School specific events ‘Hof Kleinenberg’

Excursions

Primary 1

MARCH 10,19 AND 24
Botanic Gardens, Meise
Location: Nieuwelaan 38, 1860 Meise
Transport: by coach

As the children of Primary 1 have seen, through a variety of lessons, interdependency and adaptations are a natural part of all plant and animal life. This coming spring we will be looking more closely at the adaptations of plant life in specific biomes.

Building on the children’s many studies this year in biology, geography and history, we will weave together their lessons and stories in looking at how plants adapt to their environments. We will also observe the symbiotic relationship between flora and fauna and how this allows survival.

As part of these studies we will take a trip to the Botanic Gardens in Meise and discover the deserts of Africa, Australia and America. We will look at the differences in plant and animal life between these desert biomes and the adaptation of life in each. And, as always, not only will the children come back with a deeper understanding and appreciation for all life forms but also with a greater sense of awe and respect for the beautiful world we inhabit. For more information, please visit www.br.fgov.be

Primary 2

MARCH 5
Harbour of Antwerp
Transport: by school bus
Participation: A group of “P2 Reporters”. Parents will be notified accordingly

This outing is related to economic geography. The students will be looking at importation, exportation, and the exchange of goods. During the outing the students will witness the transportation of these goods. The “P2 Reporters” will gather facts, figures and impressions. The discoveries will be shared with the group as a start to a broader discussion on commerce.
Primary 2

MARCH: DATES WILL BE NOTIFIED TO FAMILIES INVOLVED

Botanical Gardens in Meise
Location: Nieuwelaan 38, 1860 Meise
Transport: By school bus
Participation: A group of ‘P2 Reporters’.
Parents will be notified accordingly

Meise Botanical gardens has been beautifully renovated and provides a comprehensive overview of plants from all continents. The P2 Reporters will investigate the parts and the function of seeds, roots and fruit.

Museum of Natural Sciences
Location: Rue Vautier 29, 1000 Brussels
Transport: By public transport
Participants: Several groups of Primary 2 students

A group of ‘P2 Reporters’ will visit the museum and study biodiversity. This will add to the investigation on photosynthesis and leading into new topics in biology.

Another group will ‘dig’ into Prehistory with a visit to the museum. What did humankind accomplish? What helped them to develop into what we are now and what drove people to settle at specific places? What can we learn from migration that took place? Knowing the fundamental needs of human kind, such as shelter, nourishment, and protection, we can discover what motivates us to create such an elaborate system (civilization). Primary 2 is going to create an even wider and global view of their world.

TUESDAY MARCH 31

Park and Museum Source O’Rama and a Tour of the Mineral water Factory of Chaudfontaine
Location: Avenue des Thermes 78B, 4050 Chaudfontaine
Transport: by coach
Participants: The whole Primary 2 group

The museum will give a stimulating insight on water and its features. Many different topics are presented in an interactive and virtual manner such as, the water cycle, tap water and its origin, water within the human body, water distribution on earth and at the end a beautiful ‘water ballet’.

The students will also visit the mineral water factory that is on the same site. Here they will see how water is actually bottled. This will also be related to the aspects of consumption and production in the subject of economic geography.

P2 is ready to open their horizons and to welcome the world. Here we come!
Visitors walk into this life-size model of the Paleolithic cave in Lascaux. The cave contains both paintings and incised drawings. These are about 20,000 years old and make the cave one of the world’s most important sites of rock art. A good 900 animals are pictured, including aurochs, deer, horses and bison. There is also an enigmatic depiction of a human being.

The students in Years 1 and 2 will visit this exhibition in the frame of our interdisciplinary unit with the main topic being ‘Mystery’.

