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SECTION INTERNATIONALE
La Celle-Saint-Cloud - Noisy le Roi

SECTION INTERNATIONALE HIGHLIGHTS

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A word from the Section's Committee

Dear parents,

With the arrival of Spring, we are happy to present our Newsletter to you.

Lots has been happening these last few months: regular events like the well-known Christmas parties and potlucks as well as new ones!

In February for the first time ever, the SI hosted a Quiz Night organised by Debbie Rattier, SI college teacher with the kind help of volunteer parents. 80 parents enjoyed this evening. A perfect way to network, have fun and learn new things! We are also very proud to be able to donate 1225 Euros to the charity Room to Read, which promotes literacy across the world.

At the beginning of the school year we were able to offer an extra-curricular activity, an after-class theatre club for Primary children.

Our Admission Manager, Kristina Abadie and our Primary Headteacher, Ruth Hasid have been working hard over the last few years on having CP & CE1 fully integrated classes. Now we are also proud to announce that they have been successful and the new classes CP & CE1 fully integrated will open next school year.

Other ongoing projects are the continuous improvement on our internal policies including the HR policy. Due to the hard work of our HR & Operations Manager, Elise Barth together with our College and Lycée Headteacher Ann King and our accountant Florence Langle, we have HR, operational & accounting policies in place to support our team of teachers by giving them the best conditions possible to teach our children.

Our AALC (Anglais Après la Classe) team has been very dynamic as well. We thank the AALC team and the teachers for being so enthusiastic and helpful in running this programme.

As you see, we do our best to keep the SI moving and to offer the best education for our children. In order to do so in a financially sustainable way, the SI relies on parent volunteers who dedicate some of their time to organise events, help to promote the SI and enhance our communication (website, articles for the newsletter, extra curriculum activities). The SI cannot run without this support.

Therefore, we are calling for extra volunteers to support our work, in particular representatives for Primary Integrated, our Wednesday programme as well as a Noisy le Roi College representative. If you feel committed to the Section and are willing to help, please do not hesitate to contact our Vice President Yvonne Rémond-Murphy (vp@sectioninternationale.org)

The school year is almost at an end and the exam season is looming. We wish your children all the best and lots of success for the coming weeks and their different exams.

If you have any questions or if you would like to be more involved in the committee please contact one of the committee members.

Yours,

The SI Committee

Call for volunteers

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SECONDARY NEWS

Poetry by heart

by Debbie Rattier



Every year ASIBA runs a national poetry recital contest for students from Anglophone schools in France. Inspired by similar contests held around the world and in particular in the UK, this is a competition for students to learn and to recite poems by heart. It is hoped that in the process, pupils foster deep personal connections with the poems chosen and bring poetry alive for their friends, families and communities. Advantages to students include: being able to enjoy poetry more; being more willing to take on new challenges; having a better understanding of how poetry works and being more confident about speaking in public.



So this year our hard working students in 3eme and 2nde memorised and practised their poems which they recited in our internal contests. Our English teachers then selected 2 contestants to participate in the French national contest. Thank you Antoine Cazal from 3eme and Julia Sockett from 2nde who came with their parents one bright, chilly morning to Ecole Jeannine Manuel in Paris on 23rd March to represent our school. It must have been a great personal challenge to recite two poems in front of a large theatre full of strangers.

Performances by all the contestants were impressive and sometimes very moving. At the end of the contest the winners from each level recited their poems again in front of everyone and a final overall winner for France was chosen. Well done, Antoine and Julia, for your beautiful performances – I was very proud of you both.

SECONDARY NEWS

Drama Evening

by Ann King

Keep Calm and Carry on Acting!

All the world – or at least Lycée Corneille – was a stage at the annual Evening of Poetry and Drama at the end of March.

Troisième pupils Raphaël Pigasse and Clovis Le Floc'h opened with the poems "How to Kill" and "Pelt", which had been memorised for the 2019 Poetry by Heart competition.

