



# THE BLAZE

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## Dear Parents

I trust that you have all been enjoying the glorious early Autumn weather over the past few days or so, and for those of you whose children have been away on Week Without Walls, some quality alone time with your spouses! The weather really has been wonderful, and perfect for all of our secondary students who have been enjoying adventures away from school with their classmates and teachers.

It was good to see a large turnout from our Chinese speaking community yesterday who came into school to meet with our guidance counsellor, Ms. Rebecca Jiang, to discuss a range of topics including promoting wellbeing (e.g., lots of sleep, healthy food choices and exercise), supporting our children in making informed decisions about which universities they might like to attend (note the emphasis on the student making the decision in partnership with their parents and not the parents making the decision alone!), possible strategies to help prepare our children for university (e.g., lots of sleep, healthy food choices and exercise!!), and the innumerable advantages of an IB education when applying to universities. We will be hosting a series of similar meetings over the coming months, as well as sharing a number of WeChat videos (with AI translation) on related topics. We will also start trialing live streaming of the monthly PFO meetings, though of course we'd prefer it if you attended in person!

While on the topic of universities, I am delighted to share some news that I know will excite our Korean community, and that is that recent IST graduates Steve Go (Hyun Seung) and Henny Lee (Hyung Jin) have both just received confirmation of acceptances into leading medical and dentistry universities ... a major achievement in any country, but apparently especially significant in Korea. Congratulations to both graduates and their proud families!

Henny: Yonsei University, College of Dentistry & Chung-Ang University, College of Medicine (and still awaiting additional acceptances)  
Steve: Soonchunhyang University, College of Medicine and Monash University (Melbourne) School of Medicine.

One of the highlights of our school calendar is UN Day (24 October), when to come together as a community to celebrate our shared humanity. UN Day at IST starts with the Parade of Nations (national costumes), followed by an international concert (student and parent/staff performers), learning activities related to our theme for the day, and concluding with a delicious international lunch generously provided by our parents. Next week we will send out a formal call for community concert performances ... so please start thinking about any significant cultural or national item that you and members of your community might like to perform!

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Last week I sent out a brief 10 statement survey to new parents, as we do every year, soliciting feedback on their experience at IST thus far. While not every new parent chose to complete the survey, most did and I believe the data to be valid. I would like to share the results with you now, but to keep the data simple I will only share the negative/disagree responses, of which there were none! So, all in all, the feedback was extremely positive, although there were a few 'neutral/undecided' responses. Please also note that there were also a couple of written comments; I will not share these here, but please rest assured we will give your comments due consideration!

**New Parent Survey Statements** (total number of **disagree/negative** responses to the statements recorded in brackets):

1. Our school website, promotional materials and correspondence with you projected a realistic picture of our school and our programmes. **(0)**
2. Our administration (i.e., director, principals, admissions staff, etc.) were responsive to your enquiries about admission and worked hard to support you throughout the application process. **(0)**
3. Our finance office processed your fee statements and payments politely and efficiently. **(0)**
4. We provided you with helpful information (e.g., in the form of a welcome package containing publications such as the Parent-Student Handbook) to support your induction. **(0)**
5. Your first visit/tour of our school was welcoming and informative. **(0)**
6. The New Student and New Parent Orientation sessions were well organised and informative. **(0)**
7. Ongoing communication from our school to you (e.g., Parent Open House, Blaze Newsletter, Website, Toddle, e-notifications, etc.,) has been regular and informative. **(0)**
8. Our school appears to be doing its best to support your child/ren as they settle into a new and possibly very different school environment. **(0)**
9. At this early stage of the year you and your children feel pleased that you made the decision to join us here at IST. **(0)**
10. The school's philosophy, as encapsulated in the motto 'Working, Learning, Acting TOGETHER', appears to drive genuinely the climate and culture of our school. **(0)**

IST teachers and support staff will work at school tomorrow (Saturday) as we prepare documentation for our May 2025 IB/CIS/WASC Re-Accreditation Visit. I'd like to thank my team for coming in on Saturday and wish our students a most enjoyable four day weekend! Happy Mid-Autumn Festival Everyone - Zhōngqiū Kuàilè! 中秋快乐!

Steve Moody  
Director





## IST Library & Information Literacy Center

### Our Mission

The IST Library is a friendly place where our community is inspired and challenged to think critically, read widely, act ethically, value creativity, and defend the right to access information.



