



# Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**St George's**

International School, Luxembourg  
A.S.B.L.



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Foundation  
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Key Stage 1  
(Years 1-2)



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Key Stage 3  
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(Years 10-11)



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(Years 12-13)

## Weather Warning

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

## Important Dates

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## Whole School News



**St George's Retain the Keith Price Cup in the Top of The Bench Competition**



**St George's Takes on Erasmus+ Project 'READY, STEADY, WORK!'**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the now clearly anticipatory Christmas newsletter; our Christmas events are beginning to stack up like Santa's deliveries! Whether it is seasonal performances, Christmas jumpers, the now traditional Christmas Fayres or our carol singing you are sure to find an event you will enjoy attending!

Our two student chemistry teams acquitted themselves admirably again in the Top of the Bench competition, coming first and second in the regional competition against strong opposition. We will again be sending a team to the UK in 2017 to compete in the international final. Well done to students and supporting colleagues!

School continues with mock examinations until the 16th December and we expect all students to do their very best in these trials; they are an invaluable opportunity to work in as close to actual examination conditions before the actual examinations at the end of the year.

I had the opportunity to spend some time in different classrooms this morning and was again struck by the absolute engagement and enthusiasm of so many of our students and the friendly and supportive environment my colleagues create and maintain. This is something they do every lesson – they certainly earned their chocolate gifts from St Nicholas this week – thank you!

I have great pleasure to announce that the Annual Report 2015-16 is ready and will be distributed to all families in the school before the end of term.

With my best regards,

Dr Barkei

# Whole School News

## The Headlice Have Returned

Due to the seasonal weather we have had several cases of headlice, please check and treat your child/ren for headlice. We don't want any unwanted guests for Christmas. Thank you for your understanding. - The School Nurses

## Canteen Order Forms | Deadline Monday 12th December

The canteen menus for next term are available on the Parent Portal, these menus have the added information of allergens within each meal provided. The deadline for submitting the canteen forms is **Monday 12th December**. Thank you.



Save the Children.



## Wholeschool '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. Thank you!



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

Please donate used postage stamps in aid of the Royal National Institute of Blind People (R.N.I.B.). 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

### Join the Friends at the Secondary Christmas Fayre

Join the Friends of St George's at the St George's Secondary Christmas Fayre on **Monday, 19th December** from 2:30-5:30pm. Show & Sell your products (hand-made jewellery, greeting cards, arts & crafts and other items that you may have created) Interested? Contact us at [friends@st-georges.lu](mailto:friends@st-georges.lu) before **Thursday, 15th December** to secure your place at the Friends of St George's Stand!



## REMINDER! It's Christmas Quiz Night | Friday 9th December | 6:30-10:00pm

We would like to encourage all guests attending the Christmas Quiz to wear something festive for the occasion! We are looking forward to putting your knowledge to the test on Friday! Dr Barkei will be the Quiz Master again!

# Whole School News



## 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: 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017.**

The work can also be done in a school club on Mondays by contacting **clubs@st-georges.lu**. Additional workshops may be arranged if there is enough interest. Please contact Mrs Dishman via **thecelticspirals@gmail.com** to sign up.

## Club Information

### Art Club Years 2-4 | 3:15-4:30pm | Tuesday

The Art Club on Tuesdays has opened up to include Year 2 – if anyone is interested, please contact **clubs@st-georges.lu**. Cost:100 eur per term.

### Additional Spaces in Clubs

We have some places available in the following clubs. If you think you would enjoy trying something new or even going back to something you have tried before, do come along .... Our clubs need enthusiastic students willing to have fun! **Secondary students – a special call out to you too!**

Monday	Italian Club for Italian Speakers	Year 3-4
Monday	Film-Making Club	Year 8-13
Tuesday	Art Club	Year 2-4
Tuesday	Hip Hop Dance Club	Year 5-6
Wednesday	Art Club	Year 5-6
Wednesday	Board Games	Year 6+
Thursday	Band Ensemble	Year 5-13
Thursday	Ukelele Club	Year 5-9
Thursday	Mandarin Club	Year 2-6
Friday	Mandarin Club	Year 5-8
Friday	Dance Standard	Year 5-7
Friday	Soccer, Soccer Club	Year 5-13

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# Primary News

## Upcoming events & Important dates

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(6:30-9:30pm) Wear something festive!

