

Dear PYP Families,

Happy New Year! Let's talk New Year's Resolutions! My resolutions are these. Could they be yours too?

**Lead by example:** Put the PYP into practice. Have a profile of the month and check your attitude in different situations.

**Seek inspiration:** Get inspired by what is going on in class. Get inspired by what others are doing.

**Be an inquirer:** Ask questions! Find solutions by asking students, staff and our families?

**Be balanced:** Make sure you get physical and mental exercise, good food and water.

**Be a communicator:** Be aware of how you express yourself. Listening is an important part of communication. Our leadership team are going to be aware of the complexity of the IB language and strive to be clearer when we are talking to you about the PYP!



Kind Regards,

Marilyn James  
PYP Principal



20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



## Spring Term 2017

Welcome back to all of our returning families as well as to all of the new members of our school community. There are many exciting events to look forward to in the Spring Term including the school's 20th Anniversary, the Grade 5 Exhibition, Reading Week, Community Week, Evaluation visits from the IB and CIS organizations, new Units of Inquiry and making new friends! We will continue hosting our PYP Coffee Mornings once a month where you can join in our table discussions and learn more about the implementation of the Primary Years Programme at ISGR.

## Dates for your Diary

- Jan. 10** First Day of Term 2
- Jan. 19** PYP Coffee Morning
- Jan. 23, 24 & 25** IB Evaluation Visit
- Jan. 27** Ice Skating Sports Day
- Feb. 1** Parent Council Meeting
- \*monthly
- Feb. 13-17** Sport Break (school closed)
- Feb. 27-March 3** CIS Evaluation Visit
- March 16th** PYP Coffee Morning
- Week 14** Community Week
- Week 15** Spring Holiday (April 10-17)

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## The PYP Educational Leadership Team



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The PYP Leadership Team works collaboratively with students, parents and teachers to ensure the implementation of the Primary Years Programme. We would like to warmly welcome all of our new families to ISGR and invite you to contact us if you have any questions as you transition into the PYP community!

## Our Vision, Mission and Goals

### Vision

Our Vision for ISGR is to be a leading international educator with a community of passionate lifelong learners, inspiring global citizens to embrace diversity and explore the world.

### Mission

ISGR is an international school with students aged from 5 to 19, which fosters a culture of learning with respect and open mindedness. Based on IB world or Swedish national standards, we tailor our curriculum to provide students with the tools to be life-long learners in a stimulating and nurturing environment. We value authentic learning experiences with a global perspective.

We learn together for the future.

### Goals

-One internationally minded school culture

-Learning for the future

-Differentiated Learning

## Units of Inquiry

The Primary Years Programme approach to learning is based on the inquiry cycle. The inquiry cycle is a circular model that includes tuning in, finding out, sorting out, going further, making connections and taking action. Each of these parts relies on the others and are interconnected.

As we begin the second term of school, students will soon begin to 'tune in' to the next unit of inquiry. The central ideas for these units of inquiry are listed on the table below. Tuning in is essential in engaging students and creating a desire to learn and explore the central idea further.

Stay tuned with your child and engage them in conversation about what they are curious to learn about in the upcoming unit of inquiry!

In February we will host a coffee morning where we take a deeper look into a Unit of Inquiry. What goes into planning and guiding students through the inquiry. We hope you can join us to learn more on February 23rd.

### ISGR Programme of Inquiry...if you can contribute to a unit of inquiry, please contact a teacher from the grade level! We value experts and guest speakers!

<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>Central Idea</b> How the World Works: There are many different ways to move objects.
<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Central Idea</b> Sharing the planet: Physical spaces can be designed for different people to use.
<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Central Idea</b> Sharing the planet: Living things and their habitats are connected and affected by change.
<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>Central Idea</b> How We Express Ourselves: Through the arts people can creatively express ideas and feelings.
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>Central Idea</b> How the World Works: The human body is a complex and versatile system.
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>Central Idea</b> How the World Works: Energy is all around us and always changing.

## ISGR 20th Anniversary

Welcome back to a new school year and happy new year! This year we have an exciting year ahead of us as ISGR celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary! The school was founded in 1997 with 184 students with the aim of meeting the needs of the growing number of expatriate families coming to Gothenburg.

Today we have over 1000 students at ISGR and are continuing to grow as families move to Gothenburg from all over world and join our thriving and diverse community. We are excited to celebrate 20 years of growth, change, learning and fun, and look forward to the next 20 years in which we will hope to continue striving to be the best we can become.

The celebrations will consist of different activities and ideas that have come from the students themselves as they have been planning how they would like to mark the occasion. As always our supporting and active PTA will also be involved.

*Events at both campuses with all four sections will be held.*



## Admissions



### Withdrawals

The withdrawal deadline to avoid late withdrawal fees for the spring term is **April 30th**. Please submit a withdrawal form if you know you will not attend the New Academic Year 2017-2018 at ISGR. Withdrawal forms can be found on at:

<http://isgr.se/int/pdf/ISGR%2016-17%20pdf/ISGRPYPWITHD.pdf>

All forms should be sent to the admissions office or emailed to [admissions@isgr.se](mailto:admissions@isgr.se)

**If you require leaving or attendance certificates for your move please notify the admissions office at least 2 weeks in advance in order to prepare the documents. Requests for these can be sent to the above listed admissions email address.**

## IB PYP Evaluation: The Visit

On January 23rd, 24th and 25th, the IB will visit ISGR. The visiting team includes two IB educators who have worked extensively with the IB and who belong to the IBEN (IB Educator Network).

We are looking forward to having them visit our school, meet the teachers, students, the parent focus group and the school board and to give us valuable feedback on our implementation of the Primary Years Programme at ISGR.

**Learner Profile of the  
Month:  
Open-minded**

We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.

As we prepare for visits from both of our accrediting organizations, The International Baccalaureate and the Council of International Schools, we embrace an **open-mind** to grow from our self-study experience. We look forward to gaining more insight into how we can continue to develop as a school!

**PYP Coffee Morning**

Our next PYP Coffee Morning will be on Thursday January 19th the topic will be the PYP Action Plans and IB Evaluation Visit!



**ManageBac and SchoolSoft**

**ManageBac - Curriculum & Communication:** <https://isgr.managebac.com>

If you need assistance with ManageBac, please contact Ellen Trelles ([ellen.trelles@isgr.se](mailto:ellen.trelles@isgr.se))

**School Soft - Registry & Attendance:** <https://sms6.schoolsoft.se/isgr>

If you need assistance with SchoolSoft, please contact Moragh Randall ([moragh.randall@isgr.se](mailto:moragh.randall@isgr.se))

**ManageBac - Student Portfolio**

This month we invite you to become more familiar with the **Student Portfolio** in your child's ManageBac account. In the portfolio, learning goals are recorded, messages and meetings can be shared, the report can be accessed (Reports Tab), and an overview of curriculum can be viewed (Summary Tab).

**School Soft - Address and Telephone Update**

If you have moved, changed your telephone number, or email address, please remember to update your contact details in School Soft. This is how we access information to contact you from the school. It is extremely important for the security and safety of your child that this information is kept up to date.



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