



GAZETTE

The International School of Monaco

REDUCE RE-USE RECYCLE !

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ISM Middle School Students launched a new event in December « Glad Rags Day », to round off the work done by Year 8 students in Design and Technology for their « Eco-Fashion Project », and, more importantly, to raise awareness of the ethical and environmental issues of fashion production, and as part of an extended focus on Global Citizenship.

Students brought in many items of clothing—still in great condition—that they no longer wanted which were all put into a SWAP SHOP. The students' enthusiasm for this novel way of refreshing their wardrobes was remarkable with tons of great items being busily exchanged. The motto of the day was **REDUCE RE-USE RECYCLE.**

The day concluded with a fashion show presenting the talents of Year 8 and Year 9 students. At the end of the day, left over items were sent to a French clothing centre for distribution to charity or recycling into insulation.

Many thanks to the School Council Giving Projects Committee (headed by Mrs Laura DeVere) who provided snacks and logistical support. Having them behind the project meant a great deal to the students and teachers involved, notably Ms Gemma Zincke, Design and Technology teacher, Middle School.



RE ENROLMENT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2012 /2013

All parents are reminded that the re-enrolment process will take place in February/March and that you will soon receive forms to re-enrol your children for the coming school year. Details of the payment schedule and tuition fees will be sent with the next Board Communique later this month.

We are continuing to receive many applications for entry to ISM and therefore it is imperative that you re-enrol your children on time. If your plans for the coming year are uncertain, please make an appointment to see your Unit Head.

Important Dates

Please note in your agenda the following important dates:

Monday February 6th	Middle School exams (all week)
Thursday February 9th	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday February 9th	BOARD MEETING
Friday February 10th	Deadline for entries to ABRSM music examinations
Wednesday February 15th	PTA Meeting— Cafeteria 08h30
Friday February 17th	Half term begins (after school)
Monday March 5th	All students return to school
Monday March 5th-Friday March 9th	"Play on Words" Shakespeare Workshops in Middle School
Monday March 12th	Language Week begins (until Friday March 17th)
Wednesday March 14th	PTA Meeting— Cafeteria 08h30
Monday March 19th	CIS Accreditation Visit (until Friday March 23rd)
Thursday March 29th	IB Art Vernissage 17h30—19h30 ALL WELCOME
Monday March 26th-Friday March 30th	Book Week in Primary
Thursday April 5th	Arts Festival at the Théâtre des Variétés
Friday April 6th	Term ends (after school)
Monday April 16th	Summer Term begins
Wednesday April 26th	PTA Meeting—Cafeteria 08h30
Tuesday May 1st	Public Holiday in Monaco—ISM CLOSED
Wednesday May 2nd	IB exams begin
Monday May 7th	IGCSE exams begin
Wednesday May 16th	PTA Meeting—Cafeteria 08h30
Thursday May 17th	Ascension Day Holiday—ISM CLOSED
Tuesday May 22nd	IB exams finish
Wednesday May 23rd	Grand Prix break begins (after school)
Tuesday May 29th	Students return to school
Friday June 1st	IGCSE exams finish
Thursday June 7th	Fête Dieu Holiday—ISM Summer Fête
Wednesday June 13th	PTA Meeting—Cafeteria 08h30
Thursday June 28th	Term ends (at 12 noon)

C.I.S. ACCREDITATION VISIT MARCH 19th to 23rd

The Council of International Schools (CIS) will be sending a Visiting Team of nine people, for the Accreditation Visit to ISM in the week beginning March 19th.

This visit will form the final part of the Re-Accreditation process which ISM must undergo every ten years in order to remain accredited by the CIS, and follows the Opinion Survey that was sent to all parents, staff and students in November 2010. Various Committees at ISM, led by Mr Stuart Findlay, have been preparing a **Self Study Report** which has now been submitted to the CIS for them to read in advance of their visit. Members of the Visiting Team (who are suitably qualified and trained teachers and leaders from other CIS schools) will meet with all the teaching and administrative staff, members of the Board of Trustees, School Council, the PTA as well as many of the students. They will observe and comment on all aspects of the school, and generally ensure that ISM continues to deliver a quality international education in line with our own Mission and Goals, and which is heavily focused on student learning and well-being.

