



Friday 19th September 2025

MARIA'S NOTES :



The school **photographer** will come to school on Tuesday 30th September and Wednesday 1st October. He will take class photos and individual photos. Can I ask all parents to be sure that their child is wearing **perfect uniform** (polo shirt, sweat shirt, trousers or skirt, grey or white socks and dark leather brown or black shoes) from Reception to Grade 11. Grade 12 & 13 should wear nice, appropriate clothes. Many thanks.

Miss Marjorie had her baby girl last week. She is called **Ines**. Congratulations to the happy parents. We wish her all the best.



PRIMARY NEWS

John-Mark Hanrahan

Every Monday afternoon, Reception Class to Grade 6 gather in the atrium for our weekly assembly. This week, the focus of the assembly was '**Volunteering & Team-Work**'. We talked about what it was to be a volunteer - to do something for free, without payment. We realised that when you volunteer, it is something that helps others in some way. We then discussed whether we had ever been a volunteer, and quickly realised that we have opportunities to volunteer every day at school. We can of course volunteer to be a student councillor, or for other jobs around the school, we can volunteer to share our things, or play with children who look lonely.



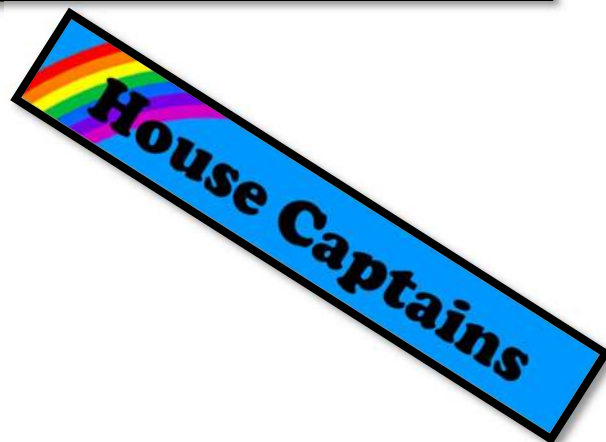
We can voluntarily make sure that we haven't left any litter after we've eaten, we can volunteer to help at home and we can even volunteer our answers in class, by putting our hand up. In fact, the opportunities to volunteer and make a positive difference to others and ourselves, are endless.

We agreed that this week, we were going to try hard to volunteer wherever we could – so if your child has been extra helpful at home, you know why!

Speaking of volunteers, the class teachers then introduced their representatives for the **Student Council**, for this term. These esteemed students from Grade 1 – Grade 6, will give up some of their lunch-time to meet with Mr Hanrahan once a week to discuss very important matters and in fact, they met on Tuesday to organise the weekly collection of waste paper bins, and to talk about things that we have to sort out – such as what this term’s charity event will be and who it will be for.



Miss Nairac then introduced us to some more volunteers, who are going to be the **House Captains** for this term. These responsible grade 6 students will be trying to encourage their team-mates from across the school to earn as many house-points as possible, in the hope that they can win as many fortnightly ‘house-points trophies’ as possible!



Mr Hanrahan asked for some volunteers, before telling us a story about an old lady who had a lovely life that was perfect....apart from her 12 children, who were selfish and wouldn’t stop arguing.

One day, the old lady gathered her 12 children together and gave them all a stick. She then asked the smallest one to see if he could break his stick, which he did easily!



The old lady then gathered in all the sticks and tied them together in a bundle, before asking each of the children to try and break the sticks in two...



Not one of the children could break the sticks, no matter how hard they tried, and eventually the last child handed them all back to her mum. The old lady told her children that she had just taught them a lesson about the importance of **team-work**.

Mr Hanrahan then asked us, what we thought that important lesson was, and immediately lots of hands flew up into the air, of children who wanted to volunteer their answers. Ethan O (Grade 3) was chosen and he very wisely said: **“The children are like the sticks, when they are alone they are weak, but when they are together, they are stronger.”**

Everyone in the assembly was very impressed with Ethan’s answer, and equally impressed by the lesson they had just learnt!



We can’t wait to see what excitement next week’s assembly holds!

Primary Open Evening

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who attended the primary open evening last week. We hope that you enjoyed taking the opportunity to meet your children’s teachers and see their classrooms.

You will receive an interim report in December for your children, and then parent-teacher meetings will be held in January to discuss the report. In the mean-time however, if you feel that you need a meeting with any of your children’s teachers before then, you can contact them either by email using the format:

firstname.surname@isbearn.com (e.g. john-mark.hanrahan@isbearn.com) or by contacting the school office: office@isbearn.com



Residentials

Grades 1-6 set off on their residential trips to the Atlantic coast this week, and they have been blessed with beautiful weather. Teachers from both groups have reported fantastic behaviour and attitudes from the children that went and from the photos, it looks like they’ve had a wonderful time. If you want to see more photos, check out the dedicated trip channels on **Team ISB**



IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 3rd Oct - Primary French Day (Children come to school dressed in blue, white & red)

Monday 13th Oct (1400h) - Reception Class and new parents from G1 and G2 Reading Workshop

Monday 13th Oct (1445) – Grade 6 assembly (All G6 Parents welcome)

Friday 17th Oct – School closes for holidays after garderie

Monday 3rd November – School reopens

Early Years worked together to make an apple pie using apples from our school garden. Some children had a go at chopping the apples, while others helped to weigh the ingredients and stir the dough. Well done everyone!





