



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



Andreas Thiergen
Head of School

Liebe Eltern, liebe Schülerinnen und Schüler, liebe Lehrerinnen und Lehrer,

dieser Rundbrief beginnt mit einem Grußwort von Frau Wenger, der Vorsitzenden unseres Elternbeirates, die auf einige wichtige Entwicklungen an der Schule hinweist und uns allen ihre Osterglückwünsche ausrichtet. Von der ersten und sehr erfolgreichen DESM-Konzert- und Kunstauktion letzten Donnerstag im German Club berichten Felicia Nauli Simorangkir, Marius Sehrbrock und verschiedene Lehrkräfte. Diese Veranstaltung zeigte eindrucksvoll, was unsere SchülerInnen in den Bereichen Musik und Kunst leisten können. Mit einer größeren Anzahl Musikinstrumente kann die DESM jetzt ihr Angebot im Bereich Musik weiter ausbauen.

Berichte von der Schule: Seit 3. April ist Herr Johannes Muggenburg Praktikant an der DESM – er stellt sich selbst kurz in diesem Rundbrief vor. Erste Eindrücke vom Schüleraustausch mit Sachsen vermittelt eine Bilder-Collage; ein Teilnehmer aus Manila stellte in Sachsen fest: „Es gibt zu viele Bäume in Deutschland“. Wie die Lehrkräfte aus Internationalem Kindergarten und Internationaler Grundschule ihr Program of Inquiry (POI) überarbeitet haben, davon berichtet Rachel Silverio in ihrem Bildbericht. Wie die letzte Etappe des internationalen Physik-Workshops zum Thema Teilchenphysik aussah, darüber informiert uns erneut Herr Dragoiu Luca. Raica und Lilly aus Klasse 2D berichten rückblickend, wie sie den Weltbuchtage erlebt haben.

Ankündigungen: Über die erfolgreiche Vorbereitung unserer Fußball-Teams auf die Südostasien-Spiele im Mai in Jakarta setzt uns Timo Hölzchen ins Bild. Ebenfalls für Mai geplant ist eine Spendenaktion der Internationalen Grundschule, um die F. Serrano Grundschule in Don Bosco/Paranaque City mit Schulmaterialien zu unterstützen. Die Einladung der DESM-Schülervertretung zum EIS Abschlussball am 28. April im Manila Polo Club haben wir ebenfalls in diesen Rundbrief aufgenommen – alle SchülerInnen der Klassen 9 – 12 sind herzlich zum Abschlussball eingeladen. Unser ECA Coordinator Christian Javier berichtet abschließend über die Taekwondo-Gruppe, deren Mitglieder die Prüfung zum roten Gürtel bestanden haben, und was das AG-Programm des Eurocampus im April/Mai zu bieten hat.

Morgen ist der letzte Schultag vor den Osterferien, entsprechend werden Kindergarten und Grundschule Ostern traditionell mit der Osteriersuche feiern. Ich wünsche allen erholsame Ferien sowie ein glückliches Osterfest und hoffe, Ende April alle wieder gestärkt für die letzten zwei Monate dieses Schuljahres begrüßen zu können.

Mit den besten Ostergrüßen

A. Thiergen

Dear parents, dear students, dear teachers,

We start this circular with a message of Ms. Wenger, our GEB's Chairperson to the GESM community. She points out some important developments at GESM and wishes all a blessed Holy Week and Happy Easter. Felicia Nauli Simorangkir, Marius Sehrbrock and some of our teachers report from the first GESM "Music Concert, Art Sale and Auction" in the German Club last week which was a very successful GESM event. It impressively shows what our students are able to achieve in the fields of music and art. With a now larger number of music instruments GESM can further expand its offer to our students in the field of music.

