



## MARIA'S NOTES

### PRIMARY NEWS

John-Mark Hanrahan

It is great to be back for the final term of the year, in the primary school. We are all raring to go looking forward to all of the exciting things that this term will bring.

The last two weeks, we've had our usual Monday assemblies, during which we have introduced our new PSHE topic "Changing Me". We began by trying to guess the value of a few objects, and we realised that some things are more valuable to some people, that they are to others. We then talked about people, and although we can't put a value on people, we can show them that we value them – by saying thank you; making kind gestures; showing appreciation etc. We then smoothly linked this to VE day, and we had a minutes silence to think about all people that gave their lives for our freedom during WWII and those who have been and still are affected by wars around the world – We agreed that this was a way in which we could show that we value people, even if we don't know them.



This week, we talked about change – Change that we can control, like hair styles, clothes, actions towards others etc and change that we have no control over, like growing, getting older, moving countries for our parent's jobs etc. We talked about positive and negative changes and agreed that it can be hard when there is a change that we don't want, that we have no control over. These changes good or bad, can make us nervous and even worried, and we agreed that it's important to talk to someone if we are ever worried.

### Certificates of Merit

Over the last two weeks, lots of hard workers have earned their certificates of merit. Everybody is trying as hard as they can to get as close to or beyond their platinum certificate before the end of the year!





### House-points Trophy

Last week, Bibiane collected the house-points trophy for the Red team once again. They now have so many trophies, that the tracker is full! Well done to the red team!! Let's see if a different team has got what it takes to win it from them next week.



Milana from Grade 4, inspired by her English lessons, read a fantastic rhyming poem to the assembly. Everybody was so impressed, and to think that she's only been learning English since September! Well done Milana!

### House Captain and Student Councilor Elections

As it is a new term, Grade 6 held elections to vote for the new house captains. Well done to Arran, Sylvia, Vega and Natalia, who are all hoping to lead their teams to victory!



All classes voted for their new student councilors too. The successful candidates will be having weekly meetings, with Mr Hanrahan, about how to make the school even better; carrying out small jobs; and working on this term's fundraiser...more info to come soon!!



### ISB Primary Talent Show

At the end of this week's assembly, we watched the trailer for this year's primary school talent show. We cannot wait to see all the talent from across the school.

If your child wants to enter (G1-6), all they have to do is practise their talent. This could be anything from singing, dancing, magic, poetry reading, instrument playing, jokes, gymnastics, Rubix cube solving....literally anything. About a week before the show, depending on how many acts each class has, each class teacher will hold small auditions and decide which acts will go on to perform in the talent show on the 26<sup>th</sup> June. Each act must be no more than 3 minutes long.



*Rafael from Grade 3, shows off his martial arts skills in last year's talent show.*



*Last year's winners Olivia the singer and Yuwen the Chinese dancer, with their trophies.*



## EYFS Trips

During the last two weeks, both Early Years and Reception class have been on a couple of exciting adventures. Last week Early years took the bus all the way to the médiathèque, where they were read a story and given the chance to explore all the exciting things available.



A BIG WELL DONE to all of the Early Years children for their excellent behaviour and listening skills. Also we'd like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to the mums and dads that came a long to assist in getting everyone there and back safely!

On Friday, Reception Class finally made it out on their trip to Pau, which had been postponed due to the weather. Their trip was linked to their "transport" topic, and so they enjoyed a day of bus, train and funiculaire riding, before heading to the Parc du Chateau for a picnic in the sun!





To see more photos, parents from EYFS can head to their class Teams!

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May (1435)** – Reception Class assembly (All Reception parents warmly welcome)

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> and Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May** – School Closed (Ascension)

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June** – School closed (Pentecost)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June** – Receptions Class trip to Zoo d'Asson (more info to follow)

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June (0900)** – EYFS Sports day

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June** – G3-6 theatre rehearsal (come to school as normal)

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June (1830)** – Grades 3-6 End of Year Show, Espace Chambaud, Lons.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June (0915)** – Primary Sports day

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Grade 6 Secondary Induction Day (to be confirmed)

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – End of Year Reports available to parents

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June (G1-3 : 0900-1030, G4-6 : 1030-1200)** – Primary School Talent Show 2025 (performers' parents invited)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – Last day of school, International lunch at 1200 (School closes)

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**Early Years** enjoyed comparing the weight of different fruits and vegetables using bucket balances. We also had fun with sensory play, using tools like pestles and mortars, spray bottles, and droppers to create our own flower- scented perfumes. On Tuesday, we enjoyed a trip to the Médiathèque *trait d'Union*. Early Years had great time exploring books, listening to stories and going on the bus! A big thank you to all the parents who accompanied us on the trip.







