



Thursday 16th November 2023

MARIA'S NOTES

The PTA would like to remind all parents about the **Christmas Fayre** (please see the attached poster)

Here is the link to access the sign-up sheet:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScD_11UphRP92GN6E7YiMuGi8_W511zQeNoxQgBIJTLhuPpjA/viewform

This week in the Primary school, our week got off to a lovely start, with some of the classes sharing some of the activities that did last Friday to "stand up for peace", during our weekly assembly. We shared poems, crafts, artwork and inspirational messages.



We are going to use the work produced to create a beautiful ISB peace display in the atrium, so keep your eyes peeled!

Miss Keswani, with the help of Reeva (G4) and Aankhi (G6), then told us about a Hindu festival called Diwali, that they had celebrated at the weekend, along with lots of other children in the school. Reception Class, helped Miss Keswani, retell the story of Diwali, using some little dolls.



Finally, to wrap up the assembly, the house points trophy had been eagerly collected, and so we awarded the fortnightly house points trophy. There was over 100 house points difference between 1st and 2nd place, and this week it was the red house team that came out on top! **Well done to the red team and to their proud captain, Nathan (G6)!**

Continuing on our quest for **peace**, we have decided that **this coming Friday**, to highlight the fact that we are all different and that is why we are all special, we are all going to **wear odd socks** (two different socks) to complement our usual school uniform. What will your sock say about you?



You should have received an email this week about a toy collection for this year's chosen charity, OGFA. OGFA has asked us to collect toys/gifts for children from **0-18 years of age**. It doesn't need to be a new toy, it could be an unused gift that you have received or a game in good condition that your children don't play with anymore.



Of course, new toys are welcome too!

If your family would like to participate you can drop off your donations to one of our student councillors in the atrium from **Monday 20th November- Friday 24th November between 8:30-9am**. **Donations should not be wrapped**, so that we can sort out the age categories appropriately.

If you don't have any excellent condition, unwanted toys, but you want to help OGFA, don't worry! You can also contribute to ISBs charity work by attending the upcoming school discos on **Friday 30th November**. All money raised, will be used by the student council to buy any more presents that we need for the children and young people in OGFA's care.

As well as collecting toys every morning next week, the student council will be selling disco tickets, pizza slices and raffle tickets for the charity discos. Don't forget to give your children their money, if they would like to come to the disco to have an amazing time with their friends, and help raise money for OGFA. **Disco tickets – 2 euros, slice of pizza - 3 euros and raffle tickets (G1-6 only)- 50 cents each.** (We will keep a record of any tickets/pizza and raffle tickets bought)



ISB x Scholastic Book Club

Don't forget that you have until **Monday, 20th November** to get you book orders in, ready for the delivery before the Christmas holidays...Just follow the link below to go to the ISB order form.

<http://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/international-school-of-bearn>



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International School of Bearn has raised £288.26 to spend on free children's books and teaching resources from Scholastic UK in the last year. Help us earn even more free books by support our next Book Club: <https://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/international-school-of-bearn>.
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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)

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

Tuesday 19th December Primary School Reports available

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

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!!



This week **Early Years** have continued our work on our focus artist Herve Tullet. We have used various circular shapes to make prints and dots. We all helped to make some delicious pizzas and made a display to celebrate our "Stand for Peace" day.



