



Thursday 6th June 2025

MARIA'S NOTES

SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON MONDAY 9 JUNE 2025 except for exams

PRIMARY NEWS

John-Mark Hanrahan

Despite School being closed for the Ascension bank holidays last week, it's been a chock-a-block two weeks, and as well as our usual lessons, we've also had assemblies, trips, a robotics morning, French exams, inter-house sports and to end this week, we had our first full rehearsal for Grades 3-6 for the end of year show which is in just over a week's time!



On the 26th May, Miss Heather organised a "Maker Morning" with Mr MacGowan – the Secondary computer Science teacher. Grade 5 spent the morning, building, coding and fault-finding some robots, using 'Micro-bits'. The children had to follow instructions carefully, but also had to deal with some unclear instructions, which meant that the children had to use logic, previous knowledge and trial and error to ensure their robots were built correctly.



Then came the coding, which of course meant plenty of bug-fixing was required – especially as Mr Hanrahan also came to get involved, and really didn't seem to know what he was doing! BIG THANKS to Miss Heather and Mr MacGowan for organising such a fantastic and inspiring morning. We look forward to exploring the 'Micro-bits' more in the future.

The excitement didn't stop there, because in the afternoon, it was time for the Reception class assembly. We all gathered in the atrium, along with the Reception class parents, to be WOWED by the amazing things that Reception class have been doing in class. They taught us all about the lifecycle of a butterfly, the planets and how to blend sounds to read words – and they even threw in some kazooing! It was amazing and there was not a single person in the whole assembly without aching cheeks from smiling so much at the brilliant performances by the children, which were not only in English, but in French too!



Certificates

Over the last two weeks, many more children have received certificates of merit, by collecting merits for excellent work in class. We all know how important it is to keep going, as it's not the end of the year yet and we're all aiming to earn as many merits as possible.



House points trophy

Red House Captain, Vega collected the coveted house points trophy this week for the red team, who have earned a whopping 781 house points throughout the last two weeks! The other three teams are desperate to add to their haul of trophies, to ensure that they can 'buy' the best activities from the 'menu' on House Points Rewards Day, on the last week of term. Everyone is doing the best they can to earn as many house points as they can over the next two weeks by contributing in class, being polite, showing good manners, being impeccably dressed and also by participating in inter-house sports!



Early Years Trip

On Thursday this week, the early years went on an exciting trip to the 'Ferme du Bon'air, near Lourdes. A fantastic day was had by all! Thank you to the parents who joined us for the trip. Check out some of the photos below:



Inter-house Football

After a hiatus due to the bank holiday last week, this week Grade 1 and 2 inter-house football continued on Thursday lunch-time. It was an thrilling game between the reds and the greens, that saw Axel from Grade 2 open the scoring after some impressive dribbling, before Leo from Grade 1, sealed the deal for the green team, with a shot on target as the final whistle blew, ending the tightly fought match 2-0 for the Greens! The final match will be played today (Friday), before the overall winners are announced next week!!



Primary Art Exhibition

Miss Sara is currently busy organising the **ISB Primary School Art Exhibition**, which will take place in the atrium, from **Wed 18th June until Friday 20th June**. Parents and students (supervised by their parents) are invited to come and check out the art that children from all through the school have created this year, during their art lessons. There will be an 'Art hunt' and raffles, in which you can win pieces of art that have been created collaboratively by the children – with all proceeds going towards the charity chosen by this term's student council. Parents can visit the exhibition after school or club time from 12:00 Wednesday, until 17:15 Friday.



French Enrichment

This morning, **Achille, Clémence, Maxime, Jude, Olivia, Luca, Lowen**, and **Enzo**, from Early Years enjoyed a very special Enrichment session in the French classroom.

They had the chance to meet Miss Murielle and explore the French learning space whilst meeting Gaston, the beloved FLM group mascot. The children really impressed Miss Murielle and Gaston with their listening skills. They practised introducing themselves and wrote their names, just like the big kids do!

We're so excited to see their enthusiasm and can't wait to welcome them back next year.