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**(2:45pm-3:15pm)**

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**money for Save the Children!**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**Year 6 Christmas Fayre**  
**Children can buy 2 gifts for a euro**  
**each. It's all for an amazing cause**  
**– Kribskrank Kanner, a children's**  
**cancer charity**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**Parent Assembly Year 3 Class**  
**Koerich, Auditorium (08:30 to**  
**08:50am)**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**Years 1 and 2 Christmas**  
**Performance 'Children of the World',**  
**Auditorium (1:30pm)**  
**Booking Open Now!**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**Year 1 IPC showcase,**  
**Classrooms(10:00am)**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**The Sleepy Shepherd**  
**EYFS Christmas Performance**  
**Reception Green & Reception Indigo**  
**& Nursery Yellow & half of Red class.**  
**Auditorium, (10:00-11:00).**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**The Sleepy Shepherd**  
**EYFS Christmas Performance**  
**Reception Violet & Reception Orange**  
**& Nursery Blue & half of Nursery Red**  
**class. Auditorium (1:30pm-2:30pm).**

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

## Primary News Foundation Stage News

**EYFS Christmas Performance: The Sleepy Shepherd Booking is NOW Open**

**1<sup>st</sup> Performance: Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 10:00am-11:00am -**  
**Reception Green & Reception Indigo & Nursery Yellow & half of Nursery Red**  
**class (Parents' of Nursery Red class – please see your child's journal to see**  
**whether your child is performing at this time).**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Performance: Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 1:30pm-2:30pm - Reception**  
**Violet & Reception Orange & Nursery Blue & half of Nursery Red class**  
**(Parents' of Nursery Red class – please see your child's journal to see whether**  
**your child is performing at this time).**

Please book your seats via the Parent Portal (Select 'the Sleepy Shepherd' on the left hand side menu).

## MilePost 1 News



**Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance**  
**'Children of the World' BOOKING OPEN NOW!**

Milepost 1 will perform their Christmas Show 'Children of the World' at 1:30pm on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** in the Auditorium. Due to audience capacity, we can only provide a maximum of **two seats per child**. Booking can be made on through the Parent Portal. (Select the performance on the left hand side menu).

**The Story in a Nutshell:**

Every year Gabriel and the angels celebrate the birth of Jesus by bringing children from around the world to the manger. Each angel has a lucky number, seven numbers are chosen from a lucky dip, drawn by Gabriel. The angels with matching numbers become messengers and their job is to bring children from countries around the world to visit baby Jesus in the stable. The lucky dip is designed to be conducted like many of the reality shows on TV enjoyed by children today, the winners being announced with great drama and timing. The selected messengers receive gold envelopes from Gabriel which contain the name of the country they visit. As each group of children is brought to the stable, they tell of their special Christmas customs, present a song which reflects their country and make an offering at the manger. In the final scene the children join hands around the manger, to represent peace and hope in the world.

## Year 2 News



**Divali Celebrations**

Year 2 get creative and celebrate Divali in their art lesson!

# Primary School News

## Year 2 Dudelange

Year 2 have been learning about family celebrations and had a special visit from one of the three kings.



## Year 3 News

### Celebrating our Local Community

On Saturday, Year 3 sang three beautiful Christmas songs in Luxembourgish and English for our local Luxembourgish community in Hamm.

It was a lovely way to celebrate St Nicholas Day (Kleeschen) and join in with the local community.

St Nicolas rewarded the good work by giving presents to the children, Dr Barkei and Ms Nuttall however only received a stick from Housecker (Black Peter).



### EAL (English as an Additional Language) Club

Christmas has already arrived at the EAL club! This week the students made Christmas themed Pasta! Using English language recipes is a fun way to learn imperative verb forms and extend the children's food, cooking and maths vocabulary. Plus they had something tasty to bring home at the end of the day to share with their family!



