ISM celebrated its twentieth anniversary at a Fund Raising Gala on September 19th 2014, in the Salle des Etoiles, in the presence of His Serene Highness Prince Albert II and over 500 parents, staff and Friends of ISM including many of our founder members and donors.

As well as celebrating twenty years of international education in the Principality of Monaco, the goal was to raise funds for the school’s expansion next year including the new extension at the former yacht club, and major improvements to our current facilities, as well as new outdoor sports and play areas.

We were delighted with the proceeds of our Super Auction, conducted by Mr Simon de Pury, which included some truly wonderful prizes including a Mini Cooper specially painted by a renowned Chinese artist, a customized "ISM" Vespa scooter, art, jewellery, trips and tickets to some very exciting events. A silent auction and tombola also raised substantial funds and will enable us to have exceptional new facilities from September 2015, whilst the new outdoor sports area has already been put to use!

Virtually all of the auction and tombola prizes were donated by current or former parents; others also made very substantial donations. We are extremely grateful to everyone who contributed towards making this event so successful, and of course the Gala Committee of ISM parents and staff who put in many months of hard work behind the scenes.

Thanks also go to the children who performed so beautifully during the evening, to the Student Ambassadors from Classes 11—13, and above all to His Serene Highness Prince Albert II and the entire famille princière whose support over these many years means a great deal to us all.
Important Dates

Please note in your agenda the following important dates for the school year 2014/15

**Monday November 10th**
- PTA Welcome for NEW PARENTS cafeteria 08h30

**Wednesday November 12th**
- Parent Conferences—Classes 10 & 11
- Dignity Day—Class 11

**Friday November 14th**
- PTA Monthly Meeting—Cafeteria 08h35
- Red and White Day: Early Years/Primary/Middle
- Community Meeting—Anglophone parents—5th floor
- Police visit to Class 7

**Wednesday November 19th**
- Fête Nationale—ISM CLOSED
  - "Marche pour les droits de l’enfant"

**Thursday November 20th**
- Action Innocence—Cyberbullying workshop-Class 11

**Saturday November 22nd & Sunday November 23rd**
- LAMDA exams session 1

**Monday November 24th**
- Community Meeting—Italian parents—Cafeteria

**Tuesday November 25th**
- Parent Conferences—Early Years: K AM and Class 2C
- Middle School presentations on museum visits/field trips
- Community Meeting—French speaking parents—Cafeteria

**Friday November 28th**
- ISM Antarctica Climate Change evening 18h00*

**Tuesday December 2nd**
- MUN Conference at UNESCO, Paris
- Gingerbread house sessions—EY and Primary

**Monday December 8th**
- Mother tongue groups—EY Classes Trans, 1 & 2

**Tuesday December 9th**
- Police visit to Class 8

**Wednesday December 10th**
- Community Meeting—German speaking parents—Cafeteria
- Parent Conferences—Early Years Classes TRANS & 2B
- Community Meeting—Russian speaking parents—Cafeteria
- Action Innocence—Cyberbullying workshop-Class 11

**Thursday December 11th**
- ISM Antarctica Climate Change evening 18h00*

**Friday December 12th**
- School Reports sent out Classes 1 & 2

**Monday January 5th**
- All students return to school
- Mock IGCSE/IB exams Classes 11 & 13
- MUN Conference at The Hague

**NEXT TERM**

**Monday January 5th**
- Antarctic Expedition Information Evening: for all Middle School parents whose children will be presenting their science projects and any other parent who would like to learn more about this expedition—please see separate Newsletter “Saving Antarctica with Robert Swan”

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**SPORTS EVENTS**

- Cross du Larvotto (running race)
- Sports Day at Stade Vanco—Primary/Middle/Secondary
- Nice Football Tournament Classes 10-12
- No Finish Line event—for students/staff/parents
- Girls’ football match—Menton (UNSS Championship)
- Cursa de Natale (running race in Monaco)
- Girls’ football match—Menton (UNSS Championship)

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**NEXT TERM**

**Monday January 5th**
- Monday January 5th
- Friday January 9th—Friday January 16th
- Saturday January 24th—Saturday January 31st

**Tuesday January 27th**
- Wednesday February 4th
- Friday February 20th
- Monday March 9th
- return to school

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The Middle School trips in October were all a great success, with Class 7 visiting Nimes, Arles and Avignon; Class 8 went to Cortona, Lucca and Florence, and Class 9 to Paris on the TGV.

All Middle School trips are curriculum based, with students learning about the Romans, the Renaissance and 'Paris through the Ages' in class. Some highlights were the Amphitheatre in Orange, the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, and the Aviation Museum in Paris. All students will be making presentations during our 'Museum Day' on Wednesday 26th November, in which all subject learning and projects are brought together in one forum for parents and guests to see. More information to follow.

Class 9 at the Palace of Versailles and Class 7 in Avignon (below)

Class 8 creating workbooks with Florentine paper

Mr Shoaib Sultan Khan—guest speaker—Thursday December 18th: 5th floor

Mr Shoaib Sultan Khan, a Nobel Peace Prize nominee, and recipient of many awards for his work on alleviating rural poverty in South Asia, will be visiting ISM on Thursday December 18th from 3-4 pm, to speak to all secondary students, available staff and any parent who would like to attend. Mr Khan has extensive experience in the United Nations Development Programme, as well as NGO (Non Governmental Organizations), and is, moreover, the grandfather of one of our students.

We are extrememly honoured that he will be visiting ISM, and any parent who would like to attend this event is warmly welcome.

With many thanks to Mrs Shelley Shoaib Le Breton for arranging this very special guest speaker.
All photos by Laurent Ciavaldini—to view and order pictures: - please contact gala@ismonaco.com for details.