

# Pre/Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We are very lucky to have families from almost 40 different countries in our school community. This rich cultural diversity represents a fantastic opportunity for all of us to broaden our horizons and share with others just how truly rich and exciting our individual countries are. So starting in September, we are hoping to be able to have a special focus on a different country each fortnight throughout the school year and we would really love your help with this.

We are hoping that each country group could make a display about their country in the school. Display materials could include: a national flag or dress, something written in the main language or languages of the country, important rivers or other natural landforms, special customs, information about the climate, the culture, photos of buildings or nature, etc. If you wished to, during one lunch hour of your country's fortnight, you could also set up a table of artefacts which children could look at, or you could share a craft activity, or a celebration, or a traditional dance or song etc.

A number of country groups have already very kindly offered to be involved but it would be wonderful if most countries represented at our school could join in. Just imagine how proud the children will be to see their country displayed in the school!

Fortnight beginning	Country	Parent Coordinator
Mon 5 September		
Mon 19 September		
Mon 3 October	Germany	Ulrike Denhof
Mon 17 October	Korea	Clara Lee
Mon 31 October	USA	Jenny Brandt
Mon 21 November	Canada	Liane Savard
Mon 5 December	Holland	Judith Kuiper
Mon 4 January	Russia	Elena Vardar
Mon 23 January	Switzerland	Sandra Pennella & Nathalie Mayer
Mon 6 February		
Mon 27 February		
Mon 12 March	Colombia	Claudia Escobar
Mon 26 March		
Mon 23 April	United Kingdom	Sandra Watson
Mon 14 May		
Mon 4 June		
Mon 18 June		

If you would like to be involved with a country already listed, or if you would be happy to represent a country not already on the list, please email me at [j.esiyok@bisistanbul.org](mailto:j.esiyok@bisistanbul.org) or Elena at [evardar@teamtroy](mailto:evardar@teamtroy) or Uli at [udenhof@yahoo.com](mailto:udenhof@yahoo.com) from the PTA.

Best wishes

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