



Newsletter 11/23

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Dear AIS family

Welcome to the newsletter, sharing events and updates from the last week.

Happy Reading!

Graham

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## 1. In the News – Penguin Counting in Antarctica

When you are talking to your children about what they would like to do with their life, a little bit of research can throw up some interesting possibilities. Here is a job found by our online news publication, First News:



How would you like to live in Antarctica and count penguins every day?

An unusual job opening has popped up, giving five people the chance to live at Port Lockroy on Goudier Island and count the resident gentoo penguins.

The successful candidates will move to one of the most remote places in the world – around 9,000 miles from the UK – for five months. There's no Wi-Fi or running water, and staff will have to complete a range of tasks, including running the world's most southerly Post Office and gift shop, looking after artefacts in the museum at Bransfield House and monitoring local wildlife.

The UK Antarctic Heritage Trust (UKAHT) said anyone who wants the job must like adventure, be physically fit and environmentally aware.

Last year, a record number of people applied for the position.

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## 2. Coffee Morning and Open School

It was lovely to see so many of you at our coffee morning and open school event last week. We welcomed several new and prospective parents to school and we hope you all found the morning useful and informative.



## 3. Tuesday Tunes

Tigers and Sharks entertained us this week with a percussion piece. Another great example of collaboration at work in our school!



#### 4. School Council

Secondary school council representatives, Danielle and Dhakshada, gave me an excellent presentation last week of matters of interest to the secondary school. These include the provision of a suggestions box in the foyer, new sports bibs, and the creation of a school mural designed and painted by the students. We also discussed the provision of different snacks for secondary school break times. I will be working with the secondary school student council to address these ideas. It is great to have such committed and hard-working students and we value their contribution.

In primary school, the school council, with Ms Elizabeth's support, organised a fantastic talent show on Friday. We were treated to a range of talents from music to magic. It took a lot of confidence to stand on the stage and perform in front of other students, staff, and parents. Each contributor communicated well and showed great resilience and adaptability: three of our AIS personal goals.

Certificates were given to all participants, and the judging panel made several individual awards, including 'best newcomers' (Catharina and Helena), and 'special awards' (Ian and Eliana). Prizes were awarded to Leandro (1<sup>st</sup> Prize) and Irene L (2<sup>nd</sup> Prize) for their piano playing, and Guilherme (3<sup>rd</sup> Prize) for some really awful 'dad jokes'!

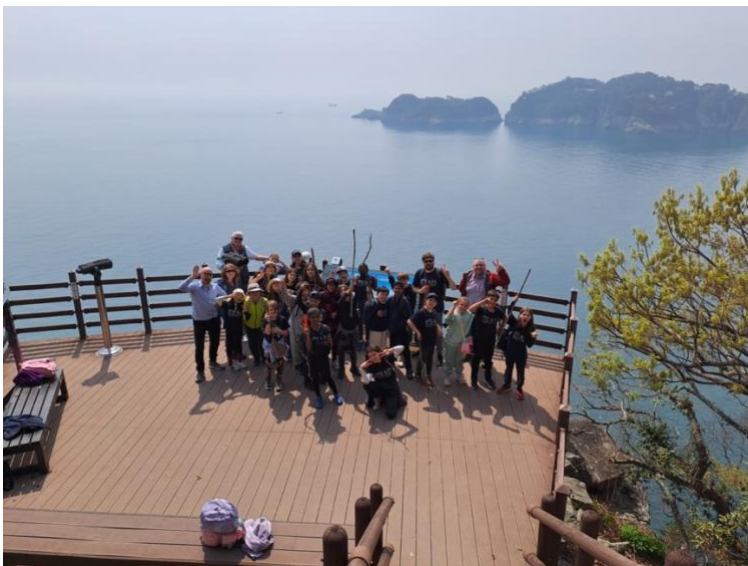


## 5. Bringing Learning to Life

At AIS we try to make learning exciting by providing the students with additional experiences. This week, two of our year groups began their new units in this fashion.

Years 5 and 6 journeyed by boat to Naedo Island to introduce their new geography unit “Earth as an Island’. They walked around the island, tried to beat Mr Joel at stone skipping on the beach, and even saw some dolphins!

Snails and Chipmunks had a visit from local soap makers to introduce their new ‘Healthy Habits’ unit and really enjoyed having the opportunity to make some soap of their own.



Our secondary students visited Aikwangwon as part of their community service and helped with a fantastic sports day afternoon.

Aikwangwon Foundation hosted a sports day for their disabled residents. The guest list was composed of US Navy, Korean Navy, Korean Army, Korean Police, and our very own AIS High Schoolers. They had the pleasure of meeting the founder of Kojedo Aikwangwon, Mrs. Imsoon Kim.

Our students accompanied their already-assigned buddy. They competed in several games together. The whole group of guests was divided into 4 teams. It was a fantastic experience to take part in, for both the Aikwangwon residents, and our students.



## 6. Personal Goal of the Week

This week's Personal Goal is  
"Adaptable".



I am always inspired by just how adaptable our AIS family members are. Whether it is parents changing jobs or relocating (again), or teachers adapting to new systems and resources, or to our wonderful admin colleagues adapting daily to support the smooth running of the school. Of course, it is the students that amaze me most with their ability to adapt. New students such as Amir, Firzana, Jinwoo, Danni, and Uriana, who all joined us in the last few weeks and who are adapting brilliantly to life at AIS and students who are having to adapt to very challenging family circumstances; students such as Rafaella, Mahinder, Fatih and Zahra. I am so proud of you all and so inspired by your adaptability!

## 7. Dates for your Diary

**AIS Sports Day and International Picnic / BBQ – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 – 15.00**

**AIS Spring Concert – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 18.30**

**Term 2 ends on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 12.05 (no lunch)**

**Late Spring Break 22<sup>nd</sup> April – 7<sup>th</sup> May**

## 8. The Last Word –

She is Nadia Nadim. She was born in Afghanistan. Her father was killed by the Taliban when she was 11 and her family fled to Denmark in the back of a truck.

Nadia has scored nearly 200 goals in professional football and represented the Danish national team on 98 occasions.

She has finished medical school and is studying to become a reconstructive surgeon when her playing days are over.

She speaks 11 languages fluently and is on the Forbes list of the most powerful women in international sports.

Role models for our children – strong women are the backbone of society. (Most women are strong women – some are famous – some should be more famous than they are – all of them matter.)

If you want to show your child a role model, show Nadia Nadim....

