



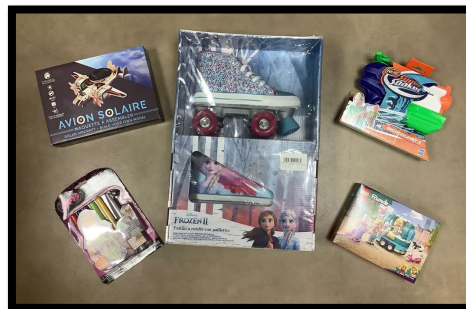
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

### MARIA'S NOTES

This week's assembly was a busy one, as there were lots and lots of certificates awarded to excellent students, from all across the school. Before the certificates though, Miss Michelle Morris had a very exciting announcement to make about the ISB Project – A chance to grow and prove ourselves to be 'global citizens'. Miss Michele explained to us about how the project will work this year (more info below), and then gave the whole school our first task – We are all going to work together to create thankfulness trees, that you will be able to see in the downstairs corridor when you visit soon.



Mr Hanrahan then thanked us for our generous donations for the OGFA toy drive. There are already so many, it's fantastic! He also reminded us that the disco, pizza and raffle tickets will be on sale all this week and next Monday, every morning in the atrium.



A few of the generous gifts already received

### **Certificates**

Next up, the class teachers awarded certificates to those children who have earned 25 merits since the beginning of the year, for excellent academic work. All of the children were given a well-deserved round of applause, but a special mention was also given to Nico from Reception Class, because he was supposed to receive his certificate the week before, but we ran out of time in the assembly. Nico was desperate for his certificate, but didn't complain; he waited patiently, and even reminded Mr Hanrahan so that he didn't forget this week!





### ISB PROJECT – Miss Michelle Morris



We have recently restarted the **ISB project** which is a school-wide, voluntary initiative that allows students to engage in activities that help their community, their school, and themselves. We have made some changes to the project that we would like to explain so you can help your child if they want to participate. Firstly, there are 10 tasks that each student should complete by the end of the year in order to receive a badge and a certificate. Some tasks will be completed at school, however some are meant to be completed at home.

The home tasks include helping around the house, developing cooking skills, learning a new outdoor activity, and reviewing a local activity. While cooking skills and reviewing a local activity can be a one-time task, helping around the house and learning a new outdoor activity are meant to be ongoing tasks throughout the year. We ask the students to provide proof of their progression of all tasks throughout the year with photos or a journal of their activities with dates. All evidence can be submitted on teams in the ISB Project channel under files, class folder, and the child's personal folder. As we said to the students, if there is no proof of a task, we cannot sign off on it.

Cooking skills can range from learning how to make a sandwich to learning how to make a beloved family recipe depending on the age of the child. Reviewing a local activity is meant to introduce students to new things in the area. We ask the students to take photos of the activity and write a small summary of what they did, why they would recommend it, where to find the activity, and how much it costs.

For students in Foundation stage up to grade 2, parents can help the students write the review.

Helping around the house includes chores but also helping siblings or learning how to help in the garden. For the outdoor skills we are asking students to learn a new skill or an extension of a skill they already know, for example a handstand in gymnastics or learning how to do a new trick on a skateboard. Again, these last 2 tasks should be ongoing throughout the year.

We are really excited about the new project and we hope you are as well. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask. You can either ask your child's class teacher, ask a question on ISB Project Teams channel, or email Miss Michelle directly: [michelle.morris@isbearn.com](mailto:michelle.morris@isbearn.com)



### **Lego Boosters**

During Monday lunch-time, Miss Heather’s Lego Boosters Club recommenced. A selection of Grade 5 and 6 students were invited to take part in this innovative club, that focuses on coding. The children started their first project: building a simple robot called MARIO which they will use to help them learn about the different commands in Lego Boost.



### **Orchestra de Pau**

On Wednesday morning, the lucky Grade 6s joined Grade 7 and enjoyed a trip into Pau to watch the Orchestra de Pau rehearse.



## Enrichment workshops

On Thursday, we had our first enrichment workshops of the year. Miss Nairac ran a Maths activity for a group of Grade 5 students, and Miss Heather ran a computing activity for a group of EYFS children. Some of you have, or will shortly, receive emails from your children's teachers inviting your children to an enrichment workshop. This is a project that we started a few years ago, and each term, the subject coordinators in the Primary school will run an 'Enrichment Workshop' for a small group of children. These 'workshops' give children opportunities to try new and varied activities that may not strictly fit into the curriculum, but that develop character, resilience and motivation, and encourage them to pursue wider goals. Children invited to an enrichment workshop, will go off timetable and work on a special activity with the subject coordinator for an hour, half a day or even a full day in just a small group of children. There are many aims of the workshops, but some of these are:

- To boost the confidence of a child in a specific subject.
- To stretch and extend more-able pupils in a specific subject.
- To give a child a new found love of a subject, etc.

