



31.03.2017

Dear Parents,

As usual, I would like to give you some information in review and take a preview of the last weeks of school after the Easter holidays, before wishing you nice and relaxing holidays **from Monday, 10.4.2017.**

A total of 5 pupils in classes 6 and 8 took the Thuringian Competence Tests –the date scheduled for class 3 is at the beginning of May. After that the results are going to be published.

10 pupils are going to write the Cambridge Checkpoints during the Easter break from 10.4. – 12.4.2017.

Cooperating with our **partner Chance for Children and Ghana Mountaineers** was also very successful during the second semester. Our Time-for-Talents activities for classes 5-10 during the second semester was once again successful and the pupils from **Chance for Children** met with our pupils on our school compound. Many members of our school community also participated in the Ghana Mountaineers Event which took place.

On both pedagogical days, Andreas Honrath introduced the **implementation of the *No Blame Approach*** to the teachers, which is the approach the GSIS is going to adopt in future bullying cases. This is part of our Conflict and Anti-Bullying-Policy which the steering group and teachers have been working on for the past weeks. You will receive it as soon as it has been translated and has been approved of by teachers and the board.

The kindergarten and nursery teachers as well as the assistants participated in a training on dealing with conflicts among our youngest ones. On the whole, our team of international teachers considered these two pedagogical days to be valuable and useful for their work.

I would like to once again thank the parents who participated in and actively contributed to the discussions during the parents' evening with Andreas Honrath.

This Saturday the **Mediators' training** for a total of 10 pupils will come to an end. At this point, I would like to express my appreciation to Ewa Martinowski and Shome Yeboa who were in charge of this training.

from **Monday 3.4.17 – Tuesday 4.4.17**, **Stefan Marien** our school facilitator is going to be around again.

Please also take note that on **Monday, 3.4. at 8 a.m. our Monday ritual** will be taking place.

You are warmly welcome to participate!

In addition to some contributions by pupils we are also going to introduce the Berlin Bear which Astra Ketosugbo has painted and decorated. In future it is going to be used to decorate our school compound.

This year our project week is from **15.05. - 19.05.2017** and the topic is : “Village of many languages“

The presentation of the results will be taking place on Friday, 19.05.2017.

The **parents group** are planning to organize a **flea market** after the presentation of the project week. You will receive a separate information concerning that.

I would also like to once again mention the **opening hours for the library** and seize the opportunity to say a big thank you to the **very dedicated team of parents who are working in the library!**

The opening hours are as follows:

Mondays:	11:45 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.
Tuesdays:	12:30 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.
Wednesdays:	1:15 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.
Thursdays:	12:30 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.
Fridays:	12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

From **Wednesday, 5.4. – Friday, 7.4.2017** I will be in Germany for professional reasons. Shome Yeboa will be standing in for me on those days.

I would like to wish you all relaxing Eater holidays and would be very glad if you could be present during our Monday ritual on the 3.4.2017.

Best regards,
Ariane Pentz