**THURSDAY MARCH 12**

**Theatre – ‘Borgia’**
by Thomas Gunzig
Address: ‘Theatre Royal du Parc’, Rue de la Loi 3, 1000 Brussels
Time: 20:00 at the Theatre.
The play starts at 20:15 Participants: MYP 3, 4 and 5 French Language A students
This play fits beautifully into our ‘Mystery’ theme. Indeed it takes us into one of the most mysterious families of Italy, the Borgia’s. Plots, manipulations, poisonings, murders… all was told but was it true? The author, Thomas Gunzig is a Belgian artist who has wit and comedy in his pen. We are ready to be surprised!
For more information:
www.theatreduparc.be

**TUESDAY MARCH 10**

**Musée d’art et d’histoire du Cinquantenaire – Exhibition Lascaux Caves**
Address: Parc du Cinquantenaire 10, 1000 Brussels
Time: during school hours
Transport: Public transport
Participants: MYP 1 and 2
A spectacular recreation of the cave is set up in the exhibition hall in the museum! After having already been to Bordeaux, Chicago, Houston and Montreal, it makes its way to Brussels.
Diploma Programme students

**FEBRUARY 9 TO 11**

**Historical Berlin**

Location: Berlin  
Time: 3 days  
Group participating: Diploma Programme 1  
Mode of transport: Plane  

DP 1 is currently studying the period of European history from 1920 to 1975, of which the Cold War is the focus point together with the events and relationships that led to this important time in history. In Berlin, the students will take part in a guided tour (in English) which will take them to the Memorial Church, emblem of the Allied bombing campaign, the Reichstag, the Soviet memorial, Goering’s Defence Ministry and Goebbels’ Propaganda Ministry. We’ll visit the place where Hitler’s Reich Chancellery stood and the location of the Führer Bunker.

Of course, we’ll see the remains of the Cold War: the divided city, the Berlin Wall. Our guide will tell us about the methods of the Stasi and the systems, devices and people that kept the entire East German population under surveillance for 40 years. We’ll get an insight into what it meant to live “Behind the Wall” in the GDR, the eastern bloc’s most heavily policed state. And we might visit Checkpoint Charlie.

Students will also visit the Jewish Museum and learn more about Jewish life and traditions in general and more specific the Jewish response to National Socialism.

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26**

**Horta Museum and Art walk – Brussels**

Location: Rue Américaine 25, 1060 Bruxelles  
Time: 13:30 to 16:00  
Group participating: DP 1 Visual Arts students  
Mode of transport: Public transport  

It was in Brussels that the Art Nouveau style originated, around the 1890s thanks to a pioneering architect, Victor Horta. This all-encompassing art, which dominated every field until 1920, is not only found in architecture, it also stamped its mark on furniture, carpets, decorative objects and jewelry. In reaction to the frenzy of all-out industrialisation, the motifs of the period stem mainly from nature. Geometry makes way for arabesques, flora climbs and winds its way up metallic structures, and stone cut into curves seems to lose its rigidity. This artistic movement was sudden and fairly brief but it had such
Let the Show Begin!

Primary and the Middle Years Programme are preparing theatre performances to gain stage experience, prop making, text writing and much more! On April 2, MYP 3, 4, and 5 will present their theatre to parents, siblings, extended families, and neighbours. All welcome!

Here is the initial introduction of the plot for MYP Years 3, 4 and 5; a first peek into what is going to come. Additionally you will find the dates of the stage practice that are going to be at Cultural Centre de Kam. All families are asked on those days, to drop your child directly at de Kam and to pick him/her up again at the Cultural Centre. Students, who are normally transported by school bus, will be brought and picked up at that location.

Changes to the Stage Practice schedule are still possible. Families will receive further detailed information from the MYP Coordinator Stephanie Cnudde.

Middle Years Programme Years 3, 4 and 5

Stage Practice
Wednesday March 25 – 09:00 to 12:30
Monday March 30 – 9:00 to 16:00
Tuesday March 31 – 9:00 to 16:00
Wednesday April 1 – 9:00 to 12:30

TUESDAY MARCH 3
Theatre Play ‘Les Femmes Savantes’ by Molière
Location: ‘Centre Culturel d’Uccle’, Rue Rouge 47, 1180 Uccle,
Time: 20:15
Mode of transport: We will leave by car straight after school. Students will be back to school at around 22:30.
Group participating: DP 2 – French language A students

Within our French Language and Literature Programme, the students have read ‘Les Femmes Savantes’ by Molière. In this theatre play Molière depicts, and laughs about the court that pretended to be knowledgeable but actually did not know anything! It is a witty comedy. We are fortunate this play is playing in Brussels this year!

