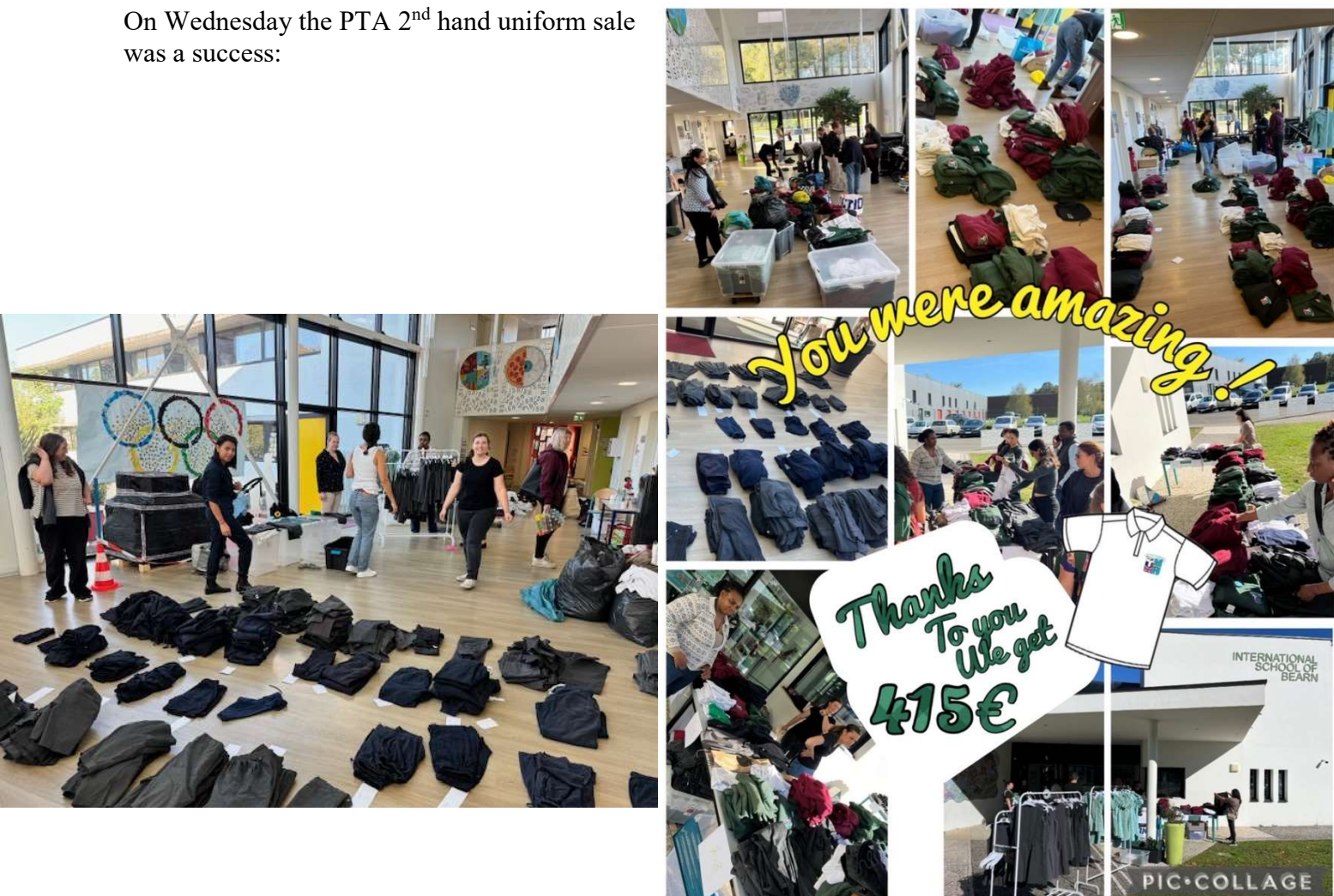




Thursday 10th October 2024

MARIA'S NOTES :

On Wednesday the PTA 2nd hand uniform sale was a success:



PRIMARY NEWS

John-Mark Hanrahan

We started this week with our usual assembly. We started off by thinking about a time that we didn't want to come to school and discussed it with a partner.

Different children then shared the reasons why they sometimes don't want to come to school - they are tired; they have a lesson that they don't like; they have something exciting at home that they want to do; grandma is visiting etc.

