



# Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> November 2016



Don't forget to read this section



## Important Dates

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Parent-Teacher Meetings**  
**(Primary) (4:00-7:00pm)**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Secondary Information Evening**  
**Book your seats [here!](#)**  
**(6:00-7:30pm)**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Parent Assembly Year 5**  
**Useldange, Auditorium**  
**(08:30 to 08:50am)**

**21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
**Year 8 Trip ArtsDepot, London**  
**(Shakespeare Schools Festival)**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Parent Assembly Year 2**  
**Clervaux, Auditorium**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Christmas Carol Concert -**  
**Hamm Parish church at 7:30pm.**  
**Everyone is welcome to attend**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Year 11 Drama Performance**  
**Exam (6:00 to 7:30pm)**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Secondary Christmas Fayre**  
**(2:20 - 5:00pm)**

## Whole School News

Dear Parents,

Year 8 students last night gave a stunning performance of a shortened version of Macbeth in the auditorium in preparation for their performance at the Shakespeare School Festival. The students make excellent use of Shakespearean language and the staging was innovative and original, with the witches and their cloaks transmitting a tangible atmosphere. It was a night to remember!

Thank you to the Friends Representatives who attended our first meeting this morning at school – it was a very useful and engaging meeting and there promise to be a number of exciting events ahead, both this term and next (including the Christmas themed quiz night)!

This week we have the second evening of Parent – Teacher meetings tonight in Primary and have our Secondary Information evening tomorrow night – thank you to all colleagues and parents who are attending and participating.

You may also notice the Christmas tree which has seasonally appeared in Administration next to Reception – it is our annual contribution to 'Gifts for Kids' in Luxembourg. Please consider contributing to this very worthy cause for less fortunate children in the Grand Duchy.

With my best regards,  
 Dr Barkei

# Whole School News

## School Photographs

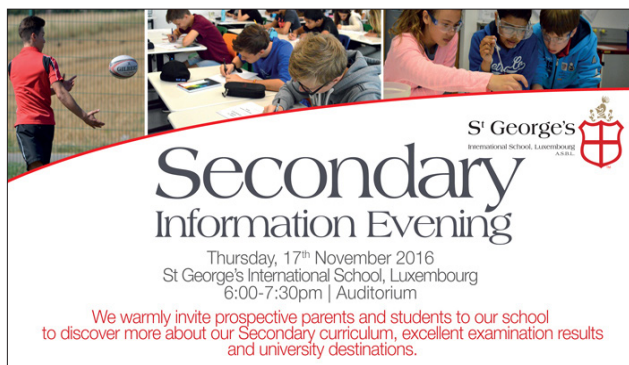
This is a reminder to order copies of your child's photographs if you would like them in time for Christmas. To order please use the website details on your prints and the code individual to each picture. Thank you.



Save the Children.

## Save the Children Christmas Themed Event

On **Friday 16th December** everyone in school has the opportunity to wear something Christmas themed to school and donate to Save the Children. It doesn't have to be a jumper, it can be a hat or anything else festive! Donations of 1 euro will be given to the charity.



## 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 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'.



## Postage stamps in Aid of the Royal National Institute of Blind People (R.N.I.B.)

Thank you to all who donated used postage stamps in aid of the Royal National Institute of Blind People (R.N.I.B.) last year. During the financial year 2015-2016 the donation of used postage stamps raised just over £25,000 for the charity. Unfortunately this year it dropped to £7,000. This is a reflection of more mail being sent electronically. Any stamps help, so please remember the R.N.I.B. before binning or burning an envelope with a stamp on it. **Please donate your stamps at the Reception desk.** Even the large pre-printed stickers on larger items of British post are collectable. Non UK stamps are even more valuable to the charity. Thank you for your support.

## Friends of St George's News

### Friends Class Representatives 2016-2017

Find out who is the class representative for your child's year group by checking our [Friends Class Rep List](#). She/he will contact you to set up a shared list (or create a WhatsApp group) to ensure that you are always kept informed of social/cultural/community events. The class rep will happily take on board suggestions for future events and share these with the Friends organising group.



