

THE ENGLISH SCHOOL

News and Views

Preschool

We have just ended our last unit of inquiry titled Tell me a story. The Preschool children have been busy listening to their favourite stories. They have been re-telling stories through drawing pictures from the books they have listened to. They have also created artwork with the help of clay and sticks. On a few occasions they have used the drama centre to retell stories. They have also enjoyed drawing pictures whilst actually listening to a story.

We have resumed our PE lessons at Linné School. Everything is working very well and we are very pleased with the children's cooperation.

There have been some small changes to Preschool. We are pleased that Shannon has now joined us in the afternoons. The children have had the opportunity to create some handicrafts and artwork during their afternoon sessions.

Elisabeth, Emma and Shannon

PYP 1-2

The PYP 1-2 class has just finished week five of their Unit of Inquiry Its About Time. Before the holiday break the students brought in items from home that were related to time, their culture, and their family. The students were eager to present their items, and as a result the presentations were a big success.

In addition, the students have been constructing a group time line. We have gone back in time to find out more about the age of the dinosaurs, cavemen, and the ice age.

We are all looking forward to spring, when we will spend time outdoors investigating our next Unit of Inquiry Mini-beasts. Please come by and check out our classroom displays illustrating the student's hard work!

Robert

PYP 3-5

The time I have spent recently with the group has been extremely positive and interesting. We have all had the chance to get to know each other better.

I would like to remind you that I will use the student's homework diary as a way of communicating with each of you. Feel free to add comments and observations in relation to how your child is working with his/her homework (for example, if anything is too challenging).

Please continue to encourage your child/ children to read. Some of the students are already in the habit of doing this, which is great. It is nice if they also get the opportunity to share what they learn and discover too with you.

The swimming lessons are very popular and all children seem to be looking forward to the next lesson.

Oswaldo

MYP 1-5

As you all know from information sent home recently the IBO has launched its Student Profile as a ***Learner Profile*** across all 3 of its programmes. Homeroom time for the MYP groups has focused on working with this amongst the student groups. It is a timely implementation for our students who this term have seen a set of revised school rules posted up in the school. This is as a result of action taken by PYP 3-5 during their Unit of Inquiry Codes We Live By. Naturally these rules are in keeping with the school's Code of Conduct and Mission Statement. A big thank you to the PYP 3-5, Shannon and the teachers in general for making this happen in our school.

PTA News

The PTA has organised the following activities:

19th May International Day Lunch for the students to be eaten at the school.

20th May Day at Liseberg - sign-up sheet for people wishing to join this event is up in the school entrance way.

2/3 June Camping at Bökthult - more details to follow later.

Next PTA meeting: Friday 21st April.

King Sun has announced that due to his new job he is unable to continue as a member of the PTA. We would like to thank him for all his work and invite another male member of the parent group to join our team.

School Library

A large order for additional book resources for the library has been placed. Anubha Trehan continues the work of Katja Berning to ensure that our library continues to function.

New teachers

The school is currently searching for replacement teachers for the next school year.

Staff Training

The school's policy of providing further training for its staff at IBO workshops continues. In July Oswaldo will go to Basel for MYP training in Language B whilst Emma and Sonya will go to Bucharest for PYP training. They will attend workshops on Assessment within the PYP and Languages within the PYP. At the start of the new school year further workshops/conferences will be attended by teachers in Switzerland and Greece. The attendance at these workshops/conferences is fully sponsored by IKEA.

Language Support

Clare McDuff is currently helping out with language support in the pre-school. In addition to this Clare is also providing administrative support.

Community Service

Our MYP students from MYP 3-5 are active with a variety of different community service activities. Reports from various locations have so far been extremely positive regarding

the work that they are doing. Well done to this group.

Our MYP 1-2 students have been busy in school with a variety of Community Service projects and have made a special point of focus our pre-school. A big thank you from the teachers for their help.

School Calendar 2006/2007

Autumn Term:

17th August - 21st December

Spring Term 2007

9th January - 14th June

Autumn Break Week 44

30th October - 3rd November

Sports Holiday Week 8

19th February - 23rd February

Easter Holiday Week 15

10th April - 13th April

The school is also closed on all Public Holidays marked in red in the calendar. Fuller details maybe accessed on the school's web site: www.almhult.se/english

The school from Grades 1-10 will also be closed on the following study days for staff on:

Monday 2nd October 2006

Wednesday 22nd November 2006

Thursday 8th March 2007

Friday 9th March 2007

Wednesday 2nd May

The pre-school will be closed for study days for staff on:

Monday 2nd October 2006

Friday 9th March 2007

Language Policy

PYP Reauthorisation Visit

School Move

MYP pre-authorisation visit October 2006

Parents received a copy of the school's language policy some weeks ago. As you will no doubt have read we wish to encourage those of you with a mother tongue other than English to use the school as a base for the promotion of your mother tongue.

Further information is now available about the future move of the school.

The results of the Self Study have been sent to the IBO and parents need to be brought up-to-date with these results. Arrangements regarding the reauthorisation visit have also been finalised.

In order to address these points you are requested to attend a meeting on:

Monday 24th April

at 18.00

in the School Hall

It is hoped that at least one representative from every family will be present at this meeting.