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St George's
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Newsletter

2nd March 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 3rd March

Key Stage 4 Information Evening, Evening, Barthel Hall (6:00-8:00pm)

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Thursday 10th March

Year 5 Performance of 'Junk Yard Band' School, Gym (6:00pm)

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Key Stage 5 Information Evening, Barthel Hall (6:00-8:00pm)

Thursday 17th March

Parent Teacher Report Evening, Classrooms (4:00pm-7:00pm)

Wednesday 23rd March

Parent Teacher Report Evening, Classrooms (4:00pm-7:00pm)

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

In the middle of book week it is an absolute delight to see so many children across the school simply reading for pleasure; either by themselves or older students reading with others. In our modern busy environment we often do not feel we have the opportunity or indeed the right to stop and pause and pick up an actual book and read; please take a moment this week to read with your son or daughter. Thank you to all the colleagues who make book week possible; it is a wonderful and engaging event.

The school is progressing well with the Zinnen building and we are looking forward to the new addition to our teaching environment. With the classrooms being fitted out at the moment, the attention of the contractors is turning to the new auditorium, which promises to be a splendid and atmospheric performance venue for all our students.

I am particularly pleased with the performance of our Top of the Bench scientists, who feature at the top of the newsletter. One of my favourite subjects at school was chemistry and I am very happy to see a group of our students with the support of their teachers representing Luxembourg and Belgium later this year. Well done!

With my best regards,
Dr Barkei
Principal

Primary News

Upcoming events & Important dates

29th Feb - 4th March

Book Week! Author Mary Hoffman visiting

Thursday 3rd March

IMPORTANT: Primary booking system for Parent Report Evening opens at 10:00am

Friday 4th March

**Annual Book Fayre
Conference Room (3:30pm)**

Friday 4th March

Parent Invitation Assembly Year 2 Bettembourg Ms McKillop, School Gym (8:30-8:50am)

Tuesday 8th March

**Primary Parent Forum on Assessment, Audit feedback and Reports.
Conference room (8:45-9:45am)**

Thursday 10th March

Year 5 Performance of 'Junk Yard band', School Gym (6:00pm)

Thursday 10th March

Le Spectacle 3 Chardons - Year 1, 2 & 3, Hamilius Hall (09:30am)

Friday 11th March

Parent Invitation Assembly Year 4 Pettingen Mrs Edge School Gym (08:30-8:50am)

Thursday 17th March

Parent Teacher Report Evening, Classrooms (4:00pm-7:00pm)

Wednesday 23rd March

Parent Teacher Report Evening, Classrooms (4:00pm-7:00pm)

Friday 25th March

Parent Invitation Assembly, Year 5 Erpeldange, School Gym (08:30-8:50am)

Primary School News

IMPORTANT: Parent Teacher Report Evening Booking Opens on Thursday 3rd March.

Primary Report evenings will take place on Thursday 17th March and Wednesday 23rd March. Parents can book on either day a 15 minute appointment with their child's class teacher and 5 minute slots with their Specialist teachers (optional). Please note these are two separate bookings to make on the system. The booking system will be open on **Thursday 3rd March at 10:00am**. For any questions regarding the booking system please contact: communications@st-georges.lu.

Please note there will not be any additional child care.

IMPORTANT: All fun clubs and clubs will run on the report evenings, except for the following which need to be cancelled:

On Thursday, March 17th: Yoga (with Ms Walsh), Creativity in Music (with Mrs Dishman and Mrs Bydder) and Football (with Mr Thompson) will be cancelled. On Wednesday, March 23rd: Yoga (with Ms Walsh) and Gymnastics (Year 3-6) will be cancelled.

Booking Open! Year 5 Performance of 'Junk Yard Band'

The Year 5 performance will be a spectacular show promising singing, dancing and featuring the Year 5 Junk Band Orchestra!

The show will take place on **Thursday 10th March 2016** at 6:00pm in the Primary Gym.

Year 5 students are required to return to school at 5:30pm on the evening of the performance.

Tickets are available on our booking system now. Parents are allowed to book 3 tickets per family. Please contact communications@st-georges.lu if you have any problems booking.