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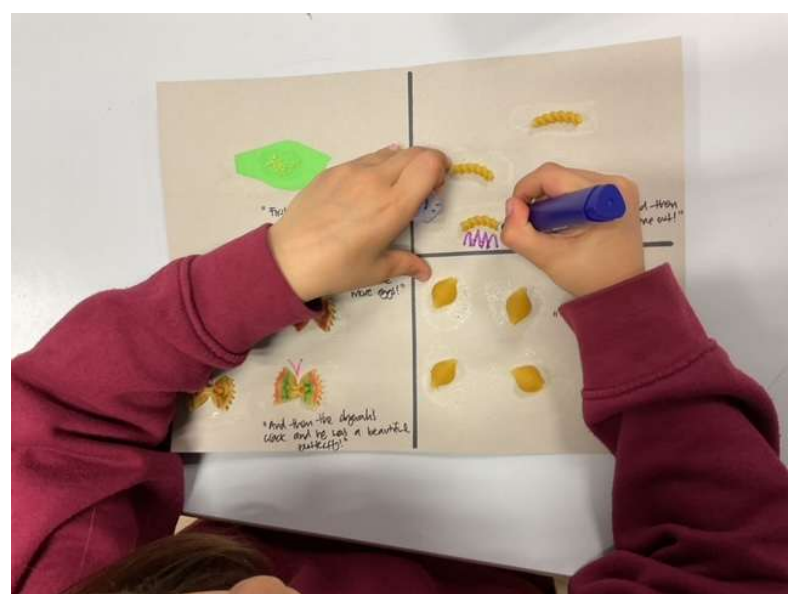
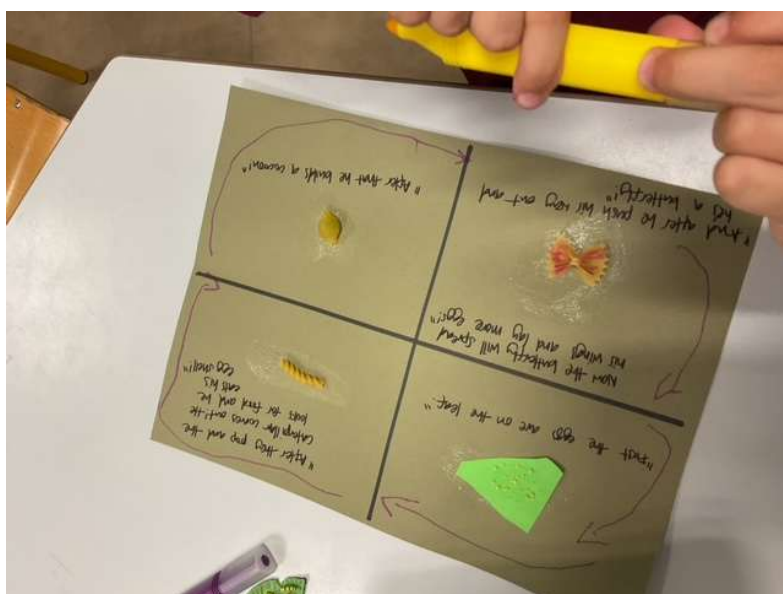








**Reception** are very excited to be able to learn about the life-cycles of butterflies and frogs first hand! We are so very lucky to have caterpillars and tadpoles in our classroom this term, the children are observing them every day and looking out for small changes!