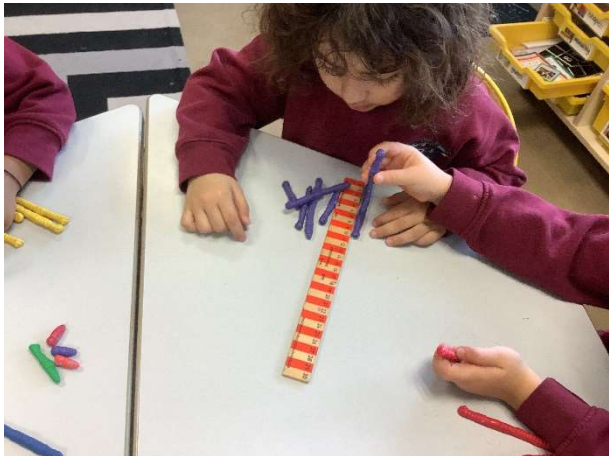


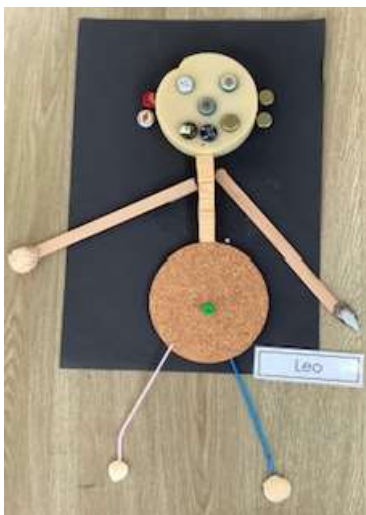
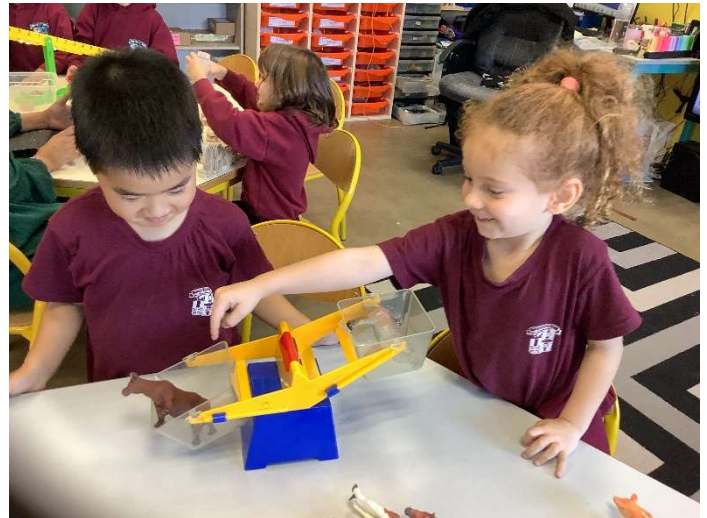
Miss Maria came in Early Years class to tell a story in Portuguese. Afterwards we all sang a traditional Portuguese song 'O malhão malhão'.



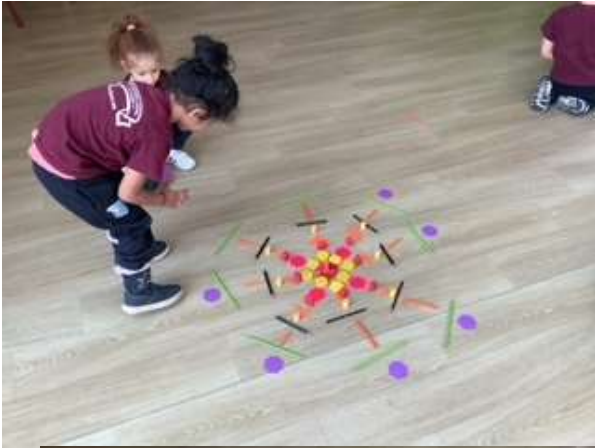


This week **Reception** have had lots of fun exploring measures, comparing weight, length and capacity. Some excellent mathematical vocabulary developing! Well done Reception!





This week in Art, **Reception** have been exploring and creating transient art using various bits and bobs. Working on choosing their materials, selecting, arranging and re-arranging for their final individual portraits.



