



# Clavis International Primary School

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## The Clavis Chronicle

### RELATIONSHIPS

Dear Clavis Community,

One of the key things we are focussing on this year throughout the school is making connections and building strong relationships. Creating strong bonds between teachers, between teachers and parents, and between teachers and students is critical to student learning. Since our first day with our students, we have been developing our relationships with them and building trust and understanding as an important part of this. Key to it all is getting to know each other. For teachers, this is not just on a personal level, but it also means deeply exploring our students' understandings, skills, and knowledge across all disciplinary areas. This information forms our benchmarks to gauge progress and development from and it provides data to inform instruction and our students' individual learning needs.

Today's Parent-Teacher Conferences were an important step in that relationship between parents and teachers, discussing our students through mutual understandings and shared goals for them. From what I saw and the feedback I received, today seemed to be very successful. We hope that teachers and parents found it productive and informative. Between now and when the Term 1 reports come out at the beginning of April, we need to ensure that lines of communication between home and school remain open. If parents have questions or concerns, please see the appropriate teacher to get this resolved quickly. We will continue to send home information about what students are learning every two weeks, document key learning moments on Seesaw, and contact you directly whenever teachers have any concerns with a student's expected progress.

Have a wonderful long weekend and we will see your children on Tuesday.

Take care,

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### WHAT'S COMING UP?

- **1 February:** Holiday—No School
- **12 February:** Holiday—No School
- **22 February:** Staff In-service—No School
- **2 March:** Parent Workshop
- **10 March:** Half Day (tbc) - Flag Raising Ceremony
- **11 March:** Holiday—No School
- **12 March:** Holiday—No School
- **23 March:** Year 6 visit to Le Bocage
- **31 March:** Years 1-3 Swimming Demonstration
- **April 5-16:** Holiday—No School

## WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED TO KNOW AT CLAVIS?



**There are several important notices below  
Please read through carefully**



**Swimming Cancelled on Wednesday 3 Feb:** Côte D'or National Sports Complex has just informed us that they must close on Wednesday, 3 February for an event. Therefore, swimming must be cancelled for Years 1, 2 and 3 on this day. Alternative events are planned to take place at school with the students' swim coaches during that morning. Students should not bring swim kits to school but they will need to be dressed in their PE kits.



**Contacting the Correct Person:** To ensure parents have access to clear lines of communication, please see the previous Clavis Chronicle for information on who to contact and when. Year level Team Leaders should be consulted for any issues or questions that cannot be resolved by a child's teacher. Please see the list and email addresses for all Team Leaders in the last newsletter.



**Upcoming Holidays:** The school is closed due to national holidays or a staff in-service on **1 February** (Abolition of Slavery), **12 February** (Chinese New Year), **22 February** (staff in-service), **10 March** (half-day, Flag Raising day), **11 March** (Maha Shivaratree), **12 March** (National Day), and **5 to 16 April** (Term 1 holidays).



**School Shop Concerns:** Please be patient with the operation of our School Shop and be mindful of the limitations that Ms Loveena has. When buying uniforms, there is no reason to be impolite to Ms Loveena due to frustrations like having to wait, lack of sizes, or a lack of available options. Many of these issues can be beyond her control. To ensure the appropriate fit for your child, please make sure to bring your child with you. To ensure availability or to not have to wait, call or pre-order online so the shop can have your items ready for you. It is always very busy and hectic at the start of the year but it is improving. Thank you to the PTA, Ms Loveena, and all of those parents who have helped to lend a hand to get the shop going this year.



**CIPS Family Handbook:** As a reminder, here is the link to the up-to-date Family Handbook to assist parents with any information they might require. It can be found [here](#).

# BEFORE AND AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

We have been working on steps to help support families who cannot wait until supervision starts in the morning (07:45 for Years 1 to 6, and 08:00 for Pre-Reception and Reception) or are not able to get pick-up at dismissal for Pre-Reception to Year 1 at 14:15. We have made arrangements for staff to begin work earlier in the mornings and add extra duties after school to help support.



At the moment, there is a morning club that starts at 07:15 to 07:45 for Years 1 to 6 and 07:30 to 08:00 for Pre-Reception and Reception. Unless enrolled, no students are permitted on campus before 07:30, and parents should be available to supervise until school supervision begins. If you need to bring your children before we can supervise them, parents can fill out [this survey](#) to get placement in the Morning Club. There are discounts for students signing up for less than half the days and for siblings.

We have started a survey to request interest in the Early Years after-school care. Please fill out this survey if you are unable to collect your child at 14:15. For families who are picking up at 14:45 due to an older sibling, your child will be supervised in a designated classroom but you are free to enroll them into the care club if you would like them to participate in the activities until they are picked up. [The link to this survey is here.](#)



## TRAFFIC AND PARKING REMINDERS

Though this was brought up previously, we still have drivers and parents who are not abiding by parking and traffic expectations and this is impacting everyone else. With the start of After-School Activities, more parents dropping off (instead of walking children in), and increased use of the Bagatelle shuttle we do see big improvements and shorter waits in the morning and afternoon. However, it only takes one person who blocks someone into a parking space or stops the flow of traffic who can cause massive disruptions. The security, parking staff, and police are trying to

keep everything moving well but it does not work when some people do not follow or ignore their directions. We need everyone's support with this and, again, we ask that everyone adheres to the following requirements:

