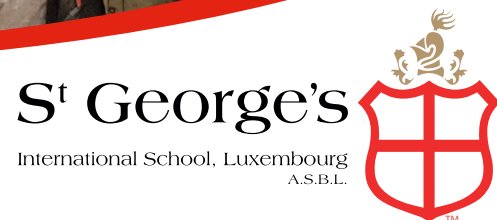




# Newsletter



15<sup>th</sup> February 2017

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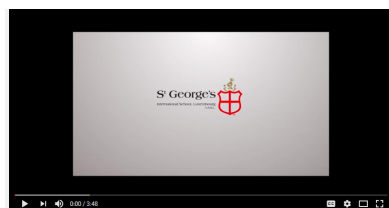
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2017**



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Uncovered**



**COBIS Debate  
Championships 2017**

Dear parents,

We welcomed last week 4 visitors from COBIS to the school as part of trial of a newly introduced accreditation system. We spent three days with our visitors who reviewed our policies and procedures, spent time with students, parents, staff and governors and observed a number of lessons. The feedback the school received at the end was very positive indeed and we await the formal report shortly. Our visitors were particularly impressed by the courteous and polite manner our students had – right across the school, as well as the obvious enjoyment and engagement they showed in lessons. Well done to all colleagues and students!

In recent competition both our Primary and Secondary teams came first in the Benelux International Quiz – an excellent result! This success is well-deserved and we also all anticipate the Spelling Bee Final this Friday in Primary. Reading copious amounts is obviously to be encouraged and the school is looking forward to Book Week after half-term with some excitement.

The Friends of St George's Spring Ball on the 18th March is in full preparation mode now and promises to be an excellent and fun evening out for all. The proceeds from the evening will be used by the Friends to support different areas in school, activities associated with the school and academic projects and it promises to be a very worthwhile fund.

If you have the opportunity, do visit and participate in the Carnival processions and activities next week during half-term. They are often quite spectacular and offer an insight into local and regional culture and traditions. **Click here** to see what's on around Luxembourg and beyond.

With my best wishes for a restful half-term,  
Dr Barkei

# Whole School News

## Please Check Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property in school waiting to be claimed. Please take a look this week and recover any lost items! If the weather permits, the items will be on display by Gate 1. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity next week. Thank you.

## Buergbrennen | Luxembourgish Traditions

In case you are new to Luxembourg, Buergbrennen is a celebration centred on a huge bonfire which takes place on the first Sunday in Lent in Luxembourg. It is also known as the 'dimanche des Brandons.' It is based on old traditions representing the end of winter and the coming of spring. If you want to participate in this Luxembourgish tradition visit <http://www.mywort.lu/> and search for Buergbrennen to see all the dates and locations.

## The Friends of St George's



### Spring Ball 2017 | Auditorium, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March | TICKETS ON SALE!

The Friends of St George's invites all parents and staff to the St George's International School Spring Ball on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March**. Guests will be greeted by a cocktail reception at 7:00pm followed by a buffet dinner with wine. Dancing and entertainment will be presented by DJ Paul Marshall & Bob Christy. Dress: Black Tie / Formal Wear. Tickets cost €75 per person.

**\*\*Tickets are on sale now\*\* Limited Number of Tickets Available.**

**Step 1:** Reserve your ticket(s) via the [Parent Portal](#) - Select 'Spring Ball 2017 (Adults)' on the left hand side

**Step 2:** Make payment via bank transfer. (Details below)

**IMPORTANT:** please state 'Spring Ball' and the number of tickets required in the transfer.

If you are unable to purchase the tickets via bank transfer you may also buy them at the Reception desk.

**Step 3:** If you purchased your ticket via online bank transfer please bring your proof of payment to the Reception to redeem your tickets (deadline Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March).

**N.B If you reserved ticket(s) and fail to make a payment / do not cancel them by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March you will be invoiced for the full amount.**

### Account Details:

Name: St George's International School, Luxembourg  
Address: 11 rue des Peupliers, L-2328 LUXEMBOURG  
Account Number (IBAN) LU76 0019 2455 3244 8000  
Bank Name Banque et Caisse d'Epargne de l'Etat (BCEE)  
Bank Address Place de Metz  
L-2954 LUXEMBOURG  
**Bank BIC or SWIFT code: BCEELULLXXX**

Each ticket is numbered which will give you the chance to win a special prize on the night!



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

Do you have last year's 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.



