



Thursday 28th May 2026

MARIA'S NOTES :

All families should have received all forms and documents necessary for 2026-2027 school year registration. Please fill in the forms and send them back to me. Thank you.

If you have not received them yet, please contact me.



School show:

The PTA will be organising a RAFFLE during the school show on 16th June.

Tickets will be €2 each- cash only.

Tickets can be bought w/c 8th June in the morning at drop off from the student council or on the evening of the show before the curtain rises. The Raffle will be drawn after the show and winners will be notified.

Donations for the raffle can be given to Marjorie or contact your core parent to arrange drop off. Core parents in Grades 3-6 will be sending messages about donations in the coming days. However we welcome donations from all year groups in the school- and all parents can buy tickets.



Secondhand uniform donations:

The PTA will be collecting donations on the morning of Wednesday 24th June in the atrium. Donated uniforms must be clean and label free (please where possible score through names on label where written on). There will be boxes laid out with relevant sizes on the boxes for donated items to be left. There will also be volunteers from the PTA on hand to help with donations on the day.

This will be the ONLY day we are accepting donations- if for any reason you can't make this date then please contact your core parent to make alternative arrangements to have the items handed in on this date.

The first secondhand uniform sale of the new school year will be on **Wednesday 30th September 2026- details to follow.**

Welcome cocktail/drinks for the new term:

This exciting event will be for all parents and new parents alike:

It will be held on **Friday 11th September 2026.** Further details will be issued on the last newsletter before the summer holidays- so keep your eyes peeled! You won't want to miss this!

Bake sales:

Bake sales will be resuming on a monthly basis from October next year - details of this alongside a calendar of which classes are responsible for donations at each bake sale will follow in due course. The PTA has continued to donate funds to support school events this year despite limited fundraising events taking place. We need to address this for next year to allow us to continue to be able to support the valuable events such as school shows, Prom and school discos ongoing. We thank you in advance for your support on this.

Thanks,
Katie Gilbert, Vice-President PTA

EYFS & PRIMARY NEWS

John-Mark Hanrahan

First and foremost, ALL of the staff from across the whole school, would like to say THANK YOU to the PTA and all of the parents, for making last Thursday's **Teacher Appreciation Lunch** so special and delicious!! All of the teachers felt extremely appreciated and a little heavier, after such a veritable banquet! Thank you all so much...we can't wait to see what delights next year brings!!



Assembly

In last Monday's assembly, we continued the theme looked at the week before, about using the traffic light system (stop, think, do) to solve problems, but this week it was about using this to solve problems in a group.

Mr Hanrahan chose 7 volunteers to come to the front and take a seat on the ISB rowing boat.



He then asked the children to row in unison, but to be honest, it wasn't working very well, so we all stopped and had a think about what to do.

Clara (G6) had the idea of counting everyone in, so that they all started at the same time. She came to the front and tested out her idea. It definitely worked for the first few seconds, but before long, everyone was out of time again.

We all stopped again and had another think. Then Sara (G3) suggested keeping the count going and signaling when to row. The team now had Clara counting them in, and then Sara helping the rowers to stay in time.

It worked a treat!

We agreed that this week, we are going to try and work through group problems using the traffic light system too, and try to think about how everyone in a team has some valuable ideas!



Emanuela, Adriana and Isabella from Grade 6, then came to the front to present a story called, Milo's Monster.



Milo loves spending time with his best friend, Jay. But when a new girl called Suzi moves in next door, Milo starts to feel left out. The jealous feeling gets stronger and stronger – until suddenly, a GREEN-EYED MONSTER pops up beside him! Soon, the monster is poisoning Milo's thoughts. It won't leave him alone! Fortunately, it all turned out fine in the end, when Jay realised that having two friends was better than one!

The girls read the story beautifully, and got a well-deserved round of applause at the end.

Certificates of Merit

After the four and half-day weekend, there were just two certificates to give out this week and so Athena (G1) and Blanca (G4) came to the front to collect their just rewards for all of their hardwork! Well done girls!





House Points Trophy

Finally, to end the assembly, Mr Hanrahan awarded the house-points trophy to red team! Amazingly, there was just one point between each of the third, second and first place teams! Arthur, the Red house captain came to the front to lift the trophy, much to the delight of the rest of the red team!

EYFS' Trip to the zoo

After the long weekend, Early Years and Reception Class returned on Tuesday, only to get straight onto the bus, and head off to the Zoo d'Asson in search of some animals!



Although it was hot for both the children and the animals, the two classes had a fantastic time, and their behaviour was impeccable! We'd like to say an extra special thank you to the mummies that came along to help on the trip too! Thank you!