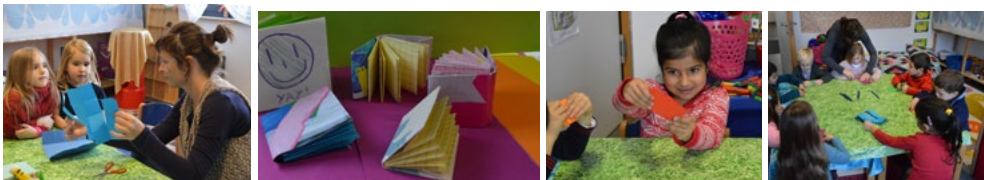
First Aid Club Certificates

The First Aid Club recently demonstrated their skills and knowledge in assembly and received their certificates for passing the St John's levels 1 and 2 in First Aid. For these certificates they had to complete and demonstrate a range of knowledge including: choking, fainting, primary survey, severe and minor bleeding, burns and scalds, poisoning and foreign objects in the body. The students willingly demonstrated how they would react in various situations and are looking forward to completing their level 3 certification.



Book Week Workshops

Mrs Bovis provided workshops during Book Week to help Early Years and Reception students create miniature books from one piece of paper! Thank you to Mrs Bovis for all the time and patience she had for the children.



Primary News

Primary's Book Week

During Book Week students in Early Years were read to by Year 4 students. The students were paired up and Year 4 students read out loud stories which they had written themselves. It was a delight to see the Year 4 students take their time when reading to the younger students. The Early Years students really enjoyed this experience and hope to do this bonding exercise more often.



St George's Annual Book Fayre | Friday 4th March in the Conference room



Chapter 1, the oldest English Language Bookstore in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is very excited to be participating in St George's Annual Book Fayre, which will be held during Book Week on **Friday 4th March**.

Chapter 1 will be bringing along a super selection of Children and Adult best sellers. The Bookstore will be offering a 20% discount to their junior readers just for St George's Book Fayre! So don't miss out!

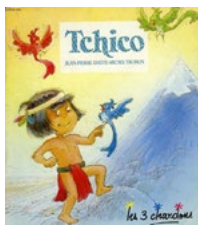


We are delighted to advise that Little English Bookworm will also be celebrating World Book Week at St George's Book Fayre.

They will be at St George's Book Fayre with a vast selection of books suitable for all Primary students. Little English Bookworm & Bookends will also be offering parents a book order leaflet direct from the UK.



Lucy Goosey's Reading Adventure is also very excited to be celebrating Book Week with St George's. Lucy Goosey also stock a range of bilingual books to aid your child's language development. They are also happy to offer each St George's student a 10% discount on their order or on any purchases on the day.



3 Chardons theatre French troupe | Thursday 10th March 2016

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will welcome the "3 Chardons" theatre French troupe where they will perform their show "Tchico".

At the end of the show students will be able to buy the book + CD for 9 euros. If you would like to buy the book and CD your child should come into school with an envelop with 9 euros on **Thursday 10th March**. The children have been practising their singing and are already looking forward to this event!

Secondary News

Upcoming events & Important dates

Thursday 3rd March
World Book Day

Thursday 3rd March
Key Stage 4 Information Evening (Year 9 GCSE options), Barthel Hall (6:00-8:00pm)

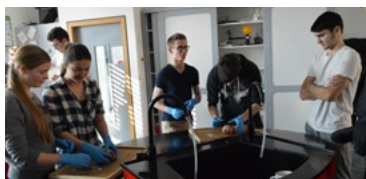
8th March - 13th March
COBIS Games Dubai

Thursday 10th March
Key Stage 5 Information Evening (Year 11 A level options), Barthel Hall (6:00-8:00pm)

Monday 14th March
Oxford Maths Competition

Friday 25th March
Deadline for Big Tidy Challenge

Secondary School News



A-Level Biology Lessons

This week GCSE students who are unsure whether or not they want to take A-Level Biology had the opportunity to join in on a practical with A-level biology students. They watched while A-level students carefully dissected an animal's heart. The A-level students named sections of the heart helping GCSE students with revision for their upcoming exams. This was a great opportunity for GCSE students to ask questions and get a good idea of what to expect in Biology lessons if they were to choose it as an A-level subject next year.



St George's team Hydrogen won the 'Top of The Bench' competition!

Team Hydrogen can't wait to represent Luxembourg and Belgium at the Royal Society of Chemistry. [Click here for more information.](#)

COBIS Young Scientist Film Awards



[Click here to read more.](#)

A-Level Media Studies Support Session

Mr Burrowes will give feedback on re-drafting of coursework productions as well as evaluation work, and to provide technical assistance with editing.

