

2 October 2020

School Newsletter



Important Dates

September

25th - PSG Welcome Picnic

October

6th - Director Chat and PSG Meeting - 8:30 AM (TOPIC - 365 Apps)

19th-26th Autumn Break (No School)

27th-30th Spirit Week - Theme days will be announced later

Scholastic Book Fair in Progress

Sep 28th - Oct. 13

November

3rd - Director Chat and PSG Meeting - 8:30 AM

6th - NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conferences via video conference platform

26th & 27th - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development

Scholastic Book Fair

Our new **Scholastic Book Club** is up and running! Go to <http://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/qs-int-school-of-munster> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every €1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20¢** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online by October 13th, 2020**.

What does research show on children who read for pleasure?

The impact on attainment

Reading for pleasure is more important to a child's academic success than the parents' socio-economic status. This is often quoted and comes from an OECD report. Many other studies provide evidence too, for example:

- The impact of reading for pleasure on progress in vocabulary, maths and spelling with 10-16 year olds is 4 times greater than if their parent has a degree¹
- Children who read for pleasure daily or nearly every day are a year ahead in reading performance versus those who never do²
- If all Key Stage 2 children read for pleasure daily, 75% of them would reach the level at the end of primary school that predicts 5 or more passes at GCSE – an increase of 8%³ or 112,000 children in 2017.

1 - Source: <https://www.eqmont.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Reading-for-Pleasure-Paper-final.pdf>

So many books to choose from. How do we select great books?

BOOK LISTS

Get our best book recommendations delivered straight to your inbox. [Sign up](#) for the Scholastic Parents newsletter.



NEW BOOK
The Newest Book in the Dog Man Series is Here!



NEW LIST
20 Great Books for Your Kids to Read Before Turning 13

[Click here to view various book lists based on age and interest.](#)

Dear Parents,

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running and you can now browse the latest books and order online. There are hundreds of fantastic Children's books to choose from, all at great prices!

For every €1 you spend on this Month's Book Club, our School will earn 20c in rewards to buy Books for our Library!

Please place your order online by; 13 October 2020.

To place your order, please type the link below in to your browser

<https://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/gsi-int-school-of-munster>

Click on either **AGES 0-6**, **7-11** or **11+** or you can use the search box for specific titles that you are interested in.

Please add the books that you would like to order into your basket

Once you have finished and are happy with your order, please click on your basket in the top right hand corner of the screen to proceed to the checkout.

You will then need to enter your email address and choose a password

Once you have done this, you can enter the payment details for your order and checkout. If you have any questions regarding placing your order at any time you can email intschool@scholastic.co.uk or call 0044 1993 893474.

Director's Letter

Dear QSI Families,

Next week, the Parent Support Group will hold another meeting on October 6th at 8:30 in the Latvian Auditorium. I hope you can attend to help support the various (tentative) activities planned for the year. In addition, I will share information on the students' Microsoft 365 accounts during the Director Chat.

I appreciate the responses to the parent-teacher conference survey from last week. This feedback provides me with information to make any necessary adjustments. Based on the survey, the school will reserve a Friday for parent-teacher conferences. On the day of conferences, school will not be in session. The selected day for parent-teacher conferences will be November 6th. More information on parent-teacher conferences schedules will be shared later.

As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter, please know you do not need to wait for a parent/teacher conference to meet with your child's teacher. During the school year, our teachers are available via e-mail, phone and Teams video conferences to discuss the needs of your child. If you feel a face to face meeting with the teacher is necessary, it is possible to arrange a meeting after school. We have identified a safe meeting room that is not connected to the cohort of student classrooms.

Lastly, please review the book order information within this newsletter. Included in the book order section is some research on the benefits of reading for pleasure. The research opens with this

explanation on reading for pleasure: **"Reading for pleasure is not properly understood and is often confused or conflated with literacy. Reading for pleasure is reading for enjoyment, done of free choice, whereas literacy is the ability to read and write. Reading for pleasure feeds literacy because it is challenging to learn something if you don't enjoy it!"** Encouraging and supporting your children to develop the passion to read for pleasure with support a continued interest in learning in elementary, secondary and university.