Reports from school: *On April 3 Mr. Johannes Muggenburg started his internship at GESM – read how he introduces himself in this circular. We received first impressions from our exchange students from Saxony, have a look at the image collage provided and note that one of the students stated that there are too many trees in Germany. Ms. Rachel Silverio reports how the teachers of the International Kindergarten and International Primary revised their Program of Inquiry (POI).*

Mr. Dragoiu Luca informs us how the particle physics workshop was concluded at GESM during stage 4. Looking back to the World Book Day Raica and Lilly from Klasse 2 share with us which experiences they made during this event.

Announcements: *Mr. Timo Hölzchen informs us about the successful preparation of our two football teams getting ready for the SEA GAMES in Jakarta in May. For this month a fundraising activity is scheduled by the International Primary to support the F. Serrano Primary School in Don Bosco/Paranaque City with school material. The invitation to the EIS Prom on April 28 in the Manila Polo Club you will also find in this circular – all students of the grades 9 to 12 are cordially invited to join. Our ECA Coordinator Christian Javier has the latest news in the ECA corner on the Taekwondo students who successfully passed the examination for their red belts – my congratulations! He also provides us with the ECA program for April/May.*

Tomorrow is the last day of school before the Easter Break. So our Kindergarten and Primary students will celebrate Easter traditionally with the Easter Egg Hunt. I wish everybody relaxing holidays, a blessed Holy Week and Happy Easter. I hope I can welcome back everybody at the end of April for the remaining two months of this school year.

Happy Easter Greetings,

A. Thiergen



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VERANSTALTUNGSKALENDER
CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

APRIL
7

**EARLY YEARS AND PRIMARY
EASTER BRUNCH**

APRIL
10-

EASTER BREAK

APRIL
24

**START OF CLASSES
AFTER THE BREAK**

APRIL
28

**TEACHER'S PEDAGOGICAL DAY;
NO CLASSES**

MAY
1

**LABOR DAY HOLIDAY;
NO CLASSES UNTIL GR. 11**

MESSAGE FROM
THE GEB

Greetings to our GESM Community!

As another holiday approaches, we are down to the last stretch of the school year. Our years 10 and 12 are undoubtedly doubly busy preparing for their exams.

The recent Music Night held at the German Club was a success, thanks to everyone who supported the event. This has inspired us to come out with gatherings such as this where we can all convene and enjoy outside the premises of the school. We hope to organize more of the kind next school year.

The RFID will soon be implemented, hopefully this summer, so that will definitely elevate the security in the campus and ease certain processes.

Our website is also being revamped to give our community a more comprehensive and updated channel for information that's easier to navigate so this project is also in the works.

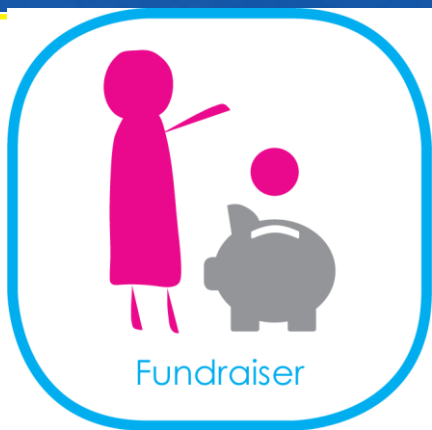
The parent survey was recently concluded and we hope to have the results before the school year ends.

The Marketing Department group headed by Ethel Concepcion is also planning a Parents' Night at the German Club where we wish to strengthen ties and get to know other parents as well. It would be a good chance to socialize and have a night of relaxation with peers.

As we all take a two week break this Easter holidays, may it be a time to reflect and a time for family so we can come back refreshed and renewed to anticipate the remaining last 2 months with much vigor and purpose.

Have a blessed Holy Week and happy Easter!

Best,
Rachelle C. Wenger
GEB Chairperson



GESM Primary International Section Raises Funds for Local Public School – Part 2

In January, we reported to have about in our treasury to help out F. Serrano Elementary School with purchasing their school supplies. To add to the funds, the Primary International Section is holding a bake sale on the **12th of May** during lunch break. We encourage the GESM community to support this endeavor whether by buying or donating food to sell.

