



September's Personal Goal

Respect

Newsletter 3

2023- 24

10/09/2023

Dear AIS family

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

Happy Reading!

Graham

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At AIS, Our mission is to...

Care for ourselves, each other and the world around us

- Be confident, reflective, **global** citizens
- Think curiously, creatively, and critically
- Challenge ourselves to be our **best**
- Pursue lifelong learning

Steps to success

In order to achieve our mission we:

- focus on learning
- are safe and healthy
- are internationally minded
- develop the AIS personal goals.

To become **A Passionate Learning Community**

AIS Definition of Learning

Learning is a lifelong adventure by which our brains make connections between the knowledge we gain, the skills we develop and the understanding that deepens over time.

International Mindfulness is **learning** who we are, being **open** and **connecting** to our world.



1. Welcome!

We had a very busy week in school last week. The weather was so much nicer and we were able to get outside for our breaks and lunchtimes.

It has been really good to welcome new students again this week. They have settled in well and there is a lovely positive vibe around school; happy and busy! Tomorrow we welcome Jessica to Tiger Class and Catherine to Phoenix Class. We hope you have a great time at AIS, girls.

Next Sunday we will be hosting our first PTA event of the year with the International Picnic. Please see the posts from Ms. Hema on Bloomz if you can help with this event. Fingers crossed for the good weather to continue.

Thank you all for helping us to get the message out that AIS is the top international school on Geoje, we really appreciate your support.

Whilst we always try to focus on positive stories in our newsletter, it is right that we spare a thought here for the families in Morocco affected by the devastating earthquake that struck Marrakesh this weekend. Children who happily went home from school on Friday, just as our students did, have had their world turned upside down by this terrible natural disaster.

Hold your loved ones close and never take them for granted.

Have a great week,

Graham



Currently the number of students attending AIS is 117

2. Global News – The Big 3 Day Weekend Debate!

SHOULD WE CHANGE TO A THREE-DAY WEEKEND?

The recent bank holiday Monday at the end of August fell during the summer holidays, but it may have meant that the grown-ups in your family could enjoy a three-day weekend with you. Now the summer holidays are over, regular school days - like a full working week - are typically Monday to Friday, with Saturday and Sunday as the weekend. However, in many countries around the world, including the UK, companies are trying out four-day working weeks with three-day weekends. We take a look at the history of a two-day weekend and consider the pros and cons of three days becoming the new normal.

THE HISTORY OF THE WEEKEND

Many of us take it for granted that the weekend is Saturday and Sunday, but this hasn't always been the case. During the 1800s many people in the UK worked long hours for six days of the week (Monday to Saturday), with Sunday off to rest and go to church.



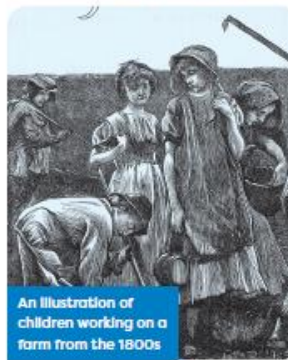
An illustration of a jam factory in South London in 1894

Education was only for the wealthy and many children worked from a young age. Over time, the Government put laws in place around working hours, break times and children in the workplace.

Many craft workers, such as shoemakers, who were more in control of their own time, would take unofficial holiday on Mondays, which became known as 'Saint Monday'. Slowly, the idea of taking another day off each week started to gain popularity.



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An illustration of children working on a farm from the 1800s

Some factories began closing on Saturday afternoons to give workers an extra half day of leisure time. In 1842, a campaign group called the Early Closing Association started calling on the Government to ensure that all workers had Saturday afternoons off. Saturday afternoon began to be known as a time for fun, with entertainment at theatres and music halls, football matches and trips to the countryside. Over the years, the idea of taking a full-day break on both Saturday and Sunday began to take shape and more laws were put in place to protect workers' rights, such as the Employment Protection Act in 1975.

So, it's clear that standard working hours and days have changed a lot over the centuries. Is it time to consider the three-day weekend? As journalist Yomi Adegoke says: "this might sound like a radical idea... but so did weekends at first."

YES, WE SHOULD CHANGE TO A THREE-DAY WEEKEND...



