



MARIA'S NOTES : School is closed on Monday 1st April (bank holiday)

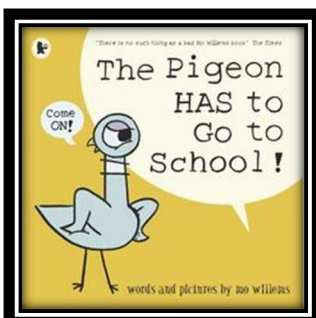
PRIMARY NEWS:

Grades 1 & 2 were very lucky to start the week with a trip to the historical Chateau de Mauvezin. They were lucky with the weather and enjoyed learning all about the castle and castle life. They learnt about how people used the toilet in medieval times, all about the different weapons used to protect the castle, how prisoners were treated and how some even managed to escape the castle prison!

They enjoyed using the battering ram, trying on the helmets and even had time to knight some children! As well as all of this, they also had a shield making workshop!



Whilst the Grade 2s were off on their trip, the rest of us had our usual assembly in the afternoon. We started off reflecting on how we felt in the morning about coming to school and we shared the different feelings that we'd had. Some of us were still tired from all of the Olympics last week, some of us were sad that it was over and some of us were looking forward to a bit of normality and getting back to our regular routine. We talked about how sometimes, we can really not feel like coming to school, but normally once we arrive we forget all about our worries. This is often worse after a weekend or a long break...We were surprised to hear that even the teachers feel like this sometimes!



We then read story about a pigeon that didn't want to go to school.

Although we had the Grade 1s and 2s missing from the assembly, the class teachers that were there, gave out some certificates of merit to those children who had earned their 25 merits for excellent work:



We then awarded the HOUSE POINTS TROPHY, and the Green team got a much-needed win, meaning that all four teams are neck and neck! **Hilson**, the Yellow Team House Captain, came to collect the trophy for his team:

ISB Book DAY 2024

The children may be feeling a little deflated now the Olympic fortnight is over but fear not, there is more good news!!

On **Wednesday 10th April** there is going to be an **ISB Book Day** where you can **come dressed up as your favourite book character!** We have had some amazing costumes over the years and many of them are home made!

You can just use old clothes, material and objects that you already have to create your outfit. You don't need to buy a thing! You may already have a costume and that's fine too. So get your thinking caps on, use your imagination and creative skills and let's celebrate our love of books!

Struggling for inspiration? Click on the link below for some ideas.

<https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/>

Miss Jette and the PTA are also organising a second-hand book sale at midday, that will take place in the atrium. Any money raised will be shared between the PTA and the school library (to buy new books). Many of the 'second-hand' books are like brand new, so come grab yourselves a bargain!

Grades 3-6 End of Year Show

Just an early warning, so that you can pencil an important date in your diaries – The end of year show will be on **Friday 14th June** this year, and the dress rehearsal will be on Thursday 13th June. If you are booking medical appointments or trips away, please avoid these dates, if your children are in Grades 3-6!

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has adhered to the Vigiprate protocol that has been put in place. We understand that it is particularly difficult for parents and children who are waiting for secondary students, but really do appreciate your support on this matter!

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 1st April: School closed – Easter Monday (jour férié)

Thursday 4th April: Reception Class trip to Pau

Sunday 7th April: International Day (Salles des Fetes Lée – Times to be confirmed) **!!Change of DATE!!**

Monday 8th April: Grade 5 assembly, 14.40 (Grade 5 parents welcome)

Wednesday 10th April: PTA Meeting 0900

PTA Bake sale (Grades 6 & 11 baking)

Friday 12th April: School closes for Easter holidays after clubs and Garderie

Monday 29th April: School reopens

Sunday 5th May: International Day (Salles des Fetes , Lée – Time to be confirmed)

Friday 14th June: Grades 3-6 End of Year Show



This week, **Early Years** have been busy making an Easter basket for their parents. They have been decorating eggs, making shortbread cookies and paper hens for their Mummies and Daddies.



On Friday, Early years enjoyed listening to Seva's Daddy reading a rhyming story in Russian. Thank you!



Thank you also to Julia's Daddy for coming to talk to us about festival of Ramadan and bringing some delicious dates.



Reception have been investigating floating and sinking this week, using all they know about materials to make predictions about which objects would sink and which would float. We then used everything we had learnt to make our own boats!





En classe de français FR, les élèves de **Reception** ont participé à la fabrication d'un joli lapin de Pâques sous l'œil attentif de leurs professeurs, Miss Murielle et Miss Didi, en séance commune. Joyeuses Pâques à tous



In Art **Reception** enjoyed exploring marble painting and using their painted papers to create Easter/ Spring cards. 🥰👧👦🐰





Grade 1 have been very busy visiting the Chateau de Mauvezin with Grade 2, learning to code in computing, identifying deciduous and evergreen trees in science and working together as a team in PE using the parachute.





Grade 1 in Art this week have been creating cute Easter/Spring Bunnies. Adorable!



