



Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## **LAST NEWSLETTER OF THIS YEAR 2024-2025** **On Friday, ISB closes at 12.00 with the International Lunch**

### PRIMARY NEWS

John-Mark Hanrahan

It's been an extremely busy penultimate two weeks of the year! Although we were off school last Monday for the Pentecost bank holiday, we had an extremely exciting start to Tuesday, when we were **visited by non-other than Paris Olympic silver-medalist, Adam Burgess**. Not only did he win silver at last summer's games in the C1 – Canoe Slalom event, but came fresh from a gold medal finish at a world cup event, which took place in Spain over the Pentecost weekend.

The GB athlete spoke to us all and told us about how he became an Olympian. He then answered lots of questions asked by different children from Grades 3-6.

When asked by someone if he liked school, he explained why school was important for him, despite wanting to be an athlete, he said that school taught him to be focused and also opened lots of doors for him, by equipping him in different ways for different situations. Even now, he explained that he still studies as it keeps his brain busy and means that he doesn't just think about canoe-kayak all the time.

Once the assembly had finished, he made a trip to visit the younger children too. He was definitely an inspiring athlete, with lots of wisdom, but one of his most important messages was about losing - He explained that losing is never easy, but as he has developed and grown wiser, he doesn't ever think of "winners and losers" anymore, he thinks of "winners and learners" – whenever he doesn't win, he asks himself why, and looks for what he can learn from the loss, and he knows that this is what will make him a winner! What an excellent lesson for us all to think about.

Whilst with Grades 1 & 2, Adam Burgess was asked if Santa had ever been to watch him race. He explained that he hasn't actually had any winter races, so as far as he knows, Santa hasn't been to watch him...yet!





### Reception Class Trip to the Zoo d'Asson

Whilst the rest of the school were enjoying some athlete action, Reception class went on their intrepid expedition to the Zoo d'Asson. They had a magical time spotting all of the animals, big and small! They even thought they saw Mr Hanrahan playing on the climbing net!



### Grades 1 & 2 trip to the animal park

After the trip being postponed, due to miserable weather, this Monday, Grades 1 & 2 finally got to head to the Parc Animalier des Pyrennees for a day of marmot spotting. Whilst there though, they didn't just see marmots, they also saw: bears, red pandas, wolves, prairie dogs, otters and loads more!!





### End of Year Show (#InspiringSelfBelief)

Whilst Grades 1 & 2 were at the animal park, Grades 3-6 were at the theatre, putting the last finishing to **the end of year show**, **Mulan**! On Tuesday evening, the last few weeks' hard work paid off, as they put on a fantastic show for their parents. It was an inspiring goodbye from our Grade 6 students, and Grades 3, 4 and 5 did a brilliant job of supporting them! A huge well done to all of the children, and of course to their teachers for all of their hard work. We can't wait for next year!













## Science Enrichment

Meanwhile, **Grade 1** got to go on an amazing science enrichment morning with Mr Payne and the Secondary students, the Secondary students had organised lots of science experiments to do with the Grade 1 children, that they could then go and do themselves at home. It was amazing and the Secondary students really impressed with their patience and care of our Grade 1 students, as well as with their science knowledge of course!!



The excitement didn't end there though! Our in-house mariachi king, don Daniel (the Secondary Spanish teacher), gave an impromptu gig of Spanish hits, just for the Grade 1s!

A big thank you to Miss Susie, Mr Payne and of course, don Daniel for organising this super morning!

## Primary Sportsday (more photos below)

Last week, the EYFS had their exciting mini-beast inspired sports-day (see below for photos), and this week, it was turn for the primary school! It was a busy morning with lots of different races and games for not only the children, but the parents too! The final scores were announced, and at long last, the green team won and earned another trophy for their tracker! A great morning was had by all – those that didn't win, learnt, and it ended with a well-deserved ice-cream for everyone! A big thank you to Miss Suzanne Hanrahan, our Primary School Sports Coordinator, for organizing another brilliant event! (To see loads of videos and photos, head to TeamISB on Teams)







### Primary Art Exhibition (more photos below)

From Wednesday to Friday this week, Miss Sara opened the Primary art exhibition. Three days showcasing the incredible art created by your children. It was beautiful and stretched right through the atrium and even up the stairs! We will let you know shortly, who won the various raffles for art work! Thank you Miss Sara!!!



On Friday, the **student councilors and House Captains** enjoyed a posh lunch together to mark the end of another successful year. We ate like kings, from bean salads, to chicken skewers, to cherries we had it all! Just when we thought it was all over, we were then given a choice of ice-cream! We can't wait to volunteer again next year!

