



PSI Weekly

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Important Dates

Fri, 27th Mar @18:00 – 20:00

- Opening night DP Visual Arts Exhibition at Art Centre Chocolate House (17 Shelkovichnaya Street).

Tue, 31st Mar @ 8:30 - PTA Steering Committee Meeting (Cafeteria)

Tues, 31th March - end of the third quarter, Secondary School

Thu, 2nd April - no ASA

Thu, 2nd April - Easter Bake Sale

Fr, 3d Apr - Mon, 13th Apr - School Break

Tue, 14th Apr - Back to School

Tue, 14th Apr @ 08:45– 09:45

- PTA Meeting (Cafeteria)

Tue, 14th Apr @10:00-11:00

- Coffee with the Secondary Principal for Grade 8 parents

Wed, 15th Apr @ 12:30 -

18:00 - Primary Student Led Conferences

Fri, 17th Apr @ 08:35 – 09:10

- Primary Assembly (Gr. 3-5) (Cafeteria)

Mon, 20th Apr - Fr, 24th Apr - no ASA

Sat, 25th April - PTA Spring Fling Party (M17 Art Gallery)

Mon, 27th April - ASA season 4 starts

Director's Message

Dear Students, Parents and Community Members:



Holiday Break Arrangements

We wish all PSI families a very happy holiday period. PSI breaks for holidays at the end of next week. Our last day of school will be Thursday, 2nd April. We then look forward to seeing all the students back at school on **Tuesday, 14th April**.

ASAs - There are no ASAs on **Thursday, 2nd April** as we break for holidays. All students will depart school at 3:00 pm.

ASAs Resume - ASAs will resume on the first day back to school after the holiday break on **Tuesday, 14th April**.

Saturday Sports - There is no Super Saturday Sports on **Saturday, 4th April** and **Saturday, 11th April** due to the holiday period.

PTA Spring Fling Promises

If you have been following PSI Facebook recently, you will have seen the 'promises' being made by teachers to be auctioned at the PTA Spring Fling on **Saturday, 25th April**. Parents / families might also like to support the event in this same manner as additional auction promises are still needed. Please email Kelly Bork, Sydney Shore or me johnb@psi.kiev.ua if you would like to make a 'promise'! Here are some great promise examples to get you thinking;

- A day at the aqua park for 5 children
- Overnight camping in Lviv for two families
- A trip to the Kyiv ballet for five people
- A pizza, drinks and cake party for one whole class
- French tutoring, 5 X 1 hour lessons
- A weekend away at a company holiday house 20 kms north of Kyiv.

We hope to have many parents involved and very much hope to see you all at the PTA Spring Fling!

PSI Life Magazine 3 Release

Next Thursday as we break for holidays, there will not be a PSI Weekly. It will be replaced by our *PSI Life Magazine* (Edition 3: 'Real Life Learning'). PSI Life will be full of great stories and photos and will be distributed to all families electronically. Limited numbers of hard copies will also be available at school reception.



From the Primary Principal



As Literacy Month comes to a close, we are excited to find out our first winners of the PSI Young Authors Award. The announcement will be made on Tuesday.

After break, we look forward to seeing all of you at our Student Led Conferences. On **Wednesday, 15th April** your children will have a chance to show you how they have progressed over the year, sharing their portfolios with you. The children are always most excited about this, so all parents should make every effort to attend. Children will be dismissed at 11:30 on this day. Conferences will start at 12:30 and go through the early evening.

Single Subject Teachers have included some work in student portfolios, so there will be a sign up for you and your children to experience activities related to the various specialists classes.

Like previous afternoon events, if you need your child to stay at school before you arrive, please email Natasha G (natashag@psi.kiev.ua). This will allow us to know how many adults we will need to supervise and what space to use.

Lunch will be available in the cafeteria for the kids who will be staying at school.

Sign ups for these conferences will be done electronically in an effort to streamline the process.

By Tatiana Lopukhin, Primary Principal

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (ASA) PROGRAMME DATES

We are still in ASA Season 3 and will continue this season after the holiday break and until **Friday, 17th April**. At that point there will be one week with **no ASA programme (20th to 24th April)** as we roll out Season 4, which will commence on **Monday, 27th April**. Please keep this in mind for your own planning.

Best Regards, ASA team

From the Secondary Principal



Dear Parents:

It was great to see so many of you here this week for the Personal Project Exhibition and the March MYP Assembly. I hope to see more of you at this evening's gala opening of the **DP Art Exhibit** at Art Centre Chocolate House (17 Shelkovichnaya Street).

As we head into the holidays, we have a quiet week ahead of us. The 'big news' for next week is that **31st March** marks the end of the third quarter. Because of the spring break, reports will go out on 24th April, but please feel free to contact any of your child's teachers before then to get an update on your child's progress.

