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Radley College Trip, on 1st December



Last week, Monday 1st December, a group of students of all ages visited Radley College to attend a linguistics seminar. Led by a talented linguist and author Danny Bate, the seminar focused on the origin of Indo-European languages. We got an insight into the life and process of becoming a linguist. Danny is truly inspiring and really engaged the audience.

Danny Bate is a linguist, writer, broadcaster and podcaster who is fascinated by the study of historical languages and etymology. He took his BA and MPhil degrees from the University of York and the University of Cambridge respectively, and his PhD in linguistics from the University of Edinburgh. In October 2025 he published *Why Q Needs U*, a tremendously informative and entertaining biography of the letters of the alphabet that reveals surprising stories, makes astonishing connections and unveils the very roots of the language we speak.

During the seminar, he told the students how different languages are connected and how there could've been a language before Latin. Danny Bate is very passionate about his job and influenced the students to be just as passionate about their future jobs.

To conclude, we thoroughly enjoyed this experience and feel super privileged to have been given the opportunity to attend the seminar and hope to see others in the future!

By Charlotte W. and Ariana S.-F, S3F

A special thanks to Mrs Simpson and Mme Mallett who joined us in this cultural adventure...and to Mr Kan who braved the elements to accompany our group to Culham station!

Bénédicte Dubois, French teacher





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PTA UPDATE

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Christmas Fete – Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Europa School Christmas Fete! Thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised over £13,000 to support the school – a fantastic achievement.

We are extremely grateful to all the volunteers who helped make the day such a success, particularly new parents to the school! Thank you for donating your time, expertise, creativity, and amazing cooking skills.

Special thanks also to **Notcutts** for kindly donating our beautiful Christmas tree.

PTA Fund Spending Update

Thanks to your continued support, the PTA has recently approved funding for a number of important projects and resources across the school:

- 30 new laptops – £4,725
- New marquee to provide shade and rain cover during breaks (replacing the broken one) – £1,000
- Signage for the Médiathèque – £150
- Rockalingua subscription (for Year 1 and Year 2) – £150
- Linguascope subscription (for Primary and Secondary) – £396
- Room dividers for the SEN/Wellbeing Hub – £80
- Contribution towards the school's three major capital projects (Chemistry labs, drainage improvements, and an additional toilet block) – £18,000
- Mobile display boards for MYP and other project exhibitions – £1,230 approved
- In addition, the school will soon receive 30 refurbished second-hand laptops from the charity **SOFEA**. Each device costs £50, and the PTA is funding the total £1,500. If successful, we will look into raising more money for additional laptops.

Capital Projects – Update

- **Chemistry Labs:** The refurbishment is now in its final stages. The school hopes to hold an official opening in **January**.
- **Drainage Project:** Playground surveying and drainage planning are underway. The project should be completed by **March**.
- **Additional Toilets:** Funds were insufficient to start this project this year so it will remain a **focus** for next year's fundraising.

For more details go to the fundraising newsletter or contact fundraising@europaschool.uk



Special thanks to Notcutts for kindly donating our beautiful Christmas tree, and to Ruth Tabacnik and Laura Schnurr, who generously donated the entire proceeds of their stall to the school. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!
The PTA Committee

Football games



• Europa School v Thomas Keble School (3:0)

On Thursday 11th December the Europa U16 boys team faced the Thomas Keble school from Strout in the third round of the ESFA small schools cup.

The visitors showed some very good, structured and well drilled football but the Europa team showed a great physicality, team spirit and some excellent individual skills which eventually paid off.

Jamie scored Europa's first goal after some excellent passing. Europa's keeper Ben pulled out a fantastic save just before the end of the first half.

In the second half Europa started to press hard from the start. This pressure led to the penalty against Keble which was scored by Felix. Keble's school tried to come back and pushed hard - this resulted in a penalty called against Europa. However, Ben showed yet another fantastic save and denied the score. Keble school was in a state of shock which resulted in Harvey scoring our third goal.

The whole Europa U16 team showed a fantastic commitment and solid game indeed. Well done!

• Europa School UK v Cranford House school (3:0)

On Wednesday 10th December the Europa U13 boys team hosted the Cranford house school in the third round of the ESFA small schools cup.

We managed to beat Cranford last year but it was a very close game.

This year the match showed a completely different picture. The Europa team played really well and kept Cranford under constant pressure which resulted in a number of good chances. Eventually Jeremy scored a beautiful long distance shot giving the visiting keeper no chance.

After only five minutes Jeremy took another long distance shot and scored again! Wow!

In the second half the game changed into a battle for every inch of the very soft pitch. The Europa team showed better fitness and great team spirit which resulted in the third goal scored by Peter. What a great game! Well done the whole U13 team!

M. Stepan



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Reporting absences

Dear Parents you can now notify the school of your child's **ABSENCE** through **MCAS**.

Medical



For any **short-term course of medication** please email medical@europaschool.uk and **add both reception and classroom teacher to the email**.

Please remember to bring the medication to reception (with the prescription label) and **fill out the form**. We will email you an electronic copy upon your notification but hard copies are available at reception if needed. Thanks for your help!

Medical Team

Crisis Christmas Appeal, 15th to 19th December

Once again Europa School is collecting Food items, Toiletries, Christmas item for Crisis Christmas Appeal from **Monday 15th December to 19th December**.

There will be a **box in the main reception** for the whole week and I will be at the **Thame Lane entrance** on Friday morning under the canopy from 8am to 9am.

Many thanks for your unwavering support for over 7years. Thank you Europa School Community. *Zohra J and Louis J S1B*

Christmas Donations Needed

Food items



- Pot Noodles
- Porridge Pots
- Tinned food: soup / fruit / meat / veg
- Pasta/rice/noodles
- Instant mashed potato
- Gravy granules
- Tinned fruit & custard
- Dried food: fruits / nuts / raisins / cranberries
- Boxes of biscuits
- Teabags/Instant coffee
- Christmas selection boxes / Boxes of chocolates
- Family bag crisps and snacks
- Jars of jam/honey/chocolate spread
- Fruit juice / squash / fizzy drinks

Toiletries



- Shower gel
- Body Lotion
- Face / hand wipes
- Roll on / spray deodorant
- Hand cream
- Lip balm
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Shaving foam
- Disposable razors

Clothing



- A gift card to be used in either a supermarket, clothing store or food establishment
- Gifts for children of all ages
- Vouchers for e.g. Costa Coffee, cinema etc.
- Warm socks (large)
- Hats
- Gloves
- Underwear

Gifts

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