



Thursday 14th May 2026



MARIA'S NOTES :

Important message from the PTA:

As mentioned before. The planned **Teacher appreciation lunch is on Thursday 21st May 2026**. This is a fun event that is held once a year to celebrate the teachers and all that they do for our children at the school. We need volunteers to help set up the event, monitor the playground during lunchtime and help tidy up afterwards. Please can you ensure you reply to your core parent on the class WhatsApp's to make them aware of what support you can offer for the event.

All food donations need to be left at drop off (8:30-9am) in the atrium-with a full list of all ingredients contained within them. (A trolley will be left out to put the dishes on) We also need some gluten free/dairy free options. So if you are planning to drop off a food donation please let your core parent know below so we can ensure appropriate collection in the morning and storage prior to the lunch. Any food that has to be served hot should be dropped off at the school at lunch time (11:45 am for Primary and 12:45pm for Secondary) - hot. Again please contact your core parent to arrange this. Thanks in advance for your support in this!

Secondhand uniform items:

The PTA have made the decision to continue the second-hand uniform sales for 2026/27 school year. Therefore, we will be doing a collection of all unwanted uniform during the last week of term in June (w/c 22nd June- date tbc). All uniform handed back should be washed and free of all name labels where possible. We will be doing a specific date and time for collections to allow parents to put clothes into specific size boxes etc to minimise sorting needed over the summer holidays so please do not leave bags of clothes at reception or in the PTA cupboard before this date. This is to facilitate a quick turnaround of items and allow for a sale as soon as school returns in September 2026.

The plan is then to hold a second-hand uniform sale the second week of the new school term (w/c 7th September 2026) subject to appropriate volunteers for the sale.

President and PTA Board:

We are still looking for a new president for the PTA and also new board members. If you are interested then please attend the next PTA meeting which will be held on Wednesday 27th May at 9am.

Thanks again for your support in this,
Katie Gilbert, Vice president PTA

EYFS & PRIMARY NEWS

John-Mark Hanrahan

We started last week with a really loud assembly from **Grade 1** – possibly the loudest assembly in the history of ISB!! It was fantastic, everyone was dressed up as something different: from chickens to policemen, to princesses and cowboys. They explained to us that they had all dressed up as their favourite characters and said who they were.



They then told us all about the fairy tales that they have been learning about in their English lessons and acted out scenes from some popular stories, before asking the audience to guess which story it was from.



The entire class then recounted the whole fairytale, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs – from memory!



Finally, they finished by performing a beautiful song all about the magic of reading!



A BIG THANK YOU and WELL DONE to Grade 1, Miss Susie and Miss Céline, for sharing this beautiful assembly with us!

There was just enough time at the end of the assembly to present some more certificates of merit to hard-working children from around the school.



Just when we thought things couldn't get any more exciting, Mr Hanrahan announced the winners of this week's house-points trophy. It was very close, with just two house-points between first and second place, but it was Ann-Marie and the YELLOW TEAM who were victorious with a whopping 652 house-points!



Art Incroyable!

Following the visit from blind artist Audrey ([Mimulus](#)) during our "See Better, Be Better" week, she returned this week to lead an art workshop with Grade 5. It was a fascinating experience for the children to discover how Audrey creates her artwork and, at first, quite a challenge to rely on their sense of touch rather than their sight when creating.



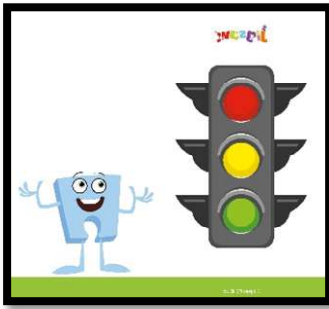
Using different textures, fabrics and sewing techniques, the students began creating their own abstract textile artworks. The workshop encouraged creativity, patience and a new way of experiencing art through touch and feeling. The children were fully engaged and are looking forward to continuing and developing their pieces next week.

