



Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

**MARIA'S NOTES :**



**PRIMARY NEWS**

**John-Mark Hanrahan**

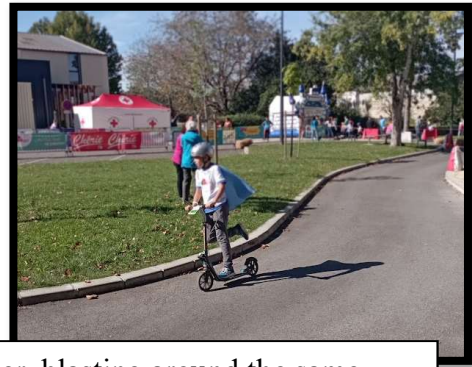
Monday's assembly was jam-packed and full of exciting celebrations.

Firstly, some children shared some examples of difficult challenges that they had overcome, just like Thomas Edison, from last week's assembly. This led us seamlessly into the Grand Course Des Trotinettes, that some of our students participated in on Sunday. There were moments during the races when some of our intrepid scooters felt like giving up: Soan had a crash! Jasper's scooter was more sedan than coupe; Victoria's and Elie's semi-finals didn't go to plan; and Valentina almost forfeited the final, because her legs were so tired!

Not one of them gave up though! Soan, Elie and Victoria impressed the crowds with their big smiles, despite their pain and disappointment; Jasper made it to the semi-finals and crossed the line with a smile and his head held high; and Valentina finally persevered, which paid off because she ended up winning in the final!



Valentina scorching around a bend!



Jasper, blasting around the same



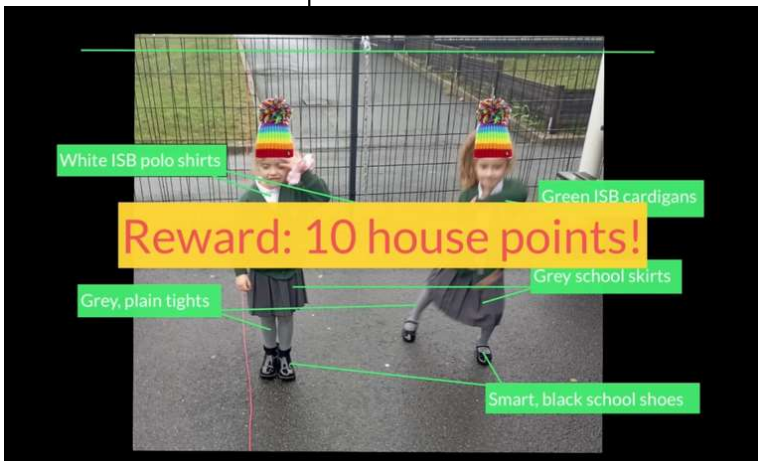
Soan and Victoria – always



Valentina receiving her trophy



The Famous Five, with their two ISB super-fans Aaryan and Aarya.



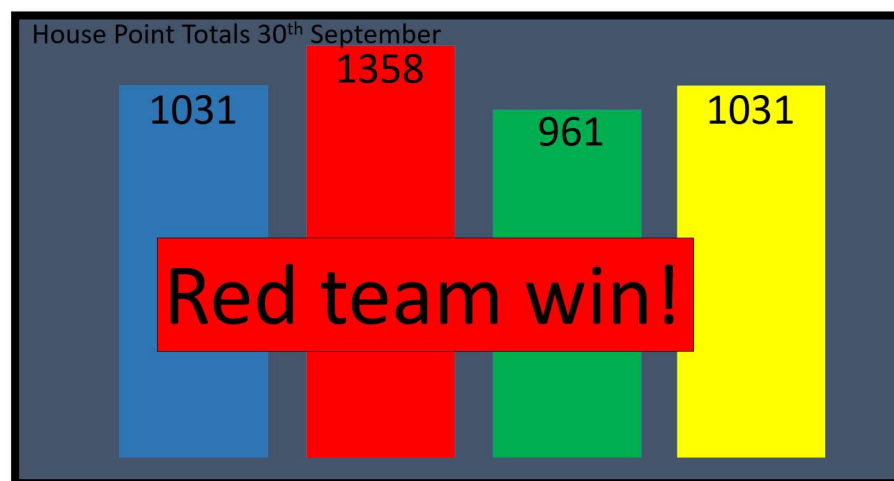
We then watched this week's episode of Ultra-Inspiring Uniforms, and it was a cracker! Lots of Grade 1 children were captured by the cameras this week, including Isabella and Juliette:

