



Newsletter

8th March 2017



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**2017/2018
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Students impress with 'The Demon Headmaster'



St George's Celebrates Book Week

Dear Parents,

We have a wide variety of events again this week alongside the normal after school activities, whether it be the student balls, movie nights or the approaching Red Nose Days, as well as the Key Stage 5 information evening tomorrow night and the German Book Day in Secondary. Please do show your support for students in joining in these activities or challenges – my daughter is practicing her dance steps every evening at the moment!

Due to logistical reasons we have unfortunately had to postpone the Friends of St George's Spring Ball scheduled for the 18th March. We are actively working together with the Friends to find an alternate date later in the year and will inform the community as soon as a replacement date has been arranged. If you have purchased a ticket, please contact the school reception for a full refund in the meantime. I do apologise for this postponement.

My thanks go to all colleagues, students and parents who welcomed our authors last week. Ali Seegar, Karishma Chugari and Gillian Cross all enjoyed their time at school very much and these events re-emphasise the importance of reading for pleasure for all of us; instead of the television or a computer immerse yourself in a book this week – you never know what you might find!

With my best regards,
 Dr Barkei

Whole School News



The St George's Mug Design Contest

About the Competition

All students from Primary and Secondary are invited to enter our Mug Design Competition. The winning design will be featured on a limited-edition mug that will be available for purchase.

The Design

The design should answer the question 'What does St George's mean to you?' Be creative. There are no limitations, we welcome all styles of artwork as long as the design has something to do with how you perceive St George's.

Design Specifications

The size of the work must be 190mm x 80mm. (The design must fit the entire area).

Please do not use pencils – all materials used must be bright enough in order for it to be printable.

We will also accept digital artwork (Adobe Illustrator/InDesign/JPEG/PDF).

Please make sure your name and class is clearly marked on the back of the artwork.

Please submit your artwork to Reception – Attention: Natasha Stone (Communications) or email communications@st-georges.lu. All entries must be received by **10:00am on Friday, 7th April 2017**.



Relais pour la Vie Candle

To conclude our fundraising for Relais pour la Vie (a charity supporting cancer research and those touched by it, directly or indirectly) we are creating a beautiful candle in the main reception area. The idea is to fill the candle with coloured stickers according to your house: Fire, Water, Earth, Wind.

Each sticker will cost 1€ and the house with the most stickers will win house points.

Let's try to complete this multi-coloured candle! Stickers are available at the main reception and in the Secondary admin office.

Yellow stickers represent: Wind

Red stickers represent: Fire

Blue stickers represent: Water

Green stickers represent: Earth

How Are We Doing?

If something went particularly well in school, an issue was handled effectively, you have constructive suggestions or a member of staff has particularly impressed you, we would like to hear about it! We appreciate feedback from the parent body.

For urgent matters, please contact the respective Head Teacher or Principal directly.

Tell us about it!*

Please share your comments and/or feedback here:

Communications*

Please share my comments with:

- Principal
- Head Teacher (Primary)
- Head Teacher (Secondary)
- Members of Staff involved
- Other

NEW Parent Feedback Form: How Are We Doing?

If something went particularly well in school, an issue was handled effectively, you have constructive suggestions or a member of staff has particularly impressed you, we would like to hear about it! We always appreciate feedback from the parent body. [Click here](#) to fill out the form or visit the front page of the Parent Portal.

Whole School News

Friends of St George's | Spring Ball | 18th March 2017 – POSTPONED

The Spring Ball planned for **Saturday 18th March** has unfortunately been postponed due to logistical reasons - our apologies go out to all who have already reserved tickets. An alternative date for a May event will be announced in due course.

The social event in May will be slightly less formal. Events like these take a lot of planning and organisation as well as commitment from volunteers and the Friends hope that this will be an event appreciated and supported by many of the school community. Please let the Friends know if you have any feedback on the proposed event and what kind of future social events you might like.

Any surplus funds (profits after expenses) raised from any Friends event go towards the Friends of St George's Fund which promotes integration within this community and future school development. The fund will also supplement individual school projects, academic and sport team visits representing our school abroad and particular items of equipment used by students to support them in their academic development (e.g. to attend an academic conference in their field of study or to be recognised with a particular award). The Summer Fayre is an exception as the proceeds from that annual event will go towards the charities chosen by the students in both Primary and Secondary.

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

The 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.



