



**MARIA'S NOTES :**

**LAST NEWSLETTER OF THIS YEAR 2025-2026**

**On Friday, ISB closes at 12.00 with the International Lunch**

Parents are invited to bring a plate (savoury or sweet) for the 12.00 lunch.

ISB provides the drinks and the PTA provides the cutlery, glasses and plates.

*I wish all families a wonderful Summer and a lovely holiday.*

*Have a safe journey for those of you who are going away from Pau...*

*We are going to miss you so much!*

The **YearBook 2026** has arrived. If you want to collect one or more, please ask Ms Marjorie. Cost: 20€



**EYFS & PRIMARY NEWS      John-Mark Hanrahan**

It's been an extremely busy penultimate two weeks of the year!

On Monday morning, Grades 3-6 zoomed off the theatre for their first rehearsal on the real stage. It was a very busy day, but the children rose to the occasion and we managed to get through the entire script – which is relatively unheard of!



**Grades 1 & 2 trip to Les Grottes de Betharram**

Whilst grades 3-6 were acting and singing their hearts out at the theatre, grades 1 & 2 went on an intrepid rock appreciating expedition to les Grottes de Betharram. They had a magical time descending deep below the ground on a train, before crossing an underground river on a boat!





For more photos, go to the Grades 1 & 2 Microsoft Teams!

### End of Year Show (#InspiringSelfBelief)

On Tuesday evening, after another morning of rehearsals, the grades 3-6's hard work paid off as they put on a fantastic performance of **Aladdin**. It was an inspiring goodbye from our Grade 6 students, and Grades 3, 4 and 5 did a brilliant job of supporting them! A huge well done to all of the children, and of course to their teachers for all of their hard work. We'd also like to say a special thank you to Laurent Vuillaume (Isaac & Aidan (G4) and Anais' (EY) dad) for the amazing backdrops – giving the show that extra je ne sais quoi! A link to a video of this spectacular spectacle will be available shortly.



## Primary Sports Day

This Wednesday, it was time for the primary school to have their annual sports day! It was a busy morning with lots of different races and games for not only the children, but the parents too! Under a scorching sun, the children scored goals, sank battle ships, built towers and raced with balls, whilst the adults egg and spooned, kangaroo jumped and used their sheer speed to defy gravity!

The final scores were announced and for the second year in a row, the green team won! A great morning was had by all, and it ended with a well-deserved ice-cream for everyone! A big thank you to Miss Suzanne Hanrahan, our Primary School Sports Coordinator, for organizing another brilliant event! (To see loads of videos and photos, head to TeamISB on Teams)





### Primary Art Exhibition

From Wednesday to Friday this week, Miss Sara opened the Primary art exhibition. Three days showcasing the incredible art created by your children. It was beautiful and stretched right through the atrium and even up the stairs! We'd like to say a HUGE **THANK YOU** to **Miss Sara**, who has not only worked incredibly hard with the children all year to create these masterpieces, but also for putting the whole exhibition together for us all to enjoy!!!





### Grade 6 Induction Days

On Thursday and Friday, Grade 6 went across to the Secondary school for a couple of taster days. The idea was to give all of the children a taste of what to expect when they get to secondary school (whether that is here or elsewhere), and to hopefully alleviate any worries that they might have. For the children that will be staying at ISB for their secondary education, this was also a great chance to meet their new form tutors and key subject teachers.

The induction days included lessons, quizzes and a variety of other activities to give the children information about their transition from Grade 6 to Grade 7.

Here are a trio of photos of the Grade 6s looking suitably studious in a maths and computing taster lesson.



### House Points Rewards Day (Grades 1-6)



You should have received an email regarding the organisation of House Points Rewards Day, this coming Tuesday. If you have not received this mail, please check your spam boxes and don't forget, it is advised that everyone should wear their sports kits and bring a change of clothes (possibly a water gun – if available), in case they get wet during the day.

### Pyjama Day

As this terms' charity action, the primary student council have organised a 'Pyjama Day' on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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, chocolaines, hot chocolate and orange juice between 0830 and 0900 so that the children can all have breakfast together.

From Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, the student council will be taking breakfast orders in the atrium each morning. Chocolaines 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.



