



Newsletter

26th October 2016



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Important Dates

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(4:00-7:00pm)

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Year 3 IPC Showcase
(2:45-3:15pm)

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Year 8 Macbeth Performance,
Auditorium (6:00pm) BOOK
your tickets via the Parent
Portal

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Parent-Teacher Meetings
(Primary) (4:00-7:00pm)

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Friends of St George's Cultural
Tour | 10:00am -12:00pm

21st-23rd November
Year 8 Trip ArtsDepot, London
(Shakespeare Schools Festival)

Whole School News



Spirit of Africa Lights up Auditorium

Dear parents,

As we approach the half-term holiday, may I thank everyone for their efforts at school so far this year – whether in the classrooms, offices, in the auditorium or on the playing fields or playgrounds. As we work together as a school community it continues to be clear that a strong bond between students, parents and school is the best way forward to ensuring a welcoming and supportive environment.

Whenever I visit classes across the school I always see students and colleagues enjoying learning in a friendly and purposeful manner. The school performance last week of 'Spirit of Africa' was very good indeed and I very much appreciated the real engagement and effort of our students and staff in the fitting environment of the auditorium. This is but the first of many such excellent activities we will hold.

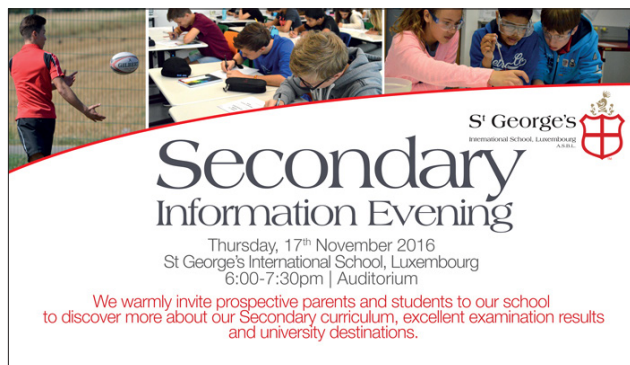
Our students across the school always are unfailingly polite and receptive and I was particularly struck by the enthusiasm of our Sixth Form students raising funds for their World Challenge expedition by putting on a movie night for our primary students – everyone very much enjoyed the experience!

I look forward to meeting parents at the forthcoming parent-teacher meetings either this week or following the half-term; as always, please do contact Mrs White on principal@st-georges.lu if you would like to schedule an appointment during these evenings to see me directly.

In the meantime, please do enjoy the half-term. If you are travelling outside the Grand Duchy, do travel safely. School starts again on **Monday 7th November**.

With my best regards,
 Dr Christian Barkei

Whole School News



Secondary Information Evening | 17th November Open to ALL parents.

On **Thursday 17th November**, The Secondary school is hosting an information evening open to all prospective parents (**we also recommend current parents from Year 5-6 to attend**). This evening will provide parents and students the opportunity to meet staff and students, and to ask any questions they may have. They will learn about the Secondary curriculum, exam results and university destinations. [Click here](#) to register! You may also go to our website, click on our 'Curriculum' tab, 'Secondary' and select 'Secondary Information Evening'.



Re-used Book Bags

We received a lovely picture from the Indian school children who were very grateful to receive our book bags from last year. We had a change in the style of school bags and were able to send some of the previously used bags to children less fortunate. They are all very pleased to be using the bags to carry their belongings to and from school.

Winter Clothing – Flash Charity Collection

Winter is on its way and the Kleiderkammer in Trier has had a new influx of refugees escaping the civil war in Yemen as well as more refugees from Syria who have arrived there from Turkey and Greece. Most of them have nothing but the clothes on their backs and a few Red Cross parcels. The need now is for Winter clothes, especially for men and boys (hats gloves, scarves and coats). In addition winter footwear is also in short supply.

If you can help then please donate before the half term holidays. You can bring clean clothing in bags, marked "winter clothing" and leave them at Reception where Mrs Hodges will collect them by 4:30pm and deliver them to Trier. Mr Todd will also help with the delivery.

Photographer

This week students have been given their proofs from school photographer days – all except Year 4 who are on residential trip! They each have a single shot and a class picture. On the proof pictures you will find website details and the codes you need if you wish to order copies. If you order within the next couple of weeks then the orders will be delivered to school free of charge and you will have them in time for Christmas. If you take longer to decide then you will be charged postage on the orders if they miss the bulk mailing. Orders and payment are done directly with the company and any queries can be directed to them.

Any student who was absent and did not have their picture taken will be taken when we have catch up session in spring term.

