



Thursday 30th November 2023

MARIA'S NOTES



ISB PTA Christmas Fayre is on Friday 8th December 15.20-17.30 (flyer attached) in the school Atrium. See you there!!



We received free tickets, from Pau Mayor, for the big wheel (LA GRANDE ROUE) in Pau centre. If you want any, please tell me.

In the Primary school, we had a jam-packed assembly on Monday. We started off with a quick reflection, during which we thought about something that we'd like to achieve in the last three and half weeks of the term. We then shared our thoughts with each other and this led to an interesting discussion, about setting challenging, but achievable goals. Fingers crossed, we will all achieve our goals by the 20th December, when we break up for the holidays!

Speaking of achievements, we had a 'Full House' of certificates this week! Hard working children from every class: Reception Class to Grade 6, received a merit certificate. Check out their photos below!



Next up, we awarded the **House Points trophy**. Once again, the results were really close, but for the second week in a row, the RED TEAM snatched the win! We have just one more trophy to award before the holidays, so everyone is going to be going all out to try and collect as many house points as possible during the next two weeks.

Nathan (G6) the Red Team Captain



Finally, it was the moment we'd all been waiting for... Who was going to be the VIPs at the disco? One by one, the tickets were drawn from the buckets of raffle tickets. In the end, the lower primary winners were: Romy (G2), Dean-Zi (G3), Talia (G3) and Pili (G1).



Unfortunately, Pili has been ill this week, and so on Thursday another name was picked from the bucket and Sam in Grade 1 was thrown into the VIP party scene... Check him out, living his best VIP life at the disco.

We then picked the VIPs for the upper school disco, and amazingly, the winners were two sets of brothers: Hugo & Pablo (G6) and Mark (G6) & Andor (G4). Unfortunately, on Thursday, Pablo was ill, and so we drew another ticket, just before the disco, and the lucky winner was Celine in Grade 4!



The discos on Thursday were a great success, and everyone had a brilliant time. We'd like to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to the PTA for providing all of the sweets and drinks for everyone! Thank you also to all of the children and parents for participating and making the event such a great success.



We have raised plenty of money with which to buy presents for the children and young people that are being helped by OGFA, and we can't wait to hit the shops with the student council (we will let you know the full amount next week).

On Tuesday, Miss Heather held a meeting about online safety. Lots of parents attended, and hopefully learnt some interesting facts about how to help their children use the internet safely. **Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend this important meeting.** We sent to all parents a link to the presentation.

On Friday, some lucky **Grade 6** children participated in an **English enrichment** workshop with Miss Walters, the Primary school English Coordinator. They had lots of fun, going off timetable and looking at simple ways to make their writing more interesting.



Another big **THANK YOU** for all of the generous donations of toys for OGFA. Mr Hanrahan's office is like Father Christmas' grotto (it's causing strange things to happen to Mr Hanrahan). We've sent a photo to Marlène from OGFA, so she knows just how much stuff she needs to come and collect on Tuesday. The amount of donations, is honestly overwhelming, so thank you and thank you again!

The amazing PTA, decorated the entire school on Thursday with Christmas decorations, just in time for the discos, and for the start of December. The school now looks wonderfully festive and ready for all of the exciting events throughout the next few weeks, leading to the holidays:

IMPORTANT DATES :

- Friday 8th December PTA Christmas Craft Fayre (1530)
- Monday 11th December Grade 3 assembly (G3 parents welcome)
- Wednesday 13th December EYFS Christmas Extravaganza (1030)
- Wednesday 13th December PTA Bake Sale (Gr 2 & 8 baking)
- 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)
- 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!!

In **Early Years**, we have been reading “ Owl Babies” by Martin Waddell and we made our own baby owls using various materials with different textures such as salt dough, paper rolls, cotton and feathers.



