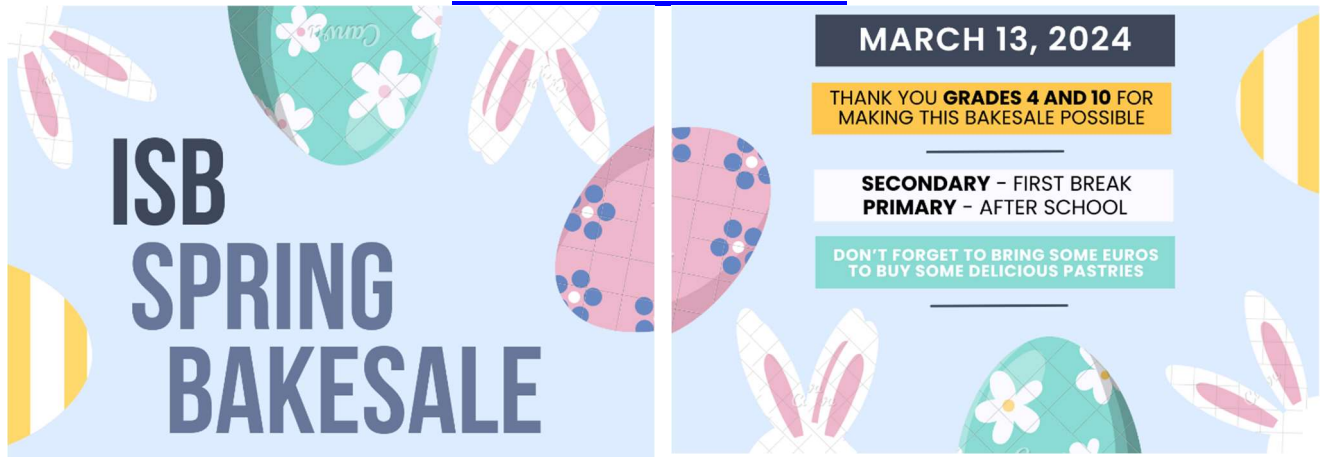




Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

MARIA'S NOTES :



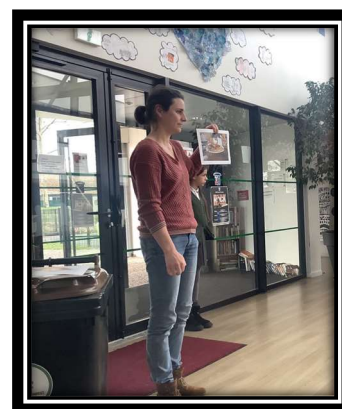
**Primary School News**

We've had an exciting first week back, and it's only going to get even more exciting over the next two weeks.

At Monday's assembly, we had a special visitor called Caroline, who works for a company called *Les Graines de Compost*. As part of our project to reduce our food waste, we will now be composting all of the food waste collected at the end of lunch time each day, and any leftover fruit (apple cores, banana skins etc) from break times will be composted too.



Caroline explained to us that she will collect our waste food twice a week, and take it all away to be composted, so that it can be used again. She then showed us some examples of waste that we might have after our lunch, and we had to decide whether or not we could put the waste in the compost bin. We found out that not only can we compost fruit and vegetables, but that she will also take meat – including bones and our paper napkins too! We were pleased to also confirm that even our trays are compostable, thanks to a decision made by the student council a few years ago.



We're so pleased to know that the food that we waste is going to be turned into compost, and one day be used in farms and gardens, to grow more fruit and vegetables. To find out more about Les Graines de Compost, check out: [www.grainesdecompost.fr](http://www.grainesdecompost.fr) \*Big shout-out to Agata in Grade 6, who kindly offered to be Caroline's translator, and did a brilliant job!



The Grade 6 student councilors have been helping the other students during lunchtimes this week, to separate what can and can't be composted. Despite it only being the first week back at school, lots of students were awarded certificates of merit across the school:



Well done everyone!



On Thursday, we had a special assembly led by some Secondary Duke of Edinburgh students. They did a fantastic job and explained to us that we are going to celebrate the Paris Olympics, with our own **ISB Olympics**, starting next week!

