

Newsletter

German School Kuala Lumpur



Konrad Menne

What's on



Dear school communities,

The central topic of the last few weeks was obviously the written A-level examinations for our Grade 12, which had a strong impact on everyday school life, and that can be said that they were carried out in a highly concentrated manner and were completed without any failures. But despite this special situation, there was hardly any let-up in the many additional activities at the DSKL: Our Theatre AG showed their talents in a performance, the students of the Upper School got an insight into the working world of their future in various presentations during the "Career Day", and the Chinese New Year was celebrated extensively in the Primary School and the Kindergarten. Thus, it is worthwhile once again to browse our homepage at <https://www.dskl.edu.my/> for the new pictures. And, as a glimpse into the diary shows, there will certainly be one or two more pictures in the next few weeks - especially as the class trips next week and the central class tests at the beginning of March lie ahead of us.

Irina Brening

Guest student program

Spread the word



**Applications for the guest student programs
at the DSKL
for the 2023/24 school year are still open until
Feb. 28, 2023.**

**Do you know someone for whom this would be
just the right thing?**

**If so, feel free to forward our flyers with more
detailed information about it.**

**You can find the flyers attached to this
newsletter or on the website.**

Administration

Art competition

Your painting for the yearbook, be part of it!



Administration

Federal Youth Games

Save the Date

Ready, set, go! – On

April 14th, 2023

The time has come again: The first Federal Youth Games in the last 3 years are held at our school.

To ensure that this major sporting event runs smoothly and is well organised, we need your assistance as committed parents.

Please contact the parents' representatives of the respective classes if you are able to assist on-site at the event or if you would like to donate fruit for the refreshments for the athletes.

Administration

Holiday calendar

Provisional holiday calendar for the school year 2023 / 2024

The holiday calendar for the coming school year 2023/2024 up to the Christmas holidays 2023/2024 was approved in the Board meeting on February 14th, 2023. Please note that only the planning up to and including January 7th, 2024 is bindingly confirmed. The further planning from January to the summer is currently still subject to change, as a coordination of dates with the French school will take place later. The pre-registered dates can therefore still change fundamentally. Therefore, please make your travel plans for the time being only until the Christmas holidays. We will inform you of the binding dates for the second half of the school year as soon as possible. You can find the holiday calendar [here](#) or on the website under "Forms and Info".



Important dates in February 2023

Tue-Thu	14.-16.	Online consultation days by the region's process consultant, Mr. Wollenweber	Mi-Fr	22.-24.	Day trips and project day of Grade 1, 2 and preschool
Fri	17.	6.00 p.m.-10.00 p.m.: SV Carnival Party in the theatre room, Grade 5-12	Mi-Fr	22.-24.	School trips for Grade 9, 10 and 12
Mon	20.	“Orang-Asli-Project”, Grade 2-4	Do	23.	Excursion of the kindergarten to the Taman Aman
Mon-Fri	20.-24.	School trips for Grade 9, 10 and 12	Mo	27.	Continuation of lessons for Grade 12
Mon	20.	Badminton AG cancelled due to school trips	Mo	27.	Visit of the pre-schoolers to the library (after the sports lesson) – Grade 3 reads to the pre-schoolers
Tue-Sat	21.-25.	School trip for Grade 11	Di	28.	Visit of the kindergarten children to the dentist (red group)
Tue	21.	Carnival party in the primary school			
Tue	21.	Carnival party in the kindergarten with buffet			
Tue	21.	Basketball AG cancelled due to school trips			
Tue	21.	6.00 p.m.: Information event on the planned relocation of the DSKL to the LFKL, in the theatre room			

