



Thursday 9th November 2023

MARIA'S NOTES



!! Do not forget to order the school photos!! You received a few weeks ago the order form.

It was great to have everyone back after the holidays and we all met together on Monday afternoon for assembly to finish our first day back all together.

In the assembly, Axel (Grade 1) and Arshiv (Grade 2) held up some pictures of two different flowers and Mr Hanrahan asked us if we knew what they were. Axel was holding up a Bluet (Cornflower) and Arshiv was holding up a Poppy. Slowly, but surely, we ascertained that they are both symbols of peace and are used it this time of year to help us remember all those people around the world, affected by war (historic and ongoing).



We learnt that the two flowers were chosen as symbols, because they grew on the fields that had been used for battles 105 years ago, in a huge war called World War 1. The war involved over 100 countries and over 20 million people were killed. This Saturday, as every 11th November, lots of countries stop at 1100am and take a minute to think about all of the people that died, lots of services are held at memorials and although it's sad, it is hoped that by remembering, we will also remember that war is never a good thing and that in the end, no one wins.

Monroe (Grade 5), then read a short extract from a famous poem, which talks about remembering the young soldiers that died during WWI.

“ They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.”



We agreed that rather than talking about wars, we would rather think about the opposite – **Peace**. We talked amongst ourselves about what we thought peace was and then shared our responses. Mr Hanrahan then chose 11 children to read a poem called Peace, written by a group of 7 and 8 year old, about what they thought peace was. As we listened, we tried to hear how many of our ideas were in the poem.



“Older children playing games with younger children,
Can be lots of fun to do.
Putting litter in the bin,
Sharing a smile or maybe two!

Accepting people who are different to you,
Friends of different race playing with each other.
Forgiving wrongs and compromising,
Respecting your father and mother.”

We decided that this coming Friday, we will have an **ISB Primary Day of Peace**, during which, we will complete some activities to do with peace, and create our own symbol for peace. (Find out more, further down the page!)

We ended the assembly with the first merit certificates of the year! Lots of children from Reception to Grade 5 were awarded their bronze certificates for collecting 25 merits since September! I'm sure that we are going to see many more certificates over the coming weeks.

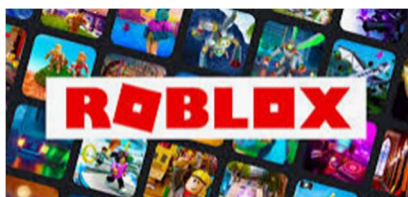


The student council met on Tuesday, and decided that our theme for **this coming Friday** is “**Stand-Up for Peace**”. On Friday, they would like the whole of the EYFS and Primary school to wear their **normal school uniforms, but with whatever trousers they want!** (these are our symbol of peace). The children can wear their favourite trousers, pyjama trousers, decorated trousers, funky trousers – anything that they can think of! We are not collecting any donations, we just want everyone to spend the day focusing on peace. Lessons will continue as normal, however, certain subjects will have a peace focus.

Finally, the student council are organising a Christmas Disco as their first fundraiser towards our chosen local charity, 'OGFA'. This will take place on **Thursday 30th November from 1545-1645**. The student council have lots of great ideas for this event, and so we will give you more information next week.

All of the money made from the disco will be used to buy Christmas presents for children and teenagers who are under the care of OGFA. To find out more about OGFA's important work, you can check out their website: <https://www.ogfa.net/>

Are you confident that your child's online activity is as safe and wholesome as you think it is? We would like to invite all Grade 3-6 parents to join us in the Hall on Tuesday, 28th November at 1430, for a meeting about online safety, led by our Primary school Deputy Head and Computing Coordinator, Miss Heather.



There are many, many exciting things happening this half term but the most significant dates are below!

