



Thursday 30th April 2026

MARIA'S NOTES :



Les examens du **DELFRIM** et du **DELJUNIOR** se dérouleront cette année au début du mois de juin, selon le calendrier suivant :

Mardi 2 juin 2026	DELFRIM Epreuves écrites collectives
Mercredi 3 juin 2026	DELFRIM et DELJUNIOR Epreuves orales individuelles
Jeudi 4 juin 2026	DELJUNIOR Epreuves écrites collectives

Pour plus d'informations, merci de contacter murielle.bonifacy@isbearn.com

The **DELFRIM** and **DELJUNIOR** examinations will take place this year at the beginning of June, according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 2 June 2026	DELFRIM Collective written examinations
Wednesday, 3 June 2026	DELFRIM and DELJUNIOR Individual oral examinations
Thursday, 4 June 2026	DELJUNIOR Collective written examinations

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PRIMARY NEWS

John-Mark Hanrahan

It's been a great first two weeks back in the Primary School, with everybody ready to work hard and enjoy the last term of the year.

As part of this year's Eco-Schools project on solidarity, the children previously completed a questionnaire about certain aspects of the school.

The responses led to the first assembly back, which was all about “Worries”. We looked at some hypothetical worries and the children suggested what advice they would give to the person with the worry. After lots of great responses, we all agreed that a worry shared is a worry halved!



Mr Hanrahan then read us a story called “*The Huge Bag of Worries*”, all about a little girl who had a worry that got bigger and bigger and even multiplied! She didn’t know what to do, until one day, someone noticed that she looked upset and asked her why – as soon as she started talking about her huge bag of worries, the worries started to shrink!

Later in the week, as part of our PSHE lessons, all of the classes talked about **who we can talk to if we have a worry or a problem**. We talked about people we could talk to in school, at home and special people, such as doctors, nurses, therapists etc that are there to help us. Everybody then drew around their hands and on each finger identified people that they felt they could talk to at school and at home.



Certificates

Despite only being back for two weeks, we have already given out lots of certificates of merit. Check out those hard-working children below!



In this week's assembly, the new **student council** was appointed, and given their badges, that were designed by Issraa in grade 4. On Tuesday, they had their first meeting with Mr Hanrahan, in which they organised who they are going to collect and empty the paper bins with and read through and discussed lots of suggestions that had been offered by other students around the school. We're all very excited to see what this term will bring!



Finally, new **house captains** were appointed. They have the important job of counting up all of the house-points around the school every two weeks, and this term will be keen to lead their teams to victory at the annual sports day on the 17th June.



International Day

On Sunday we celebrated the rich cultural diversity of our school at International Day. It was a memorable day with incredible food from all over the world to try. In total, approximately 23 countries were represented as we started the afternoon with a parade. Later in the afternoon, we were entertained with traditional (and less traditional) songs and dances from: India, Ghana, Gabon, Russia, China, Nigeria, Angola and Spain. If you haven't seen the video highlights yet, made by Meliosa Hargadon (Avery and Hugh's mum), follow the link below.

<https://youtu.be/aYCBceNDwQ4>





This brilliant event wouldn't have been possible without the hard-work of the PTA who organised the hall, liaised with parents and produced the passports for the children to use as they voyaged around the world. **THANK YOU PTA!**

Finally, a **BIG THANK YOU** to all of the families and teachers who came to participate and support this important event!

Summer is here...

The weather had been warming up nicely, until the change this week! Hopefully, the sunshine will return soon. When it does, we'd like to remind parents that it would be a good idea to provide children with a hat to wear at lunchtime and to apply sun cream before they leave for school in the morning if hot weather is expected.



Finally, it is especially important to ensure that children bring their water bottles with them each day.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to the 31 families who completed the recent Primary and EYFS Parent/Guardian Voice Questionnaire. We are currently reviewing your constructive feedback, identifying patterns and trends, and discussing what action we can take to improve your school experience.



We can't promise that everything will change, but please be assured that your views are valued and will help to shape our priorities moving forward.

We will share a summary of the key themes and any actions we plan to take in due course. Thank you again for taking the time to share your thoughts with us—we truly appreciate your support.