### 'Spicy Friday' Fundraiser Lunch Raises 800 euros!!

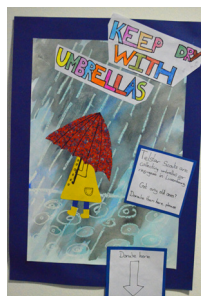
The 'Spicy Friday' lunch raised an amazing 800 euros for Christophers' medical and school fees in rural Uganda. A big thank you to all who took part. He will get his new prosthetic leg, school supplies and fees thanks to your generosity.



# Whole School News

## IMPORTANT: Kiss & Fly Rules and Regulations

When using Kiss & Fly please ensure your child is ready to get out of the car promptly and carefully. We need parents to ensure their child is as organised as possible to allow Kiss & Fly to run efficiently. Parents should not get out of their cars. Staff supervise Kiss & Fly from 8:00-8:30am and 3:15-3:30pm, please ensure you follow their instructions. The speed limit is 10km/h.



## Donate Umbrellas for Refugees in Luxembourg

Telstar Scouts are collecting unwanted umbrellas in good condition for refugees in Luxembourg. Please bring them to the Reception area and place them in the designated umbrella stand. Thank you.



## You Know It Makes Cents

As part of the fundraising activities for 'Relais Pour La Vie' (a charity fundraising for cancer research). We

want to create a huge dragon out of cent coins. Please help us with this project 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.



## 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.

## Club Information



## 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)!** 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: **24<sup>th</sup> April 2017.**

The work can also be done in a school club on Mondays by contacting **clubs@st-georges.lu**. Please contact Mrs Dishman via **thecelticspirals@gmail.com** to sign up for the competition

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

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**.

To view this page please log into the Parent Portal



# Primary News

## Upcoming events & Important dates

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

**Circus Dress-Up Day to raise money for Afghan MMCC (all Primary students) Don't forget to bring in a euro.**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

**Spelling Bee Final (8:30 - 9:30am) Parents of the Finalists are invited**

**Carnival half-term holidays 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> February**

**27<sup>th</sup> February - 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Book Week with Gillian Cross**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

**The Demon HeadMaster Performance in school (for students to attend)**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

**Parent Meeting Year 3 Residential Trip to Chevetogne, Conference room, (8:30 to 9:30am)**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

**The Demon Headmaster performance Open to the Public. Auditorium, (6:00pm)**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Book Character Dress up Day**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

**Year 3 Brandenburg- Parent Assembly, Auditorium, (8:30 to 8:50am)**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**Wholeschool Photographer Make up day (For all staff and students who missed the last Photo day).**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**Year 4,5,6 Easter Ball, Hotel Parc Bellevue (6:00 - 8:00pm)**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**Year 3 Easter Ball, Auditorium (2:00 - 3:15pm)**

## Primary News

### Pitter-patter of tiny feet in Primary

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Firth is expecting her second child! Congratulations.

### Don't forget: Primary School Council Dress Up Day | Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> February**. Please remember to bring in 1 euro to donate to this great charity.

### School Eye Tests

The Ministry of Health will carry out an eye test on all students in Reception and Year 1. The dates for this are the **6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> March**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school medical office.

### 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.

**05S – 16.02.2017**

**03B – 23.03.2017**

**03K – 06.04.2017**

**05U – 16.03.2017**

**03H – 30.03.2017**



### Easter Ball Year 3 | Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March | 2:00pm to 3:15pm

Students will have received their invitations to the upcoming **Year 3 Easter Ball**. The Ball will take place on **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017** in the Auditorium. Students need to RSVP via the Parent Portal by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Parents are welcome to attend for the grande finale at 3:00pm. Dress code: Cocktail dress / shirt and tie / bow tie.



### Easter Ball Year 4,5,6 | Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March | 6:00 - 8:00pm

Students will have received their invitations to the upcoming **Year 4,5,6 Easter Ball**. The Ball will take place on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** at the Hotel Parc Bellevue. Students need to RSVP via the Parent Portal by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Parents are welcome to attend for the grande finale at 7:45pm. Dress code: Cocktail dress / shirt and tie / bow tie.

### Looking for Raffle Prize Donations for Y4, 5 and 6 Easter Ball

We are hoping to host a Raffle at our Year 4,5 and 6 Easter Ball and we need some prizes. We will divide the prizes into children and adult sections and all the proceeds will go to the Afghan Mobile Circus. If you have a prize that you could donate please bring it to the school reception by **March 10<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your generosity. - Primary PE department

### RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) Lessons

RSE lessons will commence 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Movie Night Year 3-6 | Tuesday 7th March | 3:30-5:30pm

The Primary School Council have decided to organise a Movie Night for all Year 3 to 6 students. All money raised will be donated towards the Afghan MMCC. The movie shown will be *The BFG* (rated PG). A Disney adaptation of Roald Dahl's classic directed by Steven Spielberg. To sign your child up for the Movie night please register via the [Parent Portal](#). It will cost €2.50, so please ensure your child gives the money to their class teacher once they are registered.