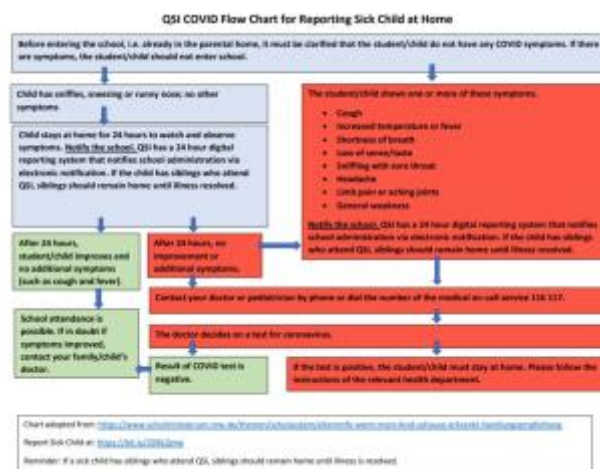
If you have any questions regarding the above information or anything else connected to school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Garner

Absence Reporting Form

If your child will be absent, please complete the absence form. [Click here for the form.](#)



Early Departure Form

If you are picking up your child in the middle of the school day, please complete this form so the school can record the departure. [Click here for the Early Departure Form.](#)

Parent Support Group (PSG) Contact

The QSI Parent Support Group is available on WhatsApp and Facebook.

WhatsApp: Contact Mrs. Lawles at lauralawes@outlook.com to be added to the WhatsApp group.

Facebook: You can find the PSG Facebook page at the link -
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1626025644281325>

Using Technology in Art Class



<https://sway.office.com/IPLTfV5kMcIKBqBP#content=JcUlrshhGNG7Nh>

2 - Students created stop animation videos for COVID safety. The videos will be shared with other classes. This is one video out of the series the students created.

5/6 YO: My Family



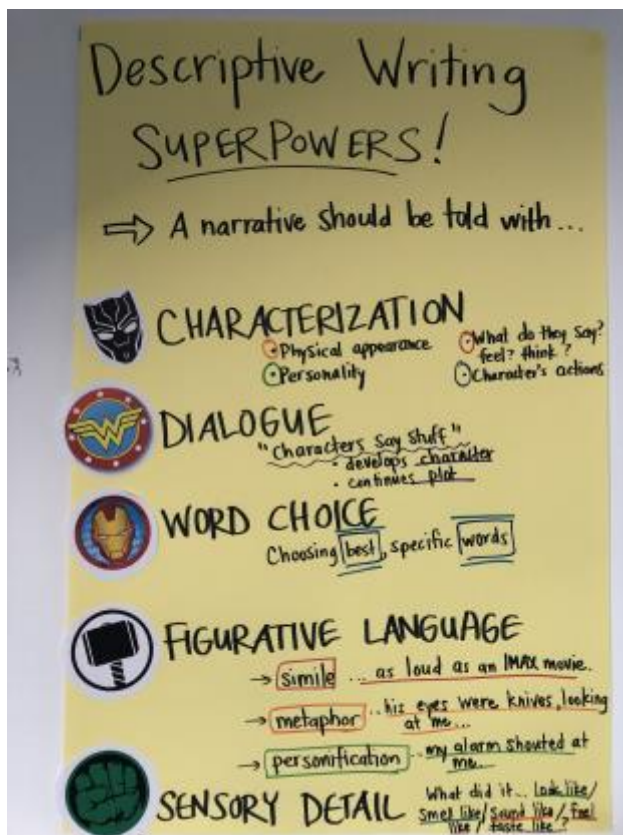
The students created pictures of their family. What is next? Writing about their family.

