

The PTA newsletter is a monthly update of social activities going on in and around the ISGR community. If you have comments, corrections or ideas for the newsletter, please email : [ISGR.PTA@isgr.se](mailto:ISGR.PTA@isgr.se)

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### A word of the PTA

We hope you all had a relaxing Christmas break visiting family and friends and are ready for another exciting semester.

On behalf of the PTA, I would like to welcome all the new families to ISGR.

If you have any questions or problems please feel free to ask either your class or your country representatives.

Those resources are in place to help make your transition to ISGR as smooth as possible.

Only the lower school has a class representative for every class in every grade. If you have a child in PYP and your class representative has not contacted you yet, ask your classroom teacher for her name and email or you can contact Atie at [classrepsisgr@hotmail.com](mailto:classrepsisgr@hotmail.com).

You will also find a list of all the country representatives further in this newsletter. If your country is not on the list, please contact Chris at [chrisjoosten@hotmail.nl](mailto:chrisjoosten@hotmail.nl).

On Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be a coffee morning at 8.30 in the football clubhouse by the back carpark. All parents are welcome to come and catch up with friends and share a cup of coffee. There will be many events occurring between now and June, so look out for information via the newsletter, website or on posters around school.

If you are interested in joining the PTA, please contact Rachel at [trcallander@aol.com](mailto:trcallander@aol.com). We welcome all new ideas to improve the experience for our children.

### Next social outing: guided visit to the Konstmuseum



We are very happy to announce to you our next social outing. As our last guided tour through the city was a big

success, we've decided to ask the same guide to do another tour with us again. Now she will lead us around the neighbourhood of the Göteborgs Konstmuseum (at the end of the Avenue) for about 30 minutes and then she will take us on a guided tour inside the Konstmuseum to view and learn more about all the wonderful masterpieces.

The total cost for the guide is 2500 SEK + entrance to the museum. So depending on the number of participants the cost will vary between **100 and 180 SEK + entrance to the museum.**

**When: Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2013**

**Time: 10.30 am**

**Where: in front of the museum, next to the statue (Götaplatsen)**

**Last date to register: Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of February ( straight after the sportsbreak)**

**Register with Chris Joosten-Vandegehuchte ([chrisjoosten@hotmail.nl](mailto:chrisjoosten@hotmail.nl))**

**We need a minimum of 15 participants otherwise we need to cancel this great tour!!!!**

### Save the date:

- PTA coffee morning : Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 8.30 am in the football clubhouse.
- Social outing : Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 10.30 am at the Konstmuseum.
- Culture week : week 20 (May 13-15) - date of the Spring Show to be confirmed.
- Look out for the PYP discos in March - more info to follow!

# DID YOU KNOW



## The Country Representatives

We currently have a representative for 15 countries at ISGR.

The role of the country representative is to be the contact from your own country who'll be able to explain what it's like to live in Göteborg and have a child at ISGR.

They'll help you find the food you miss from home, extra-curricular language schools, give you ideas for after-school activities, use their network to bring you into contact with other parents and generally be a friend with a familiar language and background.

Country representatives also bring out the international flavour of the school by getting involved in the winter bazaar and other pta activities.

Underneath you will find a list of this year's country representatives.

If your country is not represented, and you are volunteering to play this role, please contact the country reps coordinator Chris Joosten : [chrisjoosten@hotmail.nl](mailto:chrisjoosten@hotmail.nl)



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## THE ISGR FACEBOOK GROUP

How to join the ISGR Facebook Group :

1. Log into your Facebook account
2. Search for ISGR PTA Group
3. Request to be a member. In the message box please include your children's name and grade - this information will be used for verification only



4. You will be notified when the group administration approves your request
- Joining the group is completely voluntary and does not replace any other means of communication.  
See you online!

# WHAT'S UP IN GÖTEBORG: FEBRUARY

Is it raining?

Visit a Museum that never disappoints:

## Universeum



The biggest science centre in Scandinavia. Here you can discover space, the rainforest and the ocean - all in one day! When you walk through the doors of Universeum, you step into an adventure.

Universeum is 7,000 square metres of escapades and fun facts. Here you find something for everyone, big or small.

<http://www.universeum.se/>

## Naturhistoriska Museumet



Walk around amongst animals from all over the world in one of Gothenburg's oldest museums.

Practice your Swedish?



