



Friday 15th January 2026

Happy New Year to all families



- **The school photographer** will come back on Tuesday 20th January to take photos of all children who arrived recently and all the others who were absent when he came in October. Children are requested to wear a perfect uniform. If you would like him to take a photo of your child (children), please let me know before Friday by sending me an email.

News from our PTA: pictures from Wednesday's bake sale. We raised €170 for the Secondary school show costumes and will be topping this up with PTA funds to make it a €300 donation. (Minutes of last PTA meeting are attached)



PRIMARY NEWS

John-Mark Hanrahan

PTA

Due to the sheer amount of second-hand uniform, and the shortage of storage space, the PTA would like to **pause all uniform donations until further notice!** Please keep your eyes peeled for the dates of the next after-school second-hand uniform sale, coming soon!

It was nice to welcome lots of excited children and teachers back last Monday morning, with everyone sharing tales of their exciting holidays!

Thank You

All of the staff would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the generous messages, cards, and gifts we received from parents and children before the holidays. We feel so fortunate to work in such a happy school and be part of such a wonderful community.



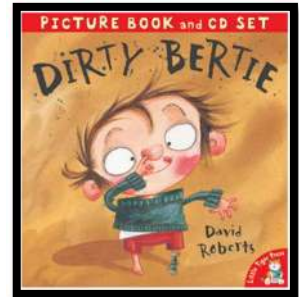
Assembly

On Monday afternoons, we've had our usual assemblies, which have been linked to our PSHE theme "Healthy Me" and have been all about making healthy choices.

To kick off our first assembly, we rang the chime, took some deep breaths and reflected on our holidays. We had to try and think of our best moment from the holidays (it was pretty hard to choose just one!), and then we got to share it with the person next to us. Some children were then chosen to share their best moment with the assembly. There was a whole mixture of responses, from receiving gifts, to giving gifts, to spending time with family and relatives, to going to special places – It sounded like everyone had a wonderful holiday.

We then spoke about making choices to help us get into back into our school routine and good habits, because after a great holiday, it can be hard to get out of "holiday mode".

We finished the assembly with a story from Mr Hanrahan, about a boy called Bertie, who had developed lots of pretty bad habits. By the end of the story Bertie managed to give up all but one of his dirty habits. We learnt that making positive changes is important, but it doesn't mean you have to give up everything you enjoy!



This week, assembly was all about thinking about what we eat. After some discussion about our favourite foods, we helped Mr Hanrahan and Reception Class separate some of the food we love into two groups: Food we can eat whenever we like and food we should just eat sometimes. Can you decide which food would go in which group?



We did a great job, and some of us even explained why some foods were better for us than others! We have agreed that this week, we are going to look at the foods we eat, and although, there is nothing wrong with eating treats, when given a choice, we are going to try to take the healthy choice!

Certificates

There were quite a few certificates of merit awarded to hard-working children this last two weeks. It was very pleasing to see so many certificates so soon after the holidays!





The final certificate this week was a very special **Head Teachers Award!** It was presented to Athina (G1) for *Always doing the right thing at the right time and being a great role-model.* Wow! Well done Athina!

Student Council

Class teachers then announced who the student councilors are going to be this term. They have some big boots to fill after the enthusiasm and hard work of last term's councilors, but already showed that they're up to the challenge in their first meeting on Tuesday afternoon, when they also paired up ready for their weekly job of emptying the paper bins.



House Captains

Finally, Miss Walters announced the new House Captains for this term – Four enthusiastic Grade 6s who are hoping to lead their house team to glory!



We are all already looking forward to next week's assembly, when we will not only be presenting the House Points Trophy, but there have been whispers that the secret uniform scanner has been snapping away, on the look out for impeccable uniforms (including school shoes!).