### Author Visit September 23 & 24

We are excited to welcome author Mo O'Hara to IST on the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> of September. O'Hara is the author of many books for children, including the *My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish* chapter book series and *Agent Moose* graphic novel series. You can visit her website here: <https://moohara.co.uk>. During her visit, she will be running assemblies and workshops for students in Nursery to grade 9. Parents are welcome to attend one of the assembly presentations. A schedule will be shared closer to her visit.



Some of O'Hara's books are available to order through our partner Obido books (please see the attached order form). Please note that local stock of her books is limited, and most books will be imported. Students who order her books can bring a copy of their online receipt and Mo will sign a sticker that can be put in the books once they are delivered.

### Parent Book Club

Our next Parent Book Club selection is the novel *Piranesi* by Susanna Clarke. We will meet in the library to discuss the book on **Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**, in the IST library. The library has copies of the book in English, Chinese, and Korean. A digital copy in English or Chinese is also available upon request.

All interested parents are welcome to join us for a book discussion, coffee, and treats, even if you haven't had a chance to read the book.



Library hours: Monday to Thursday 7:30 to 4:30 | Friday 7:30 to 3:30





## AUTHOR VISIT / ORDER FORM

### 作者见面会订购单



Mo O'Hara Originally from America, Mo moved to London because she wanted to live abroad but spoke no foreign languages. After a brief and unsuccessful stint as a serving wench at the Tower of London, Mo found work as an actress and comedy performer. It was when she toured the UK as a storyteller that she started writing for kids. Mo's debut novel, My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish, was an international bestseller.

Mo O'Hara来自美国，搬到伦敦是因为她想在国外生活，但不会说外语，在伦敦塔做了一段短暂而不成功的侍女后，莫找到了一份演员和喜剧演员的工作。当她作为一个讲故事的人在英国巡演时，她开始为孩子们写作。莫言的处女作《我的大胖僵尸金鱼》成为国际畅销书。

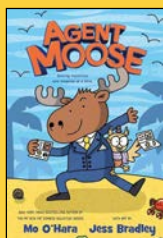


Mo O'Hara

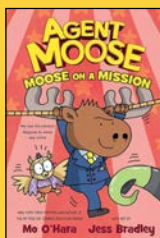


**Hush Little Rocket**  
Hardcover  
精装  
Age: 1+  
128RMB

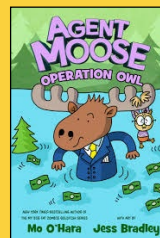
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Hardcover  
精装  
Age: 6+  
78RMB



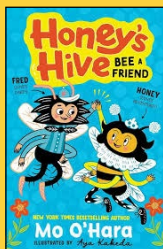
**Agent Moose Book 2: Moose on a Mission**  
Hardcover  
精装  
Age: 6+  
78RMB



**Agent Moose Book 3: Operation Owl**  
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78RMB



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Dear Students, Faculty, and Supporters,

Welcome to Season One of our school's sports program! This season, we're excited to offer three sports: High School Volleyball, Middle School Football, and Middle School Badminton.

- **HS Volleyball** practices on Mondays and Fridays from 15:30 to 17:00.
- **MS Football** practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 15:30 to 17:00.
- **MS Badminton** practices on Wednesdays from 15:30 to 16:30 and Thursdays from 15:30 to 17:30.

Both our HS Volleyball and MS Football teams kicked off the season with strong performances in their first official games last week. The season is now in full swing, with exciting games and tournaments on the horizon. Our MS Football teams will head to Beijing next Saturday for the ISAC MS Football Div 2 exchange where they will play at least three games against Beijing opposition, and our HS Volleyball team will take on TEDA at home on September 26th.

We look forward to seeing the dedication, teamwork, and school spirit from all our student-athletes this season and hope to see our school community in full support at home games as we look to develop an exciting and supportive atmosphere.

