



Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## MARIA'S NOTES



PTA meeting on  
Wednesday, October 18 at  
9:00 AM and then a

Bake sale the same day –  
with Grade 1 and 12  
baking.

This week we had a very exciting assembly which included a tug of war competition, a giant pumpkin and a special guest!



The theme of this week's assembly was '**Choosing to Follow the Rules**'. We talked about the rules that we know of at school, and why we think we have them. We had lots of great answers, such as: to keep us safe, so that it isn't too noisy, to stop things from getting broken, to keep things fair etc.

Mr Hanrahan then chose four strong volunteers to have a tug of war competition. He chose the strongest children he could find: Ines (G2), Axel (G1), Aarya (G1) and Gustave (G1). The first tug of war was a hotly contested battle, with all four children giving it their all. Gustave and Aarya tried really hard, and put up a good fight, but they just couldn't beat Ines and Axel. Eventually, the competition was won by Ines and Axel. Afterwards, Ines and Axel felt really proud and happy, whereas Gustave and Aarya both felt a little bit disappointed, and even a bit sad! We decided to do the tug of war again, but this time all four children when on the same team, and what a surprise, it was an easy win!! All four children felt happy and celebrated their impressive win!

We realised that the tug of war is a bit like following rules. If some of us follow the rules, and some of us don't, it's a bit like the teams in a tug of war, and no matter how hard we try, there will always be some people that lose and even feel sad. Whereas, if we all follow the rules, It's like we're all on the same team and we can't lose! No-one likes losing, so this week, we are going to try really hard to follow the rules around school and be winners!



The Great Tug of War competition

Next up, we welcomed a very special guest called **Marlène**. She explained to us that she works for a charity called **OGFA**. OGFA has lots of jobs to do, including looking after children who have no parents or homes, adults who have no homes, people that come to France in order to escape war in their country, and many other people that need a bit of help.



The **OGFA** is an association founded in 1951 in Jurançon. On a daily basis, they house 1,300 people, whether for a night or for life: women victims of domestic violence, asylum seekers, refugees asylum seekers, refugees, mentally handicapped people, isolated men with a street experience, etc.

Some of the children in the school remembered that we had helped OGFA a couple of years ago, when we worked all year to help people that were homeless. Marlène asked if we could help her and OGFA again this year. She explained that she is looking after many children who don't have anything, and asked if we would be able to donate toys that are in good condition, that we could give to the children this Christmas, so that they have a present to open, and so that they know that people are thinking about them. We all agreed that we would love to help, and although we don't know the exact plan yet, the student council will meet next week to discuss how we can collect the toys and if we can do anything else to help this worthy cause. We will let you know, as soon as we have made a plan!

Marlène from OGFA



Finally, Ines (G2) showed us all a poster that she has made, advertising the Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin competition. We were reminded to bring 50 cents on Wednesday, if wanted to take a guess at the pumpkins weight, and be in with a chance to win the enormous fruit! All of the money made from the competition will go towards helping people affected by the earthquake in Morocco.



In order to make as much money as possible, the student council will continue to sell guesses for the rest of the week at 1530, outside the front entrance.

# LA SEMAINE DU GOÛT

DU 16 AU 22 OCTOBRE 2023



*La semaine prochaine, juste avant les vacances, les élèves de maternelle et de primaire célèbreront “la traditionnelle semaine du goût”. Cette année, le département de français a choisi comme thème “le voyage magique du pain autour du monde”.*

*Pendant les leçons de français, les élèves découvriront différentes recettes autour du pain, puis ils cuisineront et dégusteront leurs réalisations.*

*Pour que nous puissions acheter les ingrédients nécessaires à ces recettes, les enfants pourraient apporter chacun 1 euro.*

*Autour du pan con tomata, du pain perdu, des pizzas, des hamburgers, des chapatis, empanadas et autres sandwiches, nul doute que nous allons nous régaler et apprendre des tas de choses.*

Next week, just before the holidays, EYFS and primary school pupils will be celebrating the traditional "Week of Taste". This year, the French department has chosen "The Magical Journey of Bread Around the World" as its theme.

During their French lessons, the pupils will discover different bread recipes, then cook and taste their creations.

To enable us to buy the ingredients for these recipes, we ask if the children could all bring 1 euro.

With pan con tomata, French toast, pizzas, hamburgers, chapatis, empanadas and other sandwiches, there's no doubt that we're going to enjoy ourselves and learn a lot.



## IMPORTANT DATES

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)

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Over the last couple of days **Early Years 2** have been busy exploring different materials and textures such as corrugated cardboard, tin foil, wood chips, dried flowers etc. We have used these materials to make a collage.

**Early Years 1** have been focusing at exploring paint using their fingers as well as brushes and twigs. We have also been focusing at recognising the first letters of our names and exploring some autumnal items such as chestnuts, acorns, sunflowers and corn.