We hope we can help F. Serrano Elementary School through this. Once the school supplies are purchased, each primary grade level will visit F. Serrano to personally hand over the materials. Thank you in advance!

No Classes at GESM

Please take note that April 28th is the Teachers' Pedagogical Day and, as such, GESM will have no classes on that day.

May 1st, on the other hand, is Labor Day. While it has been declared as a national holiday, only Kindergarten up to the 11th grade will have no classes. Grade 12 students, however, will be at school on that day to write their final exams.

Please note that the school has no say in the IB examination dates as these are set forth by the IBO. As an examination centre we have to abide by these rules as at any time during the exam period an inspector may visit the school to ensure that we are following their requirements.



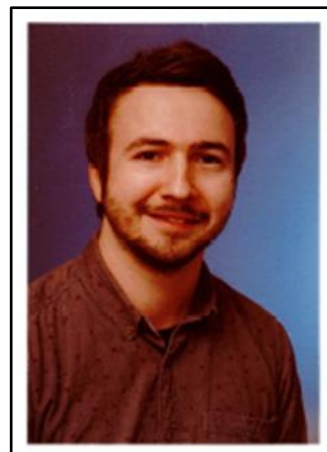
EIS Prom is open to all students in Y/K 9-12 from LFM and GESM. For tickets, please see your Student Council Leaders



Liebe Eltern, liebe Kolleginnen und Kollegen und liebe Mitpraktikanten,

mein Name ist Johannes Müggenburg und ich werde bis zum Ende des Schuljahres ein Praktikum an der GESM absolvieren.

Ich studiere Englisch und Biologie für das Lehramt an Gymnasien an der Johannes-Gutenberg-Universität in Mainz. Ich habe im Jahre 2013 den Bachelor of Education abgeschlossen und habe kürzlich meine Masterarbeit im Fachbereich „Fachdidaktik der Biologie“ fertiggestellt.



Für den Abschluss meines Englisch-Studiums ist die Absolvierung eines dreimonatigen Auslandsaufenthaltes im englischsprachigen Raum erforderlich. Vorrangiges Ziel meines Praktikums ist es daher, meine Englischkenntnisse zu verbessern. Im Zuge diverser Praktika konnte ich bereits erste Unterrichtserfahrungen sammeln und erhoffe mir daher, in den nächsten drei Monaten auch im Unterricht des deutschen und internationalen Zweiges produktiv mitwirken zu können. Darüber hinaus freue ich mich natürlich, die philippinische Kultur, das Land und die Menschen kennenzulernen.

Ich freue mich bereits sehr auf die kommende Zeit an der GESM.

Johannes Müggenburg, 4. April 2017

Dear Parents, dear Colleagues and dear Interns,

my name is Johannes Müggenburg. I will work as an Intern at GESM until the end of the term.

At present I am studying Biology, English and Pedagogy at the Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, Germany, for becoming a teacher at high-schools.

I attained my Bachelor of Education degree in the year 2013 and recently have completed my Master thesis.

To complete my Master's degree, it is mandatory to work as an intern abroad for at least three months in an English-speaking environment. Therefore, my foremost interest in this internship is to improve my English in professional- as well as colloquial situations. Since I have gained first teaching experiences during several internships at German High-Schools I also hope to contribute to the numerous curricular and extra-curricular activities. Additionally, I hope to discover the Philippines, its people and its culture.

