



# Newsletter

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016



## Important Notices

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**  
**Primary Parent Teacher**  
**Report Evening, Classrooms**  
**(4:00pm-7:00pm)**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
**last day of Term - All clubs and**  
**fun clubs running**

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**Early Years Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Parents welcome**  
**(08:00-8:30am)**

**26<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Easter Holidays**

**Tuesday 12th April**  
**Students back to school**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April**  
**The Friends of St George's**  
**meeting regarding Summer Fayre,**  
**Conference room (8:30-9:30am)**

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

The terrorist attacks yesterday in Brussels re-inforce in our community the need and the duty to defend our shared beliefs in tolerance, respect, universal human rights and the rule of law. We ourselves and many of our friends and colleagues in Luxembourg travel and visit Brussels often and our thoughts are with the casualties and citizens of that city at this time.

Can I please remind parents to make sure that the school holds a current mobile telephone number for at least one parent which is accessible in case we need you to collect your son or daughter. We have had some instances when a child has been ill and there has been a delay in us being able to contact the parent promptly. Please fill out the 'Change of Contact Details' form on the homepage of our Parent Portal or [click here](#) to update your contact details.

Our Easter Ball last Friday was a resounding success and my thanks go to all students, my colleagues who attended on the night as well as Mr & Mrs Cooper, Mr Reilly and George and the Dragons who made sure that the over 150 students enjoyed themselves! Thank you also to the parents who were so supportive of their son or daughter's assured performance on the dance floor and in some cases joined in themselves. Our charitable activities extended to the Relais pour la vie marathon at the weekend where the school was represented by an energetic and dedicated team of runners and supporters around the clock.

Our Year 13, Year 12 and Year 11 students will be anticipating the start of the examination season after the Easter holiday and I wish them all the very best as they embark on these important examinations. Revision and careful preparation is key to success in these and do remember that your teachers are there to support you at this time –they are happy to help!

May I wish everyone at St George's a peaceful and relaxing Easter break – school begins for students on Tuesday 12th April 2016.

With my best regards,

Dr C Barkei  
Principal

# Primary News

## Upcoming events & Important dates

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**Early Years Easter Egg Hunt**  
in Early Years Playground  
(8:00-8:30am)

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

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

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

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(8:30-9:30am)

**13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> April**

**Maths Quest, Europa International School Barcelona (08:00am)**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

**The Friends of St George's meeting regarding Summer Fayre, Conference room**  
(8:30-9:30am)

## Message from the Primary Head Teacher

As the busy term draws to a close, we are able to reflect on the achievements of the term.

It has been an exciting time with a successful book week celebrating a range of authors, and getting all of the children involved in fabulous writing projects. Earlier in the term our Singapore maths week saw children across the school thinking hard about maths, and applying their knowledge in a range of settings. This was evident with our maths workshop for parents, where families were able to share a range of games and strategies together. It was great to see the children coming up with a range of ways to solve mathematical problems.

This term has seen a range of excellent class assemblies, with children showcasing their work. Parents have been astounded by the quality and depth of learning shown in assembly, and in the books seen on parents' evening. The Year 5 production of Junk Yard Band had such a strong "feel good" factor that everybody left with a smile on their face.

As always, the children of St George's exemplify care and compassion, in the way that they welcome new children to the school, and the way that they interact with each other. This was never more evident than in assembly today, where the children showed great respect and consideration for the victims and families of the terrible events in Brussels yesterday. Even the youngest child was able to carefully reflect during a minute's silence.

I would like to wish you all a happy and safe Easter, and hope that you all enjoy a week deserved rest.

All the best,  
Ms C Nuttall



### The Friends of St George's class contacts

The Friends of St George's organises social events and activities as well as fundraising for the school community. With events such as our annual Summer Fayre coming up, we are looking for a parent volunteer per class in

Primary who is willing to be a link between the parents of their class in mobilising their support as well as being a first point of contact for new families in their class, encouraging class get togethers to share experiences and join in socials organised through Friends of St George's. This role is part of Friends and as such does not involve educational issues. If you are interested, please contact [friends@st-georges.lu](mailto:friends@st-georges.lu). We will be having our first coffee to initiate Summer Fayre preparations on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April** at 8:30am.