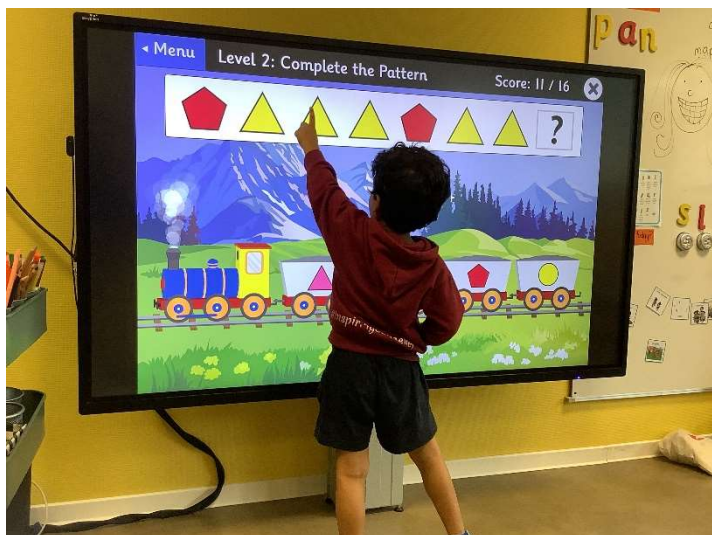


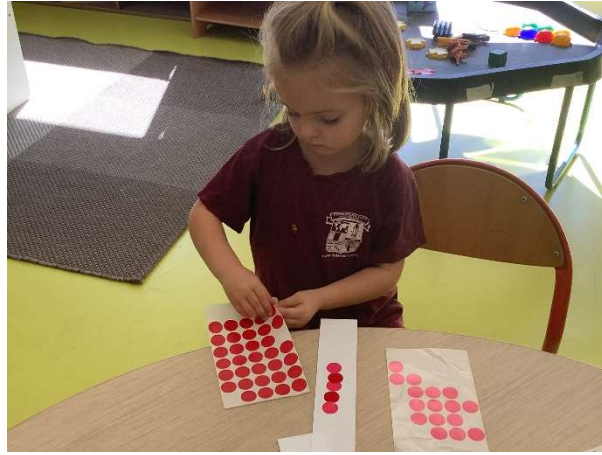




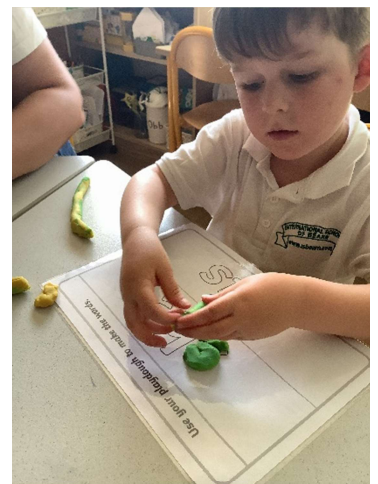


**Reception** class has been working hard on creating, following and extending repeating patterns in maths.





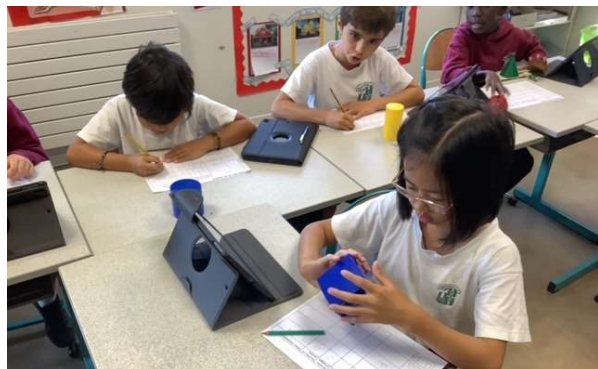
This half term, **Grade 1** have made great progress in their phonics work. We are becoming much more confident readers and spellers!



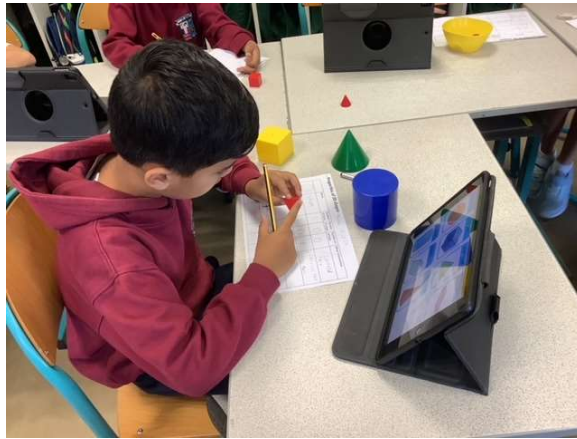
**Grade 2** have been writing their own worry stories on their iPads.



