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Anglophone Section leads the way

Kat Weinert, in her new role as the national History-Geography leader for the US OIB option, prepared and lead the US HG examiner training meeting held on Friday 13th March in Paris. At the meeting, in addition to the two HG Inspectors, there were 25 examiners representing 13 OIB schools from France.

Nicola Hill, who is the deputy LL leader for the UK OIB option travelled to Paris on 18th March to prepare this year's OIB examination grid and to finish the preparation for the oral examining meeting she will be joint leading on 30/31st March.

Alan Geary in his capacity as Assistant moderator and the New schools coordinator for the OIB UK option lead the training meeting for oral HG teacher examiners held in the CSI on Friday 20th. He was assisted by Rob Miller, the UK OIB HG national leader.

The Anglophone section on the map

Phil Breteche the new ICT co-ordinator had a very informative and inspiring visit to the section on Thursday 12th March. The meeting was successfully prepared and lead by Emily Roze, the section ICT co-ordinator.

Marie-Estelle Boulon, a third year student from Lyon 2 started her observation visits to section classes on Monday 16th March. She will be regular visits to classes up until the Spring holidays.

Preparing for the Future

Open Day: Parents and all the teachers and staff working in the section were present in school on Saturday 7th March for the school Open Day. A steady stream of new potential students and parents visited the section room and meeting. The section room was decorated with student projects displaying the excellent work made in all the section classes.

Orientation presentations were made by Rob Miller to 3e students and parents on Tuesday 4th March and to 2e parents on Wednesday 12th March. Anna Coghlan and Rob Miller made a UK university presentation to 1e students on Wednesday 18th March. A final presentation about the upcoming London trip has been made by Nicola Hill and Tom Badou on Thursday 19th March.

The presentation material is on the website.

School Career Fair. Both Board members and section parents worked hard to organise and present the 1e Career Fair held at the school on Friday 13th March. The fair was originally conceived and organised by two Apesa Board members (John McGregor and Teresa Cooper Kislik) and Rob Miller and was further developed by the active engagement of many Apesa members namely Annabel Ostergard and now Isabelle Darlowe.

Rob Miller, Head of Section

Interview with Head of Primary : Julie Mortimer

Estelle: So, Mrs. Mortimer, where exactly are you from?

Julie: I am from London, England.

E: How long have you been living in France? In Lyon?

J: I left London in 1977, and it has been twenty years that I have been living in Lyon now.

E: Since when do you work at the CSI?

J: I have been working here since 1999, back then I was a replacement teacher.

E: When did you become Head of Primary?

J: I became Head of Primary in January 2014.

E: Have you had other jobs within the school in the previous years? If so, which ones?

J: Yes. Before, I worked as a regular teacher.

E: What do you enjoy most about your job? About the CSI?

J: I love the fact that my job is so varied. I teach of course, but I also get to meet parents and students which is always interesting. The children of the school are lively, interested and motivated, and, as this is an international school, often bring back a lot of their culture and experiences. It is also part of my job to welcome the children warmly and help them intergrate to the best of my ability.

E: Thank you for your time, Mrs. Mortimer!

By Estelle Tromeur, 3eme.

The International Award

The International Awards is a youth awards program created by the Duke of Edinburgh in 1956. The Awards consists of three levels of difficulty, destined to different ages:

- the Bronze Award for 14 and above
- the Silver Award for 15 and above
- the Gold Award for 16 and above

To achieve one of these Awards, children are encouraged to develop their independence by doing some volunteering, a sport, an activity, as well as organize their own walk. The Award enables new skills to be learnt, such as the reading of a map and compass, as well the practise on an instrument or cooking. Not only does it improve the child's capacities, but it also gives them an experience that can't be found in a typical system. It's also a way of evaluating the involvement and organisation of a person.

The CSI give us the opportunity to do our Bronze Award in 3ème, with the support of M McKain and Mme. Cox. The International Awards should not been seen as extra work and pressure, but rather as a journey of personal discovery. For the Bronze Award, the First Aid Award is also to be passed with help from the Red Cross. The excursion trip takes place in July and is three days long; the students must know how to get around in the mountains with the help of a map and compass. A teacher will not be far behind a group, nevertheless no help will be given, except for emergencies.

If you would like more information on the International Awards, here is the website: <http://www.intaward.org/>. If you would like to know more about the CSI's involvement you can contact M McKain or Mme. Cox. However, this is explained to the students willing to participate at the start of each year in conferences. The people willing to sign up will have to attend an hour session per week after school. Taking part in an activity and sport is also essential, the improvement and regulatory of the work needing to be noted down on a website.

As a Bronze and Silver Award certified, I highly advise all 3ème and 2nd out there to take this opportunity to learn new things but also to simply have a good time.

By Emma Eberhardt, 2nde.