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 22nd November Grade 6 trip to see the Orchestre de Pau

Thursday 30th November EY-G6 Charity Discos (1545-1645)

Monday 11th December Grade 3 assembly (G3 parents welcome)

Wednesday 13th December EYFS Christmas Extravaganza (Time TBC) at school

Friday 15th December Grade 1&2 show, at Espace Dantza (0930 - 1100)

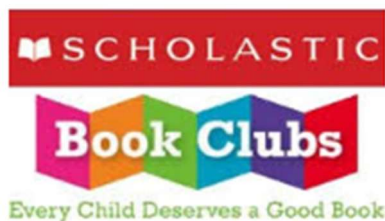
Tuesday 19th December Primary School Reports available

Wednesday 20th December Gr 3-6 Musical Breakfast (0915) at school

Wednesday 20th December School closes for holidays at 12:00

!!If you know that your children will not be here for the EYFS Extravaganza, Grade 1&2 show or the Musical Breakfast, please let us know as soon as possible, as this affects organisation!!

Miss Jette, our wonderful librarian, has once organised a book club, through Scholastic (I sent you all an email). This means that you can order children's books at a great price before the 20th November and have your books delivered to ISB, in time for the Christmas holidays. Not only that, but every euro you spend, the school receives 20 cents towards books for the library...It's a win/win!



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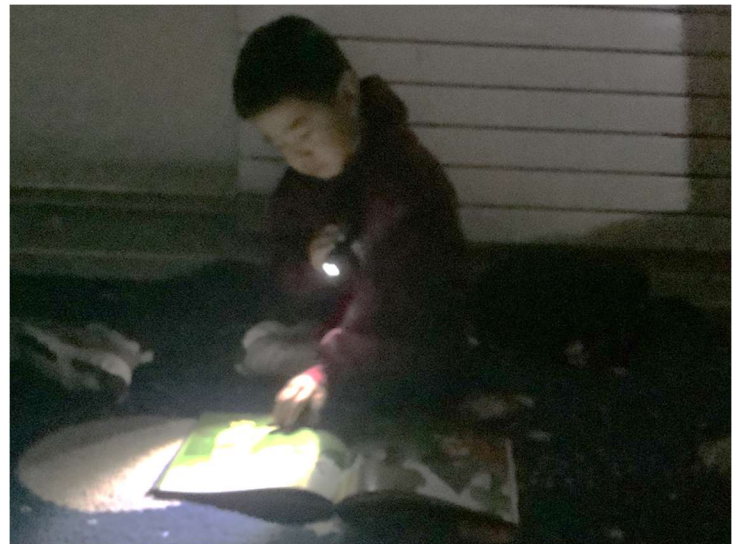
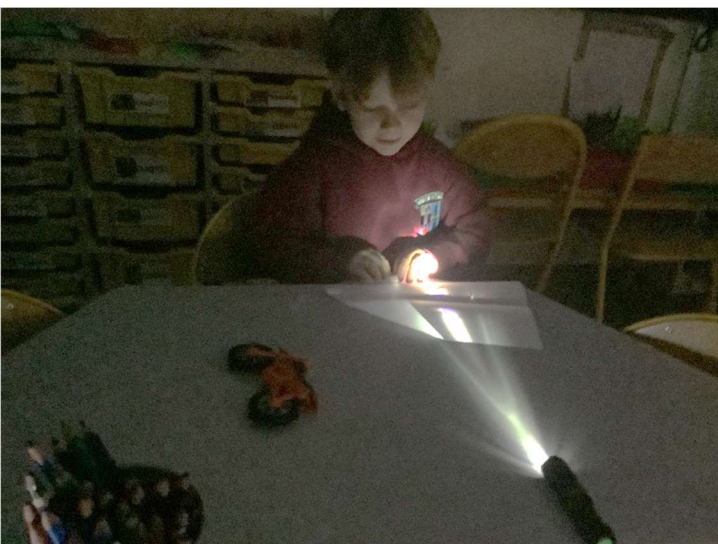
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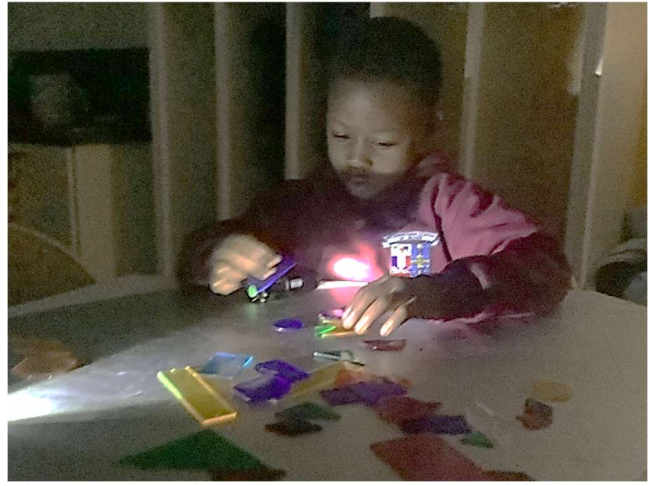
Early Years are working on an art project inspired by French artist and renowned children's book illustrator **Hervé Tullet**. We have been reading his book « Mix it Up » and exploring what happens when we mix two colours together. We also went for a walk around the school, exploring autumnal nature and foraging leaves and twigs which we used to build a little house for hedgehogs.