During the next two weeks, all of the students are going to take part in a variety of academic and sporting events in the hope of winning medals for their Olympic teams. On Friday, we were all put into our teams: The Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania and we all worked together to write a pledge, before designing flags, that we are going to use at the opening ceremony on Monday. As well as taking part in lots of exciting events, we are also going to be visited by some professional athletes, including Mallory Franklin, a team GB slalom canoeist who won silver at the 2020 Summer Olympics in the Women's C1 event. She is also a seven-time World and seven-time European champion!

**!!! On Monday, all EYFS and Primary students should come to school wearing their sports kit!!!**

If you want to follow what's going on throughout the next two weeks, head to the ISB Olympics 2024 team on TEAMS. [#InspiringSelfBelief](#)



### IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** ISB Olympics 2024

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** PTA Meeting (0900 am)

PTA Bake sale (Grades 4 & 10 baking)

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March:** Grade 2 assembly 1440 (Parents of Grade 4 welcome!)

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March:** Grades 3-6 Olympic football tournament - click on the link to register, by Wed 13<sup>th</sup> March: [Football tournament registration form](#)

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April:** School closed – Easter Monday (jour ferie)

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April:** Reception Class trip to Pau

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April:** International Day postponed to the 5<sup>th</sup> May

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April:** Grade 5 assembly, 1440 (Grade 5 parents welcome)

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April:** PTA Meeting 0900

PTA Bake sale (Grades 6 & 11 baking)

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April:** School closes for Easter holidays after clubs / Garderie

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April:** School reopens

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This week, **Early Years** have been focusing at exploring properties of 3D shapes, playing and printing with wood blocks, playing a shape hopscotch at the playground etc..

We have also been cutting strips of fabric and ordering them by length, using lots of mathematical language such as « short », « long », « shorter » etc..

We also gave a great workout to our motor skills by using potato mashers, garlic press and pestle and mortar to smash and crush lumps of dough.



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**Reception** have started their new topic this term by asking questions about various different types of transport. We had lots of fun experimenting with wheels and mark-making, as well as using train tracks to help us with reading simple words!





En classe de français avec Miss DiDi et en collaboration avec leur professeur Miss Keswani, les élèves de la classe de **Reception** étudient le vocabulaire des moyens de transport. Tût, tût la totomobile !



**Grade 1** started their new science unit about plants this week. We have been identifying and naming parts of a plant. We all drew our own giant plant and even had time to plant some seeds for our box in the garden!



In Maths, **Grade 2** have been learning about fractions!



**Grade 2** made castles!!







**Grade 3** parents surprised Miss Michelle on Wednesday morning with a lovely gift for her baby!

**Grade 3** learning all about the layers of soil by making a yummy soil pudding. We started with a whole Oreo cookie as the bedrock, the outer layer of the Earth's crust.