If you receive an email, don't worry you don't need to do anything, but we thought you would like to understand what it is all about. Normally photos and videos will be posted on Team ISB, so you can see what the children have been up to.



Some lucky EYFS Wrote and tested algorithms to program robotic pets



Five grade 5s spent time with Miss Nairac, building, investigating the properties of and naming, 3d shapes

## Keeping your children safe online

We would like to invite all Grade 3-6 parents to join us **in the school hall**, on **Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November at 1430**, for an important **meeting about online safety**, led by our primary school Deputy Head and Computing Coordinator, Miss Heather.



Your active participation is vital in fostering a collaborative community that prioritises the well-being of our young learners.

**Let's work together to create a secure and enriching online experience for our children.**

**Odd socks day:**

The school was bold on bright on Friday, with everyone taking part in the Odd Socks Day to promote the positive message that we are all different and that’s what makes us special:



Early Years



Grade 1



Grade 5

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November** G3-6 Parents meeting about online safety, 1430, in the hall

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November** EY-G6 Charity Discos (1545-1645)

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** PTA Craft Fayre (1530)

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** Grade 3 assembly (G3 parents welcome)

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** EYFS Christmas Extravaganza (Time TBC)

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** PTA Bake Sale (gr 2 & 8 baking)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** Grade 1&2 show, at Espace Dantza (0930 - 1100)

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** Primary School Reports available

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** Gr 3-6 Musical Breakfast (0915)

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** School closes for holidays at 12:00

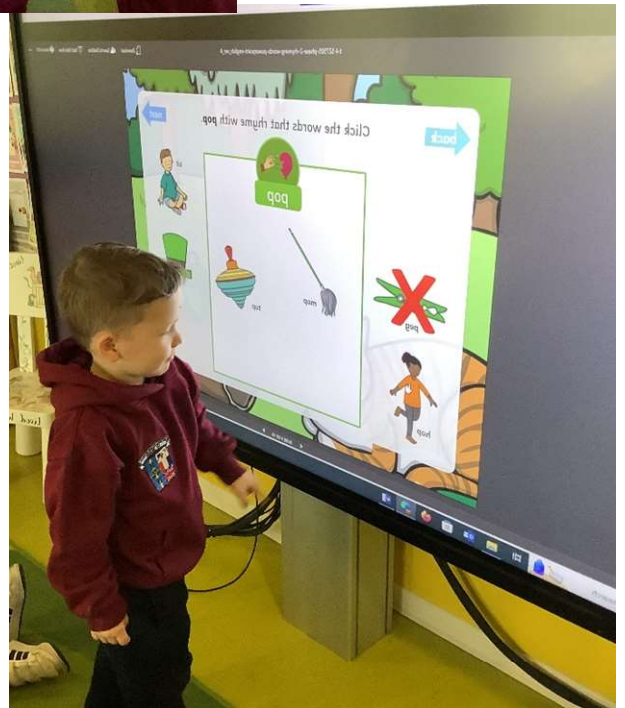
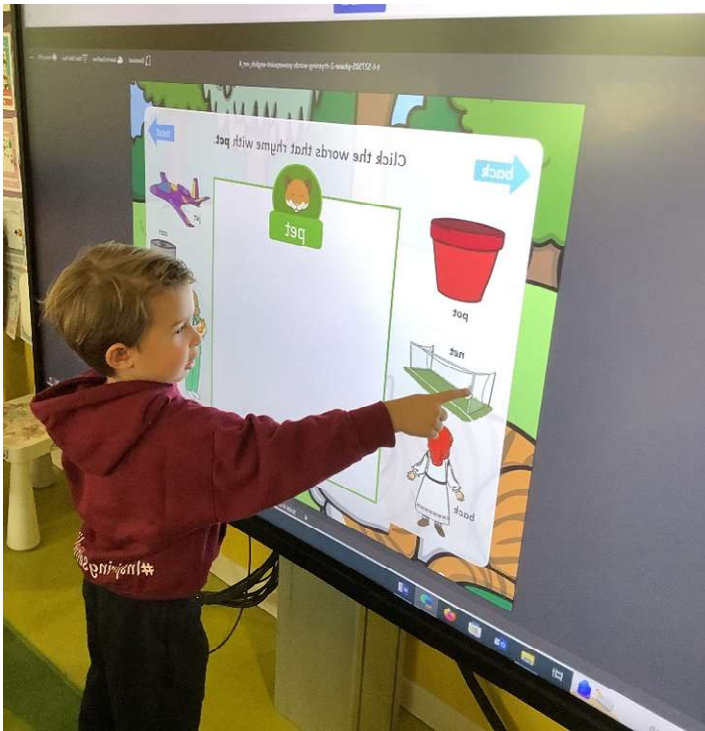
!!If you know that your children will not be here for the EYFS Extravaganza, Grade 1&2 show or the Musical Breakfast, please let us know as soon as possible, as this affects organisation!!

