



## November 2014

### Primary

*From our journalists – Tara Byrne and Mathilde Le Luyer (CM2)*

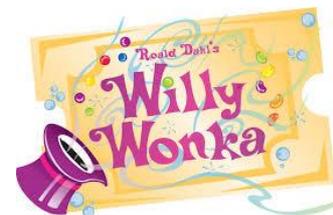
The Halloween party on November 6<sup>th</sup>, was really awesome because of all the activities on offer. Also this year, all the CPs and CM2s of all languages were able to visit the stands during the day. There was super trick n' treating, pin the eye on the monster, apple bobbing, Halloween bingo, the pumpkin race, skeleton relay, and a game where you had to put your hand into some horrible things and guess what they were! There was also the Jack O'Lantern competition won this year by the Bonucci family. The party was really great because the whole of the Primary Anglophone Section took part. Oh and of course, there was the amazing flash mob dance performed by the CM1s and CM2s to the music 'Monster Mash'. There were some really cool costumes and disguises.

We all owe a big 'thank you' to all the parents for organizing the party and especially Mrs Schwab who we think spent all night in the school! Now, that's seriously spooky!



The Willy Wonka competition brought in some great entries from CP through to CM2. Our judges – Garance Fichet and Nathalie Vernié, two Terminale students who used to be in Primary – had a hard time deciding who the 5 Golden Tickets should go to. After much discussion, they decided the following:

- . CP – Grace Kennedy
- . CE1 – Zoe Shepherd
- . CE2 – Meira Dean
- . CM1 – Stephane Vanhoosthuysse
- . CM2 – Mathilde Le Luyer



The lucky winners will receive their prizes at a special ceremony next week.

Well done to all the Primary artists and a big thank you to the Library volunteers and Mrs Bonucci for organizing the competition.

### **Interview with .... Miss Parlane, new Primary teacher**

*How does it feel to be new?*

Very exciting but at the same time a little overwhelming.

*What do you think of the school?*

It is a very friendly, lively place to work.

*What do you think of the students?*

They're really interesting. I'm fascinated by all the different countries and cultures represented here.

*What do you think of France and its hospitality?*

France is a brilliant country and Lyon in particular is a very cool city.

*Where did you work before?*

I worked in a school near Kings Cross station in London and then in Reading just outside London.

*Is it hard to learn French?*

Yes, it is hard. The pronunciation is difficult and people speak very quickly!

*Are you proud to be in this school?*

I am indeed proud to be part of such a multicultural environment.

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## **Secondary**

### **Diplomatic Visit**

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, Mrs Brown (the regional education officer of the US State Department) accompanied by Mr Clayton Stangar (the US Consul) and Mr Victo Vitelli (Cultural attache to the US Consulate) visited the school. During their visit they were able to meet and talk to the students in Mrs Mortimer's ? class and Mrs Hill's seconde class as well as visiting the Anglophone section's secondary library.

### **Section teachers play key roles in OIB**

During the three weeks before the Toussaint holidays, teachers from the section have been participating in and leading the annual subject meetings of the OIB. Due to the expertise of our teachers many have been called upon to play key roles in the running of the OIB community. This year, Katherine Weinert, our History/Geography (HG) coordinator will become the national HG coordinator for the American Option, Alan Geary has become the New Schools coordinator for the British Option and Karine Empana will become a Language/literature (LL) oral examiner for the American Option. Nicola Hill, our LL coordinator, is already the deputy national LL coordinator for the British option and Rob Miller is the national HG coordinator for the British Option. An additional three teachers (Celia Roque, Monique Magellan and Neil McKain) are either written or oral examiners for the options.

### **Ilymun forging ahead**

The preparation for the 2015 Ilymun (International Lyon Model United Nations) is well under way. An official website ( <http://ilymun.org> )has been created by one of our 1e students and interested schools have been contacted. The steering group have met with the Region on several occasions to confirm the logistical arrangements. In addition they have overseen the setting up and running of several student committees (press, promotion, housing, social events, finance) who have the direct responsibility for the running their designated functions.

The central theme of the conference is the review of the existing Millennium Goals and the creation of a new set to guide the development of the planet.

Students (3e-Te) are welcomed to attend the weekly debates held each Thursday at 17h30 in L411.

### **Apesa AGM**

A good number of parents attended the AGM on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. After presentations by the President, the Head of Section and the Treasurer, elections were held to fill the vacant places on the Board. This year a pleasing number of parents kindly volunteered their services and presented themselves for the election at the meeting. We are happy to welcome the six parents who have been either re-elected or elected: Isabelle DARLOW, Laurence JENOUDÉ, Ratna LAKSANA, Anne LAURENCON-LOVITON, Karen REILLY, and Esther WICK.

### **School Trips**

We are happy to announce that all of the proposed section secondary trips were accepted by the 'commission de voyages' held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Therefore the following groups will be able to go off to their planned destinations:

6eme- Mountain Trip (Peisey Nancroix)

4eme- UK Trip

3eme – International Award Expedition

2e – Drama Group Theatre trip to London

1e- London Trip

Information will be sent out to all the year groups concerned.

### **University guidance up date.**

Every year a good number of our students leave France at the end of their Bac in order to continue their studies in another country. This year over 25 students are in the process of making their applications. We have a skilled group of teachers and staff who support them through the process in addition to a specialised guidance wiki. We have now decided to make the wiki (<http://nextstepto.pbworks.com>) a private (invitation only) site. The site is constantly being revised and up-dated to provide a strong support service for our students. Recent information additions have been the provision of detailed information about French Higher Education By Alan Geary. The site is available to all students and their parents upon request.

Each year, we have been fortunate to welcome English speaking universities to the school to present their services and the systems of the countries they are located in. So far we have been happy to welcome the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, the Fullbright Commission (for the USA) and the University of British Columbia (Canada). Before Christmas we will also welcome:

University of Hong Kong (<http://www.hku.hk/about/>) (Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November) 17h30

Hult International Business School (<https://www.hult.edu>): 'Presentation of UK and US university systems' (Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December) 17h30

All students and parents are welcome to attend these meetings.

### **Video club has lots to offer**

Whether you are in the Primary or Secondary, please remember that it is not too late to sign up for the video club. For many years, the video club has been providing an important linguistic and cultural service for all the international sections. Inside its small room, there is an impressive and diverse selection of classic and recently released DVDs in most of the section languages, especially English. So please do not waste this excellent opportunity. Go and see the very welcoming volunteers at the club and sign up for a year of entertainment and cultural stimulation.

### **Newsbite evolves**

Since its creation in March 2014, the Newsbite has been providing regular news updates to the Anglophone community. Now it, itself, will evolve as from the next issue there will be increasing journalistic contributions from the student community. On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November, the first meeting of the new Press team was held. Although the turnout was small, we hope to develop this number during the coming months. The secondary press team will be coordinated by Triona Cox, one of our new LL/HG teachers and the primary team will be coordinated by Julie Mortimer. Any students wishing to participate should contact their LL teacher or send their email address to Tom Badou.