



Newsletter

18th January 2017



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2017/2018 Academic Calendar



Secondary Showcase Their Ballroom Dancing Skills

Dear Parents,

Winter has arrived and we are enjoying a sustained period of cold weather – please do note that unless it becomes very cold, our expectation is that students will spend their free time at break and lunchtime outside. I would be grateful if all families ensured that their children are appropriately dressed for the weather. Thank you.

Schools have to make adjustments to staffing from time to time. Mr Beck from the Science department left the school at the end of last term and in the meantime we have made arrangements for his classes to be taught by colleagues in the science department to minimise any disruption to student learning. I am very grateful for their efforts and engagement in this. We anticipate that a new colleague will be joining us shortly.

As you look through the newsletter, please note the wide variety of activities and clubs on offer to students from different age groups, and please also do consider if you would like to take an active role in the Friends of St George's as they plan for the Spring Ball on the 18th March! With regard to other community activities I was absolutely delighted to receive the news that the American Women's Club of Luxembourg had raised 800 Euro from the Trunk or Treat held at the School in Term 1. These proceeds have been generously passed to the School and we will be donating them to the Unity Foundation and to United World Schools in equal measure.

With my best regards,
Dr Barkei

Whole School News

Important information: Letter of Intent 2017

Many thanks to the families who have returned the letter of intent promptly this week. Can we please remind all remaining parents that Dr Barkei has requested a response from you by **Sunday 22nd January**. We know family and student plans may well change after this date, but an indication of expected attendance for 2017-18 would be much appreciated to assist with forward planning. If you require another copy of the letter sent via e-mail on the 12th January, we have paper copies available at the Reception desk. Thank you.

Headlice in School

Dear Parents, we have had cases of head lice reported both in Primary and Secondary. Please check all your family very carefully and treat any lice or eggs found. More information can be found on **www.sante.lu** where you can find a booklet on head lice (poux) in a large selection of languages. Thank you all in advance for helping us get rid of this annoying pest in school.



You Know It Makes Cents!

St George's will once again be entering two Master (24 hour) teams in the 'Relais pour la Vie' 2017 organised in April by the Fondation Cancer. As part of the fundraising activities, for this event, we hope to lay a long line of cent coins in the playground before the Relais to create a snake of coins. The longer the better!

Please help us get this project underway by donating 1, 2 and 5 cents coins. You can place your contributions in the collecting jar in the reception area. Many thanks in anticipation of your help.

The Friends of St George's



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 and will be used to share information on upcoming 'Friends' events, meetings, discussions and much more.

Indian Cooking Morning | Wednesday 25th January

The Friends of St George's is having its next cooking morning on **Wednesday 25th January**. Spaces are limited so please be sure to sign up this week!

We'll be learning how to cook authentic Indian vegetarian dishes in the home of one of our St George's. After preparing the food, we will sit down and enjoy lunch together. Sign up at **friends@st-georges.lu**, the morning begins at 10:00am, there will be a small cooking fee to cover the costs.

SAVE THE DATE: Spring Ball 2017 | Saturday 18th March

The Friends of St George's invites all parents, teachers and staff to the St George's International School Spring Ball on **Saturday 18th March**. More details will be published in next week's Newsletter.

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 6-13)!** 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**. Additional workshops may be arranged if there is enough interest. Please contact Mrs Dishman via **thecelticspirals@gmail.com** to sign up.

Club Information

Recorder Ensemble with Ms Bydder | Thursday 12:20-12:50pm

This club will focus on playing the recorder as a group, therefore children should have some experience.

Level expected: to be able to read and play notes C to high E. For Year 5 and above.

12 students maximum. The club is free of charge but regular attendance is expected.

Students are expected to bring their own recorder.

Additional Spaces in Clubs

We have some places available in the following clubs:

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	Ukelele Club	Year 7-13
Thursday	Mandarin Club	Year 2-6
Friday	Mandarin Club	Year 5-8
Friday	Soccer, Soccer Club	Year 5-13

To view this page please log into the Parent Portal



Primary News

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Primary Bake sale to Help Raise Money for Relais Pour la Vie

On **Tuesday 31st January**, St George's is hosting a cake sale in aid to raise money for Relais Pour la Vie. The cake sale will take place during morning breaktime. Students are welcome to bring in a euro and buy a cake/cookie/waffle or small bag of popcorn and help us fundraise for this worthy cancer charity.

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Medical Year 1 Vianden

Friday 27th January
Year 3 Hollenfels Parent Assembly, Auditorium (8:30 to 8:50am)

Thursday 2nd February
Medicals Year 5 Erpeldange

Friday 3rd February
Spelling Bee Competition Finals

Friday 3rd February
Year 5 Trip to Rotondes

Thursday 9th February
Year 6 to Year 7 Information Evening (for Year 6) (6:00pm to 7:30pm)

Friday 10th February
Year 1 Aspelt - Parent Assembly, Auditorium (8:30-8:50am)

Friday 10th February
Benelux Schools International Quiz at ISF Waterloo International School in Brussels

Year 3 News

Year 3 IPC Showcase and International Royal Banquet

Parents are invited to attend the Year 3 IPC Showcase and International Royal Banquet on **Tuesday 7th February** from 8:30-9:30am. Year 3 children can come to school dressed as a member of a royal or presidential family.