When? On Fridays 3:30-4:30pm, starting on **Friday 4th March** and until **Friday 25th March** included.

Open to Key Stage 5 Media Students.

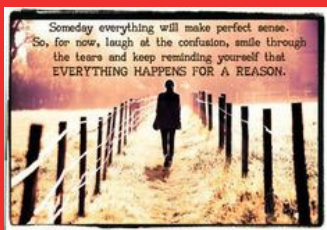
Where? In the music tech classroom (B1.22)

Free of charge.

If interested, please contact the Clubs Secretary or clubs@st-georges.lu to register.

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serving as a sign or indication of something.



Secondary News

Secondary Revision Sessions

Math Revision Sessions | Every Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30pm

Core 1 revision lessons run for Year 12 Maths students, every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30pm in B350 with Mr Brown.

Year 13 exam resit students are also welcome to attend.

Each session covers exam-style questions and essential topics for C1.

Biology Revision Sessions | Every Monday 3:30-4:30pm

Biology revision sessions for Year 12 will be occurring every Monday from 3:30-4:30pm up until June with Mr Clough.

English Faculty IGCSE Revision Sessions | Every Thursday 3:30 – 4:30pm in L34

Week 1. Thursday 3rd March

Reading Paper: Language used for effect

Week 2. Thursday 10th March

Reading Paper: Summary writing.

Week 3. Thursday 17th March

Reading Paper: Directed writing (Letters, diaries, editorials)

Week 4. Thursday 24th March

Writing Paper: Argumentative and discursive writing

Week 5. Thursday 14th April

Writing Paper: Descriptive writing

Week 6. Thursday 21st April

Writing Paper: Top Tips for Exam Success

Year 11 IGCSE Drama Revision Sessions | Every Tuesday 3:15-4:30pm

Year 11 IGCSE Drama revision sessions will be running on Tuesdays after school between 3:15-4:30pm with Miss Williams on the following dates:

**8th March, 15th March, 22nd March,
12th April, 19th April, 26th April.**

The Year 11 Drama class would like to thank the wonderful group of Year 8 and 9 volunteer performers who are assisting Year 11 in their revision during these sessions.

St George's Secondary School Open Day

To book a tour now [click here](#).

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 17th March** 2016.

For more information contact events@st-georges.lu.

Whole School News



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Secondary Raffle

The Secondary Parliament is collecting prizes for the raffle will be drawn at the Secondary Ball. If you have anything (in good condition) you would like to donate for the raffle, please leave it in the collection box at the Reception by **Monday 14th March**.

All proceeds from the raffle will go to the United World Schools charity and our partner school in Cambodia. Thank you!



"Who do you think we are?" Relais Pour la Vie Fundraising Quiz

Once upon a time 26 beautiful children grew up and became Secondary staff at St George's International School.....

Can you identify who these children are now? There is a poster in the Reception area and to give you a helping hand it is right beside the current staff photos. There are also posters around the Barthel and

Lentz buildings.

To participate entry forms may be purchased for €1 from the main Reception desk. The closing date is **Friday 18th March**.

The winner will receive a gift voucher for 2 people to see a film at Utopolis.

Please join in and support this very worthy cause.

Peripatetic Music Department

Since the beginning of 2016 the Peripatetic Music Department has seen some excellent growth and St George's is pleased to welcome Stephanie Germani as a new violin teacher. Violin and piano are near capacity however if enough interest is shown, we will always look to recruit more teachers. We would be very happy to see more students take up the following instruments: drums, trombone, trumpet, euphonium, clarinet, flute, saxophone, guitar, and voice. We will look for teachers if other instruments are of interest such as double bass, oboe, bassoon, or horn. Our teachers include Grammy Award winners, international soloists, and professional musicians from the Grand Region. Please email music@st-georges.lu for further information.

Whole School News



Student's Drinking Bottles

Please be aware that some drinking bottles have hygiene issues. There have been warnings issued that the reusable drinking bottle "Sistema Twist 'n' Sip" cap can become contaminated with bacteria. Please read the article below for more information. <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3454372/Father-issues-warning-bacteria-ridden-reusable-water-bottles-daughter-7-struck-bug-drinking-one.html>.

Thank you. The School Nurses.

Headlice in Primary

We are still having problems with headlice especially in the younger children. **PLEASE ensure you treat any cases immediately so that this does not spread.** For more information see www.sante.lu/sante&ecole. Thank you. The School Nurses.



