



Newsletter

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International School, Luxembourg
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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the second week of the newsletter – you may have noticed some changes in the layout to make it more accessible. Students across the school are enjoying the fine September weather and the outside areas are being used very well indeed. We have had our first assemblies in the new auditorium and drama students are being taught there as well. Our first trips away from school have already gone out and more are planned for later in the month; the rationale behind this is to spread the organisational load of these excursions more evenly across the academic year.

Over the summer we have had some work done to install automatic closing at Gate 2 to improve our security in the mornings and afternoons. I would also remind parents using the 'kiss and fly' to ask their son or daughter to use the correct pedestrian crossings; crossing at an angle in front of a bus is not a good idea. On general safety matters we will also be shortly conducting our regular series of fire drills at school.

I would like to formally thank all staff, parents and students for their efforts in ensuring a very smooth start to the school year – it has been a real pleasure to see everyone back at school learning together.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Freshers and Followers on Saturday.

With my best regards,
Dr Barkei

Whole School News

New Governors and Committee Members

The Board of Governors is delighted to announce two new members elected to the Board, Mr Stefan Ziegenhagen and Mr Marco Amorim. In addition we have ten committee members supporting the Board sub-committees. Three of these committee members, Mrs Marie-Laure Carat, Mr Lukasz Przybylski and Mr Neil Usher will continue from last year. The following parents have joined as new committee members: Mrs Ioana Gheorghe-Badescu, Mrs Laura Torres, Mr John Boots, Mr Leslie Foster, Mr Stephen Nye, Mr Luis Para and Mr Yuval Somekh. The Board would like to welcome all new parent members and we are very much looking forward to their contribution to the committees over the coming year.

IMPORTANT Medical forms

ALL new and returning parents **MUST** fill out a new Medical form at the beginning of term. Forms can be collected from Reception or printed from the Welcome pack you received in August.

Class Lists Information

As a service to our families, St George's issues a Class List to each student containing the first name and surname, village, parent names, and the mobile number and email address for the parent listed as the primary contact for each student in the class. This is to help parents get to know each other and to arrange play dates, birthday parties, etc. If you do NOT wish for your contact information to appear on this list please email communications@st-georges.lu by **Friday, 23rd September**.

Bus Schedule Changes

If you want to amend your child's bus schedule please inform their Class teacher and Mrs Crisp via reception@st-georges.lu clearly stating which bus and the child's FULL name. Thank you.



Playgroup commencing Friday 16th September | Friday Mornings | 9:15-11:00am

St George's School Playgroup is suitable for children aged 0-3 and is held on Friday mornings from 9:15-11:00am. Sessions are 5 euros each per family. The sessions are music and movement based, with the use of instruments and some small props. Please do not hesitate to contact clubs@st-georges.lu if you would like to enrol.

Club Information

French Club Supervisor Wanted

If you are interested in running our French after-school Clubs, please email: clubs@st-georges.lu.

NEW Club: Soccer, Soccer | Fridays

Soccer, Soccer club is now available on Fridays. The club is open to Year 7 and Year 8 Secondary students. Please contact clubs@st-georges.lu to sign up.

NEW Club: Film-making (for competition entry) & St George's TV News | Year 8-13 | Mondays

Time: 3:30-5:00pm | Cost: 150 euro / term | Started Monday 12th September

This club gives students two options:

- To develop a creative idea for a film making competition
- To work on short videos for an online St George's TV News

The competition brief is for students to create a 1 minute film. They will be supported by Mr Burrowes, the Secondary Media Studies teacher, to plan and create their entry. They will be taught filming techniques, how to handle equipment and how to edit on Apple Mac computers using Final Cut Pro X.

To sign up email: clubs@st-georges.lu.

Whole School News



Raising Money for Epilepsy Research UK

Mr Teale recently took part in the Escher Kulturlaf, dedicating his run to the memory of Theodoor van Beers, the father of two former St George's students, who sadly passed away earlier this year. His family suggested that Epilepsy Research UK was a fitting charity to run for in his memory and so far 445 Euros has been raised. If you would like to make a donation visit the [JustGiving website](#). Thank you.