## Musical Theater in Swedish: "Kär & galen"

for kids 5-10yrs old, Time: 12:00 and 14:00

Tickets& info:010 - 441 44 01

Naturhistoriska Museumet

[www.gnm.se](http://www.gnm.se)

## Sjöfartsmuseumet



## Gothenburg IS sea and ships and fish

The Aquarium offers something for everybody with an interest in the sea, people and navigation. Themes include pirates past and present, life at sea, the Swedish American Line and much more. The aquarium is many of the visitors' favourite attraction, where the whole family can explore Scandinavian and tropical marine environments and fascinating animal species. You can get really close to some of the animals in the special close encounters tank.

<http://goteborg.se/wps/portal/sjofartsm/english>



# WHAT'S UP IN GÖTEBORG: FEBRUARY

## Go Bowling! Hard Rock Cafe



<http://gbg.hardrock.se/bowling/>

## Gothia Tower: Exhibition Now until February 17<sup>th</sup>



### "En annan bild av Göteborg"

Is a project made by 5 people who live or have been living as homeless in Gothenburg. These people have taken photos and shared their life using Instagram during December 2012. A selection of the pictures taken are on exhibition at Gothia Towers. Visitors will see pictures that are funny, sad and tragic, showing the every day life with hope that many of us are not used to seeing.

Address: Gothia Tower, Mässans gata 24.  
Opposite Liseberg

## February Break: Botaniska Trädgården, Fruit EXPO



Yummy Fruits – Touch, smell and taste fruits from all over the world together with some of the experts. February 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> at 12.00 and 14.00 in the Greenhouse.

Price: 30:-/person

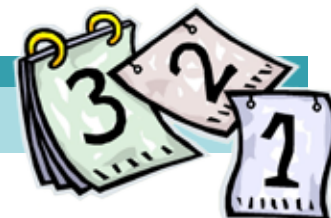
Adress: Botaniska Trädgården, Carl Skottsbergs Gata 22 A, 413 19 Göteborg

## "Fettisdagen " February 12



Shrove Tuesday (also known as Pancake Tuesday, Pancake Day, Mardi Gras, and Fat Tuesday) is the day preceding Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Shrove Tuesday is linked to Easter, so its date changes on an annual basis. Semla, fettisdagsbulle, hetvägg, fastlagsbulle - we have many names for the things we love. On this day we eat cardamom buns filled with whipped cream and almond paste. Some people like to soak the bun in warm milk. If you would like to stick to the Swedish tradition, you are supposed to have your first "Semla" on the day of Mardi Gras (or on the Swedish so called "Semeldagen") but nowadays they start to sell them already in December.

# CALENDER



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Name	Date	Location	Info
<b>PTA Coffee Morning &amp; Chat</b>	<b>Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, after drop off, 8.30 am</b>	The club room at the Guldheden Football club near the parking lot.	All parents are welcome
<b>Sports break</b>	<b>week 7 (February 11 - 15)</b>		<b>HAPPY HOLIDAYS !</b>
<b>PTA Social outing</b>	<b>Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 10.30 am</b>	In front of the Konstmuseum, next to the statue at Götaplatsen	A guided visit to the Konstmuseum. More info on the social page of this Newsletter.

## WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS

Name	Date	Location	Info
<b>Walks at Slottskogen</b>	<b>Mondays</b> 9:00 am walk 10:00 am fika	Meet at Slottskogen car park near Villa Belparc at 9:00 am	We walk for an hour, then, if you have time, we go for a coffee at Villa Belparc café at 10:00. All parents are welcome. For more info contact <b>Miranda Eldridge</b> : miranda.panda@btinternet.com or by phone : 070 5747 668
<b>English club</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b> 8:30 – 10:00 am	Guldheden Campus Clubroom at Guldheden Football Club near the parking lot.	For parents who want to improve their English. For more info contact : - <b>Michelle Steele</b> : steele5@telia.com or by phone : 070 3685457 - <b>Mary Bailey</b> : mary.bailey@telia.com or by phone : 070 7694075
<b>French club</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 – 10:30 am	Alternating between Christelles home at Örgryte and Florences home at Eriksberg.	For parents who want to improve their French. For more info contact : <b>Christelle Lemarchal</b> : christelle.lemarchal@gmail.com or by phone: 070 2092361
<b>International choir</b>	<b>Thursdays</b> 9:00 – 10:00 am	Askims church (Askims kyrka)	Cost : 30 SEK / session (we sing in the church but we are not a religious choir) For more info contact : <b>Michelle Steele</b> : steele5@telia.com or by phone : 070 3685457
<b>The Göteborg Lunch Queens</b>	<b>2 times per month</b>	To be decided every month	For women who want to try out different kinds of restaurants. For more info contact: Catherine Robert: robertsce@aol.com