



The 'Wind Rose'

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BIS celebrates 10 years of its successful operation

On 13th June the BIS celebrated its 10th anniversary at the City Hall of Belgrade. The Guest of Honour on this special occasion was H.E. Mr. Hans Ola Urstad, Ambassador of OSCE. We were happy to host a large number of guests including parents and other representatives of the Corps diplomatique in Belgrade.

The highlight of the celebration was the Graduation Ceremony where H.E. Mr. Urstad presented graduation certificates to the 10th generation of BIS students. These students will now move from BIS into universities throughout the world.



BIS introduces Primary Cambridge Programme

For many years now BIS has been an authorized Cambridge examination centre. While this has so far applied only to Secondary students who have been able to sit their IGCSE, AS and A2 examinations on school premises, from September 2007 Primary students will also be able to get at the end of each year an externally issued and internationally recognized Cambridge Certificate.

The Council of Europe Representatives visit BIS

On Friday, 19th October, BIS had the pleasure of hosting Ms. Boer Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe who, with a delegation from the Council of Europe, visited our school as part of her visit to Belgrade. This event was preceded by the participation of BIS Primary students at the European Flag Raising Celebration in front of the Serbian Parliament, where our students sang in front of a large public audience. We wish to take this opportunity to thank the delegation of the Council of Europe headed by Ms. Buquicchio for bringing presents to our students on the occasion of their visit to BIS.



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In the event of an impending storm at sea, sailors call the shortest path to a safe harbor the "Wind Rose". When heading towards the "Wind Rose" sailors can often be found in their cabins because the ship is travelling as fast as it can, and the sailors are trying not to think of the possible consequences of the storm. They think only of the safety of the harbor, their loved ones at home on solid land, and what they will enjoy when they survive the ravages of the storm.

Mr Jonathan Rider, the cofounder of IHSB and our first Director of Education, was an enthusiastic traveller and he loved the sea. He named this regular school community newsletter the "Wind Rose" to represent the qualities of safe harbor and the strong foundations which must be present in an excellent school.