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INTERNATIONAL  
COLLECTION OF

# HOME LANGUAGE BOOKS

Drop off new or gently used  
children's books at the BMS  
library or reception. Include a  
note with your name, language,  
+ translation of title + author.





Dear Parents,

First off, we would like to extend a huge **thank you to BMS dad Ai Wei Wei** for welcoming us into his studio earlier this month. It was a truly inspiring experience. Thank you.



*Photo Credit: Ai Wei Wei*

The next few months are shaping up to be filled with an array of exciting events that promise to bring our community together in fun and informative ways. See more info below about a special private Reichstag tour as well as an opportunity for freelancing parents to connect with each other.

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**International Day — Exploring Diversity** is just two weeks away! On **Thursday, February 28** from 3-6pm there will be tons of exciting activities on offer in the BMS Hof, Cafeteria, and HU Building. From henna tattoos to Bollywood dancing, food tastings at 15 country booths and a photo booth we have an amazing program planned.

The schedule is as follows:

15:00 Reception and Courtyard – World Map and Passport Stand  
15:30 Cafeteria — 15 Country Booths and Photo Booth  
15:45 Courtyard — Choir Performance

Workshops in the HU Building  
16:00-16.30 Bollywood Dance  
16:30-17.00 Hip Hop  
17:00-17.30 Capoeira  
17:30-18.00 Disco Party

Workshops in the ELC Classroom 16.00-18.00 – Origami, Mask -Making



Please note, students in ELC and grades 1 - 4 must be accompanied by parents or guardians during the event. Everyone who participates in at least half of the country booth and workshop activities will get a special prize!

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**Private Tour of the Reichstag for BMS Parents — March 29**

In advance of our next activities program, we would like to let you know about a unique opportunity to tour the Reichstag on Friday, March 29, at 9am. While the 90-minute tour is free, we are asking for a 5€ -10€ donation to help support future MET@BMS initiatives. Please RSVP by Friday, March 15 with your **full name** and **date of birth**: [metropolitanparents@gmail.com](mailto:metropolitanparents@gmail.com).

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**Stasi Museum Tour — March 13**

There's still room for participants to join our tour of the Stasi Museum on Wednesday, March 13, at 10am. Tickets will be around 10€ depending on the number of participants. RSVP: [metropolitanparents@gmail.com](mailto:metropolitanparents@gmail.com)

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**Whole-School Charitable Giving Initiative — March 5**

On Tuesday, March 5, at 4:30pm parents are invited to join a meeting with BMS leadership where we will discuss ideas for a whole-school charitable giving initiative for BMS. For more information please contact us at [metropolitanparents@gmail.com](mailto:metropolitanparents@gmail.com).

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*More ways to meet other parents from the BMS community...*



## BMS Running Club

The BMS Running Club is training for the Airfield Race, which takes place April 14. In this relay marathon, groups of four runners each take a 10k stretch. New runners are welcome to join the weekly training at any time. Run for fun or train for the race with us!

**When:** Fridays at 8:30am, meeting point: BMS reception (please confirm in advance)

**Distance:** 5 to 7 km



Contact: Julie Schoen (Eva and Harper's Mom): [julie@trackthetown.com](mailto:julie@trackthetown.com)

## BMS Freelancer Coffee Club

BMS parents Celeste Gottfried & Sophie Chalumeau are planning a monthly coffee morning meet-up for freelancers, independent entrepreneurs, artists, and creatives. Let's get together to support and motivate each other. We'll find a time that works best for the group and have our first meeting after the winter break.

**When:** One morning per month. TBD.

**Location:** A cafe near BMS. TBD.

**Contact:** Celeste Gottfried (Elodie's Mom): [celestegottfried@gmail.com](mailto:celestegottfried@gmail.com)

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*A few helpful links...*

**BMS Facebook Group:** Check it out here [BMS Parents](#).

**BMS Ambassadors:** Want to help welcome new families? Fill out this form: [goo.gl/f4GcJH](https://goo.gl/f4GcJH)

**Berlin Directory:** Share your local knowledge. Help build our [Berlin Directory](#).

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### **Donate Books from Your Home Country to the BMS Library!**

The BMS libraries are making a big push to build an international collection of *Home Language Books*. Please consider donating new or gently used books from your home country. Drop books at the primary or secondary school libraries or reception with a note with your name, your child's name, the language of the book, and a translation of the book title and author's name in English.

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And as always, if you would like to get involved in any of our current or future initiatives, or have ideas for workshops, clubs, spaces for sports lessons, or any other ideas for organized community activities, please contact us at [metropolitanparents@gmail.com](mailto:metropolitanparents@gmail.com).

Sincerely yours,

**MET@BMS**