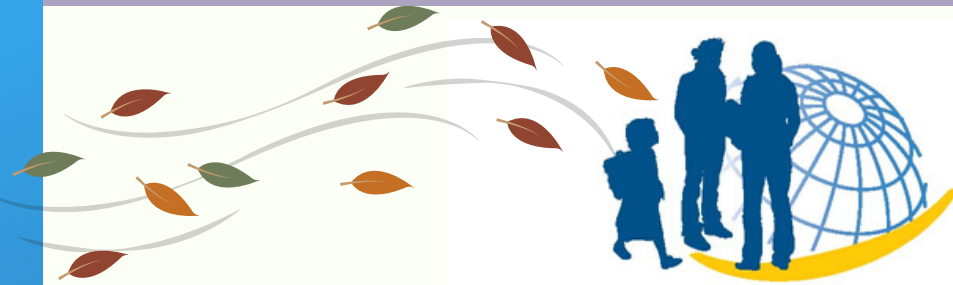


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SECTION INTERNATIONALE
La Celle-Saint-Cloud - Noisy le Roi

SECTION INTERNATIONALE HIGHLIGHTS

NEWS, EVENTS AND PICTURES!

Autumn Edition



Elise Barth, Editor

A word from the new President!



Hello Everyone,

I am very proud to step up as the next President of the Section Internationale La Celle St Cloud-Noisy le Roi.

Like many volunteers, I initially became involved in the Section Internationale as a parent representative for the Wednesday Primary Programme. I progressively moved on to organising different English-speaking events such as the Food Fair, Nights Out or the Annual Table Quiz. I joined the executive committee last year as the Vice-President and the move to become President is a logical progression of my involvement to maintain the high standards of English education locally.

Irish-born, I have lived in France for many years and so my family is bilingual and bicultural. Like many families returning from a time abroad, I really appreciate being able to offer a bilingual education, which reflects an international perspective with a high level of English. The small class sizes and the dedicated teachers who ensure that each child reaches his or her full potential all contribute to a very positive learning environment.

I will be joined this year by Marie Carpenter as Vice-President, Lynne Mphande as Secretary and Geoffroy Goffinet as our Treasurer.

We are also delighted to be joined by new parent volunteers Céline Delanaud (Collège Quintinye Noisy Le Roi), Ekaterina Bublik (Wednesday Programme Primary Representative) and Adeline Woulhuter Haddad (Primary Integrated Representative) who will be helped by Heather Olson. Orla Gleeson is staying on this year as our Collège Pasteur Representative as is Estelle Poinsignon for Lycée Corneille. Cécile Chevalier-Rothmann will continue on marketing and Alexandra Denizet has signed on again for our events team.

This has been yet another eventful year for us bringing many changes to the Section Internationale:

- *The introduction of fully integrated classes for CP and CE1, which has always been on our main objectives;*
- *Creation of a theatre workshop at Primary Level;*
- *Introduction of our new Terms & Conditions as well as the GDPR in compliance with EU regulations;*
- *Implementation of an Intranet, providing a shared communication channel and a secure storage function;*
- *A highly enjoyable 1st Quiz Night, raising 1225 Euros for "Room to Read" charity, making it a "Not-to-Miss" social event;*
- *Some excellent Bac (OIB) results, with all of our alumni students moving onto higher education. Some have chosen to study abroad in Canada, the UK and the Netherlands.*

To conclude and on behalf of all the parents and teachers of the Section Internationale, it is my great pleasure to thank Marie-Hélène Godinot for her hard work and dedication over the last seven years, firstly as a committee member and, more recently, as our former President. We appreciate her passion and ambition to ensure a bright future for the next generation of Section Internationale students and we wish her all the best for her upcoming adventures.

Yvonne Rémond-Murphy
President - Section Internationale

AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

by Elise Barth

On 26th September, the AGM was held at the Salle Charles de Gaulle in LCSC. The attendance was good, with around 30 people. The presentation was made by the board, Yvonne Rémond-Murphy, Lynne Mphande and Geoffroy Goffinet. They presented the Section's highlights, the financial report, the team and this year's objectives. After the meeting, the participants shared some drinks and snacks in a friendly atmosphere.





