

Welcome to

IES VÄXJÖ Newsletter 2 February 2024

We are so glad to see you here again!



Dear Parents!

Another two weeks has flown by, and there have been many exciting activities happening around our school. From the group competition among year 6 in HKK lessons to the exciting PRAO information morning with all year 8 or the Dress-up Twin day, when both staff and students rocked it, and showed us just how alike we all can be regardless how we look different.

Over the last two weeks, we have received a lot of positive and constructive feedbacks from parents about our newsletters, and this means a lot to us. We're in progress to make it even more accessible for every parent, and special thanks to the ones who gave up their time and gave us a hand in making this happen.

During week 4, our entire staff took part in GDPR training led by Ms. Pfaus, our Assistant Principal. This yearly session focuses on effective data handling, guaranteeing that any information concerning students or staff at our school is treated with the utmost confidentiality. Parents, therefore, can rest assured that children's data and any other related information are handled with the best of care.

Just a small reminder that our doors are always open. The parent cafe is still going on every month, PTA meetings are scheduled every three months so please feel free to drop by for a fika and a chat. More event reminders will be mentioned on the next page.

Once again, thank you for being part of this meaningful journey with us! Together we make a better world for our children to grow in.

Best regards,
IES Växjö

Messages to parents

Upcoming parent events to be held at our school's lunch hall

PTA meeting: 28 February/10 June 17:00-18:00

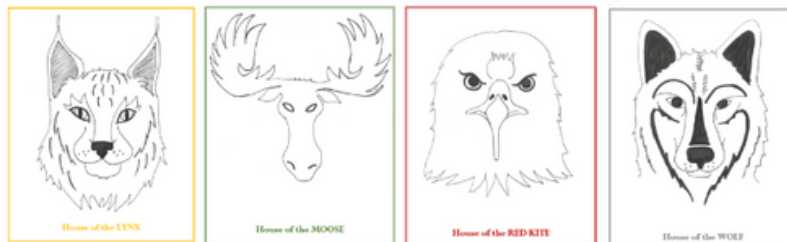
Parent Café: 7 February/22 March/ 17 April/ 23 May at 08:00-9:00

As always, fika is provided.



School House System - Community and Belonging

Some time ago, we implemented a house system at IES Växjö to add an international touch, and to create even greater teamwork within the school. The House System also fosters a strong sense of community and belonging. Students and all staff are divided into four different Houses.



Throughout the school year, students and staff earn points for their houses for positive behaviours, special accomplishments, competitions and events.

For more information, please visit our website in the link below:

<https://engelska.se/our-schools/vaxjo/about-our-school/community-and-belonging/>

Why not ask your child about their particular house!? S/he can tell you-whether it's the House, the theme song associated with it, or the cool activities we've been up to lately to earn those House points!

Lost and Found

Starting from week 5, a 'Lost and Found' table will be set up at the entrance every Wednesday from 13:00 to 16:00. If your children have misplaced their clothes, gloves, or any personal belongings, please remember to check the 'Lost and Found' box. We will only retain these items for a maximum of four weeks.

In consideration of the cleanliness of our classroom and the well-being of all students, any unclaimed items will be donated to charity groups in Växjö after this period.



Merit board

Ms Pfaus, Assistant Principal, will provide parents with detailed information on how merit slips work. She will email out to you in early February.

Classroom News Primary

Greetings from Primary!

Take a look at our incredible Space wall! We are so proud of the children's work on this special theme during the week 3 and 4. The 3D effect, featuring planets and a suspended rocket, are truly inspiring!

The timing couldn't be more perfect, especially with the recent event of the third Swedish astronaut, Marcus Wandt, into the cosmos last week. We're over the moon about it! 🚀🌌



Primary: Parent Meeting and In-house BBQ

It has been an eventful month for primary with lots happening. We held productive parent meetings, where teachers engaged in a dialogue with parents regarding students' progress and development. Following that, we gathered for an indoor barbecue, with Mr Principal Owens taking on the role of "BBQ-chef" for the occasion. It was delightful to see many parents, teachers, and children as we spent time together.

We eagerly look forward to more such events in the near future!



Don't forget, the next upcoming event is the Parent Cafe on 7th February, scheduled from 8:00 to 9:00 and PTA meeting on 28th February, 17:00-18:00. We hope to see you there!

