



Newsletter

9th March 2016



Weather Warning

If the School decides to close due to inclement weather, the decision will be communicated ASAP on the school's website, on Radio ARA (102.9 MHz) and by text message to parents and staff who have signed the SMS Consent Form.

Important Notices

8th-13th March

COBIS Dubai Games

Thursday 10th March

Year 5 Performance of 'Junk Yard Band' School, Gym (6:00pm)

Thursday 10th March

Key Stage 5 Information Evening, Barthel Hall (6:00-8:00pm)

Thursday 17th March

Primary Parent Teacher Report Evening, Classrooms (4:00pm-7:00pm)

Thursday 17th March

Secondary Secondary Open Day ([Click here to sign up](#))

Wednesday 23rd March

Primary Parent Teacher Report Evening, Classrooms (4:00pm-7:00pm)



St George's Book Week



Why Study Drama?



St George's International School Easter Ball

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

As we make our way through a rather chilly (almost Spring) term, please may I remind you to ensure that your son or daughter is dressed appropriately for the weather as we expect all students to spend time outside during the school day.

Our COBIS athletes are beginning their competitions in Dubai this week and our Year 5 Junkyard band is ready to perform tomorrow night which promises to be an exciting event, as well as the 3 Chardons theatre troupe for Year 1, 2 and 3 students.

We are also looking forward to the Easter Ball next week on Friday evening as well as the first of the Primary Parent-teacher report evenings.

Finally my thanks to all colleagues in Primary who worked so hard to ensure Book Week was a great success and also thanks to our parent volunteers for reading to their children in school!

With my best regards,
Dr Barkei
Principal

Primary News

Upcoming events & Important dates

Thursday 10th March

Year 5 Performance of 'Junk Yard band', School Gym (6:00pm)

Thursday 10th March

Le Spectacle 3 Chardons - Year 1, 2 & 3, Hamilius Hall (09:30am)

Thursday 10th March

Charity cake sale for cancer research in the morning for Early Years & Reception

Friday 11th March

Parent Invitation Assembly Year 4 Pettingen Mrs Edge School Gym (08:30-8:50am)

Friday 11th March

Charity cake sale for cancer research at morning break for Years 1-6

Thursday 17th March

Photo Catch up day

Thursday 17th March

Parent Teacher Report Evening, Classrooms (4:00pm-7:00pm)

Friday 18th March

Parent Invitation Assembly Year 3 Class Brandenburg (08:30-08:50am)

Friday 18th March

Year 6 Trip Information Conference room, (8:30-9:30am)

Wednesday 23rd March

Parent Teacher Report Evening, Classrooms (4:00pm-7:00pm)

Friday 25th March

Parent Invitation Assembly, Year 5 Erpeldange (08:30-8:50am)

26th March - 11th April

Easter Holidays

Tuesday 12th April

First day back in school for students after the Easter

Message from the Primary Head Teacher



Following our highly successful ISI report last year, the school has continued to strive for excellence. This term the primary school carried a school review of learning. Two consultants observed lessons in every class, alongside the leadership team. They also looked at student books. Here are some of the positive areas they noted:

- Across the school there were excellent attitudes to learning – children listened well and concentrated hard. Those new to the school settled in quickly and well.
- Values were made explicit in many lessons. Teachers stressed the importance of resilience, communication and co-operation. Children want to do well and have high aspirations: they are well prepared for the next phase of their education. They organise and take part in a number of charity events.
- Children, teachers and teaching assistants took a real pride in ensuring the learning environment was of high quality with beautifully presented art work and well organised classroom displays.
- There were many opportunities for children to consolidate their learning through purposeful discussion.
- Teachers used accurate subject specific vocabulary in all subjects, not just literacy and numeracy and expected children to do the same.
- In the best mathematics lessons, teachers enabled children to deepen their understanding through good use of concrete apparatus and pictorial representation.
- Teachers were skilled at capturing children's interests by providing imaginative hooks for learning.
- There was a developing use of good questioning and modelling to reshape learning. The strong subject knowledge of specialist teachers in music, French and PE added value to children's experiences in school.
- Phonics teaching was well structured and organised with a good match of pitch to ability.
- The school has a very high proportion (almost two thirds) of children whose first language is not English. These children are integrated exceptionally well and quickly gain a working knowledge of the English language.
- Provision for children with special educational needs was very strong.