Grades 3-6 End of Year Show

Grades 3–6 will perform their much-anticipated end-of-year show on **16th June**. If you know that your child will not be here, please let us know as soon as possible, as this greatly affects the organisation and planning of the performance.



Your support in helping us prepare for the show is greatly appreciated, and we are looking forward to what promises to be a fantastic event for everyone involved.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday 4th May 1435 – Grade 1 assembly (All G1 parents welcome)

Friday 8th May – School closed (VE Day)

Tuesday 12th May – Grade 4 trip to Science Odyssey (forensics)

Tuesday 12th May – Early Years 2 trip to the médiathèque

Thursday 14th & Friday 15th May – School closed (Ascension)

Thursday 21st May – PTA Teacher appreciation lunch

Monday 25th May – School closed (Pentecost)

Tuesday 26th May – EY and REC trip to Zoo d’Asson (more info to come)

Tuesday 26th May – Grade 3 trip to the médiathèque

Monday 1st June 1435 – Grade 3 assembly (All G3 parents welcome)

Tuesday 2nd June – DELF Prim exams

Wednesday 3rd June – DELF Prim exams

Monday 8th June 1435 – Reception Class assembly (All Rec parents welcome)

Wednesday 10th June 0915 – EYFS Sportsday (All EYFS parents welcome)

Monday 15th June – G3-6 Show rehearsal at Espace Chambaud (bus provided)

Tuesday 16th June – Grades 3-6 End of Year Show at Espace Chambaud (more info to come)

Wednesday 17th June – Primary school sports day 0915 (all primary parents welcome)

Tuesday 16th-Friday 19th June – Primary Art Exhibition 2026 (more info to come)

Wednesday 24th June – Primary Talent Shows (more info to come)

Thursday 25th June – End of year reports available to parents

Friday 26th June 1200 – Last day of school. School ends at 1200 (International lunch)

***** **EYFS** ***** **PRIM** *****

In Art, **Early Years 1** have been very creative with Miss Sara, making imaginative creatures using recycled “junk materials” such as yoghurt pots, cardboard and fabric.



Early Years 2 enjoyed painting with Miss Sabrina and Miss Chris while listening to Mozart's "Eine kleine Nachtmusik", using the rhythm to inspire their artwork.



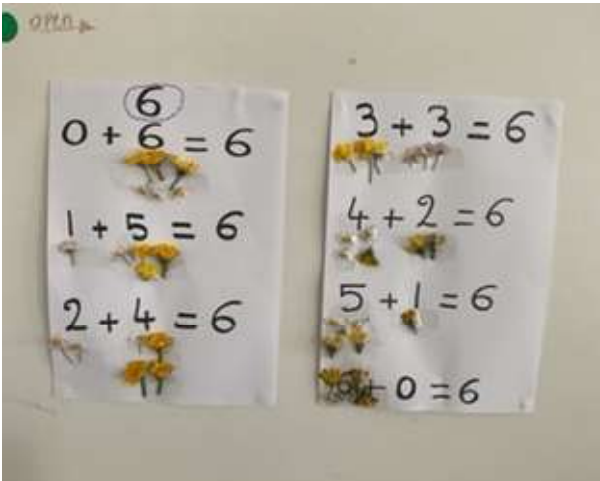
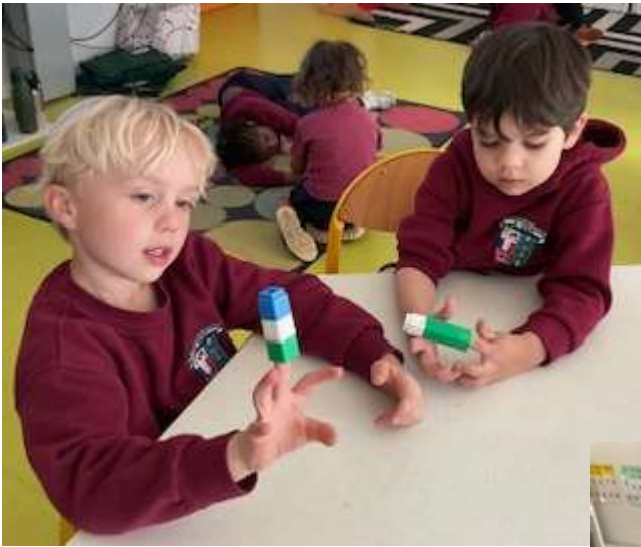
Early Years also enjoyed making fresh pasta! The children kneaded the dough, rolled it out and used a pasta machine to create spaghetti. It was a great opportunity to develop fine motor skills, follow instructions and practise turn-taking.

