

Weekly Newsletter 10th February 2010

General

Canteen - Menu and letters have gone out and should be handed in to the school office **by 8.30am FRIDAY 12th February.**

Parent Teacher Meetings – 25th March will be the next parent teacher meetings. Pupils will not be in school this day, however for working parents there will be childcare available on site if you cannot make other arrangements. There will also be the possibility of leaving pupils in care during appointment times. Details will be circulated nearer to the time, with sign up sheets for the primary teachers and the childcare. Secondary pupils will as usual make appointments directly with their teachers.

Carbon Footprint - The school has recently invested in new software to reduce our carbon footprint by powering down computers when not in use, both through the day and after school. This new software enables us to ensure that the power management does not interfere with learning, but detects when a computer is not in use and takes appropriate measures to reduce power consumption.

It is currently estimated that this will reduce our carbon emissions by at least 20 metric tons per year-equivalent to:

Removing 4 cars from the road

Electricity needs of 2 ½ average family homes

Planting 552 trees

Recycling 7.25 tons of waste

Coffee Morning Tomorrow – A reminder to all families that the weekly coffee morning will be held as usual in the canteen tomorrow after drop off. Hope to see you there!

Primary

Book Week – Pupils are having a super week this week, with storytelling, cooking, special art activities, design and technology, dress up, role play, pyjama parties, parent reading and many other activities. We are delighted to welcome Adam Bushnell back again, and he has kindly autographed all the copies of books and CDs that you ordered. They have been handed out today to pupils. Full details to follow in a special newsletter on Friday! Many thanks to all the parents and pupils who visited our book sale, we have been asked to invite Barbara back, so we hope to have her back before the end of the school year! She had sales of 7000 euro of which the school gets a generous percentage in books. Thank you!!



Dress up Friday – Primary pupils are invited to dress up on Friday as part of book week. Think animal, but any costume is fine! This is optional and not compulsory!

Library – Primary library has had a huge influx of new books from the UK and they are being sorted for children to start using as soon as possible.

Selfish Giant – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be performing a musical adaptation of Oscar Wilde's Selfish Giant during the week of 15th to 19th March. Further details to follow.

Playgroup donations -The playgroup for parents with children aged 3 and under would welcome donations of toys, books, puzzles, art and craft material etc. If you have any donations could you please contact reception to let us know (do not bring them to reception) or bring them to the first playgroup session on Tuesday 23rd February at 8.40.

Secondary

Year 9 options talk – Thanks to the pupils and parents who attended the talk last week. Options forms have been circulated to all pupils and should be handed in by 5th March.

Year 11 options talk – is tonight from 6.30pm. Teachers will give a brief outline of their subject and the options forms will be handed out. These should be back in by 19th March. Parents and pupils of year 11 are welcome to attend tonight. **Note added 11th Feb – an additional options for has been handed to pupils today with a return request for immediately after half term.**

Detention – Please note that the evening detention is on Thursday and not Friday this week. To clear up any misunderstanding, the lunchtime detentions are not counted on school reports. It is only the evening detentions that are marked on reports.

Internet Safety Day – 9th February was internet safety day and Year 9 organised an assembly for fellow pupils. They produced a short film and prepared a powerpoint presentation. Thanks to you all for a great assembly.

Adam Bushnell – Our visiting author will do a careers talk with year 12 on Friday. He is spending time with each secondary class in school, as well as with all primary classes.

Courtesy – Mr Fossey spoke to all secondary pupils about behavior this week, basic manners and courtesy towards others. This can be as simple as holding the door open for others and putting your litter in the bin. Standards are generally very high and we wish to keep it this way and promote good behavior. Pupils sometimes need reminding to tidy up after lunch in the canteen!

Library – The secondary library is looking great, and we have just received a large book order from the UK. Mrs. Rue has been working hard to organise the books. If there are any parents who would be willing to offer an hour or 2 to label and stamp the new books, Mrs Rue would be very grateful for offers of help after half term. No experience necessary! Please e mail her on secondarylibrarian@st-georges.lu



Science Lab – The second science lab is nearing completion, and is ahead of schedule. Some minor work remains to be completed during half term, and it is anticipated that the lab will be available for use after half term.

Friday Assembly – There will be an assembly at 1pm to present special awards to pupils for punctuality and good conduct. Dress up in secondary is optional on Friday, but as we are fundraising, please feel free to donate a euro or 2 even if you don't come in fancy dress!

Cobis Poetry Competition – Miss Kraus is giving pupils in key stage 3 the opportunity to enter an international poetry competition. This will be given to year 7 and 8 pupils as homework over half term.

UCAS - There will be an open evening for year 12 students applying to university next academic year. Miss Constable will explain the UCAS application process – which is vital if your son or daughter is considering going to a UK university. Time 6-7pm, Room L34 (Lentz Building), Wednesday 17th March.

US University Talk – Mr Fossey has invited in a speaker from the US Embassy to talk to year 12 students about universities in America. Date to be confirmed.

Secondary School Disco – The student council is organizing a Disco on Thursday 25th February. There will be the usual snacks and drinks as well as non alcoholic cocktails! **Tickets are now on sale!** Tickets are 3 euro each and drinks, cocktails and snacks can be bought separately.

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Dates for your diary

10th February.....Year 11 information meeting 6.30pm

12th February.....Primary dress up day in book week

12th February.....Secondary fundraising for Haiti dress up day

15th to 19th February.....Half term holiday

23rd February.....Duke of Edinburgh awards issued



24th February.....Secondary School open morning 10-11.30am
Thursday 25th February.....Parents first aid talk at coffee morning
25th February.....Secondary School Disco
3rd March.....World Maths Day
10th March.....Anti smoking day in secondary
15th to 19th March.....Selfish Giant production
25th March.....Parent Teacher Meetings
Monday 19th AprilSchool photographer

Paperwork issued to students this week

The selfish Giant flyer year 3-6
Core learning in literacy and maths – year 3

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