### “Dream Day”

Next Wednesday, the student council are organising their final fundraiser of the year, which they are calling “Dream Day”. It is most people’s dreams to eat pizza, sweets and fizzy drinks, but we know that if we eat this all the time, it is very unhealthy.

For one day only however, on Dream Day, the student council are going to be selling THE DREAM! In support of the charity: Make a Wish Foundation, and living by the slogan “A slice of pizza; a guaranteed wish”, next Wednesday, from 1200, we will be selling pizza, sweets and drinks in front of the school, which you can then go and enjoy on the grass area! All of the money raised, will make sick children’s wishes come true! Don’t forget to bring cash if you want to be a part of Dream Day! Check out:

<https://www.makeawishfrance.org/> to see the amazing work that the student council’s chosen charity do.



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Grade 6 Secondary Induction Day

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – Last PTA Meeting: all parents welcome

– The Primary Student Council presents **DREAM DAY!**

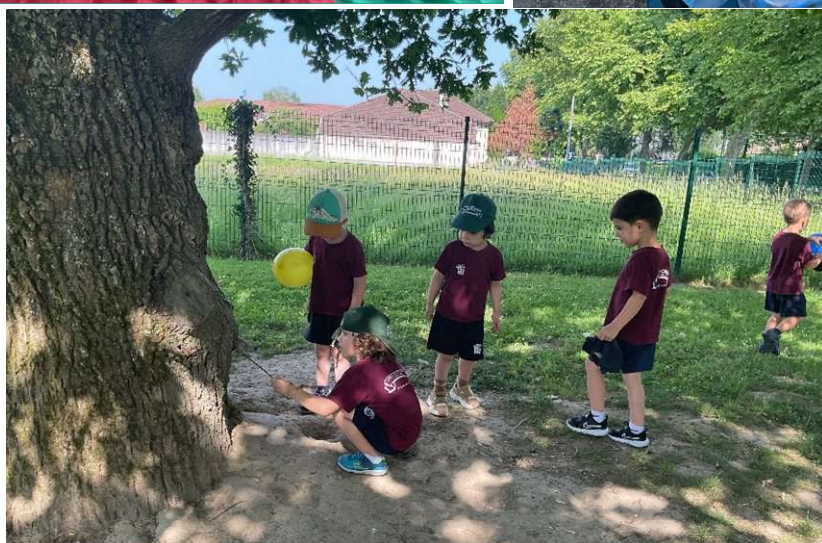
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – End of Year Reports available to parents

**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) (Non-uniform day!)

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**Early Years** had great fun outdoors with water play and making dens.







Recently, Early Years enjoyed playing in the class' ice cream shop.



We loved listening to a story about a lion and a mouse, and a fantastic book about dinosaurs. A big thank you to Ashar's and Pablo's mummies for sharing them with us!





## Open Morning

On Thursday, Early Years were delighted to welcome their new friends and their families to our “Open Morning”. The children had a great time playing and getting to know each other, and we are already looking forward to more adventures in September!



Early Years, in Music lesson, creating a song and a soundscape on summer little creatures 🐞 🐛 🐌 using different textured small percussion instruments.





## EYFS sports day







**Reception** welcomed EY2 into their classroom to tell them all about the amazing things they will learn next year!





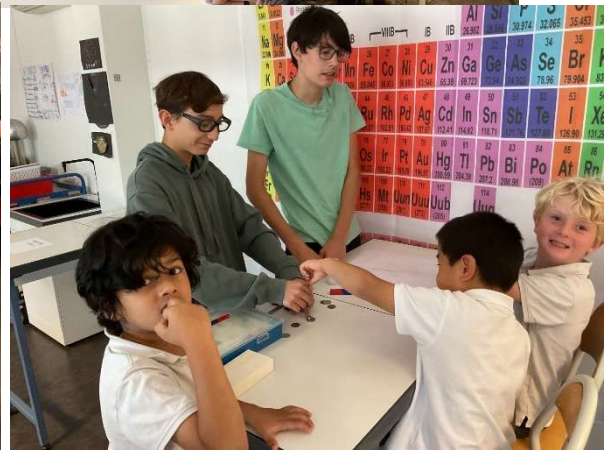
Reception had fun transforming their potatoes into superheroes this week!



**Grade 1** science enrichment in Secondary School







**Grades 1 and 2** trip to the PARC ANIMALIER









## Grades 1 and 2 sports day



**Grade 6 FLM** : Ce matin, nous avons célébré avec beaucoup d'émotion, le passage du groupe de FLM du primaire vers le secondaire. C'est avec beaucoup de fierté pour le travail et les efforts accomplis que Miss Murielle a donné ses dernières recommandations à Ainara, Ikem, Valentina et Natalia. Après le goûter, nous avons fait un Kahoot sur des notions vues cette année: c'était un excellent moment.





