



Thursday 11th June 2026

MARIA'S NOTES :

The **YearBook 2026** will arrive from the printer in the next days. If you want to book yours, please contact Ms Marjorie. Cost: 20€

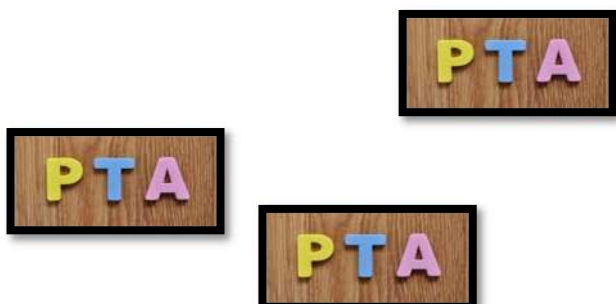


Please Come and enjoy this eye opening moment to see all your children's artwork in splendour.

ISB Primary proudly presents the exhibition opened to all from:

Wednesday 17th to 19th June

- Wednesday from 12:00 -
 - Thursday & Friday from 15:30 -
 - Also open to visits after clubs -
- Closes Friday at 17:15**





Message from the PTA

The PTA has been organising a raffle, originally scheduled to be drawn at the school show on 16th June. However, it has now been decided that the raffle will be drawn instead at the Primary Sports Day on the morning of Wednesday, 17th June.

Raffle tickets cost €2 each and are available to purchase every morning at the main entrance. Tickets will also be available on the morning of Sports Day.

Donations for the raffle can be given to Mel, or you can contact your core parent to arrange a drop-off. We welcome donations from all year groups across the school, and all parents are invited to buy tickets and take part.

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.

It will be held on Friday 11th September 2026. Further details will be issued by Maria mid-August - 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.

EYFS & PRIMARY NEWS

John-Mark Hanrahan

There have been two fantastic assemblies this last two weeks. Firstly, **Grade 3** taught us all about the world cup, and the power that football can have to bring us all together. They shared all sorts of fascinating facts with us including, how on one Christmas day, during World War One, the fighting was paused and soldiers from opposing sides put down their weapons and enjoyed a game of football together.



The amazing **Grade 3** finished their assembly with a song all about football and the importance of working together as a team, just like we do in Team ISB!

Just when we thought it was all over, they announced that on Friday 12th June, everyone can come to school dressed in their favourite football kits or their country's colours, to celebrate the start of the world cup. A BIG Thank you to Grade 3, Miss Suzanne and Miss Vanessa, and all of the parents who came to watch the assembly!

Our second assembly was presented by **Reception Class** who had cleverly coincided their assembly with World Oceans Day 2026, and wowed us with their knowledge of the ocean and it's creatures and showed off their amazing reading skills that they have been working on all year.





Just when we thought we couldn't be anymore impressed, they sang a song in French, all about the ocean!!
We were all so impressed by their lack of nerves and how they performed so confidently in front of such a big audience! Thanks again to all of the children, their parents and of course, Miss Caroline and Miss Elise! What a treat!

At the end of the assemblies, lots of merit certificates were awarded to children from across the school. Everyone is working as hard as they can to try to get one more certificate before the end of the year!





At the end of the Reception Class assembly, Mr Hanrahan had a very special Head Teacher's Award to present to Nohr in Reception Class. Nohr has shown incredible determination and resilience this year. Since arriving from Denmark in September, he has worked incredibly hard and made fantastic progress, with his English improving every day. We are all very proud of his achievements.

EYFS Sports Day

On Wednesday this week, the EYFS celebrated their pirate themed sports day. They had races carrying sacks of treasure, they threw canon balls and ran, bounced and jumped until they were exhausted!

They then went into the EYFS playground to take part in lots of different, fun activities with their mums and dads.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended, and of course the EYFS team for organising this super event.



French Enrichment

On Thursday morning, A small group of Early Years pupils took part in a special French Enrichment session with Miss Murielle, the primary school French Coordinator. They had the opportunity to discover their future French classroom. It was a chance to get to know one another, listen to a story and write their names on labels attached to blue, white and red balloons.

They had so much to talk about, in French, when they returned home!



World Cup Day

On Friday, we celebrated the start of the world cup by all dressing up in our favourite football kits and colours of our country. During the day, there were lots of football based activities and work to do in class, and at lunch time, Miss Suzanne organised a fun penalty knock-out competition, as well as various other events throughout the day.



Gaspar (G5) and Shufan (G3) both won an official world cup ball in the penalty shoot-out knock-out at lunch-time, during which, the ball changed each round (football, big ball with a bell inside it, tennis ball, rugby ball and more!)...it was pretty tricky, and took some very good footballers by surprise!





Huge THANKS to Miss Suzanne, the Primary School Sports Coordinator, for organising this super-fun day!

New books!

