



Dear Parents,

Last month, all the students took part in Poetry and Authors Week. A number of activities took place across the campuses. A big thank you to all the teachers for making the week a great success.



Primary Ski Trips

The Primary Ski Trip to Uludağ was a great success. All the students had a super time and arrived back safely. Thank you very much to the organisers and support staff!



CIS/NEASC Accreditation

The Board of Governors have given approval for the school to seek joint accreditation by the Council of International Schools and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. This accreditation is similar to the process we went through when we were seeking COBIS Accreditation. Although every area of the operation of the school will be looked at in considerable detail, the focus of this process will be Teaching and Learning. The process involves a two year self-study of the school and all stakeholders, the Chairman, the Board, the School Leadership, Faculty, Parents, Ancillary Staff and Students will be involved.



The Preliminary Inspection will take place between Monday 14th and Wednesday 16th February 2011. Wednesday 16th February will be reserved for a whole day workshop during which the full accreditation process will be explained to the Board, the Faculty and a representative of the PTA. This means that Wednesday 16th February will be a non-school day for our students.

We look forward to having your full support during the accreditation process and we will keep you fully updated.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 7 th March	Healthy Living Week (7 th - 11 th)
Thursday 31 st March	Years 3 & 4 Winter Performance (Zek Students)
Friday 1 st April	Key Stage Two Cross Country
Monday 4 th April	Parent/Teacher Consultation - Alkent
Tuesday 5 th April	Parent/Teacher Consultation - Zek
Wednesday 6 th April	Parent/Teacher Consultation - Etiler
Thursday 7 th April	City Campus Performances
Friday 8 th April	Spring Egg Hunt
Monday 2 nd May	Enterprise Week (2 nd - 6 th)
Friday 6 th May	EYFS Sports Day

A complete listing of this year's dates are available on the school website.

Morning Arrangements



As you are all aware, the beginning of the school day is at 09:00hrs. Children can arrive from 08:45hrs. It is important that your child does not come to school before this time as there is nobody to supervise them. If you do arrive early, please remain with your child until school supervision starts.

Please ensure that your child is at school on time as lateness is very disruptive to the class. Also, it would be very helpful if parents who drop off their children could leave the school grounds by 09:00hrs. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Sick Children

There are currently a lot of coughs and colds around school at the moment. Please do not send your child into school if they have a temperature or if they are coughing badly.



When students are sick at school, the nurses may feel the need to send them home. If this is the case, please come to pick up your child immediately.

Please see the Health and Safety section on our website.

Staffing

We have a new member of staff at our Alkent Campus. Nalan Haberal is our new Teaching Assistant and we welcome her to the school.



Birthdays

☺Happy Birthday to you!☺



February

Alexandra (1 st)	Hira Nur (2 nd)	Timur (3 rd)
Myung Chul (3 rd)	Marcos (4 th)	Lara (5 th)
Merlin (5 th)	Dae Kyung (9 th)	Carmen (10 th)
Kayla (12 th)	Thomas (12 th)	Kaya (13 th)
Nicolas (13 th)	Taarika (14 th)	Tara (14 th)
Basem (15 th)	Nikolas (16 th)	Alpin (19 th)
Berke (19 th)	Lara (19 th)	Ana (20 th)
Emil (20 th)	Evin (20 th)	Kristina (20 th)
Stefanie (20 th)	Ege (21 st)	Hye June (21 st)
Jung Woo (21 st)	Adam (22 nd)	Ji Won (23 rd)
Henry (25 th)	Lyia (26 th)	Reyna (26 th)
Saadet (27 th)	Jessica (28 th)	Maksymilian (28 th)

Half Term Break

Don't forget that the school will be closed from Wednesday 16th February to Friday 18th February. School recommences on Monday 21st February. This includes the extra day for the CIS/NEASC Workshop.

Clubs

The following clubs are being offered this term.

Alkent Campus

- Mon* - Ballet
- Tue* - Drawing
- Clay
- Wiggles
- Wed* - ICT
- Art
- Gymnastics

Etiler Campus

- Mon* - Taekwondo
- Tue* - Sewing
- Scottish Dancing
- Wed* - Table Tennis
- Card Games
- Art
- Thu* - Singing
- Film
- Hockey
- Fri* - Bosphorus Running

Zekeriyaköy Campus

- Mon* - Bingo
- Ballet
- Story
- Geography
- Photography
- Beads
- Board Games
- Tues* - Drawing
- Lego
- Taekwondo
- Touch Rugby
- German
- Wed* - Cooking

- Wed* - Beads
- Hapkido
- Science
- Handwriting
- Dance
- Playtime Leaders
- Thu* - Sport
- French
- Movie
- Indoor Netball
- Beads
- Football



Coffee Mornings

We would like to invite you to join us for coffee. The Senior Management Team will be available to discuss any current issues with you regarding the school. The dates are as follows:



February

Wednesday 2 nd	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Etiler
Thursday 3 rd	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Alkent
Friday 4 th	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Zek

March

Wednesday 2 nd	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Etiler
Thursday 3 rd	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Alkent
Friday 4 th	- 09:00hrs - 09:30hrs	- Zek

Little Pine Cones Playgroup

Playgroups are held twice a week at both campuses. They are for all children up to 2½ years old, accompanied by a known adult. There is a charge of 10TL per session.

At Etiler

Monday mornings	09:00hrs - 11:00hrs
Friday mornings	09:00hrs - 11:00hrs

At Zekeriyaköy

Tuesday mornings	09:00hrs - 11:00hrs
Thursday mornings	09:00hrs - 11:00hrs

School Lunches

Our website has an on-line menu with details of each month's lunches for your child.



Pre/Primary Assemblies



Assemblies are held every Friday. We have a wide range of presentations from drama to music, puppets to celebrating success. You will be contacted by the class teacher if your child is involved.

Communication

You are welcome to contact us anytime.

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Best wishes and a Happy Valentine's Day!

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