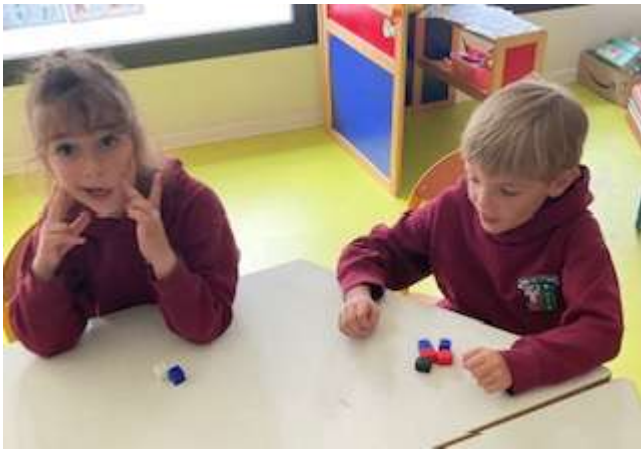




Reception children are learning number bonds (ways of making a number) within 10 whilst continuing to learn to work with different partners. They are also developing their writing skills by using their phonics knowledge.







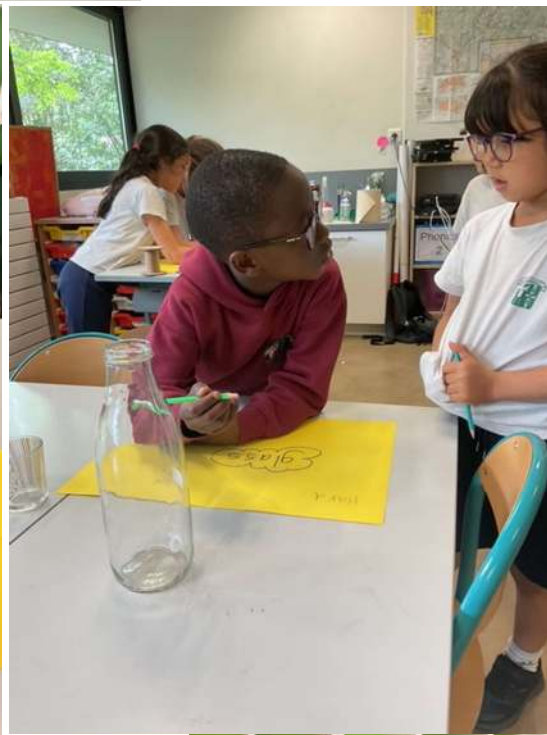


In **Grade 1**, Ella has been elected to be our new student councilor.

In PSHE, Grade 1 made worry hands. Who can you go to if you have a worry? Each finger became a person that we can confide in.



Grade 2 have been investigating different ways to make a euro using coins in maths and exploring the properties of different materials in science.



Mercredi dernier, la classe de **Grade 2** a été chaleureusement accueillie à la boulangerie Gaston's par Monsieur Xavier Garçon et son équipe. Les enfants ont découvert avec émerveillement les étapes de fabrication de la baguette et des petits pains. Avec passion, Monsieur Xavier leur a expliqué les différences entre la brioche et la baguette, rendant ces notions accessibles et captivantes. Les élèves ont également eu la chance de personnaliser des petits pains en y traçant leur signature, qu'ils ont ensuite fièrement rapportés à la maison. Une sortie à la fois ludique et riche en apprentissages. Nous vous encourageons à aller découvrir cette boulangerie avec votre enfant. L'adresse est : **Boulangerie GASTON'S** 151 Boulevard de la Paix, Pau

