



# ISPS WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**October**

- 13 **First Peoples Day (National Holiday)**
- 16-20 **Mid Term Break (No School)**
- 18 **Divali (National Holiday)**
- 23 **School Resumes**
- 24 **United Nations Day**
- 28 ACTs: 7:30 am - 2 pm
- 30 - 3 (NOV) International Week

**November**

- 1-5 CAISSA Season 1: Carol Morgan School, Dominican Rep.
- 1 Open Forum; 7-9 pm; Cafeteria
- 2-3 Dia De Los Muertos
- 3 International Food Festival: 6-9 pm; ISPS Gym

**MISSION**

ISPS is a vibrant learning community dedicated to developing passionate learners who strive for excellence and pursue their unique potential. We encourage resilience, innovation and collaboration, preparing students to act with confidence and integrity as caring global citizens.

**VISION**

Inspiring thinkers and doers to shape a better world.

**MOTTO**

Difference Makers,  
Future Shapers

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**First People's Day**  
October 13, 2017 (NO SCHOOL)



**MID-TERM BREAK**  
**OCTOBER 16 - 20, 2017**

# INTERNATIONAL WEEK OCTOBER 30TH – NOVEMBER 3RD



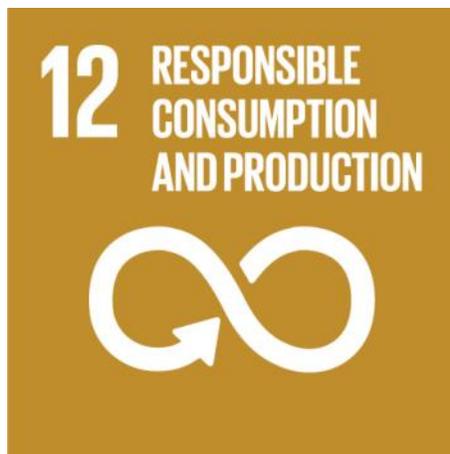
## 17 Goals to Transform the World

### This Year at ISPS We Highlight Goal 12

**E**ach year, around October 24th, United Nations Day, the International School of Port of Spain celebrates “International Week”. The school welcomes the opportunity to honor the diversity of our community with special events that highlight the work of the United Nations. Due to the school break this October (School Closed Oct 13th–20TH), this year at ISPS, October 30th to November 3rd has been declared “International Week”.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), otherwise known as the Global Goals, are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

Here at ISPS, The UN, and the SDG, and in particular Goal 12, will be highlighted at the Parade of Nations Assembly during our International Week celebrations on Monday October 30th at 1:00 pm in the School’s gymnasium. The school is using this week to show our support of this global initiative and to encourage everyone in the community to become involved:



How do we do this? What can we do? And how do we sustain what we do? This week at school our teacher and students have been brainstorming ideas on what can we do. It was decided that we will be working in houses to initiate year long projects that will demonstrate our commitment to this Goal. Please look out for further details on this, or ask your child what ideas they have been involved in in how ISPS is supporting this initiative!

In addition for our “International Week”, our students, our staff and our community are invited to join us in making a statement by adopting our

dress themes for that week. We all look forward to the Parade of ISPS Nations Assembly, and all of our parents and guardians are invited to attend.

“National Dress” is the theme wear for that day. We will be inviting representatives from the Diplomatic Missions in Trinidad.

*“The situation the Earth is in today has been created by unmindful production and unmindful consumption. We “consume to forget our worries and our anxieties. Tranquilising ourselves with over-consumption is not the way”*

Thich Nhat Hanh

Do not miss the culminating event, The International Food Festival (IFF), spearheaded by our hard working PTO. We thank our parents who have stepped forward to coordinate a booth, assist with decorating and helping in many other ways to highlight our diverse community. This event will be held on Friday November 3rd, from 6:00pm - 9:00pm. It promises to be once again, an event to remember!

*“Be a global citizen. Act with passion and compassion. Help us make this world safer and more sustainable today and for the generations that will follow us. That is our moral responsibility.”*

*UN Secretary-General Ban-Ki Moon*

# DRESS CODE FOR INTERNATIONAL WEEK

INTERNATIONAL WEEK: OCT 30TH—3RD | INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL: NOV 3RD

**NOTE:** Mon – Fri “Full National Dress” of a country may be worn any day all week.  
*This may be one’s own birthplace, a parent’s, a place visited, etc.*  
 However, “bits and pieces” of national dress may not be worn separately.

