool, dart equipment, tombola prizes for children and maybe you can even help us with a big 1<sup>st</sup> prize or money donations.



We have send out Sommerfest-e-mails to all of you, please fill them in and send them back to us. If the scenery of the Gohliser Schlösschen inspires you to some great games or activities, let us know! Your ideas are welcome. Our **next Sommerfest-meeting** will be on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, at 7 p.m. at the Kesselhaus in Holbeinstraße 29 (Schleußig). For questions contact [lispa@t-online.de](mailto:lispa@t-online.de). Have a nice and relaxing Easter-break with lots of sun, *Gaby and Astrid*

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### The next issue of LIS OBSERVER

will be published on **18<sup>th</sup> May 2007**. Please send your articles/pictures until **11<sup>th</sup> May 2007** by following e-mail to Ms Webster: [a.webster@intschool-leipzig.com](mailto:a.webster@intschool-leipzig.com).

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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.	

# New School fee system from 1st August 2007

## Why a new school fee system?

- The old law did not allow an administration fee and educational resources supplements
- For the school year 2006/07 these had to be raised as additional Investment Benefaction
- We said at the time that the system would have to be changed again if the law changed
- The law has now changed!
- From 1<sup>st</sup> August 2007, the state subsidy will not be affected by the level of the school fees

## What is the new system?

- For the School (not the Pre-School), there will be
- An annual administration fee (€ 300) payable on 1<sup>st</sup> August
  - A monthly school fee, amount depending on the Grade level
  - No investment benefaction, either 1 or 2
  - Reductions for more than one child at the school or Pre-School

## For the Pre-School, there will continue to be

- An annual administration fee (€ 300) payable on 1<sup>st</sup> August
- A monthly Investment Benefaction
- Reductions for more than one child at the school or Pre-School

## Why has the level of fees increased overall?

- The increase amounts to some 6% in most grades
- Improved school premises and equipment from 22<sup>nd</sup> October
- We now have to bear the costs of the whole school building
- VAT rise from 16 % to 19 %

## Why is LIS such good value for money?

LIS is still BY FAR the International School with the lowest fees in Germany

## Why?

- »Lean and mean« administration
- Building subsidised by the State and by Leipzig
- State subsidies for each pupil at school
- Every member of the staff pulls her/his weight!

## Is the school fee system going to change every year?

- We don't expect any more major changes
  - We are still thinking of ways to reward parents whose children stay at LIS for longer
- from the Board of Governors of LIS

**Table of School Fees School Year 2007/08**

	Total Fees annual €	2nd child in €	3rd child in €	4th child in €
Pre-School	5.754,96	4.185,00	3.165,00	3.165,00
Grades 1-4	6.180,00	4.710,00	3.240,00	3.240,00
Grades 5-8	6.180,00	4.710,00	3.240,00	3.240,00
Grades 9-10	7.140,00	5.430,00	3.720,00	3.720,00
Grades 11-12	9.060,00	6.870,00	4.680,00	4.680,00

	Admin Fee annual €	School Fee monthly €	Investment Benefaction monthly €	Total fees annual €	School year 2006/07 annual €	Change in %
Pre-School	300,00	114,58	340,00	5.754,96	5.402,52	6,5%
Grades 1-4	300,00	490,00	00,00	6.180,00	5.743,92	7,6%
Grades 5-8	300,00	490,00	00,00	6.180,00	6.011,28	2,8%
Grades 9-10	300,00	570,00	00,00	7.140,00	6.731,28	6,1%
Grades 11-12	300,00	730,00	00,00	9.060,00	8.531,28	6,2%

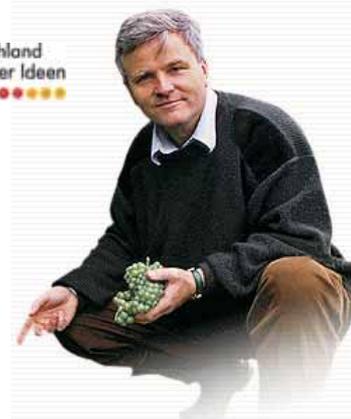
## A patron for »stamps for leipzig«

We have a patron for our project stamps-for-leipzig: Dr. Georg Prinz zur Lippe

His family, resident in Saxony since the beginning of the 18th century, was disesteemed without compensation in 1945. In 1990 Dr. Georg Prinz zur Lippe bought back the family vineyard and renovated Schloss Proschwitz, the old family domicile.

**Donnerstag, 07.06.2007: Markige Schüler.** Geleckt, geklebt, gestempelt – und nach Erhalt samt Umschlag weggeworfen. So sieht der Lebenslauf einer normalen Briefmarke aus. Das Schicksal eines Postwertzeichens ändert sich schlagartig, wenn die Schüler der »Leipzig International School« sie vor dem Papierkorb retten. Auf eine ganze Million gebrauchter Marken hat es der internationale Nachwuchs abgesehen. Leipziger Bürger, Firmen, Vereine und andere Partnerschulen suchen bereits in ihren Postkörbchen nach verwertbarem Material, um die Schüler zu unterstützen. Denn hinter der organisierten Sammelwut stecken respektable Projekte. Die innerhalb eines Jahres gesammelten Briefmarken werden an die Meistbietenden verkauft und versteigert, um den Neubau der Schulbibliothek zu finanzieren. Während die allermeisten Wertpapierchen einen neuen Besitzer finden, werden etwa 100.000 wieder verklebt. Zu einem weltrekordverdächtigen Mosaik, dass die Schüler mit einem Künstler basteln werden. Was kann entwerteten Marken Schöneres passieren, als in den Briefkästen pffiger Verwerter zu landen.

Deutschland  
Land der Ideen



Thanks to James Parsons from ICC who had the idea and successfully encouraged fairnet, PIN AG and zazadesign to support the project as partners, we were selected as one of the Land of Ideas projects of 2007. On June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 we will be officially celebrated for a creative idea. Our annual Fundraising Dinner will be devoted to celebrating this remarkable event – mark your calendar! Invitations will be sent out soon ([www.landderideen.de](http://www.landderideen.de))  
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