Mr Hanrahan got caught up in a moment of excitement, because he'd been spotted too! His celebration didn't last long though, because despite having the correct sports t-shirt on and sensible sports trainers, the scanner spotted that his shorts weren't ISB school shorts, and they were even the wrong colour!



If you want to watch the emotionally tumultuous episode, go and check it out on Team ISB.

Finally, the **House Captains** had been busy at lunch-time and had collected all of the house-points from all of the different classes, which Mr Hanrahan then added together, to find out who the winner of the first house-points trophy of the year was. The scores were huge, but there was only one winner, and the proud House Captain, **Masha**, came to the front to collect the big trophy, and the little trophy for the tracker.

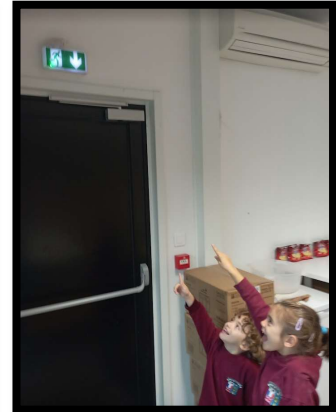


We finished the assembly by singing along to a song all about Dreams and Goals as each class walked out beautifully.

### **EYFS Whoop Wednesdays**

On Wednesday, the EYFS had their first Whoop (WWUIP) Wednesday – Wonderful Wednesdays United in Play. The Early Years and Reception classes will come together every two weeks for the morning to work, play, and learn collaboratively with the goal being to give even more opportunities for:

- **Role-modelling:** Younger children in Early Years will benefit from learning alongside their Reception peers, who will serve as positive role models in play, communication, and behaviour.
- **Social development:** Collaborative play between age groups helps foster key social skills, such as cooperation, empathy, and confidence in group settings.
- **Enhanced learning opportunities:** A variety of activities will allow children to engage in diverse learning experiences, from imaginative play to hands-on problem solving.
- **Building community:** These sessions will help create a sense of unity and shared experience between the two year groups, encouraging stronger friendships and a deeper sense of belonging within the school community.



### Photographs

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the school photographer came to take individual photos, family photos, class photos and even a whole school photo! If your child was absent, don't worry, the photographer will return on Monday, next week, the 14<sup>th</sup> !

Whilst the teachers had their photo taken together, the older children looked after the younger children.

## MONSTER MASH COSTUME DISCO!

The student council have been working hard in their meetings the last couple of weeks, to organise our first charity fund-raising event of the year and they have a real treat in store!

The student council decided that they would like to organise a **MONSTER MASH!** The Monster Mash is a **costume disco** which will take place on **Thursday, 17th October, from 15:30-16:45.**

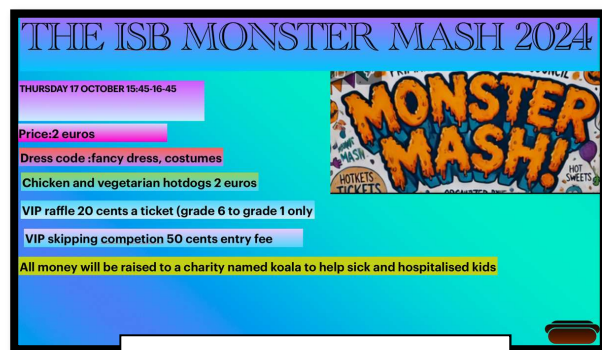
The Monster Mash will be split into three different age-groups – EYFS, Grades 1-3 and Grades 3-6.