Parent/Teacher Meetings

You should have received an email last week giving you an opportunity to sign up to meet with your children's teachers on Thursday 15th January and Thursday 22nd January. If you haven't filled in the form yet, and you want to meet with your children's teachers, we have extended the chance to sign up for 22nd until Monday, by following the link below.

[Click here to take an appointment for parents evening](#)

Important Dates

Thursday 22nd January – EYFS and Primary school parent/teacher meetings (by appointment only)

Monday 26th January 1435 – Grade 4 assembly (All G4 parents warmly welcome)

Thursday 29th January – Les Trois Chardons, theatre company visiting ISB (EY-G2)

Wednesday 4th February 09:00 – PTA MEETING (Primary art room – ALL parents welcome!)

Friday 6th February – School closes for ho

Early Years have been exploring an art project inspired by American artist Alexander Calder. The children created a collaborative piece by painting colourful loops and especially enjoyed making sculptures inspired by Calder's famous mobiles.



ART WORK:





In mathematics, Early Years have been using MathLink cubes and Rekenreks, to help them count small quantities.



Reception are working on making, ordering, comparing and recognising numbers within 10 and beyond. They are also subitising and saying one more and one less then I give number within 10.



As part of our theme on space, we are reading BEEGU by Alexis Deacon. Reception wrote a speech bubble about what BEEGU is saying.



En classe de français avec Miss Murielle et Miss Didi, les élèves de **Reception, Grade 1 et Grade 2** ont partagé un délicieux moment autour de la traditionnelle galette des rois. Certains élèves ont été sacrés rois après avoir découvert la fève, pour le plus grand plaisir de tous.





Grade 1 shared a last moment with Kayra who goes back to India We will miss you, Kayra !



Grade 1 have been learning how to make 7, playing a domino game and looking for signs of Winter on the playground.