After-School Care | Happy Fitness

Happy Fitness is pleased to announce the launch of an After-School Program open to St George's students from Year 1 to Year 8.

The After-School Program is a special membership dedicated to students from St George's school only. The membership offers a variety of sporting activities and the opportunity to do homework. This program will provide your child with the opportunity to engage in a positive, active and fun environment. All activities are geared towards motivating and building self-esteem, within a child-friendly environment, in a non-competitive and encouraging atmosphere. The After-school program also offers a quiet cosy space for homework, reading, arts and crafts etc. Our program offers a balanced schedule, so that the children know what to expect each day, and variety to keep the children interested and excited. (For more information select this link <http://www.happyfitness.lu/en/afterschool,194.html>).

Friends of St George's | International Quiz Night

"Who is the PM of Luxembourg?"; or "What is the longest cell in the human body?"; These were just some of the questions posed by Quizmaster Dr Barkei during last Friday's Quiz Night, which was held at the school conference, and organised by the Friends of St George's.

Parents of the students of St George's were divided into 8 seriously competing teams whose cerebral fitness was (at times) seriously pushed to the limit.

A delicious hot buffet dinner and home-made desserts were provided, along with a bar serving wine and other drinks throughout the evening.

The "smartest" team won a box of nice wine but even the "less" smart teams got to enjoy a fun, relaxing and great social evening in the company of other parents of the students of St George's.

Congratulations to the winning team 'Schetterheads' pictured below!



Community News

Burden of Peace | 8th March | Belval Campus | Maison du Savoir

The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the University of Luxembourg and the Zonta Club Luxembourg invite you to the screening of the film **Burden of Peace**. For further information email lux@minbuza.nl.

Parent Seminar for 2015-16



Thursday March 24th 2016 - US Auditorium 6.45pm

RAISING BOYS

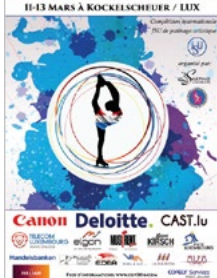
Freerk Ykema the founder and author of the Rock and Water Program will be our guest presenter for the evening. Freerk will speak first hand on strategies and differences in raising Boys and Girls. Freerk's wealth of knowledge in raising self-awareness of adolescent's personal strengths and abilities in learning how to play, work and live together in a changing, multicultural society will be shared during this seminar. Freerk continues to bring awareness to parents in enhancing the social, emotional and spiritual development of children throughout the world. Reservations are now being taken by Lou Gervais. Please email Lou on lgervais@islux.lu to reserve your seat.

PARENT SEMINAR - RAISING BOYS | Thursday 24th March at 6:45pm | US Auditorium at the International School of Luxembourg (ISL)

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COUPE DU PRINTEMPS 2016



ISU Figure Skating Competition "La Coupe du Printemps"

The ISU figure skating competition will be held in Kockelscheuer on 11th, 12th and 13th March.

5 skaters will be representing Luxembourg, including Fleur Maxwell (who just represented Luxembourg in the European Championship) and 4 competitors from CHL - Skating Luxembourg (the figure skating club that trains in Kockelscheuer). For more information please visit www.CDP2016.com.



Martenitsas An Ancient and Meaningful Tradition in Bulgaria

According to very ancient and meaningful tradition in Bulgaria, every year on 1st of March, Bulgarians celebrate "Baba Marta" (Granny March). It is believed that Baba Marta brings the end of the cold winter and the beginning of the spring. To mark this holiday, Bulgarians exchange and wear Martenitsas – a small piece of adornment, made of white and red yarn. The red and white woven threads symbolize the wish for good health.

Martenitsas are worn until the first signs of springs have come (a blooming tree or a stork).

When the Martenitsa is taken off, many people tie it to a blooming tree.

The common belief is that by wearing the red and white colors of the Martenitsa people ask Baba Marta for mercy. They hope that it will make winter pass faster and bring spring.

Annual Memorial Mass for American Soldiers

All are welcome at the annual memorial Mass for American soldiers who helped in the liberation of Luxembourg at the end of World War II in Hamm church at 5pm on **Sunday 13th March**. The Mass will be in German with some Latin and the sermon will be in English and German. After the Mass there will be a reception in the parish hall (Parhaus, 9 rue de la Montagne - opposite the car park behind the pizzeria) and after that, there will be a wreath laying ceremony at the cemetery.

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.