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April Update 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome back from the May Day and “Valborg” weekend, with spring finally here!

The new ISGR Board is being finalized by the selection committee, based on results from the recent political elections. The selection committee is comprised of elected politicians and its task is to ensure correct political representation on the Board. The company representatives are selected by the Chair and Vice Chair (Presidium) of the Board. For continuity, the Chair and Vice Chair are exchanging roles and continuing on the Board for one year. The new Board members will be presented in the next update.

The Leadership Team has been developing focus areas for our strategic plan, which sets our direction for the next 3 years. The plan is revisited each year to ensure that we are achieving our goals and aligning with the vision for ISGR, as well as the requirements for our accreditation bodies - the Council of International Schools (CIS), the IB curriculum and the Swedish LGR curriculum.

A special focus is on developing our tools for differentiated learning in the classroom. This is important in an international school where students are coming from different school systems and also entering ISGR at different levels.

We recently staged an evening for parents where we explained our differentiation methods used in the classroom to reach every student at their own level. The evening discussion was attended by PYP and MYP parents. Attached is a presentation from the evening.

Some exciting projects in the school at the moment include the new exchange programme.

We had the pleasure of hosting students and staff from a French school in Rennes and now this week we have ten students from each of MYP, LGRM, and IHGR along with some of our staff visiting France.

Soon we will also be welcoming students from Spain as well. These initiatives are helping to develop our language programmes and provide additional international experiences for our students.

Last weekend, ISGR staff representatives attended the annual Nordic Network conference, which was held in Copenhagen this year. The conference was well organized with excellent keynote speakers and a range of topics covered under the theme of “Being well, Learning well”. Some ISGR teachers conducted workshops at the conference. Our Chair and Vice Chair of the Board also attended the conference. The Nordic Network of International Schools provides excellent learning and development opportunities for our staff and students.

This year ISGR has the privilege of hosting the Nordic Network Sports Tournament on the weekend of 29th and 30th May. The Sports Tournament brings together over 300 students from schools in the Nordic Network to take part in football, basketball, floor hockey and athletics competitions.

Today the PTA organised “Teacher Appreciation Day” and many parents contributed fantastic food with a variety of dishes and cakes to acknowledge the staff. I would like to express my appreciation to the PTA and all parents involved in this great gesture, which is deeply appreciated and enjoyed by the staff.

Last Thursday evening we celebrated "Valborg", as it is called in Swedish, which is our way of welcoming spring. The forms of celebration vary in different regions but are generally public events including bonfires, barbeques and singing, with local groups often take responsibility for organising them to encourage community spirit. It was also the May Day (Labor Day) public holiday on Friday. I hope you enjoyed a refreshing long weekend!

Yours faithfully,

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