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Thursday 18th January 2024

MARIA'S NOTES:

Thanks to the organisers and volunteersat yesterday's PTA Bake sale. The children, old and young, all really enjoyed the goodies on offer.

Well done to all the bakers and buyers for supplying some lovely cakes and bakes.



This week's assembly was very exciting because the class teachers announced the new **student council** for this term...Before we got to that though, we were thinking about food.

We had to think about what meal we would order if Mr Luis told us that we could decide what we wanted for lunch. Mr Hanrahan then chose a few students to share their meals with the rest of the assembly, and we used our thumbs to signal whether or not we would like to eat that meal. Someone suggested sushi, which seemed to be pretty popular amongst everyone, whereas some of the other ideas only received thumbs up from the more culinary-adventurous students.

Mr Hanrahan then showed us two pictures, and we discussed what we thought they showed:





We talked about how, in this country, we have a right to food, and the only thing we need to worry about is making responsible choices about the food that we eat – making sure that we give our bodies the balance of fuel that it needs. In some countries though, although everyone has a right to food, there quite simply isn't enough and so there are many hungry people in world.

Mr Hanrahan then talked about the food that we waste in school – last term, he kept finding whole pieces of fruit in the bin at the end of playtime, and there was almost a whole bin-bag of food waste just from that day's lunch. He explained that we can't save the food and send it to those less fortunate than us, but at the very least, we can show that we understand how lucky we are by trying our best to eat the food that we are given – even if we think we don't like it, we can at least try it.

This week and forever more, we are going to try our best to eat as much of our lunches as we can. The teachers on duty are also going to give house-points to those who make a good effort too! One of the new student council's missions this term, is going to be looking at ways that we can reduce food waste in school. The form teachers then gave out certificates to those children that had achieved their 25 merits.









Well done, excellent job everyone!

Teachers then announced the new school council members for this term. They have lots of important jobs to do in the coming weeks, and so it good to see the enthusiasm of the chosen volunteers as they came to the front to collect their school council badges.





Finally, the new House Captains were announced, and the first house points trophy of the term was awarded. After another close battle, Yellow Team came out on top for the first time this year earning over 600 house points!

Well done Yellow Team, and well done to Hilson, for proudly collecting the house point trophy for his team.

Important Dates

Thursday 25th January 1530-1830 – EYFS and Primary school parent/teacher meetings (by appointment only)

Monday 29th January 1435 – Grade 4 assembly (Grade 4 parents welcome!)

Thursday 2nd February 1530-1830 – EYFS and Primary school parent/teacher meetings (by appointment only)

Wednesday 14th February 09:00 – PTA MEETING (Primary art room)

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

Friday 16th February – School closes for holidays (afterCclubs/Garderie)

John-Mark Hanrahan

On Friday **Early Years** have been baking the traditional French « galette ». We all helped to measure the ingredients and to knead the dough. rainforest animals.











Early years enjoyed listening to a story about two friends called « Oscar et Albert » read by Alicia's Mummy.





We have also been playing a phonics game, matching objects beginning with the same initial sounds.







Early Years enjoying gymnastics, practising holding balance and making shapes and moving like different







Reception have 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.

















Reception are getting ready for their voyage to the moon! We have been writing lists of what we need to pack in our suitcases..stay tuned as the children are preparing a display so you can be ready too. Whatever next?!











In History Grade 1 have been learning about the past. We looked at pictures of people, objects and events from the past and present day and sorted them along a timeline. The children enjoyed looking at familiar household objects and talking about how they are different today.







Grade 2 making animations for our endangered animal non fiction books.





Matei introducing our new topic about castles



Grade 3 started an Egyptian themed artwork after learning all about why cats were so important to the Ancien Egyptians.





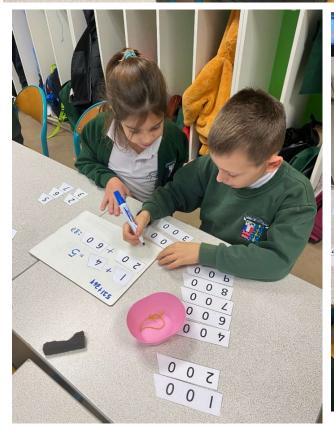


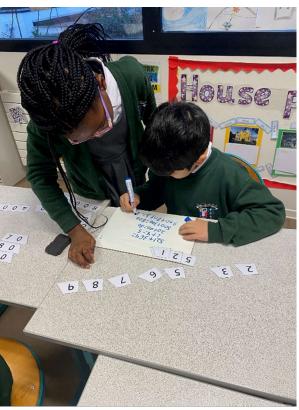


Grade 3 have been showing off their knowledge of place value by solving additions involving 3 digit numbers using the partitioning method.









