

# MARCH / APRIL NEWSLETTER



**ISB**  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BRESCIA



Friday 3rd May 2024



## Kindness Week

This year we had a whole school initiative to focus on the Learner profile attribute of CARING. From 18th to 22nd March, ISB students planned and participated in various different initiatives to show kindness to different groups. The week began with being kind to ourselves, focussing on mindfulness, a healthy body and mind, and ways to relieve stress and accept ourselves. On Tuesday students focussed on being kind to their family, preparing letters, crafts and coupons for their family members. On Wednesday students focussed on being a good friend and classmate, making other students smile during the school day. On Thursday we looked at our local environment, taking care of the Earth and its creatures. Finally, students and families showed their appreciation of the ISB staff of Friday, with kind comments and presents for our teachers!

Hopefully the message and thinking that came through during kindness week will remain with our school community long after the week is over.



# PYP STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

PYP families participated in Student-Led Conferences From 15- 18th April. Student-Led Conferences are an opportunity for families to see students' progress firsthand, celebrate successes and set goals to further learning. As students present their work to their families, they take responsibility for their learning journey and have an opportunity to reflect on how they have progressed so far.

An enormous thank you to all our families for taking the time to come into school to be part of these important moments for our younger students.





# Library Re-opening

From September right through to March, a dedicated team of parent volunteers have worked tirelessly to re-organise and recatalogue all the books in the school library. After months and months of labels and printing and sorting, their work was finally done! Their work doesn't end here however, as they will continue to support ISB in the library, organising themes for each month.

This is what they had to say:

There was a call to action presented to the Parents Committee asking for volunteers to help in the library. While an involved effort, we have been happy to be a part of such a great cause, as libraries are the backbone of a school. We all learned a lot through the process of reorganizing, cataloging, and brainstorming ideas for how to make the ISB library a cohesive and inviting environment.

We are continuing the effort by cataloging the non-fiction section, updating all of the catalog labels, organizing monthly library themes, to name a few things. Parents are more than welcome to join us on Thursday mornings!

Tamara: "volunteering in the library or anywhere else, it's the foundation of the IB, the caring of the others we need to teach and practice for our children"

Natalia: "The library is a platform that facilitates collaboration and communication between students when they perform individual and group projects, and parents can help to improve it"

Sylvia: My one sentence quote will be (in response to the question "how other parents can help"): "Donate any books your children don't need anymore and/or join us on Thursdays between 8:30 and 11:30!"

Kristin: I wanted to volunteer as a way to help foster the excitement of learning for ISB students through books while also cultivating the community that makes the school exceptional. It has been very rewarding-both in witnessing the library transform and the wonderful connections made!

**ISB would like to say THANK YOU to these dedicated parents!**



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# Library Re-opening (contd)



## ATL Skills workshop

On 8th March parents were invited in to school to attend an ATL Skills workshop, designed to help parents to understand and investigate further the Approaches to Learning. The workshop gave parents an opportunity to engage with the ATLS and have active and open discussions with other parents on how to support their own child's ATL development at home with practical and everyday activities.



# PYP SPORT



## Early Years Dance

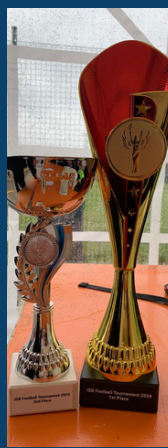
Our Early Years students had a wonderful opportunity to participate in a dance activity led by professional dance teacher Laura Avanzi. They experimented with many different skills, developing their coordination and response to music as well as following a sequence and working with other people. Our younger students thoroughly enjoyed this activity which helped them to improve their awareness and control of their bodies.



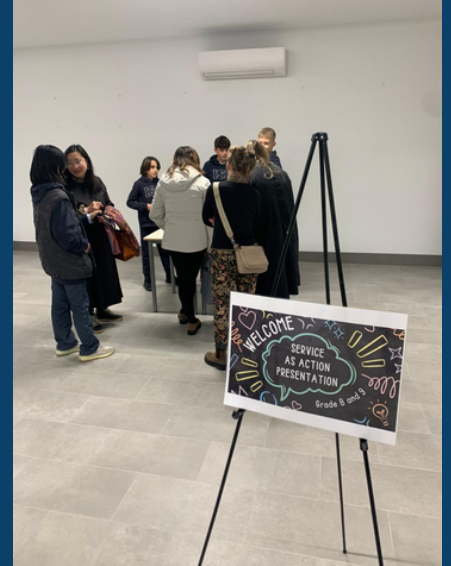
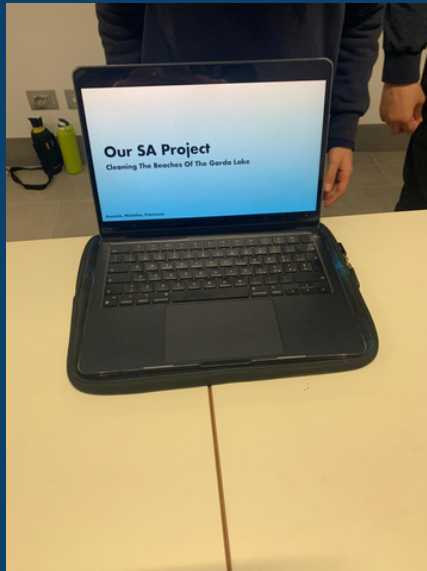
## UPYP Football Tournament