Claire Nuttall

Primary News

IMPORTANT: Parent Teacher Report Evening Booking Closes on Wednesday 16th March at 10:00am

Primary Report evenings will take place on Thursday 17th March and Wednesday 23rd March. Parents can book on either day a 15 minute appointment with their child's class teacher and 5 minute slots with their Specialist teachers (optional). Please note these are two separate bookings to make on the system. For any questions regarding the [booking system](#) please contact: communications@st-georges.lu.

Please note there will not be any additional child care available.

IMPORTANT: All fun clubs and some of the clubs will run on the report evenings. The following clubs will be cancelled:

On Thursday, March 17th: Cooking Club (Mrs Elliott), Yoga (Ms Walsh), Creativity in Music (Mrs Dishman and Ms Bydder) and Football (Mr Thompson)

On Wednesday, March 23rd: Yoga (Ms Walsh) and Gymnastics (Year 3-6)

Yoga will offer replacement sessions on 15th March as the session on 16th is also cancelled. And on 22nd as 23rd is cancelled. Usual room and time.

Some clubs will change rooms to Secondary building:

On 17th - Lamda will be in Barthel Hall, Craft in L21, Mandarin in L07a.

On 23rd - Italian will be in L07a, Jewellery in L21, Team Challenge in L07b, Lamda in Barthel Hall.

Rectangles, Squares and Circles fun club will all be in the key stage 1 library on report nights.

Booking Open! Year 5 Performance of 'Junk Yard Band'

The Year 5 performance will be a spectacular show promising singing, dancing and featuring the Year 5 Junk Band Orchestra!

The show will take place on **Thursday 10th March 2016** at 6:00pm in the Primary Gym.

Year 5 students are required to return to school at 5:30pm on the evening of the performance.

Tickets are available on our [booking system](#) now. Parents are allowed to book 3 tickets per family. Please contact communications@st-georges.lu if you have any problems booking.

Year 5 IPC Topic "World War II in Benelux"

After the Easter holidays Year 5 will begin working on their new IPC unit entitled "**World War II in Benelux**". If anyone has any experience, expertise, or artefacts related to the subject of World War II that they would like to share with us, we would be very grateful. (You don't have to be a parent of a child in Year 5).

If you are willing to come in and talk to the children, please express your interest through email to the Reception desk; reception@st-georges.lu marked for the attention of Mrs Kelly. Thank you

Primary Cake Sale to Raise Funds for Cancer Research walk for life

Charity cake sale for Year 1-6 on Friday 11th March at morning break.

Please remember to give your child a euro if they wish to participate. It is of course optional.

Foundation charity cake sale – as we don't want Early Years and Reception to miss out, we will hold a special cake/cookie/waffle/popcorn sale just for them on Thursday 10th March during the morning session. We will take a selection of items to them in class, so please put a euro in a named envelope if they wish to take part.

If your child has allergies, you are welcome to drop off an item (cake/cookie/treat) they can enjoy, in a clearly labelled bag to reception and we will ensure they collect the correct item to be able to join in!

Primary News

Parent Readers for Book Week

Quote from a St George's parent:

It was a lovely experience to share with the 1A children a nice story this morning.

Miss Pinnonns and Mrs Mills kindly welcomed me to the class and introduced me to the group.

All children listened carefully and interacted during the story, raising respectfully their hands when they wanted to ask questions. I noticed that the kids really like when we call them by their own name, (I was glad to know all names, as my son tells me about all his classmates at home).

In summary, it makes my day.