Act 1 extracts of Macbeth, ever a crowd pleaser, were brought to life by Seconde students Ben Godard (Macbeth), Marine Vermet (Lady Macbeth), Lea Cohen, Max Denizet, Sarah El Tawil, Ezra Kendall, Annik Jullien, Julia Sockett and Cecelia Westwood.

For their last dramatic performance in the Section Internationale, Terminale students ably presented a condensed version of Translations by Brian Friel. In addition to the evening performance for family and friends, the play was performed for several LVI English classes during a school day.

Flore Borel (Hugh), Maya Champion (Doalty), Sophie Denizet (Maire), Aurore Dziopa (Jimmy Jack), Una Jullien (Owen), Louise Le Gall-Powell-Smith (Lieutenant Yolland), Manon Morel (Manus), Mathilde Roche (Sarah), Julia Sockett (Captain Lancey) and Cecelia Westwood (Bridget) offered an entertaining and thought-provoking drama that explores language, communication and colonialism.

Mrs Besic adapted and directed both plays. The experience of participating in these plays is not only gratifying but also helps with exam preparation since Macbeth is studied for the IGCSE and Translations for the OIB.

After the successful show, actors and audience members celebrated with a buffet in the Foyer des Elèves.



UK TRIP

by Ann King

No Fear Brexit: SI Students Sally Forth

What is 900 years old and still going strong? The 4ème and 5ème Collège Pasteur and Collège de la Quintinye students learned the answer on the England trip from Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th April 2019.

After leaving La Celle Saint Cloud early in the morning by coach, 39 students and 4 adults arrived at the Eurotunnel where the passage through customs went quickly and smoothly despite Brexit concerns. The first visit was in Canterbury, where two guides explained notable features of the Cathedral and Thomas Becket's role in its history. Then the candy supply at Hardy's Original Sweetshop dropped considerably before the group went on to Harrow to meet their host families.

The following day in London, our Shakespeare Globe guide Simon began by asking everyone how old they thought the theatre was. Students were amazed to learn that the current theatre is a reconstruction that is only 22 years old. In the Exhibition area, we were treated to a fascinating demonstration of sword fighting for the stage. We ate our picnic lunches in the Tate Modern and then took the coach to the Apollo Victoria Theatre. The musical Wicked worked its charms on our appreciative group before returning to our host families.

Hampton Court was Thursday morning's destination. Two costumed guides led us through the Tudor part of the castle with its impressive Great Hall and kitchens. The renowned maze was navigated after lunch; then we were off to Windsor. Students played the guides this time for a walking tour through part of Windsor near the castle and across the river into Eton. Last, but definitely not least, we stopped at Tesco Extra in Slough. Loading up on Cadbury chocolate and other fun food was the high point of the trip for some.

We bid our welcoming host families farewell Friday morning and stopped at Leeds Castle near Maidstone. Nine hundred years of history and beauty make this castle worth celebrating. The weather was cool but clear, and the maze, play area and lunch were just what we needed before heading back to France.

Favorite one-liners from the trip:

Wicked: "Toss, toss!" (giggle)

Henry VIII's costumed servant at Hampton Court: "The King is here! Let him pass."

"Tesco is the cheapest shop ever."



BOOK CLUB

by Debbie Rattier



The Lycée Book Club

This year we started up a book club at Lycée Corneille, attended by Seconde and Premier students; two meetings have to be held for each book, to cater for the different and heavy timetables of the students, so that everyone can attend.

So far this year we have read “Spies” by Michael Frayn and “Room” by Emma Donoghue. Here are some comments by current book club members:

“The books are very interesting, and not any I’ve read before. The club allows people to read new books and discuss them, which reveals different opinions. It is a very fun activity, and allows us to pick our minds freely.” (Julia)

“The books are quite profound and interesting. They expand our general culture and the book club allows us to discuss our opinions and insights and therefore see the books from others’ perspectives. The book club allows us to discuss a book openly without writing any essays (which sometimes prevents us from enjoying the story).” (Sarah and Lea)

It is a pleasure to discuss the books with such an enthusiastic group of critical readers!