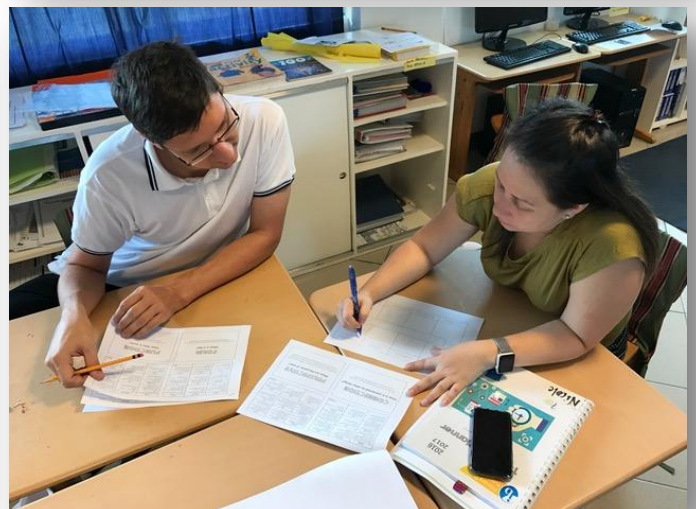
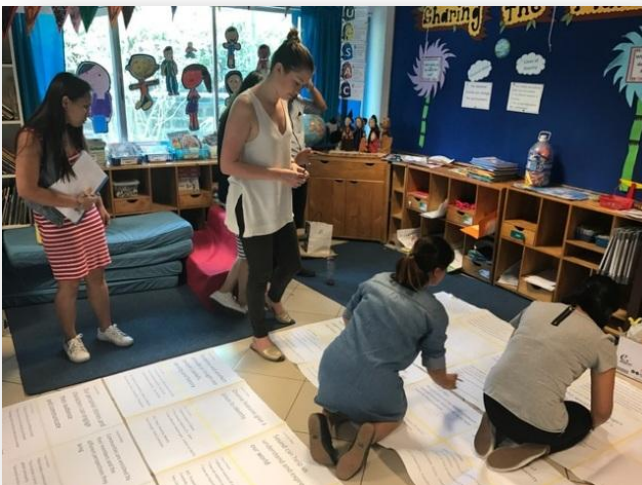
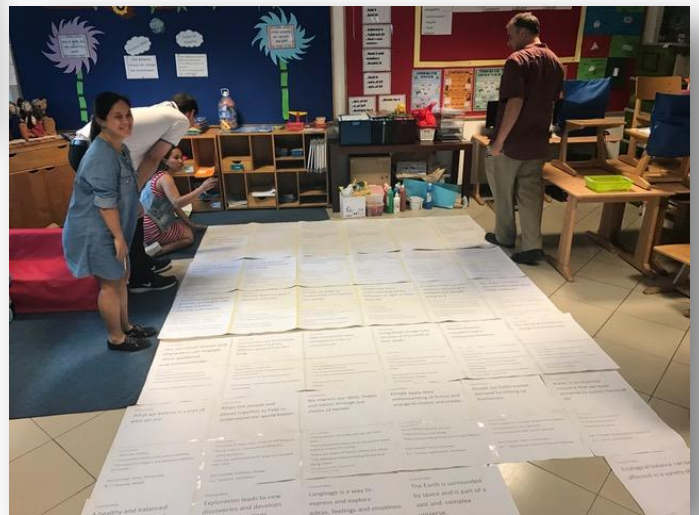
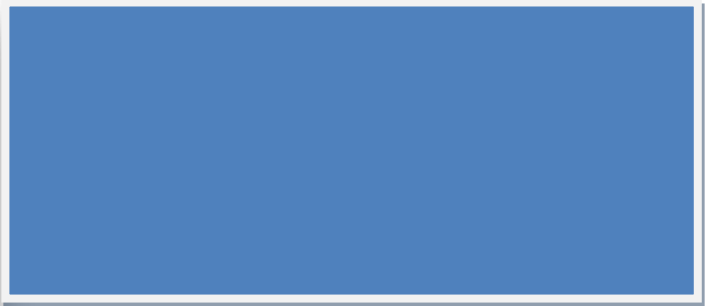
I am looking forward excitedly to the time ahead at GESM.

