



Newsletter

St George's
International School, Luxembourg
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16th December 2016



Wishing families a very Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year!



[Year 9 Christmas Drama Project Success](#)



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Important Dates

Monday 19th December
Secondary Christmas Fayre
(2:30 - 5:30pm)

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[Students Perform in 'Children of the World'](#)

Whole School 'Save the Children' Christmas Themed Event

Thank you to all those who wore festive attire today to support 'Save The Children'!!



Whole School News



IMPORTANT changes to Canach bus schedule!

Please note there have been some important changes in the Canach bus schedule: [Click here](#) to view the revised times. The changes have been made in order to ensure a prompt arrival at school.



Stunning Performance from Double entendre and the Reebou singers!

All those who attended the performance in the Hamm church commented on how excellent the singing was. A beautiful way to continue the festive community spirit.



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.

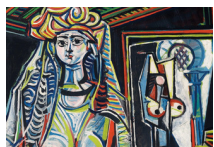
Additional workshops may be arranged if there is enough interest. Please contact Mrs Dishman via thecelticspirals@gmail.com to sign up.

Friends of St George's News

Friends of St George's Quiz Night 2016

Put 50 people into a quiz room and feel the anticipation and competitiveness as the atmosphere rises with every round. Friday night was no exception. The venue was festive and the questions set with varying degrees of difficulty to ensure the assembled teams were challenged intellectually. The evening started with a warming cup of seasonal glühwein, kindly prepared by Stefan. The supper was provided by Lisa and Annette, ably assisted by Kat as barmaid – thanks ladies and gentleman. For those with a sweet tooth the table was groaning with sugary goodies and Christmas conviviality was felt all around. The worthy winners was Team Banter Claus with a whopping 149½ with The Hot Toddies and Shetterheads joint second with 138. Team Teefer won a special prize for having a perfect score of 20/20 for the Christmas round. Thank you to all who helped plan and arrange the evening and also the Question Masters - Kat Ebell, Anne White and Dr Barkei - who also was quiz master (despite a microphone he still has a voice!). The event's proceeds will support the activities of the Friends.





Free Art Exhibition at Cercle Cite in Place d'Armes

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Primary students will be studying the range of work and styles of Picasso in all Art classes in the new year. We hope you get the opportunity to enjoy this exhibition. - Mrs Tyrrell (Primary Art Teacher)

Club Information



M'rite Jeunesse Begins Thursday 5th January

M'rite Jeunesse will be running again from the start of the new term in January. It will be held on Thursdays after-school from 3:30 to 4:30pm in room Z204. The first session will be on **Thursday 5th January**. The club and award will now be run by Ms Montague, a school governor and long-time supporter of the school's M'rite Jeunesse programme. Please note that while Hayley will run the first session of the term, the two sessions on Thursday 12th and 19th January will be run by Mr Shaw.

There will be no session on Thursday 26th January, but Hayley will run the sessions from Thursday 2nd February onwards. These first sessions will be for the new Bronze award students only. Information for those waiting to complete Bronze and those wishing to progress to Silver and Gold will follow in due course. It is important to note that this club is different to all other clubs in that the onus is on the student to be organised and aware of changes to the schedule, dates of expeditions etc. The nature of the award is to foster independence rather than reliance so please expect communication to be through the students rather than through the school.

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



Primary News

Upcoming events & Important dates

Monday 19th December
Year 1 IPC showcase,
Classrooms(10:00am)

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Christmas Holidays

Tuesday 10th January
Year 3 & 4 Relationship
and Sex Education Parent
Information Sessions
(08:30-9:30am)

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Welcome back coffee
(08:30-09:30am)

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Year 5 & 6 Relationship
and Sex Education Parent
Information Sessions
(08:30-9:30am)

Thursday 12th January
Year 1 & 2 - Reach for the
stars in Maths!
Conference Room
(8:15-9:00am)

Friday 20th January
Year 5 Stolzembourg -
Parent Assembly
(8:30 to 8:50am)

Dear parents,

It is hard to believe that another year has gone by so quickly. It has certainly been action packed here at St George's. We have all enjoyed watching the Zinnen building morph in front of our eyes, from foundations, to walls to a fully functional building! The children were so excited to use the new classrooms and the auditorium has been a massive hit, allowing us to do so much more. Our fabulous show, The Spirit of Africa has been followed by assemblies of exceptional calibre, showcasing how clever and well informed our children are. Our Christmas shows are spectacular affairs, enabling all of the children to be involved. We look forward to the full performances this Friday and Monday.