Friends of St George's News



The Friends of St George's (Friends) were very happy to welcome new parents to the school at the Welcome Coffee Morning as well as catch up with those returning after the summer holidays. Friends are planning a variety of events for the new school year for parents as well as the rest of the school community. We look forward to hearing any new ideas you may have! In the past we have had events such as; an international dinner evening with dishes shared from around the world, a fun-filled quiz night challenging "cerebral fitness", a Japanese cooking class as well as various cultural tours (Pompidou Centre- Modern Art Museum in Metz, the cremant caves in Remich, Roman ruins along the Mosel valley and discovering the Mettlach origins of Villeroy & Boch). Friends have also been involved in the annual Summer Fayre and supporting various fundraising opportunities (e.g. the school's Arts scholarship).

The next big event is "Freshers & Followers" which will take place on **Saturday, 17th September** (please read below for more details). Keep an eye out in the weekly school newsletter for details about the Walking Group's weekly Tuesday walk as well as for upcoming cultural events and other activities planned. We are still looking for a parent from each class who could be a "Friends" rep to look after the class and help the exchange of information. Interested? please contact friends@st-georges.lu.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next "Friends" Meeting at 08:30-09:30am on **Wednesday, 28th September** over a coffee to find out more.



Freshers & Followers | Saturday 17th September | 12:00-3:00pm

St George's and the Friends of St George's (Friends) invite you to attend the 'Freshers and Followers' welcome back event at St George's International School Luxembourg on **Saturday 17th September** from 12:00 to 3:00pm.

This event is for all St George's families, new and old. Club/Association representatives from the Luxembourg community (and School) will be displaying their information and will provide parents and students with details of their activity, take reservations and encourage participation. Some of the clubs may offer an active demonstration. Dance, yoga, badminton, theatre, squash, Rainbows/Brownies/Guides, martial arts, rugby and women's clubs as well as the local press are all represented. Books, cards and party-ware will be on sale as well as refreshments. There will be a bouncy castle and access to the football pitch for older kids. (NB: parents are responsible for their own children).

The event is free to attend and we look forward to seeing you there!

Walking Group

Everyone is welcome to join the walking group for a hike in Remich on **Tuesday 20th September**. It's a beautiful walk through the woods downhill to the river, where we will stop for a coffee, and then back up the hill along the street. For more information, please email walking_stgeorges@yahoo.com.

To view this page please log into the Parent Portal



Primary News

Upcoming events & Important dates

Friday 16th September

Meet the Teachers Year 1 and Year 4, Classrooms (08:30 to 09:00am)

Tuesday 20th September

Year 4 Residential Trip Parent Info Session, Conference room (8:30-9:30am)

NEW DATE

Friday 23rd September

Meet the Teachers Year 4 Differdange, classroom (08:30 to 09:00am)

Wednesday 28th September

EYFS Phonic Information Session for Parents, Conference room, (08:30-9:30am)

Friday 30th September

Year 6 Wiltz Parent Invitation Assembly, Auditorium, (08:30 to 08:50am)

18th - 19th October

Spirit of Africa Year 4-6 performance, Auditorium (6:30pm)

Primary News

Foundation News (Reception and Nursery)

Spare clothes

Parents who have children in Reception and Nursery are reminded to ensure their child has a spare set of clothes with them on a daily basis.

Phonics Session For Parents

All Reception and Nursery parents are invited to attend a Phonics Information session on **Wednesday 28th September** at 8:30am in the Conference room. This session will give you information on how we teach early reading and writing skills through phonics in Reception. The session will also give you a range of strategies to help you support your child at home in developing their phonic skills.