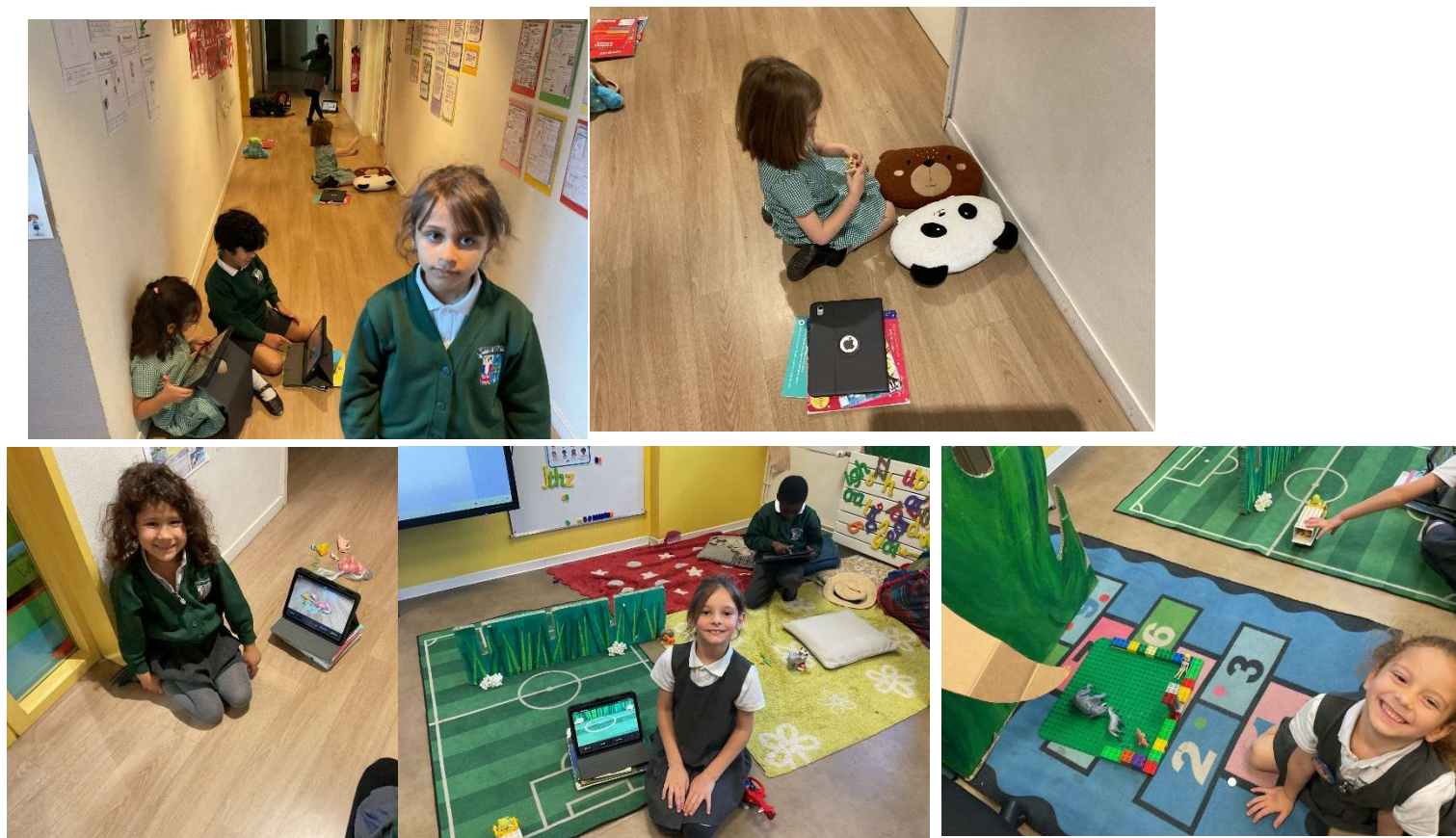
It looks like we just made fairy bread... but in fact we had lots of fun practically decomposing shapes- cutting our square bread slice into smaller triangles, rectangles or squares... lots of wonderful amazement at triangles in triangles and making squares out of rectangles and triangles out of squares!

Reception are learning that just as shapes make up bigger shapes, numbers combine to make bigger numbers!





**Grade 1** using iMotion to make short films in our Computing lesson.



This week **Grade 2** have been using their amazing geographical skills to make maps. After making maps of our classroom, we looked at a birds eye view of ISB and located different parts of the school. Then using the architect's model we made our own maps complete with symbols and a key.



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In **Grade 3** science we have been investigating forces. We made predictions about what the result of a big or small pull would be when using car catapults. Then we put our measuring skills to the test to record how far the cars were propelled 🚗📏



**Grade 4** have been learning about Roman Soldiers and their armour. They have used papier mâché to build and form their shields. We learnt about the different symbols used on Roman shields and how they represented different gods and signified power and strength. They used these ideas to design their patterns and paint them on. What an achievement - well done Grade 4.







