



Thursday 14th October 2021



MARIA'S NOTES :

Welcome to Jad and Danny's baby brother, born last week-end: **Zayn**



The primary school was buzzing with excitement on Monday. Firstly, with children and teachers full of stories and great memories after returning from their trips and secondly because the whole school was a sea of yellow! in lessons during the day, the children talked about the importance of keeping our brains healthy and ways in which we could do this. This was revisited again in the afternoon assembly, which was full of energy because everybody from Grade 1-6 were there.

During the assembly, we found out that we had raised over 180 euros (since then, this total has risen to over **200 euros!**), which is undeniably, a fantastic effort from our little school!

At the end of the assembly, Sofia, the house captain for the **blue team** was awarded the much-sought-after House Points Trophy. It is the second time that the blue team have won this half term - What a fantastic start to the year!



Elsewhere in the school, lots of exciting learning has been taking place, from making imprints in clay, during Early Years' Art, to learning about the life-cycle of a sweet chestnut in Grade 5 Science (which most importantly for some, also involved some tasting!).

Miss Clara has been absent this week and so her music and drama classes have been covered by Miss Emily Yeung. The children have all given her a warm welcome and she has thoroughly enjoyed meeting them all and teaching them this week!

We are coming to the end of our first half term of the 2021/2022 academic year, and already it feels like we have done so much! The children have all settled in brilliantly, are working hard and getting involved in daily school life. To walk around the school during the day, when it is buzzing with busy, happy children is a real pleasure.



Tomorrow, last day of Half Term, is a **non-uniform day**. As usual children/students/staff are invited to bring 1 euro for a charity.

We have lots more learning, fun projects and inspiring adventures planned for the next half term, but it is important now that the children get to relax and recharge over the two-week break. We look forward to hearing all about their own adventures when they return.

Thank you parents for your support during this first half term.

IMPORTANT DATES for this term:

22/10→8/11/21	Half Term. School closed except for exams
15/12/2021	Early Years & Rec Show at school at 11.00
16/12/2021	Grades 1 & 2 show – at school at 9.30
17/12/2021	Musical Breakfast at school at 9.15
17/12/2021	Winter Holiday begins - half day 12.00/12.45

If you are planning to take your children out of school before these dates, please tell me very quickly. Thank you.

On Monday **Early Years** have been making Clay Leaf imprints. They have been exploring a variety of natural materials such as walnuts, conkers, leaves, corn etc. and talking about their textures, colours and shapes.



Reception is working on their balls skills this week- kicking, stopping a ball, taking their ball for a walk!





Yellow day to celebrate the World Mental Health Day:



Grade 3 Art: wonderful self-portrait, profile creations. Check out closely each profile, you can see things that tell us about each other.



Leelou, our Grade 12 student, left this week to Los Angeles. She is participating in a song/music contest. At the beginning they were 100 000 participants. Today they are 100 (including Leelou). Congratulations !



To celebrate 'La semaine du goût', the FLE **Grade 7** classes went shopping at *Les Halles* and got all the ingredients for cooking a very French quiche lorraine and tarte aux pommes once back in school. Teachers were very impressed by the standard of French and a great experience was had by all!



In Biology **Grade 11** have been dissecting kidneys. Grade 10 have been using the microscopes to observe many different types of cells and tissues.



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**School closes (normal time) on Friday 22 October for our half-term holidays.
We return to school on Monday 08 November.
Have a great half-term break!**



Please check out our new feature on your parent dashboard and in Maria's Notes. Each month we will try to tell you about one of our talented ISB students. This week, read about Kyle in G10 who is a superbike champion!

Berlin History Trip

Our KS4 and 5 History trip to Berlin in February 2022 is now almost fully subscribed and we have 30 students going on the trip. Any last minute requests to join the trip must be with Mr Y-P tomorrow together with your deposit cheque. Further details are on your FireFly dashboard.

