



DIS HAPPENINGS

DELEDDA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



CLASS 2025 CELEBRATION

After taking their final exam on the 21st of May, the DP2 students celebrated the end of their journey at DIS in the Aula Magna, together with their teachers, families, and friends. Congratulations to everyone, we wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

PYP ACTIVITIES

PYP1 - CASTELLO D'ALBERTIS



The PYP1 class went on a visit to Castello D'Albertis, the site of the Museum of World Cultures. The students reached the site by bus and then by the Montegalletto lift, which first runs on rails like a toy train and then rises vertically like a real lift. Once there, we walked around the castle garden, admiring the old cannons, watchtowers and cannonballs, both stone and iron. We also saw a large fish tank, huge shells, sundials and the original anchor from Captain D'Albertis' ship. Mr. Davide, showed and had them play different musical instruments coming from every part of the world.

Each sound told them something different. We took advantage of the park and stopped for an outdoor picnic with games and new songs. In line with the unit "Inventions in history and in relation to our five senses", during the visit the children discovered some inventions of the past, such as the Montegalletto elevator, cannons, sundials and musical instruments. Using their five senses, they touched, listened and observed special objects, understanding how these inventions have changed the way of living, travelling and communicating. (Prof. Montera)



PYP2 - ALTUM PARK



On Tuesday the 28th of May, the PYP2 class had a wonderful experience at the Altum Adventure Park in San Desiderio. Immersed in nature, the children spent the day outdoors, enjoying the greenery with creative games during their free time and challenging themselves with new and exciting activities. Between suspended paths, zip lines, and archery trials, the children faced various challenges, learning to overcome small obstacles and collaborate as a team. It was an intense day, full of emotions and personal achievements, a chance to push their limits in a safe and stimulating environment... a beautiful adventure to remember! (Prof. Fusta and Burns)



PYP3 - DISCOVERING THE ECONOMY

On the 21st of May, the PYP3 class had a special experience among sweets and market stalls: a visit to the laboratories of the Tagliafico Pastry Shop followed by an exploration of the Eastern Market, to kick off the new unit "How the world works". Through a provocation created by themselves, the children began to reflect on how economic activities influence the organization of society. A precious opportunity to stimulate autonomy, critical thinking and deep questions; a first step into the world of the real economy, closely observing the functioning of a market, consumer choices and money management. (Prof. Zani and Giannone)



PYP ACTIVITIES

PYP3 - CENTRO IPPICO GENOVESE

The class had a wonderful day at the **Centro Ippico Genovese**, where the children immersed themselves in an engaging and different activity. Armed with enthusiasm and curiosity, they had the opportunity to get to know horses up close, learning to take care of them with respect and attention: they cleaned them, brushed them and fed them, understanding the importance of the animal's well-being. After the care phase, the long-awaited moment arrived: getting in the saddle! Not everyone felt confident right away, but it was precisely in that moment that the children showed that they really know how to be **Balanced**: some faced fear, others encouraged their



classmates, and all together they found the right balance between courage, respect and fun. This experience helped our students grow harmoniously, developing physical, emotional and relational skills. A day they will never forget, and which showed in concrete terms what it means to be balanced! (Prof. Giannone and Zani)

PYP4 - EGYPTIAN MUSEUM OF TURIN

On the 29th of April Prof. Smith, Zani and Antola accompanied PYP4 to Turin to visit the Egyptian Museum. They visited a nearby park where they had a snack and then they headed to the museum for the "Superheroes of the Nile" tour. The students observed statues that depicted Egyptian Gods, all sorts of relics, and various types of sarcophagi. A couple of students were given the chance to read from a translated papyrus that described the mummification process. (Prof. Smith)



PYP5 - MILAN DA VINCI MUSEUM



On the 14th of May, the PYP5 class accompanied by Prof. Grazioli and Smith went to Milan to visit the National Museum of Science and Technology Leonardo da Vinci. This educational trip is connected to the current unit "How the world works" whose lines of inquiry are "The laws of universe" and "The geometric shapes". The students listened carefully to the stories about the life, works of Leonardo da Vinci, his studies and his inventions, reflecting on how Leonardo used his thinking skills and research skills in his life. (Prof. Grazioli and Smith)

PYP5 - RAVANO TOURNAMENT

With the start of the Ravano Tournament - Mantovani Cup held from May 19th to 29th at the Jean Nouvel Pavilion of the Genoa fair, the PYP5 Volleyball team led by Prof. Cuneo, passed the preliminary rounds and reached the final stages. In the last appointment on May 28th, the girls did not achieve the desired result but they gave their best!! Well done!! (Prof. Cuneo and Grazioli)