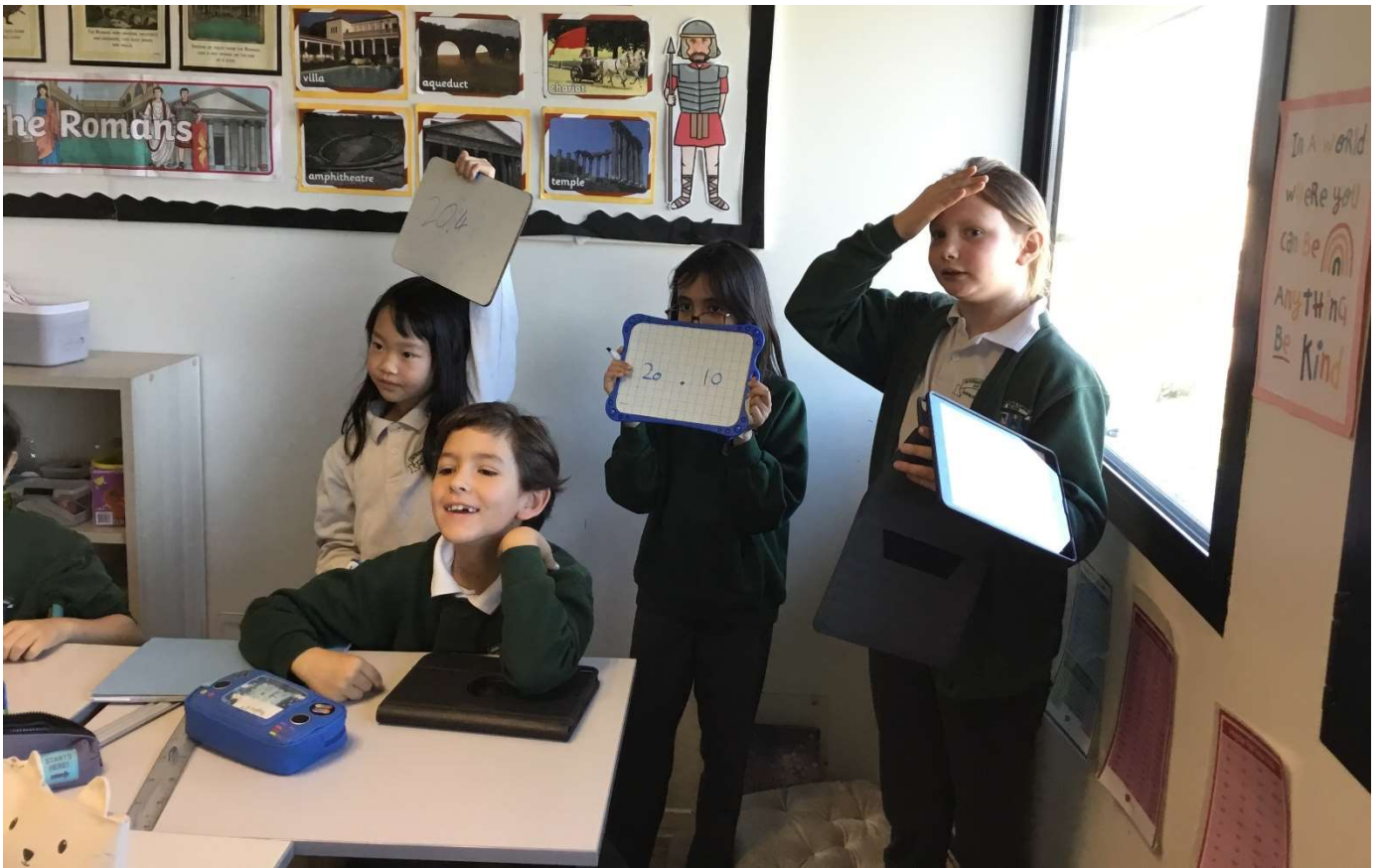
Next we added some chocolate chips to represent the parent material which is made from weathered rocks and soil. After that we added some gooey chocolate pudding to represent the subsoil where the tree and plant roots are found. Then we crushed up some more Oreos to form the crumbly top soil full of nutrients for seeds to grow in (we stopped here to add the secret ingredient, some gummy worms!).

Finally we sprinkled some grated coconut over the top to represent the thin layer of organic material made from animal and plant waste making sure our worms came up for air!

What a fun way to find out about soil!



**Grade 4** have produced some beautiful writing, which we then covered in coffee and burnt ☹️ to add a really cool old-fashioned effect to our work! We can't wait to bring them home to show off! We also had loads of fun playing a decimal rounding game in maths, where we battled it out to be the last one standing!



**Grade 5** students are weighing different objects using a scale. They had to measure in grams and kilograms.



**Grade 5** also learned all about triangles. They learned that when you add the 3 angles of a triangle it will add up to 180 degrees.



**Grade 6** have been investigating how to make shadows. How can you change the size of your shadow? We used 'padlet' to share our findings.