## International Lunch

Don't forget that next Friday at 12:00 we will have our traditional International Lunch, in the primary playground. All families (Primary & Secondary) are warmly welcome to mark the end of the school year, by sharing food and drink together. We can't wait to see you all there!



## Little Henri

Laurent Vuillaume (Aidan, Isaac and Anais' daddy) is currently developing a small cultural and educational project called "**Little Henri**", a cute mini comic series about young Henri (the future Henri IV) at the age of 5, growing up in Pau with his animal companions (two monkeys, a dog and a white horse).



The idea is to offer families a **free weekly summer saga** via newsletter. Subscribers will receive a new comic strip every week, along with fun activities such as colouring pages, mazes, and word searches in order to bring some joy and discovery of our local heritage to the children during the summer.

Keep your eyes peeled for posters, and the all-important QR code which you can use to register for the resources, appearing around school!

You will have the choice of subscribing to the newsletter in French or English!



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – House Points Rewards Day (please see emails sent)

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** – Primary Talent Shows (Please see the email sent)

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – Pyjama Day!

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – End of year reports available to parents

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 1200** – Last day of school. School ends at 1200 (International lunch)

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As part of our Terrific Tuesday activities, the **Early Years 2 and Reception** children created transient art inspired by the book “ The Visitors” by Clare Thompson. The children explored a variety of natural materials, carefully selecting different textures, shapes, and colours to create their own unique artwork.



Early Years also enjoyed exploring the concept of sinking and floating by testing a variety of materials and objects, and making predictions about whether they would float or sink.



**Reception** enjoyed another exciting week! Last week ended with the World Cup kick-off, which coincided with the Early Years open morning. Reception welcomed Early Years 2 for a fun activity based on *Whatever Next!* by Jill Murphy.

The children continued working in mixed groups to solve mathematical problems by adding numbers together. They also engaged in a variety of morning activities, including playing games, developing their fine motor skills, and practising sharing and taking turns.

To finish the week, the children took part in a gallery hunt following the opening of the art exhibition, where they enjoyed exploring all the wonderful artwork on display.





**Grade 1** end of year trip to the *Grottes de Bétharram*



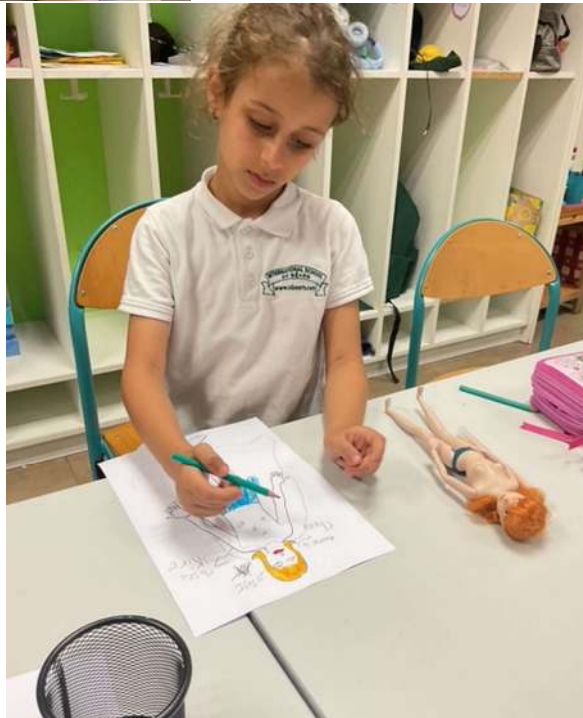
**SPORTS DAY**





**Grade 2** wrote their own stories about a lost school pet! There were lots of very imaginative scenarios with pets including snakes, rats, ants and even a pony escaping ISB! We're not sure Mr. Hanrahan will be letting Grade 2 have a class pet anytime soon!

