The International School of Béarn's News

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MARIA'S NOTES :

- **The school photographer** will come back on Monday 21st March to take photos of all children who arrived recently and all the others who were absent when he came in October. Children are requested to wear a perfect uniform.
If you would like him to take a photo of your child (children), please let us know before Friday 18th March by sending an email to me or to Marjorie (marjorie.morand@isbearn.com).

What a fantastic start to the half term this week has been in the Primary school!
On Monday, the Upper School started the day with a Harry Potter themed treasure hunt around the school, organised by our amazing librarian, Miss Jette. At the same time, the lower school and EYFS had a surprise video reading of 'Room on the Broom' by the very special guest, Mme Elias.

On Tuesday, the entire school dressed up as their favourite book characters. Never has there been so many different, imaginative costumes! The children talked, drew and wrote about the characters and books that they had chosen, and the lower and upper school, each had a parade to show off their beautiful costumes.

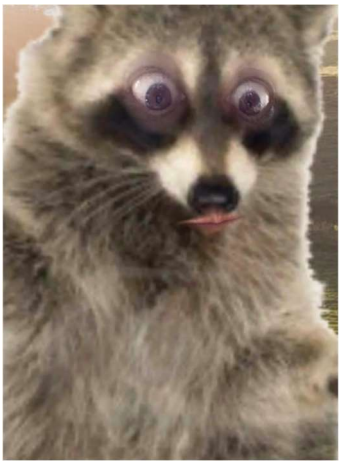
With an emphasis on recycling, some children with exceptional costumes, even received certificates for their efforts.

On Wednesday, we had a book sale. Thank you, as usual, for all of your generous donations. The money that we have raised from the sale will go towards some new books for the school library, and towards helping the homeless, via the charity OGFA.

Throughout the week, each of the classes have been working on transforming their classroom doors into book covers of a book that they like. Do you know what book these lower school doors represent?

RECEPTION CLASS **GRADE 1** **GRADE 2**

Each night of the week, a new episode of The ISB Masked Reader has been released, in which the children have to guess the reader and the title of the story that they are reading. The only problem is, the reader is in disguise, and their voices have been changed!



Hopefully, after watching some of the videos, the children might want to read the books!

Maria Elias disguised as a raccoon

Miss Nairac disguised as a monkey

Miss Michelle M disguised as a....
(I've no idea what this is!)

Of course, reading and writing has been a big focus this week, and whilst having fun, the children have all been doing lots of both! We still have Thursday and Friday to come yet and who knows what exciting reading activities the children will get up to!

We'd like to say a huge THANK YOU for all of the children and parents for supporting and getting involved in this brilliant week, and a special thank you to Miss Walters for coordinating the whole event. We're already looking forward to next year!!

To find see more pictures and even videos of what's been happening at school this week, head to your child's class 'team', and to 'Team ISB'

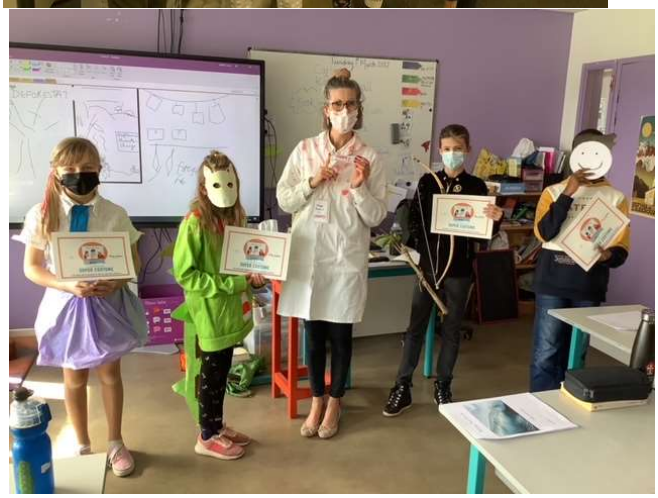
As part of Book week and our eco-school project, **Reception** have been recycling and making their own paper! The children have enjoyed finding out where paper comes from and making an effort to reuse paper wherever possible. They enjoyed tearing scrap paper to make a pulp which they then used to make their very own handmade paper.

Wonderful costumes in Reception:

Grade 3 are really enjoying book week. Highlights so far have been of course the dress up day on Tuesday, decorating our classroom door to recreate the cover of the French classic and perhaps the most recognisable book in the world ***Le Petit Prince*** and bringing and buying books to raise some money for OGFA at the book faire on Wednesday.

Grades 4 and 5 were very happy to get back to the swimming pool this week!

Amazing costumes! Some certificates to congratulate them:



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In Secondary we are also celebrating **Reading Week** and would like all students to participate in a Drop Everything And Read day on Friday 4th of March. This is simply where, at some point during some of the students' lessons, they will stop everything and read for around 5 to 10 minutes.
So please be sure to bring a book with you on Friday. There will also be other exciting activities that students can get involved in in the library this week.

SECONDARY UPDATE

Drop Everything and Read!

To bring our Reading Week to a close, tomorrow we are asking all students and teachers to have a book to hand so that we can "Drop Everything and Read" at intervals throughout the day.
Please remind your children to bring in the book that they are currently reading.
Thank you, on behalf of the ISB English Department, Libraries across the world and anyone whose life has benefitted from reading.

Grade 9 GCSE Options and G11 AS/ A Level Options

Students in Grade 9 and G11 have made their initial GCSE/AS option choices. Students will be asked to confirm their choices before we break-up for Easter.

Dates for your Diary

Event	Start Date & Time	Return to School
Easter break	Friday 15 April, 15:40/after clubs	Monday 02 May, 08:45
Study Leave for G11 - 13	Friday 15 April, 15:40/after clubs	G11 return to school for Leavers Breakfast – date TBC G12 return to school for lessons on Monday 13/06/22
Graduation and Prizegiving	Weds 22 June	

Study leave for G11, 12 and 13 students will begin from the Easter break (see above). Please note that some exams take place in the second week of the Easter Break. The exam timetable is now available on your FireFly dashboard, and that of the students.
Some teachers may request that certain students come back into school after the Easter break for whole-class, small group or one-to-one focused revision sessions.
And Finally, lessons for G12 students will resume on Monday 13 June.

Our Graduation Ceremony will be held on the evening of 22 June 2022, and this year the evening will be extended to include awards for other school years.

Have a nice week
Très Bonne Semaine
Maria