Last Wednesday, the Grade 2 class was warmly welcomed to Gaston's bakery by Mr Xavier Garçon and his team. The children were delighted to discover how baguettes and bread rolls are made. With great enthusiasm, Mr Xavier explained the differences between brioche and baguette, making these ideas clear and engaging. The pupils also had the opportunity to personalise small rolls by adding their own signature, which they proudly took home. A fun and enriching outing. We encourage you to visit this bakery with your child. The address is: **Boulangerie GASTON'S** 151 Boulevard de la Paix, Pau



In science, **Grade 3** have been investigating the functions of leaves, and how they provide food for the plant. We collected some leaves from our school garden to make leaf rubbings of the different shapes and sizes!



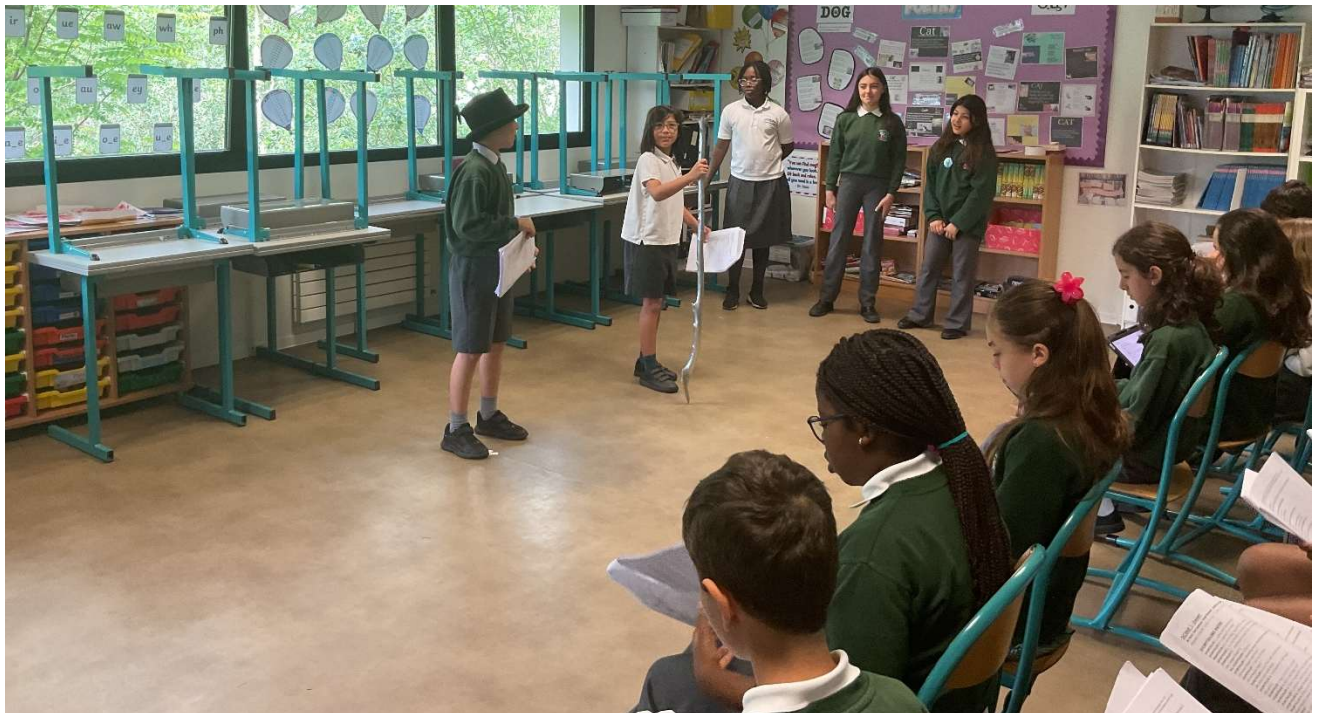
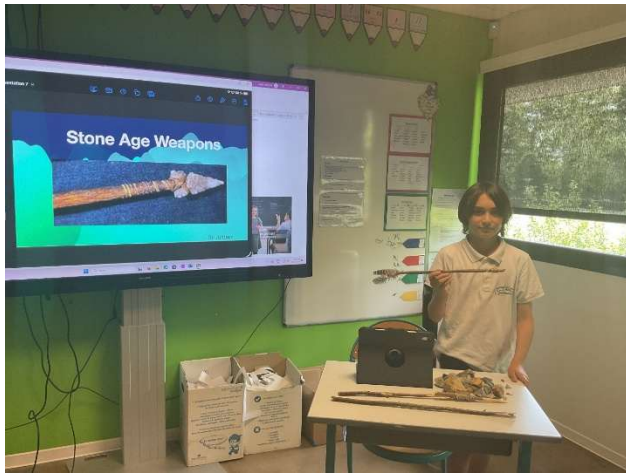
Grade 4 have been putting their final touches on their Roman shields this week! After designing them in their books and painting them before the holidays, Grade 4 are ready to form part of a Roman army now, watch this space!