On Monday, **Grades 1 and 2** went to the Chateau of Mauvezin. After a guided visit of the chateau, all of the children made their own shield.

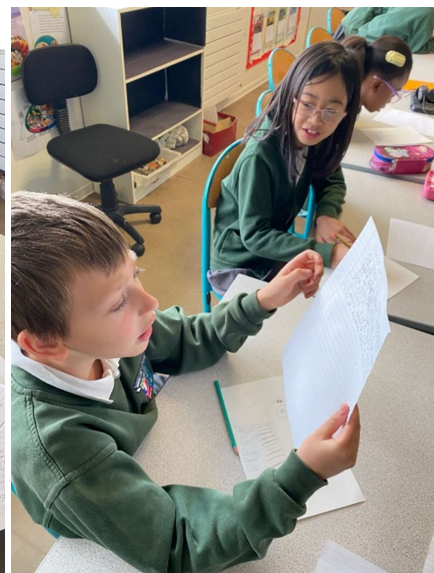
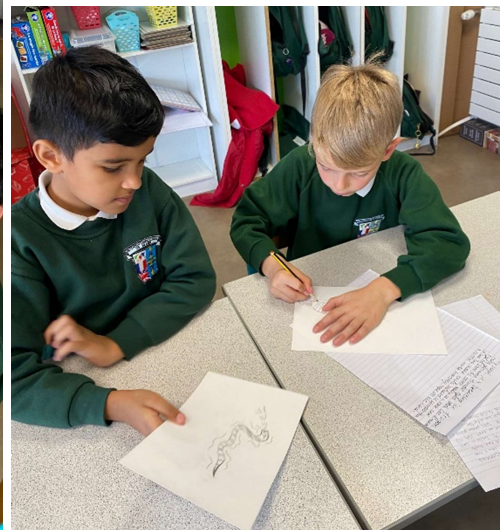
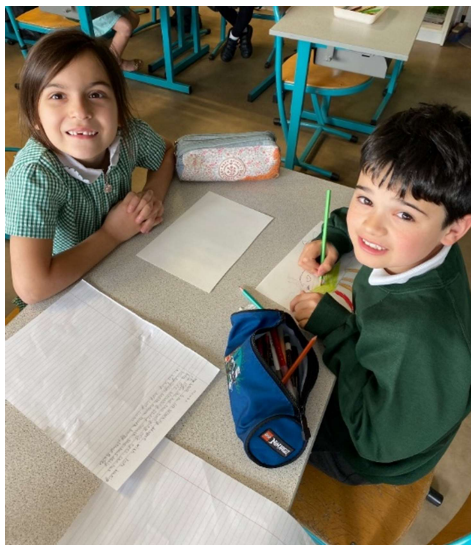




In Art, **Grade 2** have been creating Easter/Spring pop up cards.



Grade 3 did some excellent work in pairs in English. First they wrote a description of a legendary beast using as much powerful vocabulary as they could. Then they tested how effective their description was by reading to their partner who had to draw it. Fantastic work Grade 3!



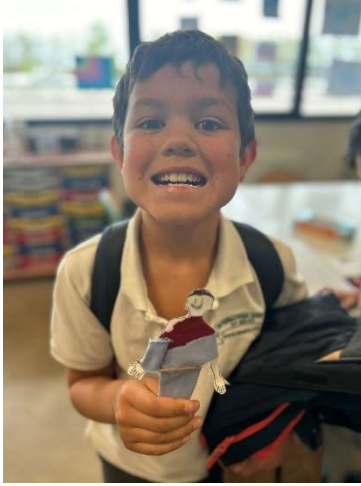
Maths Enrichment with Ms Nairac. What a super group from Grade 2 and 3. They were brilliant at it all. Estimate your distance, run/jump/throw and measure! It was great to learn with you all 🙌



Grade 4 this week had fun creating an algorithm (step by step) activity linked to Easter/Spring.



Grade 4 became Roman fashion designers! 🧑‍🎨 We researched the different types of clothes worn by rich and poor Romans, then designed and made outfits and accessories worthy of any catwalk !



This week **Grade 5** planted some bulbs and flowers in our flower box outside in Primary garden. They got their hands dirty and were so positive about this little project. 🌷🌸🌹🌺🌻





Grade 5's Art creations linked to Easter/Spring.



Grade 9-11 making human towers in their gymnastics lesson. They didn't quite make a whole group tower!



This week in **Biology** we have done many experiments.

Grade 11 have been investigating the action of pectinase at different temperatures.



