



Thursday 26th September 2024

MARIA'S NOTES :



The **school photographer** will come to school on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd October. He will take class photos and individual photos. Can I ask all parents to be sure that their child is wearing **perfect uniform** (polo shirt, sweat shirt, trousers or skirt, grey or white socks and dark leather brown or black shoes) from Reception to Grade 11. Grade 12 & 13 should wear nice, appropriate clothes. Many thanks.



Last Monday, in your child's bag, you found the **subscription form** from the famous French publisher **ECOLE DES LOISIRS**. Choose the 'abonnement groupé' as it is less expensive and will be given to your child at school, from Early Years to Grade 9. It's very useful to be able to read French books if you want to improve your French skills.

Traffic rules to be followed at school / on school premises :

The morning and afternoon drop-off area is used exclusively for its intended purpose. So please do not park there!!!

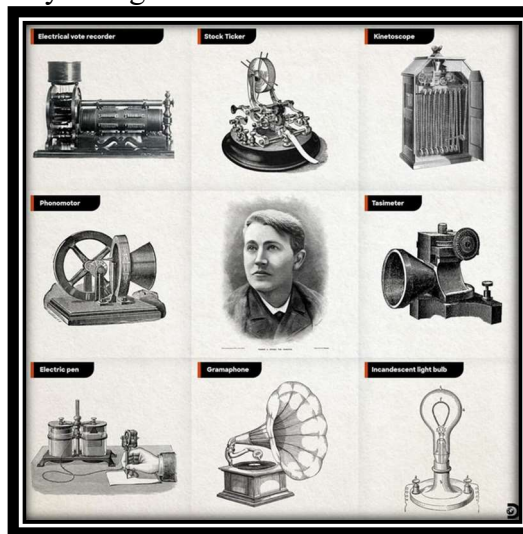
If you wish to stay for a few minutes, use the car park and leave this area free.

I would like to remind you that the parking spaces alongside the school buildings are strictly reserved for school staff.

The Head of Primary, Mr John-Mark Hanrahan, NEWS:

It's been another busy week in the EYFS and primary school.

Everyone returned to school on Monday, well rested after the exciting school trips and in the afternoon, we had our whole school assembly. The theme this week we continued the theme of overcoming adversity and not giving up. We learnt about Thomas Edison, who only went to school for three months, before being home-schooled, because he found school so hard. He then lost most of his hearing, but didn't give up. He loved to invent, and after lots and lots of failed inventions, finally began to have some success – These successes literally changed the world and are still relevant today.



We agreed that this week, we are going to think about Thomas Edison's determination and perseverance, especially when we are finding something hard in class!

We then had just enough time to watch this week's episode of 'Ultra-Inspiring Uniforms'. We were so impressed to see so many students impeccably dressed! What an inspiration to us all!



French Day

On Friday, we celebrated our annual French Day. The school turned blue, white and red and everyone was knee deep in French activities all day! From obstacle courses in which you had to remember new vocabulary, to quizzes about the regions of France, to blindfolded cheese identification challenges – It was non-stop all day! A big well done to all of the children for participating with lots of enthusiasm and energy, and of course, a HUGE THANK YOU to the French team for organizing this jam-packed day! (Check out **Team ISB 2024** for more photos)



At 14.30, the PTA also held their first ‘**Welcome to France**’ event, which was a great success. There were areas to add good restaurants, places to visit, recommended days out and lots of other things, and it was a perfect opportunity for lots of our parents to meet each other and find out more about life in Pau. Thank you so much to the PTA for organizing this fresh addition to our French Day!



Keeping your children safe online

We would like to invite all Grade 3-6 parents to join us in the school Hall, on **Thursday, 3rd October at 14.30**, for an important meeting about online safety, led by our primary school Deputy Head and Computing Coordinator, Miss Heather.

Your active participation is vital in fostering a collaborative community that prioritises the well-being of our young learners.

Let's work together to create a secure and enriching online experience for our children.



IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd Oct – School photos (FULL UNIFORM for ALL students)

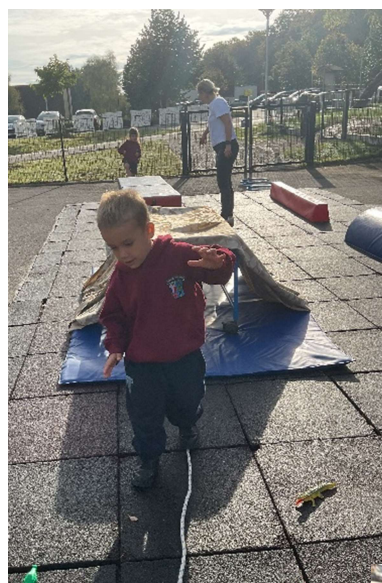
Thursday 3rd October 14.30 -15.30 – Computer safety meeting (G3-6 parents welcome)

Monday 14th October (14.35) – Grade 5 assembly (Grade 5 parents welcome)

Friday 18th October – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - MUFTI DAY (Non-uniform)

Early Years : Block play and Art lesson





EARLY YEARS Music lesson:
(Miss Clara is back. Youpiiii)



Trip, trap, trip, trap... this week **Reception** have been reading the story of the 3 billy goats gruff! We have had lots of fun making bridges to help the goats get to the lush green grass, and making our own super scary trolls to live under these bridges!



Grade 1: Back in class after the trip. Using our senses in Science and giving one more than a given number in maths.



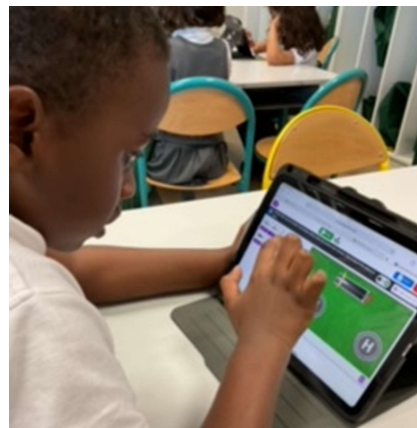
Grade 1 exploring different sounds with rain sticks on a rainy day! 🌧️



Grade 2 in Maths: we have been consolidating our knowledge of number bonds to 10 and 20 and using this to solve tricky number problems.



In computing we have been learning to code using **2simple**. We worked through an algorithm to make sure that planes could take off safely at the airport. We also learnt how to use the timer, repeat and sound functions.





In Art, this week, Grade 2 completed their self-portrait project. First, they learnt about abstract art and the elements used to create e.g. (Line, Shape, Colour). Finishing off by adding and arranging sentence about themselves in an interesting composition.



Trip photos from **Grade 2:**



Grade 3 trip:





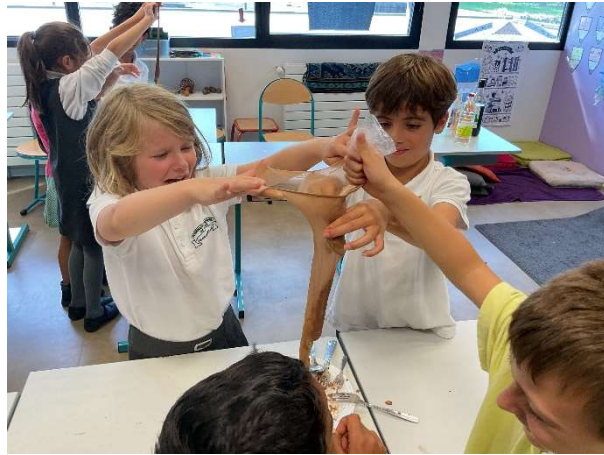
In Maths, **Grade3** used some partitioning to help double bigger numbers and had a race to see who could make the longest doubling chain!



In English, Grade 3 have written some sentences using personification.



Grade 4 experienced the digestive system with their hands this week! From chewing to swallowing, down the oesophagus, to the stomach, through the intestines and out the rectum! What a great use of new vocabulary and fantastic team work.

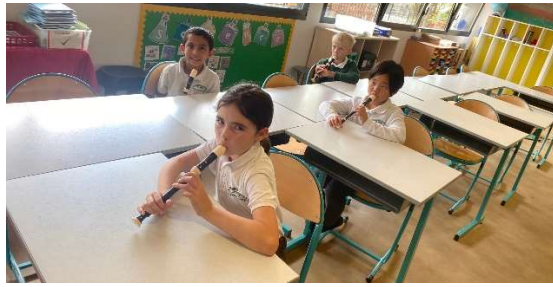


Grade 5 are observing, measuring and recording the growth of their pea plants in science.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

Rocking out on the recorder in musical instruments club!