MYP ACTIVITIES

MYP1 - MOUSE TRAP GRAND PRIX



On Friday the 2nd of May the Monaco Mousetrap Grand Prix took place in Montecarlo-Monaco (Francia). Out of more than 40 schools participating internationally, only 18 were selected. Of them, only 6 in the "Regularity Relay" category including DIS with the team composed of its MYP1 students: Zoe Bannino (11 years old) and Adele Trillo (11 years old), accompanied by Design teacher Chiara De Filippo, Engineering Designer Federico Rosina and their wonderful families. The competition consisted of running the car on a 10-metre track in the closest possible time of 7 seconds. Three attempts were allowed: in the first one the 'Pizza car' crossed the finish line with 7.07 seconds, in the second with 7.07 seconds and the third with exactly 7.00 seconds, the one required!!! The result earned the 2 students First Place in the "Regularity Relay" category!!!! An overwhelming victory over the runners-up who finished on the podium with a time of 8.06 seconds, and the satisfaction of being the only participants from a middle school to compete against high school students and win! The prize was tickets to the Formula E Grand Prix which took place the following day, Saturday 03/05/25. Well done girls!! We are proud of you!! (Prof. De Filippo)

MYP2 - RACCOLTA OCCHIALI USATI

Students from MYP2 have set-up a poster campaign to promote a Service collection of old glasses, which will be repaired, cleaned and given to people in communities around the world that need new glasses. In this activity, the students themselves are involved in deciding how to organise their Service work. Class representative Riccardo Genta met the organiser, Aldo Brunelli, from the Lions Project: "Raccolta Occhiali Usati" and learnt about the project. After a brainstorming session, the students decided to run a poster campaign around the school, promoting their work. The collection point is on the 5th floor next to the snack machine. The collection will run until the last day of May. At the end of the project, both MYP2 Red and Green will reflect on how it went and make suggestions for improvements, involving the Lions in their findings, thus building connections with charitable organisations in our community that will only strengthen over time, in the spirit of the new MYP Community Engagement Programme. "Community Engagement is a form of learning that involves respectful and equitable interactions with communities. It allows students to apply classroom knowledge and skills to address real-world opportunities and challenges." So... if you have some glasses at home, even sunglasses, even just the frames (la montatura), please bring to school and help us fill up this box with our "vision"! (Prof. Ebury)



MYP ACTIVITIES

MYP1 - MUSEUM OF CERAMICS IN ALBISOLA



On Monday the 12th of May the two MYP1 classes took part in a fantastic educational trip to the Municipal School of Ceramics in Albisola Superiore. The day consisted of a visit to a local artisan workshop and a laboratory activity aimed at learning the technique of working clay with the aim of creating a small vase that was then fired in the ovens of the Albisola ceramics.

This activity is preparatory to the study of Ceramics in ancient civilizations, in particular Greek, addressed in Visual Arts and to the theme of Decorative Patterns that will be studied in Design, at the beginning of the second year. The pots have been delivered to school after the firing and are ready to be decorated the next academic year! (Prof. Sangiovanni)

MYP1 - PLAYGROUND PROJECT



The MYP1 project featured three engaging events. First, students attended a presentation on the 'Area Marina Protetta di Portofino', followed by a discussion with a marine biologist about the sustainable management of aquatic habitats. Next, they viewed the independent film 'Playground', which explores the theme of citizen science and was presented at the International Ocean Film Festival 2024. After the screening, students had the opportunity to engage in a discussion with the film's producers. The project concluded with a beach workshop in Recco which

was a day dedicated to physical activity and environmental commitment, with kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding excursions, followed by a scientific beach clean-up. The initiative was carried out in collaboration with Outdoor Portofino, Blackwave, and the Area Marina Protetta di Portofino. (Prof. Lorenzetti)



MYP2 - SCHOOL TRIP TO WESTGATE-ON-SEA

From the 11th to the 17th of May MYP2 students took part in a wonderful trip to Westgate-on-Sea, England. Every morning they had English lessons at a local language school, while the afternoons were dedicated to other activities: excursions to Canterbury and Dover, walks along the coast and to Margate including beach clean up activities, drama workshops and Djembe lessons.



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MYP2 - KITE PROJECT



From the collaboration between Mathematics and Design, an engaging project was born: the MYP2 students were challenged to design and build their own personalized kites. Starting with geometric planning and then constructing the kites using materials each student considered most suitable, the Red and Green classes brought their creations to life. On June 3rd, they had the opportunity to test their kites in Piazza Rossetti, turning theory into flight. (Prof. Sassetti)



MYP2 - PALAZZO DELLA MERIDIANA



On the 5th of June the students of MYP2 went to Palazzo della Meridiana for the workshop "Moda a palazzo: stilisti per un giorno". Here they explored 16th century fashion with a particular focus on the clothes depicted in the palace's frescoes. After having studied the history, events, daily life, fashion and typical clothes of the period of Gerolamo Grimaldi, the first owner of the palace, the students created their own fashion sketch, combining scraps of fabric and DIY accessories.

