



Newsletter

1st February 2017



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Important Dates

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

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Challenge

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and Compliance Visit to the School

2017/2018
Academic Calendar

Dear Parents,

As we have previously mentioned, the school will be welcoming 4 visitors from COBIS to the school between the 7th and 9th February 2017. They will be meeting with senior members of staff, a group of students, governors and parents in addition to observing lessons and reviewing our policies and procedures with us.

I am sure that the school community will give an excellent account of itself and we are looking forward to our visitors next week. School lessons and activities will operate as usual; with the exception of a small number of activities cancelled on the 9th February due to the Year 6 Transition information evening.

I would also like to thank all parents who returned the letter of intent recently. This is much appreciated as it allows us to anticipate class and form numbers for September 2017 in more detail.

Parking and circulation questions remain one of our concerns and parents will have noted that a small number of parking spaces in the Rue des Peupliers opposite the school have recently been removed. We are always mindful of trying to optimise traffic flow in and out of the school site during morning and afternoon; this measure may allow the traffic to flow more freely at these times. We will continue to examine ways in which we can improve the traffic situation at school and I thank you for your patience in this matter.

With my best regards,
Dr Barkei

Whole School News



St George's Double Entendre

St George's has a wonderful adult choir called 'Double Entendre', they meet every Tuesday from 7:30-9:00pm at the school. All abilities are very welcome and no prior experience is needed. The choir director Pete Heley is keen to recruit more singers to the fun group. Their next practice is **Tuesday 14th February** so please do consider coming along.



You Know It Makes Cents!

As part of the fundraising activities for 'Relais Pour La Vie', 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 for 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 in these cold days! Please deposit the clothes in a closed bag at the Reception Desk for collection. Thank you in advance for your help.

Children's Sports Clothes and Second hand St George's Sports Kit

Do you have last years Sports clothes to sell? Good quality St George's sports kit? If so, you may post them on the [Friends of St George's Facebook Page](#).

A box will soon appear in the Reception for donations of good quality used St George's sports kit to be sold via the Facebook page for charity should you wish to donate it. Thank you.

The Friends of St George's



Spring Ball 2017 | Auditorium, 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 & Bob Christy.

Dress: Black Tie / Formal Wear

Tickets cost €75 per person.

Our Online Booking Service Will be Available Shortly.



'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 also 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 if you'd like to join. Any donations are much appreciated. Thank you.

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. 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.

Whole School News

School Fees 2016/17

The last bill for the 2016/2017 school fees (Bill3) will be emailed later this week in PDF format. The payment is due by Sunday 30th April, 2017. If you need any further information or do not receive the e-mail by **Monday 6th February**, please contact Mrs Werner via **billing@st-georges.lu**. Thank you.

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 Barker 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.

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 start on **Thursday 2nd February**. 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 required.

Students are expected to bring their own recorder. Register via **clubs@st-georges.lu**.

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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Evening (for Year 6)
(6:00pm-7:30pm)

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

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

Tuesday 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

27th February - 3rd March
Book Week with Gillian
Cross

Primary News

RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) Lessons

RSE lessons will commence 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.



Primary Cake Sale

A huge thank you to all the students who bought cake/cookies/popcorn yesterday, we raised over 540 euro so far for Relais pour la Vie!! Thank you to everyone who baked the goods!

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. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Medical Office.

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!



School Council Dress Up Day for EY to Year 6 | Friday 17th February

The School Council are organising a 'Dress Up Day' to raise money for Afghan MMCC our charity this year. All children in the Primary School are invited to come to school dressed as a circus performer or for Carnival on **Friday 17th February**, please remember to bring in 1 euro to donate to this great charity.

Key Stage 1 News

Year 2 School Trip | 2nd February

As part of our IPC topic *From A to B*, **Year 2 Dudelange** students will be learning how transport has changed through history. On **Thursday 2nd February** they 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.

Primary News

Year 2 Science Week

Light and Shadow

Children in Class 2C experiment with light in various ways to create shadows.



