



€ 80 000 for LIS Building Fund!

Thank you to all Inversianern! Thank you, Mr. Rummelt!



»Kinder haben bei uns einen Stein im Brett!« is not simply a nice phrase for Mr. Rummelt. He and the exhibiting companies of the LVFM trade fair supported LIS this year by buying stones for the façade of our new multi-purpose hall.



Thanks to all children, who took part.

On **May 6th, 2007**, almost 50 of our Pre-School and Primary School students, all wearing an LIS T-Shirt, walked into the beautifully decorated Glashalle of the Messe to help putting up roof tiles on a small house. These tiles symbolised 32 stones – a total of Euro 80 000 for LIS.

Professor Fabian, the mayor of Leipzig who is responsible for schools, emphasized the importance of the International School for the city from an economic point of view and for enriching the diverse school scene here. The film that had been shot last week showed LIS students in class rooms, the hallways and outside of the present interim building – and in contrast our building back in Könnertzstrasse. Mr. Bossog, the construction supervisor, enjoyed taking the film crew through the building site explaining the development of the reconstruction and demonstrating the new »soccer field« on top of the new sport's hall.

All in all, it was a highly successful evening! We are deeply grateful for the wonderful support in Euros and advertising!

Leipzig wants to be the World Cup City



On **Thursday, April 26th**, Mrs. Kirchhof chaperoned Sarah Then Bergh, Clara Helm, Juliane Reusch, Rikako Abe, Luise Kirchhof, Janina Aguila, Diana Gerstenberger, Victoria Correa (all grade 7) and Lisa Saalbach and Chantal Marschall (grade 8) to the Zentralstadion where they handed over Leipzig's application to host the women's world cup in 2011 to Mr. Lenzen, the stadium's operator, and to Mr. Jung, our Lord Mayor. Leipzig would deserved because of its well known hospitality and international flair.

Stamps, Stamps, Stamps...

Mrs. Webster's office is looking more and more like a philatelist's dream – or nightmare. Boxes over boxes full of stamps that need to be cut and counted.

Mrs. Braun and a few kind ladies from the PA realised that the situation could only get 'worse' with stamps still arriving every day. They therefore decided to come to school on Tuesdays from 13.00 to 15.00 o'clock, cutting and counting. Volunteers are more than welcome – please, contact Mrs. Braun (a.braun@braunagrar.com).

You may even take a box home with you and work on it there. Your help will be very much appreciated!!!!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR EVENTS COMING UP

May 25th Primary School performance in the Marriott at 19:00

June 1st Graduation 14:00 until 17:00 in the Marriott Hotel

June 7th Book Fair visits the school and the Fundraising Dinner in the evening at the Marriott

June 9th Sommerfest – Gohliser Schlösschen starting at 14:00

June 15th finalisation of class lists for the school year 2007/08, please make sure that you have re-registered by this time, thereafter we will be accepting new students from the »waiting pool«

June 28th final day of school for school children

June 29th last day of term for teachers

July 16th to 27th Pre-school and Hort are closed

Fundraising Dinner 2007

Deutschland Land der Ideen
Ausgewählter Ort 2007

This year's Fundraising Dinner takes place on a very special day. The committee of Land der Ideen under the patronage of Bundespräsident Köhler has chosen **June 7th, 2007**, to honour us for our project 'stamps for leipzig'. The proceeds of our stamp campaign and of the Fundraising Dinner will benefit the LIS library. Our patron, Georg Prinz zur Lippe, will stick the first stamp on the mosaic that will ultimately gain us an entry into the Guinness Book of Records. The artist of the mosaic – the dimensions of it will be 100m²! – an LIS student – will present his ideas on that evening.

Once again, the Marriott Hotel and its Director, Mr. Maier, are supporting the dinner generously.

You should have received the invitation cards by now. Please, do come and bring your friends along as well.

The next issue of LIS OBSERVER

will be published on **15th June 2007**. Please send your articles/pictures until **8th June 2007** by following e-mail to Ms Webster: a.webster@intschool-leipzig.com.

We are very grateful to PRICE WATERHOUSE COOPERS for printing this issue of the Observer and Ms KIRCHHOF for the layout and graphic design.