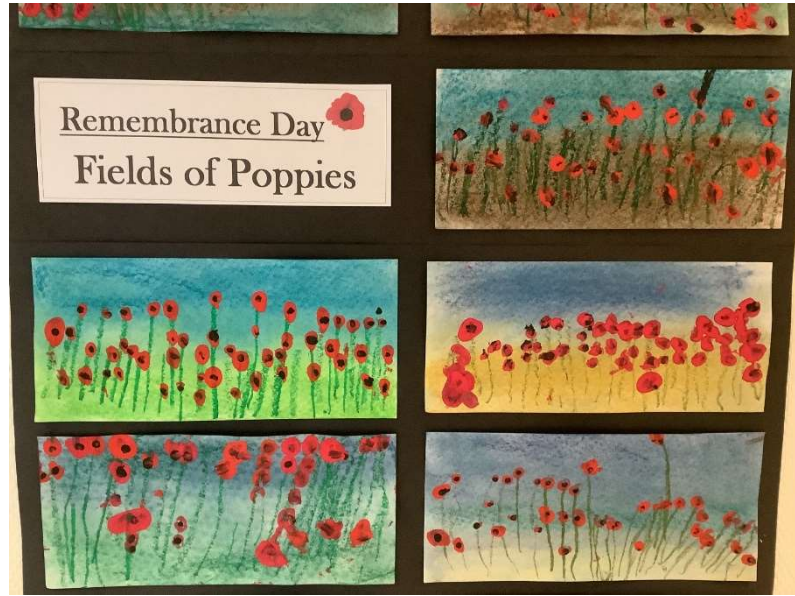
Reception have had an exciting return to school- we've started our new topic on light and dark by exploring darkness in our classroom, thinking about sources of light and asking questions that we will be fine out the answers to this term about what sorts of things happen at night!





In Art, this week, **Reception** class have been using various media (soft pastels, oil pastels and paint). Working on their fine motor skills to create fields of Poppies for 'Remembrance Day'. Really beautiful work 🤗👏👏





Grade 1 have been working hard in Maths this week. We have been learning about place value and making 2 digit numbers using lots of different resources. They have also been busy in the garden cleaning our their patch ready for planting next week!





In Science, **Grade 2** have been learning about food chains. Grade 2 have also been learning all about safety online in Computing.