## Year 5 IPC Topic “World War II in Benelux”

After the Easter holidays Year 5 will begin working on their new IPC unit entitled “**World War II in Benelux**”. If anyone has any experience, expertise, or artefacts related to the subject of World War II that they would like to share with us, we would be very grateful. (You don’t have to be a parent of a child in Year 5).

If you are willing to come in and talk to the children, please express your interest through email to the Reception desk; [reception@st-georges.lu](mailto:reception@st-georges.lu) marked for the attention of Mrs Kelly. Thank you

## NEW CLUB: MMA for Kids | Year 1 to Year 4

We are pleased to announce the start of a new club: MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) for kids!

Taking place on **Saturdays from 11:30 to 12:30pm**, exciting activities will channel your little one’s energy and improve their self-awareness and self-control.

Based mostly on jujitsu and French kickboxing, this club is about balance, respect, confidence and fun! Contact [clubs@st-georges.lu](mailto:clubs@st-georges.lu) to register.

## Football soccer & SAQ Club Information

Football, Soccer & SAQ Club as from **Wednesday 13th April** will be run by Mrs Andrade, replacing Mr Kingsley.

## Athletics Club Update

After Easter, Athletics Club will continue on Fridays, but we will no longer be going to the INS track. We will stay at school and do a range of sports: football, basketball, as well as high jump and throwing activities. We will also do some running events.



## 2B Bulgarian Tradition

Class 2 Bettembourg were able to learn about the Bulgarian tradition of Martenitsas. Konstantin’s Mum came in to help Konstantin tell us all about the white and red woven thread Martenitsas that are all around Bulgaria in March. They symbolise the hope that winter will end and spring will begin. The white stands for purity and life and the red for good health and charity. We have decorated our classroom with some Martenitsas and each got to take one home to wear. We also tried a traditional Banitsa cheese pie. It was delicious!



## Early Years Easter Egg Hunt

On **Friday 25th March** Early Years will be organising an Easter egg hunt in the Early Years playground from 8:00 – 8:30am. The children in foundation have made and decorated an egg in class and this has been hidden in the playground for you to help them find. After finding the egg there will be a small piece of chocolate for the child, if your child has an allergy could you please provide an alternative. The Reception Easter eggs have also been hidden in the Early Years playground so that parents can hunt with their children. This should take no more than ten minutes and it is always greatly enjoyed by the children.



# Secondary News

## Upcoming events & Important dates

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Music Trip ISL**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Deadline for Big Tidy Challenge**

**26<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Easter Holidays**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April**  
**First day back in school after the Easter Holiday**

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**GCSE/AS Practicals Start**

**15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Top of the Bench Competition Loughborough**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April**  
**The Friends of St George's meeting regarding Summer Fayre, Conference room (8:30-9:30am)**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April**  
**University Information Evening, Barthel Hall (6:00pm)**

# Spread the Word

**Cathexis**, Noun  
Concentration of emotional energy on an object or idea.

“Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment.”

Buddha



## Message from the Secondary Head Teacher

Dear Student/Parents,

It's certainly been a term of international success:

In February, students from Year 12 and 13 returned from the CoBIS World Debating Competition, Mexico gaining 3rd place. Whilst in March the CoBIS Secondary games team returned from Dubai, coming 8th out of 20 teams. Also the students who participated in the Oxford Mathematics Challenge beat 20 other teams to return 6th out of 26. After Easter, our winners of the Benelux Top of The Bench regional finals will also represent Belgium and Luxembourg at Loughborough University, organised by the Royal Society of Chemists. Good Luck.

I am sure these impressive results contributed to over 55 attendees at the recent Inaugural Secondary Open Day! I am also confident this period of success will continue as we enter the summer examination period after the Easter break. Remember Years 11-13 – some relaxation, recuperation, rest and sleep – but also plenty of revision!

I would also like to thank all the students and staff for all their hard work this term.

Wishing all students and their families, an enjoyable and safe vacation.

Best wishes,  
Mr M Fleet

### Advance Information Regarding Results and Interviews

Students will receive confidential passwords to access their results online. Only AQA results for the Media Studies GCSE will not be accessible via internet and 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.

# Secondary News

## Secondary Revision Sessions

### 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 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 [clubs@st-georges.lu](mailto:clubs@st-georges.lu) to register.