Important dates in March 2023

Thu	02.	Morning gymnastics of the kindergarten children with the neighbours in the retirement home	Fri	17.	PQM Workshop on the school's mission statement "Collecting gold pieces"
Mon	06.	Central Class Tests for Grade 10 – English	Sat	18.	8:00 a.m.: Central re-writing date for exams and class tests
Tue	07.	Central Class Tests for Grade 10 – German	Mon	20.	Visit of the pre-schoolers to the library (after the sports lesson)
Tue	07.	Competency test for Grade 6 for the subject Mathematics	Mon-Fri	20.-24.	Easter project days in the kindergarten
Tue	07.	Tag-Day and Toy Day in the kindergarten	Thu	23.	Excursion of the kindergarten to the Taman Aman with Easter basket hunt
Tue	07.	Visit of the kindergarten children to the dentist (yellow group)	Fri	24.	Environment Day in the Kindergarten and for Grade 1-12
Thu	09.	Central Class Tests for Grade 10 - Mathematics			
Mon-Fri	13.-17.	Development discussions for the parents of the pre-schoolers			

25.03. – 07.04.2023 Easter holidays

Important dates in April 2023

Tue	11.	Easter basket hunt in the primary school	Mon	17.	5./6. Period: Federal Youth Games - Award ceremony
Tue	11.	Tag-Day and Toy Day in the kindergarten	Mon	17.	Visit of the pre-schoolers to the library (after the sports lesson)
Wed	12.	Pedagogical class conferences	Tue-Fri	18.-21.	Hari Raya Project Days in the kindergarten
Thu	13.	Morning gymnastics of the kindergarten children with the neighbours in the retirement home	Wed	19.	10.00 a.m.–11.30 a.m.: Presentations of Grade 11 research papers
Thu	13.	Distribution of the 2nd performance report to the students of Grade 5-11	Wed	19.	4.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.: Parent-teacher conference
Thu	13.	High jump competition as part of the Federal Youth Games:	Thu	20.	10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.: Presentations of Grade 11 research papers
		Grade 5-7: in the 5th/6th period	Fri	21.	10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.: Presentations of Grade 11 research papers
		Grade 8-12: from the 7th period onwards	Mon	24.	Public holiday - Hari Raya - no school
Thu	13.	7.30 p.m.: Parents' evening in the kindergarten (red and yellow group)	Tue	25.	Competency test for Grade 3 for the subject German reading
Fri	14.	Federal Youth Games in the stadium (Grade 3-12); Sport Day in the school (Pre-schoolers, Grade 1-2)	Wed	26.	Expected 6.30 p.m. "Open Stage" - location to follow
			Thu	27.	Competency test for Grade 3 for the subject German language usage
			Thu	27.	Excursion of the kindergarten to the Taman Aman

...Or online anytime on our homepage



The student representatives

The student council informs

Motto of the TAG Days in SJ 2022 / 2023

09. March	Green
10. April	Movie / Cartoon / Anime Character
09. May	Fashion Week / Red Carpet
09. June	Career aspiration



The classes are evaluated each month and at the end of the year. The class that has best embodied the mottos in the year is crowned.

Chiew-Nye Murmann

Chinese New Year in the Kindergarten

Welcome to the Year of the Rabbit

On Friday 20th January, we had the opportunity to celebrate the most important traditional festival in Chinese culture, the Chinese Lunar New Year.

This year we welcome the zodiac sign Rabbit and bid farewell to the Year of the Tiger. A festive breakfast buffet was organised from the parents' contributions, consisting of a variety of traditional New Year treats, which were: "Yee Sang", steamed buns, wantons, fried rice, sweets, many New Year biscuits, mandarins, a variety of sliced red-orange fruits and vegetables. The kindergarten was decorated with auspicious figures and pictures, e.g. red garlands, lanterns, firecrackers and the children's New Year handicrafts.

All the children and teachers were in a festive mood and came dressed up for the day. At the same time, various fun activities took place in the respective classrooms, such as "Lion Dance", "Storytelling", "Bunny Lantern Crafting" and " Handprint Bunny Painting".

The celebration began when the children arrived at the entrance with the festive greeting "Gong Xi Fa Cai" - which means "Happy New Year" in Mandarin. The celebration, which included traditional Chinese New Year music and a dragon dance, then ended by each child receiving a red packet of "Ang Pow" with a symbolic sign to mark the beginning of another safe and peaceful year for themselves and their families.