**MON Oct 30th:** Parade of Nations & Flag Ceremony

Full National Dress... or ISPS school uniform.

**TUES Oct 31:** Halloween around the World  
 (Orange and Black)

**WED Nov 1st:** House Day—Wear Your House T-Shirt

**THURS Nov 2nd:** Divali Day

East Indian Dress, National Dress or ISPS uniform.

**FRI Nov 3rd:** International Food Festival/ Member State T-Shirt Day

*We have not inherited this earth from our parents to do with it what we will. We have borrowed it from our children and we must be careful to use it in their interests as well as our own.*

— Moses Henry “Moss” Cass

**UN Member State T-Shirt:**

T-Shirt must have the name of a UN Member.

State country or the flag of one of the Member States.

Full National Dress or the ISPS uniform may be worn as well.





# SAVE THE DATE

## International Food Festival

### FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

### 6.00PM - 9.00PM

### TICKETS COMING SOON

Theme: Responsible Consumption and Production

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# ELEMENTARY NOTES



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Dear Parents,

Thank you to the parents who attended the PYP workshop on September 28th. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher for any concerns or questions about the program or your child’s progress.

Measurement for Academic Progress (MAP) was posted on Skyward this week, please review and discuss your child’s scores. Classroom teachers will be sending goal sheets for your child when we return from the break. Additionally, thank you to all the parents who attended the MAP parent meeting on Tuesday. If you need further clarification on your child’s scores, do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or Ms. Hyndman.

Wordmasters is an analogy assessment that students in grades 3-5 are given three times during the academic year. Classroom teachers are preparing the activities that allow students to understand and learn the vocabulary. Also, teachers will prepare the students for the first challenge test that will take place in November.

The theme (production, consumption and responsibility) for International Week will be launched during our opening assembly on October, 30th. There will be a variety of activities and events that students will participate in during the week. All students will have specific days allocated for what they are allowed to wear. If you do not have the clothing for the days outlined, students can wear their regular school uniform. We do expect all students, parents and teachers to take part in the upcoming events. The theme will be used throughout the year, and teachers have ideas of how they can integrate the theme into their learning units.

A gentle reminder that students who are receiving assistance from class teachers in the morning are required to arrive to school by 7:10 a.m. Happy First People’s Day and Happy Divali! Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Suzette Julien,  
ES Principal



## PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAM (PYP)

Thank you to the parents who attended the PYP meeting on Thursday, September 28th. We were able to answer your questions, and shared a planner to explain how a unit is planned and implemented. Most grades are on their 2nd unit of inquiry. Teachers will continue to plan the new units to integrate all the science and social studies standards and benchmarks, and other subjects where applicable. The goal is to make the units as transdisciplinary as possible. In addition, changes to the program will be disseminated in a timely manner.

Words this month: knowledgeable, tolerance and cooperation.

Angela Shahien  
PYP Coordinator



Parents met last week to discuss bullying and other school behaviors, best practices for responding to bullying and other behaviors, guidelines for seeking help, and the importance of open conversation amongst stakeholders.



Caroni, Maraval, Nariva and Mayaro houses demonstrate their fitness to culminate health week. Thank you to Ms. Joseph, Ms. Celeste Johnson, and all the Physical Education teachers who organized the week to promote a healthy life style.



### UPCOMING DATES

October 30- November 3	International Week
October 30	Parade of Nations Assembly, 1:00pm—Gym
November 3	International Food Festival, 6:00-9:00pm, Gym



# Baking with Pre K3



Ms. Sultan-Khan's Pre K3s have been studying the story, The Gingerbread Man. They completed crafts and activities pertaining to the novel.

On Friday they made their own Gingerbread Men and decorated them. Let's just say they tasted FANTASTIC!