The school council will be selling tickets in the atrium from this coming Monday morning (7<sup>th</sup> October). **Tickets will cost two euros each** and will include entrance to the Monster Mash, drinks and sweets. Children can also order **hotdogs** (chicken/vegetarian) for **2 euros** per hotdog – which will be served during the Monster Mash.

Finally, the student council will also be selling **raffle** tickets (20 cents each) for a chance to win a VIP ticket (4 available for each disco (G1-6 ONLY)). You can also sign up for a **skipping competition** with another two chances to become a VIP, for the winners (50 cents to sign up). **All money raised will go to KOALA – A local charity that helps sick children in hospital, in Pau.**



Poster made by Student Councilor Blanca – Grade 3



Poster made by Student Councilor Vega – Grade 6



Poster made by Student Councilor Hashem – Grade 3

## Library News

A big thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help with the changing of banded library books each morning. A HUGE THANK YOU too, to **Vicky and Emmanuelle** (Monty & Eliza's mum, and Ben's mum) for organising it all and agreeing to oversee the library for the primary school this year.

## Important Dates

- **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October (14:35)** – Grade 5 assembly (Grade 5 parents welcome)
- **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October (11:30)** – PTA Second-hand uniform sale / Gr1 & Gr10 Bake sale
- **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – *La Semaine du Goût* (Activities will take place during French lessons)
- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October (0900)** – PTA Meeting (ALL Welcome)
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October (1530 - 1645)** – Monster Mash (All Grades)
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - MUFTI DAY (Non-uniform)

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**Early Years:** To take advantage of the lovely sunny weather at the start of the week, we decided to take our learning outside!

We had a fantastic time making giant bubbles, dancing with scarves, painting with large brushes, and building with large construction toys- lots of fun and a wonderful workout for our gross motor skills!





**Early Years** in Music class, having so much fun exploring two different sounds: the glockenspiel (metal) and the claves (wood) to the song « Hickory Dickory Dock ».





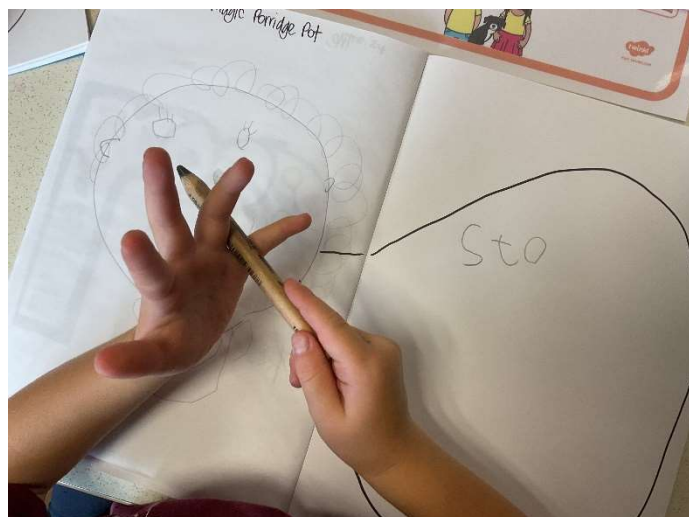
**Reception** have been building on their work on self portraits, using paint and collage to make their faces. They started off by noticing we all had different skin tones and no skin colour paint, so we each made our own!

