



Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### MARIA'S NOTES :



ISB was invited to the celebration of the end of career of the TotalEnergies Pau centre manager, Mr Thierry Renard. We welcome Mr Jerome Poncet, the new responsible of Pau centre CSTJF.

It was nice to welcome lots of excited children and teachers back on Monday morning, with everyone sharing tales of their holidays!

On Monday afternoon, we had our usual assembly, and this week it was about making healthy choices. We talked about our favourite part of the holiday, and all the different feelings that we had had throughout the two weeks break e.g. excited, grateful, hungry, full, happy, nervous, worried, tired, energetic...the list was long! Then Mr Hanrahan shared his goals for the start of the year, like getting more fresh air, trying to eat well after all of the cake and chocolate he'd eaten over the holiday, trying to be more active and trying to do a little bit of school work every night, to make him worry less about getting it all done.

He then told us that he'd been feeling a bit funny at the weekend, after all of the Christmas partying, so he did some things to relax and make himself feel better. He played on his phone; he watched TV; he went for a drive – to get fresh air; and he went to McDonalds.

He asked us what we thought of his activities, and whether or not he could've made better choices. We had much better ideas, and suggested that instead of playing on his phone, he could've read a book, or spent some time doing a bit of school work. He could've gone for a walk or bike ride, instead of a drive – because exercise is so good for your mental and physical health, and he could've had some nice home-made soup or some vegetables, instead of eating fast-food. Mr Hanrahan agreed that he could've made better much better choices.

Then we all agreed to think about choices that we might have to make this week, and we're going to try to choose the healthiest options!



Lots of children were then awarded certificates of merit. It was very pleasing to see so many on the first day back at school! Well done everyone!



We are all already looking forward to next week's assembly, when we will not only be presenting the House Points Trophy, but also naming the new Student Councilors and House Captains!

### Parent/Teacher Meetings

You should have received an email this week giving you an opportunity to sign up to meet with your children's teachers on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. If you haven't filled in the form yet, and you want to meet with your children's teachers, you need to **reply by next Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January**, using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/RXd6pYjaCa>

### Education Authority Data Collection

You should also have received a link to a form, this week, on which you need to input your family information. This has been asked for by the French education authorities, and is obligatory for all ISB families. Thank you to those who have already completed the form, we have just a few families missing - If you have not done this yet, please follow the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/M2KU0228xc>



### PTA Bake Sale

Next Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, the PTA will be holding another bake sale, kindly supported by the **Grade 13, Early Years and Reception parents**.

If you would like a cake, or even a nice cup of hot chocolate, don't forget to bring some change!



## Important Dates

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 09:00** – PTA MEETING (Primary art room)  
1200 – PTA Bake Sale

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 1530-1830** – EY, Rec and Primary school parent/teacher meetings (by appointment only)

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 1435** – Grade 4 assembly (Grade 4 parents welcome!)

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1530-1830** – EY, Rec and Primary school parent/teacher meetings (by appointment only)

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 09:00** – PTA MEETING (Primary art room)

1200 – PTA Bake Sale (cakes provided by Grades 3 & 9)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February** – School closes for holidays (after clubs)

**Early Years** enjoyed a short walk in a frosty, crunchy grass, observing beautiful frost patterns on leaves and twigs.

We have also been talking about the New Year 2024 and we enjoyed making colourful prints representing fireworks.





**Reception** class has been exploring 3D shapes, learning all the related vocabulary while having fun building their own shapes and investigating whether the shapes would roll or not.



Les élèves de Reception ont dégusté une délicieuse galette des rois

### Reception Wintery Painting/Collage

In Art this week we have been talking about winter and words associated with the season like cold, snow, snowman, snowy mountains, snowflakes, snow balls, skiing etc. Then showing images of paintings of snowy scenes and the colours they could recognise.

They then got busy painting, cutting, gluing and creating pieces of wintery art.



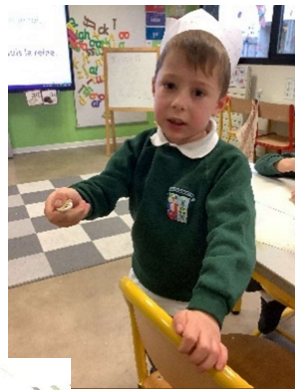
### Circles With Colour.

After making circular prints in a previous lesson we continued this week and completed this piece of art by learning the skill of blending soft pastels to create new colours. We had lots of messy hands and faces but such gorgeous colours and effective results. Well done, little artists! 🙌🙌🙌❤️





Galette des rois in **Grade 1** with the French department:



Identifying, investigating and comparing materials in the classroom and outside. We made posters about materials.