**Lila Mael**  
The further away the light source the smaller the shadow

**( Shadow ) Liv and Penelope**  
We made a bunny shadow, the closer you go with your torch, the bigger it will get.

**Hwan gaspard**  
The closer the torch from the object the bigger the shadow

**I found out that the closer the light source gets to the object, the bigger the shadow gets and the further away the light source is to the object, the smaller the shadow will be.**

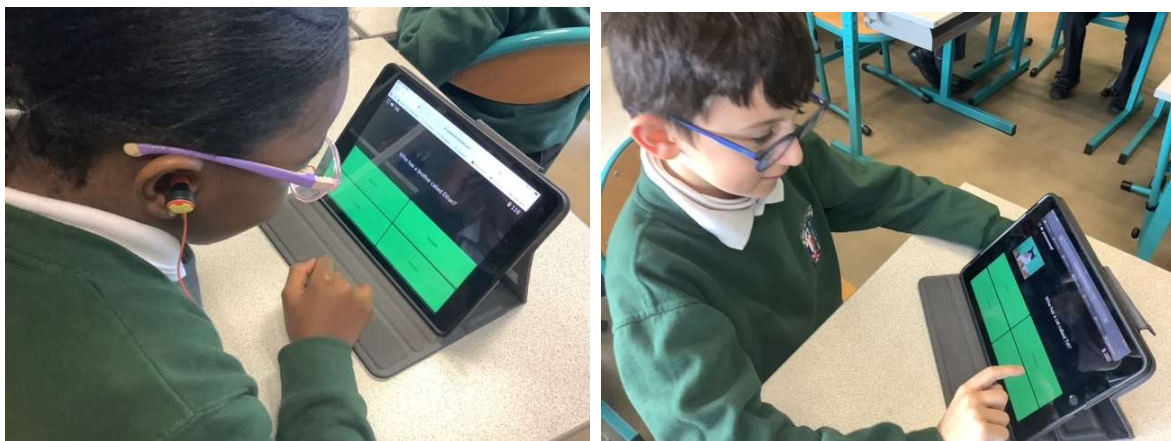


**Grade 6** French FLE with Miss Carole

Voici les magnifiques posters qu'Inis, Liv et Penelope ont créés pour raconter leur vacances de Carnaval. Bravo pour votre vocabulaire, vos super phrases et vos jolis dessins/photos.



We had fun in **Computing Club** on Tuesday playing a *Blooket* quiz where the questions were all about us, what a good way to get to know each other better!



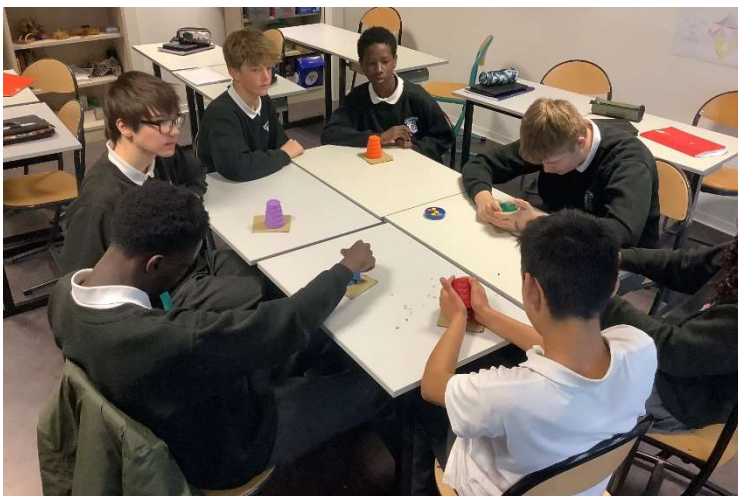


Well done to everyone at the **Sewing club** for their creativity using old school teeshirt and making brooches with scraps of fabrics!