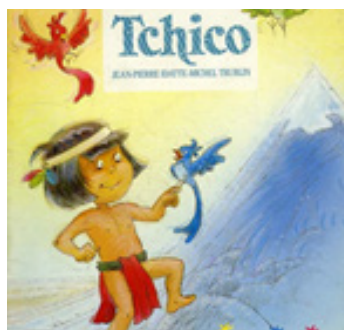
Thank you again for this opportunity,

Book Week In Photos



Years 5 and 6 chat with Gillian Cross

As part of Book Week years 5 and 6 took part in a Skype conference with author Gillian Cross, writer of 'The Demon Headmaster'. The students had the chance to ask her lots of questions about her books, the types of characters she writes about and how her ideas are transformed into books. Ms Cross also asked the students questions about the sorts of books they like to read and the types of writing they do in school and for fun.



3 Chardons theatre French troupe | Thursday 10th March

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will welcome the "3 Chardons" theatre French troupe. They will attend and perform their show "Tchico". At the end of the show they will be able to buy the book + CD for 9 euro only if they wish to.

Your child can come with an envelope with 9 euro on the day of the performance-

The children are already looking forward to this event!

Secondary News

Upcoming events & Important dates

8th March - 13th March
COBIS Games Dubai

Thursday 10th March
Key Stage 5 Information Evening (Year 11 A level options), Barthel Hall (6:00-8:00pm)

Monday 14th March
Oxford Maths Competition

Wednesday 16th March
Year 9 Day Trip to Trier

Friday 18th March
St George's Annual Easter Ball

Monday 21st March
Rock and Water with Lou Gervais at St George's (6:00pm)

Wednesday 23rd March
Faculty Day 2 English/Science

Friday 25th March
Deadline for Big Tidy Challenge

26th - 11th April
Easter Holidays

Tuesday 12th April
First day back in school after the Easter Holiday

Spread

Repose noun
the state of reposing or being at rest; rest; sleep

Sleeping is nice.
You forget about everything for a little while.

Secondary School News

Why Choose Drama?

During Parent Teacher (PTSC) meetings some parents have expressed surprise that their children talk about drama with such enthusiasm when they get home, often because parents have little personal experience of drama from their own school days. Parents often ask me why drama is an important subject to take at IGCSE and beyond even when they may not be anticipating a career in performance. So, our Head of Faculty - Arts has put together some information with some useful web links for parents and students to look at together and hopefully help support the difficult decision making when it comes to filling in that options form. [Click here for the full article.](#)

A-Level Media Studies Support Session

Mr Burrowes will give feedback on re-drafting of coursework productions as well as evaluation work, and to provide technical assistance with editing.

When? On Fridays 3:30-4:30pm until **Friday 25th March** included. Open to Key Stage 5 Media Students.

Where? In the music tech classroom (B1.22)

Free of charge.

If interested, please contact clubs@st-georges.lu to register.

COBIS Young Scientist Film Awards

2016 COBIS Young Scientist Film Awards

Celebrating Science Creatively!

COBIS has partnered with the National Film Education (NFE) in London to create a worldwide competition to celebrate the creativity and achievement of young scientists. This is a rare opportunity to showcase your work to a global audience and win a £10,000 prize.

What are the COBIS Young Scientist Film Awards?

Students of COBIS are encouraged to create a short film (3-5 minutes) that demonstrates their understanding of a scientific concept. The film should be educational, entertaining and showcase the student's creativity. The film should be submitted by the deadline of 15th April 2016.

Categories

- Best Chemistry (all ages)
- Best Physics (all ages)
- Best Biology (all ages)
- Best Earth & Space (all ages)
- Best General Science (all ages)
- Best Innovation (all ages)
- Best Film (all ages)
- Best Short Film (all ages)
- Best Student Engagement

Competition Dates to Remember!

Submission Deadline: 15th April 2016. All entries must be submitted by this date. Late entries will not be considered.

Finalist Selection: 20th April 2016. All entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges. The top 10 entries will be selected as finalists.

