



**St George's**  
International School, Luxembourg  
A.S.B.L.

# Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016

## Weather Warning

If the School decides to close due to inclement weather, the decision will be communicated ASAP on the school's website, on Radio ARA (102.9 MHz) and by text message to parents and staff who have signed the SMS Consent Form.

## Important Notices

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Secondary Dress-up day**

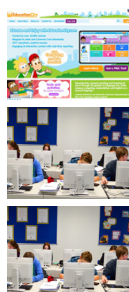
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Primary Carnival Dress-up day**  
**- come dress in your favourite costume**

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**Parent Invitation Assembly Year 6 Wiltz Ms Smith Hamilius Gym (8:30-8:50am)**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Charity Dress up day**  
**'Onesie' or 'Wrong Trousers'.**  
**All money raised goes towards 'Relais pour la Vie'.**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February**  
**St George's International Quiz**  
**Night Conference Room.**

**View our**  
**Academic**  
**Calendar**  
**2016-17.**



**Year 2 student on top of the Education City leader board!**

**School students come top of the annual 'Top of The Bench' competition**

**Primary School Disco**

## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Our academic calendar for 2016-2017 has now been approved and is available on the School website. It can also be accessed by clicking below in the left banner. We are mindful of both the local school calendars and also the UK school schedules when setting term dates; please use the calendar to plan your trips and holidays away from Luxembourg in good time.

Yesterday I had the opportunity to witness Tim Peake give a fascinating lesson to school children across the UK from the International Space Station. It was engaging and entertaining – do watch a recording of it if you can by clicking on the link provided in the newsletter. The international space programme currently underway is an excellent example of how scientists from a wide variety of countries and backgrounds can work together harmoniously for the global good; a message perhaps for others in these time of seemingly increasing nationalism and sectarian strife.

I am looking forward to our two prehistoric performances tonight and tomorrow night as well as the dress up days on Thursday (Secondary) and Friday (Primary) and hope that all families enjoy the half term next week. If you are staying in Luxembourg, please do try and see one of the carnival processions this weekend in particular – they are always very entertaining. If you are travelling outside Luxembourg, please do travel safely. School will start again on 15th February 2016.

With my best wishes,  
Dr Barkei

# Primary News

## Upcoming events & Important dates

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
Dumble The Dinosaur -  
Year 3 Brandenburg and  
Larochette  
Hamilius Gym (6:00pm)

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Dumble The Dinosaur -  
Year 3 Hollenfels and  
Koerich Hamilius Gym  
(6:00pm)

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February  
Parent Invitation  
Assembly Year 6 Wiltz  
Ms Smith Hamilius Gym  
(8:30-8:50am)

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February  
Carnival Dress-up day

8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> February  
Half-term Holiday

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 5 Medical Class  
Erpeldange

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Charity Dress up day  
'Onesie' or 'Wrong  
Trouser'. All money raised  
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la Vie

Wednesday 24<sup>rd</sup> February  
Parent Workshop (Maths)  
Canteen (3:30-4:30pm)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February  
Y6-Y7 Transition  
Information Evening  
Barthel Hall (6:00-7:30pm)  
[Click here](#) to see the letter  
sent out to parents.

29<sup>th</sup> Feb - 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Book Week!

Follow Primary on 

## Message from the Primary Head Teacher



Last week I attended the Osiris Visible learning conference in London. It was great to hear a range of keynote speakers from the forefront of educational development, including John Hattie, Guy Claxton, Andy Hargreaves and David Hopkins.

The conference helped to exemplify how to make the most impact on learning. As always, good teaching topped the list, with teachers who evaluate what they are doing and reshape learning to suit the needs of the class. The conference gave many examples of how applying knowledge to new contexts helps to deepen student understanding, and has a much greater impact on learning than many other strategies. Equally important is that students take ownership of their own learning journey, and are actively involved in how they can improve their work.