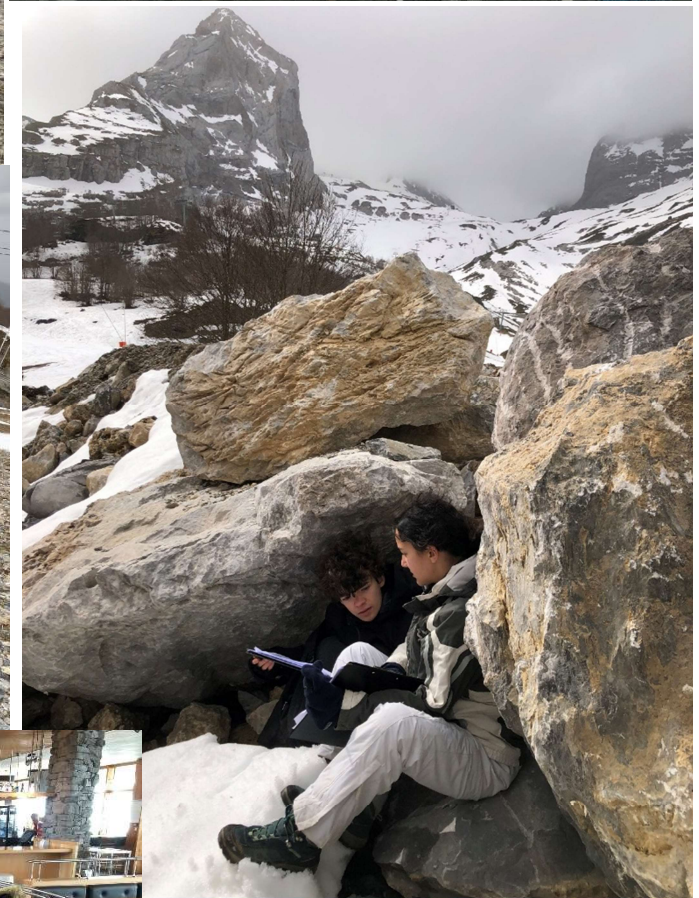
Grade 12 are investigating the tensile strength of plant fibers.





On Monday **AS Geographers** braved high-winds, sleet and snow to complete their Mountain Field Trip. The team coped fantastically with the difficult conditions and gained valuable insights into how avalanches are managed and other cold-weather processes





On Saturday 23rd March 33 students from **Grades 10-13**, supported by 11 teachers, volunteered in shifts of 2 hours at supermarkets in Pau and Jurançon to collect food and hygiene products for the **Banque Alimentaire** in their annual "collecte jeune". ISB students **collected more than 2 tonnes** (nearly 10% of everything that was collected on the day by young people throughout the area). The teachers and Banque Alimentaire representatives all commented on how fantastic the students were; engaging with the public, being polite, positive and friendly, and full of energy (lots of singing and dancing throughout the day!) We are all extremely proud of them. A big thank you and well done to everyone who took part! A big thank you to the parents for transporting the students and for their generous contributions.





Photo of the students who took part in the food bank collection with their certificates.



Special farewell assembly for Mr Mike Kirby: what an emotional moment. Teachers were all wearing a t-shirt with Mr Kirby's portrait... Good -bye Mike. Come back to see us...



Our Students and the Food Bank Collections

A big thank you to Ms Jackson, Ms Goigoux for organising this event, and to all the staff who went along to support our amazing ISB students last Saturday, to our students who impressed everyone visiting the supermarket and the organisers of Banque Alimentaire, and finally to the parents who visited supporting this collection and contributed so generously.

Dates for your Diary

Sat 30 March	Prom for G10-13 at Stade Hameau
Monday 01 April	Easter Monday – School closed except for exams**
Tuesday 02 April	iGCSE French and Spanish oral exams (all week)
Thur/Fri 05 - 06 April	D of E Practice Expedition Bronze/Silver
Sun 07 April	International Day Salle de Fetes Lée (PTA)
Friday 12 April	Last day of the Spring term, school ends at 15:40
Monday 29 April	School reopens 08:30
Mon 01 May	Labour Day school closed exc. Exams
Weds – Fri 08-10 May	Ascension school closed exc. Exams
Fri 21 June	Graduation Ceremony at Palais Beaumont

** please note the exam timetable and revision schedule are both on your FireFly parent dashboard, and on the student dashboard too. **Although May has many public holidays, there are still exams on those days, and the AS Psychology and IGCSE French and IGCSE Chinese all take place in the last two days of the Easter break.**

Grade 10 End of Year Exams

G10 will have (almost) two weeks of exams between 21 – 30 May

G9 Options Forms

Initial option choice forms must be returned to Mrs Byrne by Weds 03 April please.

Discussions with individual students and either Ms Byrne and Mr Pearse will take place before and after the Easter, and parents will be informed of final confirmed option choices in May.

Exam News

Please remember that our current Exams Officer, Mr Kirby, will retire on Friday 29 March. We wish Mr Kirby an enjoyable retirement with many options to travel, and to spend time with family and friends.

New exams officer: Marine Gonçalves. She can be contacted at marine.goncalves@isbearn.com

No Revision Update this Week

However, I thoroughly recommend the innerdrive.co.uk website that has lots quick reads about revision that are both sensible and interesting articles.

Have a nice week / Très Bonne Semaine

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