Thank you to Miss Sara for organising this enriching experience for Grade 5.



Assembly again!

In this week's assembly, we talked about relationships and how they can be like rollercoasters – they always have ups and downs!



Mr Hanrahan then explained that whenever he has a problem, he uses the traffic light system! He then explained that when a problem arises – no matter how big or small, rather than running around in panic, he stops (red), he has a think about the problem (yellow) and then he chooses what to do (green).

He then explained that we can use this same technique if we are having problems with a relationship, whether it's with our friends, our brothers and sisters, our teachers or even our parents!

Mr Hanrahan then showed us some example problems and once agreeing that the person should first STOP, we then thought of possible solutions there could be for the people involved. We came up with some great ideas...Can you?



Class teachers then gave out some more certificates of merit...



To end the assembly, Miss Nairac then came to the front to announce the winners of an inter-class Times Tables Rockstars competition that went on last week and over the weekend.

First up, Grade 6 had battled 3, and amazingly Grade 3 had come out as the winners! Next up, it was Grade 5 vs Grade 4, and again, after an apparently very close battle, the younger class came out on top!

Adriana came out to collect the certificate for Grade 3 who were the overall winners and then certificates were awarded to the students that TTRS had identified as each team's MVP (most valuable players!). Since starting TTRS with Grades 3 -6, we have seen a significant increase in the quick recall of timestables facts amongst all of the children, which has had a very positive knock-effect to school-wide maths lessons in general! Well done everyone!



Grade 4 trip to Science Odyssey Pau

On Thursday morning, the lucky Grade 4s went with Miss Nairac and Miss Ella to Science Odyssey Pau, for a morning of forensic investigation. They used microscopes to look at cells and DNA and then became forensic scientists, collecting and studying finger prints, before using their new skills to solve a mystery.



Thanks to Miss Susie, our primary school science coordinator for organising this great opportunity for our grade 4s!

Early Years 2 Trip to La Médiathèque

On Tuesday afternoon it was Early Years 2's turn for an adventure! The brave EY2 children went with the even braver Miss Kate and Miss Ella on an expedition to the médiathèque. They had an exciting time catching the bus from near to school, before very quietly (that's the rule!) investigating the médiathèque and all the books on offer.



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:

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

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** *****

This week Early Years continued learning about different places, focusing on the park. The children enjoyed a variety of activities linked to this theme, including listening to “Shark in the Park” by Nick Sharatt.

Early Years 1 took part in a “Teddy Bears’ Picnic” maths activity, giving each teddy bear, one fork, one plate, one cup, and one piece of cake.



Early Years 2 enjoyed a phonics activity, packing a picnic basket with various items, using “robot talk” to break short words into sounds.



Last Thursday, Early Years enjoyed taking part in an obstacle course, going through a hoop and a tunnel and walking on a plank which moved up and down like a see-saw when they stepped on one side. Lots of fun!



Last week in Mathematics, we focused on shapes and patterns.

Early Years One enjoyed sorting objects by shape and colour, and using them to create simple patterns.



Early Years Two enjoyed exploring shapes, and combining them to create new shapes.



During outdoor play, they created simple ABAB patterns using natural materials.



Early Years also enjoyed playing with Numicon shapes, rotating them to make them fit on the board.



Reception are revisiting capacity this week and are learning to estimate, measure and compare the capacity of various containers. They spoke about the greatest and the smallest capacity. They also started to use the words: litres, metres, kilograms to think about measurements. They continued to develop their phonics skills in reading and writing. during Terrific Tuesday!





Grade 1 Pre assembly excitement!



What an awesome assembly Grade 1 !





Grade 1 had a space themed afternoon making planet cakes, rockets, astronaut masks and decorating our role play area



Grade 1 made their own planet cupcakes !