Winning: 25th April 2016. The winning entry will be announced on this date. The winner will receive a £10,000 prize and a certificate of achievement.

Interested in participating?

What to do next:

- Complete the entry form and submit it to your school/college.
- Submit your film to the competition.
- Wait for the results.

Click here to read more.

Advance Information Regarding Results and Interviews

Students will receive confidential passwords to access their results online. Only AQA results for the Media Studies GCSE will not be accessible via internet and these results will be mailed to students.

CIE IGCSE and A level	11 August
Edexcel A level	18 August
Edexcel & AQA I/GCSE	25 August

Interviews with Mr Fleet and Mr Shaw will take place on **Friday 19th August** for current Year 12 students going into Year 13 and on **Friday 26th August** for current Year 11 students entering Year 12. If you will be on holiday on those dates you will be required to leave a contact number for a phone interview.

Secondary News



Secondary Cake Sale

Thank you to all the staff and students who baked for our Cake sale! We raised 190 euros for Relais Pour La Vie!!



Easter Ball 2016

The Easter Ball will take place on Friday 18th March at the Hotel Parc Bellevue from 7pm -10pm. Any students who wish to attend and have not yet received an invitation can collect one from Mr Cooper's office in the Barthel Hall on Monday, 14th March. All reply slips must be returned by Wednesday 16th March.

Sound Check of The Ladies Jazz

The Year 8 Music, GCSE Music and A-level Music classes were invited to attend the sound check of The Ladies of Jazz, a jazz combo from the US featuring all women at the Philharmonie in Kirchberg. The students observed how the group test their microphones, the levels of amplification, and how the drums were tuned. The students were able to listen to the group play through some of their music. They were a marvelous group and it was a privilege to see them working together!

St George's Secondary School Open Day

To book a tour of the secondary section now [click here \(this is not a tour of the new building\)](#)

Do you or your friends want to find out more about St George's Secondary school? Why not come to our Secondary Open Day on **Thursday 17th March** 2016.

Secondary News

Rock and Water with Lou Gervais at St George's Monday 21st March from 06:00pm | PARENT SEMINAR - RAISING BOYS Thursday 24th March at 6:45pm (US Auditorium at the International School of Luxembourg (ISL))

On the 21st March for Year 6 - Year 9 Parents: Lou Gervais will meet parents to share his wealth of knowledge with a social skills program titled Rock and Water that he's taught in various schools around the world. The program uses psycho-physical didactics. The program is composed of games, simple self-defence, boundary and communication exercises and is based on a strong notion of self-confidence. The program offers a framework of exercises and ideas about how to assist youth in becoming more aware of purpose and motivation in their lives. Topics included in the lessons are: Intuition, body language, mental strength, empathic feeling, positive feeling, positive thinking and positive

On the 24th March Freerk Ykema, founder and author of the Rock and Water Program will be our guest presenter for the evening. Freerk will speak first hand on strategies and differences in raising Boys and Girls. Freerk's wealth of knowledge in raising self-awareness of adolescents' personal strengths and abilities in learning how to play, work and live together in a changing, multicultural society will be shared during this seminar. Freerk continues to bring awareness to parents in enhancing the social, emotional and spiritual development of children throughout the world. Reservations are now being taken by Lou Gervais. Please email Lou on lgervais@islux.lu to reserve your seat.

Secondary Revision Sessions

Math Revision Sessions | Every Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30pm in room B350

Core 1 revision lessons run for Year 12 Maths students, every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30pm with Mr Brown.

Year 13 exam resit students are also welcome to attend.

Each session covers exam-style questions and essential topics for C1.

Biology Revision Sessions | Every Monday 3:30-4:30pm in room B2.38

Biology revision sessions for Year 12 will be occurring every Monday from 3:30-4:30pm up until June with Mr Clough.

English Faculty IGCSE Revision Sessions | Every Thursday 3:30 – 4:30pm in room L34

Week 2. Thursday 10th March

Reading Paper: Summary writing.