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This week **Early Years** have been exploring making marks and patterns with Miss Sarah. In Literacy we have been reading “Oi Frog” and playing a rhyming game with sound & light buzzers. On Friday we have been gardening together with Reception class and we enjoyed listening to stories read by Luca’s Mummy.







Lots of fun and very exciting teamwork in **Reception** this week working on some props for our Christmas show!





Reception have been working hard on developing their ball skills in PE- always easier when the sun is shining!





This week in Art, Reception class have been exploring to make light and dark colours. Learning to create tints and shades, how much of white you need to add or how little of black to add to a colour and painting like real artists. Super work 🙌🙌🙌





**Les élèves de Grade 1 continuent avec les alphas.**

In Computing, **Grade 2** did their self portrait on Purplemash. Can you guess who is who?





Grade 2 are working hard doing their amazing sea turtles.



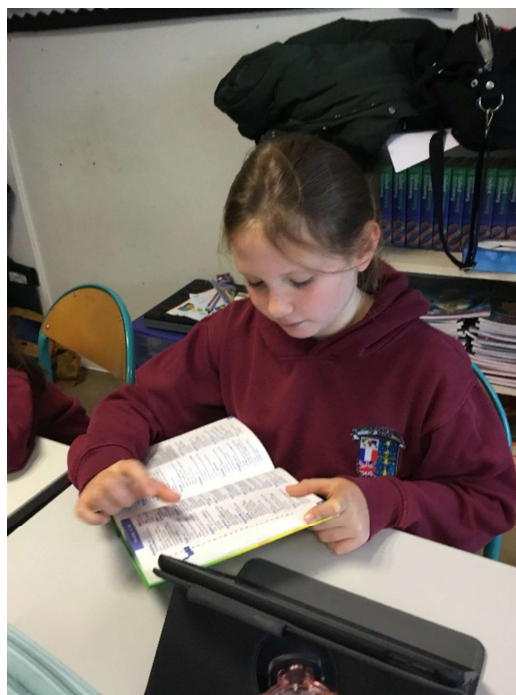
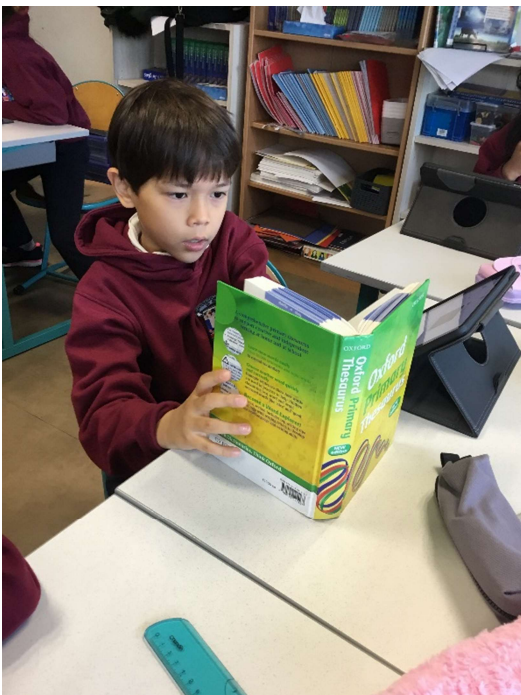