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

Auf Wiedersehen many thanks to Mr Stephen Wilkerson

I would like to inform you that the Secondary School Principal **Mr. Stephen Wilkerson** has submitted his resignation to take effect as of 1st August 2007.

This I have accepted and would like to thank Steve at this point for the many contributions that he has made as he led the Secondary School and helped to further develop it during the 3 years that he has been with LIS. This has been an important period in the evolution of our school and his help has been greatly valued in



- the shaping and the organic development of the Secondary section
 - moving his school section to the interim location
 - ensuring an efficient and effective programme of studies under difficult circumstances
 - planning for the future in a bright new building.
- We have over the time of working together seen »eye

to eye« on most important matters of judgement and it has been a pleasure to work with such a kind and considerate person who has always had the individual child's interest at heart. I have expressed to him already personally my sincere thanks for all of this and for his support during his time of service.

Mrs. Hannelore Kirkham, who as you know is Stephen's life partner has decided that she will leave the employment of the school as of 31st May. Allow me on all our behalf to formally thank her for the vast improvement that she has brought to the organisation and operation of the School Office.

Mr. Roel Scheepens has been appointed Principal of the Secondary School as of 1st August 2007. He is an experienced international school administrator and I list below an outline of his background

- as a student he completed the International Baccalaureate at the Lester Pearson United World College in Canada
 - M.A. in Education from the Open University, United Kingdom
 - Teaching experience at the Lorentz International School in the Netherlands
 - Seven years of teaching experience at the Munich International School, Germany, where he taught Physics and Theory of Knowledge
 - Four years of experience as teacher trainer at a Dutch university
 - Four years of experience as assistant principal at a Dutch municipal gymnasium of 1400 students
- Roel has practical fluency in German and good technology skills.

I am confident that we will all help him settle in quickly and that he will help us further develop our school. **Susanne van Wersch**, his wife together with their 4 children (grade 6, 7, 9 and 10) will accompany him to Leipzig and work in the Pre-school /Hort areas. She is also tri-lingual (Dutch -English-German). *Michael Webster, Headmaster*



Our LIS Marathon-Team, please read more on page 5

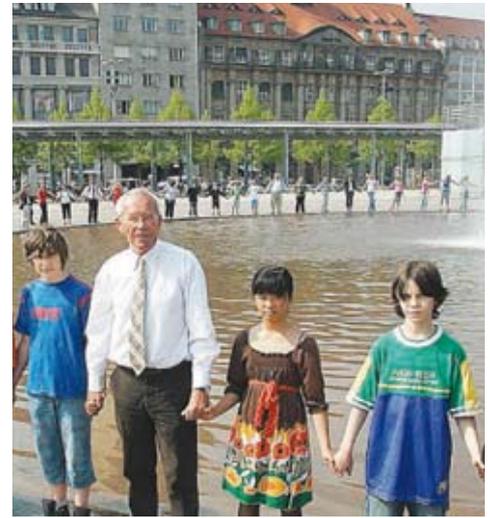
Global Campaign for Education

Actionweek and Human Chain in Leipzig on April 25th, 2007

On April, the 25th, at 15:00, all the students and teachers of the Leipzig International Secondary School formed a human chain around the magnificent fountain in front of the opera at the Augustusplatz.

At the same time as we gathered in Leipzig, actions and rallies took place all over the world: from Canada, the Netherlands, Greece over to Ethiopia, India, Taiwan, Malawi and Rwanda (to name only a few) thousands of people gathered in the same spirit: to show their support for the millennium goal: education for all and to remind the decision makers of the G8 states to fulfil their promises to provide every child in the world with basic education.

Grade 11, the organisers of this event, had set up an information point with our student-designed posters and case studies of children from all over the world who are out of school for various reasons. The 11th graders handed out flyers, informing the public about the background of the event.



The Primary School of the LIS has also been active: they formed a human chain in the school yard and made beautiful, thought provoking paper chains which have been sent off to Berlin where they will be delivered to Frau Angela Merkel, in time for the G8 summit in Heiligendamm.



If all the children in the world unite, they are stronger than any government Nelson Mandela



In warm sunshine, 137 people joined up, cheerfully walking and jumping, clapping and scanting : e-d-u-c-a-t-i-o-n. In spite of the noise level and the wind which carried away the voices, the enthusiasm was great and the media coverage was surprisingly good with Leipziger Volkszeitung, Leipzig Fernsehen, Radio Blau and Radio Mephisto (university radio) being present.