OIB GRADUATION IN JULY



OIB SUCCESS AND POST-BAC PURSUITS

by Ann King

After years of hard work and days of unbearable suspense, graduating seniors breathed a sigh of relief and celebrated the end of their high school careers with the release of bac results on Friday 5th July.

The Section Internationale continues to have a 100% success rate on the bac, including 5 mention très bien, 4 mention bien, and 3 mention assez bien among the 14 graduates of 2019.

Students and families celebrated their glorious achievements that evening in the Lycée Corneille amphitheatre. After speeches by Mr Lenfantin, Mrs Remond-Murphy and Mrs King, Mr Shepherd and Mrs Besic presented each graduate with a cactus that reflected their unique personality and gifts. Why a cactus? Well, what other plant could survive a first year at university?


The traditional signing of the UK flag and posing for photos was followed by a cocktail organised by Alexandra Denizet on the lycée terrace.

Four of this year's graduates are pursuing higher education outside France: one in Canada (McGill), one in England (University of Bristol), and two in the Netherlands (Erasmus and University of Amsterdam).

The others are staying in France in institutions as diverse as Henri IV, Lycée Hoche, Lycée Chaptal, Lycée Saint Louis, Institut Catholique de Paris, Université de Nanterre, and Esme Sudria.

Bon vent!

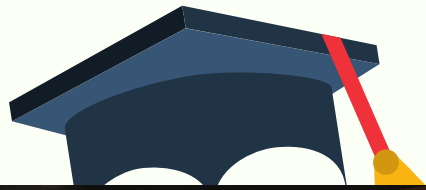




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MEET STEPHEN PERA

NEW TEACHER IN COLLEGE & LYCEE

by Stephen Pera!



Hi and hello! I sincerely hope you (parent, student, other teacher), are enjoying your week or weekend. I tell my students that there is usually no need to invoke the awareness of the reader, to extend a literary hand for shaking directly from the text, but here is one of those rare cases where such feels necessary. This space here—the one you're skimming over now or reading intently— is intimate; it's about me. As a result, it should feel as though you were here, actually meeting me. It should feel welcoming, safe, and jovial.

Before jumping into the verbose, I should be concise with the essential answers to the essential questions that most of my students have already asked me: I am 30 years old, I am American, I was born in Philadelphia, I got my degree in Education at Temple University in Philadelphia, I'm a passionate writer and an avid reader, I'm married, I live to teach, I don't have children and I currently live in Paris.

Before moving to Paris, purely for the cheese and baguettes and for no other discernible reason, I was living and working elsewhere, eastward in Mongolia. I spent 4 memorable years within the land of the blue sky. "Life there, what was it like?" is a question you might be conjuring up about now.

It's a complicated answer. There's the obvious: -40 C winters, meat of surprising variety in every dish, countryside kindness, endless open steppe, cultural celebrations, archery, herding, a bewildering language and wrestling. But even as exotic as I may have wanted it to be, as the country may seem, there exist familiar structures. Mongolia is more like home, like my native USA, or even France than I imagined. It's similar to looking at a painting otherwise familiar, with the expected shapes and figures, but the hues are different. It's subtle. The blues are red and the yellows, more green, but still, you recognize the picture. That's how Mongolia was for me: a familiar scene painted with a new variety of colors I didn't think possible. Strange, beautiful, certainly different. During the first two years of my time in Mongolia, I was a Peace Corps Volunteer. After finishing my education degree in Philadelphia, I decided I wanted to see more and do some good along the way. During my time, I taught English as well as worked on community-wide projects. Following my two years of service in the capital of Ulaanbaatar and the western city of Gobi Altai, I made the decision to remain and teach at an international school back in the capital. The moment that led me to France was simple: I fell in love with and later married someone French.

Together we moved, this past June, to Paris. I spent the summer fumbling about the French language, eating entirely too much of everything, and finding an exciting opportunity to teach your children at the Section Internationale.