Pour célébrer la fin de l'année scolaire, les élèves de **Grade 6 FLE** ont partagé un moment inoubliable lors d'un pique-nique organisé par leur professeur de français, Miss Didi. Confortablement installés sur l'herbe, nous avons savouré un goûter, joué, échangé des rires et évoqué nos meilleurs souvenirs de l'année. Cette rencontre en plein air fut aussi l'occasion de dire au revoir dans une atmosphère chaleureuse et pleine d'émotion. Un moment précieux capturé en images, souvenir d'une belle complicité et de l'énergie positive qui a animé notre groupe tout au long de l'année !



## PRIMARY SPORTS DAY





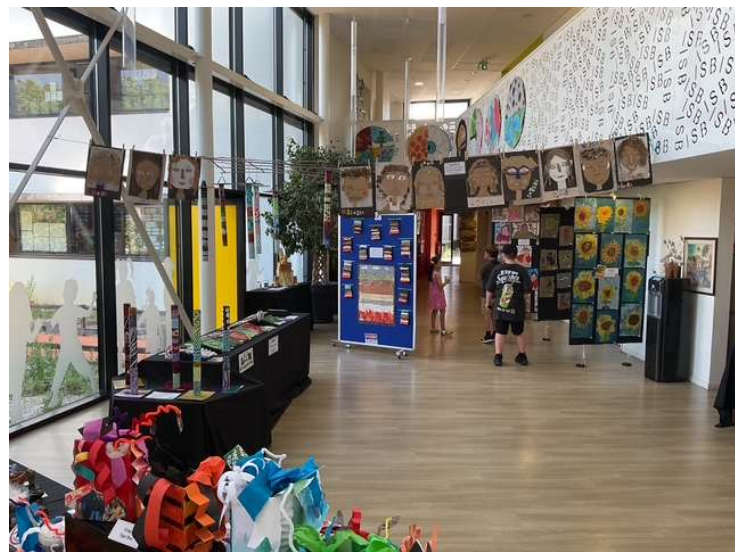


Well done parents !





## Primary Art exhibition by Miss Sara















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All KS3 (**Grades 7,8,9**) classes went off timetable for 3 days, during which we took a step aside to have a different look at mathematics. The French theatre company Blop (interjection) based in Bordeaux has been performing in higher secondary schools since 2015 with their play about mathematics “2 est-il un chiffre bleu?” (“Is 2 a blue number?”). They came to ISB to talk about their play and their approach of mathematics. They have led drama workshops with our students, to give them a feel for the themes from this play before watching the performance in a theatre on Friday.

As our students are not all fluent in French, they have been working on parts of the script in their French lessons. As they are younger than the usual audience for this play, they have also attended 3 different Maths workshops to investigate about the main topics approached in the play, 2 Music workshops to understand how Mathematics and Music might be related, an English workshop focused on creative writing... They have also had an introduction to pop-up techniques, took part in an escape game, and watched the movie “Hidden figures”, all in the theme of mathematics and blue 2s.

Students and teachers widely enjoyed the workshop and the play. This has been a great opportunity to do something different in school, to take time to get involved in some very interesting discussions and to approach unusual aspects of mathematics, such as logic, infinity and more...





### Barcelona Trip 2025:

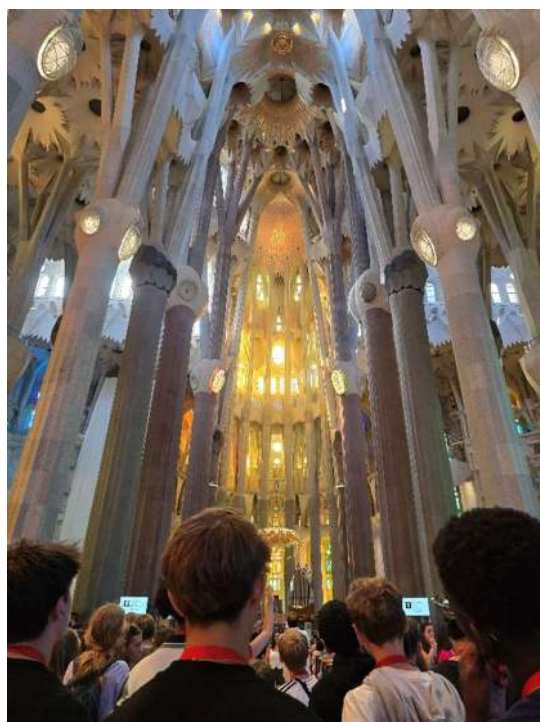
Our KS3 trip to Barcelona was an unforgettable four-day adventure filled with culture, excitement, and sunshine. We kicked off with a visit to the magnificent **Sagrada Família**, where students were amazed by Gaudí's incredible design, the light shining through the glass was magical.

