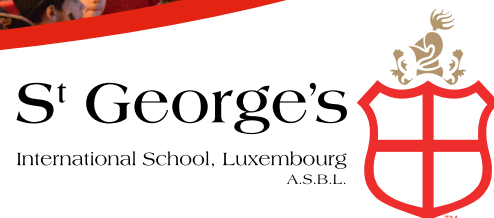




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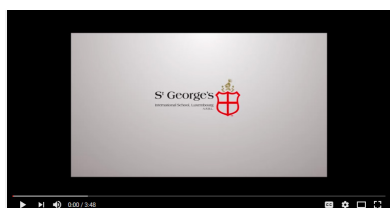


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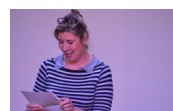
St George's First
Super-curricular
Lecture Program (SLP)



Year 2 students
Dance to Thriller



Spelling Bee Finals
2017



Ali Seegar, Children's
book Author Visits
St George's

Important Dates

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

1st March - 3rd March
**Primary Book Week, Author
Gillian Cross in school**

Thursday 2nd March
**The Demon Headmaster
Performance (6:00pm)**
**Open to Public. [Click here](#) to book
tickets.**

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

Friday 3rd March
**DON'T FORGET: Primary Favourite
Book Character Dress up Day!**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after the half-term break. We had our first lecture as part of the super-curricular lecture program on Monday and we are also privileged to have Book Week authors visiting with us; culminating tomorrow in the Demon Headmaster performance – a show not to be missed!

Balls for students, parents and staff are upon us – whether our spectacular Spring Ball for the Friends of St George's; or the Easter Balls across the school – all a chance to get up and dance!

We are anticipating the arrival of spring today along with St David's Day; however the weather remains unpredictable with snow and slush in the north of Luxembourg yesterday; please ensure students remain appropriately dressed for the weather in the meantime; I look forward to welcoming a host of different book characters to school on Friday!

With my best regards,

Dr Barkei

**2017/2018
Academic
Calendar**

Whole School News



It is again this time of the year when Bulgarians welcome the upcoming spring and wear Martenitsa.

Every year on 1st of March Bulgarians celebrate “Baba Marta” (Granny March). It is believed that Baba Marta brings the end of the cold winter and the beginning of the spring. To mark this holiday, Bulgarians exchange and wear Martenitsas – a small piece of adornment, made of white and red yarn. The red and white woven threads symbolize the wish for good health.

Martenitsas are worn until the first signs of springs have come (a blooming tree or a stork). When the Martenitsa is taken off, many people tie it to a blooming tree.

The Friends of St George's



It's Time To Have A Ball with Your Friends!

Come to St George's Spring Ball 2017 on Saturday 18th March!

All parents, staff and Friends are invited 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 delicious buffet dinner with drinks included.

Dancing and entertainment will be presented by DJ Paul Marshall & Bob Christy.

Dress: Black Tie / Formal Wear

Tickets cost €75 per person.

How to Buy Tickets:

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 17th March).

N.B If you reserved ticket(s) and fail to make a payment / do not cancel them by **Friday 10th 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!

Whole School News

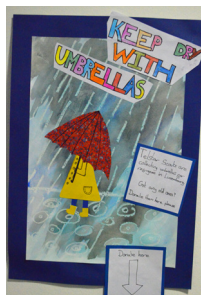
IMPORTANT: Unauthorised Absences

During the holiday periods, we have noticed that some parents are taking students out early, or returning late from the holidays. Please note that under Luxembourgish law the school is unable to authorise these periods of absence. Please do not ask the school to release your child early on a given day, so that you can catch a flight, or avoid traffic, as we are not permitted to do so.

We understand that there are some genuine cases of sickness or doctors' appointments during these times. Please ensure that these requests are accompanied with an appointment slip for the school's records.

St George's Primary Choir in Fundraising Concert | Sunday 12th March 3:30pm at the Culture Hall, Niederanven

St George's Primary choir will be singing in a concert organised by Mataneen fir Kanner, an action group for PLAN International, supporting children around the world. The students are performing jointly with the Eagle Choir from ISL. Do come along and support our school. Entry is free of charge and there will be cakes and drinks on sale.



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.

Club Information

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.



Yoga Class for Over 40s

A new yoga class aimed at people over forty will be starting next Thursday, 9th March at St George's International school. The class is offered to staff and parents and will take place from 5:15-6:15pm.