We received excellent support by Howard Arman, the leader of the MDR choir, who delivered a short speech and pointed out our continuing involvement in the Global Campaign For Education. Lots of spectators watched our action from trams, tourist buses and park benches or joined in spontaneously.

Therefore, we think, we achieved our aim: to raise public awareness for the issue of global basic education for 80 million children and to build up pressure for the implementation of the goal. *Grade 11 and G.Selbach*





LIS art students are still offering guided tours in English in the Bildermuseum. Last time they were there with their art teacher, Steve Lewis, they started talking to some German 12th graders and their teacher, Ms. Papke. It turned out that many of them attended the Fechner Gymnasium before it was closed down in 2005 – and became the LIS interim building in 2006.

On May 2, these 12th graders paid us a visit – to see what had become of their old school, to observe classes and to generally chat to our students.

Thanks to Ms. Papke, they spoke English very well. When asked what they had noticed about our school, they remarked on the colourful and friendly pictures everywhere and the very pleasant relationship between teachers and students. As Dennis, one of their students, plans to become a teacher, we advised him to become a teacher in an international school.

LIS SOMMERFEST 2007

Thank you very much for your offered help and the money donations for the Sommerfest. Those of you who have offered help will be contacted in the next days to work out shifts (for you.) If you want to donate money you can leave an envelope with your name that is addressed to »LISPA Sommerfest« in the office with Nancy Bielz or Hannelore Kirkham (who will pass it on to us).

LIS SOMMERFEST 2007

For the LIS Sommerfest on June 9th at the Gohliser Schlößchen **WANTED**
Electric cookers (Elektroplatten)
Charcoal barbecue (Kugelgrill für Holzkohle)
Photographers · Any help
REWARD Great fun
 Any relevant information should be passed on to lisp@t-online.de or by phone 0341 4809970 or 0170 3116954

LIS SOMMERFEST 2007

With feelings of excitement mixed with slightly worried anticipation of the unknown Vanja Raskovic, Holly Christmann, Markus Angerer and Mats Hasche set off with me to Berlin Tegel on Thursday, the 19th of April, to catch the Turkish Airways flight to Istanbul Atatürk Airport. But from the moment we set our foot on Turkey's soil our hearts were uplifted. The evil eye bracelet with which we were welcomed at the airport, became a symbol not just of good luck but also a sign of the CAS Experience in Turkey and we are still wearing it at school! The organization and planning of the 3rd international CAS Conference at the Koç School were breathtaking, the generosity and hospitality of the school and the host families were fantastic.

We had a tough schedule, getting up at 5:30 each day because you have to travel long distances in the 17 million city of Istanbul. **The structure of the conference** was as follows: *actions* in the three CAS areas such as

- **creativity** (glass magnet making)
- **activity** (scary trekking) and
- **service** (gardening, planting in a small village)

and presentations of 15 international schools from Sweden, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Greece, Poland and Turkey with a wide range of interesting projects. With these presentations, the motto of the conference became alive: **CONTRIBUTORS ARE THE STUDENTS**



The topics of the CAS presentations ranged from setting up a home for maltreated women, caring for the elderly and recording their stories, providing water supply to a poor village in Turkey and MUN (Model United Nations) over to the most ambitious projects such as house building in Rumania and building of a school for 1500 (!) students in Mali. We were impressed by the quality and creativity of the presentations and did not want to miss a single one of them. Our four students did their best in the delivery of the power point presentation on the Global Campaign For Education which was well received and sparked some interest especially among the CAS Coordinators.

The host school, the Koç School in the south-east of the Asian part of Istanbul, a modern purpose built school complex with boarding houses, park and sport fields, was very welcoming and generous in its hospitality: coffee break with tempting Turkish cookies, lunch and dinners at the most attractive restaurants in Istanbul.