Recently, we were visited by Jack's grandparents (G2), all the way from Maryland, USA. They had never visited the school before and were really impressed by all of the work on the walls, and the hellos and welcomes that they received from students as we moved around the school. They were particularly moved by the See Better Be Better project and Jack's grandad explained that he had worked closely with disabled students during his career. Following the visit, Jack's grandparents donated some money so that we could buy some more books for the library. Here are the Grade 2s with some of the books bought with the generous donation- It is a fantastic series of books which focuses on feelings and how to manage them.

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to Marilyn and Allan Levitt for the brilliant new books!



Pyjama Day

As this term's charity action, the primary student council have organised a 'Pyjama Day' on **Thursday 25th June**.

On this day, the student council would like to invite everyone to come to school in their pyjamas (doudous are also welcome!). Teachers will be serving croissants, chokolatines, hot chocolate and orange juice between 0830 and 0900 so that the children can all have breakfast together.



From Thursday 18th June – Tuesday 23rd June, the student council will be taking breakfast orders in the atrium each morning. Chokolatines and croissants will cost 2€ each and hot chocolate and orange juice will cost 1€ each. All money raised will be donated to the Pau branch of UNADEV to help them continue their invaluable work with the visually impaired in Pau.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 15th June – G3-6 Show rehearsal at Espace Chambaud
- G1 & 2 trip to *Les Grottes des Betharram*

Tuesday 16th June 1830 – Grades 3-6 End of Year Show at Espace Chambaud (1 allée des Arts – Lons)
Parents are invited to bring finger food for the ‘after show’. ISB provides the drinks

Wednesday 17th June – Primary School SPORTS DAY 0915 (all Primary parents welcome)

Tuesday 16th-Friday 19th June – Primary Art Exhibition 2026

Thursday 18th & Friday 19th June – Grade 6 Secondary school induction days

Wednesday 24th June – Primary Talent Shows (Please see the email sent))

Thursday 25th June – Pyjama Day!

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

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

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EYFS SPORTS DAY





Reception have been working in mixed groups, helping each other finding number bonds off 10 and starting to record it. They also created ephemeral art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. Wednesday morning began with an exciting Sports Day, after which they enjoyed taking part in a range of pirate and mermaids themed activities.









Grade 1 get ready for next week's sports day , playing different games.





In Geography, Grade 1 travelled to Atlantis. Is it real? They painted pictures of what they saw.



In Maths, we made our own board games!



In science **Grade 2** have been investigating the differences between absorbent and waterproof materials. We made some super shelters for our class pet to keep them dry in the rain.



In science, **Grade 3** have been investigating hydroponics: growing plants without soil!



Let's relay race, jump and throw. Are you up to the challenge? **Grade 4** are!





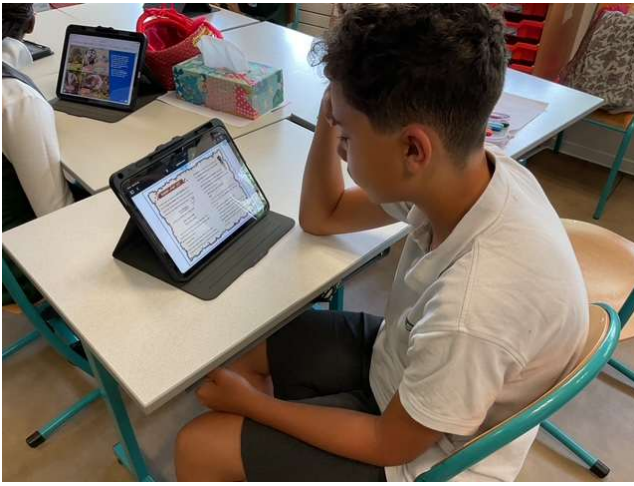
Grade 5 went on a mission to clean up the neighbourhood around the school by doing some litter picking. We stopped off for a well earned rest and play on the way.





Grade 6 have been very busy this week rehearsing for next week's End of Year show but in-between we have been designing posters, working on maths challenges and catching up on some reading.





FENCING CLUB:





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This term, in **Physical Education**, Secondary students do athletics at the stade Andre Lavie.





Grade 8 students have been studying Shakespeare this half term. They have been working on the Merchant of Venice and have created their own caskets filled with rhymes and riddles. Their caskets are made from 'emeralds' and will sit alongside the Gold, Silver and Lead casket for Portia's suitors to choose from. Here's just one example of the riddles they wrote:

"Only the best of things are green.
Open me and you will be seen."

Inside the box, the scroll reveals that the suitor has made the wrong choice:

"Who chooseth me shall gain
The treasures others hold.
But jealous hearts can never keep
A prize more precious than gold.
Look not with envy at another's life,
Or happiness will turn to strife.
Choose me if another's fortune you desire,
And lose the gift your heart requires."