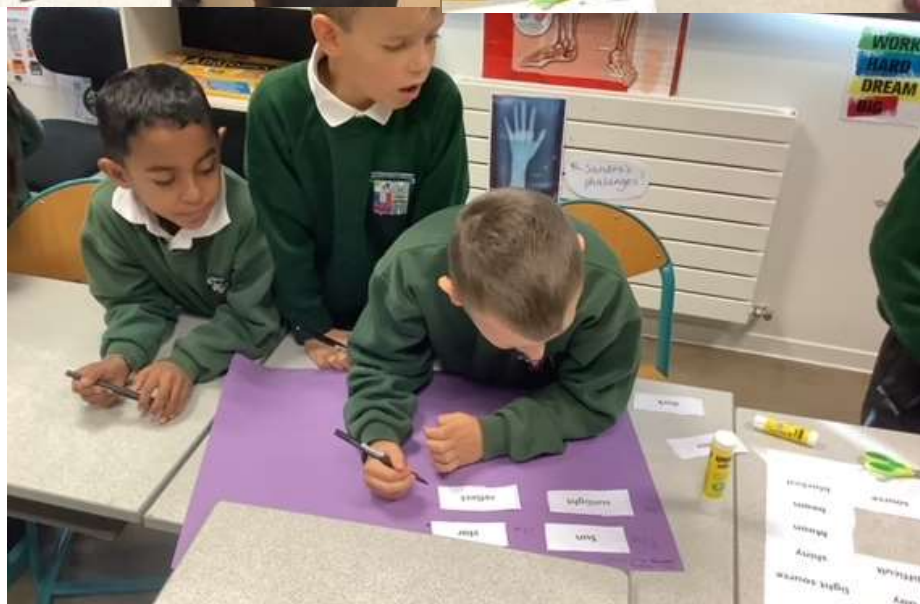


Grade 2's Art work on free painting poppies for Remembrance Day.





Grade 3 started their new **Science** topic *Light and Shadows* by making sentences using some keywords about what they already know (or think they know) about the topic. This created some interesting discussion eg. does the moon reflect light from the sun or vice versa?

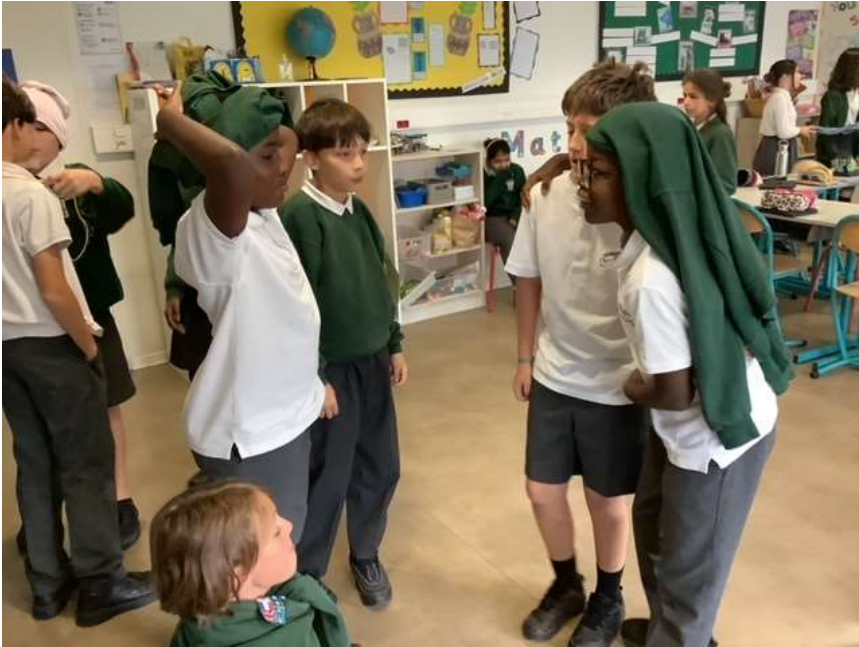


Grade 4 did their final part of their EGGSperiment to learn about how can sugar affect our teeth ? After two weeks sitting in cola the eggs were mouldy, the shell was cracked, the color changed to brown, black and the smell was horrible. This proved that sugary drinks are bad for your teeth. The bacteria eat the sugar, and it starts to eat your tooth enamel too. It makes tiny holes, and the tooth starts to rot and turn black. That's called cavities.



Grade 6 have been listening to a description of a terrifying night, picturing this in their minds they worked in groups to re-enact the scene. They incorporated excellent sound effects and physical movements to bring the scene to life.