Key Stage 2 News (Years 3-6)

Spirit of Africa | Thursday 20th October

To celebrate our fabulous new auditorium, children from Years 4-6 are invited to take part in an exciting play, written by Merrin Bydder. Set in the depth of Africa, it incorporates music, dance, drama and visual arts. Auditions will take part this week for children who wish to play a role. Please note that this will involve some withdrawal from classes for rehearsal. Those participating in the play will need to be available on **Saturday 15th October** and for the event on at 18:30 on the **18th and 19th October**.

Year 6 Schengen First Assembly Back presenting 'What a Wonderful World'

Our class assembly was about our current IPC topic, 'What a Wonderful World! We pretended to travel around the world (with our specially made passports) wearing suitable clothing for each place that we "went to". We visited Antarctica, where we had to wrap up warm and tell everyone about this magnificent ice desert. We also stopped off at the Great Barrier Reef, where we put on our swimming clothes to snorkel in the warm tropical waters and share facts about the wildlife here. Other places we presented about included the Sahara, Amazon Rainforest and Mount Everest. We also engaged our audience with a fun quiz, where we were able to test St George's about their knowledge of our planet, as well as showing our fantastic project work. We were very proud of our performance and we are glad that everyone enjoyed it!' - Katia, 6S



Secondary News

Upcoming events & Important dates

Thursday 15th September
Year 12 Information Evening
(6:00-8:00pm)

19th - 23rd September
KS5 Residential Trip to Portugal

19th - 23rd September
Year 11 Residential Trip to London

Thursday 22nd September
Year 7 Information Evening, Auditorium (6:00pm – 7.30pm)

Friday 23rd September
Secondary Parents Coffee Morning
9:00-11.30am at 17 Rue Cents (Almost across the road from Cents Brasserie)

Wednesday 28th September
World Challenge Trip Meeting, L01 (Parents: 6:00pm).

Tuesday 4th October
Year 7 Residential Information, Auditorium (8.30am)

Tuesday 11th October - Friday 14th October
Year 7 Residential – Space Center, Transinne, Belgium

Secondary News

Secondary Coffee Morning (Friends of St George's)

All Secondary parents are welcome to pop in for a coffee morning on **Friday 23rd September** 9:00-11:30am at 17 Rue Cents (almost across the road from Cents Brasserie). This is a great opportunity to meet newcomers and touch base with old friends. Please email **thecelticspirals@gmail.com** so we can prepare for the correct number of people. Thank you.

Join the Secondary Parliament

If you are a Secondary student and would like to organise school projects, activities and contribute with your ideas, apply for the Secondary School Parliament!

Applications for the Parliament are now open and the deadline is **Friday, 23rd September**

You can join one of the following Ministries:

- Ministry of the Environment
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Sports and Art
- Ministry of Charities

Application forms are available on the Secondary school notice board (next to the canteen) and in the library.

Year 7 News

Year 7 Information Evening | Thursday 22nd September | 6:00pm – 7:30pm

This information evening takes place in the new Zinnen auditorium and is an opportunity for the parents of Year 7 students to meet with key Secondary staff, the Year 7 form tutors and have a guided tour of the new building and facilities.

Year 7 Residential Information meeting | Tuesday 4th October | 8:30am

This meeting will take place in the new Zinnen auditorium. Mr Brown, the leader of the Year 7 trip to the Space Center, will provide detailed information for the parents and students of Year 7 and also answer any questions relating to the trip.

Year 12 News

Year 12 World Challenge Trip Meeting | 2017 Southern Peru

The meeting will take place on **Wednesday 28th September** in Lentz building L01.

5:00pm – First team meeting **STUDENTS ONLY**

6:00pm – Parents meeting for new Year 12 students who are interested in the trip

St George's News

Community News

Join the
Miraculous
Children's

Chapter 1 - The Miraculous Story Time Is Back!

Story Time will take place in the Magic shadow of the Big Tree at The Book Loft
40, rue des Bruyères - L-1275, Howald

Please register via Sign-Up Genius [click here](#)

Every last Saturday from September to November (24th September, 29th October, 26th November). [Click here](#) for more information on Chapter 1 events.