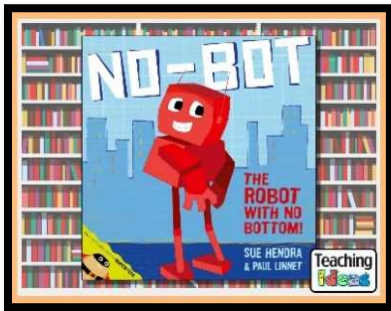
Mr Hanrahan then told us that it's normal to not want to come to school sometimes, and that from time to time, even the teachers wish that they could just stay at home! We talked about how often, just like many things, once we get to school, we don't feel so bad and actually, we end up having a good day.

We then talked about "Positive Affirmations" - **positively loaded phrases, or statements that are used to challenge unhelpful or negative thoughts.** People can use positive affirmations to motivate them, encourage positive changes in their life, or boost their self-esteem. We then listened to, and joined in with a song all about positive affirmations, which Ainara in Grade 6 recommended to Mr Hanrahan – thanks Ainara! (You can find this song on TeamISB2024). We agreed that positive affirmations are good things to say to ourselves at times when we don't want to come to school, and that even our parents could use them, when they don't want to go to work!

I get better every single day
 Today is going to be an amazing day
 I choose to feel happy
 My family love me so much
 I learn from my mistakes
 Every problem has an answer
 I deserve to feel good
 I believe in myself

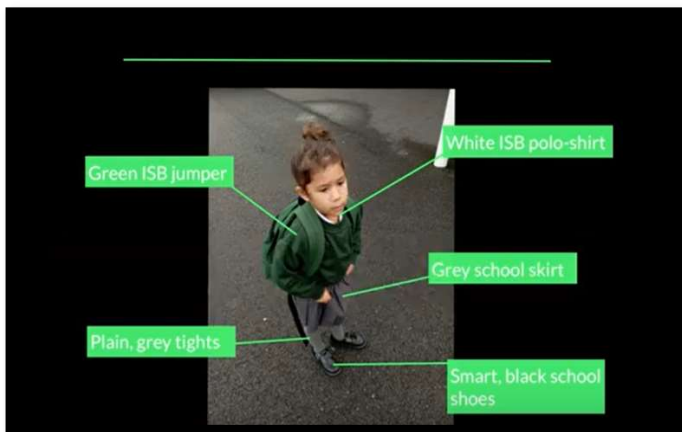
Mr Hanrahan then explained to us that on Wednesday, there was going to be a second-hand uniform sale, and although it is a brilliant way to reduce waste, he was worried because often after a uniform sale, throughout the next week or so, his office gets full of uniform which he can't give back to children, because the children whose names are in the uniforms don't even come to ISB anymore!

He then showed us a pile of uniform that had been put in his office this week, that was just like this, and he didn't know what to do with it. We all agreed that all of our uniform needs to be labelled with our name and that if we buy any uniform from the sale on Wednesday, that we are going to change the name in the uniform, for our own name.



We finally finished the assembly with a story about a robot who lost his bottom. We couldn't help but wonder that if the robot had labelled his bottom, it would have been returned to him straight away!

Due to Secondary mock exams taking place in the Hall, we had our assembly in the atrium this week, and so we couldn't watch this week's Ultra-Inspiring Uniforms, but don't worry – you can catch this week's uniform scanner action on **Team ISB**



Luna in Grade 1, was awarded 10 house points this week, for being one of our impeccably dressed students!

Grade 5 Assembly

Next Monday, 14th October, it will Grade 5s turn to lead the assembly! **All Grade 5 parents** are warmly invited to attend the assembly that starts at 1445, in the hall. If you want to come, please try to arrive by 1435.

MONSTER MASH COSTUME DISCO!

The student council have been selling tickets in the atrium every morning this week for the incredible 'Monster Mash', which is happening next Thursday for all students, from Early Years to Grade 6. Tickets will be on sale Monday and Tuesday next week too, if you haven't managed to get them yet!

The Monster Mash is a **costume disco** which will take place on **Thursday, 17th October, from 15:30-16:45**.

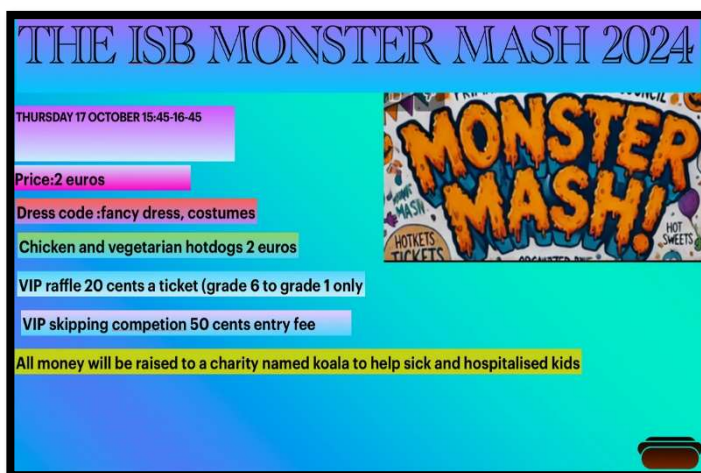
The Monster Mash will be split into three different age-groups – EYFS, Grades 1-3 and Grades 3-6.