The host families were very open, considerate and generous and made the students feel welcome and well looked after. All the participants would love to come back and students are already asking if they have a chance to go to Istanbul, to the Koç School, next year. *Inshallah!* (Unfortunately, the number of CAS students is restricted to 4 per school). And our students reaction:

- Turkish people are extremely friendly, lovely and pretty nice people.
- Everything was interesting/perfect but we did not get enough sleep.
- CAS: ideas on different projects, improving team work and quality and how to make presentations interesting. A general boost in motivation for the IB subject of CAS.
- Lasting memory: a truly international inspiring conference, an awesome trekking part, the impressive big school, dinner with the host families, the lovely people we met, Istanbul, everything!

On the train, on our way back to Leipzig, two students started planning their Ghana project, creating a Ghana fund by a great dance and bazaar fundraising night!! What else can you ask for? Meshallah!

Gisela Selbach, CAS coordinator

Visual Art by students

Art Department News



Congratulations go out to our four **grade 12** visual art students. They managed to pull off an impressive art exhibition at our interim location. Their work was on display for two weeks in room 208 and it had a great response among the artists' peers and teachers. Many thanks go out to all of those who helped during all aspects of this show especially Mr. Collier for allowing the use of his room, Ms. Böhmer for making the replacement room schedule and Andreas Köhler for creating the most impressive vegetable dishes served at an art reception.



Kareen Uhlemann



Jacob Schmidt



Alexandra Neidel

Grade 11 IB Art students are now getting ready to have their work showcased. They have worked really well as a group and have produced many mature works of art. They are currently searching for alternative spaces because of the sheer volume of their year's work. Each of the six students could use 3 to 5 meters of hanging space. Any suggestions of accommodation for the Grade 11 End of Year Art Exhibition would be greatly appreciated.



Christian Bär gallantly steps forward to take on the challenge of designing LIS's Giant Stamp Mosaic. There is a world record to beat and Christian is just the guy to get LIS into the Guinness Book of World Records! He has come up with a design for the 100m² mosaic. The plan is to cover one hundred 1m² panels with approximately 200,000 stamps. Needless to say he will need all of our help. Those interested in the project and helping it be successful should watch out for announcements about upcoming events and the Giant Mosaic Club, which will be organized by Mr. Lewis.

Steve Lewis, LIS Art Teacher

LIS at Leipzig Marathon

Congratulations to all LIS students for their excellent performance at the 2007 Leipzig Marathon School Relays! A total of 30 students from grades 2, 3, and 4 represented LIS very well and enjoyed very exciting races around the University of Leipzig track.

The following LIS students ran the 5km or 10km races the following day at the Leipzig Marathon: Amira al Meklef (5km), Amani al Meklef (5km), Antonia Seifert (5km), Gina Geffers (5km), Rami al Meklef (5km), Diana Gerstenberger (10km), Franziska Eulitz (10km), Sami al Meklef (10km), Elena Velten (10km), Clovis Parmentier (10km). Special mention goes to Sami al Meklef for winning his age-group in a time of 44:47 for 10km!



For more photos and detailed Marathon results go to www.lis-run-club.blogspot.com.

Many thanks to students, parents, and friends of LIS for contributing their race kilometres (2328 km), T-shirt sales, and baking to the Marathon Fundraiser »Street Children Vladivostok«. The 262,30 Euros raised will be donated to this year's project supporting street children in Eastern Russia.

Enjoy a physically active summer and see you in August when the **LIS Run Club continues!**
Mr Duplooy, Physical Teacher



Following children took part: from grade 2 – Aaron Falke, Alik Luda, Moritz Leupold and Annika Boeck and from grade 4 – Tanja Scheiber and Elisa Merckenschlager.

5 PM made a magazine in their German class with Frau Schmidt. Kasia Dedio and Antonia Pietrus wanted to know how the construction work is going on in our school in Könnertstraße and paid the school a visit. What they found was very pleasing and they can't wait to get back. Here is their article:



Die neue/alte Schule

Sicherlich erinnert ihr euch noch an die Schule, die bald schon wieder unsere neue Schule sein wird. Mit den Bauarbeiten geht es sehr gut voran. Neulich war ich mit Kasia auf der Baustelle und wollte ein paar Fotos machen. Der Baumeister kam zu uns und erklärte uns, dass wir eigentlich nicht auf der Baustelle sein dürften, gab uns dann aber Bauarbeiterhelme und hat uns die ganze Schule gezeigt.