The **Grade 5** shop opened for business as we learnt all about calculating totals and change using a variety of mental methods. Even though we were all experts at using money, we all decided that it's much easier to pay by card!



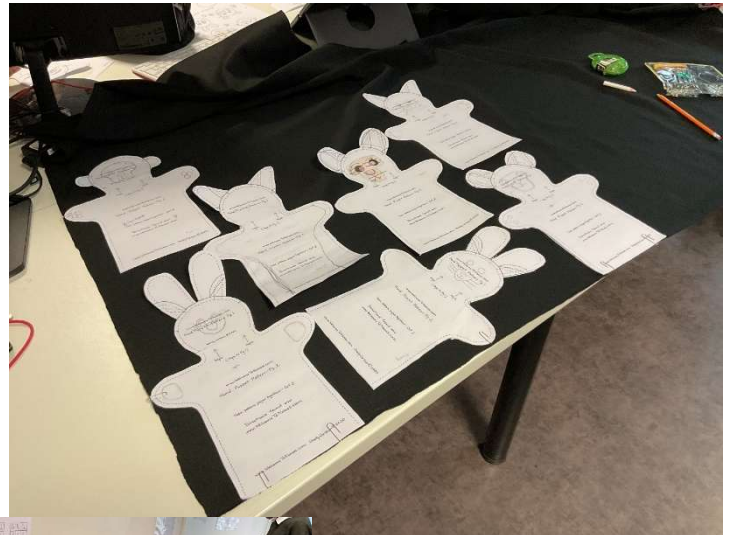
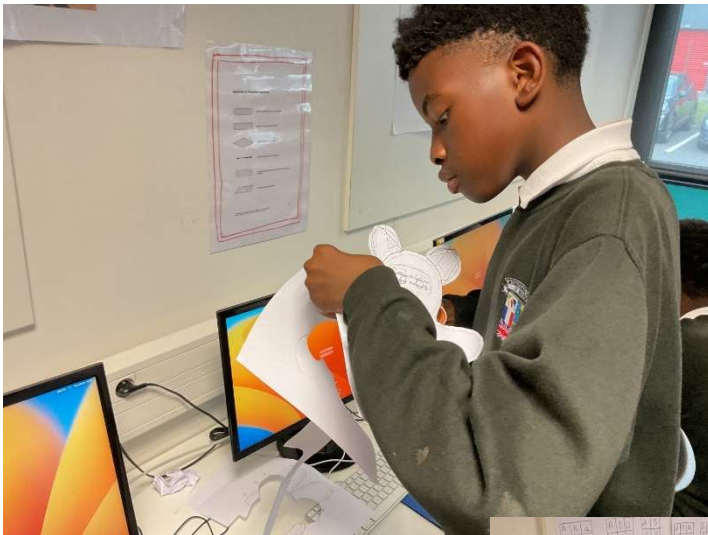
Grade 6 doing their iTime presentations and rehearsing for the show. Also some great art they did of stone age cave paintings.



