



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### **MARIA'S NOTES :**

This week it has been **Anti-bullying Week** at ISB, and so this was the theme of this week's assembly. In the assembly, we talked about the focus for this year's Anti-bullying Week: **One Kind Word**, how easy it is to be kind to one another and how kindness is infectious. We agreed that this week and beyond, we would try to actively think about acts of kindness and make a concerted effort to do kind things and say kind words at school and at home.

At the end of the assembly, class teachers awarded certificates to some excellent students who have achieved their bronze certificate of merit already! A huge well done to those children! Finally, the coveted house points trophy was awarded to the Green Team and presented to **Emma, the Green Team House Captain in Grade 6.**



Some of you will shortly receive emails from your children's teachers inviting them to an **enrichment workshop**. This is a project that we started last year which we have decided to continue. Each term, the subject coordinators in the primary school will run an 'Enrichment Workshop' for a small group of children. These 'workshops' give children opportunities to try new and varied activities that may not strictly fit into the curriculum, but that develop character, resilience and motivation, and encourage them to pursue wider goals. Children invited to an enrichment workshop, will go off timetable and work on a special activity with the subject coordinator for an hour, half a day or even a full day in just a small group of children. There are many aims of the workshops, but some of these are:

To boost the confidence of a child in a specific subject.

To stretch and extend more-able pupils in a specific subject.

To give a child a new found love of a subject etc.

If you receive an email, don't worry you don't need to do anything!

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

22-28/11/21	Scholastic Book Club
01/12/21	PTA Christmas Decorations at 9.00
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	<b>Winter Holiday begins - half day 12.00/12.45</b>
05/01/2022	Back to school 8.30
10/01/2022	Removal of Christmas Decorations at 9.00am
25/03/2022	Teachers Appreciation Day
12/06/2022	International Day 13.00-16.00



The winners of the bookmark challenge



**Early Years** have been baking some delicious Chocolate Puff pastry snails.



Grade 1, French lessons :  
*En classe de français avec Miss DiDi, la météo n'a plus de secrets pour les petits journalistes*

**Grade 2** odd socks during the anti-bullying week



**Grade 3** continue to learn all about the coast in Geography. This week we found out all about how tsunamis begin and the damage they can cause. We even had a go at making our own mini tsunami in a tray!





**Grade 4** wearing odd socks for anti-bullying week

Performing balances and jumps in **Grade 4** gymnastics 🦘





Fashion club, having fun recycling old ISB teeshirt:

Sewing club, mastering our hand sewing with a patchwork with scraps of fabrics



This week in Secondary school, we are focusing our attention in registration and PSHE on anti-bullying - in line with anti-bullying week in the UK. This year's theme is 'One Kind Word'.

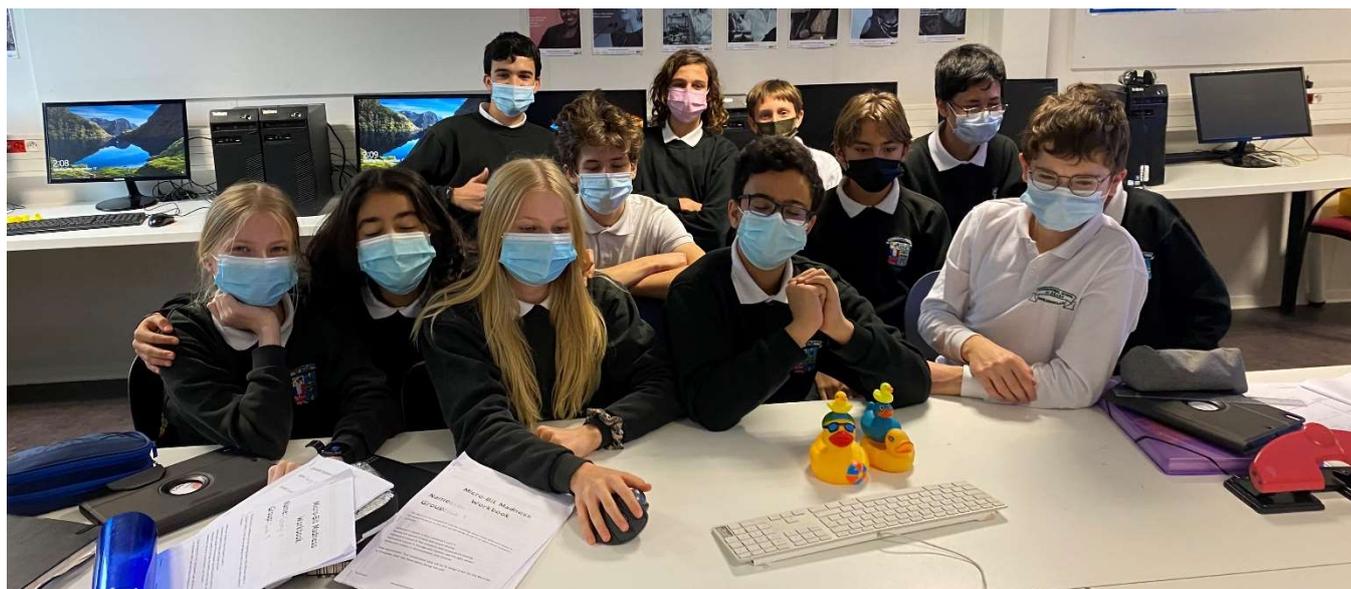
The whole school wore odd socks on Monday, to celebrate our differences, and Key Stage 4 and 5 started off their week with an assembly featuring a powerful video about the impact of our words. [Listen To Me - Short Film - YouTube](#)