Classroom News Primary

F-class with Ms Antonov

If mathematics is sometimes not a very easy subject to some students, Ms Antonov has found the best engaging approach for our children to learn it. Together we learned it through counting games using a picture of an orange beetle adorned with various dots. The game triggered student's curiosity to learn something new and to decorate the beetle with a different number of dots. Each child selected their own number card and independently decided how many dots to add to achieve the correct total.



Exciting events are taking place in Fritids for Primary!

On Wednesday Ms Pfaus and Mr Nonet had a karate session for y1 and y2 fritids students. The students really enjoyed this karate session and asked several times when they could do it again. Thank you for the pictures Ms Nita.



More activities are going on in Fritids!

The children have had the chance to decorate their own bottles, an activity that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Later on, Ms Hallak gathered the students in 2A to bake chocolate balls.



Classroom news

Junior- Senior

Junior- Senior Student Council - A recent meeting took place on 23 January.

The purposes of our school's Student Council are:

- to develop and provide opportunities for leadership and service within school and our community
- to encourage personal growth of leaders through participation in meetings and activities

If your child is interested to join Student council, please get in touch with Mr Karlsson at albin.karlsson.vaxjo@engelska.se and express the interest.



6A, HKK with Mr. Nonet

In our Home Economics class, we started on an exciting project —to create the weekly menu for our school. The entire class was divided into many groups so that competition can take place. Each group was tasked with considering multiple aspects of creating a weekly menu, from costs to the selection of ingredients. Importantly, the menu had to be practical for students and teachers to actually have it for lunch. The panel of judges for this culinary challenge included our HKK teacher and our school chef, Mr. Andonis. The winning group will have their menu come to life in the upcoming week. Stay tuned, we will update you the winner very soon!

Exciting events are taking place in Fritids for Junior!

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Classroom News

Senior

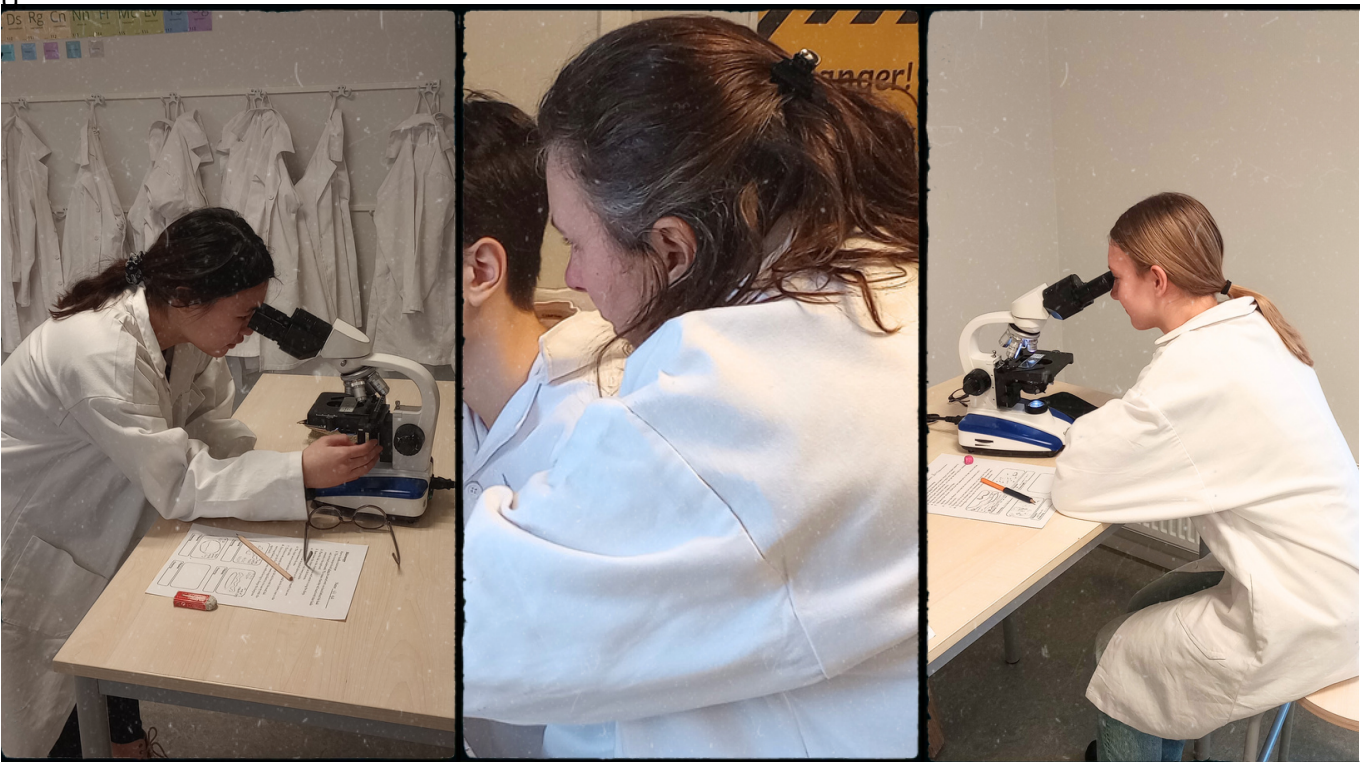
Year 7, Library time with Mr Karlsson and Mr Umoren