Dragon for Children's Day | Saturday 17th September

The 20th Dragons for Children day will run one day long sessions from 10:30 – 17:30pm running their most popular activities from the last 10 years.

Places are limited so please register your attendance <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/20th-dragons-for-children-day-registration-26751475383>

During the event participants may purchase limited edition homemade dragon mugs for 10 euros.

There will be food and refreshments and live music on both days with Carl Wyatt and the Delta Voodoo Kings playing us out on Sunday afternoon.



Dragons for Breakfast - Charity Events

Dragon Art & Music Festival | Sunday 18th September

Dragons for Breakfast are proud to announce a different kind of festival to celebrate 10 years of children's art days to help raise more money for street children in Colombia! No matter how old you are, come and join in the fun!

For more information contact: info@dragonsforbreakfast.com or visit their Facebook page www.facebook.com/dragonsforbreakfast. All proceeds will go to the charity 'Let the Children Live' (www.letthechildrenlive.org), which supports the street children in Medellin, Colombia by providing them with food, shelter and education.

Please register your attendance:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dragons-for-breakfast-arts-and-music-festival-tickets-26742148486>.



The Soloists European | Philharmonie

On Monday September 19th, the Soloists European will perform Shostakovich Symphony 9 and the Sibelius Symphony 5 at the Philharmonie. Mrs. Ni will be performing with this well known ensemble on this occasion. For tickets, please follow this link <https://www.luxembourg-ticket.lu/8/nokill,1/eid,9365/rencontres-sel-a-i.html>.



The Orchestre Philharmonique

The Orchestre Philharmonique du Luxembourg reopens its season on the **23rd of September** with a performance of Mahler's Des Knaben Wunderhorn with soloist Thomas Hampson and La Mer by Debussy. Our private teachers Andrea Garnier (violin), Sehee Kim (cello) and Leon Ni (trombone) are all members of this ensemble. For tickets, follow this link: <https://www.philharmonie.lu/en/programm/opl-gimeno-hampson/1053>

Community News



The Pillowman | A play by Martin McDonagh | New World Theatre Club

The Pillowman is a captivating, disturbing and darkly comic masterpiece by Martin McDonagh, a contemporary playwright known for his weird and surreal plays. He is best known for writing and directing the movie "In Bruges".

Dates: 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th October. Tickets: 10 euros for students, 20 euros for Adults. Details are in the link below. The play had quite dark material so it is recommended for 16 years +.

<http://www.kulturhaus.lu/fr/81/0-id-322-mode-getdetails/>



Sunflower Montessori Crèche Annual Charity Table Quiz

Sunflower Montessori Crèche is hosting its annual charity Table Quiz | **Saturday 24th September** at the Black Stuff Irish pub, 15 val de Hamm, L-1714 in Pulvermühle. This is in aid of the Ilula Orphan Program in Tanzania and Kanner Jugend Telefon; Online service helping children and families here in Luxembourg.

For more information about the charities please visit their websites: www.ilulaorphanprogram.org and www.kjt.lu.

Join in the quiz and enter a team of six people at a cost of 60€ per table. To book a table please contact sam@sunflower.lu. Donations for tombola prizes are welcome.

We are also seeking corporate sponsorship for this event, we need 6 first prizes for the winners. If you or your company would be willing to support this event please email sam@sunflower.lu to pledge your prize.



Gymboree Play and Music Luxembourg

Gymboree Play & Music, is the global leader in classes for children, from 0 to 5 years old. One of the most distinguishing features of Gymboree Play & Music is their unique approach to parent involvement, which encourages participation in and understanding of each child's development. The reason is simple: children learn best when parents enter their world of play and imagination. We truly believe that parental support is important to a child's healthy emotional development, building trust between parent and child and helping kids to feel more confident to explore and learn. For more information visit www.gymboree.lu.

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.