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Thursday 4th April 2024

# **MARIA'S NOTES:** LAST NEWSLETTER OF THE TERM SCHOOL CLOSED 13-29 APRIL 2024 (Spring holidays)

Please send me back the lunch form for next term. Thank you



**WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL** 

BAKE SALE

Thank you **Grades 1, 6 and 11** for making this bakesale possible

Secondary - First break primary - After school





5TH OF MAY

# **WE NEED YOU!**

PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP TO REPRESENT YOUR COUNTRY. WE DEPEND ON YOUR PARTICIPATION TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS!

THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES HAVE SIGNED UP:

SYRIA	AUCTOALIA
NIGERIA	AUSTRALIA
FRANCE	SPAIN
	SCOTLAND
IRELAND	VENEZUELA
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IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE PLEASE SEND AN E-MAIL ASAP TO **MVDKAAG@GMAIL.COM** 

#### **NEWS FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

#### **Egg Hunting**

Last Friday morning, the school was visited by a special guest! Nobody saw the special guest, but we all had to pick up after them! Fortunately, it wasn't too much of a chore, because they'd not left litter behind, but chocolate eggs!!! What a great start to the Easter weekend!



#### **Maths Enrichment**

On Friday afternoon, some lucky <u>Grades 2 and 3</u> students: Leanna, Dean-Zi, Olivier, Chloe, Rafael and Fred were invited to a **maths enrichment workshop** with Miss Nairac, the primary school Maths Coordinator. They combined athletics and maths for an estimating and measuring combo! They did so well jumping and throwing, working out how to use a long tape measure and recording their distances with their partner.











#### **Reception Class Trip to Pau**

We didn't have our weekly assembly this week, because we were all enjoying the extra day off school, but despite it being a short week, there was still plenty going on around the school.

On Thursday morning, <u>Reception</u> class made an intrepid expedition to Pau, to check out the local sights and sounds...what a day they had! They rode buses, petit trains and even learnt why there's a "fun" in Funiculaire!







#### **Science Enrichment**

On Thursday, some <u>Grade 5</u> pupils were invited to a science enrichment workshop, by Miss Morton, our Science Coordinator. First, the pupils had fun making six different shapes of paper planes. Then they tried to make their planes more aerodynamic; nice and smooth to reduce any bumps in flight; and balanced - to make sure they flew straight. When launching the airplanes, they thought about how to throw it. A gentle toss can help them float gracefully, while a strong throw might send them zooming like rockets! They experimented with different throwing techniques to see how far they could make their airplanes go. When launching, they found out that lift and thrust must be greater than drag and gravity.





#### **ISB Cinema** (Student Council fundraiser)

If you think that your children might be inetrested in attending the ISB cinema, in Lée on May 4<sup>th</sup>, please follow the lnk below and fill in the "interest" form. This event will only go ahead, if we have enough interest! <a href="https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hsLAf0GSVUWo6\_Mf9xwEfo3UNfqAJlxBuW\_bUK9Uu1JUNUxGWFkzMDREVk9QUFg3Qlk3VEFXU1dIMy4u">https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hsLAf0GSVUWo6\_Mf9xwEfo3UNfqAJlxBuW\_bUK9Uu1JUNUxGWFkzMDREVk9QUFg3Qlk3VEFXU1dIMy4u</a>

#### ISB Book DAY 2024

Don't forget that next Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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!

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 14<sup>th</sup> June** this year, and the dress rehearsal will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 continued to adhere to the Vigipirate 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!

Primary children have been told that they are not to wait for their siblings, by the secondary gate. Over the last couple of weeks here have been several children and playing games and chasing each other around the school van and it is only a matter of time before the van is damaged in some way, or that the game spills out onto the busy carpark and someone gets hurt.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April: Grade 5 assembly, 14.40 (Grade 5 parents welcome)

Wednesday 10th April: PTA Meeting 0.900

PTA Bake sale (Grades 1 & 6 & 11 baking)

Friday 12th April: School closes for Easter holidays after clubs/garderie

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

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

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

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**Early Years** have been learning about "How can we keep our teeth healthy? "We have been discussing how to brush our teeth properly and we discussed about some foods that are good for our teeth. We also enjoyed using fine paint brushes to decorate shells.













We really enjoyed listening to Luca's Mummy reading stories in French. Thank you very much!





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We have also been making colourful butterflies with Miss Ella.



**Reception** had the most wonderful time discovering Pau and all its available transports today!







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**Grade 1** have been busy making herbariums in science, measuring classroom objects in maths using the rulers and perfecting our storytelling skills in English.









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In Maths, **Grade 2** have been recognising and adding different coins all together.

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Grade 3 had fun learning about the function of the roots of plants while weeding the school garden. It didn't take us long to realise that the roots do a great job of anchoring the weeds in the soil!







