

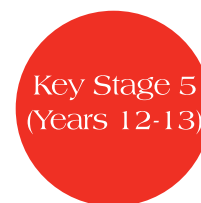


Newsletter

25th January 2017



Don't forget to read this section



Important Dates

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Friday 27th January

Year 3 Hollenfels Parent Assembly, Auditorium (8:30 to 8:50am)

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Year 7- 12 AMIS Festival (The Hague, NL)

Monday 30th January - Friday 3rd February

Year 9 Residential Ski Trip to France

2017/2018 Academic Calendar



Secondary Transition Information Evening

Dear Parents,

Thank you very much to those parents who have returned the intention letter to the school – it allows us to make decisions on staffing and classes for next year. Can I please ask the remaining parents who have not yet responded to do so – it would be much appreciated.

The winter weather has settled in and we are monitoring the temperature and air quality following the guidelines of the Luxembourgish authorities. At the moment we anticipate children to be able to play outside at both break and lunch and to engage in outdoor activities as normal in these conditions. You may have noticed that some additional parking restrictions have now been implemented in the Rue des Peupliers opposite the school – parking is now only permitted on one side of the road. Please do take care when arriving at school in the morning or afternoon; we would like to ensure the safety of all parents and students during these two busy times of day.

If you look through the newsletter this week there are again a number of exciting events occurring as well as the Year 9 ski trip next week and our Year 11 and 12 drama evening tonight. The Spelling Bee is well underway in Primary and we are planning the visit by author Gillian Cross in the last week of February. Excellent work was again on show at the assemblies last week and I continue to see examples of engaging lessons across the school. Well done!

With my best regards,
Dr Barkei

Whole School News

Important Reminder – Leaving Families

If your family is planning to leave St George's over the Easter holidays, we would like to remind you that the **deadline for leaver's notice to avoid a penalty fee is Monday 30th January**. Please submit the notice via email to Mrs Kruten at financemanager@st-georges.lu.



You Know It Makes Cents!

St George's will once again be entering two Master (24-hour) teams in the 'Relais pour la Vie' event 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 cent coins. You can place your contributions in the collecting jar at the Reception Desk. Many thanks in anticipation of your help.

Warm Winter Clothes Needed for Refugees

The refugee centre Foyer St Antoine needs warm winter clothes, in particular winter jackets for young men (aged 17 to 25 years old) who have just arrived in Luxembourg. The Foyer are mostly in need of small sizes (S and M) but large sizes would also be appreciated (L).

If you have any items you could donate, it would be greatly appreciated for these cold days! Please deposit the clothes in a closed bag at the Reception Desk for collection. Thank you in advance for your help.

The Friends of St George's



'Spicy Friday' Fundraiser Lunch | Friday 10th February

You may remember our fundraising for a 9-year-old boy in rural Uganda who needed a prosthetic leg following an above-knee amputation. He has had a wonderful two years with the prosthetic leg we provided, but guess what...he has grown and now needs a new one! We are also fundraising for him to go to the village boarding school during the week, as the 4 miles walking from his home are painful for him. He needs a mattress and school supplies for the new school.

We are having a 'Spicy Friday' lunch on **Friday 10th February** at the home of one of our members. Those who would like to attend are asked to donate €20. Please contact Lisa at thecelticspirals@gmail.com for a place. Any donations are much appreciated.

Indian Cooking Morning | Wednesday 15th February

The Friends of St George's is having its next cooking morning on **Wednesday 15th February**. Spaces are limited so please be sure to sign up this week! We'll be learning how to cook authentic Indian vegetarian dishes and enjoy lunch together. The morning begins at 10:00am and there will be a small cooking fee to cover the costs. Sign up at friends@st-georges.lu.



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**. Guests will be greeted by a cocktail reception at 7:00pm followed by a three-course buffet dinner with wine; afterwards the dancing and entertainment will be presented by DJ Paul Marshall.

The event will take place in the St George's Auditorium.

Dress: Black Tie / Formal Wear

Tickets will go on sale in February and cost €75 per person. More information on how to purchase tickets will be available shortly.

Whole School News

A reminder about nut allergies

Please remember that when bringing in birthday treats or cake to school, make sure that the items do not contain nuts or have come into contact with nuts (cross-contamination). Several of our students have severe - potentially fatal - nut allergies. Many thanks for your consideration.