PRIMARY NEWS!

By Ruth Hasid



The primary classes have been organising activities in the classrooms connected to 'World Book Day' which is always held around the month of March.

This year students from the Wednesday programme were asked to come dressed as a book character of their choice, on Wednesday 17th April.

A 'book character' parade took place whereby each class paraded in front of the other classes to display their book character. We obviously tried to guess first from the clever costumes !

Even teachers came dressed to school as a book character !

The Integrated classes also worked around the 'Book Day' theme : producing book posters, producing 'Stories in a Box' and reciting poems.

BOOKS GLORIOUS BOOKS ! EVENTS:

Scholastic Book Catalogue : choose books & buy from the catalogue to support funds to our school library : during the month of May.

'Room to Read' - readathon : support this charity by Sponsoring your child's reading time : scheduled to take place during the last two weeks of May.



SOCIAL



Quiz Night!

by Debbie Rattier

On Friday, 8th February we had our very first Quiz night in the refectory at Collège Pasteur. About 80 parents came to battle their wits in stunning teamwork; the tension in the room was palpable as they puzzled over my questions. We had a teachers' table, a former section presidents table, many parents' tables and even some lycée students gave their support to the evening. It was with great pleasure that we welcomed Mme Appeau on the teachers' table; she really joined in the spirit of the evening and her help for the questions was invaluable! Many thanks to everyone for the very positive atmosphere that night.

Many thanks to Yvonne, Alex, Kristina, Marie and Orla for setting up the room, planning the table occupants and organising an amazing raffle in which nearly everyone won a prize! We did not have time to drink the coffee and tea but perhaps we'll manage that next time round in next year's quiz.

Many thanks as well to our trusty quiz markers, a tiny team of two: Catherine and Stéphane kept their calm, correcting ten sets of quizzes from seven tables at breakneck speed!

Finally we must thank our amazing team of Seconde students who whizzed around, collecting and distributing question papers. Without you, we would never have managed to get through all the question sheets in time.

The night's winning team won boxes of tasty English biscuits along with the greatly coveted honour of writing next year's quiz. They have already been sent question templates and are probably busily working out canny questions to tempt and probe our brain cells next year as you read this article!

Money raised by this event came to 1225€ and was given to "Room to Read", a charity set up to promote literacy among children around the world.



Quiz Night!

THE WINNERS!



CHRISTMAS!



Enchanting performances from the children, classic Christmas carols and a festive buffet contributed to the success of our College Pasteur and La Quintinye Christmas parties!



POTLUCKS

thank you!

...to all the hosts of the
potluck dinners for opening
their homes and all the
parents for taking part



College Pasteur
6ème



College Pasteur
3ème



College Pasteur
4ème



College Noisy
La Quintinye
5ème



College Pasteur
5ème



College Noisy
La Quintinye
6ème

ANGLAIS APRES LA CLASSE



Some news of AALC!

By Marie Carpenter

The pupils of AALC (Anglais Après La Classe) at Pasteur Primary spent their last Wednesday afternoon before the Christmas holidays decorating Ginger Bread Men and Christmas cookies. The time was also spent learning some important seasonal English words such reindeer, snowman and, of course, presents.

Applications for places on the AALC programme will be opening soon. As demand is strong, be sure to pass on the information to families with non-bilingual children in CE1 - CM2.

Families can contact us at:
aalc@sectioninternationale.org



WHERE ARE THEY NOW ?



Claire Lavergne

By Lisa Lavergne



Claire is enjoying her first year at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C.. Thanks to credits from the Bac, she will be able to graduate in only 3 years instead of the standard 4. Her major is Biological Anthropology, so she has taken courses in biology and anthropology, but she also gets to study “Creative Writing”, “Shakespeare and Film”, as well as “Intro to American Politics and Government”.