## Year 3-6 News



### Primary Christmas Fayre for Charity | 2 euros

Year 6's annual Christmas Fayre will be held on **Friday 16th December**. All children in Primary will be able to buy gifts for their family members. All gifts are 1 euro and children can purchase up to 2 gifts. If you wish your child to purchase gifts on the day please ensure he/she has 2 euros. All money raised will go to charity. Many thanks - the Year 6 team.



### Spelling Bee, Years 3-6

This year the Spelling Bee Competition will start on **Monday 9th January**, 2017 and the finals will take place on **Tuesday 3rd February**. Words are available on the Parent Portal for students to practise the first words in the competition. All students in Years 3-6 can enter, each entry will receive a housepoint. Spelling strategies were demonstrated in assembly this week and students will continue to learn strategies each week.

The buzz of excitement for this year's competition can already be heard around school!

# Secondary News

## Upcoming events & Important dates

**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 Parents are invited to attend. 9MFO at 10:45pm and 9BM at 1:45pm**

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

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**"Frantic Assembly" ½ Day Workshop for students studying Drama at IGCSE or A-level**

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

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Deadline for returning Year 9 forms for Ski Trip.**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**  
**Year 9 Residential Ski Trip to France.**

## Secondary News

**KS4 Performance Evening | Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December | 6:00pm**

The Year 11 Drama students will perform their exam pieces; a combination of drama from published plays and new original theatre created by the students.

For the Year 11 drama students this performance evening counts as 60% of their final IGCSE drama grade. They will be supported by musical performances from the Year 10 GCSE music students and the Year 12 Drama group. **Parents are invited to attend.**

**"Frantic Assembly" ½ Day Workshop | Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Students studying Drama at IGCSE or A-level will participate in a ½ day workshop delivered by a practitioner from the British theatre company "Frantic Assembly".

Period 1 – 3 Year 12 and Year 11 Drama students  
Period 4 – 6 Year 10 Drama students

## Secondary Parliament News

**Christmas Post box**

The Secondary Parliament have set up a special Christmas post box at the entrance to Lentz building. The post box will be available until 16<sup>th</sup> of December. Students can send a letter or Christmas card to their friends or teachers and the post will be delivered on **Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> of December.**

**Looking for second hand DVDS and CDs to Sell at Secondary Fayre**

School Parliament will run a second hand stall at the Christmas Fair so if you have DVDs or CDs (films, music albums etc.) or Christmas decorations that you no longer need, please leave them at the reception in the collection box. Thank you!

**Secondary Christmas Fayre 2016 | Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

We would like to thank all the sponsors for their generous donations. We will be selling raffle tickets in the reception area at 3:15pm on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> of December and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>.** The price of the raffle tickets will be €2 per ticket, or special offers on multi ticket buying! We have some marvellous prizes available, so please come along to buy tickets if you cannot attend the Fayre.

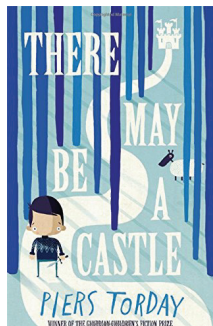
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3 Tickets: 5€  
5 Tickets: 8€  
10 Tickets: 15€



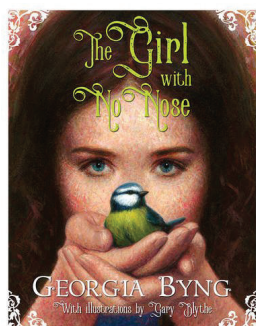


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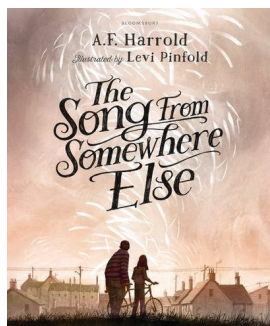
## Book of the Month - Year 7



Why is Mouse looking for a castle?