Day two combined sport and creativity with the **Barça Immersive Tour**, the interactive **Gaudí Experiencia**, and a walk-through **Parc Güell**.

Day three brought non-stop fun at **Port Aventura**, with rollercoasters, long queues but laughter all around.

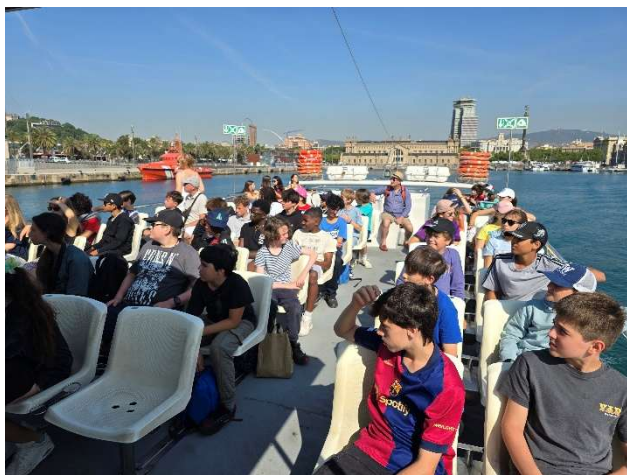
On our final day, we enjoyed a **scenic boat tour** before returning home.

Throughout the trip, students showed excellent behaviour, were respectful and understanding during the heat, truly representing our school's morals.



A big thank you to all staff and students on the trip!  
By Mr Pearse





Last week **Bronze Level Participants of DofE** took part in their two-day expedition around the hills of Arette. The Teams coped really well with the hot weather and showed excellent navigation and camp craft skills. Well done Teams and massive thank you to all staff involved.







**Duke of Edinburgh International Award Silver participants** took part in their three-day expedition in the Col du Soulor area of The Pyrenees from Wednesday to Friday. The Team coped fantastically with the heat and showered great team spirit throughout. Well done everyone!







**The Berlin Trip** was a huge success. Going on trips like this remind us teachers how brilliant our students are! They approached the complex history of the city with maturity and respect and made us all very proud!

After a tour around Berlin, seeing highlights such as the Brandenburg Gate, students explored an exhibition about the infamous SS. They also visited a Second World War bunker, which had been turned into a museum about the Nazi regime. Although some of the stories were difficult to read about, students felt that everybody should visit such an important sight.

After this, students enjoyed visiting Tropical Islands water park where they spent the whole day relaxing and using the waterslides.

Our students showed great independence, respect and maturity throughout the entirety of the trip. We hope they found the experience as enriching as we did.







## SECONDARY UPDATE

Ann Byrne

Another school year is coming to an end....

This year has been filled with academic growth and creative exploration. Our students have excelled and they represent the true spirit of global citizenship and collaboration. I am immensely proud of the curiosity, kindness, and commitment they have shown throughout the year.



To our graduating students—congratulations! You leave us ready to take on new challenges across the world. Your time here has left a legacy and we know you will continue to make a positive impact wherever your journey leads.

To our dedicated staff and teachers, thank you for your tireless effort and care for every student in our school. Your work does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated.

And to our families—thank you for your partnership, encouragement, and support. It is through this strong school-home collaboration that we continue to grow as an inclusive learning community. As we head into the summer holidays, we would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable Summer and we look forward to welcoming many of you back in September refreshed and ready for another exciting chapter.

## Last Week of Term Arrangements:

### Week commencing 23 June

| Date              | Events   | Notes   |
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| Monday 23 June    | G11 Introduction to G12 and Leavers Assembly<br>Grade 6 Induction Day<br><br><b>Graduation and Prize giving at Palais Beaumont</b> | Arrival 18:00 (16:00 for graduates and performers, prize winners 17:00) |
| Tuesday 24 June   | <b>Talent Show/Arts Evening</b> at La Forge Moderne  | From 18:00  |
| Wednesday 25 June |  |   |
| Thursday 26 June  | <b>Sports Day</b> (morning 09:30 – 12:30)  | Parents are welcome to attend   |
| Friday 27 June    | School closes at 12:00<br>Non-uniform<br>International Lunch   | Students return Tues 02 Sept<br>(G7 and G12 return Mon 01 Sept)         |

*Have a nice holiday  
Très Bonnes Vacances  
Maria*