Red Nose Day | Friday 24th March

Red noses are being sold at Reception. All money raised will go to charity. It's a wonderful event which the students love to get involved in! So start collecting red noses - noses are being sold for €2 each. We are hoping someone will find the limited edition Frankinose!!

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 participants over the age of forty will take place at St George's International School. The class is offered to staff and parents and will take place Thursdays 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 at theyogatreelux@gmail.com.

To view this page please log into the Parent Portal



Primary News

Upcoming events & Important dates

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

Tuesday 14th March
3 Chardons Performance, Years 1-3

Wednesday 15th March
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)

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).

Friday 24th March
St George's performances with ISL students at the Conservatoire in Luxembourg. Open to all students and parents – free of charge

Wednesday 29th March
Primary Parent/Teacher/Student Evening (1st session)

Thursday 30th March
Year 3 & 5 Performance

Friday 31st March
Year 6 Beaufort Parent Assembly (8:30 - 8:50am)

Tuesday 4th April
Year 5 Day Trip for their IPC unit (8:30am - 4:00pm)

Thursday 6th April
Medicals, Year 3 Koerich

Thursday 6th April
Primary Parent/Teacher/Student Evening (2nd session)

Friday 7th April
Year 4 Differdange, Parent Assembly (8:30 to 8:50am)

Primary News

School Medicals

Dear Parents,

Please be advised that the next school medicals will be:-

Year 5U – 16 March 2017,

Year 3K – 6 March 2017 Year 3B – 23 March 2017 Year 3H – 30 March 2017

Year 1 and Reception will be notified at a later date.

Dr Welter carries out the medicals along with a nurse from the Ministry. At no point are the children left alone with any adult. There are no injections during this medical. The medical consists of Height, Weight, a brief eye test, a full body growth check including checking the spine. Boys will have a short testicular check to ensure all is well. The pupils are asked to undress to their underwear, a T-shirt may be kept on. If you have any questions please contact the Nurse's Office.

Primary Parent Evening Booking System | Friday, 10th March | 10:00am

Booking for the Primary Parent/Teacher/Student Evenings will be available on our [Parent Evening Booking System](#) beginning this **Friday, 10th March** at 10:00am. Parents who had meetings with the specialist teachers (PE, Music, French, Art) on the last Parent Evening in the Autumn term are kindly asked to book only with the classroom teacher this time so that other parents get the chance to see the specialist teachers as well. Other appointments are first come, first served, so parents are encouraged to book early. Feel free to contact communications@st-georges.lu with any technical issues related to the booking system. The Primary Parent Evenings will take place on **Wednesday 29th March** and **Thursday 6th April**.



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.

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** 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.

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Movie Night Years 1-2: The Secret Life of Pets | 3:30 - 5:30pm

Register for your child to attend our movie night for Years 1-2! The film shown is called 'The Secret Life of Pets' (rated U). [Click here](#) to register your child. Please ensure your child brings €2.50 to their class teacher after you have registered.

Deadline to register is **Friday 17th March**. All those who register after this date will not be able to participate.



Production by 3 Chardons - "Gigote et le dragon"

Children in Years 1, 2 and 3 will be participating in a French puppet show "Gigote et le Dragon". The show will take place on site during the school day on Tuesday 14th March. Students who would like to purchase the book + CD after the performance can bring €10 in an envelope marked with their name.

Year 1 begin IPC Topic "Buildings"

Year 1 have just started their new IPC topic on Buildings. As part of the new topic students were set the challenge of building a house of cards. Below are photos that illustrate how tricky it was to begin with (on the slippery surface) and then how happy the students were when they managed to build one (on a surface with more friction).



Year 1 Sanem students act out "Katie Morag Delivers the Mail"



Award-Winning Students in Year 6

Year 5 and 6 French groups have participated in a writing competition organised by the publishing company "Bayard-Milan" in Luxembourg and Belgium.

One of the texts, written by four students in Year 6, has been nominated for the Top 20 out of 800 texts!

The group of students is now invited to the "Foire du livre" in Brussels to hear the final results and to collect prizes for their class. They will also be participating in a workshop with the author and the illustrator of the story. Well done to Alex, Ana, Ioana and Mathilda!



Year 2 Bettembourg Australian Theme

Year 2 Bettembourg had an Australian theme during Book Week. They heard stories about various Australian animals such as "Wombat goes Walkabout" by Michael Morpurgo, "Where's Binky" by Wendy Bink and the Aboriginal folk tale of the Rainbow Snake. The children made some aboriginal art, wrote their own versions of Wombat goes Walkabout and learned some new animal names such as Echidna and Emu. The Year 2B Assembly will be on **Friday 17th March**.

