



GIS Newsletter 33
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The poster has a black background with a colorful, abstract pattern of lines in shades of green, blue, pink, and yellow. In the top left corner, there is a small circular logo of the school and the text "GJØVIKREGIONEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL". The main title "PYPx" is written in large, colorful, outlined letters. Below the title, the dates "» 6TH - 8TH MAY 2025" and the location "» STRAND KINO" are listed. In the center, there is a graphic of two hands reaching towards each other, with the text "WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?" repeated in a circular path around them. At the bottom left, there are two small logos: one for the United Nations and another for the "Primary Years Programme".

PYP Exhibition

The time has arrived!

Grade 6 would love to invite you to the PYPX Showcases of 2025.

The week's schedule is as follows:

Wednesday 7th May - 10:30 - 12:00 (Gjøvik Schools)

Thursday 8th May:

10:30 - 12:00 (Grades 1-4)

13:30 - 15:00 (Grades 8-10)

18:00 - 19:30 (GIS Community - You're welcome to come along with your children)

The PYPX is the culminating project of the Primary Years Programme. For families, especially in younger grades than Grade 6, this is the perfect opportunity to connect with a significant milestone in the school life of a GIS student. It might serve to inspire and excite you for what's to come!

Football shirt Friday

Grade 3 are looking to take some student action across the school. As a result they have chosen to participate in an event organised for this Friday: Football Shirt Friday.

As part of this process, the Grade 3's have been creating some posters which you should soon see hanging around the school.

- Football Shirt Friday is taking place on 9th May in schools around Norway.
- Come to school in your favourite Football Shirt and then ask your parents to Vipps 50 NOK (or more) to account 4422 to raise money to support the fight against Childhood Cancer.

Re-registration Forms

If you havent already, please do try to get your re-registration forms back to the school office no later than the 15th May.

Normal day on the 30th May

Having just had a long weekend we wanted to remind you all that even though Thursday 29th May is a holiday, the day after is a regular school day. Staff will be here as normal to work with the students.

Applications for Grade 1 in Academic Year 2026-27

Applications for our new Grade 1 to start in academic year 2026-27 is open. These lists do fill up pretty quickly, so if you know of any friends, family or even yourselves that would like to enroll a child please do send in an application at your earliest convenience.

Book Week



Book week will soon be upon us. We are planning on celebrating Book week this year in the week beginning 19th May. There will be some more detailed information for you but in the mean time please make note of these planned events.

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th students will be offered the opportunity to bring books to school for a book swap. Then on Wednesday 21st May we are looking to hold a book sale. If you have books that you would like to donate please feel free to start bringing them into school for Mrs Rasen to begin organising. The last few years you have all been very generous and we thank you for your continued support.

On the Thursday we have pyjama day and on the Friday students can come to school dressed as their favourite literary characters.

Through the week we will be promoting not one but TWO writing competitions for our community to join in with. One competition is a poetry competition whilst the other is a writing competition. Have a look at the details below.

Poetry Competition

 ✨ Calling All Poets and Performers! ✨ 
Join Our Poetry Reciting Extravaganza!

Have a **favorite poem** that moves you, inspires you, or makes you smile?
This is your chance to **bring it to life** and **share it with the world!**

What's Happening?

We're hosting a **Poetry Reciting Event** where you get to perform a poem you've learned by heart – solo or with friends in a small group. Feel free to add your own flair with music, dance, or visuals to make your performance shine!

Why Should You Join?

- * Show off your creativity and confidence
- * Celebrate the beauty of language and rhythm
 - * Have fun performing with friends
- * Inspire others with the power of poetry!




When?

Teacher Preview: **Tuesday 20.05** (in front of our supportive teachers)
Main Performance: During the school **assembly 23.05** (in front of fellow students!)

Whether you love classic poetry or something modern and fun, we can't wait to see your talent on stage!

✨ Sign up now and let your voice be heard! Poetry isn't just on the page – it's alive, and it's waiting for YOU to bring it to life.

Writing Competition

  **Unleash Your Imagination – Join the Writing Competition!** 
Do you have a story to tell or a poem bursting to be written?
Now's your chance to let your words shine!


We're inviting all student writers to take part in our **Original Writing Competition!** Whether it's a heartfelt poem, a thrilling short story, or something entirely your own – we want to read it!


What's the Best Part?

Your original work will be posted around the school for everyone to read and enjoy! Turn the hallways into a gallery of creativity and inspiration!

What's at Stake?

- * Have your writing appreciated by your peers
 - * Inspire others with your unique voice
- * Be recognized for your talent during the assembly, where the winners will be announced!

 All styles and voices are welcome – funny, serious, imaginative, or poetic. You never know who you might move, amuse, or inspire with your words.

 Enter today and let your creativity speak loud and clear!
The world needs your story.

Swimming for Grade 2

Swimming lessons for Grade 2 have started. There is swimming tomorrow (Wednesday 7th). Please remember to pack lunches as well as swimming costumes, (optional) goggles, towels and shower gear to us to get the most out of the experience. After the swimming we will return to school ready for pick up around 1445. If your child is part of the SFO programme they will join that on their return.

