

Kongsberg International School PYP Newsletter

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Principal's News

Another very busy month has passed that was highlighted by the extreme outpouring of participation and generous contributions from our parents, students and staff. UN Flag Day was a huge success with our students and staff enjoying many wondrous delicious foods from all over the world, which had been donated by parents for our International Food Fair. Students capped off these international festivities with a parade through Stortorvet, many dressed in their national costume and carrying a flag from their home country.

The annual KIS Halloween Disco saw lots of our younger students (and teachers!) dressed up as skeletons, witches, goblins and princesses. Face painting, congo lines, Halloween music, and lots of yummy treats at the canteen made for a fun evening for all. For those parents who braved the afternoon to attend with their children, I do hope you enjoyed the festivities.

I would like to thank both the PTA for their enormous organizational efforts for UN Day and all the parents who contributed such delicious foods. Supportive parents enrich the educational programs and extra-curricular activities for all KIS students, and enhance the true meaning of "international-mindedness" for our school. Thank you!

'Kongsberg International School seeks to make it possible for each student to develop to his or her full potential, to be versatile, effective and responsible citizens of the World'

Nancy Sanderson Swartz,

The Head of PYP and PYP Coordinator

Another month over and PYP has been busy as usual. Last night was the PYP disco and by the looks of it, all the children seemed to have a good time. Thank you to parents who helped by donating food.

The UN Flag Day was a great success and it was lovely to see the diversity of national costumes, flags and food. Thanks to the PTA for organizing that and all the parents who helped there too. I have put up a display with some photos on the 1st floor but we would love copies of any photos parents may have taken too.

Parent interviews were well attended on the 20th October. This is an important meeting for teachers and parents to discuss student's progress. I urge you to take contact with your teacher to arrange an interview time if you were not able to make it on the set date.

We await the IB Evaluation visit in a couple of weeks with great anticipation. This is the chance for us to look at our own school and evaluate how we are performing as well as to get feedback from the IBO on how we measure up to the standards they expect. We will receive a report from them a couple of months after the visit. In the meantime, it's business as usual. Katherine Hamson

PTA News

Last Friday, KIS celebrated United Nations Day with a food sale at school and a parade through Stortorvet. Many children were dressed in their national costumes and carrying flags of their home country. At the food sale, there was a great variety of lovely food and most children were able to try many different dishes. The PTA raised a nice amount of money, which will be used for improvements in the big playground.

We wish to thank all those parents who made this day possible with your delectable national food donations and volunteer assistance!!

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Grade 4 is presently working on an **International Cookbook for the school**. We are hoping to put a chapter together with pictures and recipes from UN Day. Please help us by sending your recipes and pictures to maria.todd@kischool.org
Thank you!





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Grade 1 News

Grade 1 students preparing for the walk to the mall for UN Day.



As part of our unit of inquiry, we are looking at different instruments used to measure weather. The students all made a thermometer. We also made a wind vane and earlier this month a wind sock.

Second Grade News



A contemporary game in the barnehage



A wooden jigsaw



Construction with Flex-Bygg



Skipping with Flex-Bygg

At the end of our Unit "Let's Play", we went on a trip to the Lågdalsmuseum, but this time not just to play on the swings and feed the goats! We had a talk in the old schoolroom, dating back to the middle of last century and beyond. We then took part in a quiz/ hunt inside the main museum building, exploring some of the toys and games from various time periods, on display. We saw hand-made wooden toys, ancient porcelain dolls, a toy tea-set and a great construction game called Flex-bygg.

Did you know that Flex-Bygg is a plastic construction game which was first made in KONGSBERG in the 1950s. Grade 2 had a lot of fun playing with it in the museum hall after lunch. Sadly, it is no longer in production. Before we came back to school, we visited a tiny, old barnehage in the grounds which had old and new toys in it. We also played outside on the swings and other toys.

Third Grade News

On Friday, October 9th 2009, Grade 3 went to Kjennerudvannet for Healthy Life Styles Day. The students in Grade 3 came up with this idea to demonstrate their understanding of our unit about healthy living. They planned exercises, games and healthy food from all of the food groups.

Although it was cold in the morning, we had a very successful day. Grade 3 is proud of the **action** they have taken. It shows they are **THINKERS**. We are already planning our **action** for our next unit, so keep your eyes open for more exciting adventures from Grade 3.



KIS PYP Student Council

Hello! We are the Kongsberg International School PYP Student Council. We have two representatives from each grade. Each representative was elected by their classmates. It is our job to listen to suggestions from our classmates about how to make KIS a better place!

This term we have decided to raise money to improve the playground. We want to buy more balls and equipment for the PYP children to play with during recess. To do this we are selling hot cocoa every Tuesday. The proceeds from these sales will go DIRECTLY to the playground. This is our way of bringing **ACTION** to the school and to show others how everyone can help to solve a problem.

We look forward to updating you with our progress every month!

Fourth Grade News

Grade 4 students have been finding out about themselves and their families. Everyone enjoyed listening to each other's presentations about their life. They have also chosen a recipe that is special to their family and presented and shared the food with the class. We have had many risk takers trying out new food! Grade 4 have started to make an International Cookbook using these recipe and more. This book will hopefully be available for sale at the end of the month! Grade 4 students have also led the assembly about the attitude 'empathy'. They planned the assembly independently, using what they have learnt from the Second Step Program.



Sixth Grade News



Unaided, KISLO organized a cake sale to raise money for the library.



Grade 6 held their assembly, independent of their teacher, on the PYP attitude 'Independence'.

Assembly

Attitude Focus

Grade 3

Enthusiasm

Grade 2

Cooperation

Grade 1

Curiosity

Grade 6

Independence

Grade 5

Integrity

Grade 4

Empathy