

OIS NEWS

Sapere Aude

Physics Trip to Cern

This weekend Year 13 physics students will be going to CERN. The "Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire" the European Council for Nuclear Research located in Switzerland.

Let's collect together

Donations can be made in order to help the homeless to pass through this rough winter. A flyer will be sent out with details. Collection will end on the Monday 29th of January.

TOK Trip to the Azores

From Friday the 2nd of February to Monday the 5th of February a group of 15 students will have the opportunity to join Professor Monjardino on a 40km overnight walk in the Azores. This walk will develop the student's critical thinking but also allow them to bond as a group.

Porto MUN

From Thursday 8th to Saturday 10th of February another delegation of students from OIS will be attending OPOMUN in Porto, the conference will host 300 delegates for its 11th edition in 2018.

The school production: "Enchanted Rose"

Another year and another production completed to the standard that OIS has come to expect from our talented and amazing students. I hope you all had the opportunity to see the wonderful performance of the "Enchanted Rose".

This following term many new performance will be taking place from the Jazz concert, where our students will be performing at St. Julians to the talent show organised by Ms Domingas Sottomayor. I hope you can all make the performances this term and I take this opportunity to once again congratulate all the talented and hard working students we have at OIS.

- Barbara de Castro Guimarães

Sharing our Love for Books

In the past the OIS Library has organized an initiative where parents from our community would come to the school and read their favourite childhood books to our Year 6 students. Based on the success of this activity, I would like to continue this initiative of having parents reading for Y6 students again. It is called "Sharing our Love for Books" and the aim is for parents (of any year group) to read a book that was memorable for them when they were a child. This will take place during Term 2. Parents can sign up by sending me an email to joana.vale@oeirasinternationalschool.com

-Ms. Do Vale

Gold Residential Project Casa Pia July-August 2017

Congratulations to Lidia and Ines who completed their Gold Residential Service Project with Casa Pia at Areia Brancarom from July 10th to July 14th 2017. OIS is proud of both Lidia and Ines' commitment to this Service Project and for giving up a part of their summer holiday to complete it. But they have been rewarded with an experience that will benefit not only them, but the orphans of Casa Pia who loved the care and attention the girls gave them. The Project is a program of activity camps for disadvantaged children, the majority of whom are orphans. The Assessor at the camp thought both girls were committed, responsible, and dynamic and had an excellent relationship with the children at the camp who will



Outcome of an Unforgettable Christmas

As most of you know, in Term 1 we collected Christmas presents for two organisations: the Tires prison and Ajuda de Mãe. We managed to provide amazing gifts for 64 children! Without our help, these kids would not have received anything at all for Christmas. I would therefore like to thank all students, parents and staff who were enthusiastic about the project and participated in many ways. In addition to this, a lot of gifts were handed in even after the deadline. These donations were offered to a local organisation in Barcarena and were given to over 100 families who could not afford Christmas presents. Thank you all very much for your help and I hope we can continue this project next year as I believe it is a great opportunity to make a significant difference within our community.

-By Maartje Bal

never forget their July Summer of 2017. Well done both, a fantastic achievement.

- Mr. Davies



As previously announced by Mr. Lomba, OIS will be conducting our second International Student Exchange Program between 9th – 17th March 2018. This time we will be visited by 8 young men from Chaminade College Preparatory School, in St. Louis, Missouri, and a return visit for OIS students is planned for September/October 2018. Chaminade is a Catholic boys school in the Marianist tradition for boys in years 6 – 12.

Participating in exchange programs provides many benefits not just for the student but for the entire family. It encourages tolerance and helps develop respect for other cultures. It is a wonderful way to learn more about the world we live in without having to leave home and also enables us to appreciate the lives that we have. Taking the time to explain what we do to someone else provides the opportunity for us to see our daily lives through new eyes rather than just going through the routines.

Some of the personal benefits that other participants in exchange programs have reported include:

- Self-development and awareness leading to enhanced self-confidence and self-esteem.
- Maturity and social poise, fueled by the necessity to confront challenges outside a familiar support network and comfort zone.
- Integration into another family's life as well as the development of life-long friendships, fostering an appreciation of home and family.
- A tremendous sense of accomplishment upon completion encourages students to develop independent opinions, make informed decisions and strive to attain fresh goals.

There is still the opportunity for any Year 10-12 student to be involved in this program and if you haven't registered your interest previously with Mr. Lomba, (email: steve.lomba@oeirasinternationalschool.com), we request that you contact him in the next couple of days as the deadline for applications is closing this week.

-The Parent Club committee

If you have any questions about the newspaper or want to put forward any article suggestions. Please contact us at: martin.barral@student.oeirasinternationalschool.com Or siam.vandervorst@student.oeirasinternationalschool.com