Students in Grades 7 to 9 will have an assembly next week and this week they are nominating 'Kindness Champions'. Their assembly will focus on these 'Kindness Champions', students (and teachers) who consistently show that they are kind to others and with their kindness make a difference.

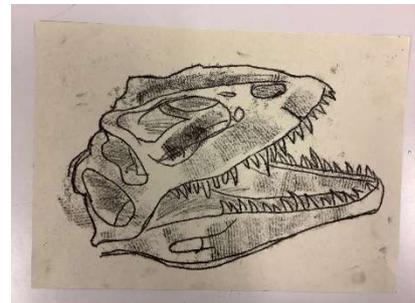
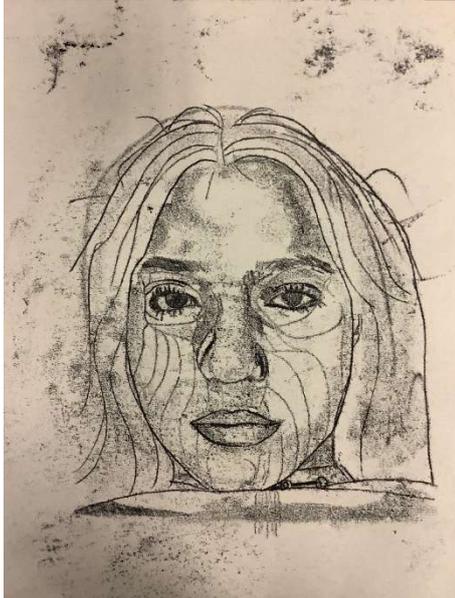
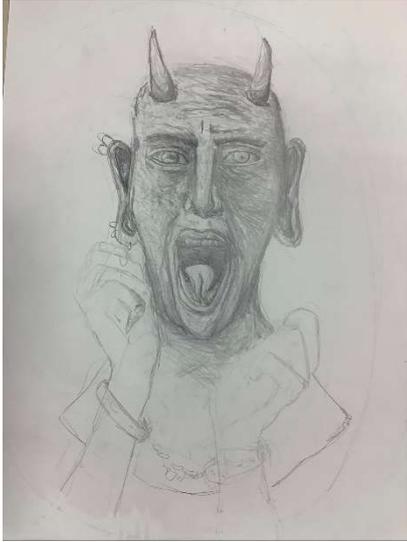
This week's Mindfulness Matters session with **Grade 7** was about thoughts. Students shared experiences about their inability to stop or control their thoughts. We discussed that mindfulness is not there to stop thoughts, but to watch them, as from a distance and when our thoughts are too much, when they are overwhelming, we can take our attention to our stomachs where there are no thoughts!

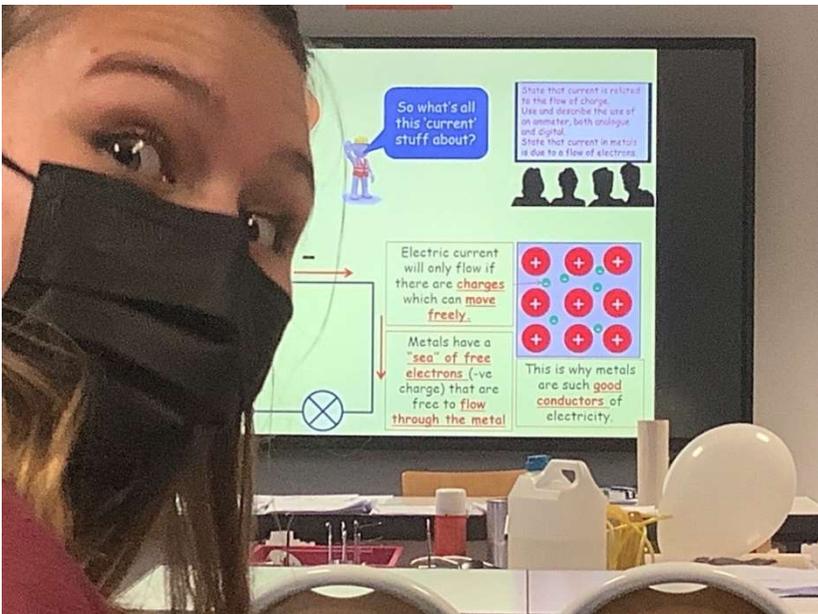


**Grade 9** zoom meeting with a school in Malawi learning about life in a Malian school during ICT lessons linking with Geo.