## HURRY HURRY It's Christmas Quiz Night on Friday 9th December 6:30-10:00pm

The Friends of St George's are hosting another sensational International Quiz - this year with a Christmas theme! The sign up sheets are now available at the Reception!

The quiz is for adults (staff, parents and friends). Get your team together (4-6 per team) or if you don't have a team come along anyway and we can help you find one! Tickets cost €10 which includes entry fee, seasonal dinner and prizes. Cash bar and glühwein will be available! Deadline for sign-up is **Tuesday 6th December**.



# Whole School News



## Staff are Preparing for This Year's Movember Show!

During this month staff across the school will be taking part in Movember to raise awareness of men's health issues. This year's Movember production will be something a little different compared to the previous ones...more information will be available next week!

Please donate here: <http://moteam.co/mo-aid>



## 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 6-11). This is a 'make at home' project for individuals or student teams, all the information can be found under the Primary or Secondary resources tab in 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](mailto:clubs@st-georges.lu). Additional workshops may be arranged if there is enough interest. Please contact Mrs Dishman via [thecelticspirals@gmail.com](mailto:thecelticspirals@gmail.com) to sign up.

## Club Information

### Ukulele (Sing and Strum) club Years 5-9 | Thursday

In small groups, students can develop a repertoire of songs from different genres, including those being sung by the Primary Choir, and provide their own instrumental accompaniment whilst strengthening their vocal skills. The supervisor will help with vocal harmonies, chord progressions, guitar and ukulele choirs, as required. Beginners are welcome.

This club will be replacing **Harmony Club**, which will be finishing at the December Holidays.

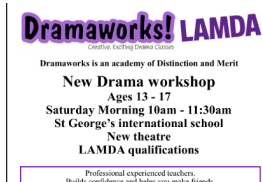
Cost: 100 euro per term.

### NEW Art Clubs Available Now

**Year 3-4**      **Tuesdays**      **3:15 – 4:30pm**

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

Book now through [clubs@st-georges.lu](mailto:clubs@st-georges.lu) to join these creative clubs!



### New Drama WorkShop | Ages 13-17 | Saturday mornings | 10:00-11:30am

This LAMDA drama workshop has started on **Saturdays** in the Auditorium. Come and join our dynamic and fun classes and earn a valuable LAMDA qualification. Drama workshops and small group tuition combined. For more information or to sign up contact [clubs@st-georges.lu](mailto:clubs@st-georges.lu).



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

Everyone is invited to participate in a ballroom dancing course led by Mr and Mrs Cooper. The lessons in Cha Cha Cha, Waltz, Jive, Quickstep and Salsa will take place in the Primary Gym on Thursday evenings for 10 weeks beginning **Thursday, 24th November**. Please contact Mr or Mrs Cooper ([g.cooper@st-georges.lu](mailto:g.cooper@st-georges.lu) or [s.cooper@st-georges.lu](mailto: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



All children in Primary will be able to buy these gifts for their family members. All gifts are 1 euro and children can purchase up to 2 gifts, if they wish to do so on the day. - Many thanks, the Year 6 team.



# Primary News

## Liège Aquarium-Museum

*'Last week, Year 6 visited Liège Aquarium-Museum. This reflected our learning from reading Kensuke's Kingdom, by Michael Morpurgo.*

*At the museum, we learned all about marsupials and mammals, the differences between members of the animal kingdom and how certain animals survive in the wild. We saw lots of interesting skeletons, including a 19 metre long fin whale!*

*In the aquarium we saw a huge range of fish, including piranhas, starfish and eels. We even saw fish with no eyes adapted to living in pitch black caves!*

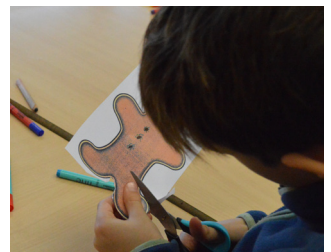
*We all had fun!' Written by Burak, 6S*



## Gifts for Kids

Gifts for Kids is a charity that brings Christmas cheer to under privileged children in Luxembourg. St George's has received a wish list from 685 less fortunate children in Luxembourg.

