



Thursday 17th April 2025

MARIA'S NOTES

Spring holidays: school closed from Saturday 19 April to Monday 5 May 8.30

PRIMARY NEWS

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Oooh la la what a busy week it's been in the EYFS and primary school§

We've been juggling powerful performances, awesome assessments, superb stargazing, fantastic fundraising, wonderful workshops, epic egg hunts and of course limitless learning!

But...before all that, many of us had an epic afternoon at **International Day** on Sunday. Although not all of the 47 countries that make up our school were represented, there were over twenty stalls, representing countries and their cultures, from all across the globe including Ghana, Brazil, Syria, Russia, Scotland, India, Nigeria, China...and loads more! It was an afternoon of eating, dancing and celebrating which wouldn't have been possible without our fantastic PTA! THANK YOU!!!

We're already looking forward to next years event, and hope to have even more countries from our community represented!







On Monday, the first treat of the week was the **Grade 3 assembly**, and what a treat it was! We were whisked back in time to Ancient Egypt, where we watched a pharaoh's mummification (censored at key moments to avoid nightmares/vomit); met a gaggle of gods; learnt about pyramids (how they were built and who they were for); were told lots of general fabulous facts about the ancient Egyptians and were shown a traditional (?) ancient Egyptian song and accompanying dance.

When the song had finished and our rapturous applause had died down, the grade 3s threw a curve ball and hit us with a quiz, to check who had been listening!! Fortunately, nobody could help but pay attention to such an inspiring assembly so the quiz was a doddle for our ISB masterminds! Well done to the amazing Grade 3, and of course Miss Suzanne!





Certificates of merit were then awarded by the class teachers. There were a mixture of colours this week, including the first three platinum certificates of the year!! Woohooooo!!





Grade 5 Médiathèque visit On Tuesday afternoon, Grade 5 braved the rain to travel to the médiathèque. They travelled by bus and were greeted by the staff of the médiathèque, who read them a story.

Once they were given a quick tour of where to find what in the médiathèque, the children were free to have a wander, read a few books, and even choose one to borrow.





Maths Enrichment A huge well done to Orla, Ethan H, Ethan O, Dalu, Axel and Gustave. Who, on Tuesday, were invited to take part in a maths enrichment workshop with Miss Nairac, our Primary Maths Coordinator. They did some very challenging number halving, after learning the ‘diamond’ method. With every correct answer they followed the obstacle course gaining house points along the way! A BIG THANK YOU to Miss Nairac, for organizing his super fun workshop!



ISB Spring Fayre On Wednesday, we had the student-council organising ISB Spring Fayre. With the student council having set-up several games and then each class organising one too, there was plenty of fun to be had! Throughout the morning, all classes had an opportunity to come and get stuck into the action! The winners of the “Treasure Map” game, who correctly chose the coordinates of the hidden treasure, were Issraa (G3) and Emanuela (G5). They were very happy to receive their prizes on Thursday afternoon!

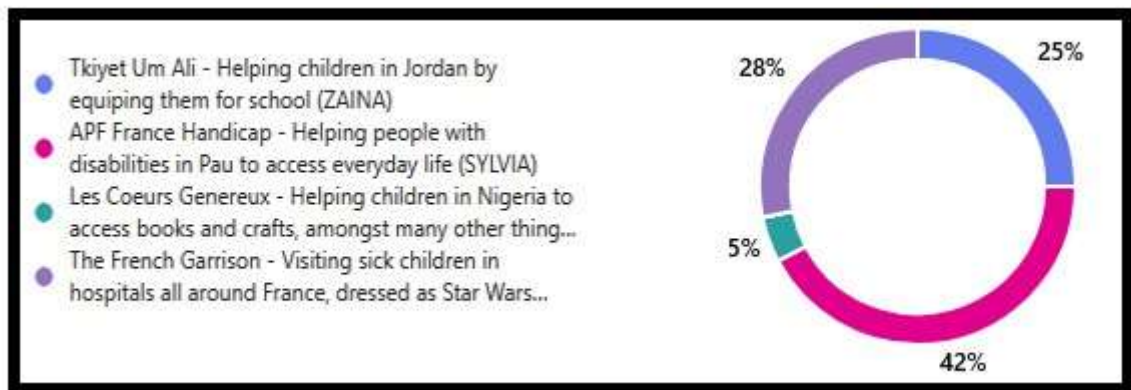


We mustn't forget what the spring fayre was I aide of though! Voting was closed on Wednesday, and we're pleased to announce that the charity that received the most votes was **APF France**, a charity chosen by Sylvia in Grade 6, who help people with disabilities in Pau to access everyday life more easily.