Thursday's Fun Board Games



Friday fun in Board Games and Colouring Club.



Here are a couple of photos of **Grade 7** exploring the links between decimals, percentages and fractions in their maths lesson.



Photos of secondary PE lessons, Team Sports.
FOOTBALL



RUGBY





SEC AFTER SCHOOL CLUB:
Role play

As has become tradition in the ISB History classroom, last week **Grade 9** built trenches and used paper balls to simulate the tactics used for fighting in the First World War. With one side expertly captained by Manuel and the other, Iris, an artillery bombardment was followed by an all out assault. Doing this helped students to understand the difficulties faced by troops when trying to break out of the trenches.



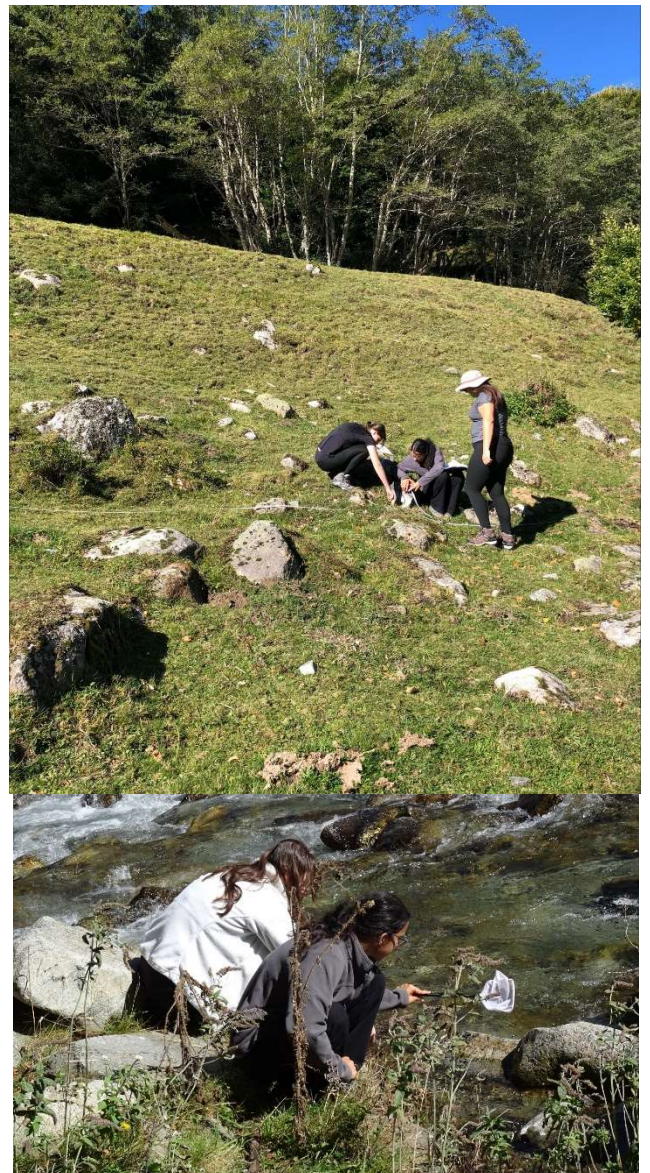


On Tuesday **Grade 11** Geographers headed to the Col du Tourmalet to examine hydrological processes and flood management. Pupils gained a much greater insight into a topic that can seem (ironically) quite dry in the classroom.

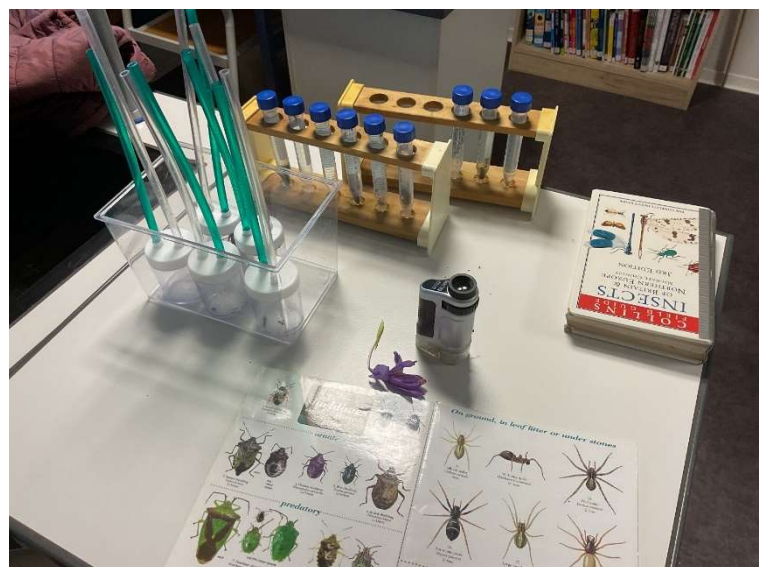




The Biology Field Trip for **Grade 13** was a great success! Students participated in 3 different sampling techniques, we collected a lot of data and observed many different organisms! It was a beautiful day.