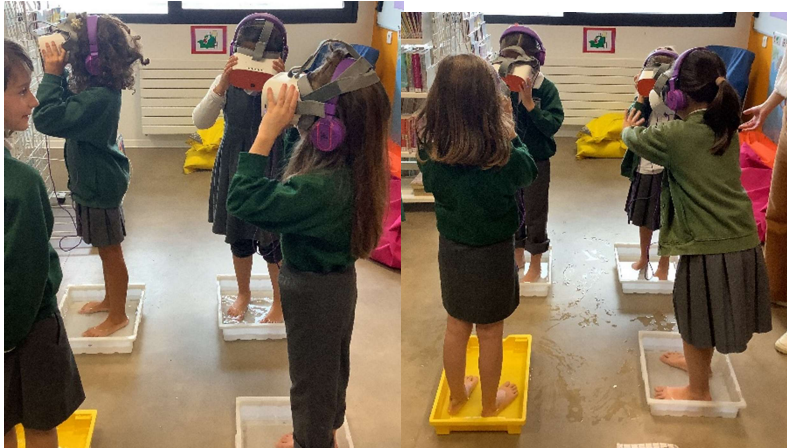
En classe de français FR avec Miss Didi, les élèves de **Grade 1** explorent leurs talents d'acteurs dans notre épisode de la semaine "La boutique de vêtements".



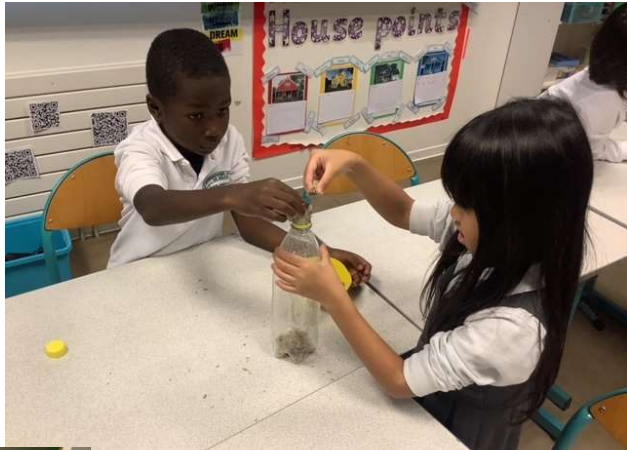
Measuring in **Grade 2**



Grade 2 swimming with sea turtles.



Grade 3 learned all about tsunamis in Geography and began making their very own tsunamis in a bottle!



Grade 4 have started a new science topic: Sound! We had a great time making as much noise as possible 🤯 🗣️ and discovering that all sound starts from a vibration 🔊



In Computing we worked in pairs to write an algorithm for a traffic light simulation in preparation for our work in 2Code. In Maths we learnt about factors of numbers and used cubes to help us find all the factors of different multiples.





Grade 5 learning all about their new tennis lesson.



Grade 5 making videos using *I can animate*. Great fun.



The sixth form have enjoyed the dissection of pig ears in the science lab, as a collaboration between Biology and Art.



Secondary Update

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Ann Byrne/Head of Secondary

Outstanding Learners

Two of our ISB students have been awarded an **Outstanding Learner Award** by Pearson (Edexcel). **Agata Grandi** and **Hattie Rigden**, who are both now in Grade 12, achieved the highest exam grades in France for their Mathematics and History GCSE examination in the Summer.



Uniform

We often receive emails from parents with a plea to help find lost uniform; however, we need your help with this! We appreciate that often uniform is purchased from the second-hand uniform sales, but **please write your child's name in every item.** Before the half-term break, this was Mr Pearce's haul of lost property uniform items and none of it was named; sadly, if an item is not named, we can't return it to its owner and as a result, we donate it back to the PTA for the next uniform sale.

G10 Parents Evening Tuesday 21 November 16:00 – 17:45

Your son/daughter in Grade 10 should have started to make appointments with teachers for Tuesday's Parents Evening.

The Science teachers have allocated specific students to each teacher: Mr Payne, Mrs, Payne and Mr Lesnik and your son/daughter should have made an appointments with just the one teacher.

Please contact Mr Pearse if you have any queries.

Dates for your Diary

23 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*

What a nice age group!