Lost Property

A gentle reminder that our lost property is continually expanding. We would like to urge all those students who have misplaced items during this half term to have a look in the lost property outside the Admin building to see if they can find some of their belongings. Weather permitting, we will display items out during the last week of the half-term. All unclaimed belongings will then be donated to charity.

Friends of St George's News

Funds Raised so Far

The total amount raised from Friends events so far in 2016 is approximately **€5,000** after all expenses are deducted. Donations amounting to a total of **€4,000** have been made to the charities chosen last year; Unity Foundation and United World Schools. The surplus funds will support the upcoming events. Additionally, the accumulated funds will be used to provide specialist equipment for students in the school in the coming year.

Save the date: Christmas Quiz Night – Friday 9th December 6:30-9:30pm

The Friends of St George's are pleased to announce that after the success of the quiz last year, this time it will have a Christmas theme. The quiz is for adults (staff, parents and friends) and there will be a light seasonal supper included in the price as well as a cash bar. Look out for the poster and sign-up sheets after the half-term holidays. Get your team together (6 per team) or if you don't have a team come along anyway and we can help you find one!

Friends of St George's Cultural Tour | 10:00am-12:00pm | Wednesday 16th November | Sign up now!

Génaveh of Steinfort is known worldwide for the quality and presentation of its artisanal chocolates. Please put the date in your diaries! Dive into the World of Chocolate and join us for the next Friends of St George's Cultural Tour to the Luxembourg chocolaterie to see how chocolates are made in Luxembourg.

Details: **Wednesday 16th November**, 10:00am-12:00pm, cost €15, including tour of factory and demonstrations. It's just in time before the Christmas season begins, you can learn how to make truffles (chocolates) ideal for dinner parties or presents.

Génaveh needs to be reserved in advance, so please sign up now by sending an email to **friends@st-georges.lu**. Possibilities to share transport will be available.

Two new Art Clubs to start after half term

Year 3-4 **Tuesdays** **3:15 – 4:30pm**
Year 5-6 **Wednesdays** **3:15 – 4:30pm**

Places will go fast so don't hesitate to contact **clubs@st-georges.lu** as soon as you can to book a place for your student.

We look forward to all registered students enjoying the club after half term!



Strictly St George's | Ballroom and Latin American Dance Lessons

Parents, governors, staff and friends are invited to participate in a ballroom dancing course led by Mr and Mrs Cooper. The lessons in Cha Cha Cha, Waltz, Jive, Quick-step and Salsa will take place in the Primary Gym on Thursday evenings for 10 weeks beginning **Thursday, 24th November**. There are classes for all levels. The 'Beginners' class is from 6:00pm-7:00pm and the 'Improvers' is from 7:00pm-8:00pm.

The cost is €150 per couple for the 10 sessions. If you would like to attend both 'Beginners' and 'Improvers' classes then the cost per couple is €200. Individuals are also welcome for a reduced price.

Please contact Mr or Mrs Cooper (g.cooper@st-georges.lu or s.cooper@st-georges.lu) if you would like to join us, places are limited and demand is likely to be high - Keep Dancing!

To view this page please log into the Parent Portal



Primary News

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Upcoming events & Important dates

25th-28th October

Year 4 Residential to Bollendorf

Thursday 10th November

**Parent-Teacher Meetings
(Primary) (4:00-7:00pm)**

Friday 11th November

**Year 3 IPC Showcase
(2:45-3:15pm)**

Wednesday 16th November

**Friends of St George's Cultural
Tour | 10:00-12:00pm**

Wednesday 16th November

**Parent-Teacher Meetings
(Primary)(4:00-7:00pm)**

Friday 18th November

**Parent Assembly Year 5
Useldange, Auditorium
(08:30 to 08:50am)**

Friday 25th November

**Parent Assembly Year 2
Clervaux, Auditorium
(08:30 to 08:50am)**

Monday 5th - Friday 9th

December

**Year 5 Residential Trip to
Chevetogne**

Friday 9th December

**Christmas Quiz Night
(6:30-9:30pm)**

Wednesday 14th December

**Year 4 IPC Showcase,
Classrooms (1:00-1:30pm)**

Spirit of Africa Videos

Videos of both Spirit of Africa shows will be available after the half-term holidays. More information on how to view the video will be in the next newsletter.

Maternity leave

You may have noticed that one or two of our staff are currently expecting the pater of tiny feet and we would like to extend our best wishes to Mrs Whicher, Mrs Kelly and Mrs Treinen, on their exciting news. We are pleased to inform you they will be replaced by Ms Plahe (4Pettingen) and Ms Nespor (5 Useldange) at the beginning of next half term, and by Mrs Krstic (4 Fischbach) who returns on the 15th November.