For more information: www.ccu.be

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WEDNESDAY APRIL 1
Dress rehearsal
Time: 10:00 – 11:15
Location: ‘De Kam’
Visitors: Primary 2 groups of Tervuren and ‘Hof Kleinenberg’
Transport: The students will be brought by school bus or coach and will return to school ready for normal pick up at school.

THURSDAY APRIL 2
Theatre Production – ‘Communication and Mystery’
Location: Cultural Centre ‘De Kam’
Time: 19:00
Actors MYP 3, 4 and 5
This year the students of MYP 3, 4 and 5 will produce a theatre play together with the guidance from Diploma Programme 1 theatre students. The group will explore together the themes of communication and mystery. Music shall play a role in what could look like a revue of our world. Who knows what they will create? It is still a mystery!

Family Events
THURSDAY MARCH 19
IB Diploma Programme Art Exhibition – Vernissage
Time: 16:30
Location: ‘Hof Kleinenberg’ multifunctional space
The IB Diploma Programme Visual Arts Exhibition showcases a body of work produced over the student’s first and final year. After many hours of cultural and visual research, media experiments and exposure to different artists, students have been working individually to create their own artwork. Every student has chosen a theme or topic with which they have a strong personal link. Melisa is very concerned about the animal rights; her work tries to make the viewer aware of certain animal abuse. Ulrik is a superb draughtsman, he loves to draw characters and he searched for ways to create different expressions. Marine concentrated her work around women in the world. We are very proud to present the work of these three students, who have realized very personal and original artwork.
SATURDAYS FEBRUARY 7 AND MARCH 21

Car wash
Time: 9:00 to 16:00.
Location: ‘Hof Kleinenberg’
Participants: MYP 5 and lots of dirty cars, please!

As part of his MYP Year 5 Personal Project, Willem Sickinghe would like to organise an art trip to Paris for MYP Year 5 students. His aim is to have the students visit and attend a workshop at the theatre school, ‘Cours Florent’ as well as watch a play in the evening. For the Visual Arts students, he intends to have a guided tour in the Louvre, to study and sketch master pieces. The whole group will also work together to prepare a small act. This trip will be from Wednesday May 6 to Friday May 8.

In order to fund this trip, and as part of Willem’s Personal project, Willem is organising several fundraising events. The students of MYP 5 will organise two car washes at ‘Hof Kleinenberg’ on two Saturdays. Customers will be able to have their car washed in 30 minutes, and whilst it is being washed, they are invited to sit in our café, read newspapers and taste our delicious Belgian waffles or cup cakes. A list to choose a timeslot to have your car cleaned will soon be available on the MYP notice board. Thank you for supporting Willem’s initiative!

Special weeks for MYP and DP
FEBRUARY 9 TO 13
Secondary Special Week

Every term the secondary students have a week with a special focus. MYP 3, 4, 5 will concentrate on Design. Specifically they will create a photography or video project linked to the school theatre performance. The Design classes will alternate with Humanities, Language A, Biology, Arts and Sport.

During this week the DP 1 students will focus on history and go to Berlin. Please see the description under the heading Excursions. Upon their return they will focus on biology and physics.

For DP2 students, the special week programme will be focused on mathematics. Since they are preparing for final exams, there will also be work related to their other subjects

A detailed schedule will be distributed to the students.
‘Looking ahead’ events

Families with children that will move to the next age range are very welcome to events organised that help you in becoming fully informed. Please feel invited to all:

- Information evenings: All age ranges covered – Information on curriculum, development, learning styles and much more
- Information sessions in the Parent Café: The focus of this term is on the Children’s House ages
- Windows into the class: In every classroom – Great opportunity to become informed on the topics, activities and curriculum at large in a detailed manner
- Theatre productions
- Art Exhibitions
- Music events

Please check our website for all events:
www.international-montessori.org