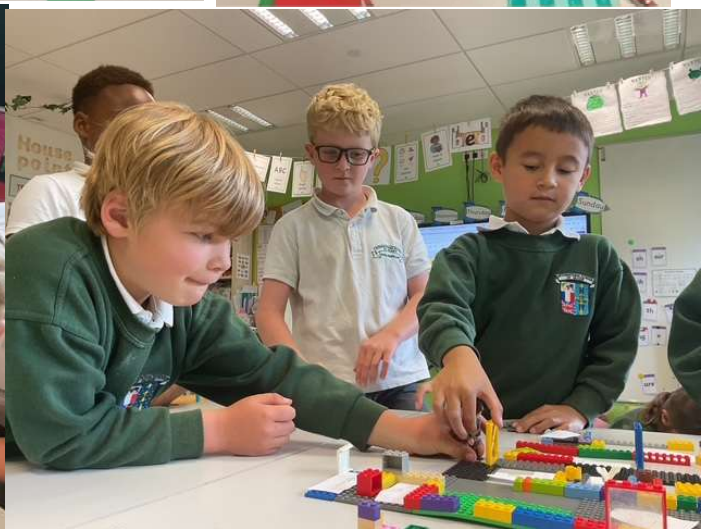
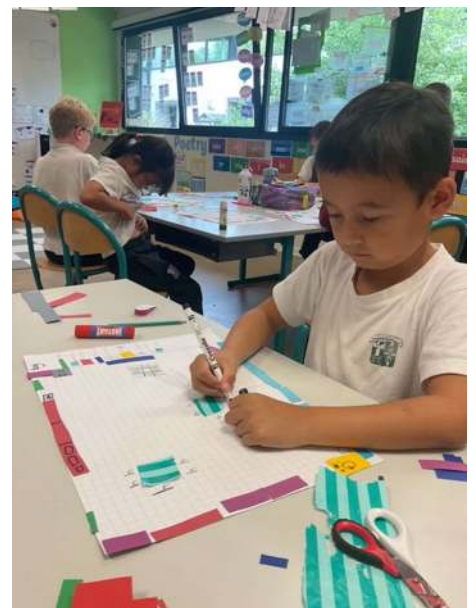
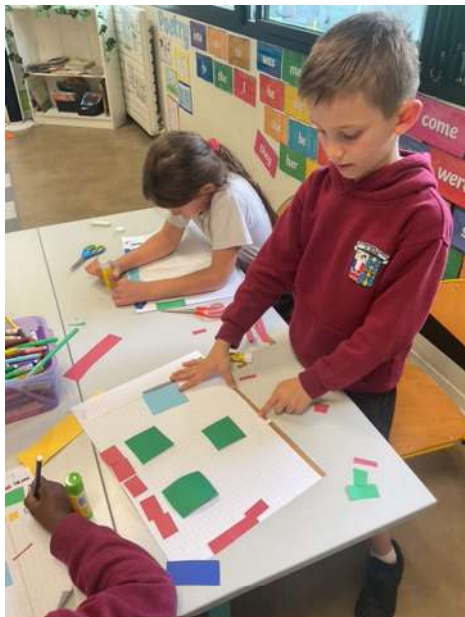


