



Thursday 15th February 2024

MARIA'S NOTES :
ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAYS: school closed 17/02-04/03



IF YOU WANT TO REPRESENT YOUR COUNTRY AND ARE TRAVELLING HOME DURING HALF-TERM BREAK, IT WOULD BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO BRING BACK SOUVENIRS, CULTURAL ITEMS, FOOD, TRADITIONAL COSTUMES, ETC. ETC.

MORE INFO ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE WILL FOLLOW SOON!

Primary School News

We've had another busy week in the Primary school, with the sun returning, just in time for the start of a new skipping craze to hit the playground!





Monday's assembly was all about keeping safe. Although we have adults around us who look after us and look out for our safety, we also ALL have a responsibility to try and keep ourselves and others safe through our choices and actions.

We first of all thought about what we can do to keep ourselves safe in school, and there were lots of excellent suggestions, like: listening carefully to instructions; walking - not running - around school; carrying scissors carefully; and following security drills – like how we react when the fire alarm sounds.

We then discussed what we could do outside of school to keep safe, and there once again, some excellent suggestions: holding hands with an adult and looking both ways, when crossing a road; wearing a helmet when cycling; not eating plants and berries unless an adult has told us that it's safe to do so; “find higher ground”; and the very important “drop and roll”. In the end we had to stop because there were just so many excellent ideas and tips.



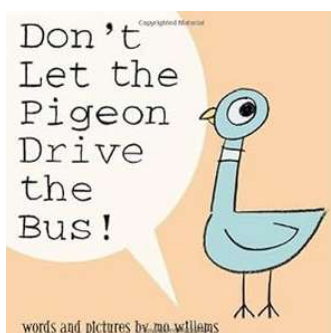
We then took a break from keeping safe, and Grade 3 shared some tricky riddles that had been writing in their English lessons, before class teachers once again, awarded some certificates of merit for more hard-working children throughout the school.



When the rapturous applause had finally subsided, Mr Hanrahan was able to read out the house points totals, to find out which team had won the trophy this week. There was quiet a distance between 1st and 4th place, with 4th place earning 489 house points, and 1st place earning a whopping 709 house points!

Incredibly, the winning team, for the second time in a row, was **Red Team!** The assembly hall went momentarily wild, whilst esteemed **House Captain, Mael**, came to the front to receive the trophy.

To end the assembly, we were thinking about keeping ourselves safe again, and Mr Hanrahan asked us what we should do if we see somebody or something unsafe – we all agreed that the best course of action would be to tell an adult.



Mr Hanrahan then read us a book called “Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!” It was all about a pigeon that wanted to have a go at driving a bus. The bus driver had told us (the audience) that he was popping off for a few minutes, and asked us if we could keep an eye on his bus. A cheeky pigeon then came along and tried to convince us to let him/her drive the bus. Of course, after discussing safety for the last 15 minutes, we all knew it wasn’t safe to let the pigeon drive the bus, no matter how convincing his/her arguments were.

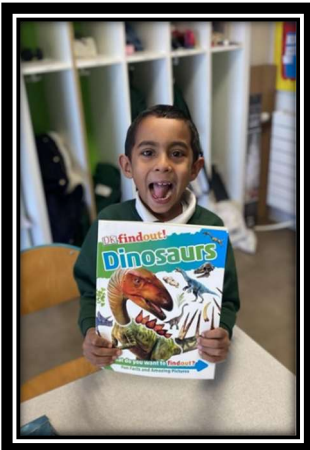
ISB Project

There is a beautiful display appearing on the downstairs corridor wall at the moment, and it is full of pictures of some amazing children who have been working hard to achieve all of the goals set out in this year's ISB project. To find out more, head to the ISB project channel on *TEAMS*:



ISB Book Share

On Wednesday, lots of children throughout the primary school took part in a book share. It was a great opportunity to swap an old book for one they hadn't read, and also a lovely excuse to share gifts with one another. Thanks to our librarian Miss Jette, for the super idea!



PRIMARY IMPORTANT DATES

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

Monday 4th March – School reopens

Wednesday 20th March – Grade 3-6 Football Tournament 1230-1430 @ Le Five (Sign-up sheet later)

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In **Early Years**, we celebrated St Valentine's Day



Early Years enjoyed listening to a story in Spanish read by **Amelia's Daddy**. Thank you very much!



Thank you very much to **Cassandre's Mummy** for coming to read to Early Years. We really enjoyed listening to a story called "Les Boucles de Fleurs", it's a story written by Cassandre's older brother about all the children in Early Years! Thanks a lot!