In other news, my thanks to all of you who have helped us move to the cashless system in the cafeteria. After a bumpy start, most students are now using their security cards as their cafeteria cash cards – a move which has helped speed up the service in the lunch line.

I encourage you to place enough money on your child's cafeteria card to see them through the next month (or more!). Doing that before the spring break ensures that they will have a smooth transition back.

Please remember that there is **no school next Friday, 3rd April**. As always, we encourage you not to leave early for your holidays, as students will be working in classes straight through the end of the day on Thursday.

Regards, Patricia Puia

Thanks to Pam York for coordinating a very successful Book Fair. The school receives 10% of sales in the form of new books from Dinternel. Pam was able to add 5000UAH in new books to the library collections. The next Book Fair will be in June.

Michael Palmer, PYP Coordinator

March is Literacy Month at PSI

Reading is fundamental. When I was a student this catch phrase echoed through the corridors of my elementary school, on children's television programs and around the dinner table in my family home. Parents and educators will agree this statement certainly holds true today and will continue to be relevant long into the future. At PSI we firmly believe reading is fundamental and on a recent walk through the school it is evident our students are *learning to read* and reading to learn *through a range of literacy based activities and routines*.

Our youngest learners, the 3 and 4 year olds, visit our school library every week, independently choosing books that are interesting for them. Back in their classrooms the students immerse themselves in their reading choices, finding a comfortable space to explore the texts, sometimes with their coats still on.

Kindergarten and Grade 1 students choose books from the levelled book library in their classrooms. They take these books home each week for home reading. In the classroom students build reading stamina, fluency and comprehension skills through a range of reading routines such as "read to self", "read to someone" and "listen to reading".

In Grade 2 students take home a "just right" book from the class library each week. The home reading programme in G2 supports the teaching and learning of comprehension skills and reading strategies such as predicting, summarising and making connections between texts.

During literacy lessons in Grade 3 teachers make use of every adult in the room providing all students with individual attention to meet their needs. Grade 3 students also choose "just right" books each week

to take home. Their reading comprehension skills are practiced when they complete a reading log for the book they have read at home.

Grade 4 students visit the library more than once each week. While there, Ms York may read a book to the students and/or work on reading and comprehension strategies with a smaller group. Every day for at least 15 minutes G4 students can be caught silently reading a book of their own choice.

By the time students reach Grade 5 they are exposed to an even wider range of texts and learning experiences to develop, support and extend their reading fluency and comprehension. Literature circles are just one strategy G5 teachers implement during the school year. Students independently choose a novel and work with a small group of students reading through the text. Students take on roles and responsibilities within the group, discuss and debate on the writing, the characters, the problems and issues presented in the text.

Our teachers work very hard to ensure students are actively engaged in relevant and meaningful literacy learning experiences. Again this year, we have celebrated literacy throughout the month of March with a great number of reading and writing activities led by parents, teachers, administrators and some by our students.

At PSI reading is fundamental, and it is also just plain fun.

Michael Palmer, PYP Coordinator



WANTED! for refugee kids

**FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT
second hand and new**

**Tricots, trousers, football shoes
(all sizes)**

shinpads, soccer balls

**Collection boxes at Primary
Reception**

Leonard/Grade 5 takes ACTION

**Supporting the
PSI Secondary CAS Project
"Children of the World
for Children of Ukraine"**

News and Updates

Library News



Dear PSI Community:

Are you looking for a good book to read for the upcoming spring break? An exciting drama, an autobiography or maybe some non-fiction? Do your children need a few books or a DVD to keep them entertained? Why not visit the school libraries and browse the range of materials we have? You can set up your own account and keep track of the books you have checked out or you can just browse our catalogue from home.

For more information, you can email us at library@psi.kiev.ua or stop by the library in person.

Best regards, Pam and Polina

A New Video Featuring Felina Heart, K-8 School Counsellor

Dear Students, Parents and Community Members:

We are excited to share [our latest video](#) featuring Felina Heart, K-8 School Counsellor. For more information about PSI news and events, please check our Upcoming Events section on the PSI website (www.psi.kiev.ua).



