



Ganja International School newsletter, March 2009

GIS has now reached the end of the second term and broken up for 'Novrus', the main holiday of the year in Azerbaijan. Winter is always tiring in Azerbaijan and GIS staff have been subjected to many pressures so everyone will welcome a break.

AzEd

'Azerbaijan Education' is a UK charity that plays a very important role in mobilizing support for GIS in the UK and channeling gifts to GIS in a tax-efficient way. In our last newsletter we wrote that there was a real possibility that AzEd might have to stop operating because it had no-one to take over from the current joint treasurer/director. We are very pleased to report that Mrs Rosemary Weston, Shirley Weston's mother, has volunteered to take on the position of director. Thank you, Mrs Weston! But AzEd still needs a treasurer. The position only requires quite a small amount of work, most of which can be done by email. If you know of anyone who might be willing to help with this, please contact Simon Bartlett at simon@ganja-international-school.org. Thank you!



Art Gallery



Reception class has a topic, 'The class art gallery'. The purpose is to develop children's knowledge and understanding of art galleries. First the children visited an art gallery! Before going the children learned about art galleries and at the gallery looked at different kinds of pictures. The next day, in their Art lesson, the children painted their portraits by looking at themselves in the mirror, then, in their Knowledge and Understanding lesson they framed their portraits using different straws and other materials. Finally, in the Social and Development lesson they talked about their paintings. The day after that the children invited the whole school to their Art Gallery.

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Medi Club

Children in Year 1 to 6 have been studying a new subject this year called Personal Social and Health Education. This term they have been learning about staying healthy. As part of this topic the children went on a trip to MediClub. The children looked at different equipment and learned about first aid. The doctors showed them how to help a person who is drowning. Here are some tips on how to stay healthy from Mesud from Year 5: "Brush your teeth, go to sleep on time and don't spend too much time in front of the computer".



Saide Selimova

Q: Saide, tell us a little about yourself, please.

I am a nurse at GIS. I am 21. I studied at Medical College. I started working at GIS from last January. I am a Medical assistant.

Q: What do you do at GIS?

I help children when they hurt themselves, I look after them. I am responsible for their safety. Every Wednesday one of the doctors from the hospital №-2 comes and checks the children. I usually talk with different doctors to get information. They give me a lot of information. Every day I check children's temperature from Reception, Nursery and year 1. I also taste the food that GIS gives to children and help in lunchtime Nursery class.

Q: What do you think of GIS?

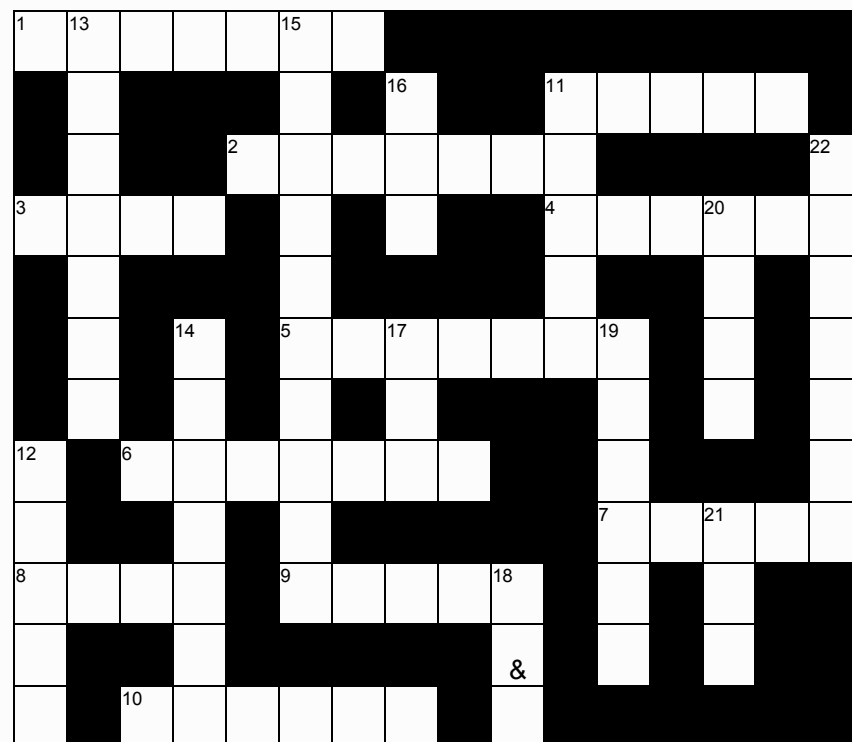
Working at GIS is great. All the children are different and you can have fun every day. The atmosphere at GIS is great I really want to make GIS known all over the world.



Ministry of Education

Another commission from the Ministry of Education came in February, this time to look at the kindergarten section. We are waiting to receive their report. Currently the situation is quiet.

How much do you know about GIS? Try this crossword. You probably have to work at GIS to know all the answers but you should still be able to get quite a few right. Answers are at the end.



Across

- 1 GIS generally follows this curriculum.
- 2 GIS director's country of origin.
- 3 Year 2 teacher and a famous opera.
- 4 Azerbaijan's most famous poet, writer and thinker.
- 5 A language taught at GIS.
- 6 Year 5 and 6 maths teacher's country of origin.
- 7 GIS teaches children to read and
- 8 A garment not allowed in Azerbaijani schools.
- 9 Teachers write on them and management answers to one.
- 10 Rules governing GIS management.
- 11 Teacher whose name means day-moon.

Down

- 11 GIS is here!
- 12 Employee whose child attends GIS.
- 13 Prepares material for the GIS newsletter.
- 14 Head teacher.
- 15 May happen in July.
- 16 Some children do this on their first day.
- 17 These children need extra help (acronym).
- 18 Children can be crafty in this (acronym).
- 19 Music teacher's country of origin.
- 20 Charity that supports GIS.
- 21 You may learn Word in this lesson (acronym).
- 22 GIS would like one!

If you know of anyone else who might be interested in following GIS's progress through these newsletters, please pass on a copy, or invite them to contact us. We would like to extend GIS's circle of friends.

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Crossword answers

Below: parents watching performances at the Novrus concert.



Across: 1 British;
2 America; 3 Aida;
4 Nizami; 5 Russian;
6 Finland; 7 Write; 8 Veil; 9 Board;
10 Bylaws; 11 Gunay
Down:
11 Ganja; 12 Yaver;
13 Ruzigari; 14 Shiley;
15 Summer-club; 16 Cy; 17 SEN; 18 D&T;
19 Norway; 20 AZED;
21 ICT; 22 License