Our elves in the Primary art room have been extremely busy this week making hundreds of Christmas cards for the charity.



## Reception Orange Show off their Musical Talents

Children in Reception Orange are learning all about Music. They have set up a band area in the classroom where students can play the drums, several acoustic guitars and they even have a microphone plugged into an amp for all the budding singers! The children are learning to share instruments, to write their own music, sing cover songs and make up their own melodies. This exercise is a great way for children to discover what instruments they enjoy playing early on in life.



# Secondary News

## Upcoming events & Important dates

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**  
Come dressed in blue to help support anti-bullying week & cake sale!

**21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
Year 8 Trip ArtsDepot, London (Shakespeare Schools Festival)

**5<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> December**  
Year 11,12,13 Mock Exams

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
Year 9 Christmas Drama Project

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**  
International Christmas Quiz Night (6:30-9:30pm)

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
Year 11 Drama Performance Exam (6:00 to 7:30pm)

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
Secondary Christmas Fayre (2:20 - 5:00pm)

**22<sup>nd</sup> December - 4<sup>th</sup> January**  
Christmas Holidays

## Secondary News

### Year 9 Christmas Drama Project

Year 9 parents are invited to attend the presentation of the Year 9 Christmas drama project on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**.

Year 9 have taken on the challenge of creating new and original theatre pieces for a target audience of year 3 and 4 students. In small groups, students have worked hard to create 15 minute pieces of drama work suitable for their target audience. Presentations will take place during their normal drama lesson time.

**9MFO 10:45am in the auditorium**

**9BM 1:45pm in the auditorium**

Please arrive a couple of minutes before the start time, the presentations will last approximately 45 minutes.

### It's Anti-Bullying Week in Secondary

This week Secondary students are hosting their annual "Anti Bullying Week." The theme is "Power for good" with the following key aims:

We want to support children and young people to use their "Power for Good" by understanding the ways in which they are powerful and able to encourage individuals. By working together they can collectively stop bullying to help create a better world. At St George's we value the difference we can make in a child's life by taking individual and collective initiatives to prevent bullying and create a safe and positive environment where children can thrive.

**On Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November**, Secondary are hosting "Come dressed in blue day" and a cake sale – cake donations are more than welcome! During the week, students can purchase blue wristbands from their tutors to show support.



### New Look For the Common Room

As part of redecorating the new common room in the Zinnen building, Alex and Veerle (our Display Officers) painted a wall mural and remodelled the common room in order to make it welcoming for the Sixth Form students. The aim for this project was to create a positive atmosphere for students to work and relax in. The new look has received a positive response from all the students.

## Year 7, 9 and 11

### Medicals

Please note that the secondary school medicals are taking place on Monday mornings. 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.



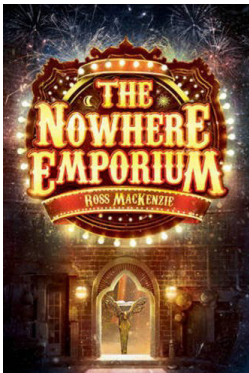
# Secondary News

## Key Stage 3 News

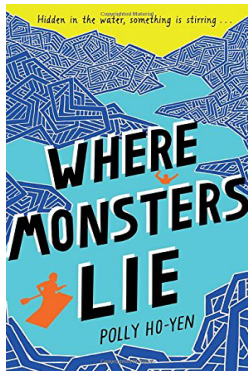
Games Hub | Years 7 and 8 | Wednesdays at lunchtimes from 12:50 – 1:20pm | room L07A

Games Hub will start from **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. Bring a board game or a card game to play. Students need to keep their game in their locker during the rest of the day, and it is their responsibility to look after it. This club is free.