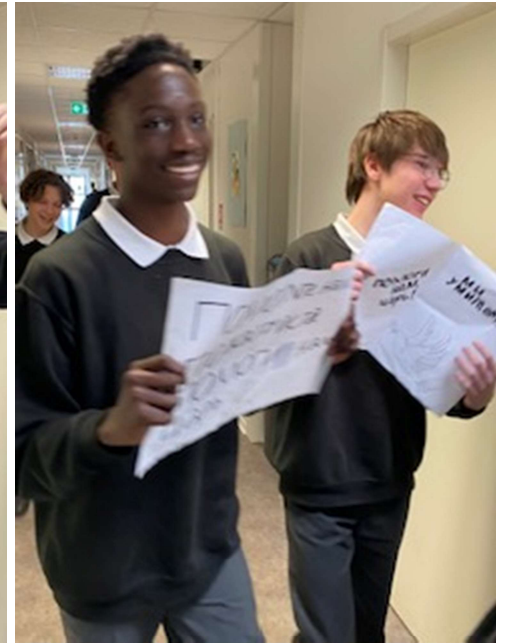
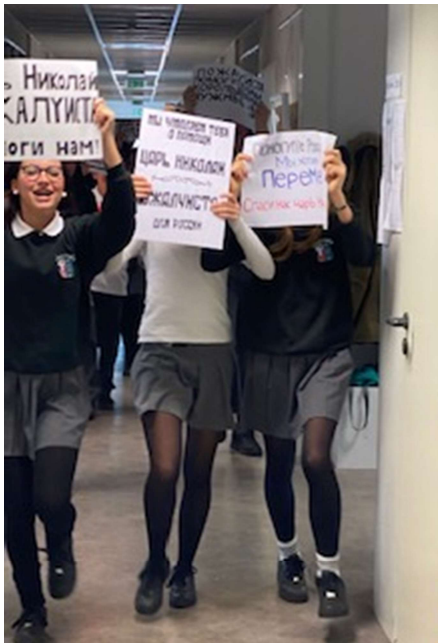
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**Grade 9** students, those not rehearsing for the secondary show, playing 'le jeu aux mille titres,' in English, to develop their story telling skills and to experience the power of story telling as a memory aid.



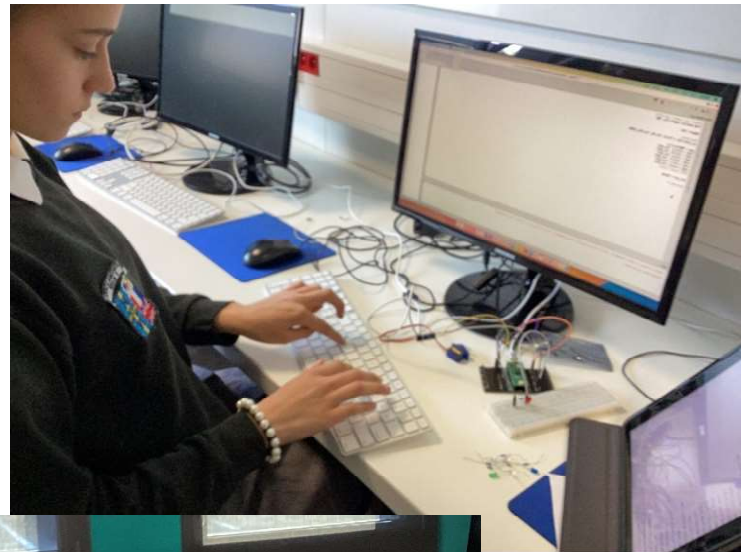
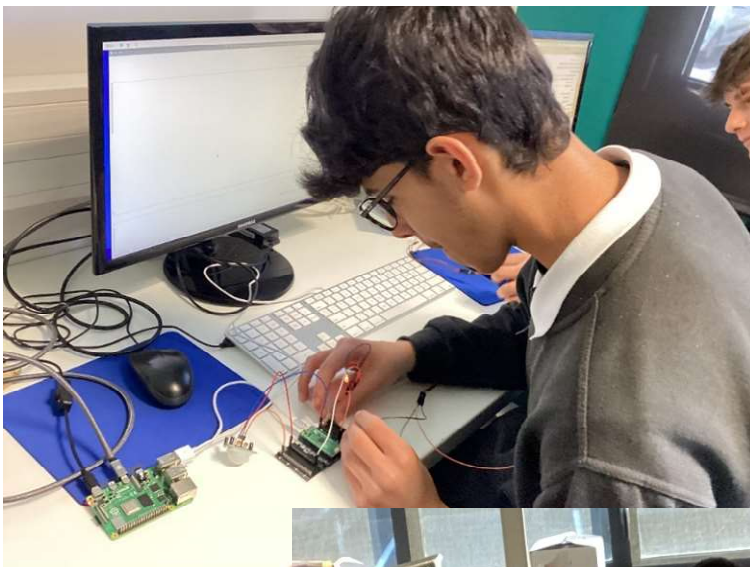