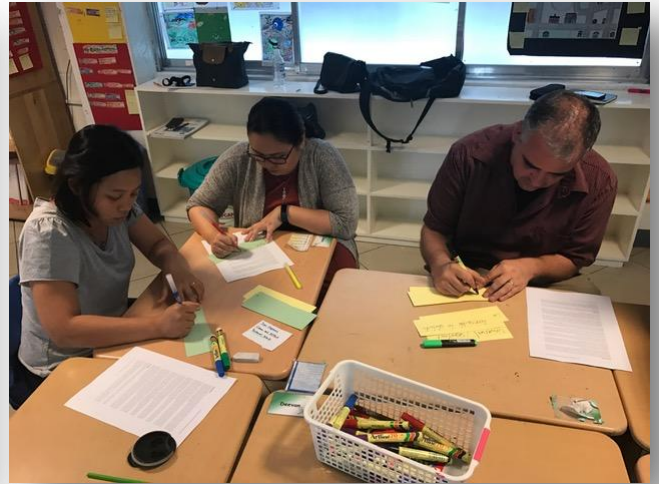
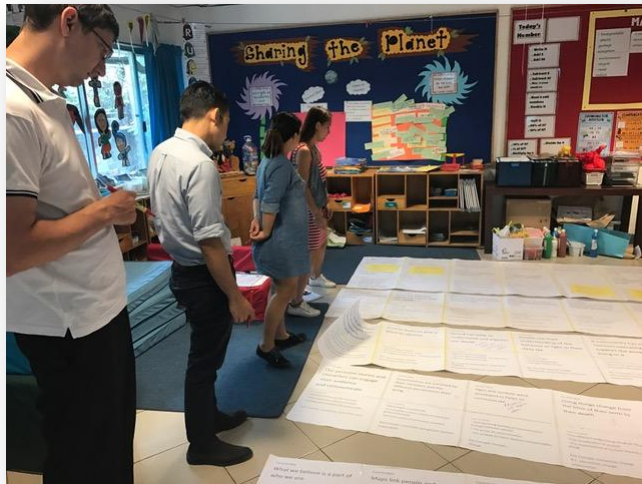
Johannes Müggenburg, April 4, 2017



Refining Program of Inquiry

For the past two weeks, the primary teachers of the International Section have been meeting to evaluate the Program of Inquiry (POI). The POI is a “road map” of student learning from Kindergarten to Grade 5. Each grade level has a carefully designed program that is divided into six units. The teachers reviewed the current program based on the criteria given by the IB. The POI was then refined to ensure that the program is aligned horizontally and vertically and that it includes the 5 essential elements.





Teachers make sure that each of these units:

- Is a significant, relevant and challenging learning experience
- Builds on the prior knowledge of the students
- Involves students in a range of learning activities
- Requires students to engage in positive action
- Integrates diverse subject areas whenever meaningful and appropriate

Through these Units of Inquiry, the classroom becomes a center of structured inquiry through which students acquire and practice skills and build new knowledge.





Music Concert and Art Sale and Auction

On Thursday March 30 2017, GESM Music, Arts and Marketing Departments hosted its first Music Concert and Art Sale and Auction. The event took place at the German Club Manila and featured the GESM Orchestra, as well as IGSCE and IBDP Music students. The art sale and auction was held at the end of the evening. The proceeds of the fundraiser amounting to approximately 120,000 pesos will be used to purchase new music instruments for all GESM students. We wish to thank the parents who participated, the administration for its unfading support, the management and staff of the German Club Manila, GESM staff and most importantly the student artists who performed and created the wonderful paintings which made this evening a success.



