



Newsletter

8th February 2017

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International School, Luxembourg
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Work Day**



St George's Science Week 2017



British Ambassador Talks to St George's Secondary Students



AMIS Solo and Ensemble Festival

Dear Parents,

Our visitors from COBIS are currently at school, meeting students, staff and governors and also meeting with a group of parents alongside their scheduled visits to a number of lessons across the school. I am sure that all students and staff have made them feel welcome and we look forward to discussing their findings with them at the end of their visit.

We were very grateful to HE John Marshall the British Ambassador to Luxembourg who made time in his very busy schedule to speak to our secondary students about his career and experiences. Our students gain so much from these visits and discussions in meeting with professionals across a wide range of areas.

Book week is fast approaching and we look forward to welcoming Gillian Cross to the school later this month together with an adapted version of the 'Demon Headmaster' on stage for all to enjoy!

As every week, I see such a wide variety in activities and excellent work in lessons – well done students for your efforts and creativity!

With my best regards,
Dr Barkei

**2017/2018
Academic
Calendar**

Whole School News



Healthy Snacks and Lunches

Healthy snacks and a healthy lunch are an important part of your child's diet. If you do not do so already, please consider giving your child/ren more fruit and vegetables for them to snack on during the day and healthy balanced packed lunches. Thank you -
The School Nurses.

The Friends of St George's



Spring Ball 2017 | Auditorium, Saturday 18th March | TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

The Friends of St George's invites all parents and staff to the St George's International School Spring Ball on **Saturday 18th March**. Guests will be greeted by a cocktail reception at 7:00pm followed by a buffet dinner with wine. Dancing and entertainment will be presented by DJ Paul Marshall & Bob Christy. Dress: Black Tie / Formal Wear
Tickets cost €75 per person.

****Tickets are on sale now** Limited Number of Tickets Available.**

Step 1: Reserve your ticket(s) via the Parent Portal - Select 'Spring Ball 2017 (Adults)' on the left hand side

Step 2: Make payment via bank transfer. (Details below)

IMPORTANT: please state 'Spring Ball' and the number of tickets required in the communications.

If you are unable to purchase the tickets via bank transfer you may also buy them at the Reception desk.

Step 3: If you purchased your ticket via online bank transfer please bring your proof of payment to the Reception to redeem your tickets (deadline Friday 17th March).

N.B If you reserved ticket(s) and fail to make a payment / do not cancel them by the Friday 10th March you will be invoiced for the full amount.

Account Details:

Name: St George's International School, Luxembourg
Address: 11 rue des Peupliers, L-2328 LUXEMBOURG
Account Number (IBAN) LU76 0019 2455 3244 8000
Bank Name Banque et Caisse d'Epargne de l'Etat (BCEE)
Bank Address Place de Metz
L-2954 LUXEMBOURG
Bank BIC or SWIFT code: BCEELULLXXX

Each ticket is numbered which will give you the chance to win a special prize on the night!

Children's Sports Clothes and Second hand St George's Sports Kit

Do you have last year's Sports clothes to sell? Good quality St George's sports kit? If so, you may post them on the [Friends of St George's Facebook Page](#).

A box will soon appear in the Reception for donations of good quality used St George's sports kit to be sold via the Facebook page for charity should you wish to donate it. Thank you.



'Spicy Friday' Fundraiser Lunch | Friday 10th February

You may remember our fundraising for a 9-year-old boy in rural Uganda who needed a prosthetic leg following an above-knee amputation. He has had a wonderful two years with the prosthetic leg we provided, but guess what...he has grown and now needs a new one! We are also fundraising for him to go to the village boarding school during the week, as the 4 miles walking from his home are painful for him. He also needs a mattress and school supplies for the new school. We are having a 'Spicy Friday' lunch on **Friday 10th February** at the home of one of our members. Those who would like to

attend are asked to donate €20. Please contact Lisa at thecelticspirals@gmail.com if you'd like to join. Any donations are much appreciated. Thank you.