10-11YO: Cultural Studies



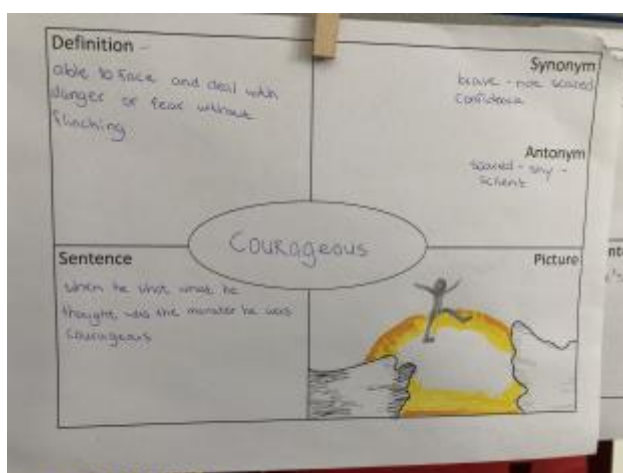
Students show off their green screen they are using for the Cultural Studies group project.

12/13 YO: Creating Strong Stories



3 - Students are learning the four ways to enhance their story telling techniques.

12/13: Vocabulary

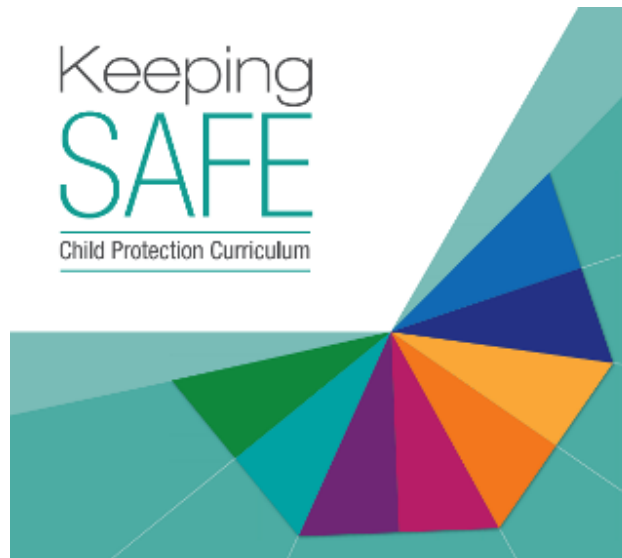


To analyze literature, students need to have a robust vocabulary. Students selected a new word from a characteristic trait list, created a visual aid and presented to the students. Following this, the students used the new character words to describe characters from the short stories read in class.

On Campus: Mrs. Garner

I am a trained English, Writing, and Language Arts teacher and I have taught all of the Reading and Writing courses for ages 12-17 with QSI. My B.A. is in English Literature and Comparative Literature which I earned from the University of California, Davis. My M.Ed is in Curriculum and Instruction which I earned from American College of Education in Chicago. I am American, and my teaching license is from California in English/Language Arts with an additional certificate in teaching English Language Learners (ESL). My passion is teaching writing, and so I am especially enjoying teaching the Middle School (12 year-olds and 13 year-olds) Writing 12/13 Course 1 this year. I believe that writing is not only a skill for life, but also that students develop critical thinking skills as they learn to write: an accomplished writer is also an accomplished thinker!

Keeping Safe Curriculum



Homeroom teachers have started to include the Keeping Safe Curriculum in the weekly lessons. These are short lessons that educate children on how to keep themselves safe and who to ask for help in unsafe situations. This is a global curriculum that QSI uses at all campuses. Below is a list of the key themes and focus areas that students will study. More information on the program can be [found here](#).

Themes

The curriculum follows 2 main themes:

- we all have the right to be safe
- we can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust.

Focus areas

The 2 themes are explored through 4 focus areas:

- the right to be safe

- relationships
- recognizing and reporting abuse
- protective strategies.

Playground Reminder

Please remember that the school playground is not accessible while school is in session between 8:00 AM and 3:45 PM.

QSI Safety Reminders Via Success Orientations



SHOW CONCERN FOR OTHERS



**WEAR A
MASK**

BE RESPONSIBLE



**WASH YOUR
HANDS**

Community Announcements

If you know of any upcoming family friendly activities or events that maybe of interest to our QSI families, please share them and they can be added to this section. NOTE: Any event shared is not connected to QSI.

Rugby clubs for all ages



**RUGBY
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Teams
Herren | Men | Frauen | Women
Jugend | Junior | Kinder | Kids
Alt-Herren | Old Boys

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*Werde Teil unseres
TEAMS!
Join our TEAM!*

Rugby in Münster!!