On a grey, rainy Tuesday, ISBrescia PYP football teams faced the elements to challenge the English international school of Padova in some friendly 7 a side matches at the first Inter- International School tournament that ISB has organised. Despite one other school being a no-show due to the bad weather, Brescia and Padova showed great spirit and energy and battled it out all day long.

A big thank you to Mr Josh for organising, to the loyal parent supporters and to the Bedizzole stadium for hosting and refereeing the event.



# Service as Action Presentations



Service as Action is an important part of the MYP programme as it allows students to really focus on the action part of the IB philosophy. Service as Action allows students to follow their hearts and make a difference that means something to them. Their service can be on a school, local, national or global scale, depending on the choices they make. The service as action project is a wonderful opportunity for students to reflect on how to make the world a better place as they become IB global citizens .



# EY Trip to Parco Airone

Early Years students were out and about in the local community again, going back to Parco Airone to see how it has changed since their last visit. Their observations are helping to build up their knowledge of the key concept of change, regarding the seasons and our local environment.



## Le Mille Miglia va a scuola



Members of the organising group of the Mille Miglia race came to school to teach the students in Grade 5 and Grade 6 about the history of this famous national race which starts and ends in Brescia. Students were very interested to learn how the race has developed over time and they are excited to see whose name will be pulled out of the hat by the organisers to be the lucky recipients of passes for the event itself!



## Leonardo da Vinci Museum

Grades 2 and 3 visited the Leonardo da Vinci museum of Science and technology in Milan to further their learning for their current units about inventions and the solar system. They explored many different aspects of Science and technology, from mining and electricity to space travel and Da Vinci's inventions.





# Children's Museum in Verona



Students in Grades 2, 3 and 4 had a wonderful day at the children's museum in Verona, getting hands on with all the exhibits! They were lucky enough with the weather to be able to visit a fantastic outdoor play park too to let off steam from the journey!



# Villa Romana in Desenzano

Grade 5 visited the Villa Romana in Desenzano del Garda to bring their unit on the Ancient Romans to life. They learned about the various zones of the villa, the mosaics and other ornate details and the lifestyle of the original owners of the villa.



# Protezione Civile

PYP students from EY to Grade 6 had a thoroughly enjoyable morning with the Protezione Civile from Beddizole-Lonato. Students learnt about the work of this important volunteer organisation, were taught some basic survival skills in the event of natural disasters, and even got to see service dogs in action and learn about their training regimes.

Undoubtedly the most memorable part for many students, was using the hoses to knock down the water bottle station set up!

We are thankful to Mr Bresciani and the team for sharing their knowledge and time with our students.

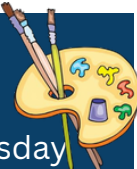


# Easter Activities

To finish off our second term our Parents Committee organised a fantastic Easter egg-stravaganza with lots of fun games for our PYP students!



# Art Gallery



Our students showcased their artistic progress in a whole school initiative on a Wednesday evening with the opening of the school as an Art Gallery! Students from PYP focussed on the theme of the Venice biennale 'Strangers everywhere' and linked their work to one of the IB Key Concepts. MYP and DP students focussed on their own artistic skill development, and showed their artistic prowess. The gallery also featured many works of art from Emily Schivalocchi, a budding artist in Grade 10.

It was a joy to see so many family members at this school community event.



# Brescia Basketball Training

Grades 7,8 & 9 were lucky enough to visit the Brescia basketball team at their gym. The students were able to watch a training session and even get put their paces whilst joining in with some drills and exercises! It was very inspiring for the students to watch these professional athletes in action and understand a little about their rigorous training schedule and expectations.



## Coming up....

- Saturday 25th May @ 16.00 : Grade 13 Graduation Event
- Tuesday 28th May @ 8.45 : Parent Focus Group on Self-Assessment Questionnaire
- Wednesday 5th June: MYP Show
- Thursday 6th June: PYP Show
- Tuesday 25th June: Apericena
- Thursday 27th June: PYP Prizegiving (followed by Camp ISB)
- Friday 28th June: MYP/DP Prizegiving

