



Dear Parents,

The first few weeks of the new academic year have gone well and I would like to get some information across to you.

Personnel

Since the end of August, Mr. Nana Amoah Asare has taken the place of Mr. Kobina Baidoo in sports and swimming lessons. He is very experienced with children and in the last years has often substituted Mr. Baidoo in his absence.

Ms. Maorgana Maiwald started working as an intern during the second week and will be supporting us in classes 1/2 until the autumn break.

Picking up situation

I would like to once again make reference to the letter from the board concerning late picking of children. Unfortunately, there are still parents who do not adhere to the picking up times and continue picking up their children from school late. It is my earnest request, to once more let you know that it is not possible for your children to be supervised after school is over. It is not the assignment of the security personnel to take care of your children after closing.

Your children must not play on the school compound before 7a.m. In this case, supervision is not guaranteed. Due to security reasons, I have instructed the security personnel not to open the gate for parents or children before 7 a.m.

General meeting

You have all certainly received the invitation to the general meeting or have read it in the notice board.

I would like to cordially invite you to the meeting once again. It is only in this way that democratic decision making will be ensured. Candidates for the school board may indicate this. We would be very happy about a profile of the candidates. There are no candidates so far. I would like to refer to paragraph 18 article 3 of our statutes:

If the board does not constitute a quorum because of members who have left, then the head of the German Embassy or his delegate will name a director who is authorized to head the board until the board is able to constitute a quorum.

Projekt “Volksmusik verbindet”

This project is taking place for the second time already in Leipzig. Mrs. Shome Yeboa and Mrs. Joanna Klu will be accompanying 7 pupils from our school.

We would like to wish the participants lots of fun and pleasant experiences during the interaction with the other schools involved in the project.

Projekt “Bosch Foundation Promotion”

The GSIS participated in the competition for the German School Award. Now the Bosch Foundation which is the main sponsor, has invited 20 schools to a sponsorship to a programme. It is a great joy that our school has been selected. The foundation has provided a school facilitator who will be working with us on the development of our school for 2 years. We will be interacting with other selected schools, set mutual goals and have exciting exchange of ideas.

The aim of the promotion is that, after 2 years we would have worked out the main points of development for the school and possibly re-apply for the German School Award. I will therefore be travelling to Berlin together with Joana Piper-Agbovi, our teacher responsible for quality management from the 03.10 till 06.10. 2017. All the costs involved will be borne by the Bosch Foundation.

Those responsible during my absence

It will happen from time to time that I will have to attend certain obligatory meetings in Germany or in South Africa. During those times Mr. Hofmann and Mrs. Yeboa will be responsible and will keep you informed in case you need any urgent information.

Holiday/leave

Since we are a German School Abroad, pupils are obliged to attend school. It is generally not allowed to take a holiday or take a leave off school, especially just before or after the school holidays. Please do take note of this in planning your holidays and booking your flights. This does not apply to the nursery and kindergarten.

Working with the work plans

The teachers' council decided during the meeting on the 15.09.2017 that working in the core subjects should not exclusively be with the work plans, rather other learning and working forms are permitted. This will increase the pedagogical flexibility.

Free days**21.09.2017****Founders' Day (no school)****22.09.2017****Pedagogical day (no school)**

As usual the pupils will have assignments to be done at home.

That is all for now. In case you have any questions, issues or problems please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Best regards,

Steffen Nagel
Headmaster

