



Newsletter to the OIS Community – Volume III – Edition no. 11

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Dear Members of the Oberoi International School Community!

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Athletics Days at OIS

This year's Athletic Day is divided into two – one for Early Years and Primary School which will take place on Friday, December 10th from 8.00 to 11.30 am, and one for Secondary School which will take place on Saturday, December 11th from 8.00 to 10.30 am. Your specific invitations have been sent to you by email today, so this is pure repetition: All parents are hereby warmly invited to attend these two events!

Please be informed that there won't be any afternoon lessons for Early Years and Primary School this Friday, December 10th, 2010, so please make arrangements to pick up your children at lunch time. They are, of course, welcome to take their lunch in school before leaving for home! Secondary School will end their lessons at the regular time of 2.50 pm, however there won't be any internal CCAs taking place this Friday, neither for Early Years and Primary School nor for Secondary School students. External CCAs will take place as normal.

A detailed schedule of events can be found in the news box on our website.

Good news about the school uniforms

I have become careful in disseminating potentially good news, because that it seems more often than not, there is an unforeseen snag. In this case, however, I am quite confident in stating that we have received a large consignment of both school and PE uniforms which we will start giving out next week, i.e. December 13th, 2010. We shall take about one week before everyone has received their missing sets. I am quite confident that we can all come back from the nearing winter holidays wearing brand new uniforms!

And for those of you who are connecting my initial sentence with the situation of our school cafeteria: only one more permit to go!

New staff at OIS

Two days ago, Ms. Anushka, one of our very good admission ladies, left the organization to take up a new challenge elsewhere. We wish her all the best for her future. At the same time we are very happy to be able to welcome Ms. Saroni Ghosh who has joined us from Oberoi Realty as Manager Admissions and Corporate Communications. Ms. Gosh will henceforth head our Admissions Department.

In other developments, our Early Years Department enjoyed the recent additions of Nadia Basiri and Bhakti Rajani, whereas Ms. Ruchika Banerjee has joined our Primary School, and Ms. Linda Mascarenhas has joined our Secondary School. A very warm welcome to all new staff!

PTA developments

In my last mail we published the list of all parent representatives. At the same time I informed you that some of them were feverishly working on a constitution for the incorporation of a Parents' Council at OIS. Due to statutory requirements, however, the focus has shifted a little bit, and we are now working on establishing a PTA, a Parent-Teacher-Association here at OIS. The next meeting of this group is scheduled for Friday, January 14th, 2011, 8.30 to 10.00 am. Should you wish to join this group, who works on the constitution of a PTA, please notify us at nayana.mhatre@oberoi-is.org.

The OIS Giving Tree

Christmas is coming soon, and this is the time for sharing and for giving. We at OIS would like to give responsibly, thinking about those who are not as fortunate as we are. And we would like you, dear Members of the OIS Community, to help us in doing so. This is why we have teamed up with one of our adopted charities, Project Crayon, and have placed a Giving Tree in our school lobby. The tree is decorated with pictures of children who do not have too much to smile about all year long. So let's make them smile now by taking their picture off the tree and paste it on a gift that we give to them for Christmas. Please help by taking the pictures off our Giving Tree and preparing a gift for this child, we would really love it if there weren't any pictures left on the tree soon. So please come by, take a picture and prepare a gift!

OIS Christmas cards

In collaboration with two of our students, Vibha and Vivek Venkatram, OIS will offer you the possibility of doing good by purchasing Christmas cards that were designed and printed by the two students. All proceeds will go entirely to Habitat for Humanity, another of our adopted charities. More information will be given shortly through your homeroom teacher, so please make ample use of this option and order plenty!

New Science Club CCA for Primary School

We are very happy and proud to be able to offer a new Science Club CCA, first for students from Senior Kindergarten to Grade 2, and later also for students from Grades 3 to 5, from the beginning of the new calendar year. These CCAs will be taken by two parents, and show in exemplary fashion that we are a better school when we are able to incorporate parents' expertise into our teaching and learning! For more information on these CCAs, please contact our CCA Coordinator, Mr. Vijay Wagh at vijay.wagh@oberoi-is.org.

Last day of school before the winter break

On Wednesday, December 22nd, 2010, we will break for our winter holidays at lunch time. In the morning, we will celebrate Christmas at OIS with an all-school assembly from 8.30 to about 10.00 am. Parents are warmly invited for this assembly! After the assembly, the classes will celebrate Christmas and farewell in their individual classes which will take up to lunch time. Again, parents are very welcome to assist with preparations! No afternoon classes or CCA activities (internal or external) will take place on that day.

Camp Magic

For those of you who are in Bombay during the first week of January 2011, and would like to expose your ward (up to 12 years) to a week of fun and lots of creative learning, you might want to consider Camp Magic which will be at the American School Bombay (located in BKC) during this week. It is explicitly open to students from OIS as well. Please refer to the flyer attachment for more information. I can personally recommend it as my children have taken part in it twice during our time in Singapore – and they loved it!

New date for Project Week

This is to inform you in good time about a slight change of the date for Project Week. Due to some unavailability of one of the trip destinations during our originally scheduled week, we will now bring it forward by one week. The new date for Project Week is February 14th to 18th, 2011.

Upcoming dates:

- Friday, December 10th, 2010: Early Years and Primary School Athletics Day
- Saturday, December 11th, 2010: Secondary School Athletics Day
- Wednesday, December 22nd, 2010, up to lunch: last day of this semester and Christmas assembly
- Monday, January 10th, 2011: First day of school after winter break
- Saturday, January 29th, 2011: The Grand OIS CAS Mela

With best wishes for today,



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