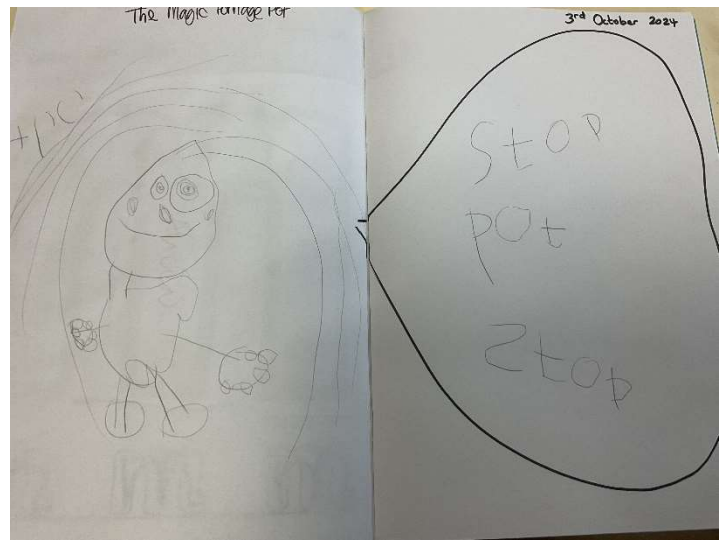
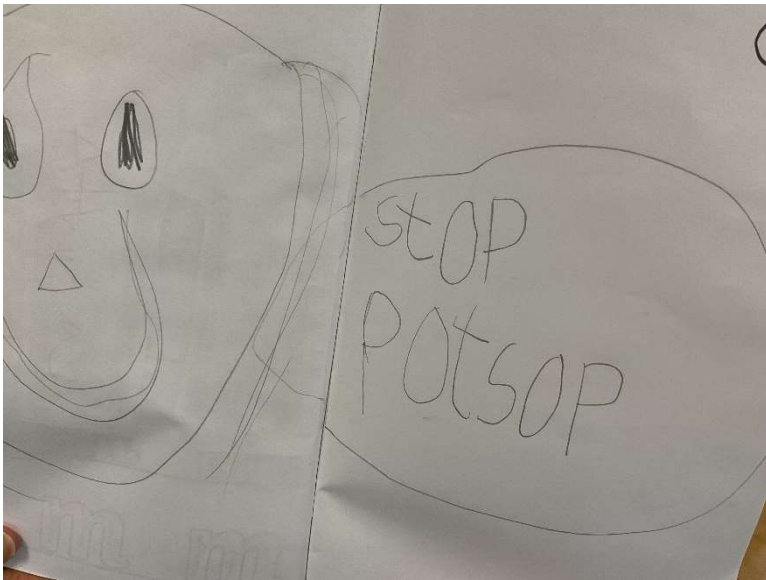






Some fantastic work building on our literacy skills in **Reception** this week, making the link between reading and writing! We are beginning to apply our knowledge of letter-sound correspondences, and had a go at writing the magic words from the story “the magic porridge pot” so we won’t forget them in case we are ever given a magic pot by a lady somewhere!





Our first whoop Wednesday was absolutely wonderful! Every fortnight Reception and Early Years will get together to have fun and learn together.





In Music class, **Reception** discovering the different textures of the classroom's buckets. Having so much fun keeping up with the beat alternating playing on the top and on the rim of the instrument!

