



# Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**St George's**  
International School, Luxembourg  
A.S.B.L.



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## Important Dates

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

**Deadline for returning forms for Year 9 Ski Trip**

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**Year 1 & 2 - Reach for the stars in Maths! Parent Information session. Conference Room (8:15-9:00am)**

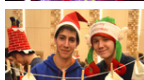
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January**

**Year 5 Stolzembourg - Parent Assembly (8:30 to 8:50am)**

## 2017/2018 Academic Calendar



**St George's Primary Staff Pantomime**



**Secondary Christmas Fayre 2016**

Dear parents,

Welcome back to school in 2017! I hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy Christmas and the New Year together with family and friends with the wintry weather and the appearance of snow this week. I would especially like to welcome a number of Nursery children and their parents to the school for the first time.

Our term two has also started with some very good news – the canteen is now fully functioning again after a complete internal refurbishment and the caterers are very happy with the additional space and facilities we have been able to provide them. We will be engaging student voice in working on our menus later this year to ensure that we keep the right balance of nutritious and enjoyable meals.

As a school we are always mindful to look at our own practice and efforts. As an accredited member school of the Council of British International Schools ([www.cobis.org.uk](http://www.cobis.org.uk)) we were approached recently to act as a trial school (along with two other schools in this organisation) of a newly developed international accreditation and compliance framework. As part of this trial we will be welcoming 4 visitors from COBIS to the school between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017. They will be meeting with senior members of staff, a group of parents, a group of students and a group of governors in addition to observing lessons and reviewing our policies and procedures with us. This is a welcome opportunity to receive independent and impartial confirmation of the quality of our provision. As part of this wider process we have of course started to plan ahead for 2017/2018 and I will write to parents separately on this matter.

School is already busy as usual with clubs and activities; as well as preparations for trips – whether it is the ski trip, the COBIS debate team visit to Malaga or the very popular Spelling Bee! My colleagues and I certainly felt again last week and this that students were happy to return to their school after their holiday, engaged and ready to learn.

With my best wishes,  
Dr Barkei

# 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.



### ENTERPRISE COMPETITION!!

Design & Technology Enterprise Project 2016-2017

**\*\*Open to all Year 6-13 students\*\***

- \* This is a 'make at home' or in the club project for individuals or teams.
- \* Students can choose a **textile** and / or a **resistant material** project.
- \* All the information can be found under the 'Primary' or 'Secondary resources' tabs on the Parent Portal.
- \* **Deadline: 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017** (immediately after the Easter break).

Submitted entries will be judged by Dr Barkei and Mrs Jones.  
The winner will receive an Amazon voucher.

**Why not Join the D&T Enterprise Club?**  
The club takes place on Mondays from 3:30 to 5:00pm  
Cost: 35 euros for a 4 week session.  
To sign up or for more information contact: [clubs@st-georges.lu](mailto:clubs@st-georges.lu).



## 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 6-13!**) 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.

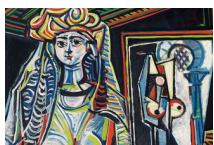


## Join the Friends of St George's on Facebook

[Click here](#) to join our Friends of St George's page. This group is open to all parents, it will be used to share information on upcoming 'Friends' events, meetings, discussions and much more.

## Bills Sent Out Via Email

The second set of school fees have been sent out today, as part of making our school more ecological they have been sent out in PDF format via e-mail. The payment is due by **January 31st, 2017**. If you need any further information or did not receive the email, please contact Birgit Werner at [billing@st-georges.lu](mailto:billing@st-georges.lu). Thank you.



## Free Art Exhibition at Cercle Cite in Place d'Armes

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The free exhibition is on at Cercle Cite in Place d'Armes until **15 January 2017**. The exhibition is called 'Picasso et les Animaux'.