On Wednesday, Early Years have been galloping like a horse, hopping like a bunny, walking on our hands and feet like a dog and slithering on our tummy like a snake. And mainly....having fun running in the sunshine!



In Foundation Club, we ride, skip, run, laugh, imagine and create... It is soooo much FUN!



Reception have enjoyed learning about the Chinese new year celebrations!



Thank you to Jinzhi's mum who came in to teach us how to make lucky paper cuttings and yummy dumplings!



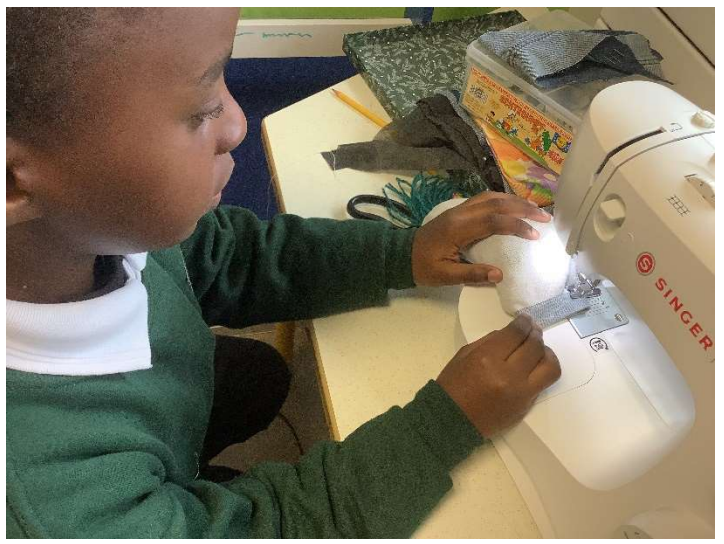
In Art this week, **Reception** class have been creating galaxies which is linked to their space topic. Using soft pastels and blending with fingers and then splattered paint using old tooth brushes to create the many stars.





Grade 1 combined their science work on materials and their history work about toys. They designed, selected suitable materials and then made their own toys for a baby. We all had a go at using the sewing machine and hand sewing to construct them. Grade 1 displayed amazing perseverance! What a great job everyone!





Book share day in **Grade 2.**



In Science, **Grade 2** carried out a science investigation. Which material is the most absorbant?





Friday was a non-uniform day:



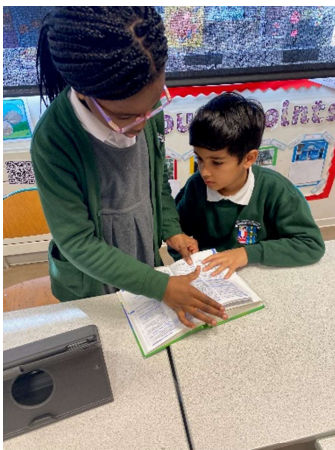
Grade 3 learned all about the different steps of fossilisation with the help of some home made play dough, shells and melted chocolate...oh and also a time machine (aka the fridge)

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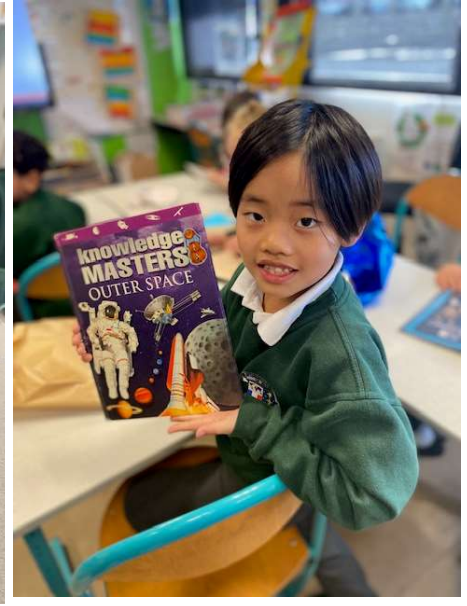


Grade 3 have been practising using a dictionary to help them learn all about powerful adjectives in English.