On Friday, the student council counted all of the money made from “care coin” sales. It took quite a while, and we're extremely proud to announce that our little school with the BIG HEART has done it again and raised a whopping **536, 58 € for APF France!**

We'd like to thank all of the students, teachers and parents for their generous support and of course a MASSIVE THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS to the Primary Student Council for their astounding effort whilst organising such a great event! #InspiringSelfBelief







English Enrichment What a lovely moment some of Team ISB shared on Thursday lunchtime when Olivia and Eduardo read a story to Naellie, Isabela, Ariana, Juliet, David and Oryx. Well done to all the Grade 1s who listened carefully and asked lots of interesting questions and well done to Olivia and Eduardo who read beautifully and were really kind and patient.

This is just the first of a few lunch-time stories that will be read by the Grade 6s to the younger children.



Planetarium We had an absolutely magical Thursday and Friday in ISB, thanks to Miss Susie, our Primary School Science Coordinator, organising a visit from a mobile planetarium!

Over the two days, everyone in the whole Primary school, and even some Secondary classes were guided through the universe by the extremely engaging Louis. We would like to say a huge thank you to Louis from Science Odysee Pau, for bringing his planetarium to the International School of Béarn.

We had an amazing time learning about the sun, moon, galaxies and the universe. Apart from speaking fluent English, Louis was incredible with the children. He knew how to capture and maintain their interest and could answer any question about space. He is obviously passionate about this subject and inspired us all.

Thank you so much for these moments spent together and we can't wait to work with Science Odysee again!
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Egg Hunt Finally, to end this busy week, we were visited by the Easter bunny. Everyone, was very excited to hunt for chocolate eggs around the school playground...what a way to end the term!



Student Council Newspaper Some inspiring student council members, wanted to create an ISB newspaper, and so without any adult guidance, or help, they met at lunchtimes and worked in their own time to produce edition 1 of their project.

On the day of the spring fayre, they left copies of the newspaper on chairs in the fayre, for the other children and teachers to read. After the fayre, each class took a newspaper back to their classes to enjoy.

Grades 3-6 End of Year Show We are starting to prepare for the End of Year Show which will take place on Tuesday 17th June. To help with the organisation of this, can you please let us know if you know that your children will not be here on this date.



IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday 5th May – School reopens

Thursday 8th May and Friday 9th May – School closed (VE Day)

Monday 26th May (14.35) – Reception Class assembly (All Reception parents warmly welcome)

Thursday 29th and Fri 30th May – School Closed (Ascension)

Monday 9th June – School closed (Pentecost)

Friday 27th June – Last day of school, International lunch at 1200 (School closes)

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Reception: We can't go over it... we can't go under it... we have to go through it! Reception have been busy making their own maps to prepare for our bear hunt! lots of fun, laughter and superb language on our sensory bear hunt!



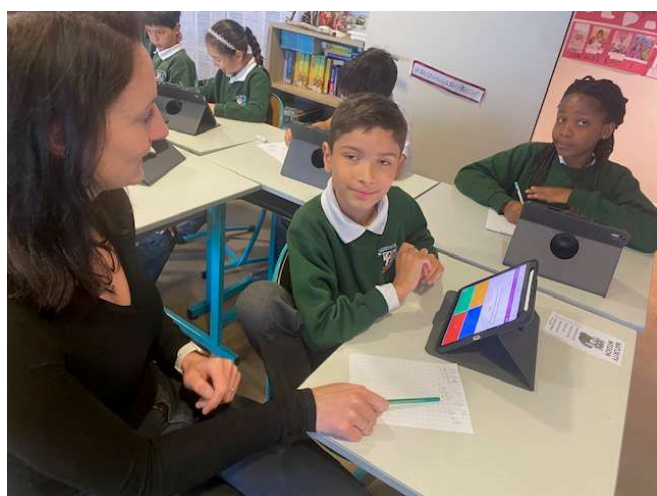




Les élèves de **Grade 2**, en classe de FLM (avec Miss Murielle), travaillent sur le thème des pirates. Avec les cartes qu'ils ont confectionnées, ils vont partir à la recherche d'un fabuleux trésor.