Week 3. Thursday 17th March

Reading Paper: Directed writing (Letters, diaries, editorials)

Week 4. Thursday 24th March

Writing Paper: Argumentative and discursive writing

Week 5. Thursday 14th April

Writing Paper: Descriptive writing

Week 6. Thursday 21st April

Writing Paper: Top Tips for Exam Success

Year 11 IGCSE Drama Revision Sessions | Every Tuesday 3:15-4:30pm in room L09 or L01

Year 11 IGCSE Drama revision sessions will be running on Tuesdays after school between 3:15-4:30pm with Miss Williams on the following dates:

15th March, 22nd March,

12th April, 19th April, 26th April.

The Year 11 Drama class would like to thank the wonderful group of Year 8 and 9 volunteer performers who are assisting Year 11 in their revision during these sessions.

Whole School News



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Whole School News

Upcoming FRIENDS cultural visit: Wednesday 23rd March, Villeroy & Boch, Mettlach

Join us at 09:00am leaving from school to drive together across the border into Germany to visit the historical headquarters of Villeroy & Boch, internationally renowned ceramics producer. An English speaking tour guide will take us through the world of Villeroy & Boch, the history of ceramics and table culture, and their latest innovations. Enjoy a bite to eat in the Old Benedictine Abbey, a coffee in the historical 1892 Museumscafé, a stroll around their historic grounds with option of visiting their outlet, to be back in time for 1500 school pick up (possible to be back earlier). Interested? friends@st-georges.lu.

Canach Bus Route Change - Moutfort stop temporarily not available (am only)

As you may be aware the Canach bus route has been delayed recently on its arrival at school due to the road works in Moutfort. These will be in place until the end of the summer. For this reason we will need to omit the Moutfort cemetery stop and ask those of you who use this stop to go to either Oetrangle or Sandweiler to connect with this service. **This change will be in effect as from Monday 7th March.** The Mourfort stop will be reinstated as soon as the road works are over.

Secondary Raffle

The Secondary Parliament is collecting prizes for the raffle which will be drawn at the Secondary Ball. If you have anything (in good condition) you would like to donate for the raffle, please leave it in the collection box at the Reception until **Monday 14th March**.

All proceeds from the raffle will go to the United World Schools charity and our partner school in Cambodia. Thank you!



"Who do you think we are?" Relais Pour la Vie Fundraising Quiz

Once upon a time 26 beautiful children grew up and became Secondary staff at St George's International School.....

Can you identify who these children are now? There is a poster in the Reception area and to give you a helping hand it is right beside the current staff photos. There are also posters around the Barthel and Lentz

buildings.

To participate entry forms may be purchased for €1 from the main Reception desk. The closing date is **Friday 18th March**.

The winner will receive a gift voucher for 2 people to see a film at Utopolis.

Please join in and support this very worthy cause.

Headlice in Primary

We are still having problems with headlice especially in the younger children. **PLEASE ensure you treat any cases immediately so that this does not spread.** For more information see www.sante.lu/sante&ecole. Thank you. The School Nurses.

Whole School News

Association of Music in International Schools

Several KS3 and KS4 Music students attended a concert of the AMIS (Association of Music in International Schools) Choir Festival concert which took place on Saturday 5th March during the evening. The 200 participating students were from around the world with Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Africa and South America all represented. The programme featured a world premiere written for the festival by Paul Ayres, a well known British choral composer. The hosts, the International School of Luxembourg, generously offered a number of tickets to our students and teachers. St. George's is a member school of AMIS and we hope to participate more regularly in the festivals the AMIS association offers. The next opportunities will be for Y9-12 students who wish to submit an audition tape for the Jazz Festival which will take place in Wassenaar, The Netherlands in September 2016 and for composers from Y10-Y13 who would like to submit a piece for adjudication. For more information, please email Mrs. Ni at music@st-georges.lu or look at the AMIS website at www.amis-online.org

Canteen Forms and Menus for April - June 2016

These will be available on the portal soon. The deadline for the forms to be returned is Friday 18th March in order to have lunch starting Tuesday 12th April.