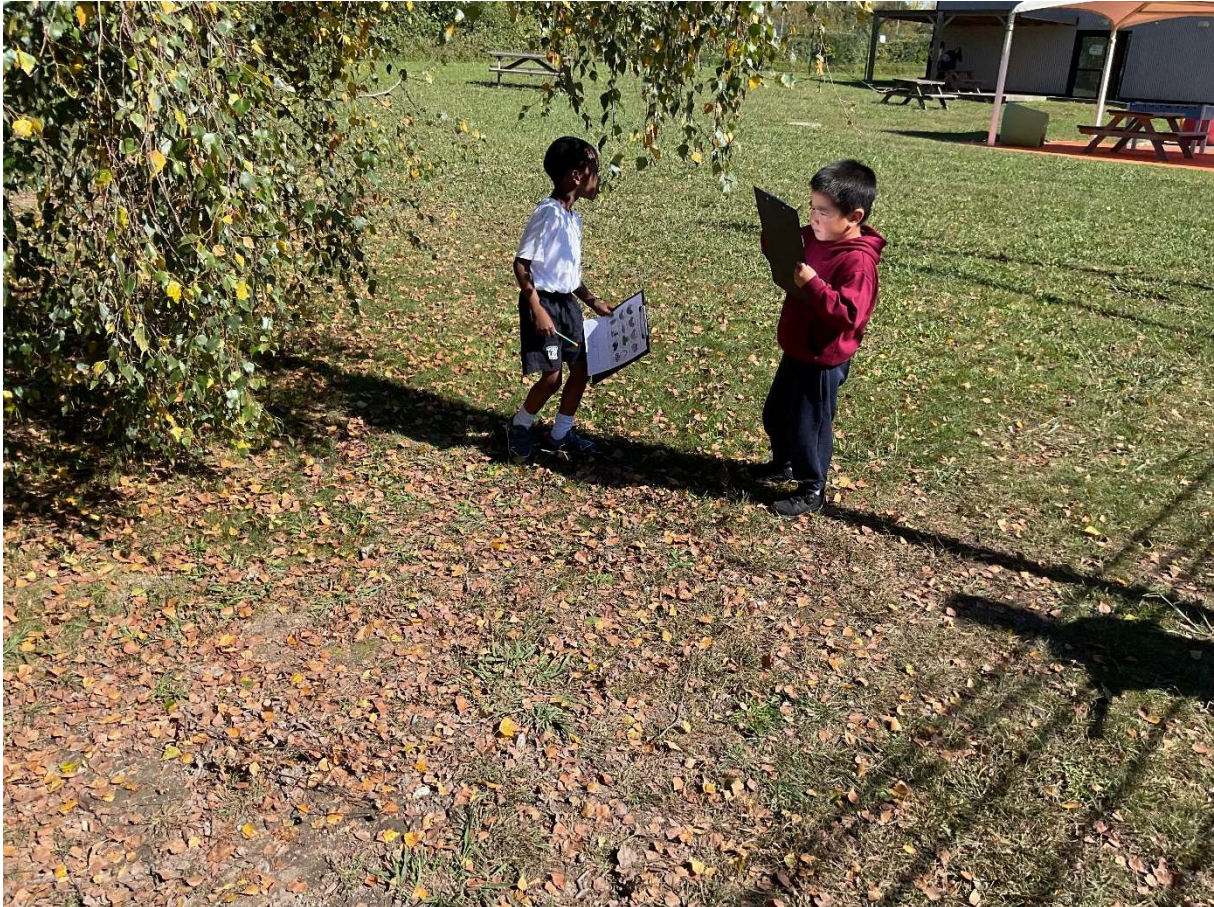


En classe de Français FR avec Miss Didi, les élèves de **Réception** ont créé une belle affiche pour célébrer l'automne 🍁. Nous avons également appris un joli poème. Rendez-vous sur notre page Teams pour découvrir les photos !