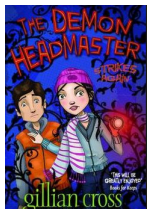


## The Demon Headmaster Open to the Public | Thursday 2nd March 2017 | 6:00pm | St George's Auditorium

(An adaptation of the book 'The Demon Headmaster' by Gillian Cross)

On **Thursday 2nd March**, St George's LAMDA students will be performing an adaption of the book 'The Demon Headmaster' by Gillian Cross. The performance is open to the public and will be taking place in St George's Auditorium from 6:00pm. St George's is delighted to announce that Gillian Cross, the author of

'The Demon Headmaster', will be attending the performance. This performance is produced and directed by Ms Ruth Gillen. [Click here](#) for more information or to reserve tickets!



## Book Week | 27th February - 3rd March

It's that time of year again! Book Week will be taking place from **27th February to 3rd March**! We are delighted to announce that 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 St George's LAMDA club students (Year 6 and above) will be performing an adaptation of 'The Demon Headmaster'. A book character Dress-Up Day will also be held on **Friday 3rd March**.

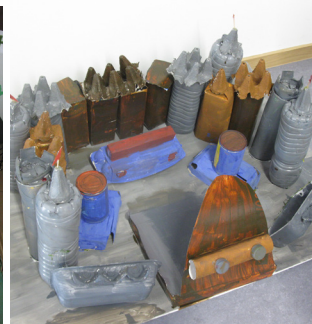
## Book Fair | Tuesday 28th February | 1:00 - 4:00pm

The annual book fair will take place during Book Week on **Tuesday 28th February** from 11:00 - 4:00pm. The fair is open to all parents and primary students will have the opportunity to visit the fair during the school day. Bookends, Little English Bookworm, Lucy Goosey Reading Adventure and Chapter 1 will all have a vast range of books available to purchase. If you wish your child to purchase a book at the fair please send some money in an envelope clearly marked with their name.

## Year 6 go back to the Middle Ages

Year 6 have been learning about life in the Middle Ages in their IPC work this term. They have learned about daily life for rich and poor, how the country was governed and why castles were built. They have also built some fabulous castle models.

Their work will culminate in visits to Bourscheid and Clervaux Castles.





# Secondary News

## Upcoming events & Important dates

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Parent -Teacher -  
Student Conference**  
(4:00pm-7:00pm)

**Carnival half-term holidays**  
**20th-24th February**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Medical Case Studies**  
**lecture, Auditorium (4:30pm**  
**- 6:00pm)**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**  
**Parent -Teacher-  
Student Conference**  
(4:00pm-7:00pm)

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**  
**Year 9 Bring Sons and**  
**Daughters to Work Day**

**6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Erasmus Partners in School**

**6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Year 9 Taster Week**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Year 11-13 Business Trip to**  
**Euro-Composites (08:30 to**  
**12:15)**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Key Stage 5 Information**  
**Evening for Year 11 (6:00 to**  
**8:00pm)**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Wholeschool Photographer**  
**Make up day (For all staff and**  
**students who missed the last**  
**Photo day).**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Friends of St George's**  
**Spring Ball, Auditorium,**  
**(7:00pm - midnight)**

**23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
**GIN Conference**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**  
**'NEW' Extra-curricular**  
**Lecture Event, Auditorium**  
**(4:30-6:00pm)**

## Secondary News

How do kids use social  
media? Let's understand  
it!



[How do kids use social Media? Read this article to help you understand it.](#)



### Relais Pour La Vie Cake Sale Raises 310 Euros

Thank you to all those who baked, bought or donated cakes for the cake sale!! We raised 310 euro which brings our total to almost 900 euros raised so far for the cancer research charity!! Thank you for all your efforts.

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

#### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

Ukulele Club  
International Sports Team Club  
Study Hall  
Secondary Homework Club  
Mérite Jeunesse

#### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

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

### **Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (Secondary) | Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

The meetings with teachers will take place on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February** and **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017** from 4:00-7:00pm. Parents of all Key Stages can arrange meetings on both days.

As these days run from 4:00 – 7:00pm, parents are asked to write the hours they will be attending in their son/daughters planner, on the report page. This way, both the teachers and the students will be able to make appointments at the correct times. This procedure will be explained to all the students by their tutors.

Please be reminded that students should leave the site at 3:15pm and come back with their parents.