Grade 5 enjoyed revising the written methods they needed for the arithmetic test by playing a fun game of Blooket

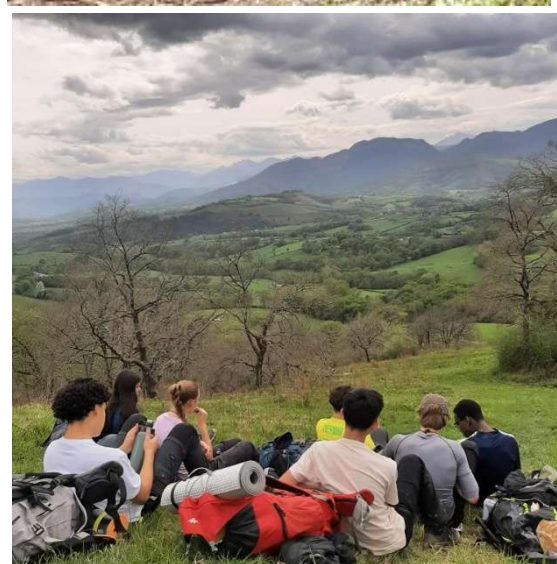
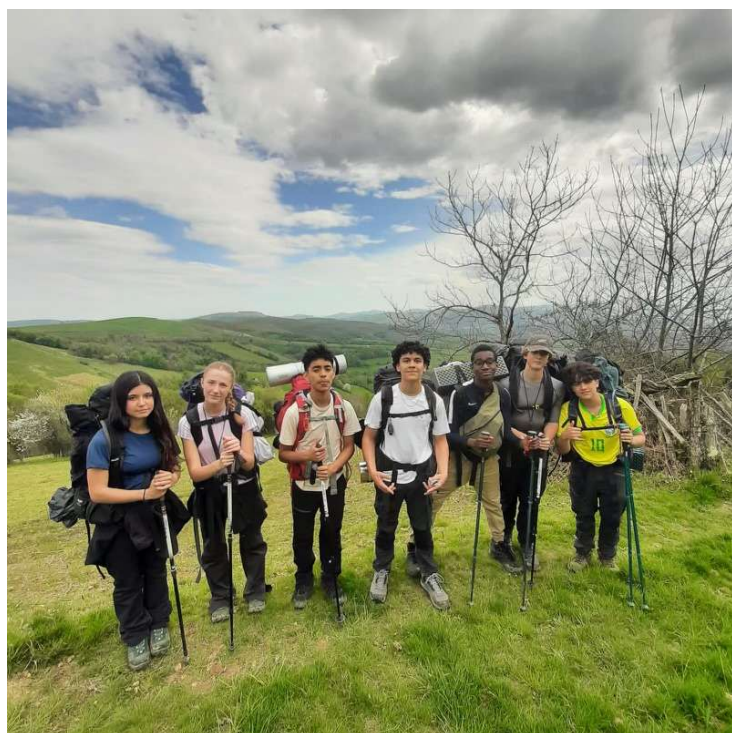




Mardi dernier, les élèves de la classe de Grade 5 se sont rendus à la médiathèque Trait d'Union, à Lons. Accompagnés de Miss Heather, Miss Chris, Miss Murielle et Miss Didi, ils ont pris le bus de ville pour rejoindre cet espace culturel, un lieu accueillant et chaleureux. Les élèves ont eu l'occasion de lire librement, de choisir un livre à rapporter à l'école et d'écouter trois histoires captivantes. L'une d'elles était présentée sous forme de kamishibai. Cette expérience a été non seulement divertissante, mais aussi éducative. Elle a offert aux élèves une immersion dans différentes formes de narration et a stimulé leur imagination. Une sortie très enrichissante ! N'hésitez pas à vous y rendre avec votre enfant.



Last weekend **Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh International Award** participants went on their practice expedition near Musculdy in the Basque Pyrénées. The pupils had a mixture of rain, mist and sun and learnt a lot about navigation, campcraft and team work. They also produced some excellent homemade bread cooked on a camp stove and some less well-cooked pasta...well done to them all! Below is a QR code with access to more photos





SECONDARY UPDATE

Ann Byrne

Parents Evenings, Exams and Report Dates

Date	Event
06 May	G10 Invitation only Parents Evening. ** date changed **
26 May – 06 Jun	G10 Mock Exams
26 Jun	G7 – 10 End of year reports published

Please note that the G10 'Invitation Only' Parents Evening has been moved to Tuesday 06 May. If teachers are concerned about progress in their subject and are being asked to attend with your son/daughter you will have been contacted by email.

Study Leave G11 – 13

Study leave starts when we finish school for the Easter break on Friday 18 April and we would like to wish all of our students the very best of luck in their upcoming exams

From the point onwards students should be working independently and studying for their upcoming exams. A revision schedule showing sessions ahead of exams run for the different subjects and levels is on your FireFly dashboard. Students had an assembly on Monday morning and were reminded of key information around their exams by our Exams Officer, Miss Goncalves.

Dates that students are expected to return to school after exams are listed in the 'Dates for your Calendar' below.

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

05 May Back to School!

06 May 4pm – 6pm Tuesday Invitation Only Parents Evening for Grades 10

08 May Thursday 1945 Victory Day. School Closed except for exams

09 May Friday School Closed except for exams

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 holiday
Très Bonnes Vacances
Maria*

The planetarium in the Atrium