In Art, **Grade 10** Students experimented with the process of Mono printing. They used their amazing drawings as a base for their finished prints which they will then work into with their chosen media. Fantastic work grade 10!!





In Physics, **Grade 11** is learning about current, electrical circuits.



In History, **Grade 12** learned about the toppling of Tsar Nicholas II in the February Revolution. They even dressed for the occasion!

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**Covid Protocols**

We value the safety of our students above everything else, and in recent months the safety and good health of our students has been made possible by all members of the school following our detailed Covid protocols. The school protocol has been updated following the November 15 change to contact tracing and quarantining. Maria will be sending all parents a copy of the revised protocol, updated for both Primary and Secondary by the end of the week.

**Secondary Strategy Group**

I am pleased to announce the Secondary Strategy Group (SSG) parent members, a diverse group of parents with experiences of many different systems and schools. These parents will have the opportunity to represent the wider parent body and to contribute towards decision making in Secondary. Discussions will relate to our School Improvement Priorities of: *Improving the quality of learning and teaching, and pastoral care so that every student fulfils their potential; and improving communication at all levels.*

Key Stage 3	Key Stage 4	Key Stage 5
Cecile Goffart Louise Chamberlain Aurelie Irving	Mamke Elias Tingting Lui	Marie-Luise Jensen Lisa Cowe

## KS4/5 Berlin Trip Update

Organisation for the Berlin Trip is going well and it's lovely to hear how excited students are about going. If you have not already done so, please send your second payment cheque along with the medical form and all necessary documents (listed on the Medical Form) to Mr Yeung-Pearce as soon as possible.

With the current news stories about COVID in Germany today, I would also like to reassure parents, that if borders or attractions close, the trip will be rescheduled.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on :

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## Scholastic Book Club

It's time for another great Scholastic Book Club! Our biannual Book Club is a chance for you to order fun books for your children while supporting the library at ISB. Thanks to you, we earn rewards which we spend on new books for the library! :)

Just go to <https://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/international-school-of-bearn/digital-book-club> and browse the latest books and order online. For every €1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20c in Scholastic Rewards.

*Remember to place your order online by Sunday November 28th, 2021, and thank you for supporting the ISB Library!* 😊 Miss Jette, Librarian

## Mock Exams

Mock exams will take place between **10-21 January for Grades 11, 12 and 13**. The timetable will be published soon. **Please encourage your sons and daughters to plan their revision so that they are well-prepared.**

## Parent Evenings

**Dates of parent -teacher meetings are as follows, the times are 16:00 – 18:00:**

Please maintain a 1m distance with teachers and other parents, masks to be worn please, hand sanitiser is available in all rooms.

Grade	Date	Grade	Date
11	23 November	9	11 January
10	30 November	8	18 January

## Grade 11 and 12 Business Studies Trip

G11 and 12 Business students are visiting a local manufacturer Axyal, in Sauvagnon, who specialise in the manufacture of plastic, polymer and composite parts mainly for the aerospace sector. The students will benefit from seeing real life examples of production processes and concepts such as just in time and lean manufacturing, as well as gaining insight into how a family business is run. They go in the afternoon of Thursday 25th November, leaving at lunchtime and returning for 15.45/16.00

## COLLÈGE, LYCÉE : QUE SE PASSE-T-IL SI UN ÉLÈVE<sup>1</sup> EST UN CAS CONFIRMÉ DE COVID-19 ?

**Pas de fermeture automatique de la classe :**  
identification des contacts à risque et information aux parents



<sup>1</sup> La survenue d'un cas confirmé chez l'enseignant n'implique pas forcément la fermeture de la classe (en effet, le contact est considéré comme non à risque car l'enseignant est tenu de porter un masque).  
<sup>2</sup> Catégorie correspondant également aux élèves vaccinés et atteints d'immunodépression grave.  
<sup>3</sup> L'élève est totalement vacciné et n'est pas atteint d'immunodépression grave.  
<sup>4</sup> L'élève a contracté la Covid-19 depuis moins de deux mois.  
<sup>5</sup> Test de dépistage RT-PCR ou antigénique sur prélèvement nasopharyngé, ou à défaut RT-PCR sur prélèvement salivaire. Les tests antigéniques sur prélèvement nasal (autotests) ne sont pas considérés comme suffisamment performants pour le dépistage des personnes-contacts à risque.



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*Have a nice week / Très Bonne Semaine  
Maria*