Lots of amazing group work in **Grade 5** this week. Learning about money in maths, making boats to investigate water resistance in Science and enjoying an "unplugged" moment in Computing!





**Grade 6:** On Thursday we said a sad farewell to the lovely Leticia who goes back to Mozambique. We will all miss her so much and wish her all the very best on her new adventure!



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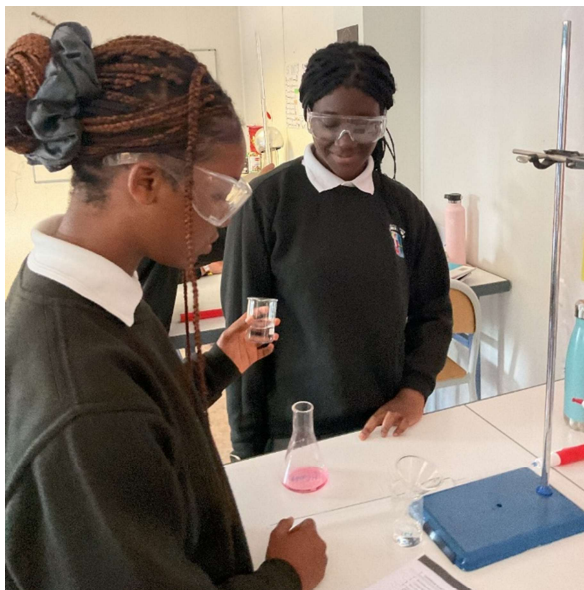
Photos of the start of our Wearable Technology topic in **Grade 8.** We are learning to sew and then to incorporate conductive thread, LEDs and power into a 'garment'.







This week the **Grade 10** have started to learn how to carry out accurate titrations and the grade 9 have been researching how temperature affects the rate of a chemical reaction.





## Parents Evenings, Exams and Report Dates

Date	Event
26 May – 06 Jun	G10 Mock Exams
26 Jun	G7 – 10 End of year reports published

## Grade 10 End of Year Exams 26 May to 06 June

End of year exams will be taken in classrooms and usually follow the timetabled lessons for a subject. When students are not in an exam they should follow their regular timetable.

G10 END OF YEAR TIMETABLE								
Follow regular ttbl	08:55	09:50	10:45	11:05	12:00	12:55	13:50	14:45
if no exams	09:50	10:45	11:00	12:00	12:55	13:45	14:45	15:40
MONDAY 26 MAY		Bio P1		En Lang P1				
TUESDAY 27 MAY	Maths P1				Chem P1		Bus P1 /En Lit P1	
WEDNESDAY 28 MAY		FLM/FLE P1		Bio P2				
THURSDAY								
FRIDAY								
MONDAY 02 JUNE		Bio P3		En Lang P2			Spanish	
TUESDAY 03 JUNE	Maths P2				Chem P2		En Lit P2	
WEDNESDAY 04 JUNE		FLM/FLE P2			Phys P2			
THURSDAY 05 JUNE	Phys P3						Chem P3	CS P1
FRIDAY 06 JUNE	CS PRACTICAL							
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## Dates for your Calendar

Please check the Calendar each week as new items could be added etc these are marked with an asterisk\*

### May

26 May – 28 May Mock exams Grade 10

29 – 30 May Thursday – Friday Ascension School closed except for exams

### June

02 – 06 June Monday – Friday Mock exams Grade 10

06 June Friday G12 return for (compulsory) intro to G13 lessons\*

09 June Monday Pentecost School closed except for exams

10 June Tuesday G12 return for second and final day (compulsory) intro to G13 lessons\*

10 June D of E First Aid Training for all G10 students

10 – 13 June Tuesday – Friday Key Stage 3 Maths/Drama cross-curricular project week

12 - 13 June Thursday and Friday DofE Bronze Final Expedition

15 – 19 June Sunday - Thursday KS4 and 5 Berlin trip

16 –19 June Monday – Thursday KS3 Barcelona trip

18-20 June Wednesday-Friday DofE Silver Final Expedition



23 June Monday G11 return to school for (compulsory) intro to G12 lessons and leaver's assembly\*  
23 June Monday Graduation for Grade 13 students  
26 June Thursday morning only (provisional date) Sports Day  
27 June Friday School closes for the Summer break at 12:00

## July

11 July Friday Administrative closure for Summer

*Have a nice week  
Très Bonnes Semaine  
Maria*