Gong Xi Fa Cai to all!



Albert Lehmenkühler

Second Career Day at DSKL

Students gain insights into everyday working life

On 3rd February 2023, our school held a career day for the second time as part of the study and career orientation. Through vivid and authentic reports by external speakers, our students were given an insight into the most diverse training paths, the real world of work and the daily work of the most diverse professions. This year, the following occupational fields were presented and brought closer to the students of Grade 9 to 11 through interesting and exciting lectures by the speakers: digitalisation, communication, cinema-film production, teacher training, UNHCR-Refugee Agency (Malaysian Refugee Agency), company start-up - environmental protection and computer science.

We thank all speakers for their dedicated support!



Thomas Müller

Competency tests

Information about the performance level

In order to compare the learning performance of our students with other schools, the Thuringian Competence Tests will take place again this year. They provide the subject teachers with information about the performance level of the classes and also of the individual students. It is important to note that the results of the competency tests are not included in the report card grade. The subjects German, Mathematics and English are tested in Grade 6 and 8. And German Reading, German Language Use and Mathematics are tested in Grade 3 in the primary school.



Albert Lehmenkühler

Geo - Competition

Diercke Wissen 2023

For many years, the DSKL has successfully participated in the geography competition "Diercke Wissen". This year was no exception. In a first preliminary round, all students from Grade 6 to 10 took part and determined the respective class winner. The following pupils managed to win this year: Grade 6 - Tara Bergmann, Grade 7 - Mei Schindler, Grade 8 - Maya Loch, Grade 9 - Leon Gastager and Grade 10 - Chiara Gastager. Chiara was also able to secure the overall DSKL victory and will thus participate in the final round of all school winners of the school abroad competition.

The total of 23 examination questions were also varied this year and related to a wide range of geographical topics. Among other things, they had to analyse anamorphic maps, clarify geographical models and demonstrate their topographical knowledge.

Our school principal, Mr. Menne, together with our Head of Department for Geography, Mr. Zärl, awarded all class winners and the school winner with a certificate from the organiser for their excellent results. The Department of Geography and the entire school community congratulate the successful participants on their success!

Dates for the competency tests:

Grade 3

25/4 German-Reading
27/4 German-Language usage
3/5 Mathematics

Grade 6

1 - 15/3 German (Online)
7/3 Mathematics (Offline)
9 - 23/3 English (Online)

Grade 8

28/2 - 14/3 English (Online)
2 - 16/3 Mathematics (Online)
8 - 22/3 German (Online)

The interns

Introduction of our new interns

Support for the teaching staff



Jessica Barczyk

Hello hello, my name is Jessica Barczyk, I am 24 years old and come from near Nuremberg. In autumn 2022, I passed my first state examination in teaching special needs education for social and emotional development with the subjects Maths, Chemistry and sport for secondary level 1. Now I would like to use the time until my traineeship to gain some new experiences, to expand my repertoire of activities as well as to support the students in the best possible way. Overall, Malaysia fascinates me with its cultural diversity and heterogeneity. I see my time here as a great opportunity for my personal and intercultural development. During my free time, I enjoy doing sports and handicrafts, which is why I also offer the handicraft club on Tuesdays and the football club on Wednesdays.



Katja Mußler

My name is Katja Mußler and I am 25 years old. I studied at the Karlsruhe University of Education to become a primary school teacher, majoring in German and English and minoring in Maths. My personal focus is on German as a second language. Other than German and English, I also speak French and Spanish. In my free time I like to be outdoors and do sports. I also love to travel. What fascinates me about Malaysia is the cultural, ethnic and religious diversity as well as the internationality that characterise the country. I'm particularly excited about the diversity and the multilingualism that makes it so. Moreover, I can't wait to try all the delicious food. I am eager to find out what everyday life in Kuala Lumpur will be like and look forward to travelling. I am sure that it will be a great time for me and I will learn a lot. Thank you for this chance!