CAT4 Tests

Students in Grades 7, 10, 12 and all of our new starters have taken their CAT4 tests this week. CAT4 tests are not subject or skills-based tests. They are standardised baseline tests that give an indication of your child's academic potential. They are just ONE piece of evidence that we build upon throughout the year with teacher assessments, unit tests, mock exams, end of year tests etc that help us to gain a strong understanding of your child's strengths and weaknesses so that we can support them in achieving the best outcomes.

If you would like more information about how your child performed in the CAT4 tests please contact Ms Byrne directly.

Parent Evenings

Dates of parent -teacher meetings are as follows:

Please maintain a 1m distance with teachers and other parents, masks to be worn please, hand sanitiser will be available in all rooms. Thank you for your support in keeping our school community safe.

Grade	Date
13	09 November
12	16 November
11	23 November
10	30 November
9	11 January
8	18 January

Parent Representatives

We are still looking for more parent representatives to join our secondary Strategy group. If you would like to represent the parents from your child's grade/year group, please contact me directly on ann.byrne@isbearn.com

You don't have to be totally fluent in English, we would really like a mix of parents that represents our international school community. We will hold one meeting per half-term.

*Have a nice holiday / Très Bonnes Vacances
Maria*



Circus



Breakdance

In the Spotlight

We have many talented students in our Secondary school at ISB, and as a new addition to our weekly Secondary Update, once a month we will try to include this section which will focus on one of our students.

My name is Kyle, I am in Grade 10 and I race motorbikes.

This year the season is coming to an end but I have been racing in Spain in a championship called Cuna de Campeones. Next year I will be racing in Spain and in France.

I started racing when I was ten on a mini moto.
I ended up coming 3rd in the championship and went on to race them again the next year.



When I was eleven, I raced a mini GP 50 cc bike and the mini moto.

I came 6th in the mini moto and 9th in the mini GP 50



In my 3rd year of racing, I raced in the mini GP 50s for the second time and I became the 2019 champion!!!

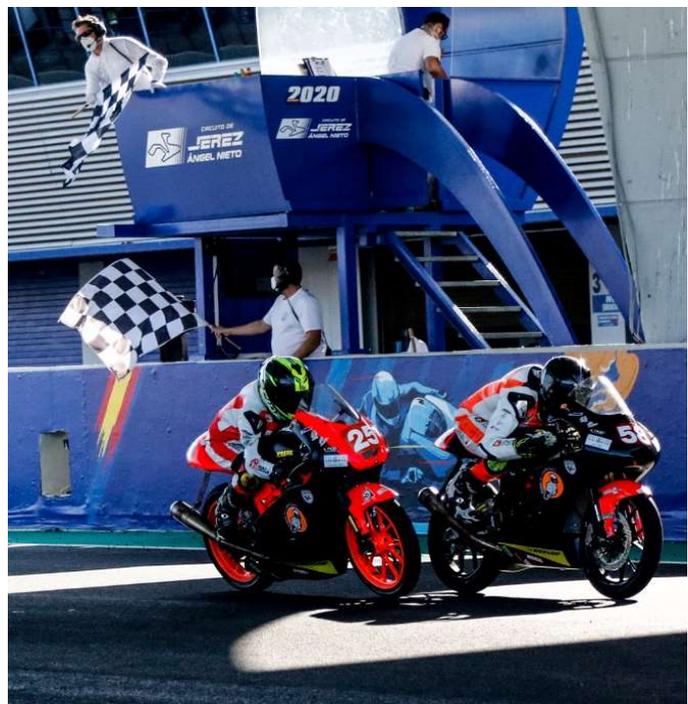




Last year I raced in Cuna de Campeones on a 250cc Yamaha in Spain. Its top speed is 190 kph!!!
My best result was a 3rd place.



This year I am also racing in Cuna de Campeones and next year I am also hoping to race in the French superbikes on my Honda NSF 250 class as well.



As the season comes to a close, on the 26th of September when I raced in the moto 5 championship and got 2nd place.

In October I raced in Aragon came 2nd by 0.113 of a second

My final race of the season was sadly cut short by my bike failing and me ending up in A&E.

***Well done Kyle!
ISB is so proud of you!!!***