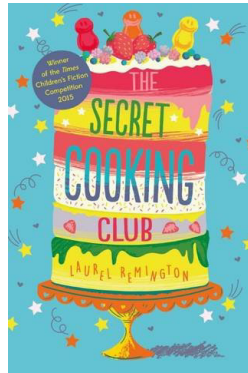
### Year 7



The Nowhere Emporium  
By Ross MacKenzie



Where Monsters Lie  
By Polly Ho-Yen



The Secret Cooking Club  
By Laurel Remington

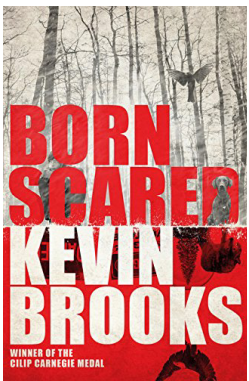


The Secrets of Billie Bright  
By Susie Day

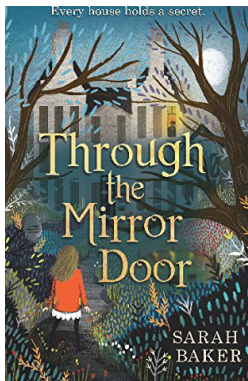


Rail Head  
By Philip Reeve

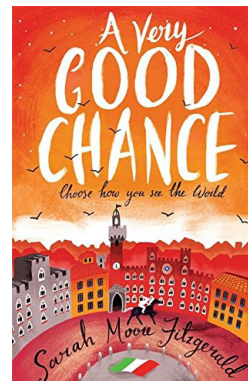
### Year 9



Born Scared  
By Kevin Brooks



Through the Mirror Door  
By Sarah Baker



A Very Good Chance  
By Sarah Moore Fitzgerald

### Year 8

#### The Tragedy of Macbeth Performance in Photos

Year 8 students have been practising for their upcoming auditions at the Shakespeare School's Festival. Last night they performed a 30 minute sketch of the tragedy by William Shakespeare in front of friends and family. The play is centered around the corrosive power of ambition.



## Community News



### 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.



### Spanish Gourmand Promotion

Spanish delicatessen (Jamón, Lomito, Olive Oil, Wine, etc.) straight from small producers with limited high-quality productions. For more information like us on Facebook @ Spanish Gourmand. Email: [spanishgourmand@gmail.com](mailto:spanishgourmand@gmail.com) Phone: +352 691203349. Orders for christmas need to be placed before **Sunday 27th November 2016**.



### Shotokan Karate EU Luxembourg | 21-22 January 2017

Location: Hall Omnisports de Hamm

157, Rue de Hamm. Hamm-Luxembourg

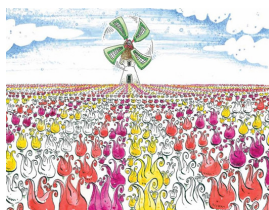
For more information Tel. John Kirby on 4301 35714 or

Email: [john.kirby@ec.europa.eu](mailto:john.kirby@ec.europa.eu)



### Edith van den Heuvel Trio in Concert | Saturday 26th November | 20:00pm

The concert takes place at Pianos Kelly, 17 rue de Munsbach in Niederanven. To reserve your tickets contact [concert@piano.lu](mailto:concert@piano.lu).



### Author Robert Schofield, Story Time Special Edition | Saturday, 26th November

Come to hear a wonderful story about happiness, love, greed – and tulips at the Chapter1 The Book Loft (40, rue des Bruyères - L-1274, Howald, Luxembourg).

The author Robert Schofield will be reading from his book 'The Hoogen-Stoogen Tulip' (illustrated by Carlo Schmitz). There will be puppetry, windmill machines and a special tulip game for the youngest children. To register please click on the link below: <http://tinyurl.com/Chapter1-Story-Time>.