Indian Cooking Morning | Wednesday 15th February

The Friends of St George's is having its next cooking morning on **Wednesday 15th February**. Spaces are limited. We'll be learning how to cook authentic Indian vegetarian dishes and enjoy lunch together. The morning begins at 10:00am and there will be a small cooking fee to cover the costs. Sign up at friends@st-georges.lu.

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IMPORTANT: Kiss & Fly Rules and Regulations

When using Kiss & Fly please ensure your child is ready to get out of the car promptly and carefully. Please do not spend more than a few minutes at Kiss & Fly; we need parents to ensure their child is as organised as possible to allow Kiss & Fly to run as efficiently as possible. Staff supervise Kiss & Fly from 8:00-8:30am and 3:15-3:30pm, please ensure you follow their instructions. The speed limit is 10km/h.



Donate your Old Umbrellas for Refugees in Luxembourg

Telstar Scouts are collecting unwanted umbrellas in good condition for refugees in Luxembourg. Please bring them to the Reception area and place them in the designated umbrella stand. Thank you.



St George's Double Entendre

St George's has a wonderful adult choir called 'Double Entendre', they meet every Tuesday from 7:30-9:00pm at the school. All abilities are very welcome and no prior experience is needed. The choir director Pete Heley is keen to recruit more singers to the fun group. Their next practice is **Tuesday 14th February** so please do consider coming along.



You Know It Makes Cents

As part of the fundraising activities for 'Relais Pour La Vie' (a charity fundraising for cancer research) The aim is to lay a long line of cent coins in the playground before the Relais to create a snake of coins. The longer the better! Please help us get this project underway by donating 1, 2 and 5 cent coins. You can place your contributions in the collecting jar at the Reception Desk. Many thanks for your help.

Club Information



Is Your Child a Young Entrepreneur or Designer?

Students can discover their talents with the St George's Design and Technology Enterprise competition (**open to Years 6-13**)! All the information can be found under the Primary or Secondary Resources tab of the Parent Portal with textile or wood tech options. Submission date: **24th April 2017**.

The work can also be done in a school club on Mondays by contacting **clubs@st-georges.lu**. Please contact Mrs Dishman via **thecelticspirals@gmail.com** to sign up for the competition

Recorder Ensemble with Ms Bydder | Thursday | 12:20-12:50pm

Level expected: to be able to read and play notes C to high E. For Year 5 and above. 12 students maximum. The club is free of charge but regular attendance is required. Students are expected to bring their own recorder. Register via **clubs@st-georges.lu**.

To view this page please log into the Parent Portal



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Tuesday 14th February

Parent Info Session: Early Years Foundation Stage "Ready, Steady, Read!", Conference room (8:30-9:30am)

Friday 17th February

Circus Dress-Up Day to raise money for Afghan MMCC (all Primary students) Don't forget to bring in a euro.

Friday 17th February

**Spelling Bee Final (8:30 - 9:30am)
Parents of the Finalists are invited**

**Carnival half-term holidays
20th-24th February**

27th February - 3rd March

Book Week with Gillian Cross

Tuesday 28th February

**The Demon Headmaster
Performance in school (for students to attend)**

Tuesday 28th February

**Parent Meeting Year 3 Residential
Trip to Chevetogne, Conference room, (8:30 to 9:30am)**

Thursday 2nd March

**The Demon Headmaster
performance Open to the Public.
Auditorium, (6:00pm)**

Friday 3rd March

**Book Character
Dress up Day**

Friday 10th March

**Year 3 Brandenburg- Parent
Assembly, Auditorium,
(8:30 to 8:50am)**

Primary News

School Eye Tests

The Ministry of Health will carry out an eye test on all students in Reception and Year 1. The dates for this are **14th February and the 6th & 7th March**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school medical office.

School Medicals

School medicals will be carried out by Dr Welter and a nurse from the Ministry of Health. The medical consists of general checks for growth. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Medical Office.

05S – 16.02.2017

03B – 23.03.2017

03K – 06.04.2017

05U – 16.03.2017

03H – 30.03.2017

RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) Lessons

RSE lessons will commence 27th February. If you wish to withdraw your child from the lessons please email Mrs Skinner **MP2APL@st-georges.lu** for Years 3 and 4 or Ms Watson **MP3APL@st-georges.lu** for Years 5 and 6.