Reception had lots of fun this week reading and retelling the story of Goldilocks and the three bears. We worked in teams to make new chairs for baby bear and tried the bowls of mixed up porridge to see if we could find the one that was juuuuust right!





Reception class during the French lesson

Reception in Music Class discovering and LOVING ocean sounds inside plastic cups! 🎵



In Art, **Grade 1** have finished their project creating recycled jellyfish sculptures. Discovering and having fun with paper maché and linking with their sea trip.



Grades 1, 2 and 3 sea trip

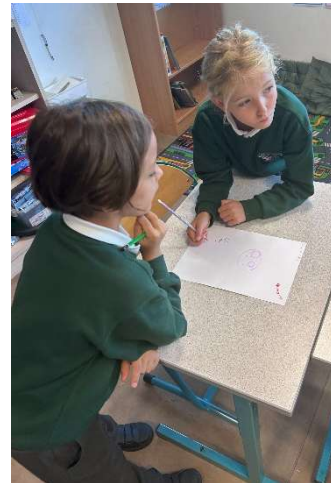






Grade 3 put their mental maths skills to the test this week, trying to find as many calculations as possible to make a given number $+$ \square

Grade 3 had the most amazing time on the trip this week! We especially loved the jellyfish at the aquarium in Biarritz \square \square



CONSTRUCTION CLUB / MUSIC CLUB

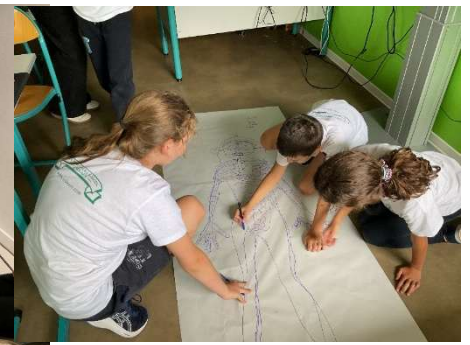


🎵 **Grade 4** in Music Class working on a tricky body percussion ensemble. 🎵

🎵 **Grade 5** playing a fun percussion accompaniment to William Tell's Overture by Rossini. 🎵

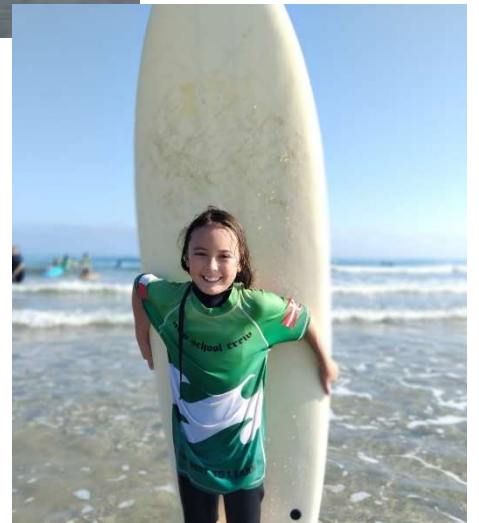


Grade 6 doing a fun science lesson about the organs in the human body :)



Grades 4, 5 and 6 sea trip

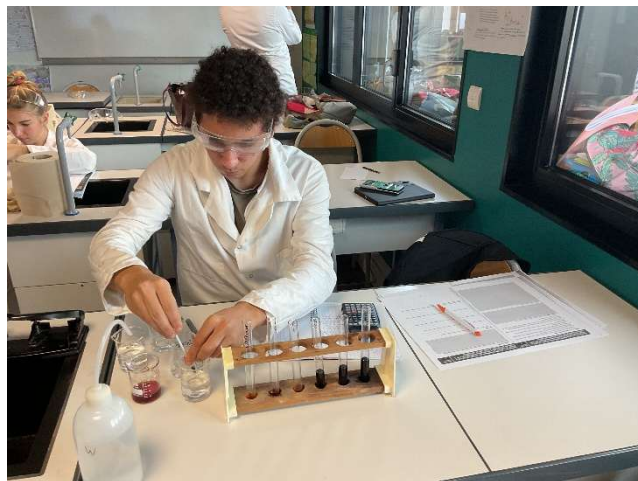




Grade 7 being very dramatic in Drama class! 🤭



Grade 12 have completed Core Practical 1, investigating the glucose content of a mystery juice drink.



Grade 13 Biology lesson / students surveying the area under a large tree. They were looking for a correlation between light intensity and distribution of flowering plants.



The DofE trip: 4 days in the mountain





KS3 Coast trip and KS4/KS5 Rivers Trip

24 – 26 September

Grades 10 – 13 students will register in Form rooms at 07:15

Expected return to ISB 17:30 Friday 26 Sept

Grades 7 – 9 students will register in Form rooms at 08:30

Expected return to ISB 18:00 - 18:30 Friday 26 Sept

PLEASE NOTE: Secondary school is closed for the 3 days of the trips and therefore students who have chosen not to take part in the trips should remain at home. Work is not being set for these 3 days as all staff are taking part in the trips.

Following the trips week our Secondary update will have information about upcoming events and dates for your calendar!

*Have a nice week
Très Bonne Semaine
Maria*

Miss Clara came to school, on Friday, with a special visitor: her daughter LEELOU GARMS, the famous singer . She sang beautifully 5 songs. Leelou was an ISB student from Grade 2 to Grade 13.