Grade 1 painting their holiday recounts

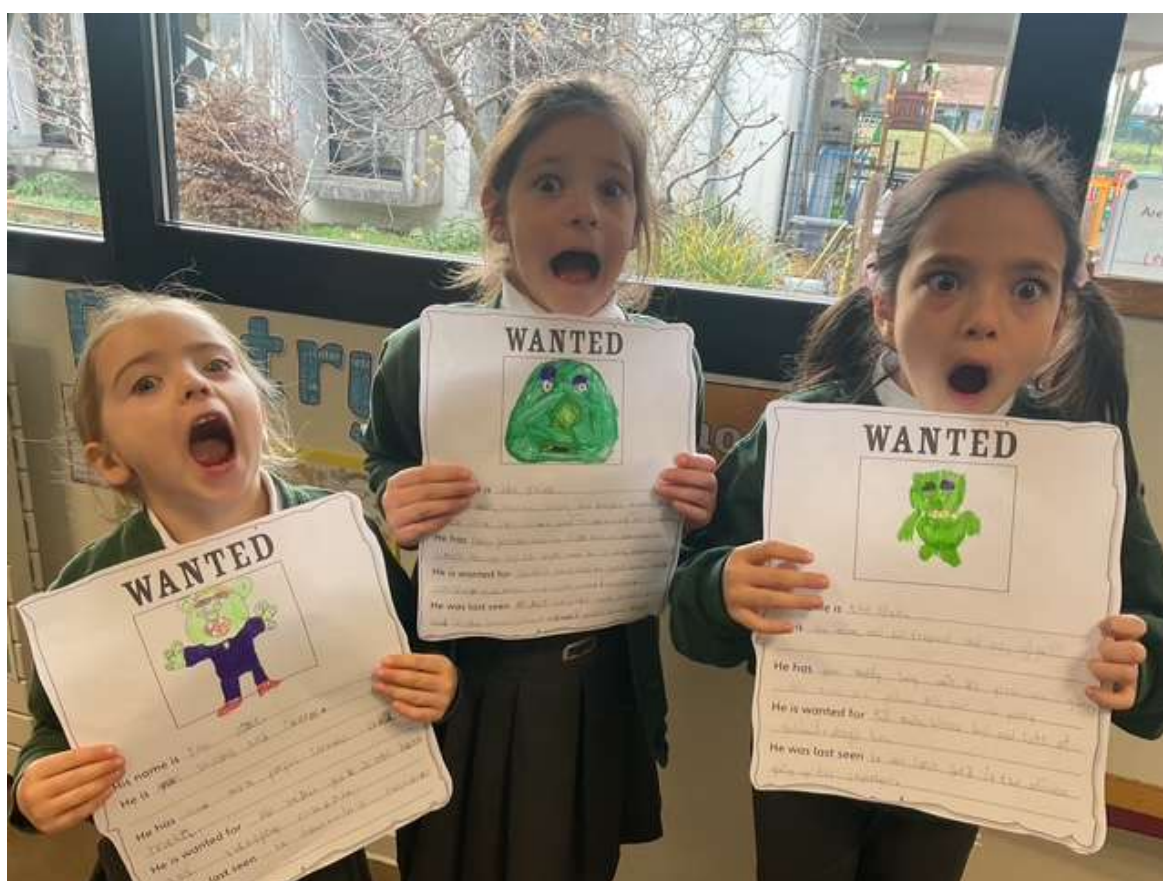


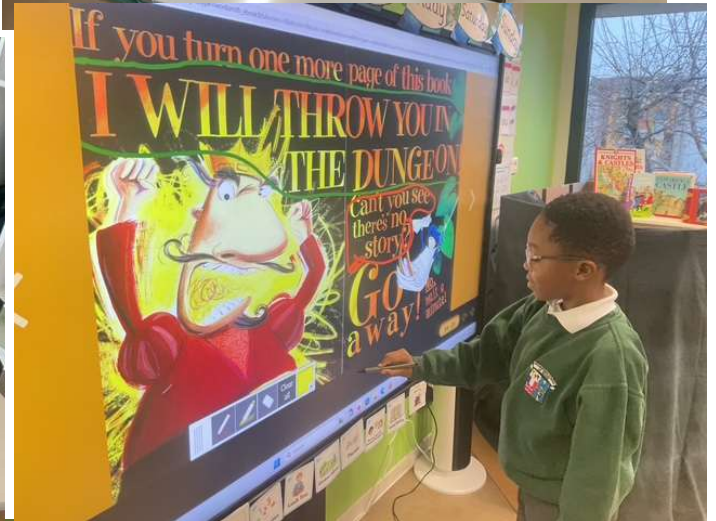


Grade 2 kicked off the new term with some twisty fairy tales. We met a very bossy king and a very sneaky giant!

We have been looking for dialogue in texts, acting out scenes from stories and writing questions and commands from the king! We also watched an alternative version of 'Jack and the beanstalk' and having been helping the police catch the big green giant by making some very detailed wanted posters!

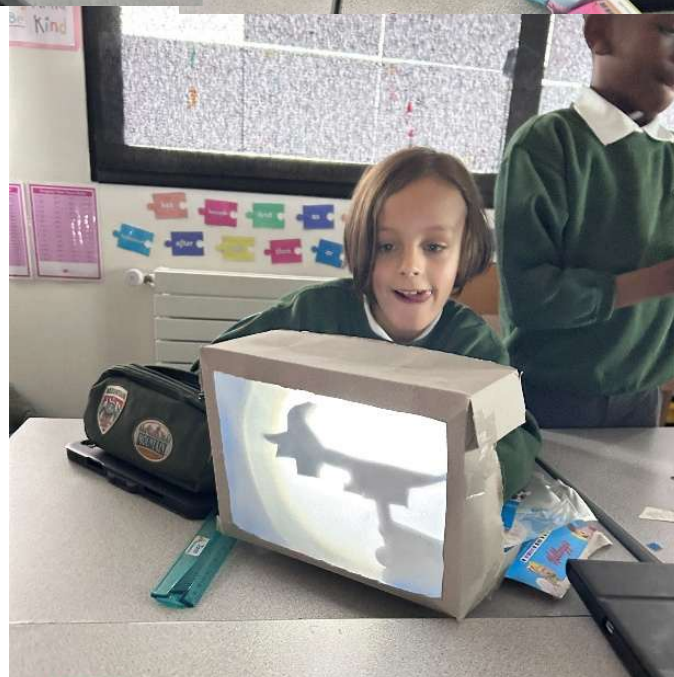
In maths we have been busy scanning QR codes and solving addition problems using our knowledge of bonds to 10 and 20. In science we were stranded on a desert island and learnt all about what we need to survive!