Forces

The students started their project on Forces by having a race to identify different 'pushes' and 'pulls' around the classroom. They then arranged pictures, identifying if they were 'pushes', 'pulls' or 'twists'. The students explored different familiar objects to find out which forces were being used to make them work which then lead them on to creating windmills. To end this extremely busy day, the students launched rockets investigating how by changing the density of an object it behaved differently in water.



Circuits

As part of Science week students investigated circuits. The children studied the picture of a circuit on their cards to see whether or not it made a complete circuit. They had to make predictions based on the cards before they created the 'circuits' themselves. Once the students created the circuits they were able to see whether their predictions were correct or not.



Lava Lamps

The students had great fun studying methods of 'sinking' and 'floating'. They observed that oil is lighter (less dense) than water. By creating lava lamps they were able to create extremely interesting chemical reactions. The materials used to create the lava lamps included water, vegetable oil, food colouring and fizzy tablets.



Primary News

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 is 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.



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.

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.

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.

Secondary News

Upcoming events & Important dates

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)

7th - 9th February
COBIS The Patron's
Accreditation
and Compliance Visit to
the School

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 first edition of the School's Erasmus+ Newsletter is now available.

[click here](#) to view it.



Good Luck to the Year 11 and 12 students heading to Malaga today for the COBIS World Debate Championships!



Introducing BOD from the KJT

"BOD" is a new campaign launched by the English speaking section of the KJT – the "Kanner and Jugendtelefon" Luxembourg <https://www.kjt.lu/en/>.

Bod has a little box with postcards for students; the students can take them and give/send them to friends or keep them and collect them! There will be a new postcard each month!

The topic will be different each month – for January they have chosen "Cyber-bullying". Each postcard has a hidden letter on it and this will lead to a competition taking place at the end of this academic year.

Due to the Secondary Parent/Teacher Student Conferences the following clubs will be cancelled:

Thursday 16th February 2017

Ukelele Club
 International Sports Team Club
 Study Hall
 Secondary Homework Club
 Merite Jeunesse

Wednesday 1st March 2017

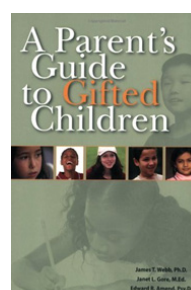
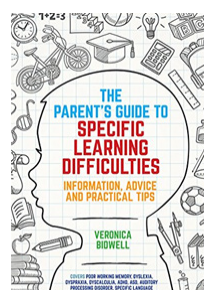
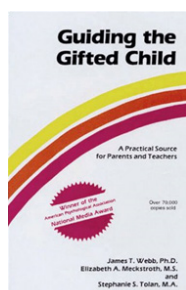
Board Games Club
 Choir (Secondary)
 Girls 5-a-side Football Club
 Secondary Homework Club



National Youth Chess Tournament

Congratulations to Matthew for winning third place in the National Youth Chess tournament for under 16s. Matthew is volunteer coach in the St George's Chess club, he also represents Bonnevoie Gambit Chess club and the National Luxembourgish Youth team. Well done!

New Books in the Secondary Library Parents' Section Three new books have arrived in the Parents' Section of the Secondary Library.



These books, along with many others, are available for parents to browse and borrow on Monday afternoons between 3:15pm and 3:45pm.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact Mrs Rue via secondarylibrary@st-georges.lu. Thank you.

Community News



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 in Italian | Friday 10th February

A compassionate parenting workshop series will be offered in Italian beginning **Friday 10th February** 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. 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.

Dance against Cancer

a Celtic Ceilidh



"Dance against Cancer – a Celtic Ceilidh"

The event will take place on **Saturday, 4th February** at 7:00pm at the Centre Culturel Altrimenti (5 Avenue Marie-Therese, L-2132 Luxembourg) there will be traditional Irish music by Kitchen Quartet. Admission is €10 and all profits will go to the Fondation Cancer Luxembourg. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at <http://www.urquhart.lu/relais>.

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.