



NEWS LETTER

Friday, 5th March 2021

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"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book" – Dr Seuss

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Dear ISCS Community,

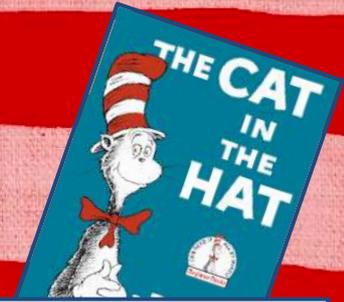
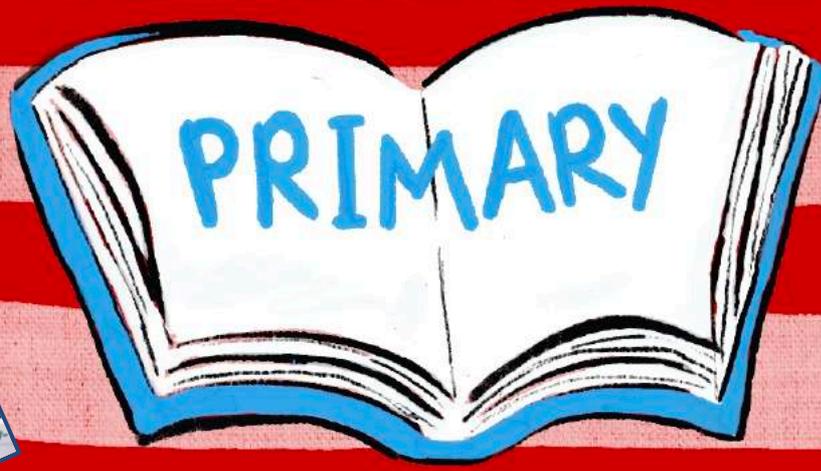
Welcome to a very special edition of the newsletter as we reflect on poignant moments of the pandemic and celebrate all things literary, in honour of Dr Seuss' birthday and World Book Day (yesterday, Thursday 4th March). Read on!

A big part of our week has been starting the Covid-19 tests in school, in line with Zug Cantonal requirements for Secondary students and all staff. We are proud to say that it was a great success, with full participation across these groups. We appreciate the commitment and the support of the whole community in this activity as we get used to this new process. It took approximately forty minutes in total. As these tests will be taken twice a week from Monday 8th March and we get into the routine, we estimate the whole testing procedure to take no more than twenty minutes, thus having no impact on teaching and learning time.

Today, Friday 5th March, the whole school gathered on the outside steps to observe one minute of silence at 11.59 am. This great initiative has been followed across Switzerland, allowing time to pause and give thought to more than 9,000 victims of the pandemic in the country, and to express gratitude to the personal sacrifices made by many to face - and ultimately overcome - the crisis.

The plants in our carefully engineered hydroponic garden, created by our A-level Physics and Biology students, have grown significantly in the past weeks. It reminds me that Spring is just a few weeks away. Spring is the season of new beginnings, and we are optimistic about good news regarding Covid vaccination results and the global reduction in cases. Here, we hope that a big part of our community get vaccinated in the coming months so that we can return to our normal lives as soon as possible. A special thanks to all students, who continue to learn and grow, and accept that through limitations we can still be creative and make the best of what we have.

José Antonio Parra



Early Years

This week we've immersed ourselves in Dr Seuss books - and what wonderful books they are. *Cockatoos* was a brilliant inspiration for some fun subtraction. *Beyond Bugs* is simply perfect for our 'Spring' topic, helping us to continue learning about insects and creating fact sheets about our favourite creepy crawlies from the story! Dr Seuss' books have also taught us about the wonderful world of rhyme. What a fantastic week of learning through literacy!

Ms McVeigh

Years 1&2

What a wonderful, wacky week we've had celebrating Dr Seuss' birthday! We kicked off the celebrations by creating our own books modelled on *The Foot Book*, and described our dream destinations after reading *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* This writing has formed a colourful display outside of our classroom. One of our favourite quotes from Dr Seuss week? "You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting... so get on your way!"

Miss MacMillan



Years 3&4

As Dr Seuss says, "You'll never be bored when you try something new. There's really no limit to what you can do!"

The class is trying to work really hard as a team, coming together collaboratively in all areas of the curriculum and with different friends in different subjects both inside and outside the classroom. Everyone has enjoyed the Wacky Week!