MYP3 - DIS OLYMPICS

The 2025 edition of the DIS Olympics, the annual athletics competition dedicated to the MYP3 classes, took place on Monday the 18th of May. The students competed in running, jumping and throwing tests inside the Villa Croce park, giving their best and putting into practice what they had learned during training in the previous months. (Prof. Taddei)



MYP3 - HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY



The MYP3 students, as part of their interdisciplinary unit across History and Geography, after learning about the history of Genoese migrants in the late 1800s at the Galata Museum, conducted interviews with people from around the world at the 'Pas à Pas' Association, which among other things offers free Italian classes to those who have recently been through a migration journey. The students interviewed people from Ukraine, Iran, Iraq, Ecuador, Syria, Brazil, Pakistan, and Egypt. They learned a great deal about the causes of global migration by examining the personal stories of people who experienced it firsthand. (Prof. Rolla and Lorenzetti)

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MYP4 - HUMANITIES AND SCIENCE

Our MYP4 students ventured into the Universe of smells and fragrances as part of an interdisciplinary unit bridging Humanities and Sciences. First, they explored the historical, cultural, psychological, and chemical dimensions of scent. Next, they devised ideas for a perfume they would like to create and developed a marketing strategy to promote it. Two weeks ago, they spent an entire morning with the team from Orma Sarai Laboratorio Olfattivo, crafting their own unique fragrances. Finally, they presented their creations to the public. The lineup featured, among many others; Carpe Diem, Gocciole, The Spirit of Woodstock, and Tokyo Nights. Some students drew inspiration from childhood memories, while others focused on innovative concepts for future business ventures. (Prof. Rolla)



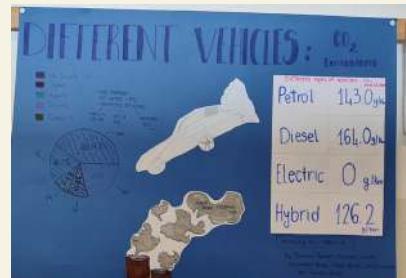
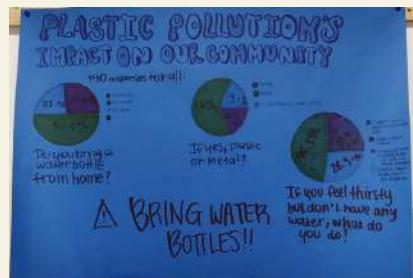
MYP4 - GERMAN SCHOOL EXCHANGE



During the week between the 13th and the 18th of May, a group of students from the Marie Curie Gymnasium in Berlin were guests of DIS for a school exchange. During their stay, the German students had the opportunity to attend some lessons at our school, enthusiastically integrating into the daily teaching activities. In addition to the hours in the classroom, the students were able to get to know the beauties of our territory through a series of guided tours. The tour began in the historic center and Porto Antico and then continued to Nervi, Santa Margherita and Portofino. (Prof. Bender)

MYP4 - SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

After studying the basic concepts of ecology, the two classes engaged in a project on the theme of environmental sustainability, involving the entire school community through questionnaires and posters to raise awareness on the topic. Specifically, MYP4 Green studied the impact of the school community on plastic pollution, aiming to quantify the number of plastic bottles and snack wrappers discarded each week. The other class, on the other hand, studied the impact of the school community on CO2 emissions related to the means of transportation used to get to school each day. (Prof. Stauder)



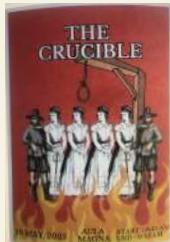
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MYP5 - SCHOOL TRIP TO BELGIUM

In May, as a class trip, MYP5 students had the opportunity to discover Belgium: an unforgettable experience that combined culture, history and fun! The students explored Brussels, admiring the Grand Place, the Atomium, the European Parliament and the famous Manneken Pis. In Ghent, they discovered the Castle of the Counts of Flanders and walked along the medieval canals. Finally, in Bruges, they experienced the unique atmosphere of the “Venice of the North”, among artisan chocolate shops and Flemish architecture. (Prof. Lanciano)



MYP5 -THE CRUCIBLE



MYP5 proudly presented their interpretation of Arthur Miller's play, The Crucible, on a Thursday, May 29th, in the Aula Magna. Students, parents, teachers and staff supported us enthusiastically and there was an heartfelt sense of community. A special hats off to DP1 directors Aurelio and Beatrice who led the afterschool drama club. Great job all!!!(Prof. Perez)