Secondary News

Upcoming events & Important dates

Thursday 9th March

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

Thursday 9th March

Key Stage 5 Visit to Ernst & Young (1:00 - 3:15pm)

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

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 - 8:00pm)

23rd - 25th March

GIN Conference

Friday 24th March

American School of London visit

Friday 24th March

St George's performances with ISL students at the Conservatoire in Luxembourg. Open to all students and parents – free of charge

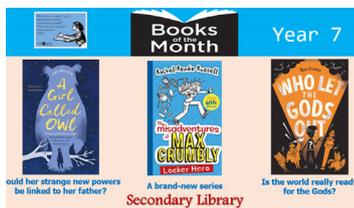
Friday 31st March

**Secondary Easter Ball (7:00 - 10:00pm)
[Click here to sign up.](#)**

Tuesday 4th April

Secondary Music Concert, Auditorium (6:00pm)

Secondary News



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



Ladies' Night (*Gentlemen also welcome!) | Tuesday 14th March from 3:30pm | Tickets at Reception

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 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.



German Book & Quiz Day | 10th March 2017

The Year 11 German IGCSE students are organising a German Book and Quiz Day for Secondary students on **Friday 10th March!**

All you have to do is fill out the questionnaire for your Key Stage – they can be found right next to

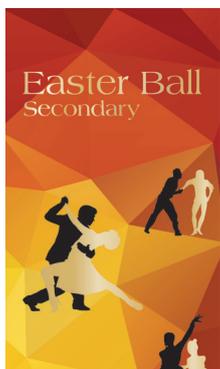
the teacher's room, along with all the information you need. It's open to everyone in Secondary and is useful to gain new knowledge of the German culture and language – submission date for the quiz is **Friday 17th March**. No previous knowledge of German is required and the prize for the winner will be a €15 gift voucher.

You can discover the different projects we have been working on by scanning the QR-Code. This will send you to our very own homepage (or you can go directly to www.germanbookday.weebly.com). Some of us researched German books and authors, others looked at German sayings and traditions.

We wish you good luck and a lot of fun!

Brought to you by the Year 11 German IGCSE students

Secondary News



The St George's Secondary Easter Ball

St George's is hosting its Secondary Ball on Friday 31st March 2017
7:00pm to 10:00pm.
at the Hotel Parc Bellevue

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

Students to RSVP by Friday, 17th March 2017.

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



Secondary Library Photo Competition

To enter, you must be ...

- A Secondary student
- A Secondary teacher
- The parent of a Secondary student

The photo must include you reading a book.

If you are reading from an electronic device (computer, phone, tablet, etc) we must be able to see what you are reading.

The competition judge, Mr Fleet, will be looking for originality.

Photos should be emailed to secondarylibrary@st-georges.lu in .jpeg format.

The email should include your name and category

- student (KS3, KS4 or KS5)
- teacher
- parent

The photos will be displayed around the Secondary school. Please take care not to injure yourself or anyone else! The closing date is **30th April 2017**. (Entries received after this date will not be considered). Prize for each category - £20 Amazon voucher.



Are you interested in studying at a University in the United Kingdom?

John Marshall, the British Ambassador to Luxembourg, invites you to an Information Evening on studying at UK Universities.

Find out:

- What student life is like at a British university
- The entry requirements
- How to choose a course
- The costs
- How to complete a UCAS application online
- How to prepare yourself for tests and interviews

Guest speaker: Anne Faber, graduate of Kent, UCL and City Universities!

After the presentations there will be time to chat with Alumni and other representatives from Universities such as Cambridge, Oxford, the London School of Economics, King's College London, Warwick, St Andrew's, City University and Kent as well as with members of the 'Society of Luxembourg Students in Britain' currently studying in the UK.

Location: Centre Culturel Tramsschapp

Date: Wednesday, 5 April 2017 from 18:00 to 20:00

Where: 49, rue Ermesinde, Luxembourg-Limpertsberg

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Community News



“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 and support athletes of an international level. The event is free of charge and will take place on **Friday 10th March** between 9:00am and 4:00pm.

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

Parent Seminar

Parent Seminar for 2016-17 POSTPONED



This year is no different
valued professionals by
School Counsellor has
continually this year.
parents is another key
being able to once again
I hope to see as many

The seminar on “Drug Proofing our Children” with a team of professionals has unfortunately been postponed. For further details either check ISL’s web page, 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!