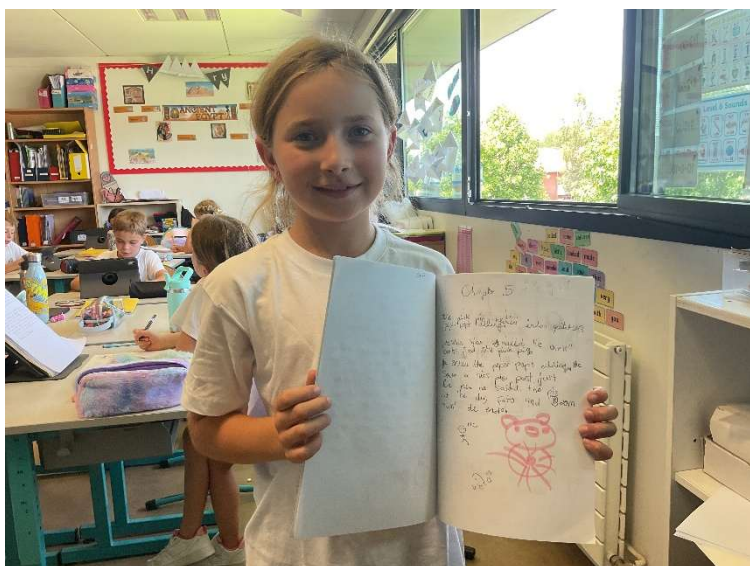
In science we finished our materials unit by creating costumes for a superhero. We had to select different materials to dress them based on their properties. We had ninjas covered in Lycra to shoes made from ice to metal fire proof capes. Well done Grade 2!



Grade 2 visited the *Grottes de Betharram* this week. We enjoyed riding through the caves in a boat and in a train. We learnt all about stalactites and stalagmites and how long it takes to make a column. It was a great way to learn lots and get out of the heat!



**Grade 3** are authors and illustrators! We have been putting the finishing touches to our sequels to the “Ottoline” book! □



**Grade 5** enjoyed learning about monochromatic colours during their last art lesson of the year.



A great time was had by all during the penultimate lunchtime **karaoke club** of the year! A big thank you to everyone who has joined the giant singalongs this year!





**SOME PHOTOS OF GRADES 3, 4, 5, 6 SHOW: ALADDIN**



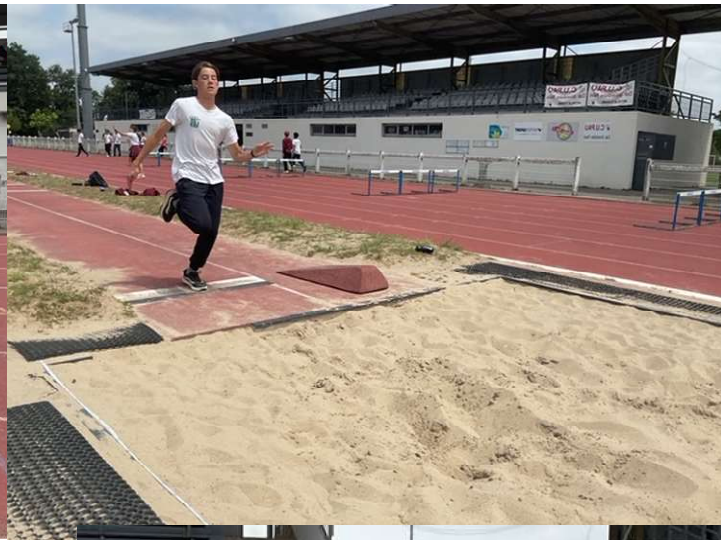




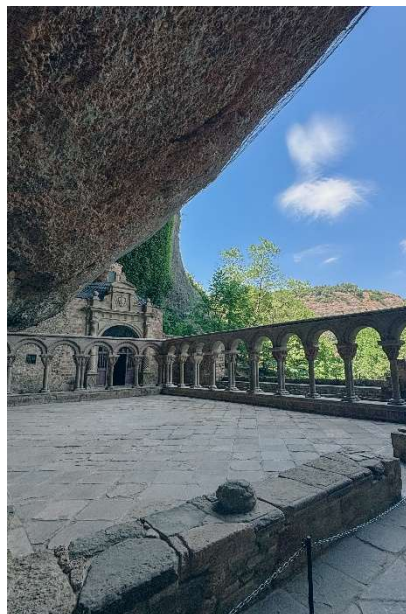
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**ATHLETICS THIS TERM**