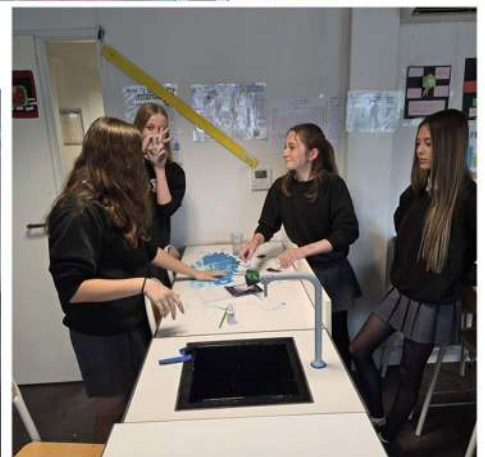


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Grade 7 creating a sampler and hand puppets for their 'wearable tech' topic.



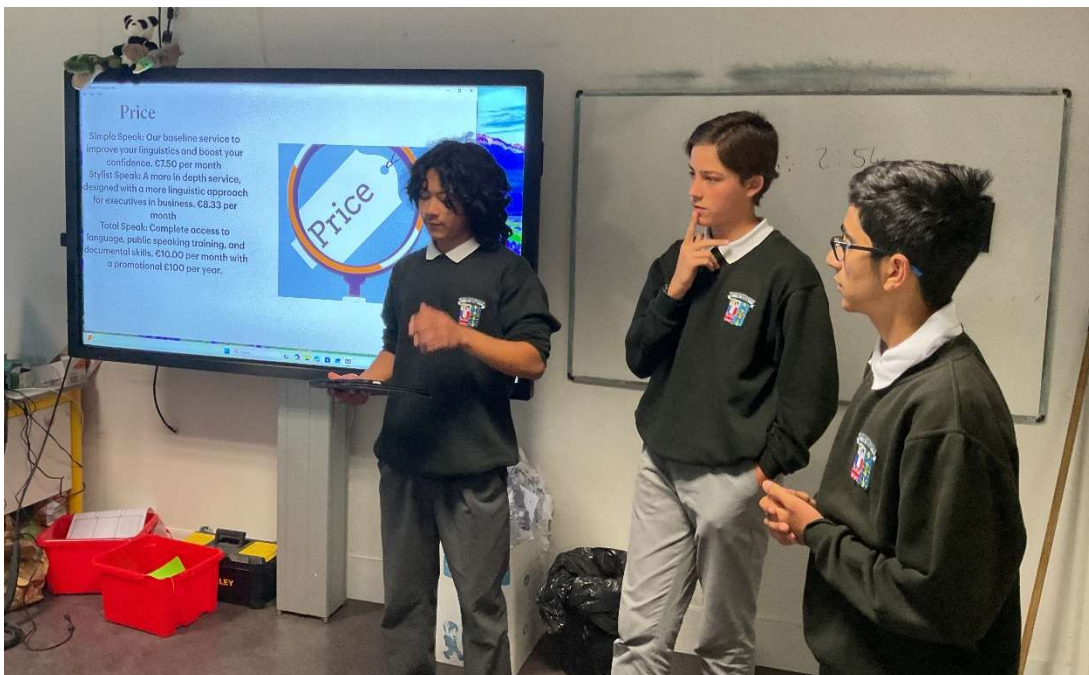
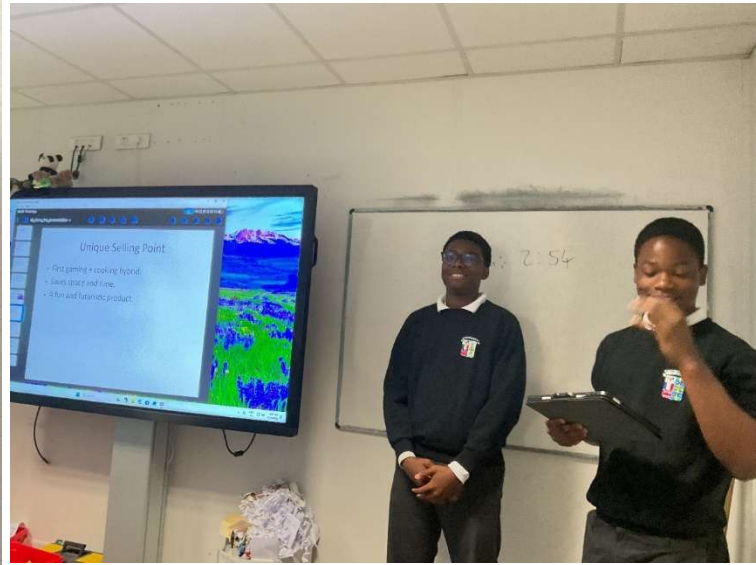
A team of scientists from the **CNRS** (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique) have visited ISB, KS3 students (Grades 7-9).

