



# KIBS Newsletter

Local roots, global understanding

Dear Parents,

Easter is just around the corner and we are looking optimistically to the next few weeks. We hope that with the tests and hopefully, soon increasing vaccinations, we will have more possibilities to open in KiTa and school. Looking back, thanks to your dedicated support, we have all managed the past weeks quite well this year. We are very happy about the positive feedback that has reached us through various channels. Thank you very much for your patience and commitment in supporting KIBS and also in promoting it among your friends and acquaintances. The student numbers for the new school year look very positive. We are again planning two Year 5 classes for our secondary school and there will also be three Year 1 classes in the summer.

**Primary school award:** We have already reported on our award for environmental policy for the KIBS primary school in December. Minister Grant Hendrik Tonne congratulated us on this award in a letter and we are of course very happy about this special recognition. We have enclosed his letter in the email with the link to this newsletter.

**Have you already seen our new image film on our homepage?** Due to the Corona pandemic, we were unfortunately unable to offer an Open Friday and have therefore published a new film and several small videos on our homepage. We would like to give you a little insight into our school life and our concept. If you should also see the film on Facebook, we would be happy about a "Like"! We have planned an Open Friday for May 7th, 2021 and we hope it can take place.

**UP-Date KIBS Extension New Building Sports Hall, KiTa and Gymnasium:** We are very happy that our offer is so well received by families and that we have found a good solution with our landlord, Paderborner Straße Business Center GmbH, for the extension of the existing building. The new building is being built on the open space behind the existing building on Paderborner Straße, which KIBS has been using since 2013. Two additional group rooms for the kindergarten, classrooms for the secondary school and a single-field sports hall with ancillary rooms are being built there. The construction work, which is being undertaken by the companies Keding and Hoffmeister, is progressing quickly and the move into the new premises is planned for the end of this year.

We wish you a happy Easter!

Kind regards,

Your  
KIBS-Team



## Our shuttle bus

As you know, we have been offering a transfer from the main station to the school and back for our pupils for several years. Every day, our driver Mr. Giovanni Caputo takes all students to school and to the train station punctually and reliably. At the moment we still have a few places available. If you are interested, please write an email to Mrs Kauffmann at [g.kauffmann@oks.de](mailto:g.kauffmann@oks.de).

## Important dates:

Open Friday, 7th May 2021

## Primary School

Dear Parents,

The primary school was bustling again! We were very pleased to receive the School Award and the recognition from our Minister. Despite the double burden of Scenario B, we faced new challenges and celebrated new themed days. We also celebrated carnival and enjoyed the e-learners of the week every Friday!

To all our primary students - we are very proud of you! You are working super hard - praise to you 🙌 ! A big THANK YOU 🙌 to our fantastic teachers - we couldn't do it all without you!

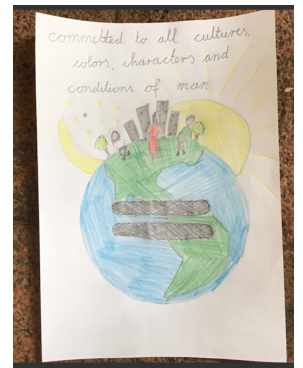
Here are a few impressions of our highlights from the last few weeks:



Internet Safety Week  
Black History Month  
Primary Mental Health Week  
STEM Week  
International Women's Day  
World Maths Day

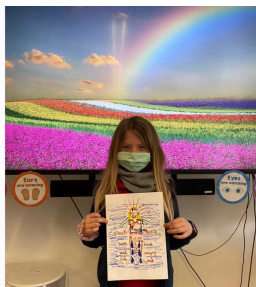
Why do you think Black History Month is important?

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**  
is important to remember the  
people that the color of the  
skin is not important.



### Children's Mental Health Week

We reflected on our emotions & where we feel them in our bodies




Why do you think Black History Month is important?

I think it is important because we should know about history and what happened in the past. Many black people suffered and still suffer from racism. Racist people are generally ignorant, so by educating people, we can fight racism.

## Secondary


1. IB vs. Abitur - this is the question some parents ask themselves when choosing a school for their child. Here is a summary of the most important facts for you.



**Vergleich zwischen dem deutschen Abitur und dem International Baccalaureate**

	ABITUR + C1 Cambridge Exam bei KIBS	International Baccalaureate*
Wird an allen Universitäten/ Hochschulen in Deutschland anerkannt	👍	Nur unter bestimmten Voraussetzungen
Wird in allen Ländern der EU anerkannt	👍	Nur unter bestimmten Voraussetzungen
Wird in den USA anerkannt	An vielen US-amerikanischen Universitäten wird das Abitur mit extra Leistungspunkten (credits) anerkannt, so dass man bis zu zwei Semester „sparen“ kann	👍
Wird in Großbritannien anerkannt	👍	An vielen Universitäten wird das IB nur unter bestimmten Voraussetzungen bzw. nur mit einer Aufnahmeprüfung anerkannt
Kritisches Denken und Kreativität werden gefördert	👍	👍
Ein multikulturelles Bewusstsein wird entwickelt	👍	👍
Selbstgesteuertes Lernen wird gefördert	👍	👍