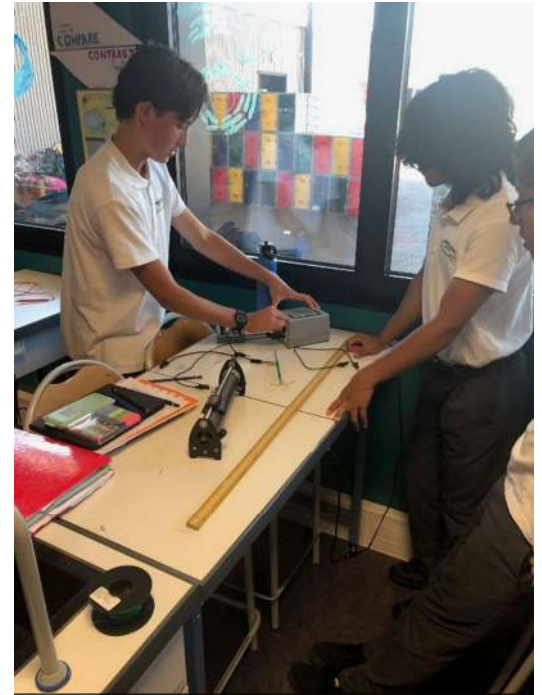


**Grade 9** went on a day trip to the beautiful city of Jaca (Spain)





The **Grade 10 Physics** were competing this week to see who could build the strongest electromagnet using the resources provided.



On Monday 8th June **Grade 10** took part in a one-day **First Aid course** run by Ms MacPherson (a qualified nurse). Pupils were taught basic CPR and how to deal with a range of first aid situations such as bleeding, shock and hypothermia. The day finished with pupils being set real-world scenarios where they put their newly-learned knowledge into practice.



Tuesday afternoon was the **Grade 11 Leavers Assembly**. We celebrated the successes of this amazing year group with a presentation of photos from their time in Secondary.

We are losing 8 students this year, who are off all over the world; Emilia and Agustin wrote a speech to say goodbye to them and to wish everyone the best of luck for the future and they all received personalised signed cards from students and staff.

Ms McCombie wrote her tutor group a poem and put this to music which the whole year group sang together - it was terribly beautiful!!!



## SECONDARY UPDATE

Ann Byrne

### Graduation

Our **Grade 13** Graduation Ceremony is at Palais Beaumont on **Monday 22 June**.

**Graduates to arrive at 16:00 on 22 June for rehearsals,**

**Prize winners arrive no later than 17:00.**

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



### Grade 6 Induction Day

Today we welcomed Grade 6 students into Secondary ahead of them joining us in September. Mr Pearse, Head of Key Stage 3, organised 2 days of fun lessons and activities so that our new Secondary students do not feel too overwhelmed in September.

You can see photos from today in the earlier part of the newsletter.

### Goodbye Grade 11... Hello Grade 12

Grade 11 students returned to school for 2 days at the start of this week to try out their chosen AS Level subjects. The students were motivated and enthusiastic despite the fact that they only had their last GCSE exam 2 days before! We look forward to seeing all our new Grade 12 students at 09:00 on Monday 31 August and wish you a restful but fun-filled Summer!

### End of Year Activities

On **Tuesday 23 June** students in Grades 7 to 10 will have a fun-packed activity day including a visit to Positive Park.

In the **morning of Thursday 25 June**, Grades 7 – 10 students will take part in our annual Sports Day. The event takes place at STADE ANDRE LAVIE and parents and siblings are very welcome to join us to cheer the students on.

**Could students please wear ISB school PE shorts and a t-shirt in their house colour.**

There will be shade, but hats, sunscreen and water bottles are essential.

**Sports Day takes place between 9:15 and 12:30 at Stade Andres Lavie, 17 Av. du Doyen Robert Poplawski, 64000 Pau. We hope to see you there!**

### End of Year Reports

End of year reports will be published through the Parent Portal on Thursday of next week, 25 June.

### Important Dates - Next Academic Year

#### Monday 31 August:

09:00 -15.40 Grade 12 Induction Day

Grade 7 Induction Day (8.30-12.00)

Grade 7 Parent presentation 11:45 – 12.15

#### Tuesday 01 September

★ Everyone , Grades 7 – 13 back to school.... 08:40 start ★



**Have a great Summer holiday**

**Bonnes vacances**

**All staff and Maria**