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: 24th April 2017** (immediately after the Easter break).

Submitted entries will be judged by Dr Barkel 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.

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 of 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.

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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31st January - 2nd February
Year 2 Trips (see info on next page)

Friday 3rd February
Year 5 Trip to Rotondes

Tuesday 7th February
Year 3 IPC Showcase and International Royal Banquet (8:30-9:30am)

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

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

Friday 14th February
Parent Info Session: Early Years Foundation Stage "Ready, Steady, Read!"

Friday 17th February
Circus Dress-Up Day (all Primary students)

Friday 17th February
Spelling Bee Final

Primary News



Primary Bake sale to Help Raise Money for Relais Pour la Vie (Cancer Research)

On **Tuesday 31st January**, St George's is hosting a cake sale 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.

Any donations of cake/cupcakes/cookies are most welcome. If you wish to donate baked or bought goods, please label any plates/tins with your family name so we can keep them safe for collection! Cakes can be dropped off at the Reception Desk. Thank you!



Calling all Science Enthusiasts!

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.

School Medicals

School medicals will be 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. In order for these checks to be conducted 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 – 26.01.2017

05E – 02.02.2017

05S – 16.02.2017

05U – 16.03.2017

03B – 23.03.2017

03H – 30.03.2017

03K – 06.04.2017

Book Week | 27th February - 3rd March

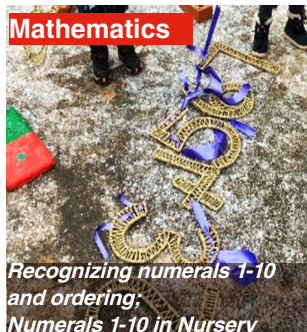
Book Week will be taking place from **27th February to 3rd March**! The visiting author this year is Gillian Cross, winner of the Carnegie Medal and the Whitbread Children's Book Award. A book fair will take place in the Conference Room on **Tuesday 28th February** and LAMDA club students (Year 6 and above) will be performing 'The Demon Headmaster' adapted from the book by Gillian Cross, at 6:00pm on **Thursday 2nd March**. A book character Dress-Up Day will be held on **Friday 3rd March**. More details will follow in upcoming newsletters!

Primary News

Foundation Stage News

Quality Outdoor Learning Environments for Children in the EYFS

Daily outdoor opportunities for children in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) are an integral part of the curriculum. This half term the EYFS staff team across the Nursery and Reception classes have been thinking and working together to provide quality outdoor experiences for children to learn in and to learn in all weathers!



Key Stage 1 News

Year 2 School Trips | 31st January - 2nd February

As part of our IPC topic *From A to B*, students in Year 2 will be learning how transport has changed through history. We will be visiting the transport museum, taking part in a guided tour where the students will have the opportunity to see a variety of old and new vehicles from across the ages. Please remember to return the permission slip that you received via email by **Friday 27th January**.

Trip dates:

Year 2 Bettembourg - Tuesday 31st January

Year 2 Clervaux - Wednesday 1st February

Year 2 Dudelange - Thursday 2nd February

Year 1 Skype Session on the Earth's Rotation

The children in Year 1 have been learning about how the Earth's rotation creates day and night. To help the students understand how it can be night in one country and day in another, Miss Jansson arranged a Skype call to Miss Nixon in Australia. Year 1 thought of very insightful questions to ask Miss Nixon, such as "What time is it there?", "Is it cold now?", "What have you done today?", "What season is it in Australia?" and "What time zone are you in?"



Key Stage 2 News

Year 3 IPC Showcase and International Royal Banquet

Parents are invited to attend the Year 3 IPC Showcase and International Royal Banquet from 8:30-9:30am on **Tuesday 7th February**. 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 reasons.

Spelling Bees

The Spelling Bee competition this year has shown ever higher spelling skills of students in school. So much so, that an alternative word list has had to be used in some year groups in order to find our finalists. The finalists, to date, are:

Year 3: still competing!

Year 4: Giorgio for Wind House, Lucy for Fire House. Water and Earth Houses are still competing.

Year 5: Luke for Fire House, Alexandros for Water House, Caroline for Earth House and, after an epic battle against Sebastian, Maryssa for Wind House

Year 6: Liam for Wind House, Elias for Water House, Michelle for Earth House and Fire House are still competing. The finale will be held on **Friday 17th February** and parents of the finalists will be invited very soon.