The school council will be selling tickets in the atrium from this coming Monday morning (7th 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



SAVE THE DATE!

The popular **PTA Christmas Fayre** returns to ISB on Friday November 29th at 15:30. Following the success of last year's fayre, this is bound to be another great event that you don't want to miss out on! More details to come shortly.

Important Dates

- **Monday 14th October (1435)** – Grade 5 assembly (Grade 5 parents welcome)
- **Monday 14th – Friday 18th October** – *La Semaine du Goût* (Activities will take place during French lessons)
- **Wednesday 16th October (0900)** – PTA Meeting (ALL Welcome)
- **Thursday 17th October (1530 - 1645)** – Monster Mash (3 Discos/All Grades)
- **Friday 18th October** – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - MUFTI DAY (Non-uniform)

This week, in **Early Years**, we had lots of fun making prints with autumn leaves and experimenting with colour mixing.

In Mathematics, we have been exploring repeats and line patterns.

We also enjoyed listening to a story about a hedgehog called 'Don't Hog the Hedge' and created a small shelter in the school garden. We are hoping a little hedgehog will move in and make it a cosy home for Winter.





This week, **Reception** have been reading and retelling the traditional tale “The enormous Turnip”. When the old man can’t pull the turnip out by himself, instead of giving up, or getting upset, he asks for help!

Reception have been acting out the story, thinking about who they would ask for help, and linking this to maths work by working out what one more than a given number is!





Grade 1 looking for signs of Autumn.

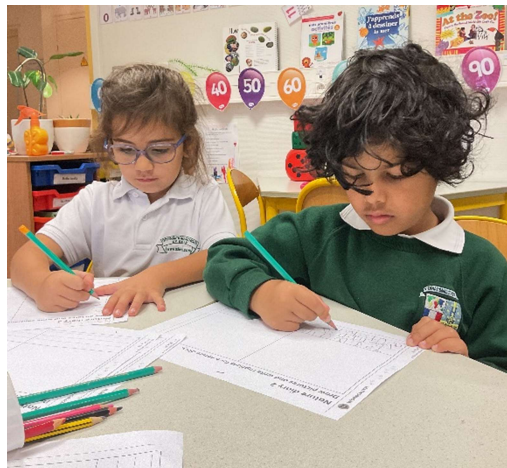


Lots of outdoor learning for Grade 1 this week. Pond discovery, sound walk and some amazing work in class.



Working with shapes and us all in red, white and blue.

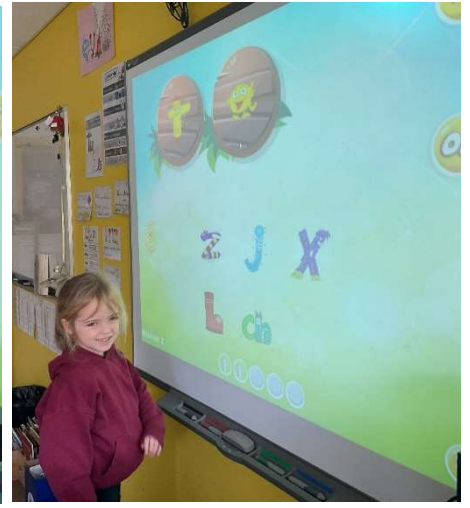
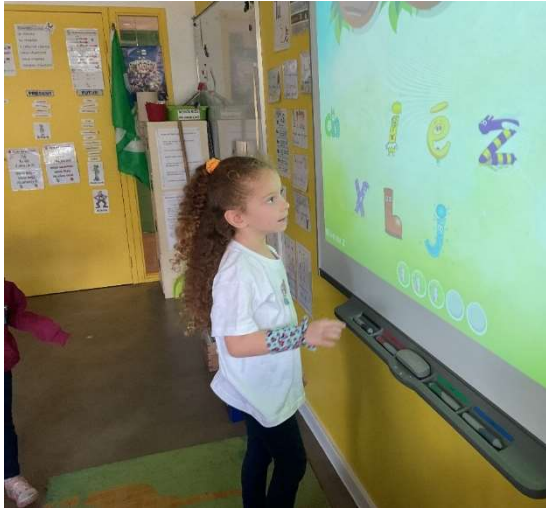