Below you can see a short write up from our coaches for the first games of the season:

### 02 Sep – HS Volleyball Girls vs TIS

*“On September 2nd, the IST girls’ volleyball team kicked off their season with an impressive victory against TIS, winning decisively with a score of 2-0. The team showcased remarkable teamwork and a strong desire to win, highlighting their commitment to each other and the game. Each girl had the opportunity to step onto the court and play, allowing them to feel like integral members of the team and enhancing their understanding of the game. A standout moment came when Karin served an astonishing 17 consecutive balls, significantly boosting the team's confidence and momentum. This strong start sets a promising tone for the season ahead!” – Ms. Lily*







## 02 Sep – HS Volleyball Boys vs TIS @ IST

*“As is tradition, volleyball kicks off our first season following the summer holiday. In an exciting home match, the IST boys’ volleyball team faced off against TIS, marking our first game after a long break.*

*Despite some changes in the lineup, the core of our team remained intact, which was evident in our performance. We triumphed in both sets, showcasing dominance throughout the match. However, we experienced a few lapses in concentration that caused our level of play to drop at times—an area we need to improve moving forward.*

*Consistency is key if we want to achieve strong results in our upcoming tournaments. This match also provided an excellent opportunity to introduce new players who are eager to compete for their spots on the ACAMIS team. Overall, it was a promising start to the season, and we look forward to building on this momentum!” – Mr. Silvis*



## 05 Sep – MS Football Boys vs TIS @ TIS

*“Our Middle School Boys’ Football team had a hard-fought match at TIS (who have enough football boys to fill 3 teams. We narrowly lost the game 2-3. Despite the result, the team played with great teamwork, successfully applying the skills we’ve been practicing and showing great promise for the season ahead. Their focus on maintaining positions, communicating effectively, and creating passing triangles really paid off, showing solid progress and growth!” – Ms. Bekkenk*





## 05 Sep – MS Football Boys vs TIS @ TIS

*“It was a fantastic, spirited effort from the IST girls’ middle school team as they faced off against their TIS opponents. Although the game ended as a 0-0 draw, it was fairly obvious which team had the majority of the territory advantage and the chances. IST peppered the goal with shots from Captain Chae Won, Teppy Jablonski and our latest IST football revelation, Rio Takahashi! Alice was a stalwart as centre-back, making clearance after clearance. She was ably assisted by some fierce defence from Jackie, Estelle, Fiona, and Eunseo. What they perhaps lacked in stature they more than made up for with lion-like bravery. Special mention needs to go to Ayane and Sarah who put in a huge effort all over the park. Finally, we have to applaud the staunch and stoic Sinje, who took on the goalkeeping gloves without complaint after our regular goalkeeper Zoe was out ill. Sinje’s commitment cannot be questioned having left a sizable chunk of skin on the astroturf. Overall, the girls should all be proud of their efforts and we very much look forward to developing further through the season. GO BLAZE!” – Mr. Williams*



Wishing all our athletes the best of luck for the remainder of the season!

GOOOOO BLAZING DRAGONS!!!!

Byron Kennedy  
Athletic Director



## IST Golf Day 9 September 2009

We had a fantastic IST golf day, enjoying a beautiful day on the course while playing 9 holes. The kids had a wonderful time, bonding and having fun together, and the adults joined in on the enjoyment as well.

A highlight of the day was Byron's incredible performance on Hole 9 of the CD course, where he achieved a stunning 340-yard hole-in-one! Just before that moment, he had been voicing his concerns about his driver, suggesting it wasn't the right club for the course. But he certainly proved himself wrong with that majestic shot!



It was a memorable day filled with laughter and great shots, and we can't wait to do it again!