Grade 3 finished off their science topic on light and shadows by putting the finishing touches to their puppet theatres! 🎭💡



What did the Ancient Romans wear? We've been finding out about Roman clothing and designing our own, tunics, stollas, togas and leather shoes! Not only that, **Grade 4** have been using 2Animate as part of our computing topic to bring their fashionable Roman clothing to life!



Grade 5 did some beautiful shell paintings inspired by *Kensuke's Kingdom*, our fiction text from last term.



Grade 5 had a fantastic time at the médiathèque on Tuesday afternoon.





Some great body percussion and singing at **Karaoke and Music club** after school on a Monday.



In History we have started our unit on 'The Stone Age' and this week **Grade 6** have been making some Stone Age tools to imitate the materials they would have used at the time. It's amazing what you can make out of scraps of card, loo rolls, sticks and string!





The finished product!



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During PE lessons **KS4 (Grades 10&11)** have started their new cycle of activities. One of the activities they are taking part in is Self-Defence classes, they are learning how to defend themselves in the event of a physical attack. The advice is clear, that the first thing is to try to avoid the situation in the first place and flee as soon as they can. If that is not possible then the students are being prepared to try to avoid injury from the attacker by reacting quickly, blocking and disabling the attacker so that they can escape.

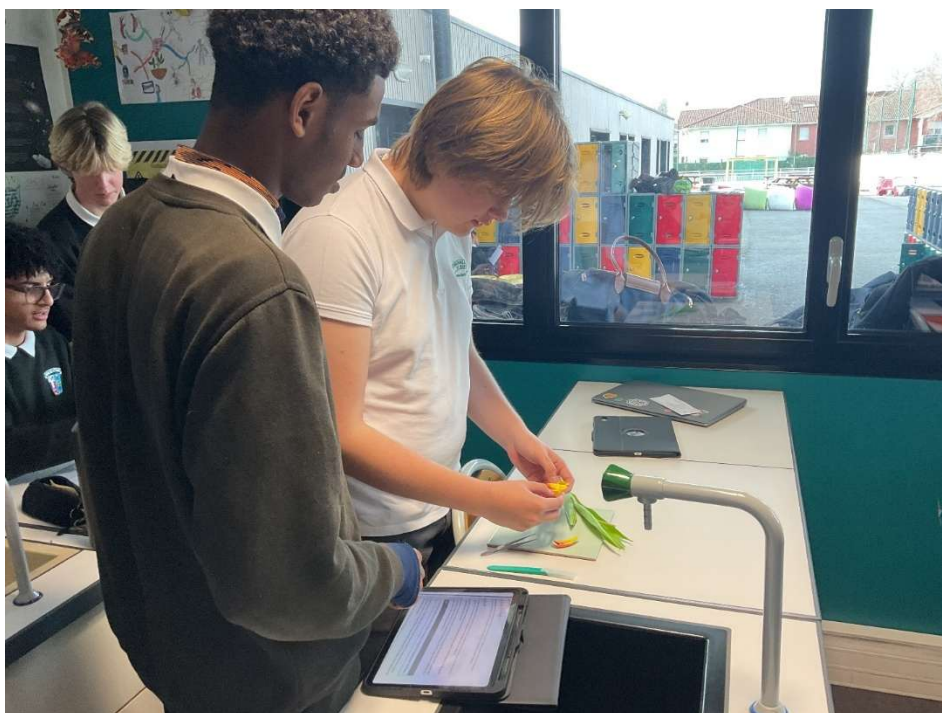






Grade 11 have been dissecting flowers to learn about the reproductive system of plants.