MYP5 - VIRTUAL EXCHANGE PROJECT WITH AUSTRALIA

Last May, our MYP5 class started an online exchange project (using Teams) with a group of year 10 students who study Italian as a second language at John Paul College (JPC), in Melbourne, Australia. The project aims to promote international mindedness through the use of soft skills such as communication and collaboration, as well as media literacy skills. After a first set of presentations in a mixture of English and Italian to get to know one another, the students at JPC shared their family migration stories testifying to the multicultural background that makes Australia so diverse. The interaction will continue over the summer. Divided in small mixed groups, students from both schools will correspond by email and their preferred social media platforms over the extended European summer school holidays. Connecting students with their Australian and Italian pen-friends will encourage them to cultivate their friendship and we hope that this interaction will be beneficial not only for their language skills, but also for their growth and intercultural competence. (Prof. Rondanina)



DP ACTIVITIES

MYP4 - MYP5 - DP1 FRENCH



On the 5th of May, French students from classes MYP4, MYP5 and DP1 went to the Politeama Genovese theater to see a show played and sung entirely in French, "Garçon de café, à Saint-Germain-des-prés", whose plot is set in Paris in the famous neighbourhood both in the present day and during the Second World War. A formidable opportunity to listen to the language, discover the culture, the history of France in a fun and engaging way but also to think about historical and non-historical issues, such as resilience and the importance of making your dreams come true. (Prof. Lanciano)

MYP4 - MYP5 - DP1 ITALIAN

Again this year, some of DIS students had the unique opportunity to attend a powerful theatrical performance at the Teatro dell'Arca, located within the Marassi prison. The play, titled "Sentinella, a che punto è la notte?", was performed by the inmates themselves and took place on Friday, the 16 of May. Students from MYP4, MYP5, and DP1, along with their Italian teacher were part of the audience. The performance tackled meaningful themes such as inclusion, the challenges of life, and the value of honesty. (Prof. Andreani)



DP1 - BUSINESS MANAGEMENT JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT



The regional competition for entrepreneurship of Junior Achievement was held on May 9, 2025 at the historical Palazzo della Borsa of Genova. All the Business Management HL students and some SL students were present. The 3 teams were shortlisted for the finals but unfortunately only Nebu JA could take part in the finals in Bergamo on June 4th and 5th, 2025. Survitals JA received the prize for best stand and Marta Floro, Margherita Battagliari, Sabine van Driel, Elena Carazzai and Shanel Kasmi of Halo Hugger JA have been shortlisted for the "Girls in STEM" Coca Cola HBC Italy award. (Prof. Shababi)

DP1 - SCHOOL TRIP TO LONDON

From the 10th to the 13th of May, the DP1 students, accompanied by their teachers Professors Perez, Pesenti, Shababi, and Zanchini, went on a school trip to discover the city of London. The trip began with an exploration of Camden Town, then continued south of the Thames to the Southbank and The City, where they visited iconic landmarks such as Borough Market, the Tower of London, the garden of St Dunstan in the East, The Monument, and the church of Saint Magnus-the-Martyr. After a lunch break, the group attended a performance of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet at the Globe Theatre. In the days that followed, they admired St Paul's Cathedral, the Barbican, Westminster, the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, and St Pancras. They also explored some of London's most famous squares, including Piccadilly Circus, Leicester Square, and Covent Garden.



Focus on CAS

MYP2 Red had the opportunity to follow-up their project with the Ocean Race Learning Programme by working alongside our Environmental Systems and Societies students from DP1. On Thursday, the 5th of June in lessons 7 and 8, MYP2 worked together, helping DP1 to complete a fieldwork activity on microplastics and plastics on the coast, cleaning a beach on Corso Italia, as part of the school's work with the "Guardiani della Costa". They sampled the shoreline area and the beach trying to see if there was a difference between the two areas. The younger ones cleaned the beach and counted 1705 pieces and bits of plastic and 37 bottles! In true DIS spirit, we left the beach better than we found it! (Prof. Ebury and Maniscalco)



NEWS AND COMMUNICATIONS

DIS&THAT PODCAST OUT NOW!



In this final episode of this year's Dis&That, we take you on a flavorful journey through the culinary cultures of different countries. More than just a source of nourishment, food is a powerful way to bring people together, across borders, across generations.

Whether it's a traditional dish prepared for a family gathering or a recipe shared between cultures, cuisine helps build bridges and preserve stories. To end the season, we're honored to welcome a very special guest: the grandfather of one of our students, who shares with us the beauty of Genoese, the dialect of this town. His contribution brings not just language, but memory, tradition, and a deep personal connection to our local heritage, a perfect reminder of how food and language can keep culture alive. (Prof. Lanciano)

FRENCH EXAMS



Congratulations to the MYP5 students who chose to take the DELF French certification exam at levels B1 and B2 at the beginning of the month at the Alliance Française in Genoa. (Prof. Lanciano)

DIS HAPPENINGS is curated by Elizabeth Coykendall Rice and Monica Merigli. We thank all the students and teachers who contributed to the realization of DIS Happenings 2024/2025.