# Sustainable Planting... ...with Elementary School

Grades 3, 4 and 5 have been working really hard to get our elementary garden up and running! Throughout the week they added fresh soil, learned about how to plant, planted, and watered the garden. They also learned how to identify the various plants we now have in the garden. Throughout the school year the students will continue to water, weed, and teach other grades about the various aspects. This garden is designed to be an edible garden. All plants that have been planted can be consumed once ready. This garden is to continue ISPS's commitment to the UN's goal for Sustainability. Thanks to the Aleongs, the Ramsinghs, and maintenance for their aid in getting the garden started!

**By: Grades 3, 4, & 5**



# KINDNESS TREE

## OCTOBER 9—12

Kane	4G	Was very concerned and kind when a KG student bumped his head on a door – kept asking if he was alright and wanted to take him to nurse.
William	2J	Before school started, he comforted a younger student who was crying when his Mom left.
Elias	KKeir	After school at pick-up time, gave his own balloon to another student whose balloon animal from story time had burst popped.

**Cost: \$50/ class**

# YOGA

**For Faculty & Staff and Parents  
WITH JACOB CINO  
(experienced yoga teacher)**

**TUESDAY: 3:45 - 4:45 pm — Dance Room  
THURSDAY: 3:30 - 4:30 PM — Music Room**

**FOR MORE INFO:  
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## UKWC OF TRINIDAD & TOBAGO



Based on the novel by Agatha Christie with a star-studded cast including Michelle Pfeiffer, Johnny Depp, Kenneth Branagh and Dame Judi Dench.

**Tuesday, 7th November 2017**

7 pm for 7:30 pm at Movie Towne, POS. Film starts promptly at 7:30 pm

**Tickets: \$150 TTD**

AVAILABLE FROM ANY MEMBER OF THE UKWC or CALL: **781-7637**

Door Prizes

Dress: Period Costume



PORT OF SPAIN

## Grade Six Language & Literature

# Pitch Lake Field Trip

On Friday 6th October Grade Six visited the Pitch Lake at La Brea village as part of their Literature and Language course. Students have been studying a unit on Magic, Myth and Legend, exploring the cultural significance of myths and legends.

There are many myths and legends surrounding the lake from romance turned to tragedy to lessons learned about the ill treatment of the precious Hummingbird. According to the Amerindians the lake serves as a reminder to all that evil will be punished.

Image by Dylan Baksh 6A



The purpose of the trip was to learn more about the site so that students could write their own myths on how the lake came to be. Stories the class are currently working on range from warring Gods to unicorns raising the ground to reveal the pitch beneath!

Our tour guide, Amena, taught us that the lake is 75% pitch and 25% water, and that the water makes it solid, whereas in the sun the pitch is much softer underfoot, as we all discovered. Students gathered their own specimens to take as a reminder of their trip!

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## Strange But True!

Did you know... Sir Walter Raleigh is often credited with discovering the lake, however he only re-discovered it in 1595 whilst traveling to El Dorado as he needed to mend his ship. He wrote about La Brea in his journal and ended up transporting pitch back to England.

Did you know... in 1928 a huge tree, thought to be four thousand years old, emerged from the lake before slowly sinking again!

Did you know... there is a pitch lake in Venezuela which is connected to the one we visited in La Brea, very much like veins in the body, this means artefacts from one country can pass into the other via the lake, fascinating!



Although much of the day was spent on the bus, we had a great time and students got to experience what is considered by many to be the eighth wonder of the world.

A huge thank you goes out to the wonderful Ms Trim, Mr Huerta and our brilliant Security Officers Michelle and Marlon for joining us on the trip.

Thanks for reading, Mrs Veck.

**Images provided by Dylan Baksh and Ms Trim**

# MATH DEPARTMENT

## The Grade 2s play Salute!

Salute is a math game where three or four players check each other with their mental math facts. One player is the dealer, and shares one card to each player who sticks it on their forehead. The other player or the dealer says the sum of both numbers. Players with the cards on their foreheads have to guess the number they are holding by looking at the opposing player's card. They will use the sum to determine the missing addend.



We are currently exploring addition and subtraction strategies that help us master our mental math fact skills, and become efficient problem solvers.



## Trinidad & Tobago Mathematics Olympiad

On October 27<sup>th</sup> 2017, 47 ISPS students (Grades 7-12) will take part in Round 1 of the Trinidad and Tobago Math Olympiad.