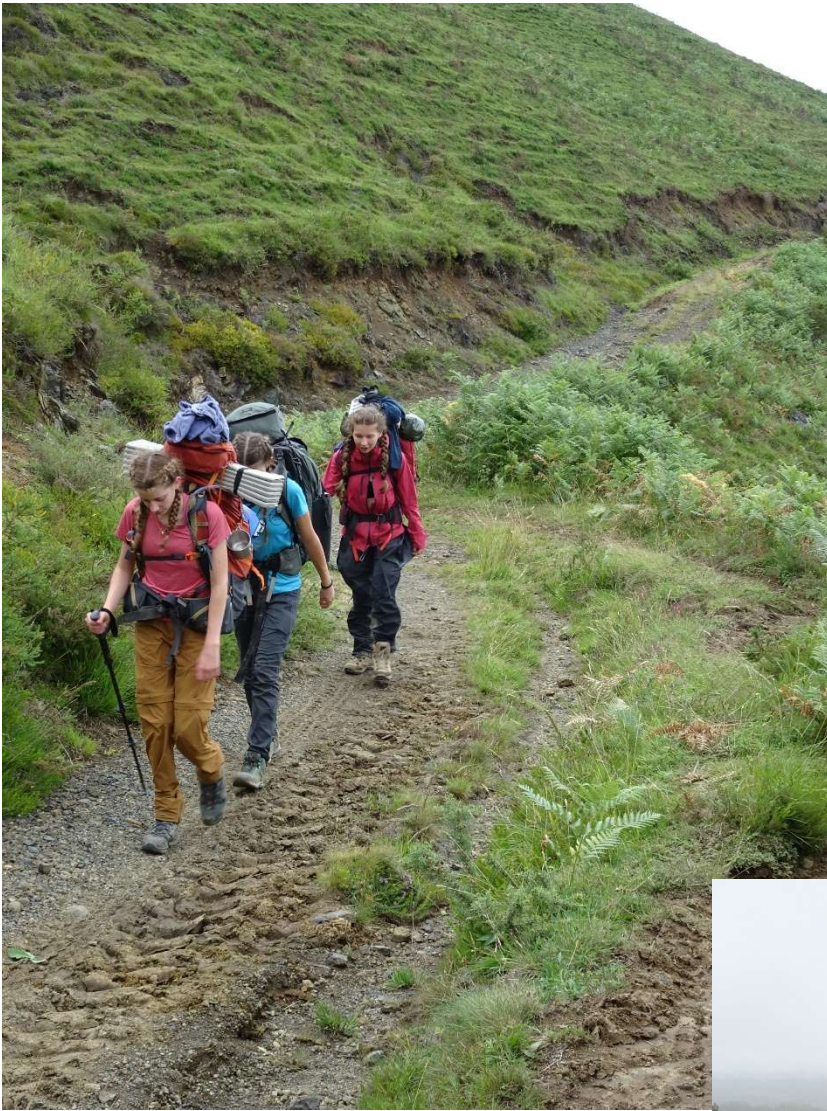
Let's celebrate all the wonderful things our students are capable of! I'll send some more photos over later.





On Tuesday and Wednesday **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh International Award** participants took part in their final expedition. The team coped fantastically with very mixed weather over the two days and showed excellent team spirit. Well done to Julika, Lotty, Iris G, Albane, Benny, Joshua and Tom!







Grade 12 English Language students have been preparing for their transition into Grade 13 studies by producing a timeline of English Language Change. They have created a physical timeline in the classroom and are attaching key events throughout history that have influenced language change.

This will help them to prepare for next year's studies and be a visual reminder as the year progresses of the key information they need to know for their Paper 3 exam. Their timeline begins in 449AD and stretches across the length of the classroom all the way to present day.



Grade 12 Physics were using data loggers and an air track to investigate conservation of momentum.





SECONDARY UPDATE

Ann Byrne

Grade 11 Return to School: Monday and Tuesday 15 and 16 June

G11 will return to school for two days on **Monday and Tuesday 15 and 16 June**. The Schedule for the 2 days is as follows; we encourage students to attend taster sessions for their chosen AS Level subjects as well as subjects that they are curious about and would like to 'try out'.

When not in a session G11 are based in En1 with Mrs McCombie

Monday 15 June

Lesson 1	Physics/En
Lesson 2	CS/Geog
Lesson 3	Maths/French
Lesson 4	EPQ
Lesson 5	University
Lesson 6	Home 2:45/3:00

Tuesday 16 June

Lesson 1	Psych/En Lit
Lesson 2	Chem/Spanish/History
Lesson 3	Biology/Business
Lesson 4	Pizza lunch/Sports
Lesson 5	Assembly
Lesson 6	Home 2:45/3:00

Graduation

Our Grade 13 Graduation is at Palais Beaumont on **Monday 22 June** – a letter has been sent to parents of graduating students and prize winners.

Graduates to arrive no later at 16:00 on 22 June for rehearsals, prize winners no later than 17:00.

Parents of graduates, prizewinners and performers are invited to arrive at 17:45 for a prompt start at 18:00.



End of Year Activities

Check your emails next week for details of events in the last week of term including an off-timetable day on 23 June and Sports Day on 25 June.



*Have a nice week
Bonne semaine
Maria*

*Graduation Ceremony
Class 2025*