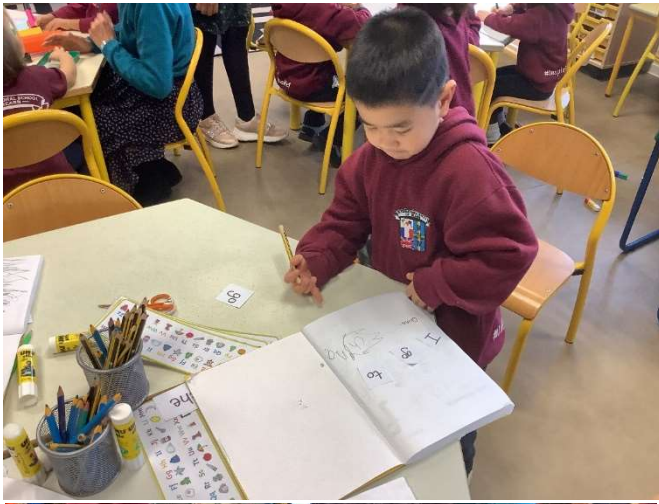
Every Friday afternoon we have a “ Parent reader session “.

This week Lucia’s Mummy came to read us a few stories in Spanish. Early Years were listening very attentively and loved story about a cow who laid eggs!





Some extraordinary writing in **Reception** this week, with Reception working hard to say their sentence, count the number of words in it, then use tricky words as needed! They are working hard to remember to leave finger spaces between words, sound out new words and use a full stop at the end of the sentence! Well done Reception!



Grade 1 children have been writing poetry about the weather. We went outside in the rain to perform our « Rainy Day » poem. We also wrote the poem on our classroom window with super special pens and illustrated it!





In Science, **Grade 2** created a healthy life style plan.