**Grade 3** have been working hard in maths learning all about 3D shapes and their properties.







**Grade 3** Music lesson



**Grade 4** visited Reception class to listen to Jack's presentation all about his friend who he watched blast off to the International Space Station last month! We loved seeing the videos and photos he had to show us space.

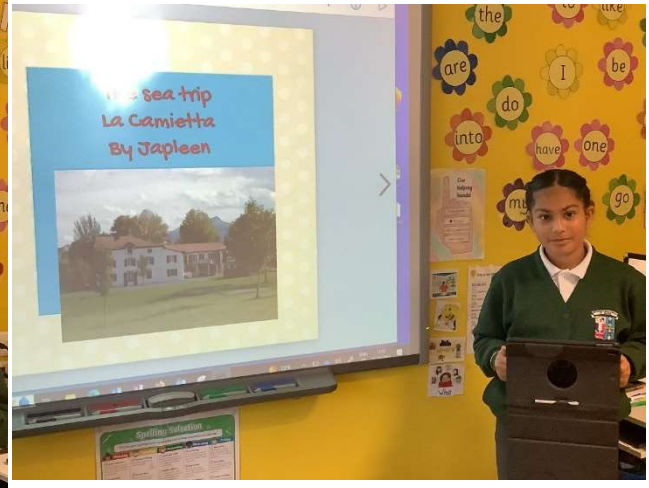


Grade 6: Circulate through the circulatory system! 1. Make your own blood ☐ 2. Draw the heart (not like this: ♥!) 3. Travel like a red blood cell through a vein using the VR headset 🧢 4. What can you find out about blood using our class resources?



Presentation about the Sea trip: In EAL (English Additional Language), we created a presentation about the Sea trip in 'La Camietta' using the app Book Creator. The focus was to use past tense to recall the fun memories of the whole trip. **Japleen** and **Liv** in **Grade 6**, both made a great job and they are really proud to share it with you all!





Les élèves du **French Club** ont réalisé leur portrait chinois. Si j'étais un fruit, je serais....

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**October/November external exams**

**Mike Kirby / Exams Officer**

This week, the resit exams began and will continue until mid-November. We remind those students taking exams during the half term holidays that they should arrive at school at 9.15 for morning exams and 13.30 for afternoon exams. We wish all students taking exams the best of luck.

Grade 8, in Music lesson:



In Biology, **Grade 8** enjoyed a brain dissection.

**Grades 7 and 8** Football lessons at the Soccer Park

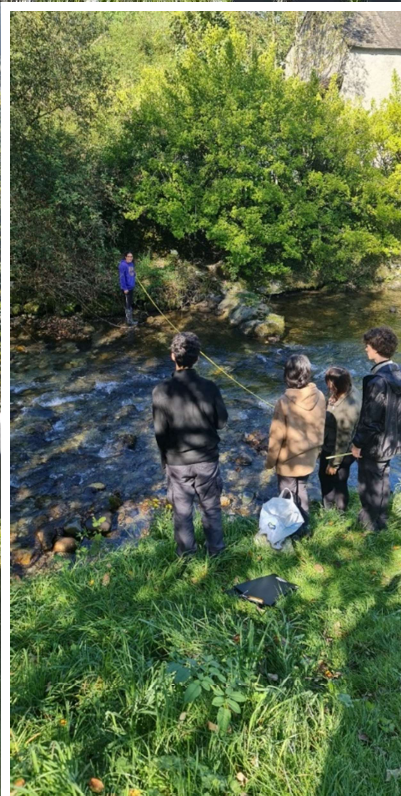




**Grade 12** Geographers went in a trip on the mountains with Mr Jackson











In Biology, **Grade 13** have been studying the structure and function of the kidney.



## Yesterday's trip for the Duke of Edinburgh Award:



## Secondary Update

12 October 2023

Ann Byrne/Head of Secondary

### FireFly and Presentations for Parent Info Sessions

All presentation should now be available on your Parent Dashboard. Also, don't forget that under 'Resources' on the FireFly menu bar, you can find out more information about subjects at the different Key Stages.

### Revision Strategy #2 Test, test, test yourself

Start each day by trying to remember 5-10 facts you learnt from the day before. Test yourself on what you have learnt at the end of the day, the next day and at the end of the week. Change the order of what you test yourself on so that you don't get used to the same pattern.

An important concept in revision is recognizing active vs passive revision. **Active revision** means doing something with the information you need to learn, and this is usually testing your memory. **Passive revision techniques** include reading your old notes, copying them out again etc. Re-writing your notes by hand is always better than typing them since you tend to recall more of the information, but don't fall into the trap of thinking that this is enough! .... **You still need to test yourself to see what you have remembered.**

### Dates for your Diary

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.

*Have a nice week  
Très Bonne Semaine  
Maria Elias*