In week 4, our assignment is to write a report focusing on either the book of our choices or an author that we admire. This writing task aims to provide students with additional practice in structuring reports and developing research skills using both direct and indirect resources. We will also learn the proper way to quote text and create distinct paragraphs to effectively convey individual ideas.



Year 8, Biology with Ms Stein and Mr Hartzenberg in Science lab

Last week was the first time that year 8 worked with the microscopes. The microscopes are a big investment of our school aiming at enhancing students' scientific education, particularly in the field of biology. It is used magnify small objects i.e. cells, including plant cells, animal cells, protozoa, algae, fungi, and bacteria. The students of year 8 demonstrated a keen interest in observing these microscopic entities firsthand





Important message to year 8's parents PRAO, Work experience programmes

For Year 8's parents only!

Important preparation for working life and further studies

Your child will soon be embarking upon a work experience programme.

It is important that students and guardians feel safe before and during the PRAO period. There should be no doubts about what prao means, that it is about being able to make good choices for the future, to gain knowledge about the labor market and experience in different professional areas and industries.

Here is helpful information for those who will experience PRAO placements:

- The working hours should be between 6-7 hours each day, or 35 hours at the most during the week.
- These hours shall be distributed during 5 days.
- The student isn't allowed to start before 6:00 and can't work later than 20:00.
- The student can't work more than 4,5 hours without having a 30 minute break.

Please contact the school's career guidance counsellor or a teacher if you would like to know more about work experience programmes: Mr Asllani, Study and Aareer Advisor, SYV, muhamed.asllani.vaxjo@engelska.se

You can also download ready-made letters for guardians about what PRAO is and why it is important. The information is available in several different languages.

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Beautiful memories captured in pictures

Dress-up Twin Day Fun!

In week 4, we had Twin Day. We have many staff member and students who supported this day by dressing alike. It's especially fun that so many of our staff were involved in this. All our Dress Up Days are voluntary. More picture of our Twin Day are shared in our [Facebook page](#).



Beautiful Memories captured in pictures

1B - Swedish, Ms Matthiasdottir

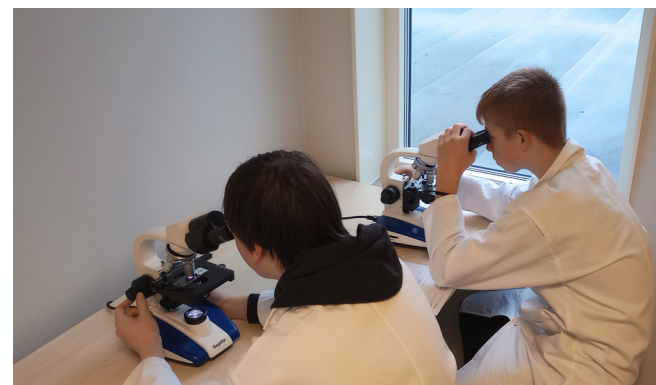
The students were writing their own astronaut logs about their potential destinations for space exploration, whether it be the Moon, Mars, or any of the stars within our solar system. There is a saying "Dream big; if you don't reach the stars, you might reach the Moon," the mentors encouraged these young minds to nurture ambitious dreams. In doing so, she fostered a sense of curiosity and imagination among her students.