- **Be respectful towards others.** Your needs are not more important than anyone else's. For those parents who feel it's OK to block traffic on the road or in the parking lot because *"It's only for a few minutes while I run up to get my child. I'll be right back!"* (or something similar) - this is completely not acceptable. **Do not block or impede others.** Your sense of entitlement or self-importance does not provide you with special privileges. Please ensure all personal drivers are aware of these expectations as well. One person can cause significant disruptions.
- **Pre-Reception, Reception, and Year 1 parents have priority access** to the parking lot before 14:10 on Mondays to Thursdays and before 12:00 on Fridays. Our youngest students who finish earliest need to be the first out.
- **Year 2 to Year 6 parents will be allowed to park in the main lot after 14:10** on Mondays to Thursdays and after 12:00 on Fridays (35 minutes before student dismissal).
- **Parents from all year levels are free to park in the lower roadside parking below the canteen at any time.** We are working to ensure the back walking gate is open 30 minutes prior to dismissal.



## KABADDI CHAMPIONSHIPS 30 JANUARY

Near the end of last year we had the privilege to be visited by a group of professional athletes, lead by Captain Singh, who participated in the sport of Kabaddi. Our Year 3 students had the chance to learn about the exciting sport and then play several matches against each other and with the visiting professionals. It was a lot of exciting challenges, great exercise and many students gained an interest and appreciation into this unique sport. Many of these students might be interested in the Kabaddi National Championships for juniors and sub-juniors happening this weekend. It is free, open to all, and should be fun to watch.



# KABADDI CHAMPIONSHIP 2021

**JUNIOR & SUB JUNIOR**

**Ar Nou Non!!**

**SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2021**  
**9 AM - 3 PM**

**COTE D'OR NATIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX**

**FREE ENTRANCE**

**TRIOLET KABADDI CLUB** (Logo: Three stars and a stylized 'T')  
**MAURITIUS KABADDI FEDERATION** (Logo: Lion with three stars, motto: "sport nous passionne")

**LIC** (Logo: LIC emblem)  
**nsf** (Logo: National Sports Federation)  
**Bank of Baroda** (Logo: Bank of Baroda emblem)  
**ajanta pharma** (Logo: ajanta pharma)  
**IndianOil** (Logo: IndianOil emblem)  
**Suhana** (Logo: Suhana emblem, motto: TASTEMAKERS OF INDIA)  
**OLYMPIA** (Logo: Olympia emblem)

## A FINAL NOTE ON YEAR 6 AND LE BOCAGE

As explained in the CIPS Family Handbook, families must begin considering what their child will do following Year 6 (even two years in advance). Many families may want their children to go to Le Bocage International School (LBIS) to continue with the Middle Years Programme (MYP) and Diploma Programme (DP) as the continuation of their IB learning. Clavis and LBIS are not formally connected and each school administers individual programmes and calendars; however, the two schools have some informal agreements to support with the transition of Clavis students into LBIS. It is not an automatic transfer into Form One at LBIS from Year 6 at Clavis and students who have not been at Clavis before Year 6 may be required to take entrance assessments. Additionally, students who have struggled or have required significant learning support while at Clavis may also be required to take entrance assessments. These assessments are done at the discretion of Le Bocage and there are no guarantees that every Clavis student will be accepted. LBIS can support students who may require additional learning or developmental support, but their resources and spaces are limited. The sooner families apply to LBIS the higher their priority will be for acceptance. Therefore, families are encouraged to begin the process at the start of Year 5. Additional information about applying to LBIS can be found on their website and at <https://lebocage.openapply.com>.

### VISITING LE BOCAGE ON TUESDAY 23 MARCH

As part of the transition process, it is important that we start this early to prepare both students and parents for the changes ahead. The below notice is going out to all Year 6 families.

*Le Bocage International School (LBIS) will host a visit for Year 6 students from Clavis International Primary School with the aim of familiarising students with facilities and teachers and by taking some classes in subjects offered in Form 1 at LBIS. We hope your child joins their friends in experiencing what a secondary school is like.*

*Students are encouraged to wear clothes suitable for all kinds of activities including sports as they will do a session with the Physical and Health Education teachers. LBIS will provide a snack at 10.25 a.m. and lunch at 12.55. Please ensure students start the day with a nutritious breakfast at home. Kindly send your child's water bottle and no bags, so that it will be easy to move around the campus.*

*If you are considering enrolling your child here at LBIS, please note that you must complete an application. The transition from Clavis to LBIS is not automatic. You must*

*apply if you want to be part of our school community. The deadline for completing your application is Monday 14 June 2021. You may begin your application at any time, via our online portal*

*found on our school website and at this specific*

*address: [https://lebocage.openapply.com/parents/sign\\_up](https://lebocage.openapply.com/parents/sign_up).*

*We very much look forward to welcoming your child at Le Bocage International School.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Dr. Joseph Rosevear*

*Principal for Academic Affairs*

Time	Event
9.00 - 9.15	Students will arrive at LBIS - Introduction
9.15 - 10.20	Art
10.25 - 10.55	Break
11.00 - 11.45	Physical Health and Education
11.50 - 12.50	Product Design
12.55 - 13.20	Lunch
13.25 - 13.55	Science
13.55 - 14.00	Closing Remarks - students depart

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