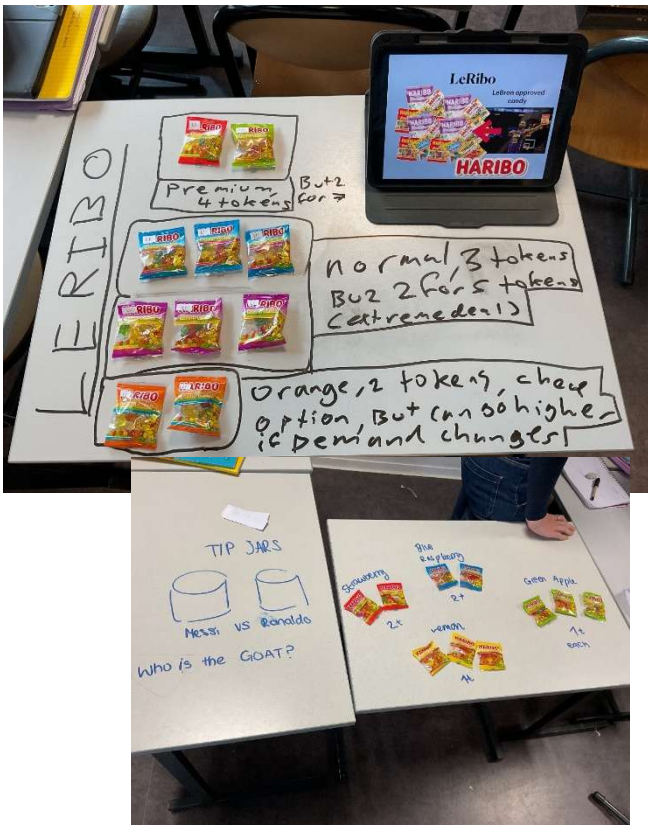
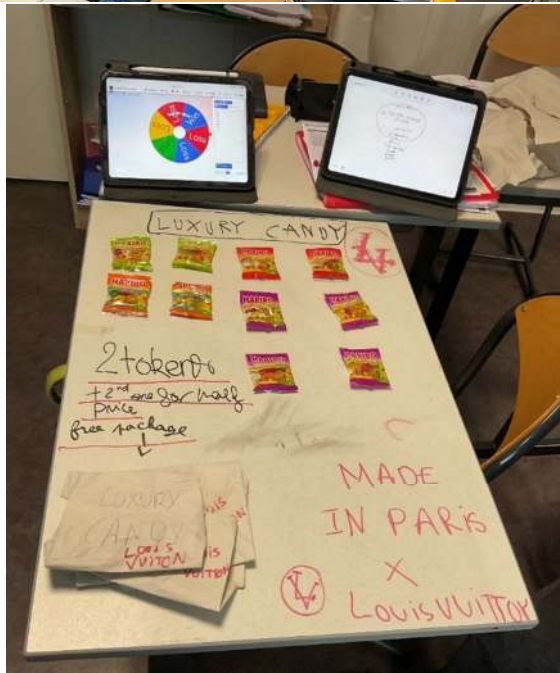






In Business Studies, **Grade 10** - Dragon's Den Project





Grade 11 - Final task of their business project “The Invention”



Grade 11 - business project “the Selling Task”