**Grade 1:** Working with shapes and us all in red, white and blue.



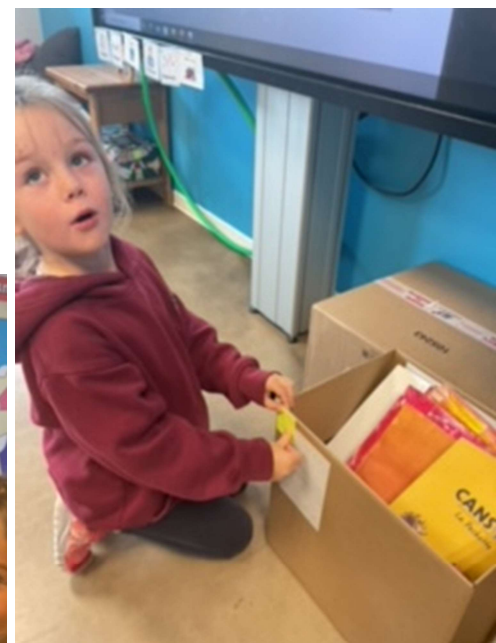
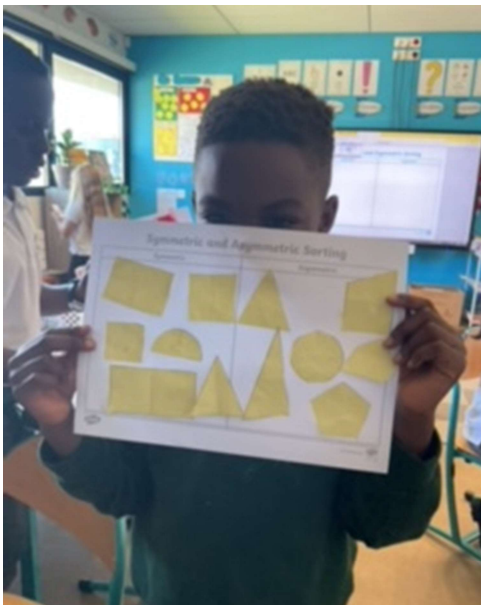
Grade 1 looking for signs of autumn.

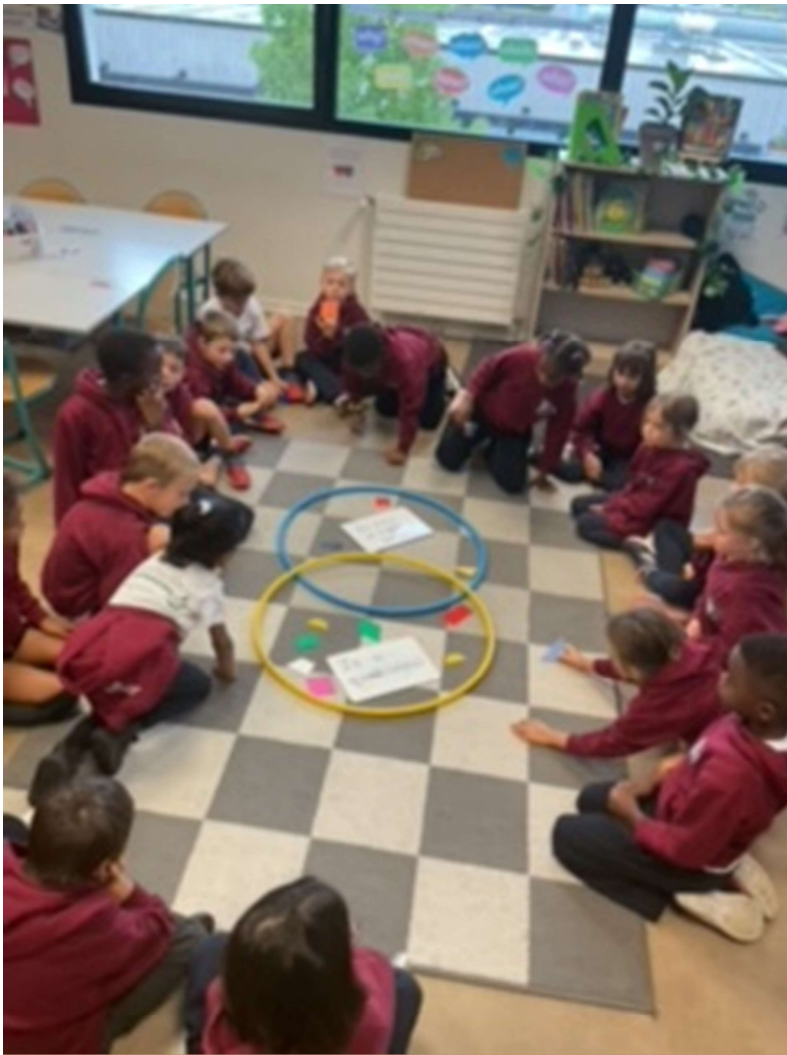


In Music, Grade 1 discovering a really fun instrument, the kazoo!