Tomke Rosendahl

I am Tomke Rosendahl, 22 years old and come from Oldenburg. I studied German and Art and Media to become a high school teacher. In Germany, I have already worked at a primary school for two years. Now I'm doing my internship at the DSKL between my Bachelor's and Master's degrees to gain more experience. I'm mainly teaching Grade 5 and 6. I also lead the radio play group. During my free time, I do a lot of sports and for this reason I support Mrs. Barczyk in the football club.

I am not only looking forward to learn a lot of new things in school, but also to get to know Malaysia and their lives on a completely different continent. I hope to gain a lot from this experience for my future as a teacher and to be able to continue my education.

Andreas Möhl

Introduction

Dear school communities,

I am Andreas Möhl, and Maths and Physics teacher. Like my parents, I was born in México and grew up bilingually. I went to school and studied education in México. At university I met my wife Carmen and we have three children: David, Damaris and Alexander. My teaching career began at the German School in Guadalajara (with about 1000 students) where I taught Maths, Physics and Biology. Fate and our choices brought us to northern Germany in 2011, where I taught Maths and Physics at two schools, starting in Stade, then in Bremerhaven. Looking for something a bit warmer, I applied to teach abroad and chose DSKL in Malaysia. Our two older children stayed in Germany to study, David studying Maths in Bremen and Damaris studying Education in Oldenburg, thus we are only here with our "youngest".



We are pleased to be here, to get to know the school community, the country, the culture, the people and the nature, and much more.

Administration

Breakfast sale

During the 2nd recess break in the courtyard

In accordance with recent developments, we are pleased to announce that we will soon have a parent-organised breakfast sale again. For the time being, there will be a small and hopefully growing selection of healthy snacks for the children and all other hungry people on Wednesday. On the 1st and 2nd of March 2023, the sale will be open during the 2nd recess break in the courtyard (at 11.30 am). Mrs. Busch, Mrs. Erbe and Mrs. Stahl are looking forward to many interested people.

If you are interested in helping to organise a regular sale on other days, please contact us.



Ines König

Steuergruppe

What are you actually doing there?

Simply put, the steering committee is responsible for guiding and driving the development of the school.

New families may not be familiar with the term "steering committee" in the context of a school, but it is an important institution in many German schools abroad. This year, Suzann Haße, who is also responsible for Pedagogical Quality Management, is the head of the steering committee. She has taken over this task from Ansgar Beer, who played a major role in fulfilling the requirements for the certification of the DSKL as an "Excellent German School Abroad" with the steering group.

Each body of the school is represented by one member in the steering committee in order to promote versatile input and exchange. This school year, representatives from the school management (Sylvia Behrendt), administration (Anja Schupp), kindergarten (Christine Torschmied), primary school (Birgit Bartz), lower secondary school (Thomas Müller), upper secondary school (Eugénie Zander), board of directors (Cathrin Sauret), parents' council (Ines König) and student council (Arie van der Waal) take part in the bimonthly meetings and discuss the direction the DSKL should take.

One of the current topics is to steer the work of the teacher working groups (LAGs).

For instance, the LAG "Handover" is working on optimising the handover processes when there is a change of teacher. Since this happens more often at schools abroad, a structured handover should make this change as smooth as possible. In the LAG "Communication", the flow of information and networking within the school community is being examined, as there is potential for improvement here. The results of the LAGs "Digital Learning" and "Sustainability" were also presented and discussed in the steering committee.

Another major topic of the school development work at the DSKL is the work on the school's mission statement, which has to be updated. Like companies, the mission statement should show staff, students, parents and the public just what the DSKL stands for (self-image), what is to be achieved (goals) and how these goals can be achieved (principles, strategy).

Naturally, there are still more tasks for the steering committee, but to mention them all would go beyond the scope of this newsletter.

In conclusion, it can be said that all members of the steering committee have the education of the children and young people at the DSKL as their common goal. In order to achieve this goal with positive communication, trust, respectful interaction, good feedback culture, high quality teaching and all other factors that are needed for this, the exchange of ideas within the steering committee is an important step.



Elisabeth Stuckart

School bus service during the school trip week

Important information about the school bus

During the next week, all school buses will operate as usual.