If you would like more information about these classes or would like to book your place, please contact Clair-Louise by email theyogatreelux@gmail.com.

To view this page please log into the Parent Portal



Primary News

Upcoming events & Important dates

1st March - 3rd March
Primary Book Week, Author
Gillian Cross in school

Thursday 2nd March
The Demon Headmaster
performance Open to the
Public. Auditorium, (6:00pm)

[Click here](#) to reserve tickets!

Friday 3rd March
DON'T FORGET:
Book Character
Dress up Day

Monday 6th March
Year 6 Wiltz Meet the Teacher
Session

Monday 6th March
Primary Choir Rehearsal at ISL

Tuesday 7th March
Key Stage 2 Movie Night, BFG
Don't forget 2.50 EUR from
3:30pm. [Pick up time: 5:30pm](#)

Friday 10th March
Year 3 Brandenburg- Parent
Assembly, Auditorium,
(8:30 to 8:50am)

Tuesday 14th March
Les Trois Lardons

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

Friday 17th March
Year 4,5,6 Easter Ball, Hotel
Parc Bellevue (6:00 - 8:00pm)

Saturday 18th March
Spring Ball All parents are
invited to reserve tickets click
here.

20th March - 24th March
Year 6 Residential Trip to Dinant

Thursday 23rd March
Key Stage 1 Movie Night
(3:30pm-5:00pm)

Friday 24th March
Year 3 Easter Ball, Auditorium
(2:00 - 3:15pm)

Primary News

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 **6th & 7th March**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school medical office.

Bookends Orders from Book Fair

Mrs Radway from Bookends will email all parents who ordered books and did not have the chance to pick them up yesterday at the book fair. In the email there will be instructions on payment and collection. Thank you.



Double Book Signing for Book Week

On **Friday 2nd March**, as well as favourite book character dress up day, the students will have the chance to have their books signed by not one but two authors! From 3:00pm til 4:00pm Gillian Cross and Ali Seegar will be signing books. Local author

Ali Seegar will be signing copies of her first novel 'Tommy Turners Tremendous Travels', copies of which can be found online and in Luxembourg book shops and a limited number will also be available for purchase on the day. Our visiting author Gillian Cross will also be available for signings but books should be purchased in advance. Do not miss this incredible opportunity!



Easter Ball Year 4,5,6 | Friday 17th 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 17th March** at the Hotel Parc Bellevue. Students need to RSVP via the Parent Portal by Friday 10th 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 10th**. Thank you for your generosity. - Primary PE department



Easter Ball Year 3 | Friday 24th 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, 24th March 2017** in the Auditorium. Students need to RSVP via the Parent Portal by Friday 17th March. Parents are welcome to attend for the grande finale at 3:00pm. Dress code: Cocktail dress / shirt and tie / bow tie.

Secondary News

Upcoming events & Important dates

28th - 2nd March

Inspiring Futures (Futurewise guidance interviews)

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

Wednesday 8th March

Year 11-13 Business Trip to Euro-Composites (08:30 to 12:15)

Thursday 9th March

Key Stage 5 Information Evening for Year 11 (6:00 to 8:00pm)

13th - 15th March

Year 8 and 9 Oxford Trip

Tuesday 14th March

Ladies' night* (*Gentlemen also welcome!) Bridget Jones's Baby (3:30-6:00pm)

Wednesday 15th March

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

Wednesday 15th March

Key Stage 4 and 5 trip to the Grand Theatre

Thursday 16th March

Key Stage 4 Information Evening for Year 9 (6:00 to 8:00pm)

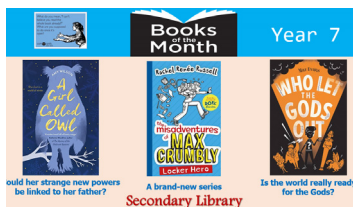
Saturday 18th March

Friends of St George's Spring Ball, Auditorium, (7:00pm - midnight)

23rd - 25th March

GIN Conference

Secondary News



[Click here](#) to view Book of the Month



Ladies' night* (*Gentlemen also welcome!) | Tuesday 14th March from 3:30pm

St George's Parliament are hosting a charity fundraising Mothers & Daughters Movie Night on **Tuesday 14th March**, open to students from Year 9 and above, their parents and to all staff.

Fathers, male staff and students are also welcome!