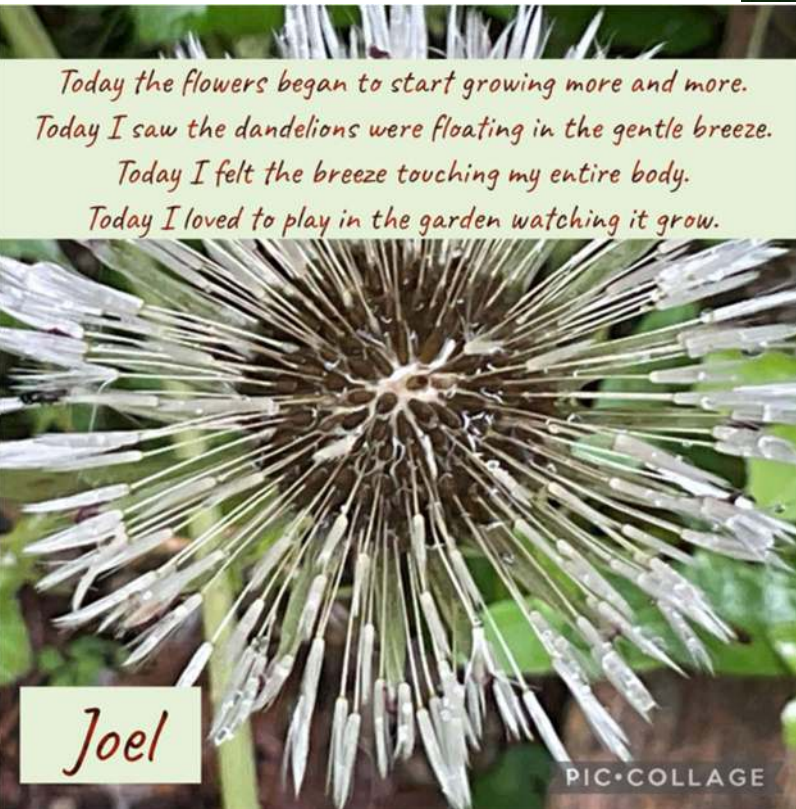
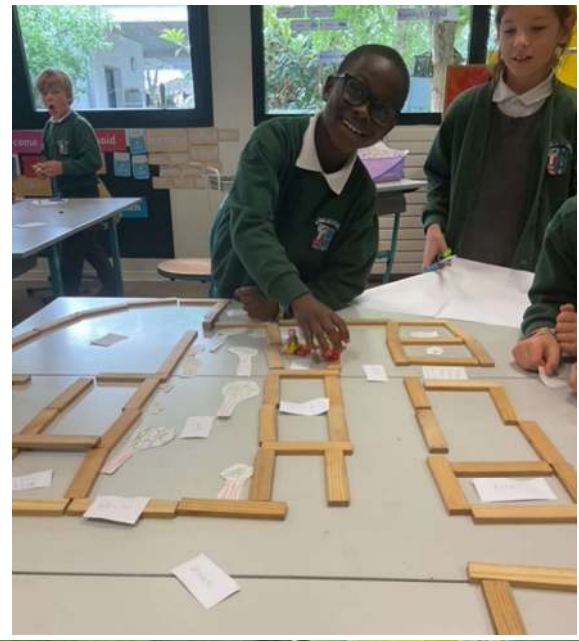
Grade 1 making herbariums in Science.



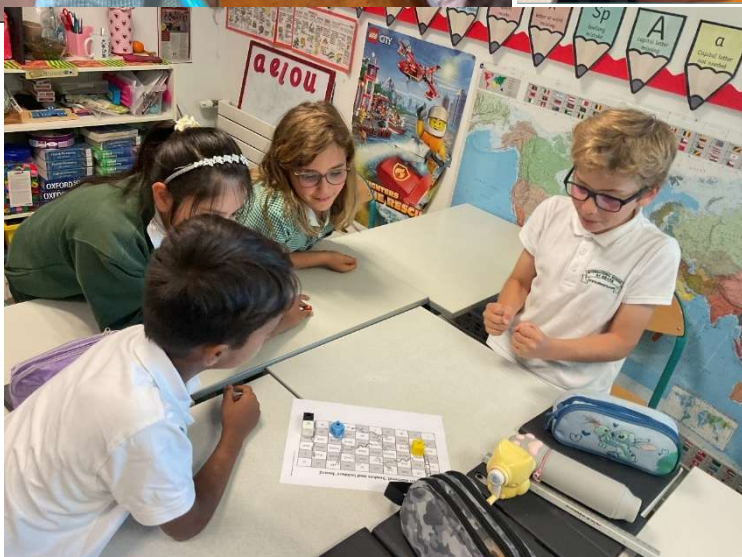


Grade 2 are learning all about maps in geography. We have been making plans of our classroom and after a walk around school tested our sense of direction and team communication skills by using the construction games to make maps from Lego and kapla. We have also been out in the garden collecting ideas to inspire our poetry writing in English.