PYP Student-Led Conferences

PYP students will soon be showcasing their learning at the Student-Led Conferences. These are an opportunity for students to reflect on this year's units of inquiry, revisiting learning experiences across the curriculum, celebrating and sharing their growth and progress since August. The student-led conferences are scheduled for Wednesday 28th of May and there are several details that families should be aware of as follows:

1. A parent/guardian is expected to support their child by attending this event if possible. It is not an optional parent-teacher conference.
2. Wednesday 28th of May is not a normal school day. Students and their families will only attend school at their appointed time.
3. Timings and groupings will be as follows:
 - a. Running time of the event = 08:40-11:40
 - b. Meeting duration = 20 minutes
 - c. Time between meetings = 20 minutes
 - d. Number of families per time slot = 4
4. 20 minutes is the minimum allotted time for conferences, but there will be a 20-minute grace period between slots, allowing students to overrun 10 minutes should they wish to.
5. Homeroom teachers will be sharing the student-led conference booking form with families soon. This form will allow a maximum of four families to book the same time slot.

We look forward to welcoming you to this event where the students take full ownership of what learning they share, and how they choose to share it with you. Should you have any questions or queries, please reach out to your respective homeroom teachers.



❖ 17th of May at ❖
❖ Gjøvikregionen International School ❖

We are looking forward to celebrate together as a GIS Community this very special day and we encourage everyone to join! **HURRAY!**

❖ 10.00 ~ *The Parade*

All students meet at Gjøvik Stadium **no later than 09.45**: find the school banner (almost last, in front of Gjøvik Videregående). Remember to bring your flags and wear comfortable shoes!

The parade ends at Gjøvik Gård. It is usually extremely crowded at Gjøvik Gård and it is difficult to ensure effective supervision for large groups, therefore, if you have children in the parade, please collect them as soon as possible.

This year the pickup-point for GIS will be behind Gjøvikhallen, we will go there directly after entering Gjøvik Gård. Please be there in time and make sure to let GIS staff know when you pick up your child.

❖ 13.30 - 16.00 ~ *Celebration at the School*

We are very pleased to welcome everyone to our traditional gathering at GIS. The celebration will take place on the football field outside the school. There will be tables and seating. We encourage guests to bring lawn chairs if they wish to.

There will be traditional games for the children (and anyone else). This includes sack races, kubb, lottery and much more.

There will be also a café selling cake, ice cream, hotdogs, pizza, juice (soft), coffee and tea. We would encourage everyone to pay by Vipps! If you do not have Vipps, please bring cash for your purchases. - Thank you!

It would be very helpful if we all make sure to throw away our own used cups and napkins after use. There will be big plastic bags marked with «paper» and «restavfall».
- Thank you!

Welcome! - G.I.S. Parent Council

17. Mai Celebration

You still have time to fill in the survey for us regarding the May 17th celebrations. To estimate how much soda, ice cream, and other items we need to purchase for the 17th of May, please take a moment to respond to this short survey. [17. Mai survey](#)



<https://forms.office.com/e/wtHRRY7xah>

Message from the Parent Council

There are still some grades that do not have two parent representatives. Due to the PC guidelines all grades should have two representatives, both to make sure every grade can be present at our meetings but also for each parent representative to have a person to discuss with and to share the overall responsibility. We kindly ask parents of the grades that do not have two representatives to express their interest and sign up for this meaningful role in our community. We remind everyone that the parent representative is representing the class and the unified voice of each grade.

We would also like to clarify for all parents that all information from the Parent Council is shared through the meeting minutes. The meeting minutes contain the unified voice of the parent council, meaning that it reflects the majority and conclusions, but doesn't (and shouldn't) reflect all personal views and opinions.

Volunteers assuming the roles of class representatives should be willing to take on the role as soon as they volunteer. The next meeting for the parent council is the 6th May.

No mobile phones during school hours

We kindly remind you that MYP students do not have access to their phones during the school day, unless it is on the teacher's demand and in connection with a specific learning activity. MYP students who would like to buy their own lunch at the NTNU café must therefore bring a bank card.

Welcoming the return of spring

It is important to teach or remind our children about appropriate clothing. Please, check that your child has

- outdoor clothing for both sunny and rainy days
- rain boots
- indoor shoes
- dry and clean clothes to change into if wet or muddy
- drink bottle.

Referring to last week's newsletter: if your child is missing any equipment, please see our lost and found station by the main entrance.



Student absences in Toddle

To help streamline communication, please use Toddle to report your child's absences, including sick days or medical appointments (e.g., dentist visits).

- ◆ Daily Absence Reporting: Remember to log your child's absence in Toddle for each day they are away (e.g., Day 2, Day 3, etc.).
- ◆ Planned Absences & Holidays: Requests for leave due to holidays or other planned absences must still be submitted using the Application for Leave form. Absences submitted through Toddle or email cannot be approved for this purpose.

📌 You can find the leave application form here: <https://gjovikis.no/school-life/leave-of-absence/>

Skolelyst

Interested in the Skolelyst Program?

If you'd like to enroll your child in the Skolelyst program for milk and yoghurt, please check out the [attached link](#) for more information and registration details.

You can also visit the front office at school for assistance or further information. Don't miss out on this great opportunity! 🥛 😊 🥛 😊

School Contact Details

Contact Information for Key Areas

If you have any questions or concerns about the following matters, please contact the relevant person:

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