

# THE ISD MONTHLY

International School of Dublin

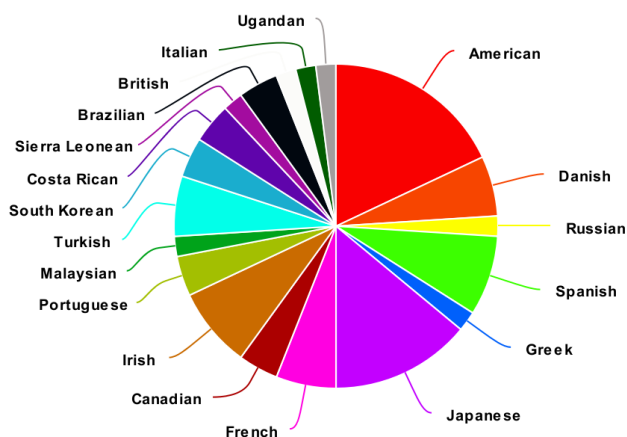


## WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of the ISD Monthly aiming to keep you abreast of all developments and current events within ISD and beyond in the [International Baccalaureate](#) community. This collaborative publication will feature the latest news stories from our roving student reporters tracking down the latest dish, VIP interviews, photo journalism, op-eds and much more. The ISD Monthly...created by the students, made for you!

Here at ISD the atmosphere feels surprisingly normal, despite the obvious challenges due to COVID-19. The students have been impressively open minded and adapted rapidly. They are eager to be present, to learn and are already busy inquiring.

Our 13th year as a school will be one of many 'firsts'. Our first ever socially distanced whole school photo is featured above. We are proud to kick off this year learning with 40 amazing students representing 19 nationalities.



## UPCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS:

- September 4**  
 Final day to order ISD Sweatshirts  
 Order - [Click Here](#)
- September 16 -18**  
 Settling In Conferences  
 Sign Up - [Click Here](#)
- October 2**  
 Virtual End of Unit Sharing 1
- October 2 @ 5pm**  
 Virtual Informational Exhibition Meeting Grade 6 Students & Parents  
 Meeting Link - [Click Here](#)

# STUDENT INTERVIEWS

We spoke with two ISD students to get the scoop on their impressions of the new school year...

**Luca Picano, Grade 6**

**How do you feel about being back at school since our closure in March?**

I really like being back because I get to see my friends again and I can interact socially with them face to face instead of just being behind a computer screen.



**What are you most looking forward to about this school year?**

My Exhibition because me and my mom already know what we are going to do and we have already begun planning it!

**What challenges do you see for the school year ahead?**

It will be interesting to see how we plan our schedule with Synge Street so we have social distancing and we share the school yard equally.

**How do you feel about teacher's wearing face masks?**

I am pretty used to people wearing face masks when I am out in public so it doesn't really bother me.

**Emmeline McIntyre, Grade 3**

**How does the start of this school year feel compared to others you have experienced?**

This year things look a little different. I have a new class and new classmates. We are doing virtual learning in the classroom which we haven't done before. We also have to social distance in all sorts of different ways and it will take some time to get used to this.



**What was your first impression when you saw the new socially distanced school spaces?**

I was a little bit nervous to be going into a new class. I feel that the school is still looking fun and friendly I guess I was used to seeing things like signs and tape on the floor because I had been out shopping with my mom.

**How do you feel about virtual homework?**

I love this because I don't have to make my heavy backpack even heavier!

**What did you learn most from virtual learning during our school closure last spring?**

I learned about how to use the computer and different programmes and also had to organise my free time at home to get my school work complete on time.



## IB IN THE NEWS:

[Why the International Baccalaureate Has Never Been so Vital](#) - The Times Educational Supplement (TES)

[COVID-19 Coping Related Podcasts](#) - International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO)

[5 Ways You Could Support Your Child as a PYP Parent](#) - IBO

[School Change: How does IB Primary Years Programme Implementation Impact School Climate?](#) - IBO

## A SCHOOL WIDE INQUIRY INTO 1 METRE DISTANCE...