**As always, we expect all Secondary students whose parents have made an appointment with a teacher to attend the Parent-Teacher-Student Conference!**

# Secondary News



[Click here to view the Books of the Month for Year 7, 8 and 9.](#)



## Have you met the new kid in school?

Some of you may have noticed that we have a visitor in the entrance to the Zinnen building. Bod is the new mascot of the KJT English Online Help service and will be ready to distribute postcards to young people all over Luxembourg. Each month there will be a new postcard to collect and send. The theme each month will concern real issues that effect children and teenagers including bullying, exam stress, relationships, self-harm and how to cope when you have problems. The campaign will run for 12 months, and there is a competition with prizes to find a letter hidden in each card that makes up a 12 -letter word most important to this service. For more information or to use the service contact [www.kjt.lu](http://www.kjt.lu).

**You are not alone.**

## Year 9 Residential Trip – Skiing in France

Our Year 9 students recently had the opportunity to go skiing with the school on their annual residential trip. We went to the French resort of La Bresse in the Vosges mountain range for 5 days. Unfortunately, the weather conditions were not the best for the first 2 days, when we were skiing in the clouds and rain, however it brightened up from day 3 and the smiles returned to everyone's faces!

We had some fabulous skiers within the group but this was a completely new experience for around half of our students. All students made good progress over the week but the most noticeable certainly came from the beginners – a large number of whom managed to progress from the nursery slope to skiing blue runs comfortably by the end of the week!

Staff and students appeared to enjoy the trip and certainly all improved their skiing techniques. We hope some will continue to ski in the future.



## 'NEW' Extra-curricular Lecture Event | Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February | 4:30-6:00pm | Auditorium

On **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February** from 4:30-6:00pm, as part of a new initiative led by the St George's Student Leadership team, a 'Medical Case Studies' lecture will take place in the Auditorium.

We will greatly appreciate your attendance, as part of an effort to make this programme successful, and continue to bring professionals to speak in our school in the future.

If you would like to attend, please let us know by sending an email to [deputyheadboy@students.st-georges.lu](mailto:deputyheadboy@students.st-georges.lu) so that we can gauge the size of the audience. Please do not hesitate to contact us via email if you have further questions.

Thank you,

Jonathan Topaz (Deputy Head boy)

Robert Shaw (Director of Sixth Form)

# Secondary News



## Benelux International Quiz Winners

St George's is very proud to announce that they won this year's Benelux Schools International Quiz held at ISF Waterloo International School in Brussels!! Well done.



## Head Teacher's Certificate Winners

Congratulations to Siddarth and Max for achieving the Head Teacher's certificate. A 'Head Teacher's Certificate' is part of Secondary's merit system. Teachers award merits to students for good work, when a certain number of merits have been awarded from several different subjects, students are awarded a 'Head Teacher's Certificate' along with a £10 amazon voucher. Well done!



## AMIS Solo and Ensemble Festival Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the AMIS Solo and Ensemble Festival Certificate Winners. [Click here](#) to read more about their trip to the American School of the Hague.



## Congratulations to class 9M Fo

Congratulations to Year 9M Fo who won the award for the 'Challenge Series Award'! The award was for good behaviour and punctuality this term.



## Futurewise, Inspiring Futures

Between the **28<sup>th</sup> February** and **2<sup>nd</sup> March**, Inspiring Futures will be holding guidance interviews with Year 11 students to assist with their A level option choices. Each student will have approximately 30 minutes with the adviser. For more information on Inspiring Futures [click here](#).



# St George's News

## Community News



### **Spanish Gourmand | Order until Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Spanish delicatessen straight from small producers with limited high-quality productions.

Find all information on Facebook@ "[Spanish Gourmand](#)" or send an email to [spanishgourmand@gmail.com](mailto:spanishgourmand@gmail.com).



### **Football Camp Carnival 2017 | 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> February | 9:00am - 4:00pm**

Five days of football training from **20<sup>th</sup> February to the 24<sup>th</sup> February**, 9:00am - 4:00pm in Luxembourg. More information can be found on [www.2xsoccer.lu](http://www.2xsoccer.lu).



### **Happy Fitness Carnival Camp | 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> February**

For the Carnival holidays, Happy Fitness is offering a five day camp for children aged 5 years and above. The Happy Week Camp will take place from the **20<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of February**. The program consists of: fitness, capoeira, team games, and extra club activities such as climbing, skating and balloon activities. You will find all the information on [Happy Fitness Facebook](#) and [www.happyfitness.lu](http://www.happyfitness.lu) or by sending an e-mail to [info@happyfitness.lu](mailto:info@happyfitness.lu).

Register your child [here](#)!

*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.*