

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 : isgrptanews@gmail.com

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Children's Disco - Save The Date!

The PYP disco's are a fun time for the children to show off their dance moves with their friends or chill and watch a movie, whilst the adults enjoy a coffee and cake.

The PYP autumn disco's will be on the following dates:

- Grade 3, 4 and 5 on the 19th of October, 18h-20h
- Grade K, 1 and 2 on the 16th of November, 18h-20h



If you have a child in these grades, you will soon receive an email from your class representative with more information about the disco and the ticket sales. Posters of this event will also be displayed around the school.

If you have any questions or if you want to help out with the organization, please contact **Charlotta** at c_arenlid@hotmail.com

The Winter Bazaar Sunday 2nd of December, 11.30-14.00 - Save the date!



It is almost time for the ISGR Winter bazaar. It is historically our biggest fundraiser of the schoolyear. This bazaar provides wonderful community spirit and a great day for children at the end of a very long term. The money raised goes towards the schools chosen charities., Bibi Jaan and Pikine School in Senegal and ICT equipment for our school.



Historically this day included

- Dance and Music Show
- Raffle
- Tombola
- International Kitchen
- International Market

- The 5 Challenge game
- Games Room
- Craft Room
- Nail Painting/face painting/tattoos
- Askim choir singing
- MYP10 cookie decorating
- MYP6/7 Loppis
- Charity Tree
- Grade 5 Treasure Hunt game/name the teddy'



We will be sending out more information in the near future. If you would like to be involved please contact **Birgit** at birgitrosinka@aol.com, **Rachel** at trcallander@aol.com or **Wendy** at wendy.vanduijvenboode@telia.com.

Next PTA meeting

Friday 16th November 8.30 at the Football club by the back carpark.

1. The social outing

Next PTA Social outing : A guided walk through Goteborg City

On Tuesday 23th of October official “tourist guide” Erika Svenska will guide us around through the inner city of Göteborg.

She will show us the hidden beauty of the city, tell us more about the history of the different monuments and houses and give us practical tips about present Göteborg (restaurants, coffee, museums, ...). We hope this might give us all our necessary Göteborg-boost to help us guide around our own guests and relatives with passion.

The tour starts at 10.00h at Göteborgs Operan (the opera house at Lilla Bommen) and **ends around 12.00h** at the Feskekörka (at Fisktorget)

The ones who want to stay in the city after drop off can meet for a coffee (place to be decided). After the tour we can go for Lunch at Restaurant Gabriels at Feskekörka (recommended by the guide!). We probably have to pre book, so if you sign up please indicate if you want to stay for lunch.

The total cost of the guide is 2500 SEK for 2 hours, depending on the number of participants (minimum 13 and maximum 30 people) **the price will vary between 200 SEK pp and 85 SEK pp.**

Please sign up before the 15th of october with Chris Joosten : chrisjoosten@hotmail.nl or call : 0708 806 658 (note: if we have less than 13 people signing up we will have to cancel)

2. Information

NEW: THE GÖTEBORG LUNCH QUEENS

The Göteborg Lunch Queens is a group of women that go out for lunch 2 times a month to try out different kinds of restaurants. It is the perfect way to meet and chat with different people, while enjoying a nice lunch. If you would like to join, please send an email to **Catherine Robert: robertsce@aol.com**. From the moment she has your E-mail adress you will be informed about the next lunch-date and location.

It is great fun, so don't hesitate to try it out !

3. The Brännö trip

In September we did a sightseeing trip to the Göteborg Southern Archipelago and the island Brännö, birthplace of Lasse Dahlquist, a famous Swedish singer/song writer. Despite of the typical Swedish weather (it rained cats and dogs) we were 20 people. We all enjoyed the boat-trip and the rainy walk to the the Brännö Utkiken, the highest point of the island with an amazing view all the way from Hisingen to Vinga (on a clear sunny day). We finished with a quick snack in the very cosy Brännö Vårdshus. On the way back to the boat everyone could take a look at the Bike rental system (near the harbour of Brännö Rödsten). A fun way to discover the island on a sunny afternoon.

Thanks a lot for joining and making a succes of this first trip !