SECONDARY UPDATE

Ann Byrne

Bake sale by the Prom committee

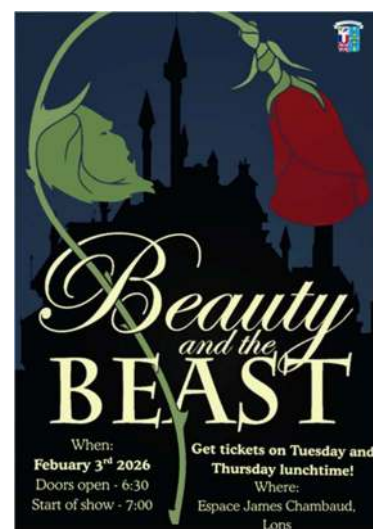
On Wednesday 21st January, please bring coins to buy delicious cakes.

Beauty and the Beast

Tickets for the show are now available; there is no charge but entry is strictly by ticket only. Please collect entrance tickets from Ms Marjorie.

Please support our students who have worked incredibly hard and join us at Espace James Chambaud in Lons, on Tuesday 3rd February. Doors open at 18:30 and the show begins at 19:00.

Parents are invited to bring finger food for the after show. ISB provides the drinks.



Grade 9 Options Information Sessions for Parents

We would like to make the transition from KS3 into KS4 as straightforward as possible; as such, we are offering three different times for Grade 9 parents to attend an information session where we will explain the options process and allow time for individual questions. These times are listed below together with the overall dates for Grade 9 options.

Please note that you only need to attend one of the information sessions.

Event	Date and time	Location
Parent information sessions for Grade 9 option choices	1; Tuesday 24 Feb at 09:00 2; Wednesday 25 Feb 13:00 3; Thursday 26 Feb at 16:00	Hall Hall Lab 3
Grade 9 reports published	Friday 06 March	-
Grade 9 Parents Evening and 'initial choices' form distributed	Tuesday 17 March	-

Completed Initial choices returned to form tutors	Wednesday 25 March	-
'Final option choices' forms distributed in Tutor time	Monday 30 March	-
Completed final choices returned to form tutors	Friday 03 April	-

Parents Evenings – Academic Year 2025 – 26

All events take place between 16:00 and 18:00

Booking for all Parents Evening is now through the Parent Portal <https://parents.isbearn.com>.

See below for details of how to make your appointment.

Please note the table below has been re-organised by date order.

This information is also on your FireFly Parent Dashboard. Should any dates change you will be notified through this newsletter and on the dashboard page.

Date	Grade	Event
20 January 2026	Grade 11	Invitation only parents evening following mock exam results
20 January 2026	Grade 12 and G13	Invitation only parents evening following mock exam results
27 January 2026	Grade 8	Parents evening
10 March 2026	Grade 11	Parents evening
17 March 2026	Grade 9 **	Options and Parents evening
24 March	Grade 12 and G13	Invitation only parents ahead of final exams
05 May 2026	Grade 10	Invitation only parents evening ahead of G10 exams

