



9 NEWS

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"If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there." -

Lewis Carroll, (English Logician, Mathematician, Photographer and Novelist, especially remembered for Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. 1832-1898)

Hi everyone and welcome to the first edition of 9News for this school year. I am new to BIS Moscow and so was delighted to find such an experienced staff. They helped me 'get my feet under the table' in school and around Moscow. This year the school is emphasizing the arts - literature, poetry, drama, art, music, dance. We have some concerts planned and are developing links with the Children's Music Theatre. We will be arranging visits to see performances at the theatre during October and November.

Staff are also planning to take their classes on visits to places of educational interest around Moscow. More details will be provided on a class by class basis.

In school we are all looking forward to 'International Day'. Also Miss Katya, Miss Natashaha and the staff are already planning the Christmas concerts, which will be on 8th December. So you can see that we have an exciting term in front of us.

My thanks go to all the staff for their contributions to this newsletter and especially to Mr. C who has put it together and Miss Svetlana who has sent it out.

Mark Madeley
Headteacher School 9

Welcome back and welcome to our first edition of 9News for the academic year 2009-10.

We hope you all enjoyed your summer break and have arrived back into Moscow ready for another exciting term.

It's going to be a busy time between now and our mid term break so there will be lots to tell you about. 9News should really now be re-named 9 e-News as we now hope to deliver our newsletter right to your email inbox - please make sure the school office has your correct email contact details.

As always, we would like to hear your views and comments so please contact us using school9news@googlemail.com.

It's good to be back!

The 9News Desk



Music, song and movement - Year 5 performing at assembly.



Limerick...

There was an old dog
Who slept in the fog.
He ate macaroni and
cheese
And cried out loud, "I
need some more,
please!
One more for my friend
the log!"

Diana Chiang Year 5

Another limerick...

I knew a baboon
Who lived on the moon
And on his break
He ate a cake
And his tummy went
BOOM!

Katya Istigecheva Year 5



Hola! Spain comes to School 9! Years 5 & 6 experienced their first Spanish lessons this week and there was much enthusiasm and enjoyment! We look forward to Miss Cardoza's lessons next Wednesday.

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Gogol



Pushkin





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Dates for your diary...



- 8th October - whole school practice of evacuation procedures
- 16th October - International Day
- 19th - 23rd October - school closed for half term holiday.
- 17th November - Open afternoon for parents to visit the school
- 7th December - concert dress rehearsals
- 8th December - Curtain up!
- 16th December - children's Christmas parties and disco
- 18th December - Parents sent end of term reports. School closes
- 11th January - School re-opens

RECEPTION - We have had a busy first few weeks in Reception. All of the Reception children have now settled in at school and we have started learning lots of new things. We have been learning all about Autumn and have made some lovely Autumn leaves for a tree outside our class. We have also been looking at the 5 senses starting with 'sight' or what we can see. We made an eye colour graph and found that there were more 'brown eyes' than green or blue and we read 'Brown bear, brown bear what can you see?' by Bill Martin Jr. and made up a song as well. Next week we will look at what we can hear and will hopefully be making lots of different sounds and even some musical instruments - have a listen if you come near our class. We will try not to be too noisy!

Parent Teachers Association (PTA)

The PTA performs an important function in our school and I seek your support in keeping membership high. The first tasks are to elect the officers - chair, secretary, treasurer etc - and to organize the calendar for the year. I know that you are all busy people but please try to support this venture. If you cannot make the meeting but wish to be involved even in a small way then please send an e mail to school9@bismoscow.com with PTA in the subject box.

13th October - initial meeting of PTA - Time to be confirmed.

- 16th October - International Day
- 2nd November - PTA meeting - help for Christmas celebrations
- Parent helpers

In the past, the school has welcomed parents into school to help class teachers. I would like to continue this valuable practice.

Mark Madeley
Headteacher School 9



YEAR 2 - Do you now what a Blue Footed Booby is ????

If you don't, come and ask the children in Year 2. We have started a new topic and it is all about Island life. This week we have taken a look at The Galapagos Islands. We learned how to find the islands on a globe (they are very close to the equator.) We also learned that the islands are full of very rare animals. The Blue Footed Booby is one of them. In fact it does not live anywhere else apart from The Galapagos Islands. It is a lovely bird with blue feet and it likes to dance and show off! David Dallas in 2JC also told us about The Red Footed Booby which is even rarer than the blue. We all decided that we would like to take a holiday to The Galapagos Islands when we are older so we can see all the wonderful animals and plants for ourselves.