Grade 3s Médiathèque Visit

Grade 3 enjoyed a sweaty walk and bus ride to the médiathèque on Tuesday afternoon. It was totally worth it though, because they had a great time perusing the books on offer, and even had a chance to do some puzzling!



IMPORTANT DATES

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 – Pyjama Day! (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** *****

Early Years:

In Art, Early Years One explored painting on natural materials we can find in a forest such as rocks, twigs and leaves. The children enjoyed experimenting painting on different materials and carefully adding detail using fine brushes.



The children also had fun making portraits inspired by famous artists such as Picasso, Arcimboldo and Leonardo da Vinci.



Early Years 1 enjoyed exploring the sounds of percussion instruments. The children practised playing with control of volume and tempo and also practised marching to the beat. We also learned a new song “ Here is the Beehive”



We were also busy practising for the Sports Day!



Here are a few photos from Tuesday's school trip to the **Zoo d'Asson**. The children really enjoyed the visit, and we saw many animals throughout the day, including hippopotamuses, lemurs, gibbons, wallabies and more. We also watched the feeding of the otters and red pandas.

A BIG thank you to Advit's Mummy, Alice and Agathe's Mummy, Katherine's Mummy, and Lilie's Mummy for accompanying us on the trip.





Reception have enjoyed spending more time outdoor and learning about the world. They had their first campfire experience at school, learning to cook safely around a fire pit, having a go at lighting it with a flint and enjoying talking around a fire whilst roasting a marshmallow.

They were also treated to a lovely trip to Asson's zoo where they met several animals and watched the otters and the red pandas being



In PE, **Grade 1** stayed in the shade playing games to practice for sports day!



Tuesday afternoon, we did a carousel of measuring activities. It was so much fun!

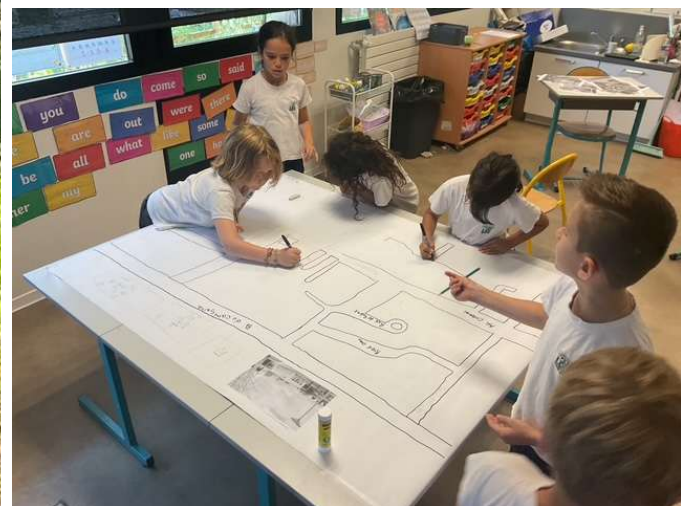
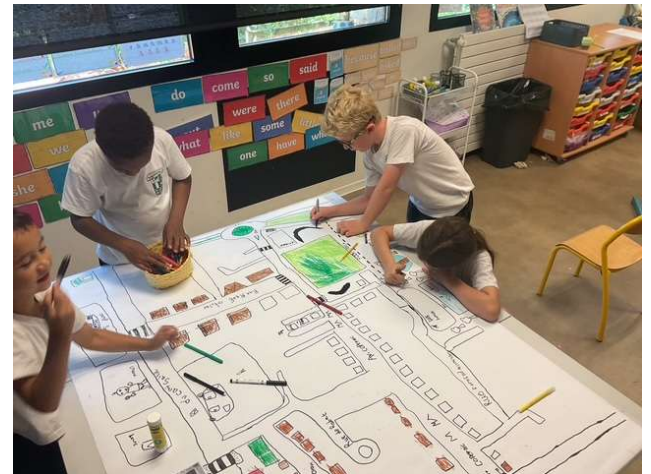




In science **Grade 2** have been exploring the properties of materials. We carried out a very messy, fun and interesting experiment using cornflour slime.



In geography we have been out and about in the local area. We learnt how to follow a map and locate different places of interest by looking a map symbols. We also added our own symbols for things we found. We then worked together to create a giant map of the route that we took. We have also been learning about directions and learnt how to use a compass to navigate our way around school.





This week **Grade 3** have had a busy week in Maths, weighing and estimating Miss Suzanne's shopping and using tally charts to collect information, before creating pictograms to show the results



Now that Grade 3 are soooo good at our times tables, we learnt a new game to play with them: fizz buzz ⚡ And the first G3 fizz buzz champion is..... Amelia BAGRI!!! Well done Amelia ★



Grade 3 had a lovely visit to the local médiathèque this week! We loved exploring the different types of books and sharing them with our friends! We all chose a book to bring back to school with us.



