



Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023

## MARIA'S NOTES



The school **photographer** will come to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. He will take class photos and individual photos. Can I ask all parents to be sure that their child is wearing **perfect uniform** (polo shirt, sweat shirt, trousers or skirt, grey or white socks and dark leather brown or black shoes) from Reception to Grade 11. Grade 12 & 13 should wear nice, appropriate clothes. Many thanks.



In your child's bag, you will find the **subscription form** from the famous French publisher **ECOLE DES LOISIRS**. Choose the 'abonnement groupé' as it is less expensive and will be given to your child at school.

It's very useful to be able to read French books if you want to improve your French skills.

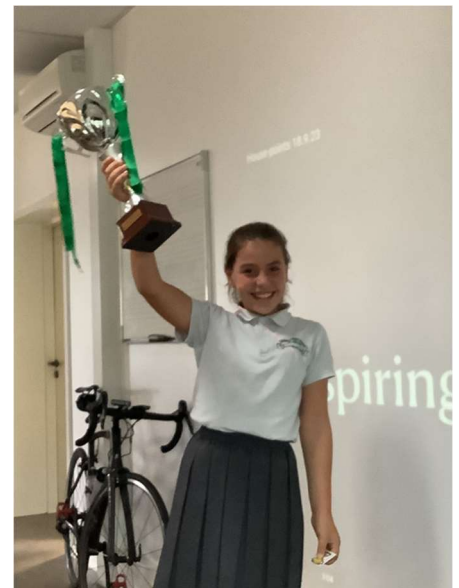
Another busy week has flown by in the EYFS and Primary school and we started this week as usual with our weekly assembly. The theme of this week's assembly was '**Journeys**', and we discussed different journeys we'd been on: long journeys, short journeys, boring journeys, exciting journeys, unexpected journeys etc, and we realised that even our day can be like a journey!

Mr Hanrahan then told us about his journey to school and the things that he needs to pack for his day. We guessed a lot of the stuff that he can't do his job without e.g. stickers, a pen and some hair gel, but then he told us that he also has to pack things that no-one can see - we all guessed these straight away: patience, positivity, perseverance, understanding, self-belief...the list was quite long!

Finally, we chatted to the person next to us about what invisible things might help us and others, that we could bring to school with us, or take on the school trips with us next week. We thought of loads of things, and so we are going to try our best to think about these and pack them in our bags next week so we can help ourselves and others at school and on the trips!

Mr Hanrahan then showed us a video made by the "Ultra-inspiring uniform scanner" showing children that had been snapped around school for wearing perfect uniforms. Each of them were awarded 10 house-points! We can't wait to see who gets spotted next week! (If you want to watch the video, check it out on TeamISB2023!)

We ended our assembly by awarding the house-point trophy. The house captains had counted up all of the house points from the last two weeks and although it was pretty close, the Green house came out victorious! **Ade, from Grade 6 collected the trophy on behalf of the team.** Well done Greens!



This week Grade 2 have been busily collecting more fruit, rosemary and flowers from the school gardens, and on Wednesday, the student council set up a stall and sold their goodies at the end of the day. The student council did an excellent job and were supported by some very generous parents and students. In total, we raised ..... which we will be donating to help the relief efforts in Marocco. Thank you all again for your contributions, it is so important that ISB continues to make a positive impact throughout the world.



To see more photos, check out [TeamISB2023](#).

### IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Grades 1-3 residential to Socoa  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Grade 4-6 residential to La Camieta – Hendaye  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October - School photographer  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October (15.30 -17.15)- EYFS & Primary school Open Evening  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October (1435) – Grade 6 assembly (Grade 6 parents welcome)  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - MUFTI DAY (Non-uniform)

Another busy week in **Early Years**! We have been playing with soap foam, making clay sculptures, painting, riding bikes, playing listening games ...and mainly, having fun!





**Reception** had lots of fun making their own houses for the Three little pigs to live in! It was lovely to see such great team-work from children constructing together, listening to each others ideas and trying to improve their designs if they blew away we tested testing them with our big bad wolf hairdryer!



Lots of fun exploring colour mixing in Reception!



**Grade 1** have been using their senses this week in science. We investigated lots of different scents and had to work out if we recognised what they were. We also tested lots of different tastes! We all thought our teachers were very mean giving us raw onions to taste but we all enjoyed the sugar and chocolate!



**Grade 2:** Apple collecting and hard work in class.





**Grade 3** enjoyed playing Kwik cricket with Mr Hanrahan in PE. There are definitely some budding bowlers and batters in the class!





Grade 5 continuing to work on their netball skills in P.E. We also played the game ‘Dice Breakers’ to get to know each other a little better and practise our speaking and listening skills.









**Grade 6** have begun their iTime projects! This is a project where the students choose a topic or area of learning which really interests them. They will plan, carry out and present their individual project. iTime is designed to engage, motivate and enthuse all students as they are guided in developing skills such as; independency, organisation, creativity, communication, reflection, presentation and perseverance. What a super start Grade 6 - well done.





**MULTI SPORTS CLUB with Mr Hanrahan**





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**Grade 8** girls receive their thank you posters from **WILDLIFE WWF -UK** for their fantastic fundraising efforts that they did last year in Grade 7. The girls used the money raised to donate to four endangered animals-Elephants, Penguins, Tigers and Cheetahs

They would like to thank everyone for all their support!!

Well done girls!!!

The girls will be continuing their fundraising efforts this year and will be raising money for other endangered species!!





**Trip photos for KS3 Seignosse trip.** Staff would like to congratulate KS3 with how well they did on the trip, here are some photos to remember the experience.

In Biology, **Grade 11** did experiments to test human reactions.



## SECONDARY UPDATE

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### Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 26 Sept:** Key Stage 4 (Grades 10 and 11) Parents Information Session

**Tuesday 10 Oct:** Key Stage 3 (Grades 7, 8 and 9) Parents Information Session

Both sessions will start in the Hall at 16:00 with a general presentation about our curriculum in that Key Stage, and key points for parents. For KS4 session, the Heads of Maths, Science and English will also give a short presentation about their subjects, and for KS3, there will be a brief overview for each subject will be presented by the class teacher.

These presentations will be followed by time to speak to subject teachers in their classrooms.

**November 16:** Progress Reports will be published to parents. These are grade-only reports with no teacher comments; their purpose is to give a simple overview of your son/daughter's academic performance.

**Dec 04 to Dec 16:** Mock exams for Grades 11, 12 and 13

**Dec 18 and 19:** PSHE and careers days for G10, 11, 12 and 13. Attendance is compulsory.

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*Have a nice week  
Très Bonne Semaine  
Maria Elias*