

# Newsletter August 2010

Dear Parents and Students,

The school committee warmly welcomes all of you to the new school year. We hope you have all returned safe and sound from the holidays. At the same time we are once again happy to welcome new families, with new children, to our school.

On behalf of the school committee, *Carsten Simon*

## The Head's Lines

I would like to thank all parents who have chosen GSIS-Accra as their preferred school.

Following an intense preparation week, we have now started the school year together with our new teachers: Jule Bürger, Nursery; Oko Tetteh (Substitute teacher), Basic; Lauren Wassink, class 3/4; Sarah Laros, class 5/6, and; René Fritzsche, secondary 1 class 7- 10.

During the summer break the playground was painted and three new classrooms were newly furnished as follows: Basic English, 3/4; English room, and; room for extra lessons. Unfortunately, the soccer field is only partially available until further notice (due to the impact of construction work on adjoining property). We are doing our utmost to have it returned as soon as possible!

**Around the school** Please note that the closing times for Kindergarten, Nursery and B1 (Monday swimming) have shifted from last year, thereby helping to make the school even more attractive for our families.

The cost of lunch stays the same, although change is planned for February 2011.

We are presently experiencing increased interest from parents, particularly in our bilingual school programme, and currently have a total of 87 students on roll, thereby having helped achieve our target to increase student numbers. At the Annual General Meeting, on October 14<sup>th</sup>, we will therefore be in a position to present a balanced budget for the school year 2010/11.

**For all new parents there will be an information evening this coming Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> August, at 6 pm in the school canteen. Please come and ask all your questions!**

Wishing all of us a successful school year,

*Stefano Cafilisch*, Headmaster

## Pictures of the Month



**The Large Hole in the Soccer Field**



**New Room (Basic)**



**New English Room, Class 3-4**



**First-Aid-Room**

## **Around the School**

To help ensure a good start for new parents and students, the following is a short summary of the most important things to know.

- **Start of lessons, 07:45**
  - Nursery/Kindergarten/Basic/ Primary/Secondary start at 7:45 am
  - Supervision of the playground starts at 7.00 am
- **End of lessons:**
  - 12:15 pm for Nursery and Kindergarten (Supervision ends at 12.45 pm)
  - Basic and Upper classes according to their timetables
- **Lunch break, from 12:15 to 1 pm**
  - An (optional) supervised lunch is served in the Canteen from 12:15  
Meal coupons can be bought at the secretary's office (ground floor in the office building, closed Wednesdays).
  - The costs are 2 GHS for Kindergarten, 3 GHS for the Basic level, 4 GHS for all others
  - For Nursery classes, supervised lunch starts at 11.45 in the Nursery room (free of charge)
  - For Kindergarten classes, supervised lunch starts at 12.15 with Mrs. Sawyerr (in Kindergarten)
  - **No** supervision outside the canteen
- **After school programme, Mon - Thu**
  - Starts after lunch with Mrs. Sawyerr
  - Afternoon programme ends at 4pm. After 4 pm there is supervision with Aunty Victoria, collection at the latest by 5:30 pm.
- **Extra curricula** (sport, art, music etc.) Wednesdays, from 1 pm, Mrs. Sawyerr makes sure that small children are brought to their booked lessons. Afterwards, once again, they can re-join the after school programme.
- **The School Library** is open to everyone, Monday to Thursday, from 12.15 to 1 pm. There are suitable books for all readers, no matter how big or small!!
- **German lessons**  
If there are enough English speaking people who would like to improve their German, a German class could be organised...please let us know if you would like to join! (Administration: Ina Geldner).