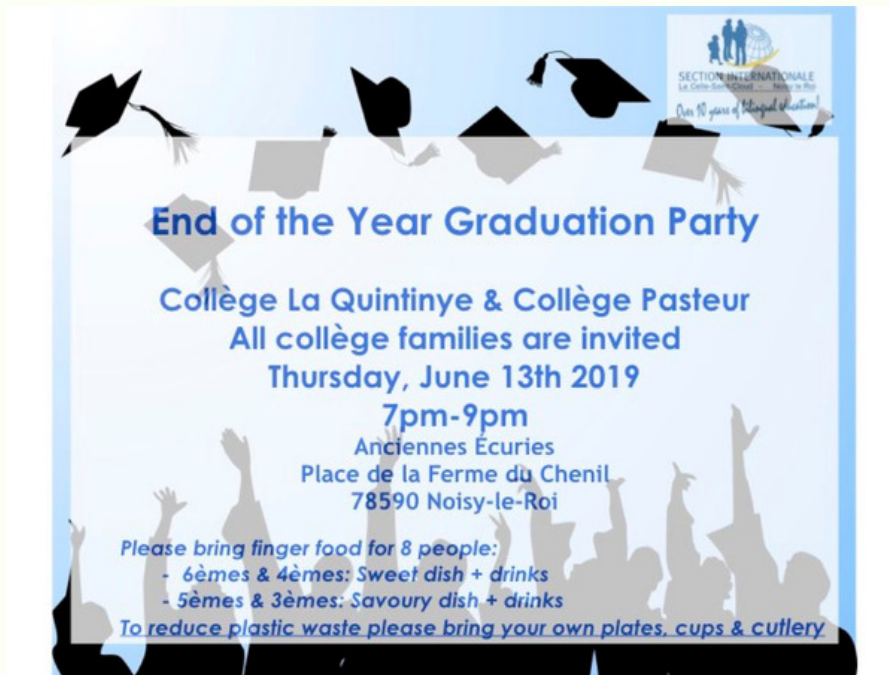
Claire lives on campus and has become an active member of the Fencing Team (Epee) and will soon join a professional fraternity known as Delta Iota Gamma, or DIG for short. She also enjoys walks on The Mall and is thoroughly enjoying the Cherry Blossom season!

Once finals end mid-May, Claire will be heading back to Louveciennes to spend the summer and catch up with everyone!

EVENTS

save the date

WHAT IS COMING UP!



WEDNESDAY PROGRAMME : 'FUN DAY' & LAST LESSON
OF THE YEAR - WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE

INTEGRATED PROGRAMME : END OF YEAR SHOW :
SCHEDULED FOR THE LAST WEEKS OF JUNE : DATE TO
BE CONFIRMED

THEATRE CLUB : THIS YEAR THE PRIMARY SECTION
HAVE ORGANISED A DRAMA CLUB, AS AN AFTER
SCHOOL ACTIVITY. AN ACTRESS FROM THE THEATRE
COMPANY, DRAMA TIES, IN PARIS, CAME TO PASTEUR
SCHOOL EACH THURSDAY TO WORK WITH 15 MIXED
AGED PRIMARY STUDENTS. THEY SEEM TO HAVE
ENJOYED THE EXPERIENCE & WILL BE PERFORMING A
SHOW ON : THURSDAY 16TH MAY-AT 6.30 PM AT ECOLE
PRIMAIRE PASTEUR

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

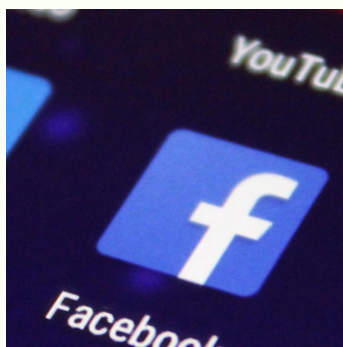
The next Committee meeting is on
May the 9th 2019!



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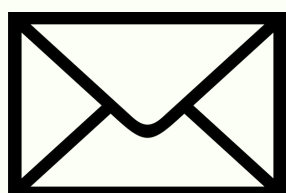
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