As the National curriculum for England and Wales has changed this year, there has been a much greater emphasis on depth of learning. The removal of levels has encouraged us to widen students understanding, rather than to move students too quickly on to the next step. At St George's we are looking at how we can encourage students to be active participants in their learning through self-assessment and applying their skills to new contexts. By learning in this way, we hope to equip the students with strategies to solve a range of complex problems, equipping them with skills for future life.

Claire Nuttall

### Dumble the Dinosaur Performances for Year 3!

The Year 3 performances will take place over two evenings at 6:00pm in the Hamilius gym:

- Performance 1 Tonight at **6:00pm** - Year 3 Brandenburg and Larochette.
- Performance 2 on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 6:00pm** - Year 3 Hollenfels and Koerich.

Students will be expected to attend **both** performances because they are in the choir and the cave people will be performing in both performances.

**Additional tickets may be available on the night - however this cannot be guaranteed. Siblings are welcome to come along to the show and sit on the benches provided - they do not require a ticket however they must sign in on the night.**

### Numeracy Workshop

The Primary School would like to invite you to their Numeracy Workshop which will be held in the school canteen from 3:30pm to 4:30pm on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February**. Parents and children aged 3-11 years are welcome to come and take part in numeracy games and activities from each of the year groups.

### Primary School Medicals

Medical for 5E will now be Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March | Medical for Rec V will now be Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June.



# Primary News



## Mad About Maths

Last week we had two maths experts from Birmingham visit the school. Daniel and Jessie Doyle spent all week delivering lessons across the school to demonstrate how children can make rapid progress in maths.

Through their lessons they showed children from Reception to Year 6 how to improve their mathematical knowledge by using the number facts they know.

At the end of each lesson children were presented with unfamiliar problems which they were able to solve using strategies practiced during the lesson. This was a fabulous learning experience for children and staff alike.

Children were encouraged to apply their strategies in as many ways as possible. As our experts said: "If you can apply it twice, you're having a good day. If you can apply it three times, you're having a clever day." We would like to extend our thanks to Daniel and Jessie for an excellent training session, and hope to invite them back for more.

## Lost Property

Please check lost property for your child's lost items. It is located outside Reception on the left hand side under the sheltered part of the building. All items remaining at half-term will be donated to charity. Thank you.

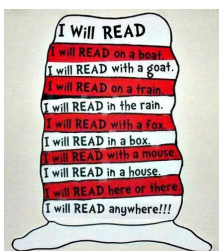
## Year 6 Parents Join in on a PE Lesson

Last week the parents of Year 6 were invited to attend a PE lesson. Students organised the activities and welcomed their parents. We had the pleasure of 19 parents joining us and everyone had a lot of fun taking part in a variety of activities from basketball to yoga.

### Year 6 Wiltz



### Year 6 Schengen



## Book Week Challenge

The challenge is to take a photograph of yourself reading in an unusual place and bring it in for a display. The person who manages the most unusual place will win a prize. If you are going somewhere during the holidays this might be a great opportunity for a photo. Good luck!

# Secondary News

## Upcoming events & Important dates

**4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> February**  
**COBIS Debate**  
**Competition, Mexico**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Intermediate Maths**  
**Challenge (Year 11)**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Secondary Dress-up day**  
**Fettendonnerschdeg**

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**pour la Vie'.**

## Spread

Effervescent Adj.

To be cheerful and good natured  
Life is your job, you do it and you  
do it cheerfully! Nobody pays you to  
be a miserable geezer.  
Terry Wogan 1939 – 2016.



## Secondary School News

### Life Skill Challenge' for KS3 students - Design and Technology challenge to make 'A Big Tidy'

Students have 6 weeks to design and make their 'Big Tidy'. The challenge begins today and the closing date is **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. The finished items will be judged by Mrs Dishman and a panel of judges. Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 entrants. [Click here.](#)



### Fascinating Science Lesson with British ESA astronaut from Space!

Yesterday, British ESA Astronaut Tim Peake gave a fascinating 20 minute science lesson all the way from space! Thousands of students around the world tuned in to watch this unique cosmic classroom experience where Tim demonstrated the effect of zero gravity. He played space ping pong with a water bubble, spun head over heels and showed us how a bubble of water expands when putting a fizzy vitamin tablet in it.