Grade 6's Art work this week, working in a collaboration project for 'Remembrance Day'.





Grades 7 and 8 first climbing lesson:



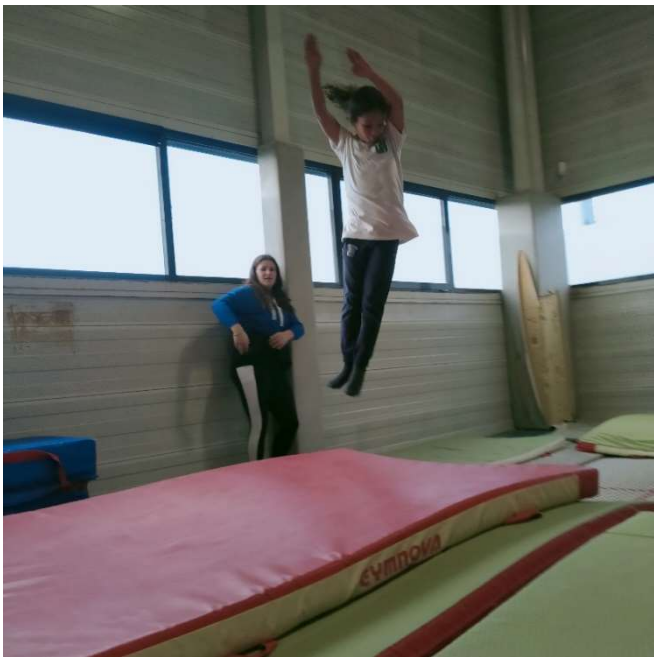


Grades 7 and 8 first tennis lesson





Grades 7 & 8 first lesson in gymnastics





Esta semana en clase de **Grade 9** con Don Daniel hemos celebrado “el día de los muertos” como en América Latina. Hemos estudiado cómo se celebra en México y en otros países, hemos cantado la canción popular de “La llorona“, hemos decorado los pasillos de secundaria y hemos visto a través de la película “coco” todos los elementos representativos de esta fiesta probando los típicos “huesos de Santo” que se hacen en España para la ocasión. ¡Otro buen momento en clase de Español!





Grades 9-11 tennis lessons:



As the mock exams are fast approaching with some languages' exams on Friday 01 December and the main timetable starting on Monday 04 December, here is our final revision tip ...

Revision Strategy #4

WHEN TO ASK	WHAT TO ASK YOURSELF...
BEFORE REVISION	How much time do I have? How can I spread out my revision? Can I vary the subjects I revise in one day? Can I mix up the type of questions within a subject? Have I removed potential distractions? What questions can I answer before I start revising?
DURING REVISION	Have I done any past papers? Who can quiz me on this topic? Why is this true? Have I read my revision notes out loud?
AFTER REVISION	Who can I teach this to? Do I have a good bedtime routine? Am I getting plenty of sleep?

The mock exam timetable is on both the Parent and Student dashboard on FireFly.

Dates for your Diary

- 16 November: Progress Reports will be published to parents for Grades 11 – 13
- 17 November: Pizza Day (organised by the 2024 Prom Committee – more info to follow)
- 21 November: G10 Parents Evening 16:00 – 17:45**
- 22 November: G7 out to Pau orchestra to attend a rehearsal with Miss Clara – times TBC
- 04 - 16 Dec: Mock exams for Grades 11, 12 and 13
- 15 December: G9 Art trip to the Bordeaux Museum of Art
- 18 – 19 Dec: PSHE and careers days for G10, 11; some sessions will be for G12 and 13. Otherwise lessons as normal. Attendance is compulsory.
- 19 December: Full Reports for Grades 7 – 9 will be published
- 20 Dec 12:00: Break for Christmas holidays
- 08 Jan 2024: RETURN TO SCHOOL and Edexcel AS Biology and Chemistry exams start
Dates and times TBC

*Have a nice week
Très Bonne Semaine
Maria Elias*