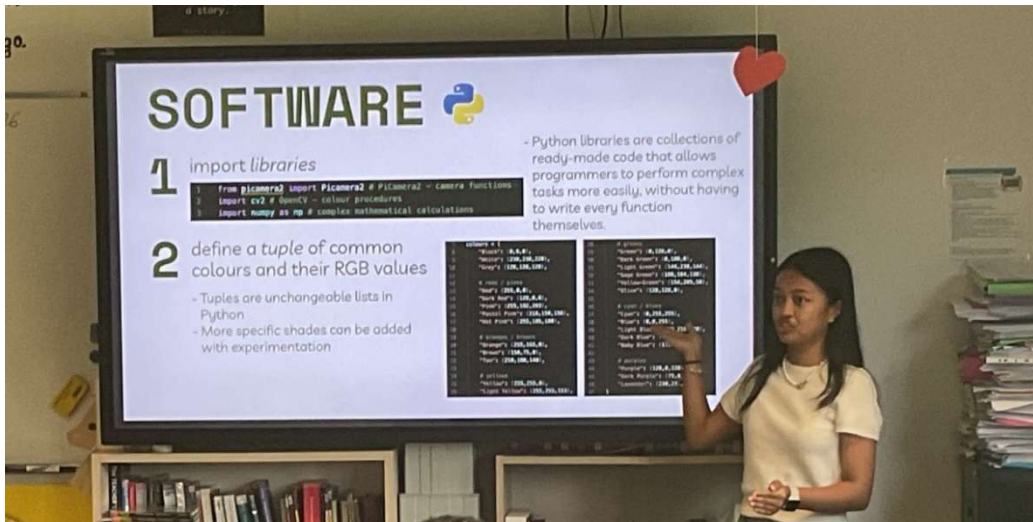
Grade 12 Students Present their EPQ

Zara and Libby presented their reviews of their Extended Projects last Wednesday to an audience of staff, students and family members.

Libby's research was focused on understanding the value and impact of different preservation techniques on apples, and **Zara** produced a prototype for a wearable color-detecting device for the color-blind or visually-impaired.

The aim of the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is to provide freedom and time to develop skills and explore an idea that interests a student. Doing an Extended Project is great for building confidence and broadening horizons because you are free to be creative, practical or academic, you can be led by your curiosity and you can pursue an idea to see how it evolves and takes shape over time. In fact, students often comment at the end of their project that they could never have imagined where their project would take them when they started out.

The EPQ is worth half an A level (70 UCAS points for an A* grade) at A2 standard. Most A2 courses require something like six to eight hours of learning per week over at least two terms if you include class time and independent study – which works out at around 180 hours in total. Students will need a reasonable amount of time for the whole Extended Project process, from gathering initial topic ideas to presenting the outcome of the project and reviewing their learning. Of course, to some extent a student can decide when to put in more work and when to put in less, which could be helpful around exam times. Ultimately, the amount of independent learning time you put in – and what you get out of it – is up to you.



Last Thursday, it was last day of school for Grade 13. At 6.00 they arrived to “decorate” Secondary School...





SECONDARY UPDATE

Ann Byrne

Exam Leave

Exam leave for Grades 11 – 13 starts on Thursday 30 April.

During study leave there are some scheduled revision sessions, the timetable for these sessions is on FireFly. Other sessions have been arranged directly with the teachers for students to drop-in as they wish. Students are aware of these. If there is any confusion please contact the class teacher directly.

Grade 13 Graduation is at Palais Beaumont on **Monday 22 June** – further details to follow.

Grade 12 will return to school on Monday 01 June through to the end of term; this allows all subjects to make a strong start on their G13 curriculum and subject content.

G11 will return to school for two days on Thursday and Friday 11 and 12 June. The two days will include subject taster lessons, careers and university advice and study skills – plus a team building event if we have time!

Parents Evenings – Academic Year 2025 – 2026

All events take place between 15:45 and 17:45

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
05 May 2026	Grade 10	Parents evening ahead of G10 end of year exams

Please note that the G10 Parents evening is for ALL parents it is not just by invitation – please sign up for appointments today.

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 each of 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 Bonne semaine Maria

Sasha Arteaga came to visit us this week. Sasha was an ISB student from Early Years to Grade 11 when he went to the French Navy. He studied so hard to become first a ship's boy then the co-pilote of BEM MONGE. We are so proud of him!!