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)

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## Club Information



### Mérite Jeunesse

Mérite Jeunesse has started this term. It will be held on Thursdays after-school from 3:30 to 4:30pm in room Z204. The club will be run by Ms Montague, a school governor and long-time supporter of the school's Mérite Jeunesse programme. Please note that while Ms Montague 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 Ms Montague 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](mailto: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

To view this page please log into the Parent Portal





# Primary News

## Primary News

### School Medicals

The school medicals are carried out by Dr Welter and a nurse from the Ministry of Health. The medical consists of general checks for growth (height, weight, basic eye test, limb length check, check of the spine for any scoliosis, heart and major organ check and for the boys a check for undescended testicles). There are no blood tests or vaccinations involved. At no time are the children alone, as two adults are present at all times. For the purpose of these checks to be carried correctly, the children will be asked to undress down to their underwear (a tee-shirt maybe kept on). If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the medical office.

The dates for the other classes will be given later on in the term.

**01V – 26.1.2017**

**05E – 02.2.2017**

**05S – 16.2.2017**

**05U – 16.3.2017**

**03B – 23.03.2017**

**03H – 30.3.2017**

**03K – 06.4.2017**

### Reminder Year 1 & 2 - Reach for the stars in Maths! Sign up Now!

Want to know how best to support your child as they continue their exciting journey through the world of mathematics? Then join 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. Places are limited, please register via the **Parent Portal** (Select 'Year 1 & 2 - Reach for the stars in Maths!' in the left hand side menu).

### Year 6 - Year 7 Transition Information Evening, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 6:00pm – 7:30pm

The Y6 to Y7 transition info evening will be an opportunity for Parents with children currently in Year 6 to learn more about the Secondary school. Parents along with their son/daughter are invited to meet with the Secondary Head Teacher Mr Mark Fleet, the Assistant Head Teacher with responsibility for Key Stage 3, Mr Gary Cooper and several other key members of staff who will be working with your son/daughter in the secondary school from September.

The transition process from Year 6 to Year 7 will be explained, there will be a Q&A panel for parents to ask staff questions and group of current Year 7 students will provide a student perspective of the transition from Primary to Secondary school. For more information please [click here](#).

### Afghan Mobile Mini Circus for Children News from School Council

Your Primary school councillors can now be identified by their new lanyards and ID cards. If you have any ideas or suggestions for how to improve our school please make sure you tell us.

We are pleased to report that we have chosen a new charity to support this academic year. The charity is the 'Afghan Mobile Mini Circus for Children' also known as Afghan MMCC. We chose this charity because it aids children in Afghanistan be children while enabling them make friends and even teach other children circus skills. We are planning lots of fun events to help raise money for this charity including: A fancy dress day, KS1 Movie Night, KS2 Movie Night and much more.

Keep your eyes peeled for more information soon. You can already help us with fundraising here: <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/kabulcircus#/>

And see some pictures here: [https://www.instagram.com/p/BNU\\_Vh4gjWY/](https://www.instagram.com/p/BNU_Vh4gjWY/)

### Winter Clothing

Despite the cold weather, we encourage children to go out for fresh air at lunch times and play times whenever possible. Children should therefore come into school dressed appropriately for the cold weather; hats, scarves, gloves and indoor/outdoor shoes are advised. Thank you.

### RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) Lessons

RSE lessons will commence after the holidays, from the week beginning **27th February**. If you wish to withdraw your child from the lessons please email Mrs Skinner **MP2APL@st-georges.lu** for years 3 and 4 or Ms Watson **MP3APL@st-georges.lu** for years 5 and 6.

## Upcoming events & Important dates

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January**  
Year 1 & 2 - Reach for the stars in Maths!  
Conference Room (8:15-9:00am). Book online now.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January**  
Year 5 Stolzenbourg - Parent Assembly (8:30 to 8:50am)

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**  
Year 6 Residential Trip information Meeting for Parents (8:30 to 09:00am), Conference Room

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January**  
How children learn in the EYFS (08:30 to 09:30am), Conference Room

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January**  
Medical Year 1 Vianden

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January**  
Year 3 Hollenfels Parent Assembly, Auditorium (8:30 to 08:50am)

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**  
Medicals Year 5 Erpeldange

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**  
Spelling Bee Competition Finals

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**  
Year 5 Trip to Rotondes

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February**  
Year 6 to Year 7 Information Evening (for Year 6) (6:00pm to 8:00pm)

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February**  
Year 1 Aspelt - Parent Assembly, Auditorium (8:30-8:50am)

# Secondary News

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

## Secondary News



### UKMT Senior Mathematics Challenge 2016 Certificate Winners

Year 12 and 13 students recently took part in the Senior Mathematical Challenge; a 90 minute paper that tests problem solving and logic skills.