Anfang Oktober werden wir wieder zu der alten Schule zurückkehren können, deshalb werden unsere Herbstferien verlängert und wir werden gleich drei Wochen Ferien haben. An der Schule wird viel verändert sein, zum Beispiel wird das Dachgeschoss ausgebaut, sodass mehr Räume geschaffen werden. Die Cafeteria wird schöner, weil sie größer wird mit vielen Fenstern, ein direkter Ausgang wird sich an der Wand zum Schulhof befinden. Im Moment fehlt noch die Treppe, deshalb sind wir dort rausgeklettert und waren die aller ersten Kinder, die diesen Ausgang benutzt haben.

Es sollen keine Klassenzimmer mehr als Horträume genutzt werden, an der neuen Turnhalle werden extra Horträume sein. Außerdem kann man von dem Flur der Horträume in die Turnhalle gucken, weil dort große Fenster sind, dort kann man ganz gut drin sitzen (siehe Photo). Ansonsten wird noch ein Kunstatelier eingerichtet, in dem wir dann einen ausgeprägteren und interessanteren Unterricht erleben können.

Antonia Pietrus und Kasia Dedio, 5 PM

Handicapped Children in Grünau

Building up a sense of caring, involvement and a partnership in future

Ms Dorn, director of the center asked the school to come and pick up an appreciation letter and pictures to thank the Leipzig International School community for the presents we brought there for Christmas. The idea was put forward that it would be good to bring children from our school to go and meet Ms Dorn and visit the Center, a sort of lesson in compassion.

On Friday, February 23rd 2007, we left the school late morning with 2nd grade teacher Nadia Hartley, 4 second graders and 2 fourth graders. Class parents Ari Braun, Angela Green and Nathalie Schüller accompanied Ms Hartley and the children. We arrived at the center and were welcomed by Ms Dorn. She presented us with a letter of appreciation framed with pictures of the children opening the Christmas presents from the Leipzig International School. We were all eager to see more of the center and Ms Dorn, took us all on a little tour.

The center is home to forty »children« ranging in age from one year old Kay to the oldest resident who is 31 years old. This is a center for school aged children but Ms Dorn explained that it was at times difficult to find the right center for children not able to function on their own at the end of their schooling, which explains why their oldest resident is 31 years old.



What we found very sad to hear was that most parents have cut contact with their children. As Ms Dorn explained, many parents have their own difficulties to face (drugs, alcohol..) and know that their children are in a very caring environment.

The one year old Center is beautiful, it gave us a tremendous feeling of warmth. The center is state funded. It seems to have very caring people working there and Ms Dorn further acknowledges that it is not difficult to find good personnel as is sometime the case in other countries.

We first saw the »relaxation room«. A beautiful, very peaceful room. Quiet music plays, a revolving light projects drawings which seem to be dancing on the walls. A hammock hangs from the ceiling and a big water mattress is there for the children to relax. We all could have enjoyed spending a little time there and »our« children did not hesitate to go in and lay down on the mattress.

As we walked through the building, we went through a glass hall surrounded on each side by one of the three enclosed play yards, One of them is a regular play yard, one a music yard where the children can use different wood objects to create their own music, and lastly, a creative yard where the children can draw on boards nicely set up for them. Ms Dorn emphasized that the children also take walks outside of the center and take part in different kind of outdoors activities.

There are four groups in the center. Each group has its own »apartment« and a specific color on the outside wall helps the children recognize their own group. Eight children live in the »green« group. Some children within the group have their own bedroom, others share with another child. A bathroom adapted to the children needs is part of every apartment as well as a main room where everybody meets, eats the different meals of the day, watches television or relaxes on a water mattress. Every group has access to a play yard from their »apartment«. School aged children go to specialized schools outside of the center.

Ms Dorn is in charge of three centers. A new center for children who are more mobile, will open with thirty two children in the fall. Our students seemed very interested and asked a few questions of their own: »Can this happen to us?« Ms Dorn explained that all the children at the center had handicaps from birth, but of course an accident can happen and leave someone with different degrees of physical handicaps.

This was a very interesting experience and a valuable life lesson for the children. Something we should maybe consider doing more as part of the Social Studies curriculum of the Primary School, to build a strong sense of caring and involvement in their community in our children.

Nathalie Schüller