In Science, **Grade 2** have been learning about materials.



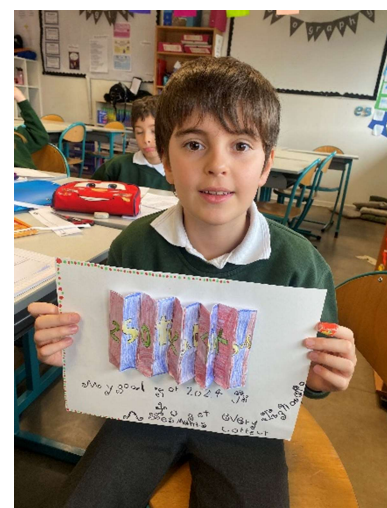


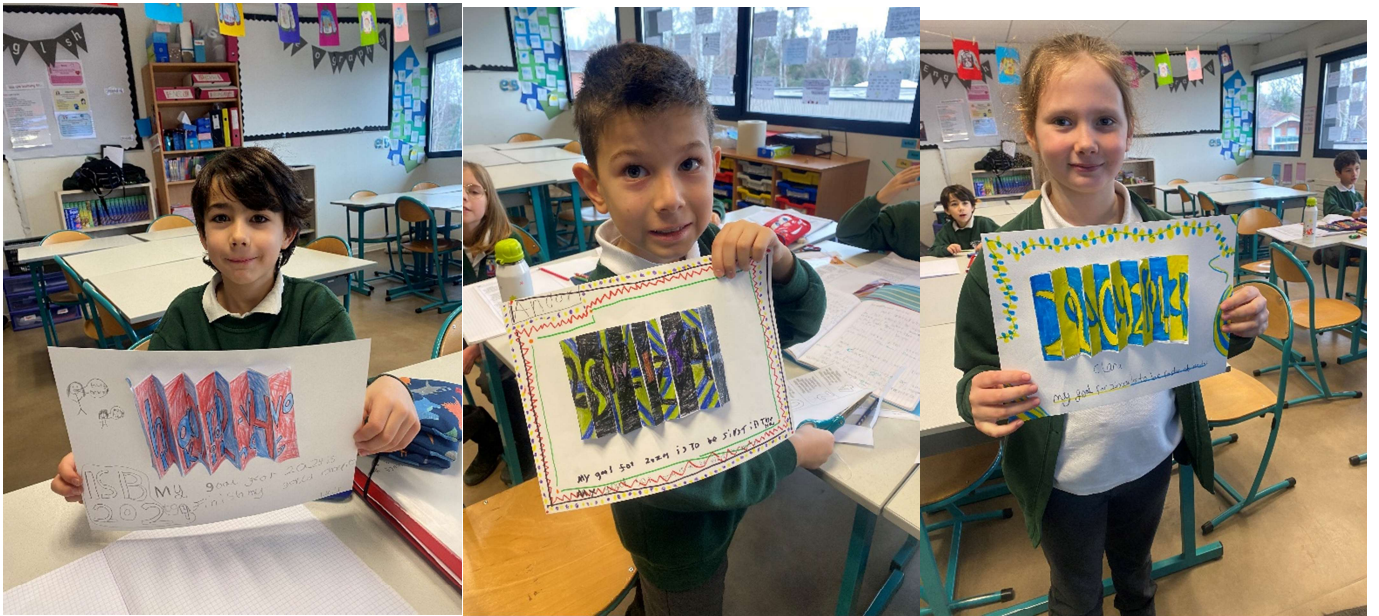


Luke adopted a sea turtle. He spoke about Cory and all about sea turtles to Grade 2.



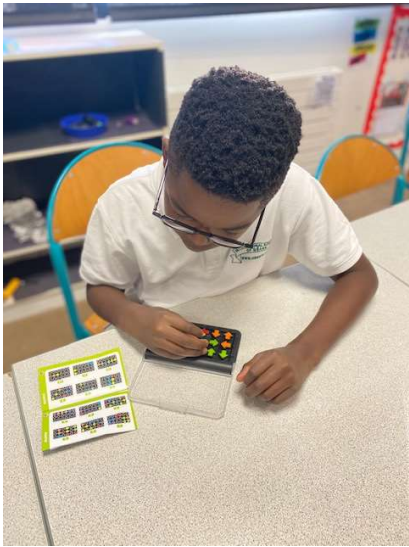
**Grade 4** are starting 2024 out right! New Year, New Me! We thought hard about our goals and resolutions for the year, and what we would need to do to achieve them. We made a beautiful display of agamographs to show the qualities we would need to have. ❄️