This week **Grade 2** have been working with 2 d shapes. We have been experimenting with symmetry and Tessellation and learning all about right angles! In geography we also looked at the features of a mountain village and identified all the things we found on our trip to Arette. We made a map on the wall and also some beautiful ripped paper mountain collages.





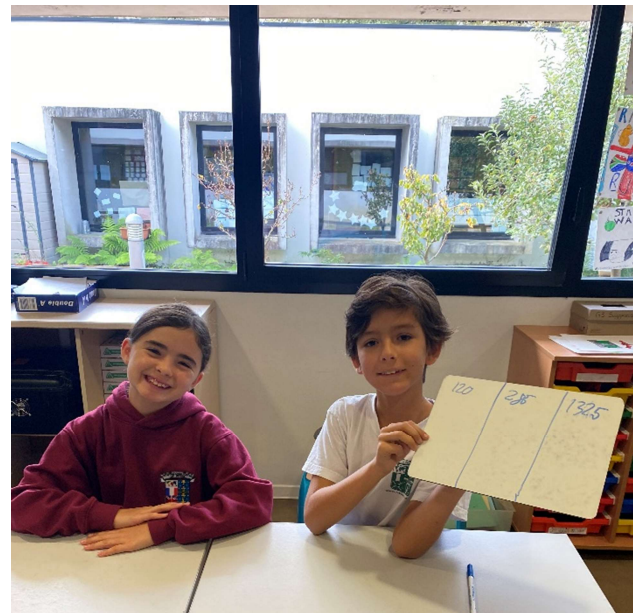
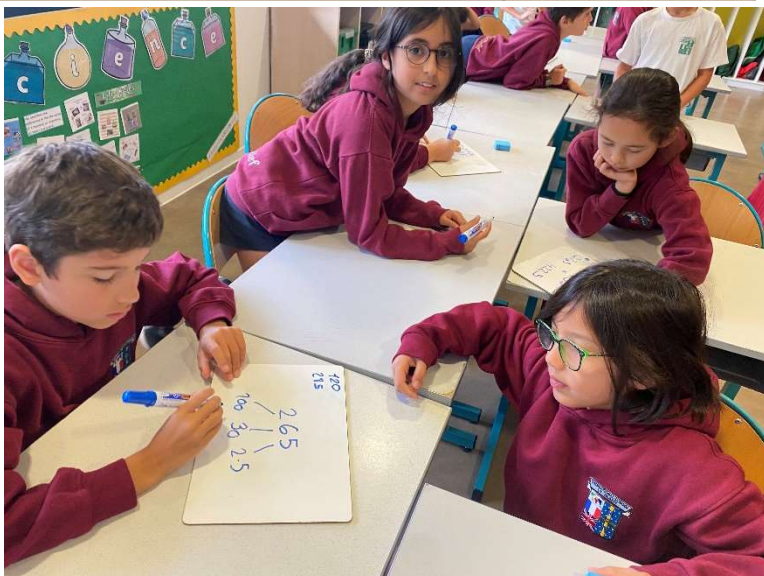
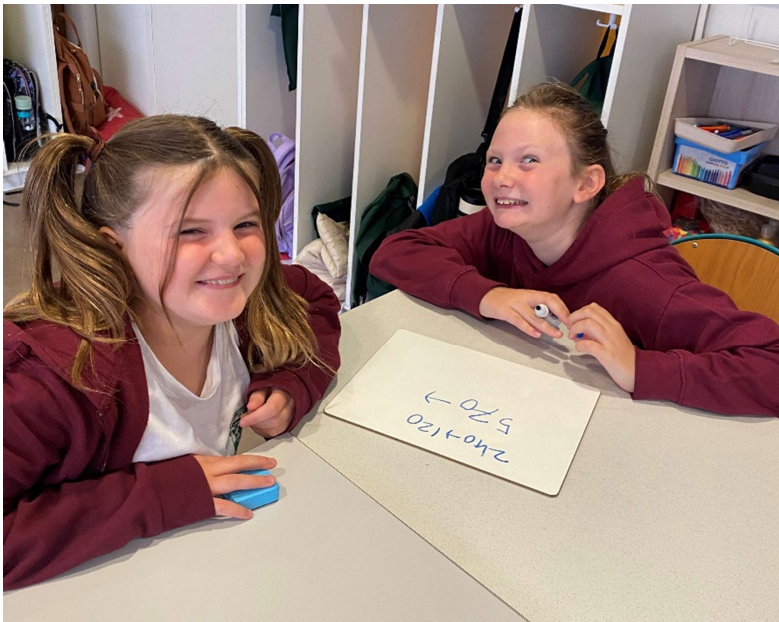




