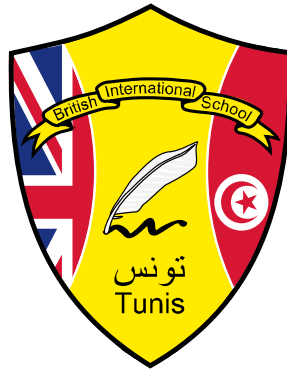


British International School of Tunis



News from the school September 2015

From the Headmaster

By any standards, the start to this new academic year has been the most demanding in all my years of Headship, due to the consequences of the tragic events at the Bardo Museum and the beach at Port Al Kantaoui. Parents quite rightly wanted to know what we were going to do about security arrangements at the school, and the Staff were clearly shaken by the uncertainty of what the future holds.

Even I, the most staunch supporter of the 'don't give in to terrorists' view, had my doubts as to whether the

It is also of great pleasure to me to see the increased playing area that has been created by the new astro-turf, Junior playground, and quiet area at the back of the school; this is a genuine commitment by the owners to provide not only first rate classrooms but also excellent outdoor facilities for the children.

For me, perhaps, the most pleasing aspect of this new term has been the remarkable increase in the number of pupils enrolled in the school. At the end of the Summer Term we were down to 70 children in all, but now the total stands at around 120. That is a tribute to you, the parents who have kept faith with our school, and with those whom you have persuaded to join our mission, which is quite simply to provide the best possible British-style education in Tunisia.

It remains a worthy challenge, both for Tunisians and for people coming to settle in Tunisia, since it gives them the confidence to know that we will continue to offer an education free of prejudice, injustice and intolerance.

Thank you all for your wonderful support.

David Wilson



BIST Team 2015

school would stay open. However, one telephone call from an investor made me realise that we would continue, come what may; the caller simply wanted to know which day school started on in September! So whilst it has been a huge struggle to find staff that will ignore travel advice, it is now possible to say that all our teaching positions have been filled with a distinctly international flavour, and an extraordinary array of talent, yet all with the shared joy of teaching the English language.

You will have noticed the new arrangements for dropping-off and collection of children, and I apologise for any teething problems in the first few weeks, but I am sure you will agree that the increased security and safety that this provides for both children and parents has been well worth the wait. Thank you for your patience.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 14th October Muslim New Year Hejri

Thursday 15th October Fête de l'Évacuation

*These two days are **Public Holidays** but Monday, Tuesday and Friday are normal school days.*

Monday 19th October Parents Teacher Meeting

Tuesday 20th October Parents Teacher Meeting

Wednesday 21st October Parents Teacher Meeting

*These meetings are by **Appointment**. Sign-up sheets available in Administration from **Monday 12th October***

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October is HALF TERM

Friday 18th December End of term show 11.00am

Friday 18th December End of Term 12:30 pm

Stars of the Week



Year 4 and Year 5 teaching everyone a new song in Assembly

Staff members welcomed to BIST this year

Ms Shirley Bouteraa	Year 7	B.Ed. Hons Primary Education. Worcester College of Higher Education. UK. Specialist Subject: Music
Ms Rosemary Wretham	Year 6	B.Ed. in Environmental Studies, Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia. Specialist Subject: Science
Ms Susan Mathew	Year 4	B.A. in Modern Arabic. M.A. and M.Phil. in Linguistics University of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India. B.Ed. Bangalore University, Bangalore, India.
Ms Kavita Reginald	Year 3	B.Sc. In Biotechnology. National University of Singapore Doctorate in Allergology. Teacher of Maths and Physics at Sri Murni Secondary School, Singapore, Malaysia.
Ms Lucia D'Alete	Year 2	B.Ed. University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Bachelor of Fine Arts, Concordia University, Quebec.
Ms Emily Smith	Year 1	Certificate in International Studies, Arizona State University, USA. Teacher at the Tunis Learning Center since 2010.
Ms Linda Carranza	Reception	B.Ed. In English. De La Salle University, Cavite, Philippines. M.A. in Teaching English. University of Oregon, USA.
Ms Amina Ltaief	Nursery	M.Eng. in Chemical Engineering. Imperial College, London, UK. Response Computer and Homework Club, Imperial College.
Ms Soukeina Mejri	Art	M.A. in Art and Communication, Higher Institute of Fine Arts of Nabeul. Diploma in Arts and Craft, HIFA Tunis, Tunisia.
Ms Marwa Korbi	Sport	B.Ed in Physical Education. Higher Institute of Sports and Physical Education, Ksar Said. Specialist Sport: Basketball
Ms Amina Karoui	Teaching Assistant	1st Year M.A. in Cross-Cultural Poetics, Tunis.
Ms Sarah Abidi	Teaching Assistant	M.A. in Literature, Civilization and Linguistics of English