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Grade 3 acting angry frozen images (Music lesson)



Grade 4 were really happy starting their swimming lessons!



In Maths **Grade 4** are learning about the ladder multiplication method and having fun playing game in small groups.



In Maths, **Grade 5** were building numbers to help us read 6-digit numbers correctly. We also practised ordering numbers using the greater and less than signs.





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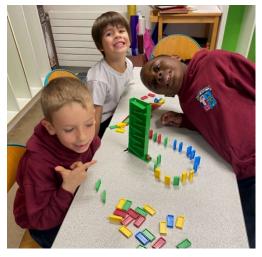


Great fun at our first **Board Games club**! Thank you to Ethan from Grade 1 for bringing some of his games from home for us all to enjoy...We can't wait for the next one!



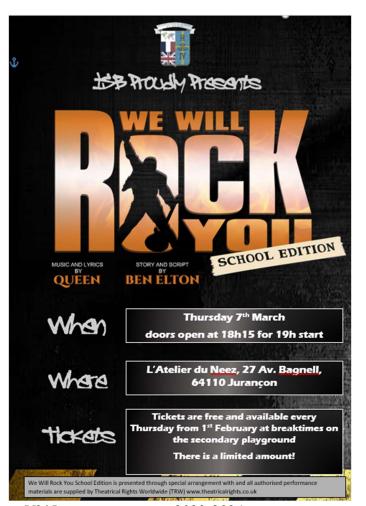






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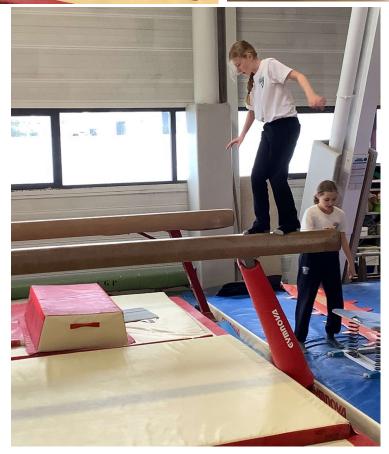
Photos of Secondary gymnastics lessons:











In Science **Grade 8** have been learning about different climates and we had fun playing a guessing game with the key vocabulary.



Please find a photo of triple scientists **Grade 10** in Physics, where they were presenting and demonstrating a physical experiment of a Cartesian diver.

In this experiment the tube is filled with water and air. When pressing the bottle, the additional water enters the test tube, thus increasing the average density of the system tube-water-air, resulting with negative buoyancy and the test tube sinks.



Secondary Update

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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. On the day of the trip, unless students have a school lunch, they will need to bring their own packed lunch. We are leaving school at 08:30 so please be sure to arrive on time.

Food Bank 23 March

Ms Jackson and Ms Goigoux are going to speak to the students during registration in the next few days and get an initial list of volunteers from KS4 and 5 (<u>Grades 10-13</u>) for the Food Bank project.

Further details will be sent to parents of interested students in the near future including the supermarkets and exact times.



The Banque Alimentaire collects, organises and distributes food and other essential hygiene items to those who cannot afford it. They get regular donations from local producers/companies as well as food that is expiring and would otherwise be thrown away. Donations of long life food are also made by members of the public at regular supermarket collections.

On <u>Saturday 23rd March</u> the Banque Elimentaire of Pau is organising a collection in local supermarkets, young people from around the Pau region will form the bank of volunteers, and ISB is going to participate. Their goal is for 400 young people to collect 30 tonnes of food.

Students will be asked to **commit to 2 hours** during the day (between 9am and 7pm), to hand out bags and collect and sort donations from members of the public.

They will be accompanied by an adult from ISB at all times, but will be required to make their own way to and from the supermarket.

This is an excellent opportunity for the students to give something back to the local community, and we encourage all students to take part if they are available.

Dates for your Diary

22 January: G13 and G13 Airbus Trip

02 - 03 Feb: D of E practice Exploration in Pau (G12) 09 - 11 Feb: F of E Exploration in Bordeaux (G12)

Edexcel International AS/A Level Biology/Chemistry Exams

08:30 START **11:00 START**

	22/01/24	IAS Chemistry Unit 3 1H 20

Parent Evenings 2024

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

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