Auktion und Musikdarstellung im Deutschen Klub

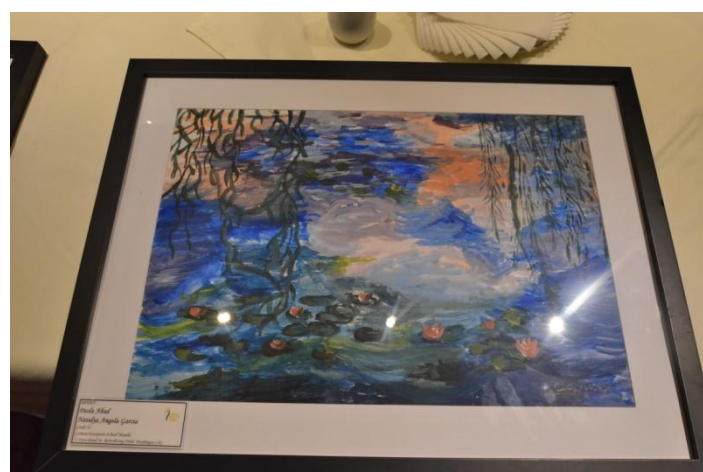
Die Schülerinnen und Schüler der GESM nahmen an einer Veranstaltung im Deutschen Klub am 30. März teil. Unsere Schule versteigerte Kunstwerke der Schüler. Zudem haben viele Schülerinnen und Schüler aus IGCSE, IB und dem Schulorchester musikalische Darstellungen präsentiert, wo sie ihre Musikinstrumente (Violinen, Celli usw.) gespielt haben. Viele berühmte Lieder (z.B. Hawaii Five-O, La Bamba, usw.) wurden fehlerlos vom Schulorchester gespielt. Der Zweck dieser Auktion war es, für den Kauf neuer Musikinstrumente Geld zu sammeln. Das Schulorchester hat ca. 120,000 Peso in dieser Auktion eingenommen.

Marius Sehrbrock



As the first GESM orchestra, our journey to becoming decent musicians has lasted only one and a half years. Therefore it required a lot of preparation to take on our latest challenge: playing more demanding pieces such as Hawaii Five O and Mission Impossible! But being able to play in a new environment in front of a friendly audience was all worth it. Experiencing fear and excitement together is definitely a memory which will last a long time, and such was our first ever concert at The German Club Manila. In fact the aftertaste of the event, with all the mistakes and feelings that come with these things, is more satisfying than the concert itself. These are lessons and mistakes which will generate more rewarding moments later, both collectively and individually, as we develop into better musicians.

Felicia Nauli Simorangkir







Schüleraustausch Manila/Deutschland

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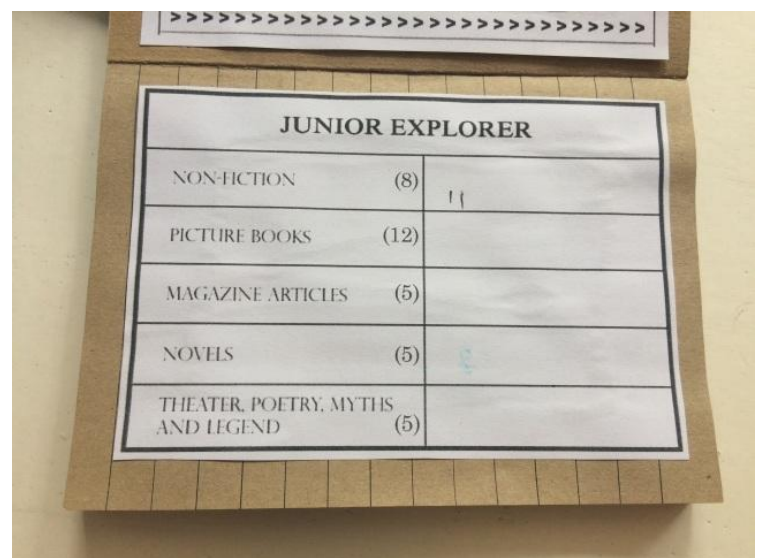
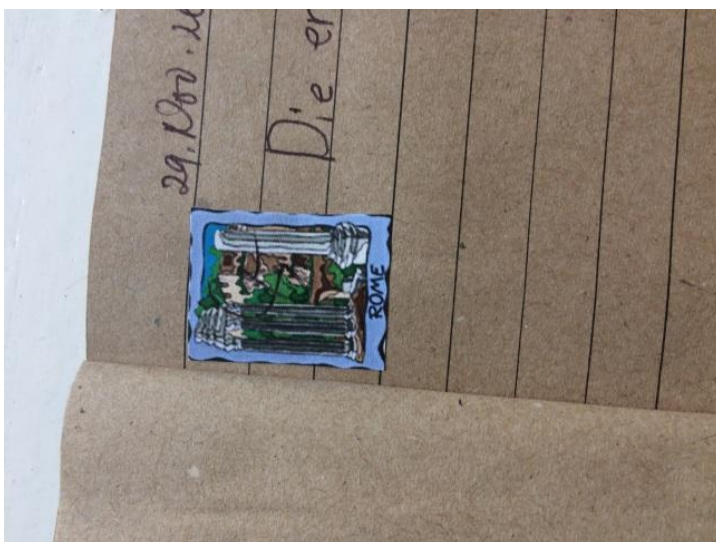