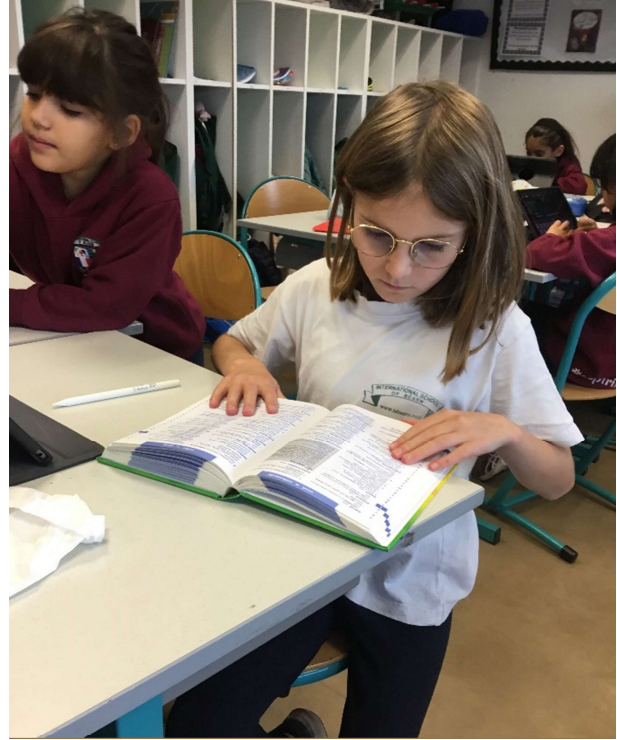
**Grade 2** (EAL, extra English for non-Anglophones))

These past few days we have been learning about the autumn season. We used our senses to look for signs of autumn around school. We found yellow and orange leaves, acorns, wet grass, and most of all we played with the pile of leaves near the pond. It was an absolute fun that brought big smiles in our faces.



In English today **Grade 4** had to described a spooky image, using some scary words, adding some similes, metaphors and synonyms. We used some thesaurus to help us.





**Grade 5** improving their computing skills using *I Can Animate*. They made amazing videos where some even used more than 200 pictures. Great fun and way to go.





**Computing club in Primary :**

Scan the QR code to see the Computing Club entries to the Purple Mash festive card competition...fingers crossed we have a winner from ISB!

**Grades 6 and 7** were invited by the Pau Orchestra (OPPB) to attend a beautiful rehearsal of French music by Farrenc and Offenbach!





**Grade 7** English students are using freeze frames as a way to explore characters in a story. They focused on using body language, facial expressions and space to depict the relationships between different characters.





ould show the relationship



**Secondary TENNIS lessons:**





**Secondary GYMNASTICS lessons:** rope climbing, flips, and other gymnastic figures.



**Secondary CLIMBING lessons:**





**Grade 13 Physics:** Cool picture of Leyden jar. Leyden jar is an electrical component that stores high voltage electric charge. In the picture you can see the moment when we brought the positive anode to the negative cathode and a spark jumped between them. Sparks like lightning can also be seen inside Leyden jar.



## PEARSON/EDEXCEL VIRTUAL INSPECTION

On Monday 13 November, ISB was inspected by Pearson/Edexcel to ensure that our school was carrying out exams respecting the regulations set by the UK examination authorities, Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ). The inspection was carried out virtually and involved checking every aspect of our centre's examination set up.

We have now received the report from Pearson/Edexcel which indicates that **our centre is meeting all of the requirements set out by JCQ.**

## JANUARY INTERNATIONAL A LEVEL EXAMINATIONS

A reminder that International A and AS examinations in Biology and Chemistry take place immediately after the Christmas vacation. Students taking these exams have already received their statements of entry and parents will shortly receive a copy of the statement of entry and details of arrangements for the exams.

## Secondary Update

23 November 2023

Ann Byrne/Head of Secondary

### Dates for your Diary

24 November:	Progress Reports will be published to parents for Grades 11 – 13
28 November:	G13 History students leaving at lunchtime to see Napoleon movie in Pau
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 Dec (am):	G8 MFL Visit to Pau
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

### Edexcel International AS/A Level Biology/Chemistry Exams

#### 08:00 START

#### 11:00 START

08/01/24	IAL Chemistry Unit 4 1h 45	08/01/24	IAS Biology Unit 1 1h 30
10/01/24	IAS Chemistry Unit 1 1h 30		
16/01/24	IAS Chemistry Unit 2 1H 30		
		22/01/24	IAS Chemistry Unit 3 1H 20

### Parent Evenings 2024

Dates for all parent evenings next year are as follows, all are Tuesdays:

G11 – 13 'By Invitation' Parents Eve	23 January
Grade 8	30 January
Grade 7	06 February
Grade 9 Parents Eve plus Options	26 March

### Pau Orchestra

Thanks to Miss Clara, Miss Nathalie and Mr Pearse who accompanied our Grade 7 students to a Pau Orchestra rehearsal on Wednesday 22 November. A good time was had by all!

*Have a nice week  
Très Bonne Semaine  
Maria Elias*