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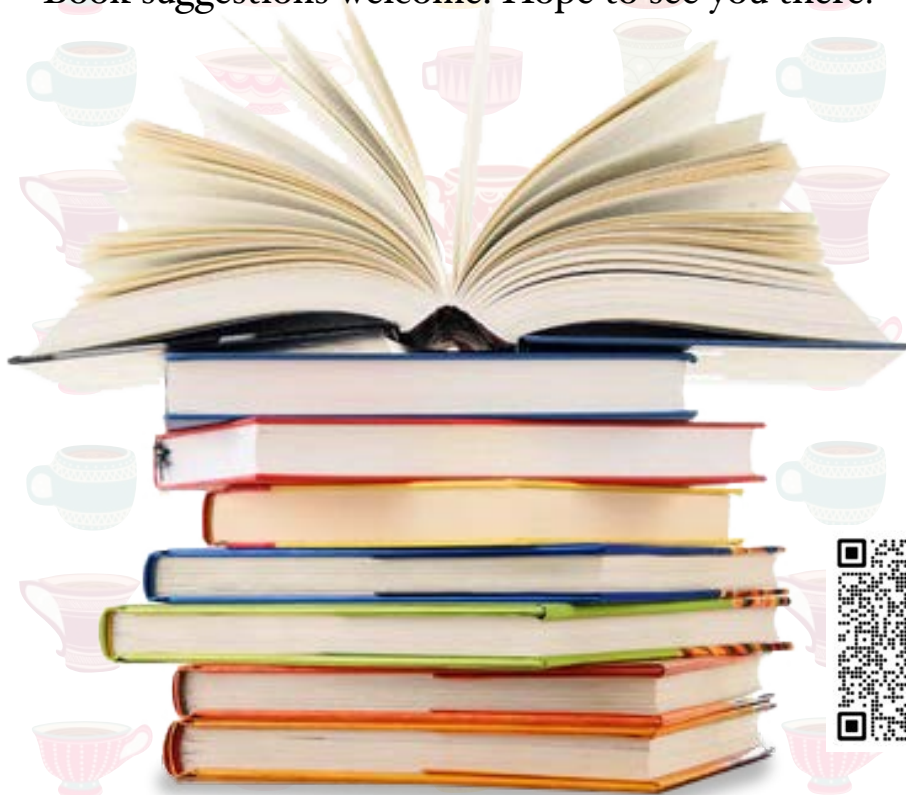
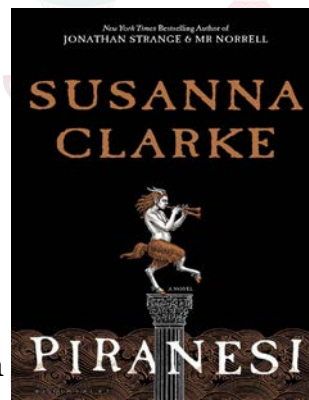
Come along to our monthly meet ups to discuss books and enjoy coffee & cakes!

This month's book is *Piranesi* by Susanna Clarke. The library has copies in English, Chinese and Korean.

Our next meeting is September 19th at 8.30am in the Library.

Even if you haven't read the book come along.

Book suggestions welcome. Hope to see you there!





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**3:00**

**VENDORS**

- ✓ YUMMY BAKERY
- ✓ SEPTEMBER
- ✓ TROLLEY BBQ
- ✓ LECROBAG BAKERY
- ✓ ANIMAL SHELTER
- ✓ TIANJIN PLUS

**PFO PICNIC 2024**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**  
**11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

FACE PAINTING, HAIR DYE, TATTOOS, WATER FUN,  
 FOOTBALL GAME, JUMPING CASTLE,  
 BUBBLE MACHINE & MORE

**VENDORS**

- ✓ M.P.J.
- ✓ CLOWN
- ✓ PIZZA BIANCA
- ✓ JUK STORY
- ✓ D-MART
- ✓ SNOWFLAKE ICE CREAM

Bring a blanket and pack your lunch or you can buy from food and drink vendors at the event!

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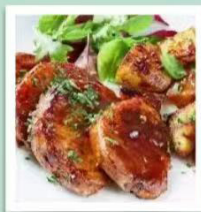


## PFO Cooking Club

**Food theme: The Mexican cooking class**

**Menu:**

1. chicken tostadas
2. pork chops with tomato salsa and potatoes
3. mushroom quesadillas
4. mexican lemon pie



**When:** 25th Sep **Wednesday** 9:00am-2pm

**Where:** IST Elementary Kitchen

**Host:** Fatima

**Cost:** 100 RMB per person

Please join the WeChat group by scanning this QR code:  
Max 16 participants, first-come first-served.







## Weekly Menu (9~13 Sept)

Type	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Snack	Yoghurt Fruit Cut	Carrot Cake Fruit Cut	Mini Pizza Fruit Cut	Banana Bread Fruit Cut	Cheese Sandwich Fruit Cut
Set Meal	Pizza Margherita 芝士比萨 Stir fry Vegetables 炒蔬菜 <i>Allergy: wheat, cheese</i>	Stir Fried Pork in Pita Bread 京酱肉丝配荷叶饼 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 <i>Allergy: wheat, soybean</i>	Ground Beef in Tomato Sauce 番茄肉酱饭 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 <i>Allergy: beef, cheese, milk</i>	Hamburger 牛肉汉堡 French Fries 薯条 <i>Allergy: wheat, soya sauce</i>	Chicken Finger 炸鸡条 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Roasted Potatoes 烤土豆 <i>Allergy: breadcrumb</i>
Fruit	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day
Nutritional reading over the week 每周营养分析		Energy 热量 (Kcal) 710	Protein 蛋白质 (g) 25	Carbohydrate 碳水 (g) 105	Fat 脂肪 (g) 20