Weltbuchttag

Jeder hatte einen Pass: „In 80 Büchern um die Welt“. Jeder sollte Bücher lesen. Drei Franzosen haben gewonnen. Ein Junge und zwei Mädchen. Zwei Kinder haben zwei Kidzania Tickets gewonnen. Eines bekam Mystery Manila.

Von Raica und Lilly (Klasse 2D)





SOUTH EAST ASIAN GAMES



Zur Vorbereitung der anstehenden Südostasien Spiele im Mai haben wir zwei U17-Fußballmannschaften (Mädchen und Jungen) der Aguinaldo International School (AIS) zu Testspielen am vorletzten Samstag eingeladen. Dabei konnten unsere Ballkünstler jeweils einen Kantersieg einfahren (8:1 Mädchen; 7:0 Jungen). Fairnesshalber muss erwähnt werden, dass die beiden AIS-Mannschaften erst vor 5 Monaten mit dem Fußballtraining begonnen haben. Dennoch, gut gemacht!

In preparation for the upcoming S.E.A.Games in May we invited two U17 football teams (girls and boys) from Aguinaldo International School for test matches the Saturday before last. Both games ended as walkovers for our rising stars (8:1 girls; 7:0 boys). To be fair you have to mention that the AIS teams started with football training just five months ago. Anyway, well done!

Timo Hölzchen



Final Update on the International Master Class Hands-On Particle

The students continued their quest, and this week marked the completion of **Stage 4** in this academic-oriented program.

Adrian Misselwitz, Louie Guinita, Jorge Abad, Ethan Floro, Heinrich Hug, and Zoon Her, currently enrolled in the IB Physics SL/HL class of Mr. Tiberiu Dragoiu Luca, gathered at Zoon's house in Alabang for a video conference with scientists from CERN (Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire), the European Organization for Nuclear Research. There were 4 other schools participating in this videoconference, from Santiago de Compostela in Spain, Aachen in Germany, Pozega in Croatia, and Helsinki in Finland.

Prior to the video conference, each student was assigned to a group set of experimental data from the CMS (Compact Muon Solenoid) detector. Each student analyzed about 100 collisions events using the iSpy software. During the video conference, students combined all the data in CIMA (CMS Instrument for Masterclass Analysis), then they looked at patterns that emerged and shared the findings with everybody.

There were about six most common patterns observed: 1) the W-boson decay into an electron and neutrino, 2) the W-boson decay into a muon and neutrino, 3) the Z-decay into a muon and anti-muon, 4) the Z-boson decay into an electron and positron, 5) the Higgs-decay into two Z bosons and, 6) the Higgs-decay into two photons.

The program could not have been possible without the support of many people. A big "Thank you" goes to Mr. Thiergen for supporting this new program at GESM from the beginning. We hope to do it again next year. To Michelle for her tireless work in preparing all the paperwork for traveling to Shanghai. Many thanks to the Her family for graciously hosting the videoconference, and to all the parents for supporting the students in this academic venture.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHEDULE OF APRIL

The ECA Program is adjusting its classes for the next coming weeks due to the GESM Easter break and LFM Spring break. *Please refer to attachment.*

The **Taekwondo Promotion Test** last Sunday 2nd of april was a success! 21 of our students got their new belt's. From white to red our students represented our schools banner with flying colors.



The ECA Team is here for your child to develop skills and to build character in their early years in life.

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