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 9th June – School closed (Pentecost)

Tuesday 10th June – Reception Class trip to Zoo d'Asson

Wednesday 11th June (0915) – EYFS Sports day

Friday 13th June – ALL Primary iPads collected

Monday 16th June – G3-6 theatre rehearsal (come to school as normal)

- G1 & 2 re-scheduled trip to the animal park

Tuesday 17th June (18:30) – Grades 3-6 End of Year Show, Espace Chambaud, Lons.

Wednesday 18th June (0915) – Primary Sports day

Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th June – Primary Art Exhibition

Friday 20th June - Student Council/House Captains' posh lunch

Monday 23rd June – Grade 6 Secondary Induction Day

Thursday 26th June – End of Year Reports available to parents

Thursday 26th June (G1-3 09:00-10:30, G4-6 10:30-12:00) – Primary School Talent Show 2025
(performers' parents invited)

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

What have **Early Years** been up to?

We had lots of fun using paint and guttering as a ramp to explore how far different objects can roll or slide. We also enjoyed some **science experiments** by mixing water or vinegar with different materials such as corn starch, salt, or bicarbonate of soda. We had so much fun watching the bubbles fizz and pop when we mixed vinegar and bicarbonate of soda together. On Thursday, we had fantastic time on our school trip to “**La Ferme du Bon’Air**”. We made our own butter using cream and a pinch of salt, enjoyed a lovely picnic under the trees, and met lots of farm animals. A big thank you to all the parents who helped us on the trip!





Reception have been working so hard working on learning their number bonds to 10!



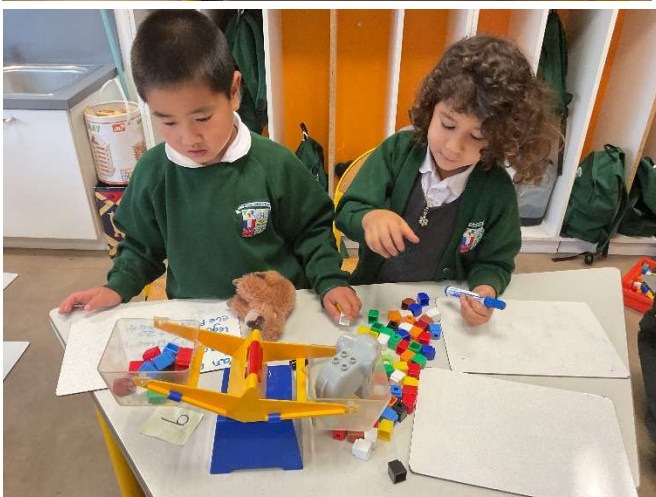


Reception had a magical moment this week releasing their butterflies into the garden! They really enjoyed watching the little caterpillars grow bigger and bigger, make their chrysalis and emerge as beautiful butterflies





This week, in maths, **Grade 1** have been working with weight and capacity.

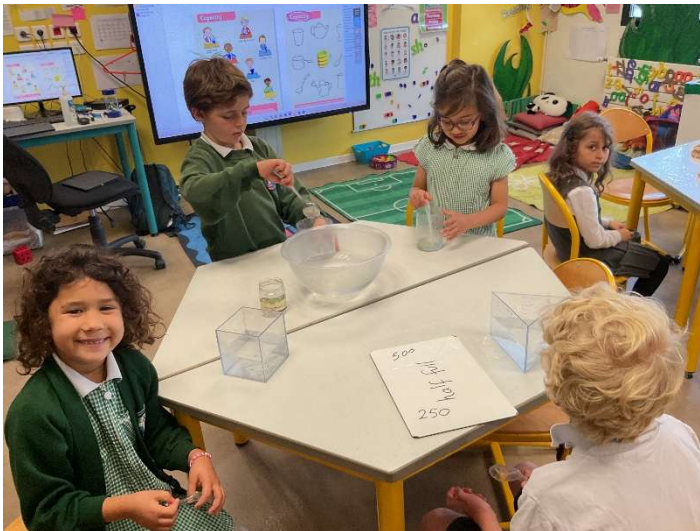




Weighing in Grade 1.



Measuring capacity in Grade 1.