Star Wars Identities Exhibition

The "Star Wars Identities" exhibition is currently held at La Sucrière, Lyon Confluence. It features a journey to retrace your genes, through Star Wars characters. At the entrance, you will be given an interactive bracelet and an audio guide which you can set to

either French or English. You will create your own Star Wars character, defining your name, looks, experiences etc. After exhibitions of wax Star Wars characters, costumes and various explanations about how they were created, you will make your final choice. Will you join the Emperor or resist the offer and stick to the Jedis? That's just for you to decide!

By Emma Guilleminot, 4eme.

Anna's Lyon



Bellecour
By Anna Plouvier, 3eme.

Marc's Music

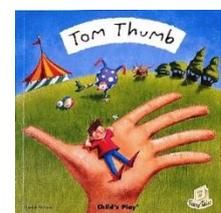
Hi, my name is Marc and here are my music recommendations for this month:

-**Hold On**, by **Alabama Shakes**. Very refreshing! Some new sound, with amazing quality. Finally something made in the last 5 years that is actually worth listening to. For those who enjoy Roots rock, garage rock, soul, Americana and blues rock, this is the sound for you.

-**Youth**, by **Daughter**. Simple but efficient! Elena Tonra's sweet and soulful voice combined with a simple but catchy guitar riff creates an amazing environment/sound. As with good wine, this song should be consumed in optimal conditions: preferably at night, and alone. Great sound for indie folk amateurs.

News from Primary

News from the classroom



CP

The CPs and CE1s are taking part in a French, whole-cycle project based on the story of Tom Thumb. The Anglo CE1s came into the CP English class to act out and tell the story. When they went back into their French class, the CPs realized that some languages have exactly the same story whereas others have something quite different.

CE1

Aside from showing their numerous acting talents to the CPs, the CE1s are busy working on their animal projects. They've found out lots of interesting facts about animals. Did you know, for example, that just like snowflakes, no two giraffes have the same pattern on their fur?



CE2

The CE2s are busy writing and practicing their Anansi plays. They will be performing these to their parents on Monday, March 30th. Mrs Joannès and Miss Parlane will be sending out details about times shortly.



CM1

CM1s are working hard on their Roman projects. Next week, they will be taking part in the CM1 press week along with other Sections and Nathalie Ochmanski's French class. They will have to interview Mr Miller and write about English-speaking capital cities they have visited.



Reminder: don't forget the parent meeting about the CM1 trip.

CM2

We should all take our hats off to the CM2s for their determination and grit in writing their Skellig sequel. We clearly have some talented, budding authors!
The CM2s have also been having a taste of life in Middle School. It seems that the canteen has had great success!

[What's it like to be new in CP? Our journalists talked to two CPs to find out how they felt.](#)

NewsBite: Is CP hard for you?

Yani: A little bit because you need to remember lots of spellings.

Rosa: No, not really.

NewsBite: Where were you at school before?

Yani: Lyon.

Rosa: France.

NewsBite: Why is this school different?

Yani: In my old school, we never went on outings. People used to come into school.

Rosa: People speak lots of languages here.

NewsBite: Do you speak any other languages?

Yani: I can speak a few words in Berber.

Rosa: I can speak Spanish. My dad used to live in Spain so he speaks to me in Spanish.

NewsBite: Were you happy to come to this school?

Yani: Ye-e-e-s because I knew I could speak English but I was worried I wouldn't make any friends. I've got lots now!

Rosa: Yes, because I wanted to make new friends.



Our trip to Musiflore

We went to Musiflore, a centre in the Drôme department. Our French class, CE2/CM1-11, and all the CE2 classes went for five days of fun activities. The days were action-packed and we never stopped! We couldn't wait for shower time because we were so tired! At night we would have fun activities! Our favorite activities were nature and singing. We went on a walk in the woods at night. Two boys scared two girls named Salomé and Victoria!

Antoine, Salomé and Stéphane



CE2 trip to Musiflore

Three weeks ago, the CE2s packed their bags and went to Musiflore (Drôme). Here's an Interview with **Talia** and **Sarah**, two CE2s who went on the trip.

Did you enjoy the trip?

“Yes! It was lots of fun!”

“Yes because we did lots of fun activities with my friends.”

Did it seem like a long time for you?

“No. It seemed like it was only one or two days.”

“No. It was very short for me.”

Did you discover or learn anything new?

“We learned many new things, for example: we learned how to recognize animal paw prints.”

“I learned stuff in nature and new songs.”

What activities did you do?

“We did choir, music, nature and other activities.”

“We went in the woodlands we did a show, built forts, sang songs, played games, storytelling and at the end, we did a show.”

What was your favorite part?

“The bingo night where we won prizes, and the nocturnal walk.”

“I loved everything!”

So, if you don't have anywhere to go this summer, go to Musiflore! Musiflore provides interesting activities, wonderful food and tidy rooms. The CE2s really enjoyed their trip!

By Lila Schwab and Marine Balaÿ

...and from our photographers' gallery...

Can you guess where these photos were taken in school?



Answers in the next issue :)

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