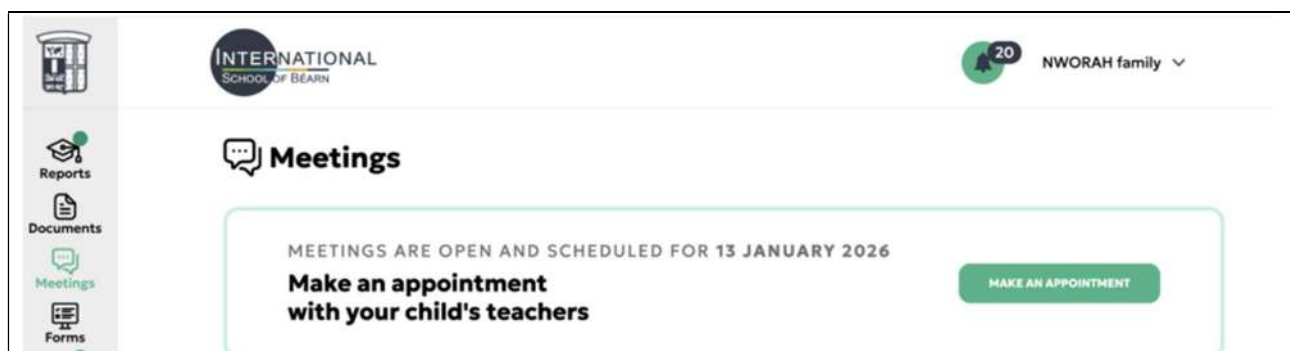
Booking a Parents Evening Appointment

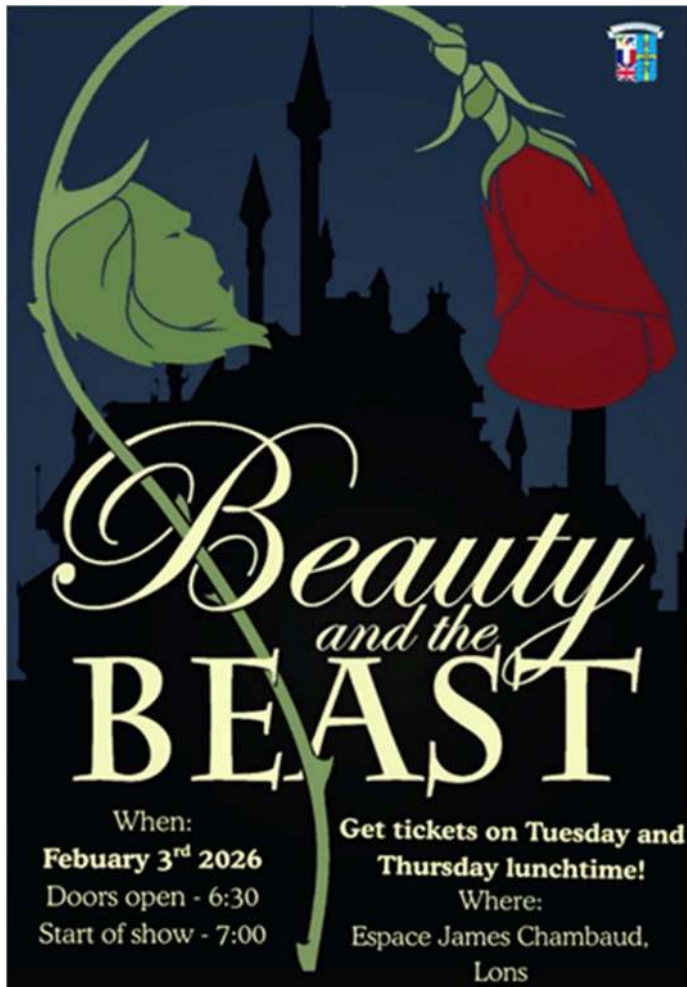
Please note: there is currently a bug in our booking system that will allow one parent to book multiple appointments for the same time – please make sure that you choose different times for your appointments.

Also, please be sure to book appointments for ONLY your child's teachers as ALL teachers of a particular grade will appear on the booking options.

To book appointments:

1. Log into the Parent Portal at <https://parents.isbearn.com/> and click on 'Meetings' on the menu bar
2. Next click on 'Make an Appointment' and select the subject and required appointment time.





*Have a nice week
Happy New Year*

*Bonne semaine
Bonne Année
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