Grade 2 have been learning how to read a compass. We played an I spy direction game outside and then had a go at directing their partner back to the classroom. Thanks to the DofE department for lending us their tools!



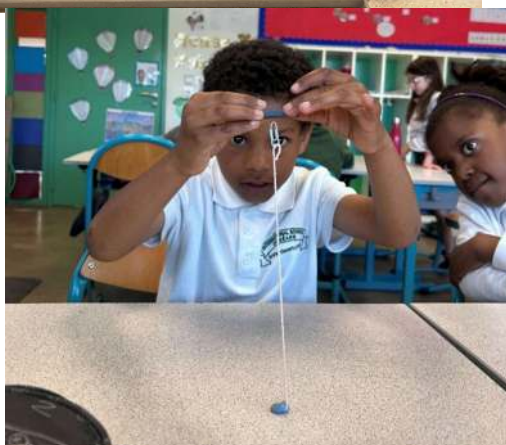
En classe de français avec Miss Didi, les élèves de **Grade 2** se sont amusés comme des chefs !

Grâce à un jeu de rôle appelé "Au Restaurant", chacun a pu jouer le serveur ou le client, en commandant son plat et sa boisson préférés... en français bien sûr !

Apprendre le français devient un vrai plaisir quand on joue, on parle et on s'amuse en même temps !



In science, **Grade 3** have been exploring the power of magnetic force 🧲



In PE, **Grade 3** have been exploring different jumping techniques when jumping for distance.





Grade 4 were lucky enough to take part in a live lesson with 500 other primary schools around the world. The lesson was designed to inspire writing and Grade 4 showed off their skills as they entered 'The Secret Gig'! Well done 🖐️



Grade 5 had fun making dancing robots and displayed incredible troubleshooting and teamwork skills during their computing enrichment day with Mr McGowan.