MEET STEPHEN PERA

Now it's end of October and, despite the exhaustion of 6 AM alarms and lonely morning metro rides, I feel wholeheartedly satisfied. Each school day is a multifaceted challenge of balancing content with behavior with attention with empathy. I work to help each of your children succeed, to help them find a sense of ownership and pride in their learning, to carve out an identity or narrative they feel is inherently their own. I am passionate about what I do. I am good at what I do.

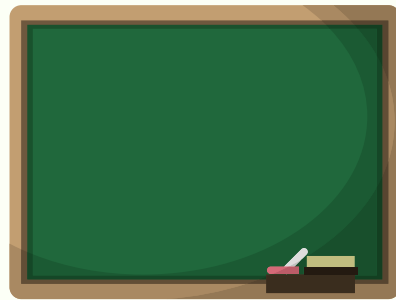
Knowing who I am, and hopefully learning about who each of you are is important. I am a proponent of social learning, of Lev Vygotsky's idea of creating a "learning community." I believe we need each other in order to become the best people we can be. So please, never hesitate to talk with me, whenever the need or interest arises. I'll leave the rest of this "about me" with a piece of something I write and rewrite yearly: my philosophy of education. I look forward to working with each of you during the school year.

"I believe that a teacher is not only a guide, purposed to meet the educational, developmental and social needs of students, but an objective presence who can and will momentarily withhold their own ideological presumptions and convictions in order to listen and potentially see a challenge, issue or idea through the eyes of a student. Progressive in principle, such a teacher crafts a curriculum, distinctive of the individual student's needs, interests and choice, steeped in investigative experience and educational opportunity, foundational for "learning how to learn" within an exponentially transformative world. Education within the classroom is a collaborative practice between teachers, students and the community, which creates a diversified set of academic opportunity that collectively accommodates the social, cultural, and developmental identities of each student. "



PRIMARY NEWS

by Ruth Hasid



The Primary International Section has started the school year smoothly, with the CP and CE1 Integrated classes now well established in the French timetable for 6 hours a week.

Our numbers stand at 104 students in the Primary Programmes :

47 students in Integrated and 57 students in the Wednesday programme. We still have a few classes with spaces , in particular GS, so if you hear of any bilingual families still looking for programmes encourage them to contact admissions !

As usual the half term Autumn holidays have leapt upon us which leaves us teachers now looking ahead to the next festivity – Christmas !

The tradition of the section is to have some small Christmas performance for each of the primary programmes. We will be starting rehearsals after the holidays in November to be ready for the big day ! So please help your child to practise and learn songs and any lines they need to learn.

Save the dates, see below on the Events page!



PRIMARY COFFEE MORNING



A lovely Primary coffee morning took place on 19th September at Siew Yue's Home!

We had a great time talking about our various experiences with the SI, getting to know each other, talking about volunteer opportunities, SI parent needs and goals for the 2019-2020 school year.



POTLUCKS

*better
together*

SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER - CM2

By Abel, Laetitia and Alexis.

An outdoor gathering with games was organised for the CM2 Potluck. We were lucky to be able to host nearly all the new and not so new members and to get to know each other, exchange our experiences and have some questions answered. A great time was had by all.



SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

CE1



By Adeline Woulhuter Haddad

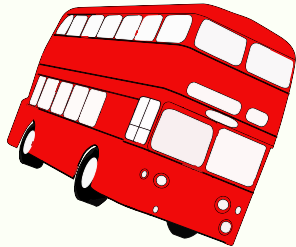
Some pictures of the Primary CE1 PotLuck Dinner with Integrated & Wednesday parents. It was hosted by Chris & Jeff! Thank you!

The CE1 parents got to know each other. We presented SI school year events and discussed how the school year has been going so far. We answered questions and gave some feedback from CE1 teaches.

It was a nice, cozy and very enjoyable evening!