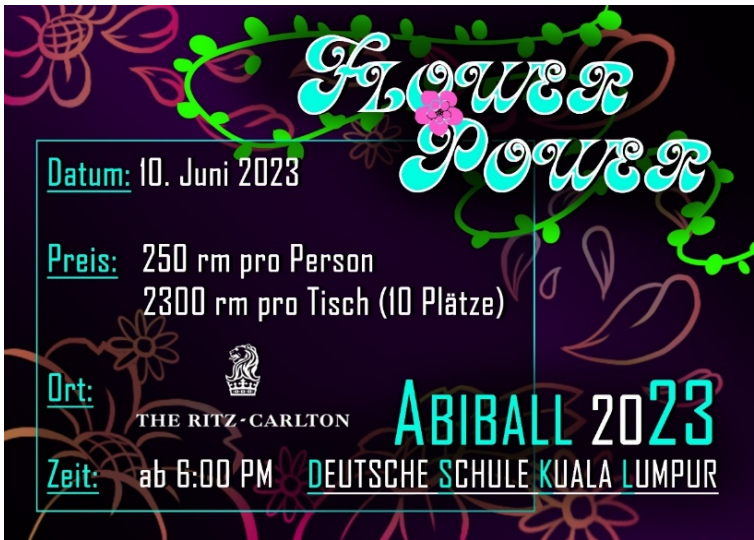
The main departure day for the school trips is on Wednesday 22/02/2023. We recommend that you drive the children to school by yourself with their luggage on this morning, as there might not be enough space on the buses for all the students and their luggage. In case your child still uses the school bus that morning, please be sure to coordinate regarding capacity within your school bus group and with the bus drivers and Mr. Yusof.

On the return day of the school trips, which is on Friday 24/02/2023, we kindly request that parents of returning students collect their children personally from school, as the exact arrival time of the coaches cannot be guaranteed. The class teachers will keep you informed of the current arrival time accordingly. School bus transport will be provided every day of the week for Kindergarten and Grade 1 and 2 students.

Students of the Grade 12

Graduation Ball Card 2023

Ticket sales



Tickets for the graduation ball are available for sale at the reception by Ms. Lee Li.

Don't forget to get your ticket in time!

Administration

DSKL School shop

Attention! There are now opening hours



... or book online at any rime



Dear heaven!

Church services of the German parishes

Guests are always welcome to all services!

Catholic church services

Catholic parish „Guter Hirte“

25. February 2023 4.00 p.m.: Church service with Pastor Sahner from Singapore

Protestant church services

Evangelische Kirchengemeinde Malaysia (EKM)

11. March 2023
- 11.00 a.m.: Family service with Pastor Happel from Singapore at CCM with confirmation classes
 - followed by a plenary assembly of the congregation with a small lunch, to which all are cordially invited
29. April 2023
- 9.30 a.m.: Church service with confirmation with Pastor Happel from Singapore at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

The church services are usually held at the CCM Ecumenical Centre.
Address: 26 Jalan Universiti, 46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor (opposite the University Hospital)

Affinities and actions

Job advertisement - Urgently Wanted!

GSSKL Treasurer

Would you like to become a treasurer in our association?

You would like to deal with numbers on your free time because you really enjoy it? Are you also interested in technology? Do you enjoy working on the board and, if possible, representing the interests of the GSSKL, as well as contributing new impulses and ideas? Besides, do you want to do something good and work on a voluntary basis?

Then you are exactly at the right place with us!

At our upcoming Annual General Meeting in March, a new Treasurer is needed to be elected. We are looking for people who will spend an average of around 2-3 hours per week doing the following: Managing the association's treasury, handling or delegating payment transactions, reporting on the financial and asset situation, managing income and expenditure, responsibility for bookkeeping, preparing cash reports.

Does it sound interesting? Then simply get in touch with Katrin Talwar by simply calling

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For better readability, the generic masculine is used and the simultaneous use of the language forms masculine, feminine and diverse (m/f/d) is dispensed with. All references to persons apply equally to all genders.