EYFS Ready Steady Read Reading workshop | Tuesday 14th February

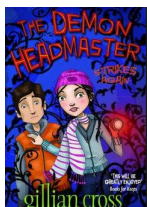
Don't forget our exciting EYFS Ready Steady Read Reading workshop for Parents on **Tuesday 14th February 2017** from 8:30-9:30am in the Conference room.

The workshop will be presented by Clare Bradley who is an EYFS Literacy consultant and Deputy Head from England. Clare will be speaking on the importance of reading aloud and reading to children, as well as introduce to you the simple view of reading and some lovely texts that will engage your child with books.

The workshop will be for both Nursery and Reception parents. We look forward to seeing you there!

Book Week | 27th February - 3rd March

It's that time of year again! Book Week will be taking place from **27th February to 3rd March**! We are delighted to announce that the visiting author this year is Gillian Cross, winner of the Carnegie Medal and the Whitbread Children's Book Award. A book fair will take place in the Conference Room on **Tuesday 28th February** and St George's LAMDA club students (Year 6 and above) will be performing an adaptation of 'The Demon Headmaster', at 6:00pm on **Thursday 2nd March**. A book character Dress-Up Day will be held on **Friday 3rd March**.



Usborne Books | Tuesday 14th February | 9:00am

Usborne Books leaflets will be sent home to all Primary students this week, offering a wide range of titles to choose from. The deadline to return all completed order forms to Reception is 9:00am on **Tuesday 14th February**.

Key Stage 2 News

Science Week Overview

Milepost 2 very much enjoyed Science Week, Year 3 concentrated on electricity while Year 4 experimented with hearing. Year 3 discovered how to make circuits, the meaning of conductors and insulators; particularly noting that not every type of metal is a conductor. Year 4 had the delight of having a real scientist come to visit. Many thanks to Mr Assad who firstly presented to all of Primary in assembly and then came to each Year 4 class.



Year 4 IPC Homework

On Monday, Year 4 students brought into school an array of boxes, some even complete with live animals! As part of their IPC topic, 'Land, Sea and Sky', each student researched and studied a wetland from around the world and then reproduced some of this information in a display. Creative homework makes learning memorable for all and many will be keeping these fantastic pieces for many years to come.

Year 3 Royal Banquet

Year 3 had a wonderful morning sharing their knowledge about the royal family, royalty and castles with their parents. The parents very kindly brought in a wonderful feast for us all to enjoy from around the world. The students enjoyed dressing up as various members of royal family, as did some staff! The event finished with the students reciting a lovely poem about royals.

Many thanks to the staff for organising the event and to the parents for bringing in such a delicious feast – fit for a royal banquet!



Primary News

Key Stage 2 News



Run4Life Marathon

Children in Years 3 to 6 have started this week aiming to complete a marathon over the course of the year. A letter and sponsorship forms have gone out to parents.

Each year group will run on the new running track at least once a week during lunchtime. They will keep track of the number of laps they run, 6 laps equalling 1km. Their progress will be kept track of in the classroom throughout the year and wristbands will be given out for each kilometer. We want the students to get a real sense of achievement as they progress towards completing a marathon and raise money for charity in the meantime.

Year 6 - Year 7 Transition Information Evening, Thursday 9th February | 6:00pm – 7:30pm

The Year 6 to Year 7 transition information evening will be an opportunity for parents with children currently in Year 6 to learn more about the Secondary school. Parents along with their son/daughter are invited to meet with the Secondary Head Teacher Mr Mark Fleet, the Assistant Head Teacher, Mr Gary Cooper and several other key members of staff who will be working with your son/daughter in the Secondary school from September.

The transition process from Year 6 to Year 7 will be explained, there will be a Q&A panel for parents and a group of current Year 7 students to provide a student perspective on the transition from Primary to Secondary school. For more information please [click here](#).



Benelux International Quiz | Friday 10th February

Milepost 3 (Years 5 and 6) is very excited about sending a team to this year's Benelux Schools International Quiz to be held on **Friday 10th February** at ISF Waterloo International School in Brussels.