If you would like to know more about islands and island life come and ask Year 2. You might find out about some other amazing creatures!!!

Can you find a BFB hiding somewhere in this 9Newsletter...?



YEAR 4 - It has been a very busy start to the new school year. First of all, we are happy to have moved to a larger classroom which be much more comfortable for learning. We have also kicked off the new year with our new inquiry unit "Habitats and Our Environment." During this unit, students will be learning about the kinds of habitats around us as well as what we can do to improve our local environment. Also be sure to check out what is going on in year four in our class blog.

? MUM + DAD QUIZ ?

If you think you know, send your name and answer to school9news@googlemail.com - you will get a mention in the next 9News!

There is a noun used specifically to name a person that eats frogs - What is it?



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Chechov



Tolstoy





YEAR 3 -

In 3MP we spent some time getting to know each other during the first weeks of the new school year. We have 2 pupils who are new to our school and we of course have a new teacher, Mr Paulden, so there were lots of things to find out. We talked and played different types of games together and soon realised that we all had much in common!

We needed to make the classroom look nice as it was a bit bare when we first started. We have spent our time carefully making various kinds of Egyptian decoration because we will be studying Ancient Egypt in history this term. At the moment we are making a River Nile that will 'flow' outside our room. We will all make a section of the river so it will be a real team effort!

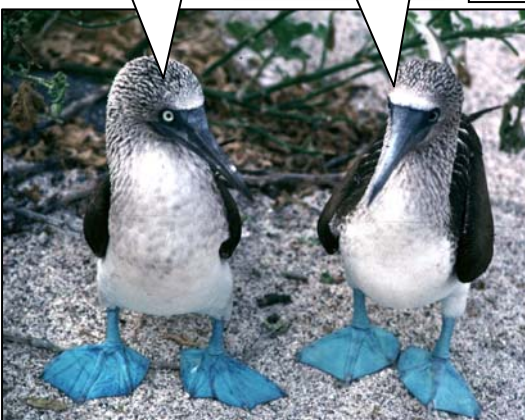
It seems as if it will be a really good year for class 3MP. Everyone is polite and friendly and we are already starting to help each other a lot. We will keep you updated in the next newsletter.....

Maybe you have a notice or a message you would like to pass on to our school community. Perhaps you have an event to advertise ?

Contact... school9news@googlemail.com for more details on how to place an announcement in our newsletter.

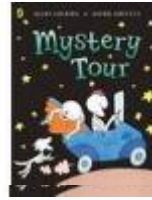
I'm not wearing any shoes.

Nice shoes...



YEAR 1 -

This week Year 1 HS have been reading *Funny Bones*, the *Mystery Tour*. We helped the skeletons solve lots of different mysteries then made our own skeleton pictures out of pasta and painted them white. Some children dramatised the story and the rest of us enjoyed watching the performance. If you should meet anybody from Year 1 HS, ask that person what the final mystery in the book was; the one that was never solved!!!

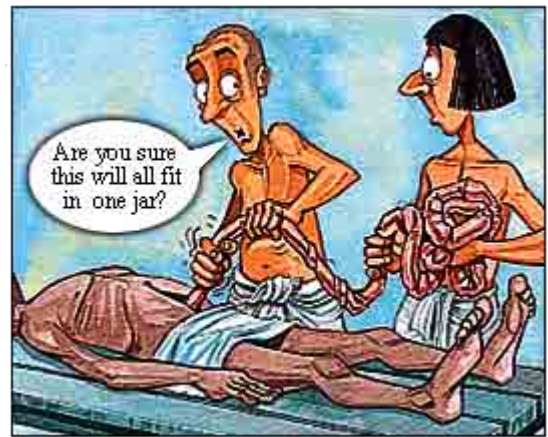


YEAR 3 -

DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME !!!!

Your liver, lungs, stomach and intestines are removed through the incision in your stomach and stored in canopic jars. Your body is washed out with palm wine and will now be soaked in natron for forty days to dry it out.

In Y3JC we discovered that that's what would have happened to you if you were...(1) Important, (2) Dead, and (3) Living in Ancient Egypt.



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RANDOM FACT

The skin contains pain and temperature receptors, which are only sensitive to extreme hot or cold. The brain experiences both these sensations in the same way. Therefore, very cold and hot temperatures cause the same kind of pain and the brain has trouble distinguishing between the two.