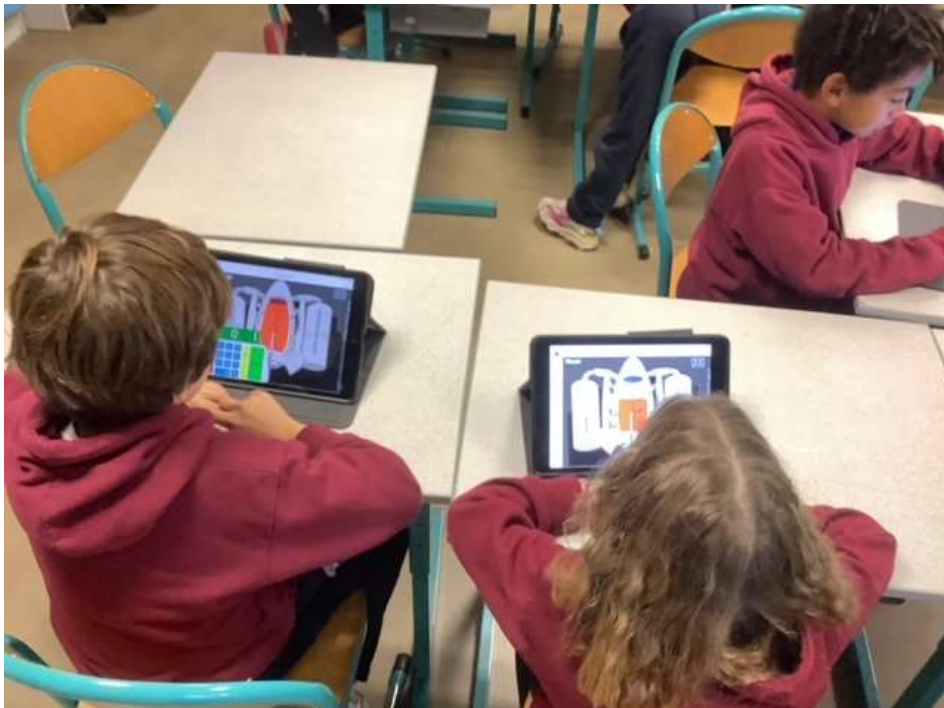
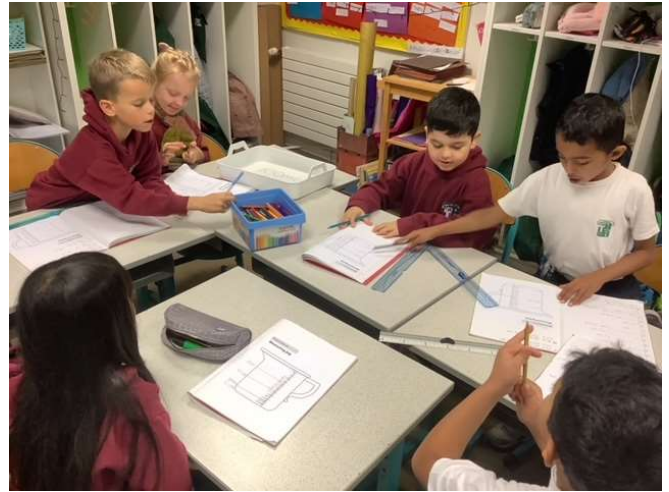
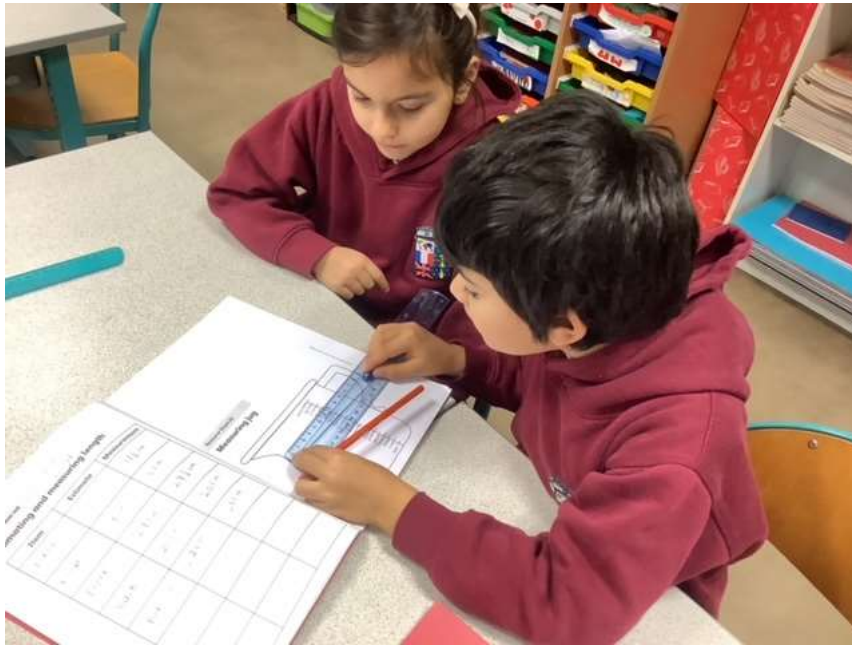


Grade 3 had a great time combining science with art to make these beautiful silhouettes of the Pic du Midi d'Ossau at sunset.