They showed Ms Payne explaining the equipment at the start of the day, and then all of the samples we collected, once we got back to the lab.



SECONDARY UPDATE 27 September 2024 by Ann Byrne

Important Dates

**Open Evening Tuesday 01 October
16:00 – 18:00**

Please come along to meet teachers, find out more about our subjects and view a selection of student work and resources.

There will be two short presentations by the Head of Secondary in the Hall at 16:00 and again at 17:00. All parents are encouraged to attend, however, please note that detailed student conversations will not be possible, although the evening will provide the possibility of arranging a future one-to-one meeting with any teacher.

Please note that this event replaces our traditional Parents Evenings during the first term except for our G10 Parents Evening on 19 November.

KS3 Rivers Trip and KS4 and KS5 Coast Trip 16 – 18 October

Letters have been returned to Maria. Please fill in the medical form (sent with a link by email) asap and payment can be made in the next days.

Kit lists will be emailed home for both trips this week.

Girls PE Uniform

It has been brought to our attention that the fit of the current school PE uniform is not particularly suited to the girls. As such, Miss Jackson will be sending a more detailed email home with alternative PE items, but in summary, for PE the girls may:

- Wear any navy blue shorts of an appropriate length – not very short shorts!
- Wear navy leggings and shorts over the top
- Wear plain navy jogging bottoms
- The white school PE t-shirt may be worn with the PE ISB sweat-shirt or a long-sleeved t-shirt underneath.

Jewellery, Uniform and Phones

Thank you to all parents for your support in helping us to maintain the no jewellery, minimal makeup, correct uniform and no phones during the school day rules. I think that it is true to say that the standard of uniform across Grades 7 – 11 is much improved from previous years, and so far the only phones that have been confiscated are from G12 and 13.



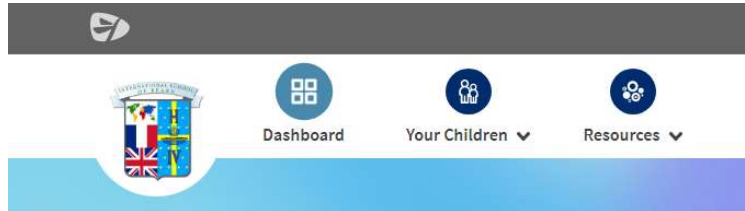
FireFly Parent Logins

By making full-use of our FireFly learning platform, parents can stay informed of set homework, grades achieved and teacher feedback. Please see 'Logging into FireFly...' below if you've not already logged on.

Logging into FireFly for the first time

ACTIVATING YOUR ACCOUNT

1. In your browser go to: **isbearn.fireflycloud.net** The school code is **ISBEARN** all uppercase
2. Enter your (school registered) email address as your username.
3. Click on the green box ' ... Activate your account', this will allow you to set a password.
4. Once logged in, go to 'Your Children' and then select the child you wish to view



5. Now you will see a student profile for your selected child where you will see all tasks that have been set as homework etc or as individual tasks, and grades/feedback received. This view will also show outstanding and overdue tasks.

Please contact Mr Pearse or Ms Byrne directly if you need further help on using FireFly
james.pearse@isbearn.com or ann.byrne@isbearn.com

Lost Property

We have an amazing volume of lost uniform items and other equipment, most of which has been here since the end of last academic year. Current lost property is available just outside the doors into Secondary and parents are encouraged to come and check for missing items. After Weds 25 September, all current lost property will be given to the PTA for the second-hand uniform sales and other items will be thrown away.

Moving forwards, named items will be returned students during registration however please stress the need for your son/daughter taking responsibility to look after their belongings and to check lost property immediately when they have lost something.

*Have a nice week
Très Bonne Semaine
Maria*