Fun Clubs running

On the last day of term all Fun Clubs will be running.



Ensemble

The fourth Music on Mondays lunchtime concert will occur on Monday the 14th of March. The Luxembourg Trombone Association Quartet featuring Leon Ni, Claude Origer, Serguei Khmeilevskoi and Manuel Stoffels will perform for KS2 lunch from 12:00-12:20 and Secondary lunch from 12:30-12:50. This follows concerts earlier this year by Quatricinia (a Renaissance music ensemble), Danny Boland, and IB students from the ISL.

Clubs Stopping at Easter

Mondays

- Student magazine Club with Mrs Kraus – last session on **Monday 21st March.**
- Unified Sports with Mr/Mrs Cooper – last session on **Monday 21st March.**

Thursdays

- International Sports Team Club with Mr Cooper – last session on **Thursday 24th March.**



The Easter Holidays are coming soon! Happy Fitness Provides a fun and Entertaining camp for children

HAPPY WEEK, for your children from 5 to 12 years old!!!

A full week of sports and crafts activities on a FUNNY theme.

- Happy Week from 29th March to April 1st, (4 days): Treasure Hunt
- Happy Week from April 4th to 8th (5 days): Stone Age

More information & price on: www.happyfitness.lu

Peripatetic Music Department

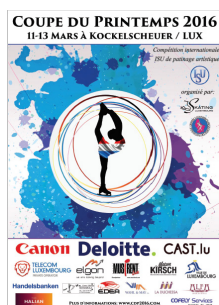
Since the beginning of 2016 the Peripatetic Music Department has seen some excellent growth and St George's is pleased to welcome Stephanie Germani as a new violin teacher. Violin and piano are near capacity however if enough interest is shown, we will always look to recruit more teachers. We would be very happy to see more students take up the following instruments: drums, trombone, trumpet, euphonium, clarinet, flute, saxophone, guitar, and voice. We will look for teachers if other instruments are of interest such as double bass, oboe, bassoon, or horn. Our teachers include Grammy Award winners, international soloists, and professional musicians from the Grand Region. Please email music@st-georges.lu for further information.

Community News

English Language Theatre

Politics, family, love, betrayal, fear and paranoia collide in Daniel Pinkerton's award-winning play, *Do You Want to Know a Secret?* A quarter of a century after the Berlin Wall came down, this taut and moving drama about one family's struggles with betrayal resonates profoundly with our own time.

Do You Want to Know a Secret? runs at the Mierscher Kulturhaus in Mersch, March 9-12, 2016, at 8pm and March 13 at 5pm. Tickets are now available on (+352) 47 08 95 1 or at www.luxembourg-ticket.lu.



ISU Figure Skating Competition “La Coupe du Printemps”

The ISU figure skating competition will be held in Kockelscheuer on 11th, 12th and 13th March.

5 skaters will be representing Luxembourg, including Fleur Maxwell (who just represented Luxembourg in the European Championship) and 4 competitors from CHL - Skating Luxembourg (the figure skating club that trains in Kockelscheuer). For more information please visit www.CDP2016.com.

Annual Memorial Mass for American Soldiers

All are welcome at the annual memorial Mass for American soldiers who helped in the liberation of Luxembourg at the end of World War II in Hamm church at 10am on **Sunday 13th March**. The Mass will be in German with some Latin and the sermon will be in English and German. After the Mass there will be a reception in the parish hall (Parhaus, 9 rue de la Montagne - opposite the car park behind the pizzeria) and after that, there will be a wreath laying ceremony at the cemetery.



2016 Easter Camps - Football/Soccer & SAQ

Football Klinik Academy, operated by Octopus Link Sports, has announced the details of its Easter Football/ Soccer & SAQ Camps. The camp provides football training for boys and girls aged 4-18 yrs. Please [click here](#) for more information.

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.