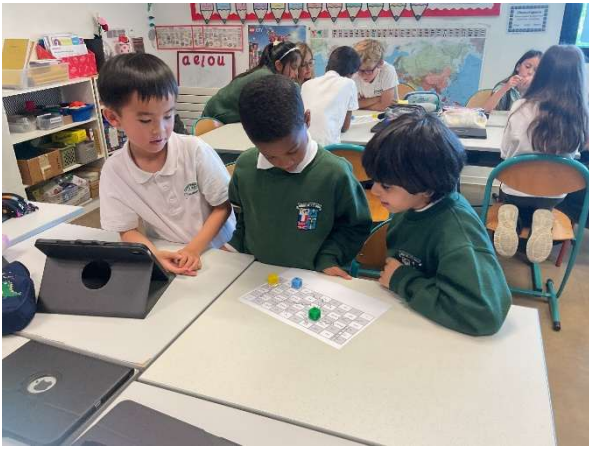




Grade 3 have been looking at different ways to record information, such as tally charts and pictograms. We each chose a different question to investigate (from favourite ice cream to supermarkets!) and carried out a survey on our classmates

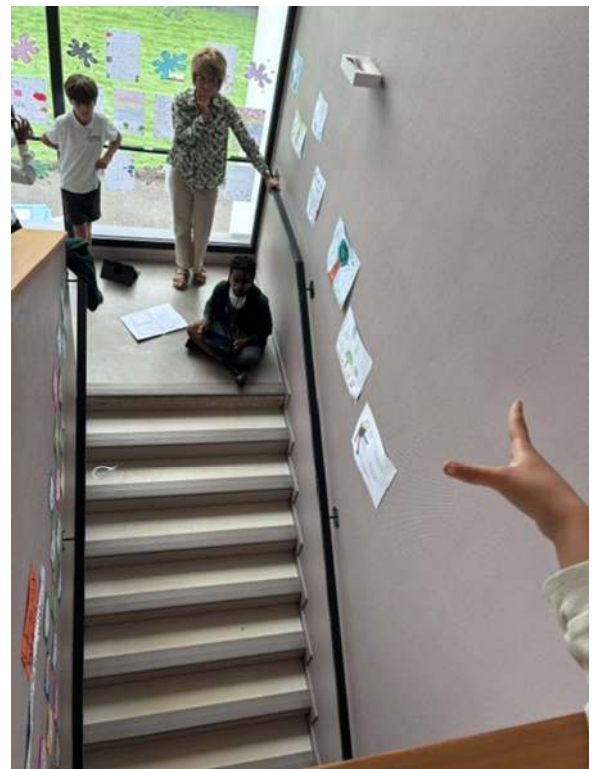
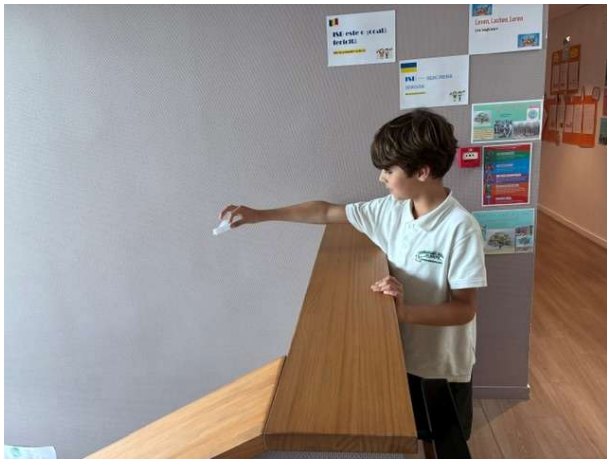