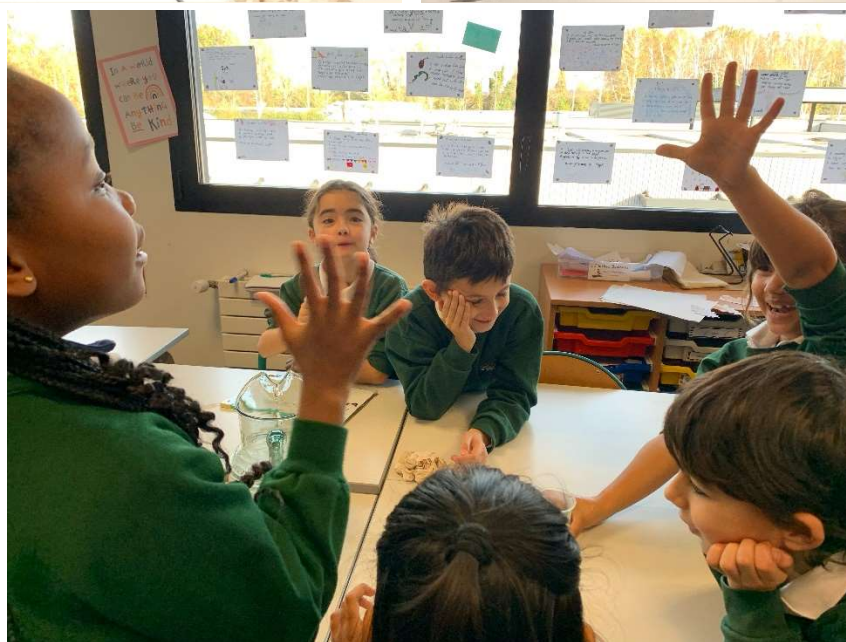
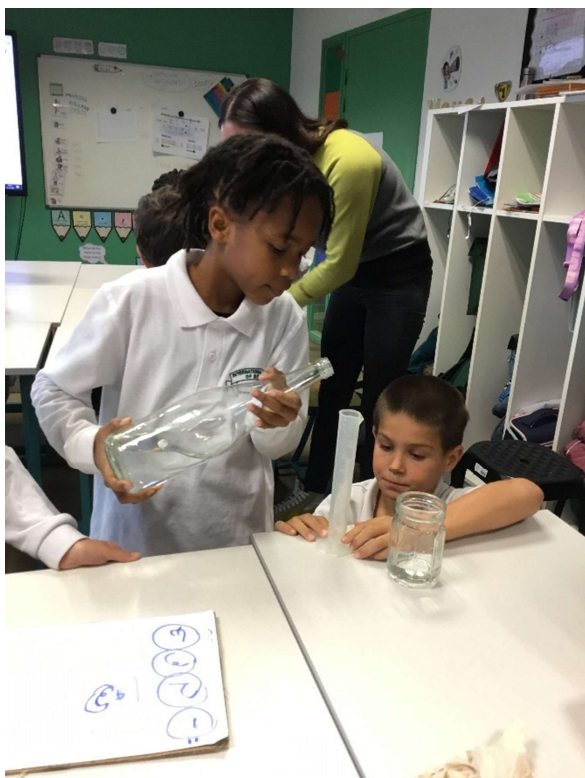


Grade 3 have been learning about capacity and measuring in litres and milliliters. We enjoyed participating in a capacity workshop where we measured out different amounts of water, recorded different measurements on a measuring jug in our books and played a game on the iPad where we practised reading different measurements in liters and milliliters.





Grade 4 have been investigating capacity, and tried to not spill too much on the floor.



Les garçons de G4 FLM, ont remporté le premier Kahoot de l'année.
Bravo aux trois Mousquetaires.FRFRFR

It was amazing to see **Grade 5** students in a totally different environment working away like busy bees. They had to stay focused, work cleanly and be very precise. Their art creations were amazing. Grade 5 are learning about tertiary colours to create the background for their radial printing. Then after creating their printing plate they finished off with the printing process. Super work and beautiful results!