Over 100,000 students from schools across the UK and internationally returned scripts for the Challenge with the top 60% of candidates receiving certificates. The top 10% were awarded a gold certificate, the next 20% silver and the next 30% bronze.

From St George's 15 students were successful in achieving certificates. Congratulations to Jiayi W (best in school), Arnaud M and Manuel T gold certificate winners, also to Alex R, Emilie O, Mykola M, Elan J, William J and Isabel M for achieving silver certificates and Tanya S, Martina S, Ethan U, Isolde R, Matthew R and Sophia O for being our bronze certificate winners! Well done.



### Year 9 Secondary Ski Trip

Secondary Ski Trip will run from **Monday 30th January until Friday 3rd February 2017**. Copies of the forms which need completing and returning to tutors can be found on [St George's Parent Portal](#). The deadline to return forms is **Friday 13th January**. More information about the resort and location will also be available on the Parent Portal.

### Enrich Our Students' Knowledge and Give an After-school Lecture

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. Your contribution is highly valuable to us. If you are interested in coming please contact us via [deputyheadboy@st-georgesstudents.lu](mailto:deputyheadboy@st-georgesstudents.lu). Thank you!

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**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Friends of St George's**  
**Welcome back coffee**  
(08:30-09:30am)

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

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Year 8 Visit to EIB (1:30 to**  
**3:15pm)**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Year 7- 12 AMIS**  
**Festival (Hague NL)**

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

**1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Year 11 and 12 COBIS**  
**Debate Club trip to Malaga**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**  
**Year 11 Intermediate Maths**  
**Challenge**

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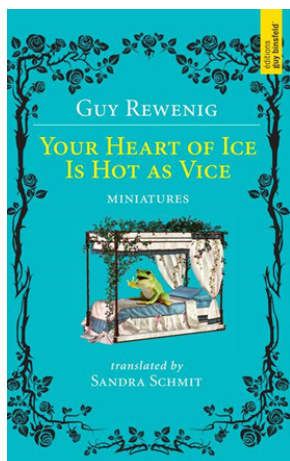
## Community News



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- Mrs Tyrrell, Art Teacher (Primary)



### Step into the Topsy Turvy wonderland of Guy Rewenig Thursday, 19th January | 6:30 to 8:30pm

This is a side of Luxembourg that you've never experienced before!

From national and international politics to social and cultural follies, and, last but not least, the eternal quest for love and acceptance.

In collaboration with Éditions Guy Binsfeld  
**YOUR HEART OF ICE IS HOT AS VICE – MINIATURES**  
Music & Reading Night

Chapter 1 The Book Loft  
40, rue des Bruyères - L-1274, Howald, Luxembourg

**CALLING ALL  
BRIGHT SPARKS.**



**Table Quiz**

Friday January 20th, 2017

at the FNEL Headquarters  
27a rue de Trèves  
L-2820, Cents, Luxembourg

Doors open 18.45 Quiz starts at 19.15 sharp

€12 per person (includes 2 free drinks)

Get together with your friends to make up a table of six and pit your wits against the other teams. If you cannot get a team of six together, come along anyways and join other in the same boat. Lots of prizes!

Chilli, sandwiches and bar available.  
To reserve a table please call Katharina  
Tel: 621 244196  
or email [pjacobs@pt.lu](mailto:pjacobs@pt.lu)



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### Calling All Bright Sparks | Telstar Table Quiz | Friday 20th January

Get together with your friends to make up a table of six and put your wits to the test!! If you cannot get a team of six together come along anyways and join other in the same boat. Door open at 18:45pm, the quiz starts at 19:15pm sharp.

To reserve a table please call Katharina, tel: 621 244196 or email: [pjacobs@pt.lu](mailto:pjacobs@pt.lu).  
Cost: 12 euro per person (includes two drinks).

*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.*