The competition aims to create, encourage and sustain interest in the study of mathematics amongst secondary school students. Outstanding students will proceed to Round 2 and the results of the Round 2 competition will then be used to select a six member team to represent Trinidad and Tobago at the International Mathematics Olympiad in Romania in 2018.

We wish our students Good Luck!

Submitted by: Carynn Chen



Hello Everyone,  
We are all looking forward to the midterm break. I hope it helps us all refuel for the rest of the term.

Some students continue to have flu like symptoms. Flu causes students and adults to miss many days of school and work. We are offering another batch of flu shots for our community. The cost is \$85.00 per shot. Pay at the business office and I will call you when they arrive. The next batch is due early in November. This year shots were late in delivery because of the hurricanes in the area.



I am reminding all parents to continue making spot checks of their child/children's heads. Head lice are a worldwide problem which we are trying to prevent in school. If your child has lice there are treatment shampoos available over the counter in pharmacies. Let me know if you find any so that I can monitor the situation. They spread via head to head contact, sharing towels and hair brushes. Anyone can get them they even like clean heads. We just don't want to keep them. I am re-sending a [video](#) made by a school nurse to allay the fears of students.

Have a safe and fun filled midterm break!

## Check out the ISPS Library



Parents are welcome to check out resources from the ISPS library. We have a wide range of books, kindles with e-books and Ipods with audio books for parents to check out. Come to check out books by Kazuo Ishiguro, the 2017 recipient of the Nobel Prize in literature.

### Library Corner

By Debbie Jacob

### Library Notices

- The ISPS library is open from 7:15 am to 4:00 pm.
- Checkouts close at 3:30 pm.
- The library also closes at 3 pm on the day before a public holiday.

# Thank you!



At the recent Welcome Back to School Barbeque, many gave donations, got cupcakes and gold ribbon pins. These kind donations are going towards RBC's Caribbean Children's Cancer Fund. A big heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated!!!

September was Childhood Cancer Awareness month. The gold ribbon you might have seen represents childhood cancer.



Thank you for joining us in celebrating the child superheroes!!!

**Charlotte Sutcliffe and Catherine Mitchell**



*Come Celebrate el Dia De Los Muertos*

November 2-3, 2017  
with the Language Department  
outside the ISPS Library

\* Come see the display and find out more about the Mexican tradition \*



## SCUBA DIVING PROGRAMME ISPS COMMUNITY

### Do you know.....

- What S C U B A means?
- That you can become weightless as if in Space?
- That the largest Brain Coral in the World is in Tobago?

Learn to SCUBA Dive with the PADI Open Water Certification Course.

Course consists of 2 theory sessions, learning water skills first in confined water. Then 4 open water dives in the pristine waters of Tobago!



Largest Documented Brain Coral EVER!

Date	Time	Activity	Venue
Thurs 12 Oct	2:15 - 4 pm	Registration	School
Fri 20 Oct	9 am - 1 pm	Theory 1	School
Sat 21 Oct	9 am - 1 pm	Theory 2	School
Sun 22 Oct	8 am - 2 pm	Pool Skills at Patino's Pool, Diego Martin	
<b>TOBAGO TRIP (10 -12 Nov)</b>			
Fri 10 Nov	Arrive in Tobago in afternoon		
Sat 11 Nov	From 8 am	Certification Dives	
Sun 12 Nov	From 8 am	Certification Dives; leave Tobago	

## Application and Test Registration Deadlines

- October 15:** Deadline for applications to Cambridge or Oxford Universities.
- October 15:** Deadline for applications to any Medicine Program in the UK.
- November 1:** Early application deadline for many private US schools.
- November 2:** Registration deadline for December SAT.
- October 15:** Registration deadline for December ACT.



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	October	24	<b>United Nations Day</b>	2-3	Día De Los Muertos
	13	28	ACTs: 7:30 am - 2 pm	3	International Food Festival: 6-9 pm; ISPS Gym
	16-20	30 - 3 (Nov)	International Week	3	End of Q1 MS/ HS
	18	<b>November</b>	1-5	4	SATs: 7:30 am - 2:00 pm
			CAISSA Season 1: Carol Morgan School, Dominican Rep.		