In Geography, **Grade 3** created their own bridges like the Millau viaduct. They have used lollipop sticks to do the deck and wool for the metal cables.



**Grade 5** have been getting stuck in to some super tricky Maths this week including decimals and multiplying and dividing any number by 4.



In Music, **Grade 5** learning to listen to each other's ideas, tastes and discovering that it's really cool to be unique!





**Grade 6** have been working on their I-Time proposal. This is an independent learning project where they choose something they would like to learn more about, researching and/or practising at home and in school developing a range of skills such as creativity, independence, perseverance and organisation. A great start Grade 6!







In Music, Grade 6 having a blast following a tricky Boomwhacker score!

The Secondary School is re-introducing the idea of a careers 'event' aimed at Grade 9 to Grade 13 students. It will begin on the 6<sup>th</sup> November and continue throughout the month. The idea is to invite parents/ friends/ staff to have a '**career chat**' to small groups of our students to offer an insight into their chosen career or job.

We are particularly keen to target STEAM (science, technology, arts, maths ) subject areas and to highlight female Tech role models.

If you think you would be able /interested to take part, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact the school or email to [michael.macgowan@isbearn.com](mailto:michael.macgowan@isbearn.com).

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

## **SECONDARY UPDATE 4 October 2024 by Ann Byrne**

### **Dates for your Calendar**

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

Kit lists will be sent home by email this week.

**Please note that the departure times have changed slightly and so:**

**KS4 and 5 must arrive at school for 07:15**

**KS3 must arrive at 08:00**

Return times will be confirmed by Maria on the day, however, we anticipate this will be around 18:00 for both trips.

#### **AS, A Level and IGCSE Exams Monday October 07 to 14 November**

Please note that exams are taking place between the dates above including dates during the half term break/ If your son/daughter has been entered for this exam session you will have received a statement of entry from Miss Goncalves. The exam timetable is available on your FireFly dashboard. Please email Miss Goncalves directly if you have any queries about exams: [marine.goncalves@isbearn.com](mailto:marine.goncalves@isbearn.com)

**Monday 07 October** is the second of our author visits organised by the English Department and Ms Lacoste. Between 09:00 and 10:30 students in Grade 11, and G10/G13 English Literature & Language students will attend the visit by the author Richard Krawiec.

**Tuesday 08 October** G12 Geographers are going on a field trip organised by Mr Jackson. Please contact Mr Jackson directly if you have any questions: [tom.jackson@isbearn.com](mailto:tom.jackson@isbearn.com)

**October half-term:** school closed except for exams, Monday 21 October to Friday 01 November inclusive.

**11 November school is closed for Armistice Day.**

### **FireFly**

**Please contact Mr Pearse or Ms Byrne directly if you need further help on using FireFly**

[James.pearse@isbearn.com](mailto:James.pearse@isbearn.com) or [ann.byrne@isbearn.com](mailto:ann.byrne@isbearn.com)

### **Lost Property**

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***