Our new staff, including new APLs and lead teachers have added great value to the team, bringing new ideas and experiences. We are lucky to have such an excellent team. This term has seen our staff sharing their expertise with other schools, with staff leading training sessions for schools in Brussels, who are impressed with our way of working.

The children, as always, have learnt so much from fabulous maths calculations, beautiful writing and IPC knowledge in so many areas. It is always a treat to walk around the classrooms and hear the children share their knowledge about volcanoes, famous scientists, inventors or social issues with such empathy and understanding. The spark and motivation to learn is evident.

As we all depart to various destinations, or take a well-earned rest at home, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a successful new year.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Nuttall



Spirit of Africa Calendars Available

Primary have created Spirit of Africa Calendars - these calendars will make ideal christmas presents! Please click the below links to order the calendar online (price 19.95 euro).

Spirit of Africa – Night 1

<http://www.photoservice.com/share/OCs3Rm1yVGh2TmpZemU3WURTUW1wQT09>

Spirit of Africa – Night 2

<http://www.photoservice.com/share/UTNLbm5lQXlvZ3NLWDNPcWowL1FWZz09>



Christmas Card Challenge

Thank you to all the Primary students who participated in the Christmas Card Challenge! We are please to announce the winners are:

Lera, Pauline (Y6SC), Carolina (Y5S) and Xinyun (Y2D)

All parents will recieve the e-christmas card before the end of the school year!



Primary School News



Primary Christmas Postbox

This year, the postbox will be set up in the entrance by door 6 for students to put their cards into for their friends. The Year 4 elves will deliver the cards to classes daily.

Please make sure the card has the recipient's name and class on it to guarantee a happy delivery e.g. Name 4D. If you do not know the class, please put on the recipient's full name to ensure our elves can find out the correct class.

Primary News

Save the Date: Year 1 & 2 - Reach for the stars in Maths!

Want to know how best to support your child as they continue their exciting journey through the world of mathematics? Then join me, Mrs Claire Shaw (Maths Coordinator) and your child's APL and Lead Teacher on **Thursday 12th January 2017** from 8:15 - 9:00am to learn through the eyes of your children and to enjoy the success that Singapore Maths affords every child.

We will be learning about the philosophy that underpins Singapore Maths and putting this into practise. We look forward to meeting you. Limited places, please register via the Parent Portal (Select 'Year 1 & 2 - Reach for the stars in Maths!' in the left hand side menu).



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!



Year 3 Talk from Amazon Staff

On Thursday, Year 3 had talks from 2 female scientists as part of their topic of 'women in science'. 'Mrs Rock' spoke to them about her career as a planetary geologist, providing studies of the moon and Mars. Mrs Parashar then spoke about her career as a computer scientist, showing a recent project on demonstrating object sizes on a computer screen.

Students were very enthusiastic and full of questions on these careers with many changing their minds on what they would like to be when they grow up. Thanks to Mrs McKillop and Mrs Parashar for organising this event.

923.45 euros Raised at the Primary Christmas Fayre 2016!!

Year 6 students would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who donated and bought gifts at their Christmas Fayre this year. It was a great success and they raised **923.45 euros** for their chosen charity, Kriibskrank Kanner. Thank you everyone!!



Primary School News

Signup sheets for Primary Parties:

Nursery and Reception Christmas Parties will take place on **Wednesday 21st December**. Parents are kindly asked to contribute by selecting an item of food on the lists provided in the links below.

Nursery B: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas14
Nursery R: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas15
Nursery Y: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas16
Reception G: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas17
Reception I: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas18
Reception O: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas19
Reception V: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas20



Year 1 - Year 6 Christmas Parties will take place on **Tuesday 20th December**. Parents are kindly asked to contribute by selecting an item of food on the lists provided in the links below.