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For further information on the work of the CIS, please see <http://www.cois.org>



LAMDA EXAMS—GREAT RESULTS FOR ISM STUDENTS

The autumn session of the examinations offered by the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) have again produced excellent results with a 100 percent pass rate for ISM students, with three of them scoring the highest marks on the Cote-d'Azur!

Virtually all our students were awarded Merits and Distinctions in: Public Speaking, Using Spoken English, Speaking Verse and Prose, Acting Solo, Acting Duologue, Musical Theatre, and Acting Combined.

Congratulations go to Omara, Class 11, who was awarded a Gold Medal with Merit for Speaking Verse and Prose Grade Eight, and to Alexander, Polina and Federica, all in Class 11, who were awarded a Silver Medal with Distinction for Public Speaking, Grade Seven, Level Three.

See printed version for a full list of results.



Why take LAMDA exams?

Preparation for these exams is wonderful for building communication skills! Students learn to express themselves clearly in a variety of ways, refine their technical skills and develop self-confidence. The LAMDA examinations are internationally recognised and there is something for everyone, at every level, from the Early Years children beginning with Level 1 to the Secondary students aiming for the highest grades in preparation for university applications.

For more information see <http://www.janedubuisson.com/lamda.htm>

SAT COURSES AND APPLYING TO AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES

Due to a growing interest among students in the Secondary School over the last few years who wish to pursue a degree in the USA, ISM is starting its first (in house) ten week SAT course for students from Classes 10-12. With 33 participants already signed up, the course is off to a great start. It will be taught by experienced college counsellor and Harvard graduate, Suzanne Ferrari, ably assisted by our own experienced Mr Peter Humphreys.

ISM students have previously been admitted to American universities such as New York University, University of Southern California, University of San Diego California, University of Miami, Boston University, Fordham University, Emory University and others. It is hoped that the introduction of SAT courses 'in house' at ISM will encourage even more students to consider a liberal arts or pre-professional degree in the USA for their undergraduate studies.



Andrea D., Class of 2011, now enrolled at Fordham University, New York

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Safia Al-Rashid has been appointed to the Creative Arts Committee of the School Council (this is in addition to the appointments announced in the Board Communique of January 2012).

There is currently a vacancy on the School Council for an Information Technology specialist; any parent with skills in this area is invited to contact Mrs Fabiola Loffredi as soon as possible.

At the specific request of the Monegasque authorities, and as a direct result of the traffic congestion around ISM during drop off and collection times, we are conducting a new survey into the provision of a school bus service. Please take the time to complete the questionnaire included with this Gazette and return it to Reception no later than Friday February 17th (before the holidays).

NEWS FROM THE PTA

We welcome back Claudia van der Vorm (and her daughter Charlotte Class 5A) who have now returned from their six months in Tanzania. Claudia is resuming her role as Representative for Class 5A and I would like to thank Sarah l'Heureux for filling in for Claudia during the first trimester.

I would like to thank all the class reps and committee members for their hard work notably in the first term which is always an extremely busy time for everyone; we got off to an excellent start. Our Holiday Sales were a great success, with a wonderful collection of gifts to choose from. We raised over 22,000 euros towards the PTA, some of which will be allocated to ISM's Giving Projects. The tombola prize of a giant teddy bear was won by Mr Richard Begent (Social Studies Teacher) who kindly donated it to the Lenval Children's Hospital! Our special thanks go to the very generous donors and to Mrs Leigh Blaquiere and her helpers. The Gingerbread House decorating parties were as popular as ever, thanks to Mrs Penny Gatti and her team. Our next major event will be the Summer Fête on Thursday June 7th—more details to follow. If you would like to help out, please contact Mrs Laura DeVere.

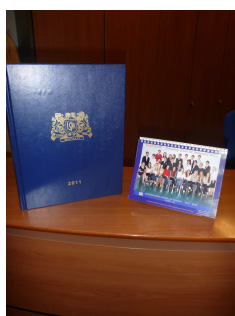
Pamela Furno

PTA President



*Staff at the Lenval children's hospital
with the teddy bear donated by Mr
Richard Begent*

SALE OF YEARBOOKS 2011 AND CALENDAR 2012



There is a small number of 2011 Yearbooks still available for sale at the now special price of 30 euros.

Available from Emilie at Reception.

A limited supply of the 2012 flip-over desk calendar, with class photos, is also available from Reception, priced at 10 euros.

HURRY WHILE STOCKS LAST !