Grade 3 were absolutely thrilled with their new books on Valentine's Day! ❤️❤️❤️

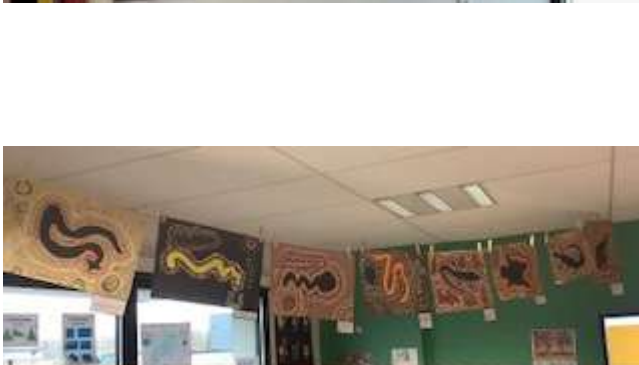


Grade 4 enjoyed exchanging books on Valentine's Day for International Book Giving Day



Here is **Grade 4 art project** completed on aboriginal Art. Creating a piece of work and the art of telling a story using symbols. Stunning work graded 4.





Grade 5 created a timeline about the key events in the life of Nelson Mandela. They wrote catchy headlines accompanied by relevant pictures.



They also discovered how to find the square root of numbers. Wow that's hard work!



In Miss Didi's French class, the **Grade 5** students are prepared to assist you. This week, you have the opportunity to schedule an appointment at the doctor's office !



Grade 6 have been chasing rainbows 🌈 this week! Using glass prisms we found out how they split white light into all the colours of the rainbow. I wonder if they can explain how they form in our sky.... there are no floating prisms up there!





The wonderful Grade 6 discovering how shadows and rainbows are made :



Grade 9 students have worked in the mathematics class on scale models of the solar system to visualise differences in size and distances between planets. This was a great opportunity to discuss some mind-blowing facts about speed of light, size of the galaxy and of the universe and others astronomical wonders.



Grade 10 did some nice experiments with launching a rocket on a compressed air and water. So, compressed air pushes water out of the rocket at high speed and therefore rocket moves faster and faster. This experiment is also a good example how energies are converted from chemical to kinetic and further on to potential energy (as rocket reaches maximum height).



Grade 10 measuring height of the tree without climbing just with help of trigonometry and ratios - useful general knowledge for future.

Inter-house rugby matches continued last Friday.

Grades 7+8 Green won 3-0 against the Blues.

Grades 9-11 Yellows won 2-0 against the Blues.

This brings the current total House Points even closer.

Green - 286, Yellow - 301, Blue - 317.

The final matches will take place this Friday.







Grades 9-11 final climbing session at Beta Bloc, competing in different challenges for House Points.





Key stage 4/5 ART students had a fantastic day in Bordeaux visiting 4 art museums to inform their exam studies : Muséum de Bordeaux, CAPC Musée d'art, Musée des Beaux- arts and Musée d'Aquitaine

BORDEAUX ART TRIP



In **Grade 12**, Hattie, Uxia, Alex and James spent Friday-Sunday in Bordeaux completing their Silver Level DofE expedition. Their aim was to record changes in the character of the city as they journeyed through it.



Secondary Update

16 February 2024

On behalf of all of the Secondary teachers, I would like to wish you a safe and happy half-term. Secondary school re-opens on Monday 04 March.

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 (**Grades 10-13**) 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.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 16 Feb: Half-term holidays – school ends 15:40

Monday 04 March: School re-opens

06 and 07 March: Show rehearsals

07 March: Doors open at 18:15 for **We Will Rock You** at Atelier du Neez. **Admittance by ticket only.**

Monday 11 March: DELF results assembly

Sunday 17 March: G10-13 DofE day walk

23 March: Food Bank volunteering

Tuesday 26 March: G8 Options/Parents Evening

Parent Evenings 2024

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

Grade 9 Parents Eve plus Options Eve	26 March
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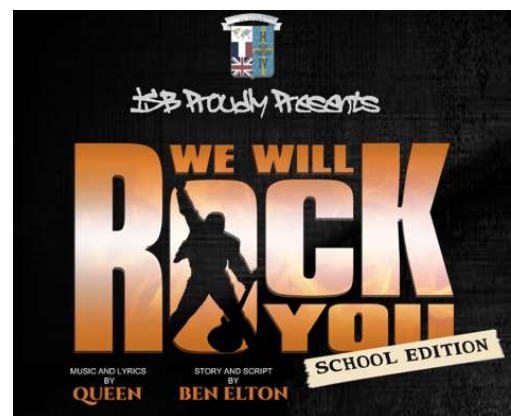
We Will Rock You

The school show is on **Thursday 07 March** at the **Atelier du Neez, Jurançon**. Doors will open at 18:15 and the show starts at 19:00. **Aperitifs on arrival.**

We wish to politely inform you that:

no-one will be admitted without a ticket, and no entry will be permitted after the show starts at 19:00.

Also, no food or drink may be consumed in the auditorium.



Have a nice holiday / Très Bonnes Vacances
Maria Elias