\*Mehr Info zum IB finden Sie hier:  
<https://www.ibo.org>  
<https://www.daad.de/de/studieren-und-forschen-in-deutschland/studiumpfaenen/erkennung-ibdiplom/>  
 \*IB ist an den meisten Schulen mit einer zusätzlichen Gebühr verbunden



**Comparison between the German Abitur and the International Baccalaureate**

	ABITUR + C1 Cambridge Exam at KIBS	International Baccalaureate*
Is recognized in all German universities and academies	👍	Only under certain conditions
Is recognized in all EU countries	👍	Only under certain conditions
Is recognized in the USA	In many US-American universities the Abitur is recognized with extra credit points, so you could save up to two semesters	👍
Is recognized in Great Britain	👍	In many GB universities the IB is recognized only under certain conditions or in connection with an additional admission exam
Promotes critical thinking and creativity	👍	👍
Promotes multicultural consciousness	👍	👍
Promotes self-guided learning	👍	👍

\*you can find more info on the IB here:  
<https://www.ibo.org>  
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 \*most schools charge an extra fee for the IB

2. For two months now, all pupils of our secondary school have been in eLearning. At the end of January, we conducted a survey among the children and the parents. Both surveys were very positive and confirmed the concept of eLearning. Although everything is going well, everyone can hardly wait to see friends and teachers again. Loneliness is what bothers the children most, according to the survey results. Overall, the parents rated the concept with 4.07 stars (out of a possible 5 stars). Thank you parents for your patience, help and support! Thank you students for your great work and perseverance! And thank you teachers for your good and creative work! Fingers crossed that we can all meet again very soon!

3. Here are a few nice examples from our e-learning in Secondary:

In NTW, year 6 explored the different angles, sizes and sharpness of shadows they created, using hand-made foil figurines.





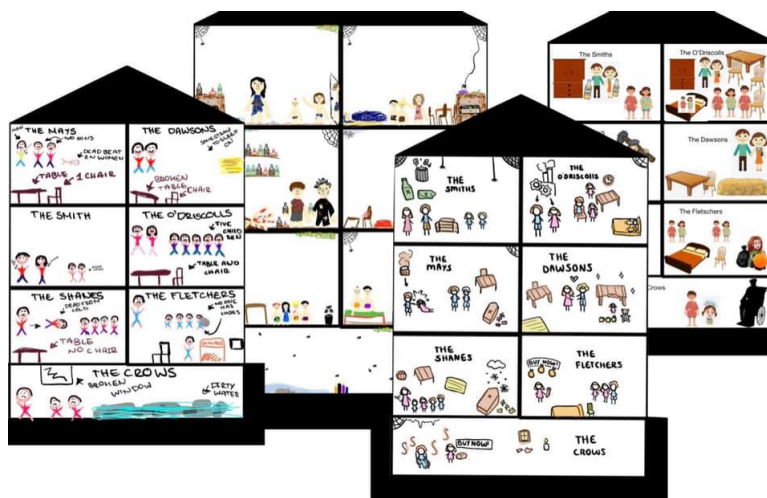
Despite Corona, our students in the chemistry and biology advanced courses (Year 12) have the opportunity to take part in a career seminar. Doctoral scientists from all over the world report on their studies and scientific careers via Zoom and then answer students' questions in detail.

**Berufskundeseminar**  
-wissenschaftliche Berufe-

Die Biologie und Chemie Leistungskurse treffen via Zoom verschiedene Menschen, die sich für ein naturwissenschaftliches Studium entschieden haben. Sie bekommen Informationen zum beruflichen Werdegang haben die Möglichkeit Fragen zu Studium und Job zu stellen.

<b>26.01.2021:</b> Dr. Thomas Krüwel Leiter Bereich Molekulare Bildgebung, GE Healthcare, Deutschland	<b>16.02.2021:</b> Dr. Mirko Arnold Vice President, Global Product, Color & Application Development, Refinish Coatings, BASF, China	<b>23.02.2021:</b> Dr. Karolin Horn Partnering Manager Assay Development, Boehringer Ingelheim, Deutschland
<b>09.02.2021:</b> Dr. Verena Carvalho Lecturer, Umass Amherst, USA	<b>02.03.2021:</b> Dr. Marlene Rudrov Ärztin, Bundeswehr, Deutschland	... to be continued

Year 8 History have been learning about ugly life in towns of the Industrial Revolution, while drawing beautiful pictures! Thanks to Sophie, Samira, Janella and Silvana for these.





## Kindergarten

In order to be able to expand our services even further for our children at home, we bought iPads for all employees of the KIBS-KiTa a few weeks ago. Each member of staff now has their own iPad for Zoom meetings. In the pedagogical use of the devices, the staff of the secondary school actively support them, e.g. how to use certain apps and how to work with learning resources digitally. The KiTa team has already achieved great results, which we would like to present here.



Our Busy Bees doing crafts together with their friends who still have to be at home.



Our Hippos also learn together with their friends at home.

Our little ones in the nursery also have online lessons every day.

