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# AIS Weekly

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## NEWS FOR ALL

### TODDLER NEWS



We are pleased to share that **Teacher Messaging** will be enabled on Toddle on Friday 8 September and you can soon send messages directly to your children's teachers via the Toddle app. This messaging function will be useful for quick questions, concerns, clarifications or information sharing.

If your message is longer, sensitive or complicated, we would ask you to continue to communicate via email or arrange a face-to-face meeting with the relevant teacher. Please contact PYP Coordinator Samantha Addington [sa@ais-aarhus.dk](mailto:sa@ais-aarhus.dk) with any general questions or concerns.

If you are unable to log-in to your Toddle Family account, [please use this link to reset your password](#). Enter the same email you have registered with the school. You'll then receive a message from Toddle with temporary password and be able to reset your password and connect.

### A MESSAGE FROM AARHUS KOMMUNE

*Offer for children who stutter (grades 1-6, PYP5-MYP2)*



When you stutter, it can be nice to meet others who feel the same way. Stammeteamet at PPR in Aarhus Municipality holds a Stutter Café twice a year, where children who stutter have the opportunity to have fun and socialize with each other. You can read more about the offer in the

attached folder, in Danish. Registration is required, please see the attached information folder to find out more and to sign up.

## EY (Early Years – Bushøjvænget)

**School Start and Transition Meeting on Wednesday 20 September**

We would like to invite PYP 3 parents and guardians to a meeting about school start and transition to PYP4 on **Wednesday, 20 September at 8.30 am** in the hall of our Early Years Campus.



Margaret will be present and share information about starting in PYP 4 and there will also be a question-and-answer session at the end of the meeting. Please note that there is no sign-up required.

We expect the meeting to take between 30-45 minutes.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this meeting.

## ASA

### PYP-MYP Clubs on Campus

There are still some spots left in e.g. chess, dance, and drama. The clubs for fall term can be found in the attached brochure. You may sign up for clubs through the following link:

[Clubs on Campus sign up form](#)

### PYP4-8 After School Activities (ASA) & Morning and Afternoon Care (MAC)

To sign up for MAC (PYP4-5) or ASA (PYP4-8), or for further information, please contact ASA Coordinator Ms Wendy Garnier at [wg@ais-aarhus.dk](mailto:wg@ais-aarhus.dk). Please note that we require 48 hours to sign up and a full months' notice to sign out or change from MAC/ASA.

### PYP4-8 HALF DAY CHILDCARE September 19



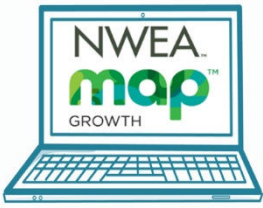
On Tuesday September 19th the PYP4-8 students will have an early dismissal at 11:45. The students can attend free childcare until their regular dismissal times (14:15 or 15:00) only if they are signed up through the link below. MAC and ASA students are automatically signed up for Half Days.

[Sign Up Half Day September 19 – deadline September 15.](#)

## PYP-MYP

### MAP ASSESSMENTS: PYP5-MYP3

Students in PYP5-PYP8, along with students in MYP1-MYP3, are scheduled to participate in the Fall Measures of Academic Progress Assessments (MAPs) between 11-29 September 2023. Each student in these grade levels will take two electronic assessments: Reading and Mathematics. Students who miss a testing session or need additional time to complete their assessments will have the opportunity to participate in a Make-Up testing session.



We are hoping to have all testing completed in early October.

Our PYP5 students will be taking this assessment for the very first time, so for our youngest students this process is very much about getting used to the idea of taking a computerized assessment and becoming familiar with the system. We also help our students begin understanding the idea of using a test to measure what we know and what we can do. We do our very best at school to positively support all students through this experience and frame this as a way to check in on student learning and to see how each student is progressing.



The assessment process is an important opportunity for us as a school to check in on individual student progress, as well as the broader, general trends we are seeing in our students across the school. The results of the MAP assessments for the year will be shared with you through your child's homeroom teacher towards the end of the school year in PYP, after the students have completed the assessment for a second time this year in the Spring of 2024. In the MYP, the results are shared upon request.

### How can you help prepare your child for MAPS?



It is important that nothing changes in your routine at home. Students should go to bed at a reasonable time and come to school ready for the day and prepared for their lessons, as usual. The assessments are designed to determine your child's level of current academic progress therefore, no studying or extra practice is needed. Please continue to support with homework and assessment tasks throughout this time frame, as you normally would.

We do, however, ask that you take special awareness to the start of the school day and have students in their homeroom, *ready to begin the day at 8:00*, as many testing sessions are set to begin at 8:15. Many thanks for your support in this process.

## MYP

### SAVE THE DATE!

The annual MYP assessment seminar will take place on Wednesday 20 September from 16:00 – 17:00 in the MYP I&S room in the pavilions.

This session is especially recommended for new parents and MYP1 parents. Kathryn Templeman, MYP Coordinator will go through all the relevant information in terms of grades and reporting for MYP subjects and answer questions.



## PTA

### PYP PTA COFFEE morning on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>



ALL PYP parents are invited to join us for our PTA coffee morning on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 8.15-9.30 in the small gym. Ms. Samantha Addington (PYP Coordinator), Wendy Garnier (ASA Coordinator) Margaret Kristensen (Primary School Principal and Early Years Leader) will make a short presentation. Parents will have an opportunity to ask questions and share feedback. We hope as many parents as possible can join us.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### for AIS Halloween Party

Date: Friday 27 October 2023

Time: 17:00 - 19:00

Location: Dalgas Campus



It was a big hit last year so bring your creative ideas (& tricks) and get involved in the games! From treats to tricks & the most awaited Haunted House, it will be a fun spooky party to remember. Stay tuned for more details!

**Spooktacular Decors:** Our event is most successful with you involved. We need volunteers big & small to create the spooky atmosphere and clean up after. Parent volunteers are also needed to supervise our PYP4-8 students (who are not in ASA) prior to the party. Please sign up here to volunteer ->

<http://tinyurl.com/yxuubjch>

**Halloween Treats:** Witch fingers? Brains cupcakes? If you are ready to help & donate food, we would be very grateful to you! Please sign up here to donate delectable treats -> <http://tinyurl.com/3scx8dzn>

#### Pumpkin Carving Competition

Show off your creative & carving skills! Whether it be scary, funny or ghoulish, we want it all! Boo!! Drop off your carved pumpkins from: Mon 23 October to Wed 25 October Time: 07:45 - 08:15 Location: Dalgas Campus