1. History shows us that the two-day weekend isn't set in stone and now is the right time to move to a three-day weekend. Lots of people reconsidered their work-life balance during the pandemic and realised their lives would be improved with more time for hobbies and to spend with family and friends.
2. The recent trial of the four-day working week in the UK was a huge success. It showed that people who have a four-day working week with a three-day weekend are not only happier and less stressed, but that they produce just as much work – if not more!
3. There are many other positive changes that would come from a three-day week, including a benefit to the environment from fewer working days, and greater gender equality because both men and women would have an extra day, and things like childcare and household chores could be split more evenly.



NO, WE SHOULDN'T CHANGE TO A THREE-DAY WEEKEND...



1. A four-day working week doesn't suit everyone or every business. Rather than having this change forced on them, businesses and individuals should agree on working days and hours that suit them.
2. If full-time workers cut their days but got the same pay, it would lead to lots of issues around people who already work part-time.
3. Having a three-day weekend might simply mean that people end up working or studying for much longer hours during the four weekdays, which could create more stress.

3. International Picnic Update – Invite your friends and neighbours!



The poster features a light blue background with a sunburst pattern. At the top left is the Atherton International School logo, which includes a crest with the letter 'A' and the school's name in English and Korean. A banner of various international flags arches across the top. In the center, a circular sunburst contains the text 'Sunday 17th August'. Below this, the words 'INTERNATIONAL PICNIC' are written in large, bold, dark blue letters. Underneath, 'HOSTED BY:' is written in red, followed by 'ATHERTON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL' in red. The date and time, 'Sunday 17th Sept' and '12.00 - 16.00', are displayed in large black font. A list of activities is on the left, and a picnic basket illustration with food items is on the right.

ATHERTON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
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Sunday
17th August

**INTERNATIONAL
PICNIC**

HOSTED BY:
ATHERTON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Sunday 17th Sept
12.00 - 16.00

- Free entry
- Cash only event
- International Food
- Games
- Activities
- Bouncy Castle
- Face Painting

4. New School Charging Policy

I thought I would just take a few moments in this newsletter to outline the AIS Charging Policy for 2023 /24.

We are delighted to confirm that all school equipment, books, stationery and materials will continue to be provided by school. School meals including break time snacks and lunches will also continue to be covered by the school fees. All trips and activities that take place within the school day and that support the curriculum will be covered by school.

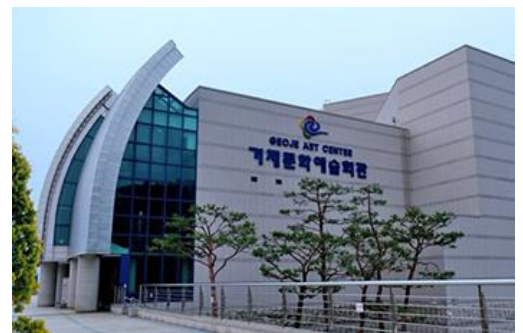
From this year we may ask for a contribution towards activities that incur an additional cost, such as cooking or coaching by an external specialist. We will also make a charge for residential visits this year, such as the Annual Ski Trip (Y5 up), The Summer Residential (Y5 up) and Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions (High School). AIS will continue to part fund these activities, but parents will also be asked to contribute towards the cost.

5. AIS City and Arts Partnership

I am very happy to tell you that, following two meetings last week, AIS has agreed a draft memorandum of understanding to become the International Education Partner of Geoje City Council and the Geoje Arts Centre.

We will help share information about activities within the town and at the Arts Centre, and in return the AIS family will be able to access reduced cost tickets for concerts and events and we will have artists visit AIS for performances and workshops.

This will start in October with the visit of the award winning Sverenacek Children's Choir and a member of the KHipHop community.



6. Call out for Host Families

We have several senior school students who have families returning home or moving onto new contracts before the end of the school year. These students would love to complete their studies at AIS.

We are looking for families to host these excellent students during term time.

Please can you let Mr. Lewis know if you would be interested in helping these students with a place to stay?

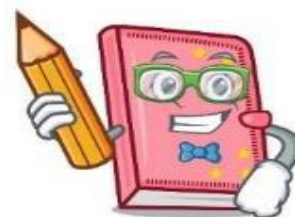
This would be a formal arrangement between parents, with the support of the AIS team, and would include a financial benefit to the host family.

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7. Dates for Your Diary

11 th September	Enrichment Program (ASA) starts
17th September	International Picnic – 12.00 – 16.00
20 th September	Coffee Morning & Open School – 08.15 – 11.00
22 nd September	Parent Consultations – 14.00 – 19.00
28 th Sept - 3 rd Oct	Chuseok Holiday



8. The Last Word



Have a great week!