The Showcase will take place in your child's class at 8:30am and will be followed by an International Royal Banquet in the canteen. If you would like to attend the banquet, please sign up via the Parent Portal (the event will be listed in the left side banner). If you would like to volunteer to bring a dish of cold traditional food from your home country, please specify when signing up. Please ensure no dish includes nuts. If the dish includes meat, citrus fruits or eggs, please include a label clearly indicating this for allergy purposes. With thanks, Year 3 Staff

Milepost 3 (Year 5-6) News

Year 6 - Year 7 Transition Information Evening, Thursday 9th February 6:00pm – 7:30pm

The Y6 to Y7 transition information 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, 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 and a group of current Year 7 students will provide a student perspective on the transition from Primary to Secondary school. For more information please [click here](#).

Benelux International School's Quiz | Friday 10th February

Milepost 3 (Years 5 and 6) are very excited about sending a team to this year's Benelux Schools International Quiz to be held on **Friday 10th February** at ISF Waterloo International School in Brussels. The year 5 and 6 students will have a short general knowledge test during this week to select the 5 students who will make up the team. If your child is selected, you will be getting a consent letter with more details about the competition on Friday.

Year 5 Roman Feasts | Monday 23rd January

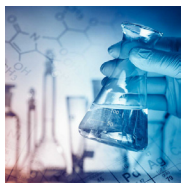
Dear Year 5 Parents,
On Monday Year 5 students will be having a Roman Feast as part of their IPC unit. The below sign-up links have been created for the feasts, if you would kindly like to volunteer to bring in food for the Roman Feast Year 5 would be extremely grateful. Thank you.

5E: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-roman

5S: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-roman1

5U: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044CA4A82AAAFE3-roman2

Primary News



Calling all Parents who know any of the Sciences | 30th January - 3rd February

As part of Science week starting **Monday 30th January**, Primary are inviting parents to share their knowledge of sciences throughout the week. So if you studied a science, are interested in science or are a scientist please come speak to our students! Please contact primaryadmin@st-georges.lu for more information or to arrange a time.

Thank you.

IPC Artefact Hunt

Year 6 have enjoyed the start of their new IPC topic, 'Luxembourg in the Middle Ages'. Last week, the students enquired about historic artefacts and explored the purpose of each item. They discussed which historical era these could have been from, by looking closely at the materials used and any other clues shown in the photographs. Year 6 all had great ideas and imaginative guesses about what each item was. They were surprised to find out that horses wore gas masks in WW1 and that the Vikings hand crafted weighing scales to measure out silver! Did you know that Ancient Greek athletes used hand-weights when taking part in the long jump?! Year 6 had fun during this activity and were interested to learn about their local medieval history.



Secondary students showcase their Ballroom Dancing skills in Primary's Assembly



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 may be kept on). If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the medical office.

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

Secondary News

Upcoming events & Important dates

Thursday 19th January
Year 8 Visit to EIB (1:30pm to 3:15pm)

Friday 20th January
KS5 Trip to Maastricht University

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

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

1st - 6th February
Year 11 and 12 COBIS World Debating Championships, Malaga

Thursday 2nd February
Year 11 Intermediate Maths Challenge

Monday 6th February
Internet Safety Day (KS3)

Thursday 9th February
Year 6 to Year 7 Information Evening (for Year 6) (6:00pm to 8:00pm)

Thursday 16th February
Parent Teacher Student Conference (4:00pm-7:00pm)

Wednesday 1st March
Parent Teacher Student Conference (4:00pm-7:00pm)

Friday 3rd March
Year 9 Bring Sons and Daughters to Work Day

6th - 10th March
Erasmus Partners in School

6th - 10th March
Year 9 Taster Week

Secondary News



Year 8 Trip to Visit EIB Art Collection

On Thursday, Year 8 students will be heading to the European Investment Bank to view their extensive art exhibition. This trip is part of the curriculum and is of great benefit to the students both academically and socially. The students will have the opportunity to see and experience two major art pieces by Michael

Craig Martin, the artist they are currently studying in class. The two pieces were commissioned by the EIB and are permanent installation pieces within the EIB building.

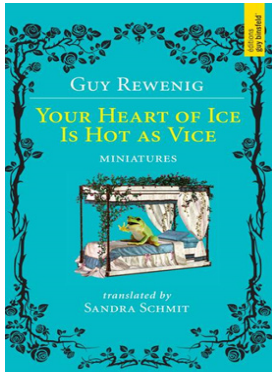
Enrich Our Students' Knowledge and Give an After-school Lecture

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. Thank you!

Debate Championships Malaga 2017

Six students from Year 11 and 12 are preparing for the COBIS world debating Championships in Malaga taking place at the beginning of February.

Community News



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
101A rue de Tervé
L-2650, Cents, Luxembourg
Doors open 18.45 Quiz starts at 19.15 sharp

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 anyway and join other in the same boat. Door open at 6:45pm, the quiz starts at 7:15pm sharp.

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



**Charity
Arts Festival**

Sunday, 12 February 2017

13:30 – 20:00

Eglise du St. Esprit
L-2539 Luxembourg – Cents

Music & theatre from 10 ensembles,
children's activities, books,
food and drink

Charity Arts Festival | Sunday 12th February | 1:30-8:00pm

Charity Arts Festival hosted by the Anglican Church of Luxembourg. Music and theatre from 10 ensembles. children's activities, books, food and drink.
Visit www.anglican.lu.

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.