Proceeds from a 3:30pm screening of the recent hit rom-com 'Bridget Jones' Baby', introduced by Media teacher Mr Burrowes, will be donated to Femme International (<https://www.femmeinternational.org/about-us/>).

A 5€ per person donation to the charity is recommended on the evening. Chocolates and a complimentary glass of sparkling juice will be provided during the intermission. The film has a 2 hour running time, so we aim to finish around 6:00pm.

Please note that Year 9-11 students wishing to attend require a parental email stating their permission for their son/daughter (if for more than one child, please make this clear) to attend.

Please email KS4assisthead@st-georges.lu to request tickets/give parental permission before **Friday 10th March**, stating clearly who these are for.



S' George's
St George's International School, Luxembourg ASBL.
has great pleasure in inviting you to
S' George's Secondary Easter Ball
Friday, 31st March 2017
7:00pm to 10:00pm
Dress code: Cocktail dress/ shirt and tie/ bow tie
Entry is free. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase.

St George's Secondary Easter Ball

St George's is hosting a Secondary Ball on **Friday 31st March 2017**
7:00pm to 10:00pm.

Hotel Parc Bellevue
5, rue Marie Thérèse Luxembourg

Dress code: Cocktail dress/ shirt and tie/ bow tie

Students to RSVP via
www.st-georges.lu/secondaryeasterball
by Friday, 17th March 2017.

Parents are invited to attend for the grande finale at 9:40pm.

St George's News

Community News



The Miraculous Story Time

Chapter 1's Miraculous Story Time will be presented by a talented story teller, the tales come hauntingly alive!

Saturday, 4th March @Chapter1 The Book Loft
40, rue des Bruyères - L-1274, Howald, Luxembourg

It will take place in the Magic shadow of the Big Tree.

Click the link below to register.
<http://bit.ly/Chapter1StoryT>



“Coupe du Printemps” | Skating Luxembourg

From the 10th - 12th of March there will be an international figure skating competition “Coupe du Printemps” at the Kockelscheuer ice rink.

In order to promote the sport, the Club Hiversport Patinage has the pleasure to invite you to come and attend this competition with your students and support athletes of international level. The event is free of charge and will take place on **Friday 10th March 2017**, between 9:00am and 4:00pm.

If you are interested, we kindly ask that you to register by calling: 621685349 or by email: cynthiacasini@hotmail.com. Thank you.

Parent Seminar for 2016-17



This year is no different than the past 6 years in offering parent seminars with valued professionals based in Luxembourg and Europe. Lou Gervais our Upper School Counsellor has been busy bringing the following seminars to our school community this year. As Lou puts it “we all learn from each other, supporting parents is another key initiative in supporting students and it brings great joy in being able to once again offer the following seminars to our school community. I hope to see as many parents this year as our average for attendance has been growing to record numbers”.

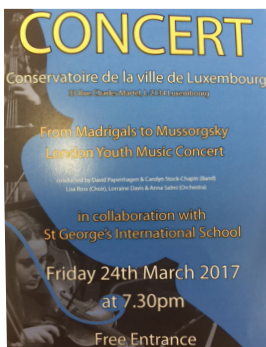
Our 2016-17 PARENT SEMINAR SCHEDULE

September 22nd“SUPPORTING LEARNING AT HOME” with Dr. Brühl
October 18th“COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITIES” with Rania Barakat
November 16th“MINDFUL PARENTING” with Dr. Fat Fakhour
March 23rd“DRUG PROOFING OUR CHILDREN” with a team of professionals
May 11th“PANEL FOR RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN” 3 professionals

For further details either check ISL's web page or contact Lou Gervais our Upper School Counsellor on 2604 4205 or email lgervais@islux.lu

Parent Seminar for 2016-17

Thursday 23rd March seminar on “Drug Proofing our Children” with a team of professionals. For further details either check ISL's web page or contact Lou Gervais on 2604 4205 or email lgervais@islux.lu



London Youth Music Concert | Conservatoire de la Ville De Luxembourg

On Friday 24th March at 7:30pm in the Conservatoire there will be a London Youth Music Concert in collaboration with St George's International School, Luxembourg. From Madrigals to Mussorgsky this event is not to be missed!

The entry is free of charge.

(33, rue Charles Martel, L-2134 Luxembourg)

We are proud that some of our Secondary students are part of this concert and we encourage any aspiring musicians from Primary or Secondary to attend this event!