### Biology Revision Sessions | Every Monday 3:30 - 4:30pm in room B2.38

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

### English Literature Revision Sessions | Every Friday 3:30 - 4:30pm in room L08

English Literature revision sessions for Year 12 will be occurring on Fridays from **Friday 18th March** from 3:30-4:30pm up until **Friday 13th May** with Ms. Rigby.

### English Faculty IGCSE Revision Sessions | Every Thursday 3:30 - 4:30pm in room L34

#### Week 4. Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Writing Paper: Argumentative and discursive writing

#### Week 5. Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Writing Paper: Descriptive writing

#### Week 6. Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Writing Paper: Top Tips for Exam Success

### Math Revision Sessions | Every Tuesday 3:30 - 4:30pm in room B350

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

Year 13 exam resit students are also welcome to attend.

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

### Year 11 IGCSE Drama Revision Sessions | Every Tuesday 3:15 - 4:30pm in room L09 or L01

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: **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.

# Whole School News

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**IMPORTANT: We would like to remind all parents who drive students to school buses to pay particular attention to their speed and parking in public areas where the buses wait.**

### Contacting parents

The recent flu epidemic which has caused many students to go home sick has highlighted the issue that it is not always easy to reach parents. Please ensure that you are accessible via a phone number as much as possible in order for the school to contact you in case of any emergency.

### “Who do you think we are?” Relais Pour La Vie Fundraising Quiz Results

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs Michlmayr	24/26
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs Thomas	23/26
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs Winter	21/26

Mrs Michlmayr has very sportingly and generously donated her prize of 2 Utopolis tickets to the student with the highest score. The winning entry is a joint effort from:

Annique R & Emma E 20/26

Many thanks again to all who participated and especially to 11CWr and 7SR for their great efforts.

Overall the quiz raised €118.06 for the Relais pour la Vie.

### Canach Bus Route Change - Moutfort stop temporarily not available (am only)

As you may be aware the Canach bus route has been delayed recently on its arrival at school due to the road works in Moutfort. These will be in place until the end of the summer. For this reason we will need to omit the Moutfort cemetery stop and ask those of you who use this stop to go to either Oetrange or Sandweiler to connect with this service. **This change will be in effect as from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March.** The Moutfort stop will be reinstated as soon as possible.

### Summer Fayre | Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016

After last summer's very successful first Summer Fayre the time has come to start planning for the next one. As anyone involved knows - the success is in the detail. There is no denying that it involves hard work and commitment to make this year's event even more successful.

The Friends of St George's will meet in the conference room on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 8:30-9:30am** to get the planning started for the Summer Fair over a cup of coffee. If you are interested and wish to be involved this year please do come along.

### Photos from Relais Pour La Vie

Thank you to everyone who helped to raise money for this very important cause.



## Club News

**On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March (last day of Term) please note all clubs and fun clubs will be running!**

### IMPORTANT: Clubs Stopping at Easter

- Animation Club with Mrs Edge (Years 3-6)
- International Sports Team Club with Mr Cooper – last session on **Thursday 24th March**. (Years 7-8)
- Unified Sports with Mr Cooper (Y6-10)
- Student Magazine with Mrs Kraus (Y7-13)

### List of Clubs to join after the Easter holidays

Please contact [clubs@st-georges.lu](mailto:clubs@st-georges.lu) to register.

Club	Year Group	Club Leader	Day	Time	Cost
Everyday French for Adults (1-2 years of previous learning required)	Adults	Mr Foz	Monday	15:30 - 17:00	150eur/term
English for Adults (Beginners/Pre-Intermediate)	Adults	Mrs Lang	Monday	13:25-14:55	150eur/term
English for Adults Intermediate	Adults	Mrs Lang	Tuesday	08:50 - 10:20	150eur/term
Ceramics	Y4 - Y6	Mrs Tyrrell	Tuesday	15:30 - 16:30	100eur/term
Band-Beginning	Y5 - Y13	Mrs Ni	Tuesday	15:30 - 16:30	100eur/term
Strategy Games	Y6 - Y13	Mrs Suplee	Tuesday	15:30 - 17:00	150eur/term
Computer Coding	Y3 - Y4	Ms Watson	Tuesday	15:30 - 17:00	150eur/term
German for Adults - Beginners	Adults	Mrs Meixner-Oakes	Wednesday	12:00 - 13:30	150eur/term
Jeux de Cartes (Playing cards in French)	Y3 - Y6	Mrs Guth	Wednesday	11:45 - 12.15	50eur/term
Chess Club	Y4 - Y10	Mrs Dishman & Mr Sorras	Wednesday	15:15 - 16:30	125eur/term
Chess Club	Y3 - Y4	Mrs Dishman & Mr Sorras	Wednesday	15:15 - 16:30	125eur/term
Mandarin (Beginners)	Y4 - Y5	Mrs Poh	Friday	15:30 - 17:00	150eur/term
Martial Arts/Self Defence	Y5 up+adults	Mr Bargache	Saturday	09:30 - 11:30	200euro/term