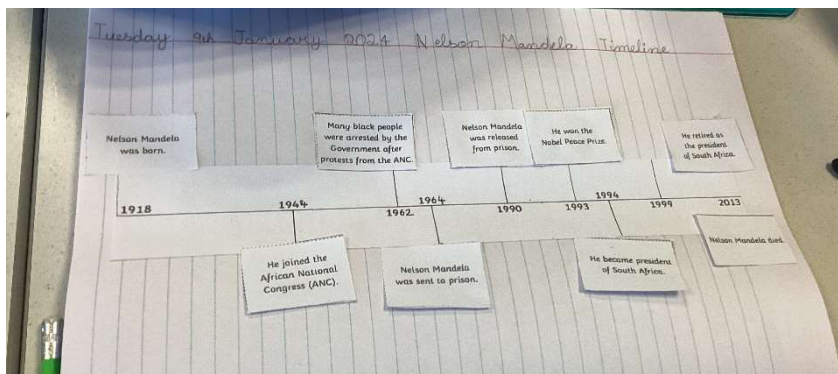


Having lots of fun developing our computing and computational thinking skills through a range of activities in **Computing Club!**





Here are some pics of **Grade 5**. We are learning about Nelson Mandela and the children were asked to identify important events of Nelson Mandela's along a timeline.

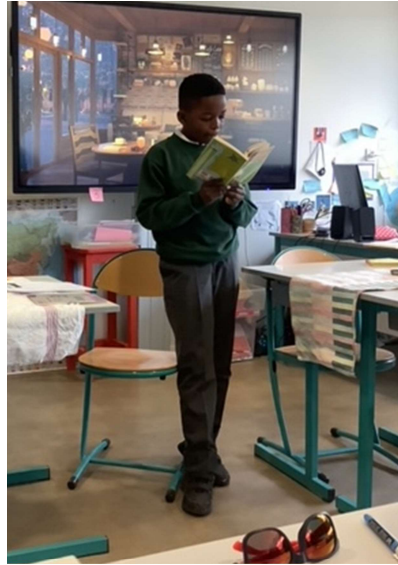




And we also celebrated Leticia.s birthday.



**Welcome to the Poetry Café! Grade 6** read a ton of poetry today from a range of poets and genre. They selected a their poetry menu including a starter ☕ , main course 🍲 and dessert 🍰 . We got a chance to hear some of the chosen favourite poems read aloud, while having a sweet treat of our own!



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Mr Lesnik give **Grade 8** a music lesson: we danced Blues and Salsa. On the photo students are dancing in a circle Blues, which is an African rooted dance, that gives amazing freedom for creativity.



KS3 pupils enjoyed learning about French and Spanish traditions for the Epiphany which happens on the 6th of January. They got the chance to eat the 'Galette des rois' and talk about 'los reyes magos'. They ate the king's cake the traditional way with the youngest of the classroom going under the table and distributing each slice. Some pupils were lucky to find the 'fève' and were crowned King or Queen for the day.



Secondary students have been learning and improving their skills in Climbing, Tennis, or Gymnastics. In the final week before the holidays they put their skills to the test in competitions/challenges to earn House Points.

The total of House Points so far is: **BLUE 217, YELLOW 153, GREEN 172. Well done Blues!** More House Points to be earned in upcoming Team and Individual Sports competitions!

Here are some photos of the first lesson of their activities this half term/





## Secondary Update

12 January 2024

Ann Byrne

### G12 and G13 Business Studies and Physics Trip to Airbus

Mr Harkins and Mr Lesnik are taking their AS and AL Students to visit Airbus in Toulouse on Monday 22 January. Students will need to bring their permission form and passports into Mr Harkins/Lesnik **by Weds 17<sup>th</sup> at the very latest. On the day of the trip, unless students have a school lunch, they will need to bring their own packed lunch.**

### Dates for your Diary

15 Jan 2024: Mock Grades Assembly G11-13  
 16 January: Mock Reports Published

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

08:30 START

11:00 START

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| 16/01/24 | IAS Chemistry Unit 2 1H 30 |          |                            |
|          |                            | 22/01/24 | IAS Chemistry Unit 3 1H 20 |

### Parents Evenings 2024

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

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| G11 – 13 'By Invitaton' Parents Eve  | 23 January 2024 |
| Grade 8                              | 30 January      |
| Grade 7                              | 06 February     |
| Grade 9 Parents Eve plus Options Eve | 26 March        |

*Have a nice week  
 Très Bonne Semaine  
 Maria Elias*