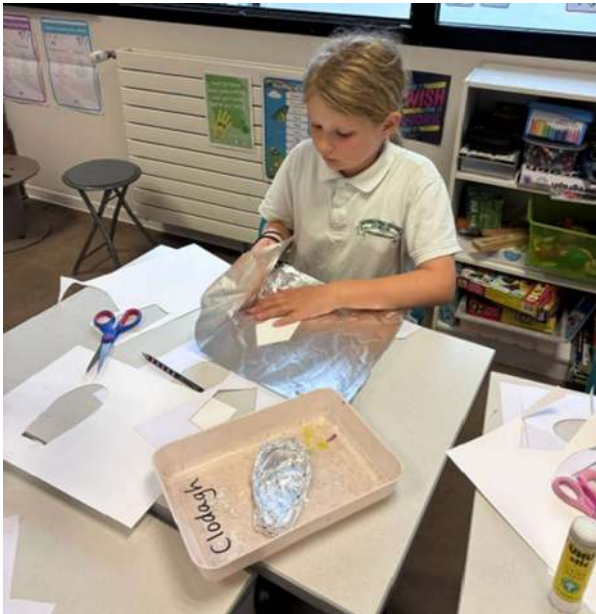
In **Grade 4**, Roman numeral snakes and ladders, crime scene investigations, dusting for fingerprints, examining cells and extracting banana DNA at **Science Odyssey**, what more could you want from a week at school?!





Grade 5 continue to learn about forces in science. We investigated air resistance using paper spinners. Each group chose a different variable to change such as the length of the paper spinner, the weight of the paper and the shape of the spinner and then timed how long it took each one to fall to the ground. We also began making some different shaped boats in preparation for our next investigation into water resistance.





Cette semaine, en classe de français avec Miss Didi, les élèves de **Grade 4 et 5** ont fait preuve de beaucoup de créativité en imaginant des scènes au restaurant. Les élèves ont travaillé leur prononciation, leur confiance à l'oral et leur capacité à communiquer en français dans des situations de la vie quotidienne.

Bravo à tous pour leur enthousiasme et leurs belles performances !

N'hésitez pas à venir découvrir leurs vidéos, qui seront bientôt disponibles sur Teams.