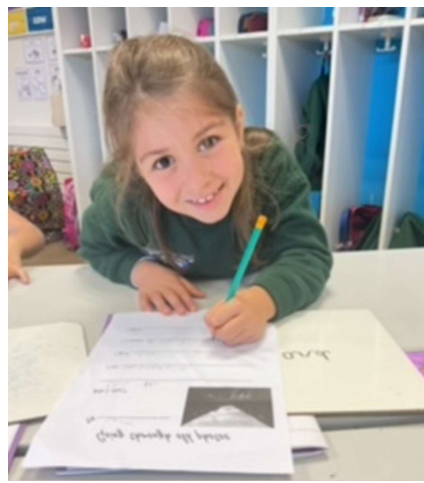
Dans le cadre de la préparation de la Semaine du Goût 2024, les élèves de la classe **Grade 1** apprennent les noms des fruits 🍇 🍌 🍎 🍓 en français avec Miss Didi et participent à un jeu de rôle intitulé "Au marché". À travers de cette activité ludique, ils développent non seulement leur vocabulaire, mais aussi leurs compétences en communication tout en s'amusant à reproduire des échanges du quotidien. Bravo, Grade 1 !



Les élèves de **Grade 1**, avec Ms Murielle, apprennent à créer des syllabes avec les alphas. Quel plaisir d'apprendre en s'amusant.



In maths **Grade 2** have been consolidating our knowledge and understanding of greater than and less than using symbols. We also had time to write some poems in English!





Here is Grade 2's recent Art project completed. First they developed leaf prints with chosen leaf. Then either working in hot or cold colours using oil-pastels filling the background with their chosen colour family. They are stunning pieces of art 🍷 🍷





Grade 2 Music:
It's great to be back in music with Ms Clara!

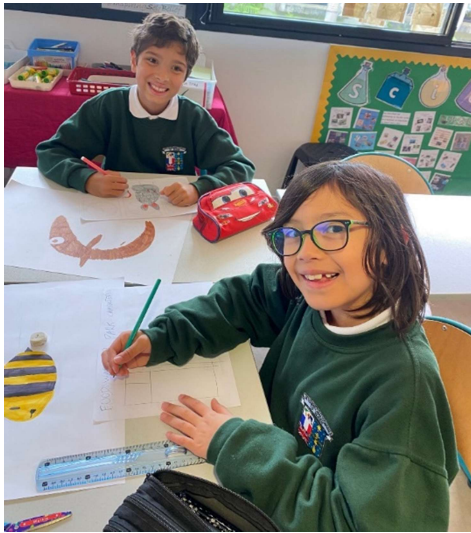
In Science, **Grade 3** have made their own arm bones with joints and muscles.





Grade 5 enjoyed a very well deserved Golden Time on Thursday afternoon as their reward for winning their positive behaviour marble challenge!





In maths this week, **Grade 6** have been learning about how to measure weight in grams and kilograms and how to measure capacity in millilitres and litres. We have been estimating, measuring and converting between the measures by either multiplying or dividing by 1000.



On Friday the 4th and Monday the 7th of October, **Grade 11** had the pleasure of meeting two phenomenal authors. For two hours each, we talked to them about worldly matters, as well as their perspectives on life and how that affects their writing. It was interesting, because both of their stories were very different.

Richard Krawiec has moved around the whole of the US, throughout his life, while **William Boyle** grew up in New York and has spent a portion of his adult life in Mississippi, remaining close to his roots in New York still.

Krawiec writes about minorities like people on death row, and is very involved in charities helping people in need of a voice, while Boyle is a “neo-noir” writer who focuses on crime stories heavily influenced by where he grew up.

During the visits, we listened attentively, engrossed in what they had to say. Both authors briefed us on their opinions on the ongoing elections in America; neither were particularly optimistic. On a more humorous note, we acted scenes from one of Krawiec’s books, sang sea shanties, and analysed poems and short stories!

Overall, It was a worthwhile experience to not only meet but interact with these intellectuals. They were good company, and we hope they enjoyed the sessions as much as we did!

Thank you to Ms. Nathalie and the English Department for making this possible!