Chris Joosten



WHAT'S UP IN THE GOTHENBURG AREA

October 6th -7th

Harvest Festival: Tjolöholm slott



When the harvest is brought home, the party begins at the Tjolöholm castle. For two days, about fifty local food producers sell their freshly harvested produce. In the castle's halls and lounges, visitors can join in on a food safari. There is also a variety of children's activities such as pumpkin carvings and meeting the farm animals .

Tjolöholms Slott, 439 74 Fjärås,

Tickets : Adults 80 kr, Kids 0-14 : Free

Saturday-Sunday between 10:00-16:00

Free Parking!

www.tjoloholm.se

October 5th -7th

Gothenburg Chocolate Festival



This year's tastiest event in Gothenburg! Chocolate tastings, lectures and exhibitions are on the program. Visit the chocolate producers from around the world and they will present nearly 3,000 different chocolate products and delicacies. The festival has moved into new facilities directly on the **Avenue, Elite Avenue Hotel, Kungsportsavenyn 36-38. Regular ticket 130, - per person.**

(obs! Bring cash as many of the producers are not able to take credit cards).

Friday: 17:00-21:00, Saturday: 10:00-20:00,

Sunday: 10:00 -16:00

www.chokladkalaset.se

October 4th

Kanelbullens Dag 4 October



Since 1999 Sweden has been celebrating " The cinnamon Roll – Day " to embrace the beloved Swedish pastries : **Kanelbullen!**

We have just passed the celebration date but : Check out the "King size – Kanelbullar" at Haga Nygata in Gothenburg!!!



(tips: Café Husaren, Café Jacob´s, Café Kringlan)

Autumn break activities at the Museums in town:

The Medical History Museum:

Kids younger than 18 have free entrance the whole week 44 (October 29th - November 4th). Adults 40:-

Guided tours, quiz promenade with prices.

Open hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 12.00 - 16.00

Thursday 12.00 - 20.00

<http://www.sahlgrenska.se/sv/SU/Om-sjukhuset/Medicinhistoriska-museet/>

WHAT'S UP IN THE GOTHENBURG AREA

The Natural History Museum

October 29th to November 2nd

Craft monsters and other mystic animals by using different art technics.

Open hours: 11.00 - 15.00 - Fee 20:-

Slottsskogen Östra, Museivägen 10, 413 11 Göteborg

Halloween at the Natural History Museum



October 30th and October 31st

From 19.00 - 21.00

In the darkness inside the museum we'll study bats, spiders and other creatures. These days you can't trust everything that is said!

Bring a torch and feel free to put on a costume.

If you want to join a guided tour for 30 minutes you'll have to call 010-44 14 23 or send an e-mail to lotta.m.backman@vgregion.se

The fee is 50:- for children and 100:- for adults.

http://www.gnm.se/kulturvast_templates/Kultur_ArticlePage.aspx?id=58577

Universeum



Experience the ocean's depths, the humid heat of the rainforest and the vastness of space, all in a single day - all at Universeum.

And while you're here, why not challenge your senses and test the amazing potential of the human brain? Solve criminal cases or watch us feed our sandtiger shark, Herman, and his friends in the Ocean Tank.

As usual Universeum offers plenty of activities for small and big kids! Guided tours are available in English /Swedish. If you decide to explore by yourself you will find guides in every zones who will be happy to answer your questions and tell you more!

Södra vägen 50, Göteborg

www.universeum.se

Kulturnatta

This is a cultural potluck taking place the evening of October 12th. There will be activities going on all over the town so check the program out by clicking the link below and then click on the yellow picture and a page will turn up where you can check boxes showing what you can chose to see and in which part of the town you want to go. Finally press "Nästa steg" and you'll have a program of your choice.

<http://www5.goteborg.se/prod/kultur/kulturforvaltningen/dalis2.nsf/vyPublicerade/FC43637AA5BD83C0C12579CA0035CEF3?OpenDocument>

And.... The weekend of 6 & 7 October will be the last weekend to enjoy all the fun rides at Liseberg until Christmas !