Grade 4 have been classifying living things in our Science lessons and to start with we made traps to catch mini-beasts. We wanted to find out which species live in our garden. Grade 4 prepared their traps and identified many different mini-beasts a day later. NB. no living creatures were harmed during this experiment!



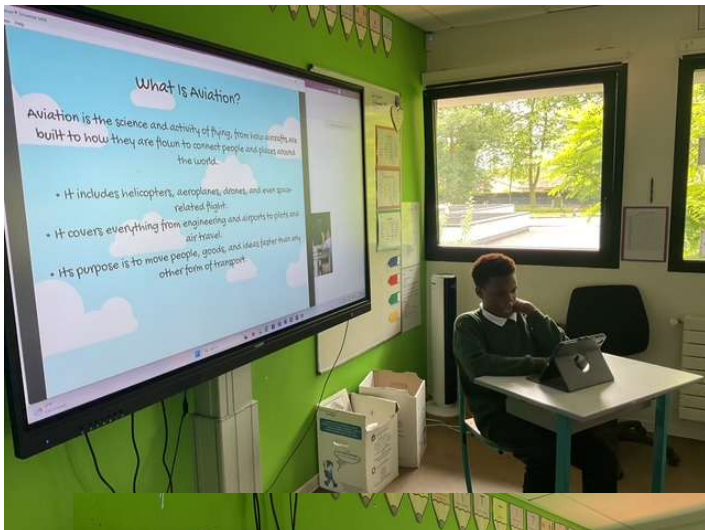


Grade 5 had a splashing time in Science investigating how the shape of a boat affects water resistance.





Grade 6 have continued presenting their I-Time presentations. Lots of very interesting projects, we've been learning a lot!





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On Tuesday, **Grade 8** Geographers went on a one-day field trip to study rivers and mountain features. The trip was based on the Plateau du Bénou in the Ossau valley. Pupils spent time collecting data on river characteristics to process back in school and began making a video on the mountain topography they could see. The pupils coped fantastically with the heat and a great time was had by all!





Ms Payne has put together some Biology websites that offer free courses for students wishing to improve their skills before the start of A-levels or University. I have made a couple of posters but I think it might be a nice thing to share in the Newsletter, since these students are only in school for exams at the moment, so they might not see the posters.

Long Summer?

Want to improve your general skills and learning power before the start of A-levels or University ??

5 free courses !

1. **Human Behavioral Biology** by Robert Sapolsky

Youtube course – Stanford Lecture Collection

<https://youtu.be/NNnIGh9g6fA?si=ignRx3yyHBhR1h95>

2. **Justice** by Michael Sandel

Youtube Course – Harvard University Lectures

<https://youtu.be/kBdfcR-8hEY?si=7Lce2O7CxCR3rpmx>

3. CS50 Lectures on **Computer Science** in 2026

Youtube course - Harvard University Lecture Series

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLhQjrBD2T380hlTqAU8HfvVepCcJcQtg6&si=jjADSYib85OGvg7U>

4. **Learning How to Learn** by Barbara Oakley

Coursera course – just sign up with your email

<https://barbaraoakley.com/dr/>

5. The **Theoretical Minimum** by Leonard Suskind

Stanford Institute for Theoretical Physics on Youtube (this is about quantum mechanics)

<https://youtu.be/iJfw6lDITuA?si=eSPQODLeCHLAIu4C>

SECONDARY UPDATE

Cheating has Consequences

As we are coming to the end of public exams and are mid-way through our internal Grade 10 exams, it is necessary to raise the issue of cheating in exams. This could take the form of using illicit notes, using a phone or websites etc – it is basically anything other than completing an exam paper with only your learnt knowledge.

As a school we take trust and integrity seriously; they are essential qualities that are part of everyone's day-to-day lives here at ISB.

If the offence is during a public exams eg. GCSE or AS/ A Level, the student is likely to be disqualified from that subject and receive no grade, in the worst case, the exam board may disqualify them from all subjects for their exam board.

Ann Byrne

For our in-house, internal exams, we will give the student zero marks for the subject, and we will request a meeting with parents and the student. Offences of cheating will appear on school records and could affect future university applications.

We will be discussing this with students over the coming weeks, and it would help us greatly if you could also raise this matter in discussions with your children.

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 Friday 19 June (inclusive); this allows all subjects to make a strong start on their G13 curriculum and subject content.

Graduation

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*



Graduation Ceremony – Class 2025