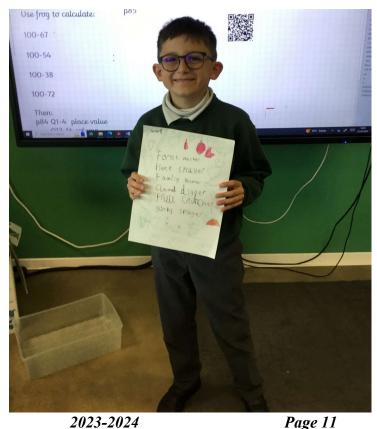
Grade 3 played a game of 'Telephone' in Computing to help us to understand the advantages and disadvantages of oral communication.







Grade 4 have been writing kennings poems about animals...

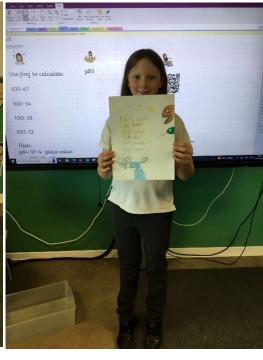


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**Grade 5** were completing different sports challenges in our lesson this week.





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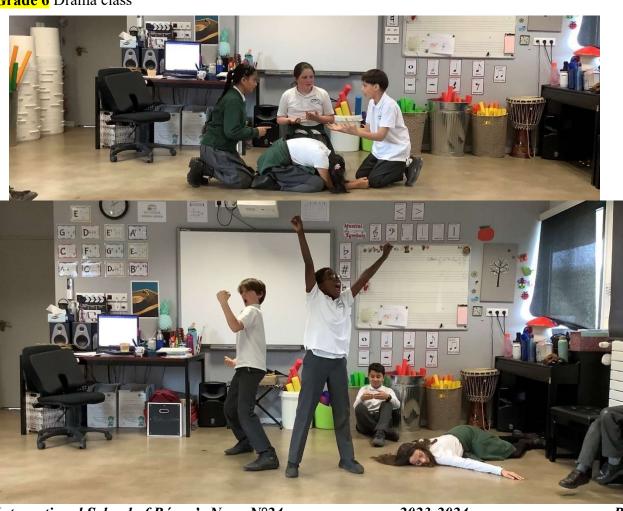


Grade 6 have been learning all about volcanoes. This is a display of their beautiful volcanic art, each with its own plaque explaining details about the chosen volcano and information about the artist.

When the 'vigipirate' rule has gone please come and visit- QR codes to their volcanic blogs to follow shortly!



Grade 6 Drama class



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Grade 9 English students are reading for pleasure



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Esta semana la clase de Grade 9 con Don Daniel, tras haber aprendido diferentes métodos de actuación en el tema de los primeros auxilios, han enseñado una situación de accidente durante la que han tenido que poner a la víctima en Posición Lateral de Seguridad y tener una conversación en español con los servicios de urgencia.

Un momento con mucha implicación y muy instructivo.

























We finally celebrated students achievement in the KS3 Pi Day that happened on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March! Students had to use memorization techniques based on story telling to try and remember as many digits of Pi as they could! Well done to Jacob (grade 8) who remembered 104 decimals, and to all the others participants for their efforts and enthusiasm. Special prizes were also given for the best stories based on the decimals of Pi... All books with nice stories, obviously! and all Pi/pie related, of course!

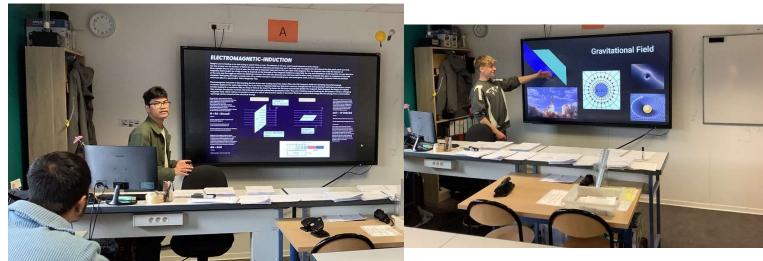




**Grade 12** have been doing experiments to determine the anti-microbial properties of plant extracts.



**Grade 13 Physics**, while they are presenting topics to the rest of the class to improve their knowledge for A-level final exam.



Remote control electronics club with Mr Lesnik. This time we did something completely different - we build the biggest paper plane ever built in ISB.







**Prom 2024** 











## Dates for your Diary

07/08 April	D of E Practice Expedition Bronze/Silver
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
Sun 05 May	International Day Salle de Fetes - Lée (PTA)
Weds – Fri 08-10 May	Ascension school closed exc. Exams

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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 – Next Steps

Now that all options forms have been returned, we can start to work out blocks for the timetable. The next contact will be after the Easter break to either confirm subject choices or to offer alternatives.

# Have a nice holiday / Très Bonnes Vacances Maria Elias



Aankhi, Grade 6, playing guitere during playtime