The Rugby Tourists Münster are back after a long break from Social Distancing! We are searching for new team members for all of our age groups from Rugby Minis all the way up to the Men's Social and Competitive Teams!

The groups are;

U6 – U12 <https://www.rugby-muenster.de/teams/minis/>

U16 – U18 <https://www.rugby-muenster.de/teams/jugend/>

Women (All ages) <https://www.rugby-muenster.de/teams/frauen/>

Men <https://www.rugby-muenster.de/teams/herren/>

We are always looking to expand the community, so any interest is very welcome! If you would like your son(s) and/or daughter(s) to come out and experience a game for life (or if you are interested in being part of the community as well), then please contact Mr. Josh atjoshua-ferreira@munster.qsi.org for more details!

[Virtual Counseling Available](#)



Talley Sjoberg-Varney, an educator and counselor has opened a virtual private practice. She sees students for Academic Coaching, Social/Emotional Development, and for University Application Support.

During the month of September, she is offering free 15-minute zoom calls for individual families for University questions. You can ask her about universities, classes, testing, anything that is on your mind. She has helped students apply to schools all around the world and is a certified Independent Educational Consultant. Talley has 12 years of experience with QSI as a Counselor, Educator, and Resource Coordinator, so she is familiar with mastery learning and university requirements.

She is an American based out of Central Europe. Here is her contact information if you are interested; <https://www.clearlysage.com/>

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QSI School Operations During COVID-19:2020-2021

[Click here to access the COVID-19 Operations PDF file.](#)

[Click here for 2020-2021 Parent/Student Informed Consent Letter – Covid19.](#)

You can sign and e-mail to brian-garner@munster.qsi.org. You will be able to sign at school as you drop your child off at the entrance.

Scheduled Appointment on Campus

If you have a scheduled appointment for an "in the building meeting" with Dr. Garner or Ms. Siejen, please make sure to complete the electronic visitor form on our entrance door.

The visitor form is a QR code that can be scanned by your phone. The QR code takes you to an electronic form so you can input your information. If you are new to using a QR code, [click here for a tutorial on scanning a QR code](#). I will also place a link to the form in this QR article. [Click here to access the form without the QR code](#).

Thank you for supporting our contact tracing system.

School Calendar

School Calendar 2020-2021

First Term

First Day: 27 August (Thursday)
Last Day: 18 December (Friday)
Holidays: 19 – 26 October (Monday - Monday) Autumn Break
26 – 27 November (Thursday - Friday) Staff Professional Development
21 December – 08 January (3 Week) Winter Break

Quintile 1: 27 August – 15 October
Quintile 2: 16 October – 16 December
Quintile 3: 17 December – 26 February

Number of school days: 74

Second Term

First Day: 11 January (Monday)
Last Day: 26 March (Friday)
Holidays: 12 February (Friday) Staff Professional Development
15 February (Monday) Rosenmontag (online learning day)

Quintile 4: 01 March – 27 April

Number of school days: 54

Third Term

First Day: 29 March (Monday)
Last Day: 24 June (Thursday)
Holidays: 02 – 09 April (Friday – Friday) Spring Break
13 – 14 May (Thursday – Friday) Ascension
24 – 25 May (Monday – Tuesday) Whit Monday
03 – 04 June (Thursday - Friday) Corpus Christi

Quintile 5: 28 April – 24 June

Number of school days: 52

Total Number of School Days: 180
The school week is Monday through Friday.

INDEPENDENT ENDEAVOR



TRUSTWORTHINESS



CONCERN FOR OTHERS



RESPONSIBILITY



GROUP INTERACTION



KINDNESS & POLITENESS



AESTHETIC APPRECIATION



Stay in Contact

Thank you for selecting QSI International School of Münster and trusting us with your child's education. If you have a question on the curriculum being taught, the curriculum can be viewed at <http://curriculum.qsi.org/>. Should you have a question or concern regarding the content or selected assessments, please reach out to the teacher or the school Director. If you need to contact me, my contact information is below.

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