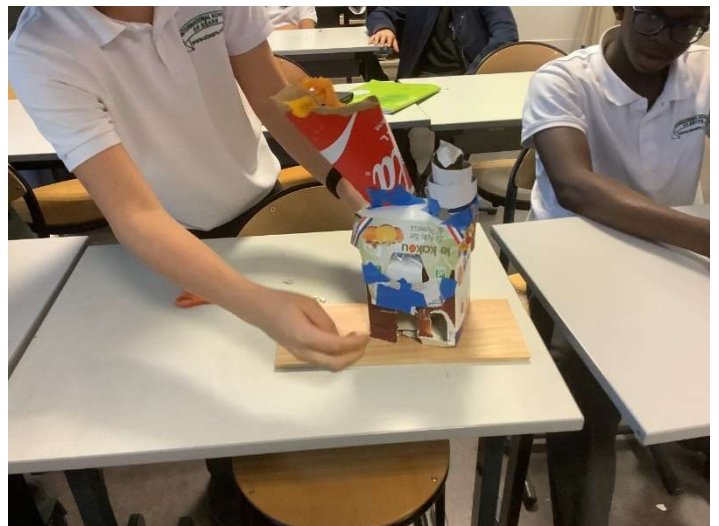
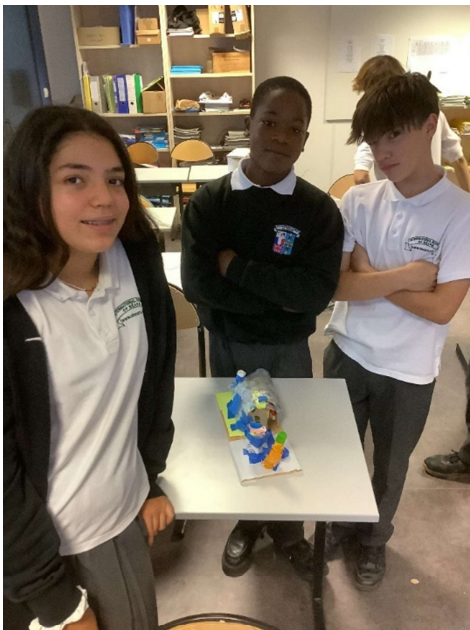


Grade 6 have been working hard on their writing skills. They have been writing from the perspective of different characters and here they are writing as the narrator. Lots of super description - well done 🙌





Grade 8 were busy in Geography this week. Here are some pictures of their “slum” houses which they created using discarded and recycled materials.



WHAT DOES THE WORLD EAT FOR BREAKFAST-PSHE by **Grade 8** with Miss Jane

The students have been exploring healthy eating and have been looking at the nutritional value of breakfast and have also been investigating the topic of what 'The world eats for breakfast' where they have been exploring the different breakfast traditions from across the world.

Students worked in teams and had to design their own breakfast menu based on their different cultures and tastes. The students were assessed on their own cultural influences regarding breakfast choices, the nutritional value of their chosen breakfast menu and the design of their menu as well as nutrition info cards detailing all the information about each type of chosen breakfast food.

Each team made a fantastic effort and the class were able to enjoy and experience different types of breakfast from different cultures in this weeks PSHE lesson

Mr Morris was able to join us in helping to judge the most successful breakfast which was really hard as we were really impressed with how the teams had worked together to create their delicious breakfasts We will be awarding each team next week





On Saturday, **Duke of Edinburgh International Award** participants completed their first day-hike in preparation for their summer expeditions. Pupils worked on navigational skills and route-planning. Everyone coped fantastically with the cold and swampy conditions and are keen for the next hike in March.







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

01 December 2023

Ann Byrne/Head of Secondary

Lost property

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Dear parents, you don't see Mr Pearse looking glum very often!!! But here he is with this week's named (#2 main photo) and un-named (inset) lost uniform items. Photo #1 is the lost property collection before half-term, all of which was either returned to students or passed onto the PTA for the second-hand uniform sales.

Photo #3 are books that have literally just been collected from the top of lockers after break-time; books don't really appreciate wet, rainy days, and students are ALWAYS reminded not to leave books/iPads on the top of lockers regardless of the weather.

We are always happy to remind students to take care of their personal items: books, uniform, water bottles, pencil cases etc, but ultimately it is the student's responsibility to do this.

As of today, we will clear the coat hooks, tops of lockers at the end of each week and ALL lost property will be placed in boxes outside the door into Secondary. If your child loses something and they 'cannot' find it, please always feel free to come into Secondary at drop-off or pick-up and help your son/daughter to retrieve whatever they have lost from the boxes. This is what happens in our Primary school.

Dates for your Diary

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.
Other wise 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

08:30 START

11:00 START

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| 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:

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

*Have a nice week
Très Bonne Semaine
Maria Elias*



the Pic du Midi d'Ossau at sunset by Grade 3