Tim answered questions from students around the UK. One interesting question in particular was asked about the speed of his heart beat, he explained that his heart beat is slower in space due to weightlessness and he needs to exercise on a regular basis to ensure his heart does not shrink.

St George's highly recommends watching this interesting broadcast, which can be seen [here](#).



### Carnival Dress-up day - Fettendonnerschdeg

Don't forget the Secondary Parliament is organising a carnival dress-up day tomorrow (**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February**) to celebrate Fettendonnerschdeg (translates as Fat Thursday). It is traditionally the day that local Primary students go to school in carnival costume. Activities planned: cake sale and best-mask competition. Students should bring €1 to participate with all the proceeds going to the school charity.

# Secondary News

## Summer Exams Information Years 11-13

Students in years 11-13 have checked their statements of entry for I/GCSE and A level exams this summer and have received a copy to take home. Please check these carefully and contact Mrs Pearce in the Secondary Office [secondaryadmin@st-georges.lu](mailto:secondaryadmin@st-georges.lu) if you have any questions or concerns. These documents should be kept in a safe place as they will be required when the exam timetable is published later this term.

## Advance Information Regarding Results and Interviews

Students will receive confidential passwords to access their results online. Only AQA results (Media Studies GCSE) will not be accessible via internet, these results will be mailed to students.

<b>CIE IGCSE and A level</b>	<b>11 August</b>
<b>Edexcel A level</b>	<b>18 August</b>
<b>Edexcel &amp; AQA I/GCSE</b>	<b>25 August</b>

Interviews with Mr Fleet and Mr Shaw will take place on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August** for current Year 12 students going into Year 13 and on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August** for current Year 11 students entering Year 12. If you will be on holiday on those dates you will be required to leave a contact number for a phone interview.





**Click here** to join Friend's of St George's on Facebook!

## Whole School News



### St George's Quiz Night | Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February | Conference Room

Test your knowledge and wits at St George's international quiz!

- €10 per person (includes food)
- TEAMS OF 4-6 PEOPLE (Don't have a team? – come along and join us anyway).
- Staff, parents, friends are all invited to make a team.
- Fantastic Team Prizes.
- Cash Bar – beer, wine and soft drinks available.
- Contact Lisa Dishman - dishman.stevelisa@gmail.com or friends@st-georges.lu for more information.
- Sign-up sheets at in Reception – Deadline by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016**.

### Walking Group

Everyone is welcome to join the walking group for a 5 km walk from Parc Merl to the city center and back on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February**. Meet at the cafe (Le Pavillion du Parc Belair) in the park to set out at 9 am. Please email [walking\\_stgeorges@yahoo.com](mailto:walking_stgeorges@yahoo.com) for details.



### Charity Fundraising Dress up Day!

As part of our school fundraising for the 'Relais pour la Vie' event we will hold a dress up day on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February**. Students, parents and staff are invited to come in dressed in a 'onesie' or 'the wrong trousers' and donate a euro to our charity effort. For more information about Relais Pour La vie [click here](#).



The school has signed up 2 teams to participate in the 'Relais pour la Vie', charity that raises money for research against cancer and we always endeavour to add to our donation in creative ways. Dr Barkei is sending his onesie to the dry cleaners to have it ready for after half-term – so check your wardrobe for an outfit and join in the fun!

### Clothes sale: Wednesday 17th February

Bring along that smart suit or dress (shoes and accessories) that no longer fit and make a few euros by selling them to students who want to attend the Easter Ball and/or Graduation but for whom the cost of buying new outfits for an item only worn once or twice weighs heavily on their purse/pocket book! (only clean smart clothes and shoes please). The sale will take place in the Canteen 8:30-10:30am.