### English for Adults - Pre-Intermediate Level

There are places available in the English for Adults class (Pre-Intermediate Level) at St George's on Mondays from 1:25 - 2:55pm. If you are would like further information, please email [clubs@st-georges.lu](mailto:clubs@st-georges.lu), or the teacher, Mrs Lang, [speechtherapy@st-georges.lu](mailto:speechtherapy@st-georges.lu).





# St George's News

## Community News

### St George's Clarinet Teacher

Sebastian Plata, St George's clarinet teacher, is away this week performing concerts in his native Columbia at the Festival de Musica de Popayan. Mr. Plata is a well respected soloist and chamber musician in the Grand Region and we wish him well with his concerts. More information can be found here: <http://fespo.co/miercoles-santo-23-de-marzo/>.

### Institut European de Chant Chorale (INECC)

Do you like to sing? If you would like to participate in workshops or concerts, the INECC (Institut European de Chant Chorale) has just issued their latest information on the workshops and concerts they will be organising this year. Have a look at their website for inspiration! <http://inecc.lu/?com=01610101>

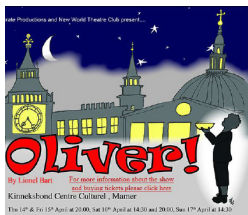
Further opportunities for both adults and children can be found through UGDA (Union Grand-Duc Adolphe, the national association for music). Courses and competitions for all levels and ages are available. Please find more information here: <http://www.ugda.lu>.

### Musical Theatre Workshop

Any student aged 13+ that is interested in musical theatre is eligible for a workshop being presented by Ugda, the SNJ, and the Boston Children's Theater Company. Students who participate may be eligible for the Boston Children's Theatre 5 week workshop where they can work with professional actors and musicians. In addition, the students also may be considered for a co-production of a musical between the Grand Theatre du Luxembourg and the Boston Children's Theater which will produced in the 2016/2017 season. More details can be found here: [http://www.ugda.lu/Portals/d2b5b97e-2ab4-4260-b05d-7f2ac45fef37/190216-workshop%20flyer\\_bct\\_GM-2\\_TL.pdf](http://www.ugda.lu/Portals/d2b5b97e-2ab4-4260-b05d-7f2ac45fef37/190216-workshop%20flyer_bct_GM-2_TL.pdf)

### Calling on young bands/musicians

ARA City Radio is looking for young bands/musicians to perform for their lineup! If you have a band that would like some performance experience, contact them at [natasha@aracityradio.com](mailto:natasha@aracityradio.com).



### Oliver

Tickets selling fast, Oliver the musical by Lionel Bart. A full cast production in English

- Thursday 14th April at 8:00pm
- Friday 15th April at 8:00pm
- Saturday 16th April at 2:30pm & 8:00pm
- Sunday 17th April at 2:30pm

Location: Kinnecksband Centre Culturel, Mamer. For concession tickets tel:4708951 before the 25th March or book online at: [luxembourgticket.lu](http://luxembourgticket.lu)



### The Easter Holidays are coming soon! Happy Fitness Provides a fun and Entertaining camp for children

HAPPY WEEK, for your children from 5 to 12 years old!

A full week of sports and crafts activities on a FUNNY theme.

- Happy Week from 29<sup>th</sup> March to April 1<sup>st</sup>, (4 days): Treasure Hunt
- Happy Week from April 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> (5 days): Stone Age

More information & price on: [www.happyfitness.lu](http://www.happyfitness.lu)  
<http://www.happyfitness.lu/en/happy-week,180.html>