Chidera Onubogu, Grade 11



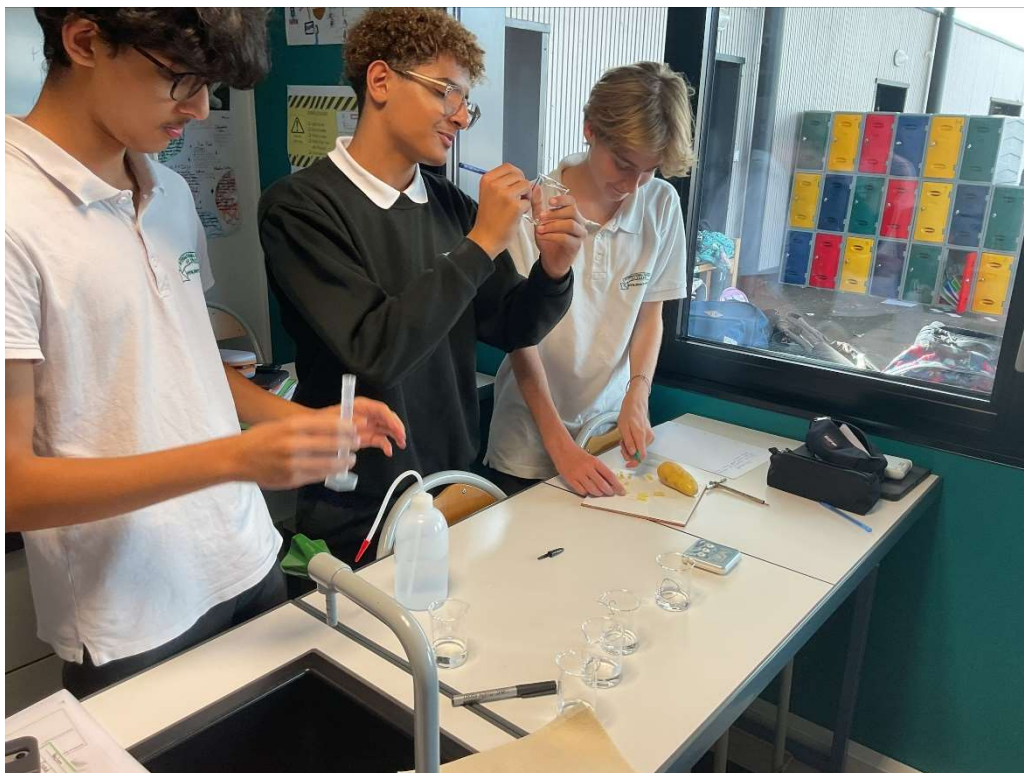


On Tuesday **Grade 12** Geographers went to the Gave de Lourdoios Ichere to study river processes and landforms in preparation for their AS exams. The weather was fantastic and everyone threw themselves into the day!





Grade 11 Biology have been doing lots of different experiments to investigate photosynthesis and osmosis.

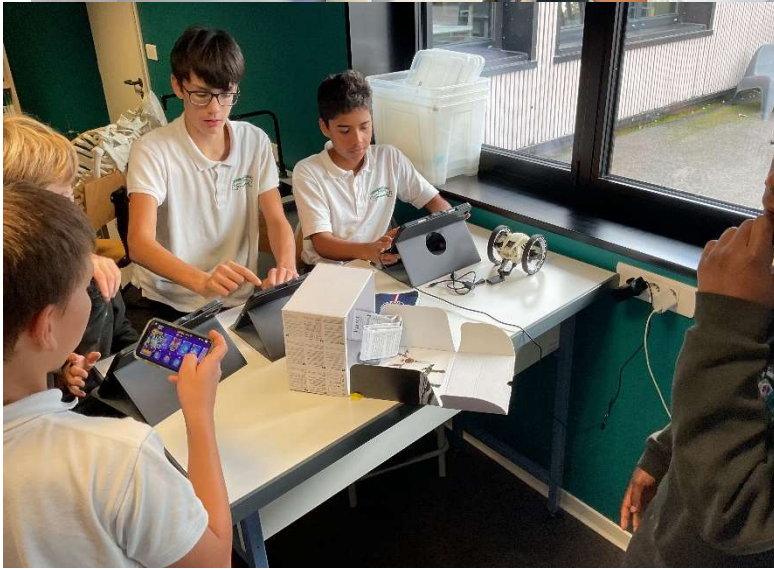




Grade 12 Biology have conducted Core Practical 2, which was an investigation about antioxidants in different orange juices.



The Secondary Remote control after school club with Mr Lesnik :



SECONDARY UPDATE 12 October 2024 by Ann Byrne

Thank you to the PTA for Friday's Pizza party. All children loved it. Merci

Secondary Show 2025

Mr Yeung-Pearce and his team, Miss Goigoux, Mrs Payne and Mr Lesnik, have just completed auditions and have started rehearsals for this year's show "School of Rock" which will take place on 04 February 2025 at Lons, espace Chambaud.

Dates for your Calendar

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

KS4 and 5 must arrive at school for 07:15

KS3 must arrive at 08:15

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

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

11 November school is closed for Armistice Day.

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*Have a nice week
Très Bonne Semaine
Maria*

