



# KIBS Newsletter

**Local roots, global understanding**

Dear parents,

The school year is coming to an end and we have achieved a lot despite the Corona pandemic! For the pedagogical work, this situation was not always easy. Despite these circumstances, the entire KIBS team has done everything to support the children in the best possible way.

Many thanks also to you as parents! With a lot of time and energy, you supported your children very well and thus all children were able to continue learning according to the curriculum, both in the distance learning phase and in the attendance phase. We will make up for the language gaps that have inevitably arisen in some cases with additional immersion lessons in the new school year. For this purpose, we have hired an additional teacher as of the new school year.

Despite the uncertainties that are now arising, we are looking forward to the new school and kindergarten year with confidence and courage and are happy to welcome numerous new admissions, also from lateral entrants, to the schools. The new school year will start again with 3 new Year 1 classes and again with two Year 5 classes in September 2021.

We are very happy about this positive development and will of course soon need additional premises for this.

The severe onset of winter in February of this year and a building law issue on the part of the building authority unfortunately caused a construction stop of several weeks.

At the moment, we assume that the building, consisting of two additional kindergarten groups, classrooms for the secondary school and our sports hall, will be completed in March 2022.

We are keeping our fingers firmly crossed - in any case, things are now moving ahead at full speed!

We wish you all a wonderful holiday and look forward to the coming school and kindergarten year!

Kind regards,

Your

KIBS-Team



## Office

Our school offices are usually open from 8am - 2pm during the summer holidays. Only one week both offices are closed - please keep this in mind for possible questions.

Closing time: 9th - 13th August 2021

## Important dates:

Please have a look at the new school calendar on our website!

## Primary School

Dear parents,

We've made it - the summer holidays are here! An eventful school year is coming to an end, now comes the well-deserved break! We wish you a few relaxing weeks and look forward to the next school year!

### Farewells

She has been teaching with us for six years - now it is sadly time to say goodbye! It is with heavy hearts that we let Ms McDonald move back to her native Scotland - we will miss her very much! As an integral part of the KIBS family, she set the course for a successful start to school with the children as a class teacher in Year 1, and then this year in Year 2. The KIBS team and the children have learned a lot from her. Ms Polden and Ms Martin are also leaving us after two wonderful years - we will greatly miss their creativity, positive energy and passion.

We wish all three teachers a successful new start and all the best for their private and professional futures!

### New Staff

You will find the introductions of the new primary school teachers attached to the newsletter email. We look forward to working together and to the many new inspirations that will shape teaching and learning at KIBS through these new arrivals.


### PEAK

Our new PEAK concept is now starting in all primary classes this school year after the trial stage. In this way, the prerequisites for the acquisition of self-directed learning skills are created at a very early stage.



### Logitech Pen

Next school year we will start with two class sets of Logitech pens for our iPads. We will use the Logitech pens to encourage students to be creative with the iPads in a whole new way. They will be able to explore digital art and design principles. The pens also allow us to be more precise when doing iPad-related work. In addition, using the pen improves manual dexterity.



<b>What is PEAK?</b> PEAK is an individualised learning journey that supports our primary students to become independent learners. We offer PEAK to primary students during the 8:30-9:00 arrival time.  Students choose which activity to complete in relation to their own development.  The work is provided in the main curriculum areas in the following schedule:  Monday: German/Reading Tuesday: Topic Wednesday: Mathematics Thursday: English/Reading Friday: Student's choice  PEAK gives our students greater autonomy over their own learning. This helps to put them on the path to become independent, life-long learners.	<b>Year 1 &amp; 2</b>  Students choose which task to do and complete the work in pairs, groups or individually on paper.  This work is handed in and feedback is given where appropriate.	<b>P</b>	<b>Practice</b> Students have the opportunity to practice skills that have not been consolidated or complete an activity related to a learning intention from a recent lesson.
	<b>Year 3 &amp; 4</b>  Students choose which task to do and complete the work on their iPad.  This is uploaded to Seesaw. Teachers can give feedback where appropriate.	<b>E</b>	<b>Extend</b> Students are challenged to explore a concept in a new way. This can be a creative task or explaining a concept through a different approach.
		<b>A</b>	<b>Apply</b> Students have the opportunity to display and deepen their understanding by applying their learning in a variety of ways.
		<b>K</b>	<b>Know</b> Students have a chance to show what they know and/or extend their knowledge. This is what students gain from doing PEAK!

## Secondary

The eLearning period (six long months) has finally been over since the beginning of June and all students and teachers are back at school. Many thanks to all parents for their great support during this time and many thanks to the kids who have really mastered it.

Here are a few impressions of our daily school life for you:

Finally, experiments are possible again: here, class 9B is investigating the effects of light intensity on photosynthesis.



Class 6P first went on a trip to the Hannover Adventure Zoo and then they learned how to be an outstanding Roman soldier and make the Roman Empire (or their history teacher) proud.



Class 10T had the task of making a documentary film in history. For this they were first given a guided tour of the war memorial at Seelhorst cemetery.



The school year 20/21 is now (finally) over. It has been a difficult and turbulent year for all of us, but thanks to great students, very dedicated teachers and supportive parents, we have managed it very well! This year we have to say goodbye to a very great teacher - Mr Crowdus will be leaving KIBS and Hanover to move to Canada with his family. We thank him for his great work at KIBS and wish him all the best and much success in Canada. We would like to welcome three new teachers: Mrs. Burczyk and Ms. Mangione will take over the English lessons together with Mrs. Groapa and Mrs. Afonso will support us in Spanish. Please find the introductions of the new teachers attached to the newsletter email.

We are all looking forward to the well-deserved summer holidays and will then start the new school year in September with full energy, with two new (full) Year 5 classes and our first Year 13 class, in which we will then also celebrate our first Abitur graduation in the summer of 2022. Until then, the entire Secondary Team wishes you a nice and relaxing summer holiday and stay healthy!

# Kindergarten

DEAR PARENTS,

AN UNUSUAL YEAR HAS COME TO AN END. WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE, YOUR SUPPORT AND YOUR TRUST. WE WISH YOU ALL A RELAXING SUMMER HOLIDAY AND SAY GOODBYE WITH PICTURES FROM THE GROUPS.