NEXT WEEK IN SPORTS:

Monday 30/3

HSB Volleyball vs School #12 @PSI 4.15pm
HSG Volleyball vs School #12 @PSI 5.00pm
HS Tennis Practice @ 9, Glushkova St 3-5pm

Tuesday 31/3

MSB and G Volleyball Practice @PSI 4-5.30pm

Wednesday 1/4

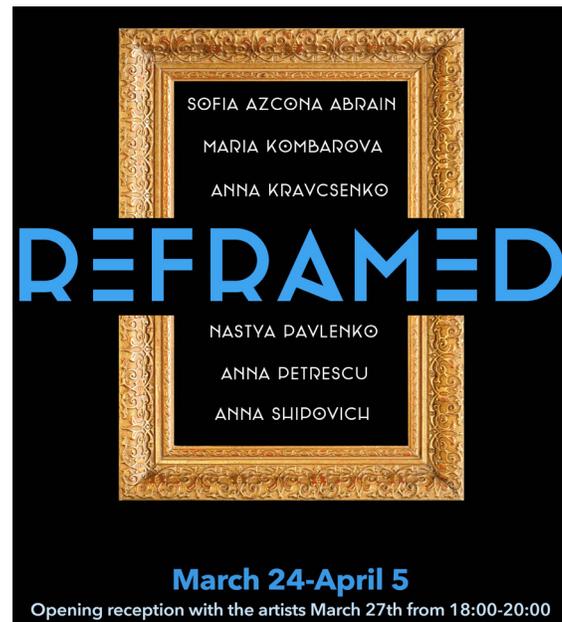
HSB Volleyball vs School #8 @PSI 4.15pm
HSG Volleyball vs School #8 @PSI 5.00pm
HS Tennis Practice @ 9, Glushkova St 3-5pm

Thursday 2/4

MSG vs School #5 @ PSI 4.15pm
MSB Volleyball vs School #100 5.00pm

Friday

Spring Break - No School



Art Centre Chocolate House

17 Shelkovichnaya Str
<http://shocolad-dim.kiev.ua/>

PSI in Brief

Parent Russian Lessons - We offer Russian language lessons to parents free of charge. Classes will be held **from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm**. Please confirm your participation with our ASA Coordinator, Natasha (natashag@psi.kiev.ua).

- **Beginners** - Tuesday & Thursday afternoon.
 - **Intermediate** - Wednesday & Friday afternoon (people with some experience).
- Gate Security Cards** - To issue security cards for your family, we

kindly ask you to fill out this [Parental Security Form](#).

Please send your photographs to this email address: securityphoto@psi.kiev.ua. For additional information please contact the PSI Security Office: security@psi.kiev.ua.

PTA News

Tickets for the Spring Fling party go on sale starting Monday 30 March. Buy yours early; only a limited number of tickets is available. The evening promises to be a lot of fun; guests will enjoy dancing, cocktails, canapes and celebrating! The ticket price will be 1000 UAH. Food, a welcome drink and fun surprises are included! The silent auction already has some amazing things to bid on and we keep adding new things to the list of country baskets, teacher promises and company donations. Thank you to all who donated!

Next Tuesday, the Steering Committee will meet to discuss PTA evnts. Interested in joining PTA? Please join the meeting to get an idea what PTA does.

Upcoming PTA events:

- March 31:** PTA Steering Committee Meeting: 8.30am Cafeteria
- April 2:** Easter Bake Sale
- April 14:** PTA Meeting, followed by coffee with Ms. Puia, secondary principal
- April 25:** Spring Fling Cocktail party

PSI Reminders

2015 / 2016 School Calendar - We are pleased to release **the new Academic School Year Calendar 2015 / 2016**. [LINK](#)

PSI Glossary - A whole school glossary of educational terms used in the school and in documents. [Glossary LINK](#)

School / Home Communication

Whom to contact about your questions, feedback and issues at PSI [LINK](#)

Community Emergency Communication Policy - Please follow the [LINK](#) to this important information.

PSI Facebook - We use Facebook every day at PSI. Please visit our site to ['Like Us'](#) and join in.

Feedback - PSI welcomes feedback, questions and concerns. Please email communication@psi.kiev.ua at any time.

SUMMER SCHOOL INTEREST SURVEY

We are pleased to announce that PSI will be offering several Summer School courses during the June, July and August holiday period. We are in the final planning stages of the Summer School and so would greatly appreciate your feedback at this time. The survey attached is not a commitment to attend but is a 'gather your interest' type questionnaire. Your feedback will help us finalise our programme this month. Please see the link is to our [Summer School Survey](#).

Please see the [LINK](#) or all the course information and details about our Summer School.

Farewell to: Tomoko and Jack Kakasenko will have last day at PSI on Tuesday March 31s

LEAVING FAMILIES

It is always sad to hear about families leaving PSI, but the information is important to us for our planning steps and preparation for the new school year. Please make contact with Victor (registrar@psi.kiev.ua) to confirm that you will be leaving as soon as you can. Victor will also support families with exit documents and procedures etc.

House Points Totals

Khoriv 1162

Kyi -1153

Lybid -1063

Schek -1106

Menu for next week

Please click [MENU](#)

PSI Social Media Links



PSI Contacts

PSI Reception: Maria secretary@psi.kiev.ua

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Security Cards: Rostislav securityphoto@psi.kiev.ua

PE Uniform Orders: Oksana oksanam@psi.kiev.ua