Spelling Bees | Friday 17th February | 8:30 - 9:30am

After many great 'battles', we now have all our finalists for the Spelling Bee, this year! Congratulations to:

Year 3: Earth – Guilio (3K), Fire – William (3B), Water – Silvia (3B), Wind – Oscar (3K) as Mira will not be able to compete

Year 4: Earth – Lauren (4D), Fire – Lucy (4P), Water – Abhipoorna (4F), Wind – Giorgio (4R)

Year 5: Earth – Carolina (5S), Fire – Luke (5S), Water – Alexandros (5S), Wind – Maryssa (5S)

Year 6: Earth – Michelle (6W), Fire – Julian (6W), Water – Elias (6B), Wind - Liam (6B)

Well done to everyone who entered. The finale will be held on **Friday 17th February** and parents of the finalists are invited to attend.

Secondary News

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Medical Case Studies lecture, Auditorium (4:30pm - 6:00pm)

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Friday 3rd March
Year 9 Bring Sons and Daughters to Work Day

6th - 10th March
Erasmus Partners in School

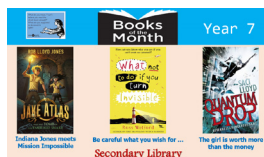
6th - 10th March
Year 9 Taster Week

Thursday 9th March
Key Stage 5 Information Evening for Year 11 (6:00 to 8:00pm)

Saturday 18th March
Friends of St George's Spring Ball, Auditorium, (7:00pm - midnight)

23rd - 25th March
GIN Conference

Secondary News



Click here to view the Book of the Month for Year 7, 8 and 9.

Due to the Secondary Parent/Teacher Student Conferences the following clubs will be cancelled:

Thursday 16th February 2017

Ukulele Club
International Sports Team Club
Study Hall
Secondary Homework Club
Mérite Jeunesse

Wednesday 1st March 2017

Board Games Club
Choir (Secondary)
Girls 5-a-side Football Club
Secondary Homework Club

Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (Secondary) | Thursday, 16th February and Wednesday, 1st March 2017

The meetings with teachers will take place on **Thursday 16th February** and **Wednesday 1st March 2017** from 4:00-7:00pm. Parents of all Key Stages can arrange meetings on both days.

If parents wish to make an appointment with staff, they are welcome to do so via the student planner. If a teacher has asked to see you, your son/daughter (KS3 and KS4) will have a note in their planner.

As these days run from 4:00 – 7:00pm, parents are asked to write the hours they will be attending in their son/daughters planner, on the report page. This way, both the teachers and the students will be able to make appointments at the correct times. This procedure will be explained to all the students by their tutors.

Please be reminded that students should leave the site at 3:15pm and come back with their parents.

As always, we expect all Secondary students whose parents have made an appointment with a teacher to attend the Parent-Teacher-Student Conference!

Stage Combat Training Workshop | Saturday 11th February | 9:30am - 5:00pm

On **Saturday 11th February**, Students from Year 9 – Year 12 will be participating in an exciting day of stage combat training in the Auditorium. Students should arrive in school at 9:30am to be registered and warmed up for a 10:00am start. Please can parents collect students promptly at 5:00pm.

Students Need to Bring:

A bottle of water, a packed lunch and enough snacks for the day. Please wear clothing which is easy to move in (i.e. gym kit or loose fitting drama clothes).

For more information about the workshop leaders visit:
<https://www.rc-annie.com>.

Secondary News



Secondary Students Teach Primary During Science Week

Students in Year 6 received a special lesson as part of Science Week last week. Year 7 students came to the Primary school to teach students about friction and moving bodies. Using physical demonstrations, and with help from the Year 6 audience, the older students gave fun and interactive demonstrations of how friction works, along with some basics of acceleration and speeds of cars. All the more impressive was that the students delivered the presentation on their own and entirely in French. Special thanks to Macarena, Flavio, Leonardo, Aoibhe, Rahul, Thomas and Ronan who all excelled as caring, knowledgeable and inclusive teachers.

[Click here](#) to read the students' quotes and to see more photos.