Report Evening Information

The booking system for Parent/Teacher Meetings on the 10th and 16th of November opened on **Friday 21st October 2016**.

All parents will be offered a 15 min appointment with the class teacher who will discuss general progress in all subject areas. A limited number of 5 minute appointments have been made available with specialist teachers, should parents wish additional information. These appointments are made on a first come first served basis. As some specialists teach up to 400 children it is not possible to see every parent in these areas, however, the class teacher will have a general overview of progress made.

PE Kit

The PE department would like to remind students and parents that the school PE kit (red school T-shirt and shorts or tracksuit bottoms) should be worn only in PE lessons. For hygiene reasons, pupils should change all their PE clothes, including tracksuit bottoms or shorts, at the end of the PE lesson. In order to keep the gym floor clean and safe, pupils should also bring a separate pair of gym shoes or trainers to wear for PE.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Clubs Cancelled on Parent Teacher Meeting Evenings

Due to the Primary Parent and Teacher Meetings on **Thursday 10th November** and **Wednesday 16th November**, the following clubs will be cancelled on those days.

Thursday 10th November

Art Club
Badminton Club
Dance Club - Standard
Football Club
Mandarin Club
Yoga Club
Band String Ensemble
Cooking Club

Wednesday 16th November

Primary Choir
English as an Additional
Language (EAL) Club
Football Club
Girls 5-a-side Football Club
Sewing/Knitting Club
Yoga Club
Board Games Club
Art Club

Year 4 News



Skype Session with Intern working for MP

Last week, Year 4 held a Skype conference with someone who had recently completed an internship working for an MP (member of Parliament) in London. Through excellent questions, the students discovered what it is like to work for a politician and the history of the parliament building in London.

Primary News

Treatment of Headlice

We have had a recurrence of head lice here at the school in the Primary section. PLEASE check all your family carefully and treat any cases immediately so that this does not spread. For more information see www.sante.lu/sante&ecole. Here you can find information in multiple languages on how to treat head lice. Thank you. The School Nurse Team

Year 1 Prepare for Halloween

This week the children in Year 1 made their own Pumpkin Soup books. They will take these home to retell the story in their own words.



Year 5 Boat Trip

Year 5 had a fantastic boat trip on the Mosel from Remich to Schengen to round off their learning about rivers on Tuesday morning. The students were able to identify key river features, such as meanders and spotted different ways in which rivers are used for industry, tourism and recreation. Thank you, Mrs Kelly, for organising such a great end to our topic



Photos from the Trunk or Treat Event



Secondary News

Upcoming events & Important dates

Thursday 27th October
Parent-Teacher-Student
Conference (Secondary)
(4:00-7:00pm)

Thursday 27th October
Year 11 Parent Lunch
Um Dierfgen, (12:00pm)

Monday 7th November
Year 11JMO Medical

Wednesday 9th November
Parent Teacher Student
Conference (Secondary)
(4:00-7:00pm)

14-18th November
Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 15th November
Year 8 Macbeth
Performance, Auditorium
(6:00pm)

21st-23rd November
Year 8 Trip ArtsDepot,
London (Shakespeare
Schools Festival)

5th-16th December
Year 11,12,13 Mock
Exams

Friday 9th December
Christmas Quiz Night
(6:30-9:30pm)

Key Stage 3 News

Key Stage 3 Challenge Series

The challenge series is taking place again this year for students in years 7, 8 and 9. The challenges have been designed to promote and reinforce the idea of continually 'doing the basics right.' At different points during the year, the students will be presented with a challenge for a period of about 2 weeks - during this time they will be monitored on a daily basis to ensure that they meet the challenge criteria. The first challenge will be the 'Equipment Challenge' which begins on **Wednesday October 19th** and concludes on **Friday October 28th**. Students must bring the correct basic equipment to school everyday i.e. a pen, pencil, ruler, reading book and PLANNER! Every student who successfully completes the challenge will receive a Merit from their Tutor and will also be entered into a prize draw, with each challenge having the following individual prizes:

1st place - €20 Amazon voucher

2nd place - €15 Amazon voucher

3rd place - €10 Amazon voucher

In addition to this the best performing Tutor Group will receive a trophy which they will hold until the winners of the next challenge are announced. It is hoped that this extra incentive and directed focus will ensure that students develop good routines and arrive at school 'ready to learn'. We hope that you will support and encourage the students' full participation in this initiative

Year 8 News



Booking System is NOW OPEN for the
Year 8 Performance of Macbeth

If you would to book seats to see Macbeth on **Tuesday 15th November** at 6:00pm please [click here](#) and book via our Parent Portal (Left side of the screen). This event will take place in our Auditorium.