## Weekly Menu (16~20 Sept)

Type	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Snack			Banana Bread Fruit Cut	Carrot Cake Fruit Cut	Vegetable Sandwich Fruit Cut
Set Meal			Chicken Teriyaki 照烧鸡排 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 <i>Allergy: soya sauce, breadcrumb</i>	Steamed Pork Dumplings 小笼包 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 <i>Allergy: wheat, soya sauce</i>	Chicken Quesadilla 芝士鸡肉饼 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 <i>Allergy: wheat, cheese</i>
Fruit			Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day	Fruit of the Day
Nutritional reading over the week 每周营养分析		Energy 热量 (Kcal) 715	Protein 蛋白质 (g) 26	Carbohydrate 碳水 (g) 102	Fat 脂肪 (g) 19

## Weekly Menu (16~20 Sept)

Type	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Salad/ Fruit			Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar Fruit of the Day	Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar Fruit of the Day	Seasonal Fresh Salad Bar Fruit of the Day
Western Food			Beef Balls 番茄汁牛肉丸 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Mashed Potatoes 土豆泥 <i>Allergy: beef, soya sauce</i>	Hot Dog 热狗 French Fries 薯条 <i>Allergy: wheat</i>	Chicken Quesadilla 芝士鸡肉饼 Stir fry Vegetable 炒蔬菜 Roasted Potatoes 烤土豆 <i>Allergy: wheat, cheese</i>
Asian Food			Chicken Teriyaki 日式照烧鸡排 Stir Fried Cabbage 素炒洋白菜 <i>Allergy: soya sauce, breadcrumb</i>	Chicken Stewed with Coconut Sauce 马来西亚椰浆鸡肉饭 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 <i>Allergy: coconut, milk</i>	Kungpao Shrimp 宫保虾仁 Stir fry Vegetable 炒时蔬 <i>Allergy: shrimps</i>
Noodle Dishes			Noodles with pork in Soybean paste 炸酱面 Mixed Vegetables 拌蔬菜 <i>Allergy: soybean, wheat</i>	Rice Noodles with Beef Soup 牛肉清汤河粉 boiled Vegetables 煮蔬菜 <i>Allergy: soya sauce</i>	Pork Dumplings 猪肉水饺 Mixed Vermicelli with Vegetables 拌粉丝 <i>Allergy: soya sauce</i>
Vegetarian			Noodles with Soybean Paste 炸酱面	Stir Fry Rice Noodles with Vegetables 蔬菜炒河粉	Zucchini and Egg Dumplings 西葫芦鸡蛋水饺
Soup			Red Bean Soup 红豆汤	Vegetable and Egg Soup 蔬菜鸡蛋汤	Tomato and Egg Soup 西红柿鸡蛋汤
Dessert			Chocolate Cake 巧克力蛋糕	Carrot Cake 胡萝卜蛋糕	Fruit Tart 水果塔
Nutritional reading over the week 每周营养分析		Energy 热量 (Kcal) 759	Protein 蛋白质 (g) 25	Carbohydrate 碳水 (g) 100	Fat 脂肪 (g) 20



## DIARY DATES

Saturday - September 14, 2024  
Staff PD

Monday - September 16, 2024  
Long Weekend

Tuesday - September 17, 2024  
Mid-Autumn Festival

Friday - September 20, 2024  
Celebration of 30th Anniversary Day

Saturday - September 21, 2024  
PFO Picnic

Monday~Tuesday - September 23~24, 2024  
Author Visit

## SPORTS DATES

Friday, 20 September –  
ES Table Tennis (G3-5) (12:00-15:30)@TIS

Saturday, 21 September –  
ISAC MS Football Exchange  
Boys @ BIBA; Girls @ BWYA

Monday, 23 September –  
HS Volleyball v TEDA-Boys & Girls @ TEDA

Thursday, 26 September  
MS Football v TEDA-Boys & Girls @ IST

Monday, 7 October  
HS Volleyball v WEL-Boys & Girls @ IST

## WELCOME TO THE IST SPORTS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CCA) PROGRAM FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Please take note of the following dates:

### Season 1 Sport Schedule

- ☺ Starts Monday, 2 Sep and ends Friday, 15 Nov
- ☺ The program will run for approximately 10 school weeks
- ☺ No CCAs during holidays and PTSCs (conferences)

Please do not hesitate to contact our department with any questions.

- ☺ Mr. Kennedy – Athletics Director (byron\_kennedy@istianjin.org.cn)
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