Safer Internet Day

Earlier this week, we welcomed specialists from BeeSecure and Microsoft in the Secondary school.

They spoke to all Key Stage 3 students about the safety of the Internet.

Students discussed the problems of social media as well as what influence the use of phones has on our brains and on our health.



BeeSecure has launched a campaign against Hate speech and students were invited to share their thoughts on this issue.

They were introduced to Stopline and the BeeSecure Helpline – a service provided by the Luxembourgish government to support victims of Cyber bullying and Hate speech. For more information please visit <https://www.bee-secure.lu>.



'NEW' Extra-curricular Lecture Event | Monday 27th February | 4:30-6:00pm | Auditorium

On **Monday 27th February** from 4:30-6:00pm, as part of a new initiative led by the St George's Student Leadership team, a 'Medical Case Studies' lecture will take place in the Auditorium.

The speakers will be:

- Mrs Sonia Alvarez (paramedic in Luxembourg)
- Mrs Lynda Reid (physiotherapist)
- Mrs Lisa Dishman (former GP)

Each professional will present a mini-medical case study, following which, there will be a chance to discuss and problem solve cases relating to each scenario. Among the subjects discussed will be pain management, emergency services and handling serious accidents (from a medical point of view).

The aim is to provide a unique interactive and enriching activity to broaden students' horizons and expand their knowledge and understanding of how the world around us functions. Although especially relevant to biology and chemistry students and enthusiasts, this event is open to all students from Years 10-13 as well as adults, and the material is designed to be comprehensible without requiring previous knowledge or study.

Light refreshments will be available.

As a bonus, participants can also receive a certificate of attendance, which may help with higher education applications.

We will greatly appreciate your attendance, as part of an effort to make this programme successful, and continue to bring professionals to speak in our school in the future.

If you would like to attend, please let us know by sending an email to deputyheadboy@students.st-georges.lu so that we can gauge the size of the audience. Please do not hesitate to contact us via email if you have further questions.

Thank you,

Jonathan Topaz (Deputy Head boy)

Robert Shaw (Director of Sixth Form)

St George's News

Community News



Compassionate Parenting Workshop Series in Italian | Friday 10th February

A compassionate parenting workshop series will be offered in Italian beginning **Friday 10th February** in central Luxembourg. The workshops are led by a registered psychologist and trainer. The approach is based on non-violent communication, competent child theories, and peaceful parenting techniques. There are four 2-hour workshops in total, to be held once a week for the price of €100 with tea & coffee provided. Contact info@vidime.org or call 691 229 933 to join. More information available at www.facebook.com/vidime.org.



Charity Arts Festival

Sunday, 12 February 2017
13:30 – 20:00
Eglise du St. Esprit

Charity Arts Festival | Sunday 12th February

The Anglican Church of Luxembourg is hosting a Charity Arts Festival on **Sunday 12th February**. Music and theatre from 10 ensembles, children's activities, books, food and drink. Visit www.anglican.lu for more information.



Spanish Gourmand | Order until Sunday 19th February

Spanish delicatessen straight from small producers with limited high-quality productions.

Find all information on Facebook@ "[Spanish Gourmand](#)" or send an email to spanishgourmand@gmail.com.



Football Camp Carnival 2017 | 20th - 24th February | 9:00am - 4:00pm

Five days of football training from **20th February to the 24th February**, 9:00am - 4:00pm in Luxembourg. More information can be found on www.2xsoccer.lu.



Happy Fitness Carnival Camp | 20th - 24th February

For the Carnival holidays, Happy Fitness is offering a five day camp for children aged 5 years and above. The Happy Week Camp will take place from the **20th to the 24th of February**. The program consists of: fitness, capoeira, team games, and extra club activities such as climbing, skating and balloon activities. You will find all the information on [Happy Fitness Facebook](#) and www.happyfitness.lu or by sending an e-mail to info@happyfitness.lu.

Register your child [here](#)!

If you would like to share your community events, please email communications@st-georges.lu before 10:00am every Tuesday. Please note that these events are not organised by the School and we provide this listing as a consideration towards our community.