



## Newsletter 9/23

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Dear AIS family

Welcome to the newsletter, sharing events and updates from the last week. I apologise in advance for any typos and for the fact that this is a super short newsletter. This is being typed with one finger, left-handed! Thank you for your good wishes since my bike accident. I still have to visit hospital regularly for checks that the bones are healing well, but my injury does seem to be getting better each day.

Happy Reading!

Graham

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1. **In the News** – Having seen the great progress of some of our students on the snow last month, I thought I would share this inspirational story from our online newspaper, First News.

# A WORLD CHAMPION AT THE AGE OF 16!

**AT just 16 years old, Mia Brookes has become Great Britain's first ever snowboard slopestyle world champion.**

That makes her the youngest snowboard world champion ever, and only the second British person to become one. And it was the first time she'd ever taken part in the World Championships!

In slopestyle, it's all about the tricks, rather than being a race. Loads of obstacles like jumps and rails are put on the course, and snowboarders are given scores based on how good their tricks are.

On her first run, Mia did really well, getting a score of 86.41 out of 100. That meant that, at worst, she would come second. But there was still one more run to go...

On her second and final run, Mia decided not to play it safe and pulled off an amazing trick called a cab 1440 double grab. That means she launched off the jump backwards (cab), spun her body and her board around four times (1440) and grabbed her board twice while in the air (double grab).

The grabs in snowboarding have some really odd names. Her first grab was a melon, meaning she grabbed the board with her front hand between the backs of her feet. Her second grab was a stalefish, where she used her back hand to grab the same part of the board.

The brilliant trick marked the first time a woman has ever done a 1440 spin in a competition. Thanks to the incredible trick, she got a score of 91.38. That was enough to put her into first place, meaning she won gold and became snowboard slopestyle world champion. Zoi Sadowski-Synnott from New Zealand got the silver medal for coming second with 88.78, while Japan's Onitsuka Miyabi came third, winning bronze with a score of 83.05.

"I'm just really, really happy," said Mia. "I've never been so happy in my life. I feel like I'm going to cry!"



Mia won the world title on her first attempt

"What Mia's done out here today is just next level," said GB Snowsport head coach Pat Sharples. "We all know Mia's got the talent, but this is her first World Championships, so to land a run like that with all the pressure of a World Championships tells you everything you need to know about her."



Mia gets some air during the final

A melon grab looks like this

2. **Curriculum Information Evening – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – We are very pleased to invite you to a curriculum information evening next Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March from 6 to 7pm. This will be a great opportunity for primary and secondary teachers to inform you about the engaging teaching and learning happening in our classrooms. The evening will be particularly beneficial for the parents of our new pupils joining this year. We look forward to seeing you there! All of the teachers will be available to answer your questions. There have been several new academic initiatives this year and we would like to take this opportunity to share them with you. The Early Years will also be running an art-based workshop to showcase the play-based, holistic approach of our EY curriculum. We hope you can join us! There will also be an opportunity for you and any interested family or friends to see the school in action at our next **Open School**, after our next **Coffee Morning on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**.

- 3. Tuesday Tunes** – We had a lovely bit of cross-curricular magic at Tuesday Tunes this week with Ms. Suwon and Rabbit class showcasing some beautiful Korean songs. Great job Rabbits!



- 4. SKAC Secondary School Basketball Tournament at ISB** – Our Senior School basketball team was joined by friends from BIA to take part in the SKAC tournament at ISB on Friday. We are really proud of these students who have represented AIS brilliantly in a range of sports this year. They get better and better with every match.



- 5. New Students** – AIS continues to grow and we welcome 3 new students this month. Welcome to 2 new Rabbits, Jinwoo and Dani and 1 new Shark, Amir. We hope you love your time with us at AIS. Generally, there seems to be more confidence amongst the companies bringing families to Geoje and our student numbers are predicted to grow beyond 100 next term and towards 150 by the end of 2022. Great news!
- 6. Change of Early Finish** – Following the recent consultation, I can now confirm that our Early Finish / Staff Development day will change from Wednesday to Friday in Term 3. Students will have lunch and lesson 5 and will be finishing at 1.35p.m. There will be a range of activities for senior students including Duke of Edinburgh’s Award community service, basketball and volleyball. There will be an externally run basketball club for Y4 – Y6 from 1.45 – 2.45.
- 7. P.E. Uniform update** – I am sorry to tell you that we have had some issues with the company supplying our new P.E. kit. This has led to a delay which means that the kit will not be here until the start of Term 3. Don’t worry about sizes, we will have extra stock to ensure every student has the kit they need.

**8. Personal Goal of the Week**



This week I am going to choose a very personal goal; Adaptable. If temporarily losing the use of my right hand has taught me anything at all, it has taught me the importance of being adaptable, of finding other ways to do things. It is a really important goal for our students too; it’s one that was brought home during the pandemic. When you can’t do something in the ‘usual way’, it is important not to give up but to find another way, a new way – adapting to the new situation.

**9. Dates for your Diary**

**AIS Curriculum Information Evening – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 18.00 – 19.00**

**AIS Open School 2 – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 08.45 – 10.15**

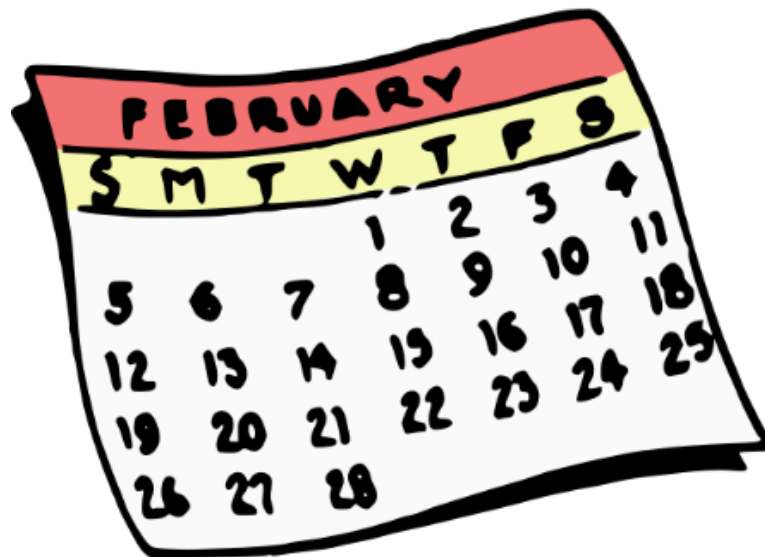
**AIS Spring Concert – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 18.30**

**AIS Sports Day – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 – 15.00**

**AIS International Picnic – 21<sup>st</sup> April 12.00 – 15.00**

**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**



**10. The Last Word** – From Nelson Mandela this week. Inspired by our visits to Aikwangwon Foundation and School for the Disabled. Our students showed tremendous empathy and acceptance during their visits.

Long may that continue.

Thankyou Mr. Rafa for leading this important partnership and for giving our students the opportunity to demonstrate these qualities.