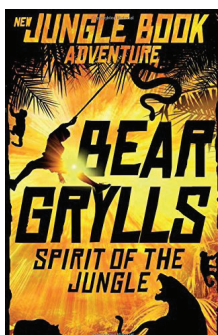


Alice's path is transformed by love and friendship

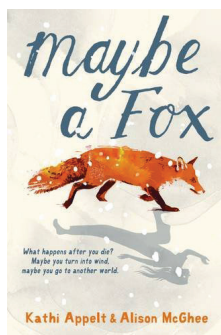


Strangeness, strength, friendship

## Book of the Month - Year 8



Heart-stopping contemporary adventure

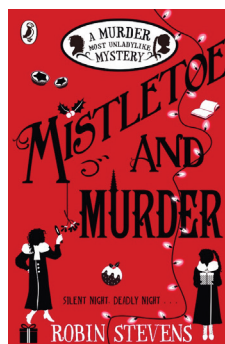


Sisterly love and grief with a twist of magical realism

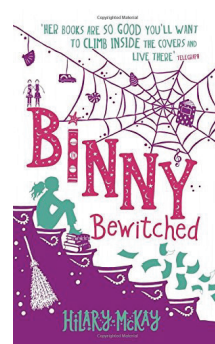


Big-hearted story of magic and friendship

## Book of the Month - Year 9



"No one is dead ... yet"



Strange things are happening to the Cornwallis family



Not for passengers of a nervous disposition

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

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 9 Secondary Ski Trip Information

This year Secondary staff will be taking Year 9 students on a residential trip to France where they will be learning and developing their skiing skills. They will be staying in a resort in the Vosges mountain region. This is a great resort for beginners but it also offers a number of more challenging runs for the more experienced skiers.

The trip will run from **Monday 30th January until Friday 3rd February 2017**. Copies of the forms which need completing and returning to tutors (by **Friday 13th January**) can be found on [St George's Parent Portal](#).

More information about the resort and location will also be available on the Parent Portal.

## Community News

### HAPPY FITNESS

Realise your aim. Live it more!



#### Happy Fitness After-School Program

Following several requests, Happy Fitness will be offering 2 special camp days from 9:00am to 6:00pm on **December 22nd and 23rd** based at the Happy Fitness camp including crafts and sports activities.

Please note places are limited, and subscription will be open on the 1st of December 2016.

For more information or to book please contact Ms Stroup via [bstroup@happyfitness.lu](mailto:bstroup@happyfitness.lu) or tel : +352 27 04 8001. [www.happyfitness.lu](http://www.happyfitness.lu).



POEM, A PAINTER AGUS PIOSA CRAIC...

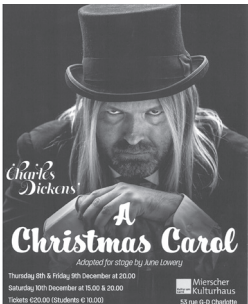


#### A poem, a painter Agus Piosa Craic | 9th December 6:30 – 8:30pm

Niall Mac Monagle, teacher, editor and art critic will launch his poetry anthology *Windharp – Poetry of Ireland since 1916*. Complementary drinks and canapés, music by Comhaltas Cheoltóirí Éireann. Followed by a talk on the painting 'Une ferme à Pont-Aven' by Roderic O'Connor. Event will take place at: 40, rue des Bruyères, L-1274, Howald, Luxembourg

**For further information:** [aibhistin.ocoimin@eursc-mamer.lu](mailto:aibhistin.ocoimin@eursc-mamer.lu).

Register here: <http://tinyurl.com/h6ojdlN>.



#### A Christmas Carol - Adapted for stage by June Lowery

The BGT English Language Theatre Company Presents: Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. The show will take place on:

Thursday 8th and Friday 9th December at 20:00.

Saturday 10th December at 15:00 and 20:00

Tickets 20 euro (Students 10 euro)



#### Traditional Christmas Market with Father Christmas

You're invited to the Chapter 1 The Book Loft Christmas Market on **Saturday 10th December**, from 10:30 to 6:00pm.

Step into a cosy world of festive delights at the Christmas market!

This year Chapter1 and Éirelux open their doors to a variety of arts and crafts stalls, products and artists. Complimentary Glühwein for adults

Father Christmas will also be delighted to offer a gift to all good children!!

Location: 40, rue des Bruyères - L-1274, Howald, Luxembourg

For the programme or to book, contact: [Daniela@chapter1.lu](mailto:Daniela@chapter1.lu).

*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.*