"Today was good. Today was fun. Tomorrow is another one." -Dr Seuss)

Mrs Knight



Years 5&6

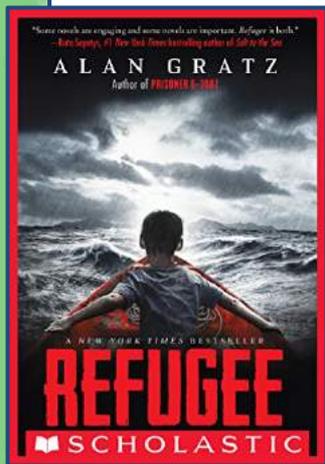
This week we've been delving into the wonderful world of books. Reading enhances our language skills and develops fluency, allowing us to express our thoughts and ideas more coherently and with added style and flair. Books also quench our thirst for knowledge; we learn about how things work, can experience different cultures and travel through time. Magic! In our own creative writing, we had to recount a disastrous trip to the cinema!

Mr Hawthorne



Year 7 delve into the media

Year 7 have begun exploring media texts and different ways in which the mainstream media try to engage readers. This week, we looked at "ideological" and "physical" conflicts, and how these are portrayed in news stories. We've also read extracts from Alan Gratz's *Refugee* to explore how the lives of displaced people, through war, conflict or other disasters can be included in stories about the physical and ideological.



More than just a 'school trip' for Years 8 & 9

Students are reading Willy Russell's brilliant play, *Our Day Out*. It's not just about an excursion on the school bus, though – it opens up lots of discussion about issues of education and poverty against the backdrop of 1970s Liverpool. Students have been assigned as different characters; ask your son or daughter who they are playing! When reading the script, we sit in a circle to try to mirror the initial readings real actors and actresses conduct when they start to rehearse. The Liverpool accent and dialect has been quite amusing to some!



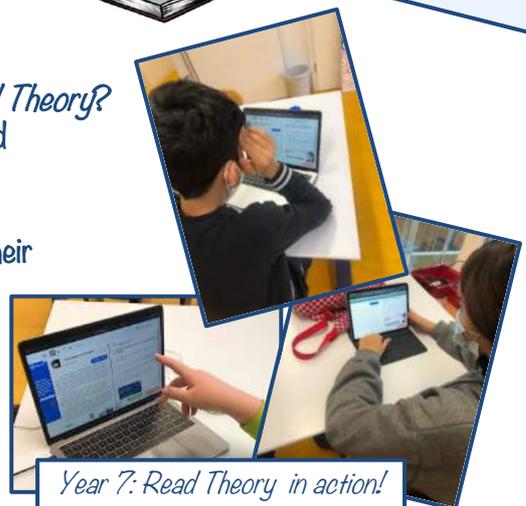
Year 8 get to grips with the script



So you might have heard of *Read Theory*... ...but what is it?

Did you know each student in Lower Secondary has access to *Read Theory*? It's an online programme aimed to boost your child's reading skills and challenge or support them with their vocabulary. All they need is an internet connection and a device.

Lower Secondary students have a dedicated 45 minute lesson on their timetable each week to log on and take their reading comprehension quizzes. As practice makes perfect, they should also spend at least another 30 minutes as homework to really see results. A couple of students have already taken more than 200 quizzes! Well done to Victoria Mock and Avery Cannon for completing this challenge.



Year 7: Read Theory in action!



The NGO Kiosk is up and running!

The Kiosk is proving to be a great success – and life tastes so much sweeter when you know your money is going to an excellent cause. There are plenty of treats on offer each Friday. Our Primary students have been helping out the older ones, too. There'll be a rota for two members of the Year 5&6 class to come along and help each week. All food is prepared and served with hygiene measures in mind – and of course all of our helpers wear masks and gloves.

Thanks to our student volunteers and star bakers for adding a delicious dimension to our Fridays!



Keeping upbeat in Secondary PE

The pandemic has certainly taught us lots about enjoying the 'little' things in life. Activities as simple as walking have become part of our outdoor PE while we continue to reduce contact and can't make use of the indoor sports facilities. But with this view, it almost doesn't matter! Our Secondary Students enjoy the short hikes in the afternoon every Mondays and Fridays. Getting outside in the fresh air is one of the best methods to relax, to gain perspective, to nurture mental health and to stay fit.



House Points

Yellow still lead, but Red House scored an impressive number of points this week to keep them well in third place. Game on!

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