



Rockport School News

INDEPENDENT BOARDING & DAY SCHOOL BOYS & GIRLS 3-18

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September	Time	Event
Mon 25 th		Cake Sale
Tue 26 th		European Day of Languages
Wed 27 th		R8 Trip to Share Centre (Return: Friday, 29 th Sep)



On Tuesday 26th September we will celebrate the European Day of Languages with a range of fun events across the school. Pupils in playgroup to R7 can dig out their French stripes and berets for the day if they have one.

There will be a French café in Mrs Megarry's room at break time for the first 20 pupils from R8-12 who sign up on Monday. Those who go to French club with Mrs Leonetti will also have the opportunity to enjoy some tasty French Crêpes. Mr Greene has agreed to cook up some typical European dishes for lunch on Tuesday; why not surprise him by asking for your lunch in French or Spanish and thanking him with a 'muchas gracias' or 'merci beaucoup'.

Pupils will be encouraged in their language classes to take part in the European Day of Languages world record attempt to compile the largest number of videos ever assembled on the theme of languages by the deadline of the 30th September.

For those wanting to take part, the aim is to create a short video clip based on the theme "I love [a language] because..." The video can be recorded in any language and can be about any language(s). The clips may involve an individual, group or class and should be no longer than 10 - 20 seconds in length and filmed in landscape format. You can sing, dance, rap, shout, whisper, write, draw...be creative! Upload your video here: edl.ecml.at.

Katie Megarry
Teacher of French and Spanish



Lost coat

Harry O'Hara R5 has lost his Rockport coat. Could parents please check their children's coats at home, in case it has been accidentally picked up. Many thanks.

GCSE Art

R12 GCSE pupils have wasted no time in getting stuck into coursework projects in what will be a busy year – this week features two large-scale pieces. **Nick Oliver** is looking at the influence of video gaming on society and has made this striking, dramatic portrait of a “gamer” in charcoal and pastel.



Ethan Corscadden has chosen to study “War” as a theme and produced this sensitive, monochrome painting of soldiers embracing in battlefields during the Korean War. Well done boys!

David Hamilton
Teacher of Art & Design



Tour Update - Passports /EHIC cards

All passports and EHIC cards need to be handed in by Monday so that details are collated for flights etc. It also gives me a chance to check that all is in order. (We have already discovered some cases where dates have expired by our date of travel!)

CAKE SALE - Mon 25th September

The tour cake sale will be held in Miss McConaghy's Home Economics room so please deliver all of your weekend baking to her first thing on Monday morning.

ALL 'tourists' must contribute to this cake sale so get baking!!!!



Gail Holland

Head of PE and Personal Development Faculty

The Usual Suspects

Well not entirely I'm pleased to say! We welcomed a few new faces to the AGM this week and I am delighted that these parents were keen to get involved this year. The officers for the year 2017/2018 are:

Chair – Carol Thompson

Vice Chair – Cait Greene

Treasurer – Iain Shiel

Assistant Treasurer – Catherine Rice

Secretary – Catherine Brannigan

I would also like to say thank you to the parents who came along to offer their support to the coming year. I hope you will enjoy being involved with the PTA as much as I do.

Fireworks!! – Thursday 23rd November

This year we have decided to change the timing of the Halloween fireworks due to school commitments. Instead we will enjoy Mr Shiel's annual explosions after our Thanksgiving Dinner. As many of you know Thanksgiving is a highlight for families at Rockport. Not only do we get to have a DELICIOUS meal catered for by our very own top notch kitchen team but it is a time to enjoy each other's company. It's a noisy occasion but one I highly recommend you come along to.

Cost:

Thanksgiving Dinner

Adult £15

Child £7

Under 4s Free

Fireworks to be billed at £5 per family to cover costs

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Halloween – Thursday 26th October

Thanksgiving Dinner & Fireworks – Thursday 23rd November