Year 8 Auditions for Macbeth in Shakespeare School's Festival

All Year 8 students have been invited to audition for a role in this year's Shakespeare School's Festival performance. This year's entry will be a 30 minute version of Macbeth.

Rehearsals will take place on Mondays and Fridays after school from 3:30-5:00pm.

- Monday 7th November
- Friday 11th November
- Monday 14th November

Year 7, 9 and 11 News

Medicals

Please note that the senior school medicals will begin after half term. Students in Years 7, 9 and 11 will be given medicals by the Ministry of Health. Dr Welter will attend St George's to carry out the medicals. These will be held on Monday mornings. The medicals will begin on **Monday 7th November** with year 11JMO.

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SEL Concert

The Soloists European Luxembourg is an ensemble featuring musicians from various orchestras around Europe. Hannah and Nathan were the recipients of two tickets offered to our KS4 and 5 students to see the SEL chamber music concert featuring their principal double bass, Wolfgang Goettler of the SWR Sinfonieorchester. Both students are taking Music GCSE and found the concert both enjoyable and educational. They look forward to the next opportunity to see this ensemble. Tickets to future performances will be available to KS4 and 5 students thanks to Anne Pierron, the SEL manager. For more information, please contact Mrs. Ni at music@st-georges.lu.



Halloween Dress-up Day | Friday 28th October | Canteen

Secondary students are hosting a 'best costume competition' and sweet sale during their break time to raise money for United World Schools (UWS). Staff and students need to pay 1 euro to enter the competition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Clubs Cancelled on Parent-Teacher-Student Evenings

Due to the Secondary Parent-Teacher-Student Meetings on **Thursday 27th October** and **Wednesday 9th November**, the following clubs will be cancelled on those days.

Thursday 27th October

Harmony Club
International Sports Team Club
Study Hall
Band (String) Ensemble
Secondary Homework Club

Wednesday 9th November

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

Thank you for your understanding.

Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (Secondary) | 4:00-7:00pm

Thursday, 27th October and Wednesday, 9th November 2016

The Parent-Teacher-Student meetings will take place on **Thursday, 27th October** and **Wednesday, 9th November** 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 (Key Stage 3 & Key Stage 4) 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 teachers and 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.

We expect all Secondary students whose parents have made an appointment with a teacher to attend the Parent-Teacher-Student Conference.

Community News



SOCCER, SOCCER Club

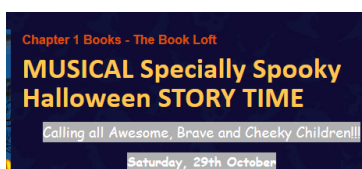
The Soccer Soccer Club run by the GLOBALPRO coaches are offering a Halloween half term Football Course for boys and girls ages 4 – 17 years.

If you are interested, please contact **soccersoccerca@yahoo.com** or telephone Senad Arnautovic on 621 51 51 95. Thank you.



Join the Adult Choir - Double Entendre

Interested in singing? Join Double Entendre, a choir for adults who enjoy singing. No previous experience is required, just come and give it a go! All of St George's parents and Friends of St George's are welcome. The choir meet every Tuesday from 7:30pm till 9:00pm at St George's, in the music room in the Zinnen building.



Chapter 1 - The Book Loft | MUSICAL Spooky Halloween STORY TIME

On **Saturday, 29th October**, The Book Loft will be sharing stories of ghoulish ghosts and ghastly goblins, wacky witches and wonderful wizards, accompanied by magically mysterious live music!

Dare to be there with your most marvellous masks and mischief to frighten the wicked ones away!! To sign up or for more information [click here](#).



Gymboree Spooky Halloween Party

Gymboree summons you to celebrate Halloween with them on **Saturday 29th October 2016** from 4:00-5:30pm. Dress up and Join Gymboree! For more information please call: +352 26 20 38 53 or visit **www.gymboree.lu**.



Shotokan Karate EU Luxembourg | 21-22 January 2017

Location: Hall Omnisports de Hamm

157, Rue de Hamm. Hamm-Luxembourg

For more information Tel. John Kirby on 4301 35714 or

Email: **john.kirby@ec.europa.eu**



Message in a Bottle Adventure Story time! Saturday, 12th November @Chapter1 The Book Loft

Inviting all children to the launch of a new magical and educational personalised children's book, Message in a Bottle! On This special programme includes a fun, educational and adventurous Story Time discovering 'Message in a Bottle' animal characters from around the world, and meeting the illustrator herself! Please register using the link below <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c44aaa622a1ff2-message>

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.