1A: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas7
1M: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas8
1S: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas9
1V: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas10

2B: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas11
2C: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas12
2D: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas13

3B: www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044ca4a82aaafe3-christmas
3H: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas1
3K: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas2

4D: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas3
4F: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas4
4P: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas5
4R: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas6

5S: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas21
5U: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas22
5E: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas23

6S: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas24
6W: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas25
6B: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-christmas26



Secondary News



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Dear Parents,

It's certainly been another immensely busy, productive and exciting first term of the academic year in the Secondary section of the school.

Highlights include winning the VOCABexpress worldwide competition as well as retaining the Keith Price Cup in the Top of the Bench Chemistry competition. Year 8 did a fantastic job in their performance of Macbeth and Year 9 had the younger primary students in fits of giggles with their brilliant 'festive themed' pantomimes!

We have also embarked on the Erasmus+ project which will no doubt produce some interesting work. There are simply too many highlights to mention them all.

A huge 'Thank You' must go to both the students for actively participating in the life of the school and, to the staff for their endless enthusiasm and commitment to providing the very best education and opportunities for all our students.

Wishing you an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break. Years 11/12/13 can now take a well-deserved break after 2 weeks of intense mock examinations!!

With best wishes for a happy and successful new year.

Mark Fleet

Head Teacher (Secondary)

Year 11, 12 and 13 mock exam results will be sent to parents on Friday 13th January.

"Frantic Assembly" ½ Day Workshop | Monday 19th 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

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!

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Friday 13th January
Deadline for returning
forms for Year 9 Ski Trip

Friday 27th January
Year 7- 12 AMIS
Festival (Hague NL)

Monday 30th January - Friday
3rd February
Year 9 Residential Ski Trip
to France



Secondary News



Movember Video finally out!

Click here to watch the video! Mr Teale would like to say a huge thank you to his colleagues who bravely took part in the video and also sang live. Also to Mr Reilly for his work on the music and lyrics. This year a total of over **600 Euros** has been raised and if this video inspires **any more donations can be made here**. A big thank you to all those who have generously contributed already!!

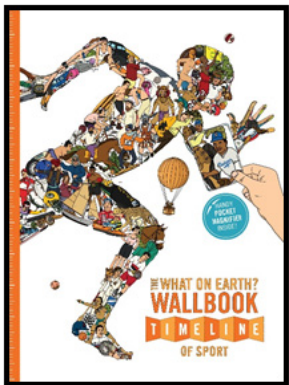


Year 9 Secondary Ski Trip

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.

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.



Christmas is coming ...

... and books make brilliant gifts for children of all ages ...
... and they don't have to be fiction books ...

Here are a few websites with excellent recommendations for presents:

Love Reading 4 Kids

<http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk>

Booktrust

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk>

Books For Keeps

<http://www.booksforkeeps.co.uk>

After-school Lectures

As part of a new initiative aimed at enriching students' knowledge and broadening their horizons, the St George's student leadership team is hoping to organise a series of after school lectures. For this reason, we would like to invite the parents and friends of St. George's to the school to speak about their field of interest or specialisation for around one hour after the end of a school day. It does not necessarily need to be about your profession, but simply a subject you are passionate about and in which your knowledge is broad. We understand that it is not always easy to find a time, so we can be flexible, but your contribution is highly valuable to us. If you are interested in coming please contact us by email: **deputyheadboy@st-georgesstudents.lu**.



Community News



**HAPPY
FITNESS**
Because there are times to move!



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 or tel : +352 27 04 8001. **www.happyfitness.lu**.



La Bohème at the Grand Theatre

The Grand Theatre will be hosting a production of La Bohème by Puccini on **December 18th, 20th and 22nd** by the Opera Zuid from the Netherlands. The orchestra will feature our private music teachers Renata Van der Vyver (violin/viola), Christopher Hastings (percussion) and Mrs Ni (trumpet/KS3 music).



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- Mrs Tyrrell, Art Teacher (Primary)