In History, **Grade 9** Russian Revolution with Mr Pearce

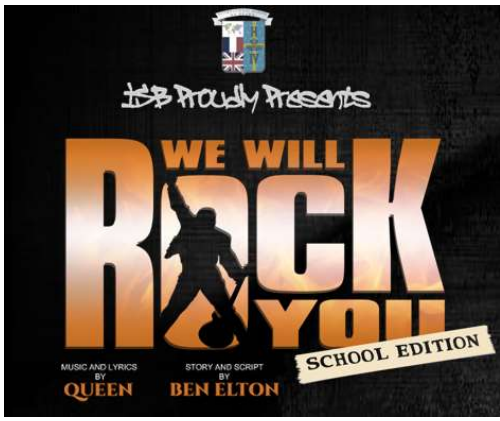




**Grade 10** Computer Science students doing practical computing. They are using the Raspberry Pi computers and Pi Pico microcontroller boards. Here they are programming PIR sensors and motors using the Python programming language. Practical computing allows us to create and control STEAM projects, such as, weather stations, self-driving buggies, prosthetic limbs, and more.







**Secondary School show: WE WILL ROCK YOU!**  
(I will send you soon the link to watch the whole show)





## Secondary Update

08 March 2024

### Food Bank 23 March

Mrs Jackson and Miss Goigoux are going to speak to the students this coming week and get a list of volunteers from KS4 and 5 (**Grades 10-13**) for the Food Bank project. Further details will be sent to parents ahead of 23 March.

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 11 March : DELF results assembly  
 Sunday 17 March : G10-13 D of E day walk  
 Saturday 23 March : Food Bank volunteering  
 Mon 25 March (date TBC) : Geography 'mountains' trip G12  
 Tuesday 26 March : G8 Options/Parents Evening  
 Saturday 30 March : Prom G10 – 13  
 Monday 01 April Easter Monday: school closed  
 Tuesday 02 April: iGCSE French oral exams start and run for the rest of the week  
 Friday 05 April: G11 – 13 reports published  
 Saturday 06 and Sunday 07 April : Bronze & Silver DofE Practice expedition  
 Sunday 07 April International Day postponed to the 5<sup>th</sup> May !!  
 Tuesday 09 April: A Level French orals all day  
 Saturday 13 April: start of study leave for G11 - 13  
 13 April- 28 April Easter holidays  
 Please note: the first exams (AS and A Level) start in the second week of the Easter holiday.

## Parent Evenings 2024

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

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| Grade 9 Parents Eve plus Options Eve | 26 March |
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## INE Numbers

Please be aware that all Secondary students now have an INE number. This is a requirement of the French education system and a benefit for older ISB students is that an INE number makes applications to French universities more straightforward.

## Revision – What to Avoid

Today, with 48 days until the first external exam, the G12 and 13s assembly focused on revision and in particular, what to avoid. The 4 main ‘avoid’ recommendations are:

1. Mobile phones
2. Listening to music, especially music with lyrics
3. Cramming revision as opposed to spacing it out and swapping between topics
4. Not getting enough sleep

If you would like to see the full PowerPoint with further details on each of these areas, it will be uploaded onto your Firefly parent dashboard on Monday.

## And finally....

A huge thank you to Mr Yeung-Pearce who was unquestionably the driving force behind the school production of **We Will Rock You**, thank you to Miss Goigoux and to Mrs Payne who also worked incredibly hard to make the show the huge success that it was.

I am very sure that everyone who saw the show will agree that every single one of our student performers were absolutely amazing, and not forgetting the backstage crew who helped with props, lighting and the backdrops. All of these students should be very proud – you were fantastic!



*Have a nice week / Très Bonne Semaine  
Maria Elias*



*Our turtles on their way to see...  
the SHOW!!*