Year 5 Trip to the Rotondes | Friday 3rd February

Year 5 students will be seeing "Mange tes ronces" at the Rotondes in Luxembourg City. A synopsis of the play:

Leopold is sent to his grandmother's house to help clean up the garden full of brambles. He gets stung. At nightfall, Grandmother Bramble prepares a soup...a nettle soup! Entirely interpreted by two actors and a musician, the show "Mange tes ronces" brings the spectator into a fascinating world full of images and sounds performed and live. A fascinating and surprising show which plays on real and imaginary fears.

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

The Year 6 to Year 7 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 to provide a student perspective on the transition from Primary to Secondary school. For more information please [click here](#).

Benelux International 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.

Secondary News

Upcoming events & Important dates

Wednesday 25th January
Year 11 Drama Exam
Performance Evening,
Auditorium (6:00pm)

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

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

Tuesday 31st January
Media Studies Trip

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



The January 2017 edition of the School Parliament newsletter is now available.
[Click here to view it.](#)

Year 11 Performance Evening | Wednesday 25th January | 6:00pm

Parents and friends are invited to the Year 11 Drama Exam Performance Evening which has been rescheduled to **Wednesday 25th January** at 6:00pm in the Auditorium. The evening will feature four short pieces by Year 11 IGCSE students and a short piece by Year 12 A-level Drama students. There will also be music by the Year 10 music students.

Enrich Our Students' Knowledge

As part of a new initiative aimed at enriching students' knowledge and broadening their horizons, the St George's student leadership team would like to invite the parents and friends of St George's to the school to speak about their field of interest or specialisation. 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 please contact us via deputyheadboy@st-georgesstudents.lu. Thank you!



The Ministry of the Environment

The Ministry of Environment is cooperating with the school in order to achieve the Eco-Schools Britain Bronze and Silver Awards. Eco-Schools is a global programme engaging millions of children across 64 different countries, making it the largest environmental schools programme in the world.

The inaugural meeting of the Eco-Committee was held on June 7th 2016 to confirm the school's engagement and it agreed that the Ministry of Environment conducts reports on the school's environmental policy and impact.

On Wednesday 23rd November 2016, the second Eco-Committee meeting took place and St George's took an important step towards creating an ecological school-wide environmental policy. All the members of the Senior Management including Dr Barkei, Mr Fleet, Mrs Nuttall, Ms Kruten and Mr Schonenberg of the Board of Governors attended. The meeting was chaired by Ioanna, Head of the Ministry of Environment at St George's.

The reports of the current situation were reviewed and future actions focusing on raising awareness, recycling, healthy living, and energy were discussed.

A huge thank you to all the members of the school community who made time to contribute to the meeting. **The school is now an officially registered Eco-School!** - by Ioanna, Year 13

Community News



The Miraculous Story Time is back! | Saturday 28th January

With a talented story teller, tales come hauntingly alive! The Miraculous Story Time will take place in the Magic Shadow of the Big Tree, **Saturday 28th January** at Chapter1 The Book Loft (40, rue des Bruyères - L-1274, Howald, Luxembourg). Click the link to register: <http://tinyurl.com/zg3t3yh>



The Poet's Capricious Space: A Night of Poetry and Music | Wednesday 1st February

After the Dhaka Lit Fest in Bangladesh, *Drift* by Shehzar Doja (edited by Sudeep Sen) will be launched at Chapter1 The Book Loft (40, rue des Bruyères - L-1274, Howald, Luxembourg) in the presence of special guests on **Wednesday 1st February** from 6:30-8:30pm. Click the link to register: <http://tinyurl.com/gmwhjdw>.



Compassionate Parenting Workshop Series | Wednesday 1st February

A compassionate parenting workshop series will be starting next **Wednesday 1st February** from 10:00am-12:00pm in central Luxembourg. The workshops are led by a registered psychologist and trainer. The approach is based on non-violent communication, competent child theories, and peaceful parenting techniques. There are four 2-hour workshops in total, to be held once a week for the price of €100 with tea & coffee provided. The workshop series will also be offered in Italian beginning **Friday 10th February**. Contact info@vidime.org or call 691 229 933 to join. More information available at www.facebook.com/vidime.org.



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

The Anglican Church of Luxembourg is hosting a Charity Arts Festival on **Sunday 12th February**. 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.