Christmas at Liseberg is open from mid-November to December 23rd.

www.liseberg.se



DID YOU KNOW

The Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee is a forum for the School Administration and parent representatives to meet and discuss issues raised by the parents. The aim is to solve problems and improve the School.

The Committee members are:

the Head of School; the MYP Principal; the PYP Principal; two Parent Representatives.

The parent representatives organise three meetings a year with the parents, at which the parents are invited to raise any questions they have regarding issues affecting a grade or the school in general. Issues relating to individual students and teachers should be raised directly with the teacher and/or principal.

Parents who cannot attend meetings are invited to submit their questions via email.

After the meeting, the parent representatives submit the questions in written form to the Head of School and the Principals, who look into the issues and, if necessary, consult with those responsible to provide an informed reply.

The Head of School and Principals will reply to the questions by calling a parent meeting and/or publishing a written reply.

The meetings follow a strict agenda and only those issues raised at the initial meeting between the parents and the parent representatives, and to which the School Administration has had the opportunity to provide a considered reply, are discussed.

All the meetings are usually held during school hours but if a number of parents were to request an evening meeting and confirm their attendance, this could be arranged.

The parent representatives are:

Mary Bailey, whose three older children entered ISGR in Grades 1, 3 and 5 in August 2002. All three continued at ISGR until MYP10. The two oldest are now at university in England, whilst the third is in IB2 at Hvitfeldtska. The youngest Bailey started in Kindergarten in 2007 and is now in Grade 5. Mary started as an Advisory Representative in 2005.

Email address is: mary.bailey@telia.com

Sara Etz Mendonca currently has two children in PYP in Grades 2 and 5. They started at the school in 2008. Sara worked at ISGR as an MYP teacher and eventually the MYP Coordinator from 2000-2002. She also worked in the Swedish school system for four years so she has some knowledge of how schools are run in Sweden. Sara started as an Advisory Representative in 2009.

Email address is: saraetz@hotmail.com

Sara and Mary invite you to attend [the first meeting of 2012/13 at 08.30-10.00 on Friday 12th October in the Club Room at Guldheden Football Club.](#) Please ask at Reception for directions. If you cannot attend, you are very welcome to submit your queries by email to either Sara or Mary.



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 upcoming Winter Bazaar.

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



- **France:** Christelle Le Marchal
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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!

CALENDER



UPCOMING EVENTS

Name	Date	Location	Info
Advisory Committee Meeting	Friday, October 12th, 8.30-10.00	The Club Room at the Guldheden Football Club near the parking lot.	More information about the role of the Advisory Committee on page 5 of this newsletter
Disco Grades 3, 4 & 5	Friday, October 19th 18.00 – 20.00	Guldheden Campus Small Bamba	More information page 1 of this newsletter
PTA Social	Tuesday, October 23th 10:00 – 12:00 am	Meeting point : Goteborgs Opera	More information on page 2 of this newsletter.
Coffee with Mike, the PYP coordinator	Wednesday, November 7th 8.30 am	Guldheden Campus Exact location see Mikes website	This month's topic : 'What are the 5 essential elements and how do they affect my child's education.' More info : http://teacherweb.com/SE/ISGR/MikeHowlett/apt1.aspx
PTA Coffee Morning & Chat	Friday, November 16th 8.30 am	The Club Room at the Guldheden Football Club near the parking lot.	All parents are welcome.
Disco Grades K, 1 & 2	Friday, November 16th 18.00 – 20.00	Guldheden Campus Small Bamba	More information on page 1 of this newsletter
Winter Bazaar	Sunday, December 2nd, 11.30-14.00	Guldheden Campus	More information on page 1 of this newsletter

WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS

Name	Date	Location	Info
Walks at Slottskogen	Mondays 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 Miranda Eldridge : miranda.panda@btinternet.com or by phone : 070 5747 668
English club	Tuesdays 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 : - Michelle Steele : steele5@telia.com or by phone : 070 3685457 - Mary Bailey : mary.bailey@telia.com or by phone : 070 7694075
French club	Wednesday 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 : Christelle Lemarchal : christelle.lemarchal@gmail.com or by phone: 070 2092361
International choir	Thursdays 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 : Michelle Steele : steele5@telia.com or by phone : 070 3685457