ANGLAIS APRES LA CLASSE



By Marie Carpenter



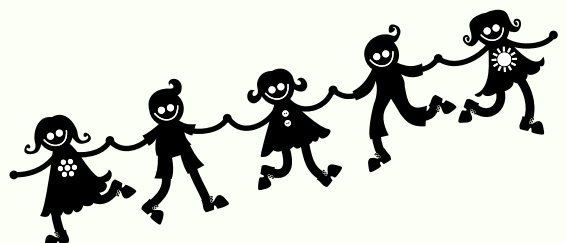
The 2019 rentrée for AALC has been busy!

Forty French pupils have started their English classes in four levels on Wednesday afternoon in Pasteur Primary schools.

The teachers, Alex and Janine, have updated all the teaching material with a view to preparing committed pupils for the Cambridge 'Pre A1' exams at the end of the year.

Last June, six of the AALC pupils sat the 'Starters' exam for the first time and passed with flying colours.

Families can contact us at:
aalc@sectioninternationale.org



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2020



by Kristina Abadie

If you are a parent of a CM2 child, you will probably be asking yourself about the next step in your child's education. We certainly hope that Section Internationale La Celle Saint Cloud-Noisy le Roi will be one of the options.

In order to guide you in your deliberations, we encourage you to visit our [website](#) where you will find an outline of the programmes as well as the main steps in the Admissions process. On the College Applications page in the Admissions tab, you will find a downloadable brochure which should already answer a number of questions you may have:

sectioninternationale.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/College-Programmes-2020-21.pdf

We would also like to invite you to attend our Information Meeting, during which we will give an overview of the curriculum and the admissions process, as well as answer any questions to which you did not find the answer in the brochure...

This meeting will take place on:

Tuesday 10th December 2019 from 6-7pm
College Jean-Baptiste de la Quintinye
1 Place de la Quintinye,
78590 Noisy le Roi

Applications go through our Online Applications platform to be found on our website (no paper documents):

APPLY NOW

- You can already start by creating an account (if you do not already have one) and uploading existing documents, such as the school reports for CM1. Remember to press **SAVE** to avoid losing everything.
- Please keep an eye on your child's exercise books and homework as you will need to submit a handwritten sample, marked by Mrs Ruth Hasid. You may submit as many pieces of work as you wish, as long as they are compiled **in one PDF document** of under 10 MB. Creative writing, book reports etc are all good examples whereas grammar exercises and spelling tests are not...Please remember that the admissions team and college teachers do not know your child and will initially use this work to assess his/her level so make sure you pick out the best examples of their work.
- You should inform Mrs Ruth Hasid as soon as possible that you wish to apply for our college programme as she needs to submit an English Teacher Recommendation Form to the admissions office. These take time and investment and should not be requested at the last minute...

Dates to be respected are

Deadlines for applications :

Friday 14th February 2020 (first week of the school holidays)
Official Testing date : Friday 28th February 2020 (afternoon).

TWO BROCANTES: NOISY & LE BOURG

Some photos of our fantastic days out for the Brocante in Noisy le Roi and in Le Bourg in La Celle Saint Cloud. Thanks to the great sales techniques of the fabulous team !!!!





EVENTS

WHAT IS COMING UP!

save the date

PRIMARY

Wednesday Christmas Programme :

Day: Wednesday

Month: December

Date: 18th

Time: from 9.00 am to 12.00 am

Venue: at school

Integrated Christmas Programme :

Day: Thursday

Month: December

Date: 19th

Time: from 7.00 pm to 11.00 pm

Venue: Pavillon des Bois Blancs, LCSC



COLLEGE

NOISY

Day: Friday

Month: December

Date: 13th

Time: 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm (TBC)

Venue: College de la Quintinye

La Celle Saint Cloud - TBC

Day: Friday

Month: December

Date: 13th

Time: 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm

Venue: College Pasteur



PRACTICAL INFORMATION



JOIN US!

*The next Committee meeting is on 14th
November!*

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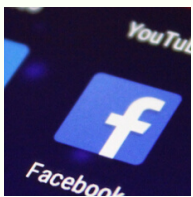
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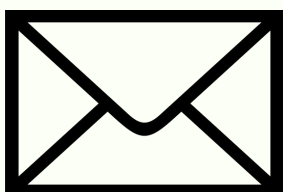
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