### Social Event Tuesday 9th March

Japanese cookery demonstration. Mrs Saeijs invites you to come to her home and learn about Japanese cooking and then eat the food! Limited numbers and a small cover charge. If you wish more details and to sign up contact [friends@st-georges.lu](mailto:friends@st-georges.lu). Organiser: Annette Saeijs

If YOU would like to share your skills in national cuisine/cookery, crafts/art etc then please contact [friends@st-georges.lu](mailto:friends@st-georges.lu).

### Cultural Event Wednesday 23rd March

Visit to Villeroy & Boch in Mettlach, Germany for a guided tour of their museum, outlet shop and coffee/lunch. Depart in private cars from School at 9:00am. If you wish more details and to sign up please send an email to [friends@st-georges.lu](mailto:friends@st-georges.lu). Organiser: Annette Saeijs & Lisa Dishman

# Community News

## Community News

### 2016 Carnival Football-Soccer & SAQ CAMP

Football Klinik Academy, operated by Octopus Link Sports has announced the details of its Carnival Football-Soccer & SAQ Camp. The camp provides football training for boys and girls aged 4-18 years. Tel: (+352) 27 99 62 21 | Gsm: 691 770 357 | Email: octopuslink@post.com

**To download the forms click on the links below:** [Form 1](#) | [Form 2](#)



### Mums Sophrology Workshop

This sophrology workshop starts from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 9:30-10:30am** in Studio Vedanza, 18 rue de Louvigny à Luxembourg. For more information [click here](#) or contact: [v.lortilloir@gmail.com](mailto:v.lortilloir@gmail.com).

### Weekly Mosaic Classes

Enter the colourful world of Mosaic Lacroix and create your own art in mosaic.

**Thursday 6:30pm - 9:00pm**

**Wednesday 9:30am - 12:00pm**

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For more information visit [www.mosaic.lu](http://www.mosaic.lu).

## Club News



### Omega Club | Mondays 3:30 to 4:30pm | Room L09

An exciting, new, after-school club is set to begin at St George's! Omega club aims to stretch our most able Secondary students. Starting on Monday, 25th January at 3:30pm in room L09 the club will give Year 11s, 12s and 13s a fantastic opportunity to push their intellectual capabilities to the next level in a challenging yet supportive environment. The sessions will focus on improving participants' critical thinking skills as well giving an insight into how to gain access to the most academically prestigious higher education institutions in the world. Teachers and guest speakers will give university style lectures on a wide variety of topics ranging from current affairs, philosophy, the history of western civilisation, great works of literature, to the latest ideas in economics and science. Participants will be expected to give presentations, read widely and engage in seminar discussions. We hope that a wide range of teachers and parents will get involved in this cross curricular programme to support our most intellectually curious students. Please contact Mr Kennedy or Mrs Roe in Secondary if you require any further information. For the rest of this term the cost will be 75 euros, next term this club will cost 100 euros.

*If you would like to share your community events, please email [communications@st-georges.lu](mailto: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.*

# St George's News

## St George's Secondary School Open Day

Do you or your friends want to find out more about St George's Secondary school? Why not come to our Secondary Open Day on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March**.

To book a tour contact [events@st-georges.lu](mailto:events@st-georges.lu) by Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015.



## Secondary Open Day

Thursday, 17th March 2016



We warmly invite prospective parents and students to our school to witness first hand why we are the first choice of school for so many families in Luxembourg.

Our students will be giving 3 tours of the school:

**1<sup>st</sup> Tour and Talk: 9:00am-10:15am**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Tour and Talk: 11:00am -12:15pm**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Tour and Talk: 2:00pm - 3:15pm**

Please contact [events@st-georges.lu](mailto:events@st-georges.lu) to reserve a place on a tour.