Year 3 student with her class space rocket!



Fritids activities: Dancing!



Senior students in Biology



Beautiful memories captured in pictures

Last week, we bade farewell to Ms. Hansen, our school nurse. We would like to say 'thank you' for her role as a part of our meaningful journey at the school, and convey our best wishes as she moves on to the next chapter of her career. Her positivity, warm smiles, and attentive listening will be dearly remembered. During her final week, the children dropped by her office to send crafted bracelets, warm hugs as farewell gifts for her.

Whilst we are sad to say goodbye to Ms Hansen, we are delighted to welcome to Ms Gajic, our newly-appointed School Nurse at IES Växjö. Ms Gajic has been working closely with Ms. Henson and Ms. Lindholm from IES Johanneberg, Head of IES School Nurses, ensuring a smooth transition into her responsibilities at our school.



'Farewell message to all students from Ms Hansen:

'To all of you, the amazing students, at our school!

Today I work my last day as a school nurse at this school. Many of you have asked "Why are you quitting?". My answer is... for many different reasons. Sometimes you need to choose new paths in life and I am doing that now.

Now we shift the focus from me to you, because you are absolutely amazing, every single one of you! You will forever have a special place in my heart. Thank you for all the kind words, the nice gifts, the warm hugs and the lovely smiles.

Be with friends who make you feel good, be kind to others, but most importantly be kind to yourself!

*Warm hugs from me to you!
See you another day*

/ Maria, School nurse"

Information

Upcoming events to earn points for the Houses: Valentine's Week in Week 7!



Valentines' Day, as we all know, is a day for love, respect and admiration. It doesn't necessarily signify romance exclusively; rather, it can encompass relationship, love and care among friends, families, or even simple kindness extended to strangers. Take the chance to dress up with the Valentine theme, send a note to a teacher to thank them for being your educators, write a note to a friend to say "thankyou" for the companionship and express how much you care for those around you. Don't miss out on this opportunity, we hope you all have a fun and happy Valentine's Day at the school!

Upcoming events!




**Parent Café
Föräldracafé**

7 February/22 March/ 17 April/ 23 May
08:00-9:00
Skolmatsalen/Lunch hall

We really look forward to your presence




Kommande
**PTA meeting
Föräldraföreningsmöte**

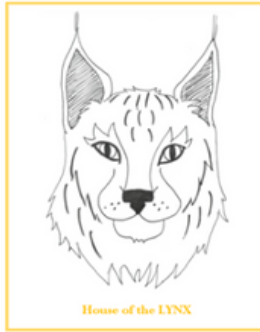
28 February/10 June
17:00-18:00
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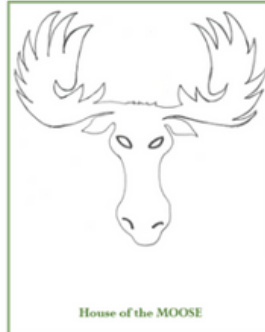


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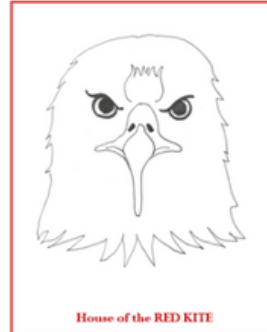
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Internationella
Engelska Skolan

Kitchen-chef &
Sous-chef
Adonis & Saska



Nordrest

Lunchmeny - vecka 6

Måndag

- ❖ Korvstroganoff (kycklingkorv). Serveras med ris/rostad potatis.

Tisdag

- ❖ Pannkakor. Serveras med sylt och grädde.

Onsdag

- ❖ Grönsakssoppa med krutonger. Serveras med nybakat bröd och ost.

Torsdag

- ❖ Pastagrätäng med kyckling. Serveras med parmesanost.

Fredag

- ❖ Tacobuffé

Måndag

- ❖ Sausage stew (chicken sausage). Served with rice.

Tisdag

- ❖ Pancakes. Served with whipped cream and jam.

Onsdag

- ❖ vegetable soup and croutons. Served with freshly baked bread and cheese.

Torsdag

- ❖ Pasta gratin with chicken. Served with parmesan cheese.

Fredag

- ❖ Taco buffé

