



Thursday 12th November 2020

MARIA'S NOTES :

After this second week back at school, we would like to say an enormous **thank you to all of the parents for their support** whilst we have all been adjusting to the new changes in school.

- The children have all been coming to school with their masks, spare masks and their three named plastic bags.

- Families have been leaving the school grounds promptly at the end of the day and communication between families and the school with regards to absences, for whatever reason, has been perfect.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, although the changes to school life can seem simple from the outside, sometimes the logistics of these changes can be a nightmare, and you have all made it easier for the children and the teachers to follow the new rules in place.

In Primary school this week, instead of having a 'Zoom' assembly as planned, we decided to have a video assembly. Lots of the children were involved in the making of the video, and feedback from both the children and the teachers has been positive. Please take a look on 'Teams' if you would like to see the assembly.

During the assembly, the winners of Miss Jette's book mark competition were announced. They were Ananaya (Reception class), Hadrian (Grade 2), Pablo Jan (Grade 3), Rex (Grade 4), Sara (Grade 5) and Astrid (Grade 6). Their book marks will now be "mass produced" for the other children around the school to take from the library and use to keep their page in their reading books. Well done winners!

On Monday afternoon, Mr Hanrahan visited classrooms to award merit certificates to those children who have collected 25 merit marks so far this year. Please see the photos below. We're sure there'll be many more certificates awarded in the coming weeks!



Thank you all for the generous donation that you have made to War Child. A few of the children asked if they could still bring money on Thursday and Friday, so we've decided that we will keep the collection open until Friday. We'll let you know how much our school has raised for this important cause next week!

IMPORTANT DATES for this term:

12/11	Grades 12 + 13 Parents Evening CANCELLED
19/11/20	F & Primary Open Evening 3.45-6.00pm CANCELLED
11/12/2020	Grades 1 & 2 show WHERE?????
17/12/2020	Secondary School Show – Theatre Alexis Peyret POSTPONED
18/12/2020	Winter Holiday begins - Half day

From 16 - 20 November, **Secondary School** is joining the UK anti-bullying campaign '**United Against Bullying**' with activities in form time, PSHE and drama. We pride ourselves at being an open-minded, friendly and welcoming school where students feel safe and respected; nonetheless it is important to consistently reinforce these ideas through discussion and activities that require the students to reflect on their own feelings and behaviour.

To make sure that we remind ourselves daily that all individuals are unique and deserve to be treated with respect, **students should wear 'odd socks' during anti-bullying week.**

In the UK, even workplaces are joining the odd socks campaign, so perhaps you can too!



Although the important message of anti-bullying will continue to be taught through PSHE in the **Primary School**, we will not be explicitly taking part in 'Anti-Bullying Week' next week. However, to show solidarity to the Secondary school and help them spread awareness, **we would love to join secondary school and wear odd socks to school, for the week!**

‘En commémoration de l’armistice du 11 novembre, les élèves de Grades 2 and 4 FLE ont fabriqué des fleurs de bleuets, symbole de la mémoire et de la solidarité.’



Grade 2 doing gymnastics during PE :



Les filles de Grade8 rappent en cours de français FLE... avec le bon accent français et la bonne attitude ;-)



This is a picture of our virtual meeting with the Icelandic writer.



"Our English Language class had the opportunity to meet the Icelandic crime author, **Lilja Sigurðardótt** as part of the 'Un Aller Retour dans le Noir' festival. Meeting Lilja Sigurðardótt was definitely a new experience, especially with Covid-19 measures in place, which meant that we had our meeting using Zoom. It was very interesting and nice talking to her. I liked how her answers to our questions about the writing process were expanded broadly and how she wasn't shy to tell us about her life as a writer; her answers were refreshing to hear! We also asked questions about her living in other countries, which I think is something that the majority of ISB students can relate to, and it made me feel like I could relate to her. I don't think I've ever known an author that has lived in so many countries like myself. Lilja also showed us her various tattoos; she gets those every time she finishes a book! Overall, I appreciated the exchange with this author and I would like to thank Ms Nathalie for organising it!"

Victoria Leon – grade 11

Early Years activities



Ananya (Reception) is the winner of the Library bookmark competition. Well done Ananya!

*Have a nice week / Très Bonne Semaine
Maria*