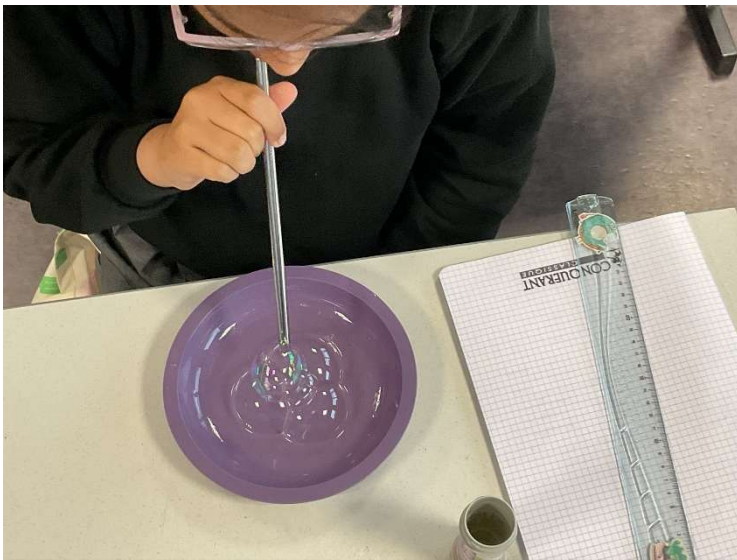




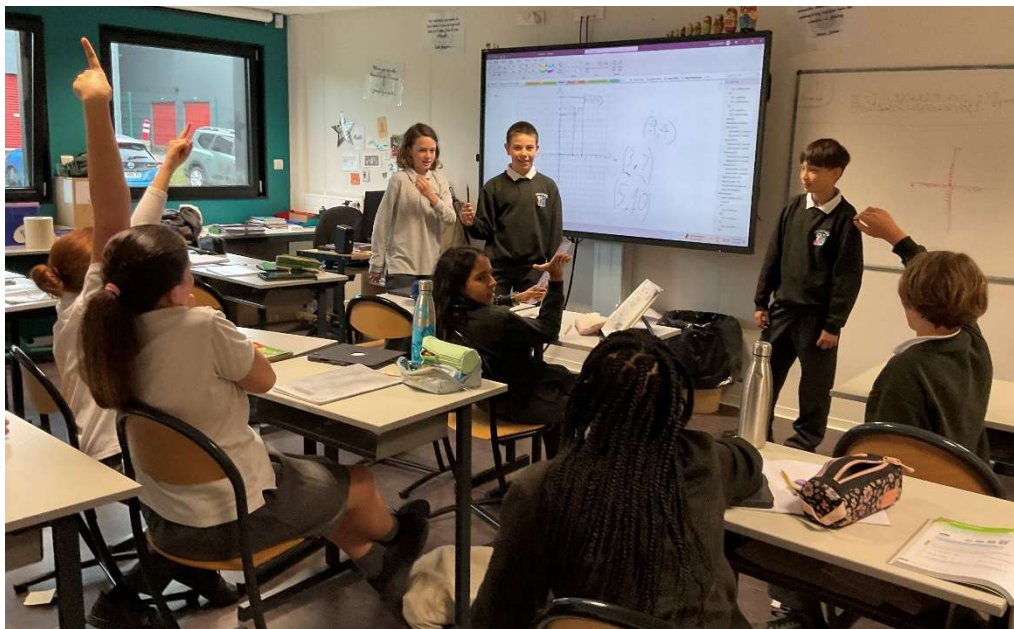
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Grade 7 investigating the different 3D geometric shapes formed when several bubbles join, and checking out the "double bubble theorem", seeing the angles formed between two or more bubbles (120 degrees).





As we are nearing the end of the year 7A have been enjoying learning the topics in small groups and teaching the rest of the class in their maths lessons.



On Thursday **Grade 8** headed to the Plateau de Benou to investigate rivers and evidence of glaciation. The group were excellent and lots of learning and fun was had!



In Grade 9, Emma's team final of National B Team Gym was last weekend in the Arena Poitiers near the Futuroscope, and they finished 3rd / bronze medal out of 11 teams, with the first 2 teams being only 0.15pts ahead (equals at 1st place) over more than 50points total. It was a great achievement but a bit of sour feeling as they were penalised in one of the category after being wrongfully advised by one of their own coach, which cost them close to a full point in the end. So they had the 1st place well in reach and were obviously disappointed, but 3rd place was still on podium and a great achievement for their 2nd year in a row.



Parents Evenings, Exams and Report Dates

Date	Event
26 Jun	G7 – 10 End of year reports published

End of Year Arrangements

The end of the school year is always busy, and so here is a breakdown of the last few weeks:

Week commencing 09 June

Date	Events	Notes
Monday 09 June	School closed except for exams	
Tuesday 10 June	All G10 in First Aid Training KS3 Maths/Drama Project all week	
Wednesday 11 June	G10 DofE expedition planning in school	G10 not on DofE do not come into school
Thursday 12 June	G10 DofE expedition	
Friday 13 June	G10 DofE expedition KS3 (end of project) theatre visit	

Week commencing 16 June

Date	Events	Notes
Monday 16 June	KS3 students on Barcelona trip; KS4 and 5 on Berlin trip	Students who are coming into school will follow a bespoke timetable with cross-curricular projects in English/languages, Maths/Art/History, Science and PE Full details to be emailed home by 13 June.
Tuesday 17 June		
Wednesday 18 June		
Thursday 19 June	Barcelona trip returns approx. 8pm	
Friday 20 June	Berlin trip returns approx. 2:30am	Barcelona students can come into school by 09:30 Berlin students can come into school for breaktime

Week commencing 23 June

Date	Events	Notes
Monday 23 June	G11 Introduction to G12 and Leavers Assembly Grade 6 Induction Day Graduation and Prizegiving at Palais Beaumont	Arrival 18:00 (16:30 for graduate and performers, prize winners 17:00)
Tuesday 24 June	Talent Show/Arts Evening at La Forge Moderne	
Wednesday 25 June		
Thursday 26 June	Sports Day (9.30-12.30) Stade Andre Lavie	Parents are welcome to attend
Friday 27 June	School closes at 12:00	Students return Tues 02 Sept (G7 and G12 Mon 01 Sept)

*Have a nice week
Très Bonne Semaine
Maria*