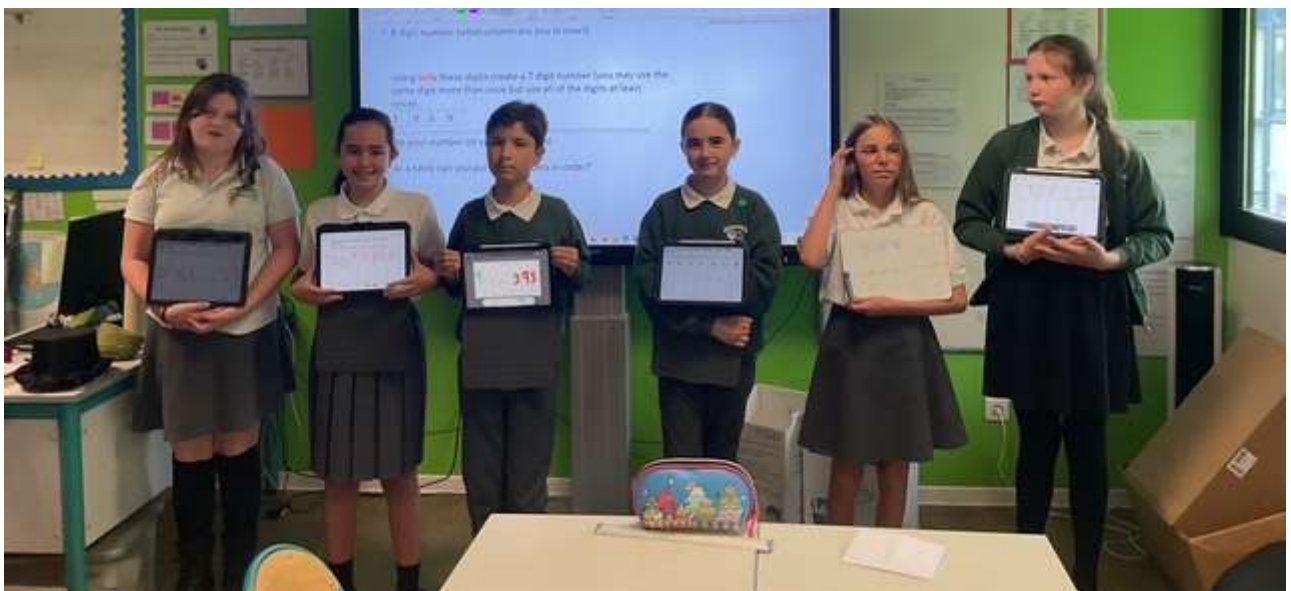
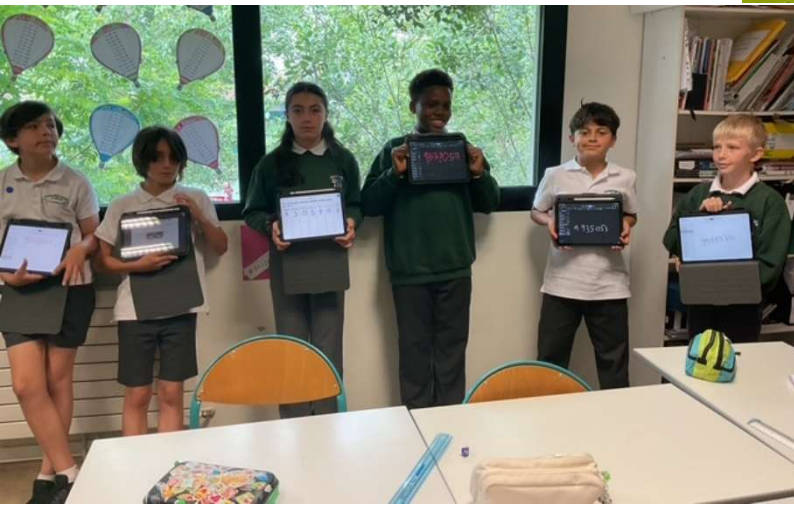
Un grand merci aux élèves pour leur participation et leur énergie tout au long de cette activité !





Grade 6 have started rehearsals for the show, alongside cave painting, presenting their i-Time projects and keeping up their maths skills!





Athletics sessions this term



Grade 10 Biology have been dissecting hearts, learning about the transport systems in animals.



The **Grades 12 and 13 Biology** students enjoyed a seminar session with Professor Jon Mochel. We learned about his current research, using organoides made from stem cells.



SECONDARY UPDATE

Ann Byrne

During Study Leave

Exam leave for Grades 11 – 13 started 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.

Dress code for G11 during study leave is regular uniform or PE kit.

Grade 11 Return to School

G11 will return to school for two days on Monday and Tuesday 15 and 16 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! *** please note that these are amended dates since there was previously a clash with a DofE expedition affecting teacher availability.*

Grade 12

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.

Graduation Ceremony

Grade 13 Graduation is at Palais Beaumont on **Monday 22 June** – a letter has been sent to parents of graduating students; prize winner letters will be sent in the first week of June.

Parents Evenings – from September 2026

We have found attendance to parent evenings to be getting lower over the past few years. As a result, I would like to consult with parents to find out why this is happening and what best we can do to meet your needs in terms of both parent evenings and reports. In the coming weeks you will receive a link (by email) to a short survey so that you can give your views and ideas on this matter – we would very much appreciate your feedback.



*Have a nice week
Bonne semaine
Maria*

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Graduation Ceremony – Class 2025

